



Photo of the Week: One of the four visitors on the riverbank for the Sage Market on Tuesday afternoon.

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## Noelle

The recent loss of sand at the Northern end of Dolphin Beach Moruya Heads has exposed a piece of cement with the name, 'NOELLE' and the date 1 - 3 - 40.

A quick Google search didn't reveal anything as to what, or who, 'Noelle' was. Someone thought it may relate to a ship or seaman.

Just wondering if any of your readers could shed some light on the subject. Most of the time it is completely covered in sand and I've only seen it exposed a few times in the last 10 years

**Alan Nicol, Moruya Heads**

## Health Service Info Pop-Ups

The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health project team will be out in the community hosting pop-up events to share the latest updates and chat with locals about the progress so far.

Come say hello and learn about what's ahead:

- Tuesday 19 August Batehaven - Beach Road at the intersection of Edward Street | 10:30am-12:30pm
- Moruya - SAGE Market, Riverside Park Moruya | 3pm-5pm
- Wednesday 20 August Narooma - outside IGA, Princes Highway | 10:30am-12:30pm

If you can't make one of the pop-ups and would like to talk to a team member call 1300 391 949, email [hi-eurobodallahospital@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hi-eurobodallahospital@health.nsw.gov.au) or visit [nsw.gov.au/new-eurobodalla-regional-hospital](http://nsw.gov.au/new-eurobodalla-regional-hospital)

## Eurobodalla residents invited to health planning update

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) is inviting Eurobodalla residents to attend a community forum for an update on local health services including the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health facility.

**The session will be held from 5.00pm to 6.30pm on Thursday 7 August at Moruya Golf Club.**

Panel members will provide project updates and answer questions submitted by the community in advance, as well as share information about health services in the Eurobodalla.

Ryan Park, Minister for Regional Health said "This invitation is an opportunity for the community to receive clear, up-to-date information on the progress of health-related projects happening across the Eurobodalla as we work together to strengthen health services for our community.

"I encourage everyone who can to attend and help shape the great work being done across the region."

"Once complete, the purpose-built health facilities in Batemans Bay and at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will support the specific health needs of our growing community" said Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland. "This forum is a valuable opportunity for residents to hear firsthand about progress on these major health projects and to contribute by submitting questions and sharing local perspectives."

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, and community members are encouraged to send questions in before the meeting via the email link below.

### Event details:

Eurobodalla health planning update

Where: Moruya Golf Club, 28A Evans Street, Moruya

When: 5.00pm to 6.30pm, Thursday 7 August

Questions should be submitted by 5.00 pm Tuesday 5 August by emailing [SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au)

No registration or RSVP required.

For more information on the Eurobodalla Hospital project visit: [nsw.gov.au/new-eurobodalla-regional-hospital](http://nsw.gov.au/new-eurobodalla-regional-hospital)

For more information on the Batemans Bay Community Health project visit: [nsw.gov.au/new-batemans-bay-community-health](http://nsw.gov.au/new-batemans-bay-community-health)

Southern NSW Local Health District

## Eurobodalla Health Service Update

**THURSDAY  
7 August**  
5pm to 6.30pm

**Moruya Golf Club**

You are invited to hear the latest updates about the Eurobodalla Health Service.

Submit your questions by 5pm 1 August:  
[SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au)

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# 2025 Community Building Partnership Program Grants

The electorate of Bega has secured \$446,500 in funding for a total of 15 infrastructure projects through the NSW Government’s 2025 Community Building Partnership Program (CBP).

The \$41 million program ensures local organisations and councils across the state have the facilities to support more vibrant and inclusive communities.

This year, the CBP grants will help bring to life a variety of projects across Bega and the Eurobodalla including electrifying the Dr Mackay Community Centre in Moruya and investment in equipment for FLING Physical Theatre in Bega. Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega, said “I’m proud to announce that the Bega electorate has received a significant funding boost through the 2025 Community Building Partnership Program, supporting vital upgrades and new infrastructure for our local communities.”

“This funding will go directly towards grassroots projects—from improving community halls and sporting facilities to increasing accessibility and enhancing shared spaces. These are practical, local improvements that have a real and lasting impact. I commend all the successful applicants and thank them for their dedication to building stronger, more inclusive communities across our region.”

The full list of successful projects in the Bega Electorate for the 2025 round are:



Dr Michael Holland MP Member for Bega congratulating Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) on their successful funding application to electrify the Dr Mackay Community Centre.

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|---|---|----------|
| Narooma Rescue Squad  | Rescue Vehicle Replacement  | \$46,000 |
| NSW RFSA on behalf of Central Tilba Rural Fire Brigade        | Engagement and outreach with the community to access water resources for firefighting | \$21,200 |
| Marine Rescue Batemans Bay Unit - Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW | Replacement Vehicle   | \$68,656 |
| Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council                            | Enhancing Cultural Tourism & Community Access with Hyundai Staria Vehicles            | \$49,469 |
| Bega Valley Shire Council                                     | Candelo Pool Accessibility Improvements   | \$10,000 |
| Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance                 | Electrify Dr Mackay Community Centre  | \$49,977 |
| BROULEE SURFERS SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INC                      | New Patrol Trailer for Broulee Surfers SLSC   | \$20,000 |
| FLING Physical Theatre  | Investing in Performance and Production Equipment for FLING Physical Theatre          | \$20,000 |
| Bega Valley Historical Society Inc                            | Solar Panels for Bega Pioneer Museum  | \$10,000 |
| Bermagui Australian Football Club Inc                         | Dickinson Oval Goal Post Replacement Project  | \$11,049 |
| Tathra Beach Country Club Ltd                                 | PickleBall, mini sports and outdoor entertainment precinct                            | \$45,000 |
| Theatre Onset Inc   | Refurbishing the old Uniting Church in Bega   | \$15,000 |
| Moruya Campcraft Incorporated                                 | Portable Female Toilets for Community Events and Club Use                             | \$54,945 |
| Bermagui Country Club Ltd                                     | Upgrade Barbeque Facilities - installation of stainless steel work surfaces           | \$10,000 |
| Rotary Club of Pambula Incorporated                           | Refurbishment of Rotary Park Playground in Eden                                       | \$15,247 |

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## Long Beach protection – more work on the way

ESC report : “We’re gearing up to start work on a new coastal protection structure at the eastern end of Long Beach. The final plans are now complete, and we’re just waiting on the last few approvals before construction begins.

Large sandbags are currently in place along the shoreline, providing temporary protection while we’ve been planning a more permanent solution. They’ve helped shield Bay Road from erosion, although the area did take a hit during recent storms. Our plan is to sort out those issues first so everything’s ready to go when construction begins.

What we’re building

We’re building a 248-metre-long rock revetment that follows the natural curve of the shoreline along Bay Road – from just past Fauna Avenue to a little beyond the cul-de-sac.

This sloped structure will be made from large igneous rocks embedded in the sand, rising toward Bay Road.

The lower part of the revetment will be buried beneath the sand, while the top will be planted with native vegetation to help stabilise the area and create a more natural look.

Designed to absorb wave energy and reduce erosion, it will provide long-term protection for Bay Road – lasting around 50 years.

To keep costs down and get things moving quickly, our own crews will build the revetment. Once we’ve locked in a start date, we’ll share info about how the work will unfurl and what to expect over the coming months.”



## Free tech café drop-in sessions

10am – 12pm every Wednesday from 23 July to 24 September  
at the Bay Pavilions, Vesper Street, Batemans Bay.

9.30am – 11.30am every Thursday from 24 July to 25 September  
at the CWA Hall, Queen Street, Moruya

Need a helping hand with technology or digital devices? Then come and chat to experienced digital mentors who can help you learn about:

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- jargon and terminology
- security settings
- data and its uses
- the camera function
- how to avoid scams
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- remove unwanted apps
- simple AI
- search functions on the internet
- emailing from your device
- attaching documents to an email

Drop-ins welcome at Batemans Bay. Bookings required for Moruya sessions.

For more information or to book contact Community Development Officer Michael Lawrence-Taylor on 4474 1276 or email [michael.lawrence-taylor@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michael.lawrence-taylor@esc.nsw.gov.au)



## Over 1.5 Million kids a year missing out on Free Dental Care

AUSTRALIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

With a massive underuse of a Free Dental Scheme for kids which sees 1.5m kids a year missing out, dentists are calling on the Government to put an end to the misinformation surrounding the scheme – and better promote it to parents. It’s Dental Health Week (4-10 Aug), and new data from an Australian Dental Association (ADA) survey of 25,000 adults shows that 29% (1) or around one in four parents believe their child is eligible for free dental treatment under the government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

Yet only 36% or around one in three families who are eligible for the free treatment, actually use it. (2) Meanwhile the ADA survey has found the scheme is shrouded in confusion and misinformation, with many parents unaware of its existence or unsure of their eligibility, leaving millions of young mouths at risk. (1)

In real terms, this dramatic under-utilization rate means of the 2,595,862 children who were eligible for the CDBS in 2020-2021, just 1,003,838 children used its services. That means around 1.59 million children are going without the free dental care that’s rightfully theirs.(3)

ADA President Dr Chris Sanzaro said “It’s a scheme that’s shrouded in mystery and confusion – and with over 1.5m Australian kids missing out, the government urgently needs to better promote it to ensure eligible families can access this care.”

For eligible families, typically those in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A, the CDBS provides up to \$1,132 over a two-year period for dental services such as examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions for children aged from newborn to 17.

Of those who believed they were eligible for the scheme, only 56% have used it for their children, and 38% said they hadn’t, the survey found. Many parents who took part in the survey said they didn’t use the CDBS as it doesn’t cover orthodontics which is so frequently needed with children. They were also under the incorrect impression that neither restorative nor cosmetic dental care were covered.

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# Calling for digital mentors to upskill the community



Learner Valerie Simpson with Tricia Pye (centre) and Esther Krizmancic providing Tech advice at the Moruya CWA last Thursday.

Eurobodalla's Tech Cafes have been successfully attracting a wider range of residents seeking help with their devices. The free weekly sessions pair residents with trained volunteer mentors who provide one-on-one help with phones, tablets, laptops, and online safety.

Tricia Pye AKA The Tec Exec has been running training courses for decades.

Tricia says "a lot of people just need help with their phones" "It's a computer in your pocket. And just like a car it needs regular maintenance, upgrading and security checks.

Tricia said "I failed computers at school and said I'd never touch them again. Then started first business at 18 and quickly adjusted when she could see the how helpful computers were."

Tricia's background in business and administration which gives a very practical approach to training for using technology, and is currently working with many community groups, not-for-profit organisations and local councils providing Microsoft and Google Workspace training and communications in preparedness for emergency situations.

The Tech Cafes have catered to clients from teenagers to 90 year olds. The training model is based on the 'Be Connected' Program, which is an Australia wide program

The Tec Exec has been a network partner, which has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to run the workshops over the years.

The current Tech Café is a copy of what has been running in one location in Narooma for 7 years. Council recently came on board for regular workshops for Batemans Bay and Moruya. Council involvement was based on a concern for social isolation. Tricia would like to have a Café in every town in the Eurobodalla where people can get tech support.

Tec Exec has also been training Mentors who help clients attending the Cafes. The Mentors range from 17 to 70s.

The Tec Exec is looking for more mentors to train up for the Cafes and for emergency preparedness. If you would like to join the Tech Cafes as a mentor contact Trish on 0414 442707 or [admin@thetecexec.com.au](mailto:admin@thetecexec.com.au)

Lead Mentor Esther Krizmancic has trained as a mentor for 3 years.

"I love being a mentor because it offers many benefits to my community knowing that they are safe online" she said.

Esther says the Tech Cafes help others to overcome the fear of the new technology and assisting individuals to maximise their digital practice for their specific needs and purposes."

The Tech Cafes provide a safe and trustworthy "go to source" person as well as providing social contact with people who may otherwise feel isolated.

"It's rewarding to helping the community to stay safe online and minimising the fear of new technology" she added.

Esther also outlined some of the benefits of being a mentor.

"It helps me keep abreast of digital changes and updates. It has made me more aware and savvy about scams and scamming calls and texts and it has helped me understand safety and security settings on my digital devices.

I also have access to others with more knowledge and experience which gives me freedom to enhance my digital practice online and try new applications without fear of being scammed."

The Tech Café sessions run weekly in Moruya 9.30 – 11.30am on Thursdays at the CWA Rooms, and Batemans Bay 10- 12 noon Wednesdays at The Bay Pavilions until Thursday 25 September 2025.

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## Papuans to visit Moruya for 80th Anniversary of end of WWII

By John Longhurst

The Honourable Gary Juffa, a sitting member of the 10th Parliament of Papua New Guinea has funded the travel costs of two Papuans to travel to Moruya to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the ending of WWII. The Honourable Gary Juffa's electorate includes a large portion of the historically significant Kokoda Track (a 96 km track through the challenging Owen Stanley Ranges). Moruya local Gary Traynor is Chief Organiser of the Victory in the Pacific Weekend (15th and 16th August) and author of the facebook page 'When War Came to Moruya' and is organising the anniversary in conjunction with the Moruya RSL Sub Branch.

Gary said "I have completed the Kokoda Track a number of times with Cletus Waigha who traces his ancestry back to the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels'. Cletus and another representative of the Honourable Gary Juffa's Office will be special guests over the weekend commemorations. They are bringing traditional ceremonial Papuan attire and will treat guests at the Charity Concert on the night of the 16th to some Papuan culture. They will also lay a wreath, representing Papua New Guinea, at our bush war memorial during the service we are conducting for the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2. It is highly likely the two representatives will be the only ones from Papua New Guinea to celebrate this historical event anywhere in Australia."

Whilst their travel is being paid for by the Office of the Honourable Gary Juffa's, Gary Traynor is calling on the local community to assist with accommodation and associated costs.

Gary said "If any local motels, hotels or caravan parks can help out it would be very much appreciated. I realise the notice is short but I am hoping the generosity of our local community will shine through.

This journey marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter between Moruya and Papua New Guinea that was initially forged during WW2. Moruya had several Kokoda veterans, who have all since passed away, including Owen Baskett and brothers Trevor and Laurie Knight, who all served in the Australian 3rd Infantry Battalion CMF alongside our brave Papuan allies."

Cletus Waigha visited Moruya in 2008, meeting with the late Owen Baskett who passed away in 2015.

If you can help out please contact via email at [whenwarcametomoruya@gmail.com](mailto:whenwarcametomoruya@gmail.com) or call Nathaniel Traynor on 0426 451 237.



Cletus Waigha, the descendant of a 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel', meeting with the late Owen Baskett in Moruya in 2008. Photo Supplied

### VP DAY

#### 80th Anniversary

#### Moruya

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# New resources set to boost learning of Dhurga Aboriginal language at TAFE NSW Moruya



Dhurga language resources launch performance



Auntie Iris White at Dhurga language resources launch

Dhurga Aboriginal language students at TAFE NSW Moruya are set to benefit from a suite of new resources developed by a local Aboriginal choir to help preserve the language.

The four new Dhurga language books have been developed by the Djinama Yilaga Choir, a group from Yuin country on the Far South Coast that sings in the Dhurga language.

Choir member and proud Walbunga/Monero-Ngarigo woman, Auntie Iris White, said the learning resources will be valuable for all students enrolled in TAFE NSW's Dhurga language courses, such as the Certificate I Aboriginal Languages for Everyday Use (Dhurga), and Certificate II Aboriginal Languages for Interacting with Others (Dhurga). "We've created four story and song books with the support of the NSW Aboriginal Trust, designed to share the Dhurga language through music and storytelling for all ages, from young children through to adults," Auntie Iris said.

"The Djinama Yilaga choir has been on this language journey for years now, and many of us, including myself, have been part of the Dhurga classes at TAFE NSW Moruya since they began, which helped us grow our skills and deepen our connection to our traditional language."

Teacher of Equity, Foundation Skills, Aboriginal Culture and Languages, Patricia Ellis, said the books are a meaningful celebration of language, learning, and community connection. "The books will be invaluable in the classroom. They support different learning styles, make language accessible across age groups, and bring Dhurga to life in a way that's culturally authentic," she said.

"They're a powerful and practical addition to our teaching, especially because they've been created by community, for community. It's incredibly special to see former students like Iris and other members of the Djinama Yilaga choir become creators of resources that will benefit future learners. It's a full-circle moment."

Auntie Iris said she hopes the books will contribute to the ongoing preservation of the Dhurga language.

"We wanted to launch these books at TAFE NSW Moruya to give back, to share what we've created, and to inspire other students who've also done incredible work to keep our language strong," she said.

"Revitalising language is about more than words; it's about identity, pride, and cultural survival. When we speak Dhurga, we're strengthening the future for our community and honouring our ancestors."



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## Beyond bins, your say on waste strategy

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If you're fired up about landfill, litter or lazy recyclers then now's the time to speak up. Eurobodalla's draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2025–2035 is open for public feedback and Council is all ears.

With an emphasis on resource recovery and reuse, Eurobodalla Council's waste services manager Nathan Ladmore says the draft strategy presents reliable and consistent approaches to waste management for the next ten years.

"We've put a lot of focus on avoiding waste in the first place, encouraging ownership through reuse and repair, and recovering as much as possible of what's left. We're planning future infrastructure, better ways to tackle plastics and illegal dumping, and ensuring the right services are in place as our population grows," Mr Ladmore says.

"In short, less landfill, more robust recycling, and serious solutions for managing our mess. People in Eurobodalla already divert 56 percent of waste from landfill. This compares very well to other local government areas but this strategy should take us even further."

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher says the draft strategy is about more than bins and trucks.

"No one doubts Eurobodalla's beauty and residents know how lucky they are to live here – they already look after it really well," Mayor Hatcher says.

"This strategy steps things up by supporting our waste-wise community with education programs, ensuring we all know what waste goes where, and with a renewed push for local solutions supporting the circular economy – that's less waste and more jobs.



Surf Beach tip weighbridge operator Vicky Peiti.

"Public exhibition is one way you can help shape how Council does business. So, whether you're passionate about reducing waste, keen for better recycling, or just want your bin emptied on time – now's the time to speak up."

The [draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2025-2035](#) is on public exhibition until Friday 29 August.



## 6 Wattlebark Close

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Positioned in one of Moruya's most peaceful cul-de-sacs, this spacious three level brick and tile home offers a flexible layout ideal for growing families or those seeking extra space. Upstairs features four generously sized bedrooms, including a master with walk-in robe and ensuite. All other bedrooms include built-ins, serviced by a main family bathroom with a separate toilet for convenience.



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## 210-212 South Head Road

Moruya Heads

This hidden gem offers rustic charm in a quiet bush setting, yet just 2.8km to the beach and 1 km to boat ramp.

A cozy retreat with 3 loft style bedrooms. Open plan living, 1.5 bathrooms. Living opens onto shady verandahs which take in the sights and sounds of nature. Charming timber construction.



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# Public Education Awards recognises Moruya teacher



Dr Michael Holland MP - Member for Bega reports –“I had the great delight of attending the Public Education Awards at Sydney Town Hall last night (Monday)—a fantastic way to launch Public Education Week.

This special event celebrates the outstanding achievements of students, staff, parents, volunteers, and schools in our public education system. It was inspiring to see award recipients recognised on stage, with entertainment provided by the incredibly talented NSW public school students.

A huge congratulations to Kylie Parsons from Moruya Public School, whose commitment to her students and community truly stood out. Kylie works closely with staff, students, parents, and community members to ensure that learning is connected not only to individual student needs but also to culture.

Her community-led Dhurga language classes beautifully complement the lessons taught in school, giving families the chance to reconnect with their language, culture, and heritage. Thanks to her efforts, more parents are now engaging in school events and activities. Kylie is deeply committed to her work, helping both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture to enrich the learning experience for everyone. Our educators are invaluable. They don't just teach—they inspire, support, and help shape the next generation and Kylie is showing us how that is done.”



## 177 Goldfields Drive

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## NSW launches ultimate biosecurity guide to weed control

NSW Chief Invasive Species Officer, Scott Charlton, has launched the latest NSW Government weed management guide at the 23rd NSW Weeds Conference in Port Macquarie.

Welcomed by more than 280 biosecurity specialists at the event, the popular New South Wales Weed Control Handbook: A guide to weed control in non-crop, aquatic and bushland situations has been in high demand across the state since the first edition was published in 2001.

"Whether you're managing weeds in bushland, pastures, yards or aquatic situations, this Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) handbook is the ultimate guide to weed control for NSW," Mr Charlton said.

"The guide supports the shared biosecurity responsibility we all have to protect NSW from invasive plant species by providing land managers with the most up-to-date weed control information.

"You can check on the latest integrated weed management tactics, learn your legal responsibilities, and find the latest updates on herbicide use and how to manage chemical resistance."

Local council and weed management biosecurity officers, land managers, farmers, gardeners and environmentalists use the handy guide in the field, supported by DPIRD training and digital resources, to manage weeds across the state.

The 8th edition of the DPIRD New South Wales Weed Control Handbook highlights integrated weed management strategies and new control options, including herbicide capsules which are sealed in woody weeds for safer application and effervescent tablets to control water weeds.

Listing state priority weeds, including prohibited matter, there are now 336 weed species covered in the latest edition, 25 more than the last edition.

DPIRD training, including an induction course for new council weeds officers, understanding Prohibited Matter, vehicle and machinery hygiene, identifying Opuntoid cacti, water weeds and grasses, and biosecurity essentials complement the guide.

The weed control handbook is available from local council weeds officers and online, [here](#)

## NSW Government delivers world-first foot and mouth vaccine to protect livestock industries & food supply

In a world-first, the NSW Government and international biotechnology leader, Tiba BioTech, have developed a breakthrough foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) vaccine that is fast to produce and will see Australia become one of the few nations with the capacity to produce its own vaccine.

FMD is a highly infectious viral disease that affects cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs. It remains widespread globally and is endemic in many countries, particularly in Africa, Asia and Middle East.

The development of this new vaccine is part of the Minns Government's \$1 billion biosecurity plan to protect the state's \$8 billion livestock industry and Australia's food security.

Australia is one of the few fortunate countries free of FMD but if a widespread outbreak was to occur it would have a catastrophic impact on meat supply and exports costing the Australian economy up to \$80 billion.

The aim of the vaccine is to protect our community from the potential dramatic impact from FMD on the supply of meat, milk or lamb into Australian supermarkets due to reducing domestic livestock, disrupted processing and transport, and potential shortages for consumers. As a result of the vaccine's development, Australia is now one of only a handful of countries with the local capacity to produce a FMD vaccine.

Developing this capacity to guard against emergency animal diseases is a critical priority for the Minns Government to protect our agricultural industries and build a better economy.

The vaccine has taken less than 18 months to develop and has cost about \$2.5 million. The work is part of a \$20 million project funded by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and the NSW Government.

This FMD vaccine is an mRNA vaccine which is unique in that it is fully synthetic making it safer and much faster to produce.

Using this technique, the vaccine can be manufactured without the use of infectious material. This is an important consideration for safely managing an outbreak and the overall response.

The vaccine is now undergoing further testing to demonstrate it meets the standards set by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) before it can be approved for use in an emergency if there was a FMD incursion into Australia.

The project is a consortium of local and international partners with the biotechnology leader, Tiba Biotech, the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Meat & Livestock Australia, the German Friedrich-Loeffler Institut.

Local manufacture of mRNA animal vaccines is supported by the University of NSW's RNA Institute who have a demonstrated capacity to manufacture mRNA vaccines.

In recent overseas trials, vaccinated cattle exposed to the virus did not contract the disease and importantly did not shed the virus to infect others.

Minister for Agriculture, Regional and Western NSW, Tara Moriarty, said:

"The delivery of an FMD vaccine is part of the Minns Labor Government's commitment to safeguarding livestock from key biosecurity threats and ensuring the state's agriculture industry can thrive. "Developing local manufacturing capacity to produce vaccines against emergency animal diseases is a critical priority for the Minns Government so that we can protect Australia's livestock industries, our economy and our food supply.

"The Minns Government is determined to build a better agricultural sector and grow our livestock industry and that is why we have invested a historic \$1.05 billion into biosecurity.

"We have a plan we are implementing to strengthen our research sector and have funded an additional \$100 million into modernising the state's research and development program so it can keep on delivering world class work like this vaccine.

"If diseases like Foot and Mouth were to enter the country it would cause major disruptions to the livestock industry and catastrophic market impacts across rural Australia, so this breakthrough is greatly received."

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## Souper Douper Soup, Sandwiches and Slices



### Special fundraiser to send shoe boxes to children in underprivileged countries overseas

When: Thursday 14 August, 12.00 for 12.30 serving of soup

Where: Red Door Hall, St John's Church, Page Street, Moruya

What happens? It will be a fun afternoon and includes a bring and buy table and a raffle.

The cost is \$15 but please also bring a bit extra money to buy something from for the bring and buy table and for the raffle (a great hamper to win) and - yes - bring something for that 'bring and buy table.'

What do I wear? Anything you fancy, but ideally think colour - it's all about fun!

It will be a fun afternoon, but we do need to raise funds. Each year, many boxes are put together in our community through the Samaritans Purse Project, Operation Christmas Child.

These boxes go to children, aged two to fourteen (boys and girls) in our geographic region - Vietnam, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and even to Ukraine and the Maldives.

These children have virtually nothing. Just imagine the joy on their faces at receiving a box filled with love, toys, clothing, hygiene items and items for schoolwork. Yes, there is a cost to fill these boxes and to get them into the hands of the children - this is where we all come in!

Please RSVP to Denise Collis - mainscln@bigpond.com or 0428427399 or Liz Fisher - a2fisher@bigpond.net.au or 0487170777

## NSW Health to further empower parents and carers to raise concerns

Parents, carers and children across NSW will benefit from a new hospital initiative aimed at better supporting parents to raise concerns about their child's condition if they feel it is getting worse.

The new tool will require healthcare workers to regularly ask families: **"Are you worried they are getting worse?"** to help capture important changes in their child's condition.

The question will be embedded in paediatric and neonatal observation charts in emergency department and inpatient units across the state.

The potentially life-saving tool Worried they're getting worse is based on new research from Monash Health and developed by the Clinical Excellence Commission, and recognises parents, families and carers know their children best.

The question recognises that parents and carers are oftentimes able to detect early changes or deterioration in their child's behaviour or temperament that could signal a clinical concern.

If parents or caregivers indicate they believe their child is getting worse or deteriorating, it will trigger a review by a senior healthcare worker.

All NSW public hospitals will implement the tool by October 2025 and the program will be extended into maternity and adult wards in early 2026.

The tool was first trialled at Hunter New England Local Health District in March 2025 and began its statewide rollout at Sydney Children's Hospital Network on 21 July 2025.

Separately, the REACH program is also available for parents and carers when they have concerns their child is becoming seriously unwell. A REACH call prompts an urgent patient review by a senior health worker. This program continues to be accessible in all NSW hospitals with work underway to strengthen this safety net.



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## BUSINESS SCAMS

**'Watch out for Scams' with Horizon Bank. Amanda Welsh, Fraud Manager.**

*Scammers take advantage of the busy nature of many businesses to swindle them.*

### How the scam works

Scams targeting businesses come in all sorts of guises and are likely to strike at the busiest times, like the end of the financial year.

A false billing scam is the most common trick scammers use against businesses. Scammers issue fake bills for unwanted or unauthorised listings, advertisements, products or services. The business directory scam is a well-known example, where you receive a bill for a listing in a supposedly well-known directory. Scammers trick you to sign up by disguising the offer as an outstanding invoice or a free listing, but with a hidden subscription agreement in the fine print.

The domain name scam is another ploy used by scammers, where you are deceived into signing up for an unsolicited internet domain registration very similar to your own. You may also receive a fake renewal notice for your actual domain name and pay without realising.

An office supply scam involves you receiving and being charged for products that you did not order. These scams often involve products or services that you regularly order such as stationery and cleaning supplies. Scammers typically call your business pretending that a service or product has already been ordered. Payment redirection scams involve a scammer using information they have obtained by hacking your computer systems. They then pose as one of your regular suppliers and tell you that their banking details have changed. They may tell you they have recently changed banks, and may use copied letterhead and branding to convince you they are legitimate. They will provide you with a new bank account number and ask that all future payments are processed accordingly. The scam is often only detected when your regular supplier asks why they have not been paid.

Ransomware can be extremely damaging for any business. The best defence is to back up your data regularly and store your back-ups offsite and offline.



Horizon Bank Fraud Manager Amanda Welsh.

### Protect yourself

- Don't agree to offers or deals straight away – always ask for an offer in writing and seek independent advice if the deal involves money, time or a long-term commitment.
- Never provide your business' banking, financial and accounting details to someone that contacts you unexpectedly and that you don't know and trust.
- Effective management procedures can go a long way towards preventing scams – have clearly defined processes for verifying and paying accounts and invoices and look very carefully at requests to change banking details.
- Train your staff to recognise scams.

Where to find help or support

If you've lost money to a scam or given out your personal details to a scammer, contact your bank and <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/> immediately.

## FROM COVID TO CAMARADERIE - BATEMANS BAY DINNER GROUP CELEBRATES 3 YEARS

By John Longhurst

Like much of the NSW South Coast shattered by the 2019-20 fires, the onset of Covid 19 delivered another blow to the idyllic lifestyle the Eurobodalla Shire offers. Lives were disrupted over months, if not years, and 'being at home' or 'working from home', became the norm.

As the Covid threat slowly abated, Eurobodalla community advocate, Jan Frikken, became aware of the amount of social disconnection as well as the fall off in business in the hospitality industry.

Jan started the Batemans Bay Dinner Group three years ago and it has grown from strength to strength.

Once up and running, Jan handed over the running of the group to Sandy James of Lilli Pilli and Karen Higgs of Sunshine Bay.

Sandy said "Like many new residents, Covid rewrote the rules in terms of work. It was far more appealing for us to work from home in Lilli Pilli than in Lithgow. The only problem was I did not know anybody. I joined the Wednesday night dinner group and have not looked back.

The concept is strikingly simple. People are invited to RSVP to us so we can book numbers for 6.00pm at the nominated restaurant. It is a win win situation. People get to meet new friends and restaurants get a mid week boost on a notoriously quiet evening. We have had up to 65 people attending.

There are no restrictions on who can attend. We have ages from young people all the way through to retirees. Children are also welcome and we regularly bring our grandchildren so it is a fun and welcoming night for all.

We have about 20 restaurants from Nelligen through to Tomakin so people get to sample the cuisine range of our area."

To celebrate the 3 year anniversary of the group, the Batemans bay Dinner group will gather at the upstairs function room at Starfish Deli at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 20th August for a \$40 per person special menu catered by owner, Paul O'Connor. Sandy said "It promises to be a fun night so if you would like to venture out and meet new people come along and celebrate with us."





# Moruya Library celebrates World Breastfeeding Week with Community Morning Tea

On Tuesday 5th August, Moruya Library celebrated World Breastfeeding Week with a warm and welcoming morning tea in collaboration with the Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Eurobodalla Group.

Guests were treated to a delicious spread provided by CWA Moruya, featuring an assortment of home-baked goodies, including the much-loved “boobie cupcakes.” The event brought together local families and a wide range of support services, including Eurobodalla Shire Council Children’s Services, Tresillian, The Family Place, Campbell Page, and local Child and Family Health and Maternity services. Mums enjoyed a relaxed and engaging atmosphere with fun activities like Breastfeeding Bingo and True or False board games, while also learning about valuable local resources, including the ABA’s breastfeeding support group, breast pump hire, and new parenting and wellbeing programs, such as Tresillian’s “Getting to Know You” parenting course and ESC Children’s Services’ “Embracing Babies” program. ESC’s Sustainability Officer, Allana Haines, brought along an engaging cloth nappy display, sharing practical and eco-friendly parenting tips with interested families.

“It was lovely to get to know more of the people involved in supporting the young families in our area, and was great to offer a space for mums and babies to connect with each other and with these supports,” said Rachel Blaas from Moruya Library.

Across the globe, World Breastfeeding Week is championed by WHO, UNICEF, and countless partners to shine a light on breastfeeding as a powerful foundation for lifelong health, development, and equity. This year’s theme, “Prioritise Breastfeeding: Create Sustainable Support Systems,” reminds us that breastfeeding isn’t just a personal journey - it’s a shared responsibility. Mothers and babies need support at every step - from hospitals and health workers to families, employers, and local communities, like those gathered in Moruya.

“Here in Eurobodalla, we’re proud to be part of a global movement supporting families,” said Michelle Hamrosi, ABA Eurobodalla Group Leader. “With the right information, skilled guidance, and a supportive community around them, parents are empowered to reach their breastfeeding goals—and feel confident every step of the way.”

Investing in breastfeeding is not only the right thing to do - it’s smart public health. It reduces healthcare costs, improves cognitive and emotional outcomes, strengthens resilience, and supports environmental sustainability by reducing reliance on formula production and packaging.

This year’s celebration at Moruya Library was a strong reminder that it truly does take a village to support breastfeeding families - and that through care, connection, and collaboration, we can build a healthier and more sustainable future for all.

## Dr Michelle Hamrosi

Group Leader - Eurobodalla Group  
Volunteer Breastfeeding Counsellor



Allana Haines with her stall and son Ivan enjoying a breastfeed

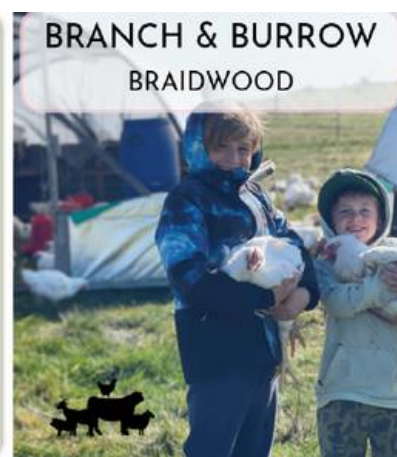




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## Let's do coffee with ... Sophie Counsell

**Feeling the cold this winter? Batemans Bay local, 31 year old Sophie Counsell (SC) knows all about cold. Sophie is back home after spending 12 months working in Antarctica at Mawson Research Station (MRS), 5,200 kilometres south-west of Perth. The Moruya Mail (MM) had coffee with Sophie last week.**

MM: Thanks for joining us. You were educated at St Peter's Anglican College in Broulee and then on to study at the University of Wollongong and graduated as a Mechatronic Engineer\* but end up in the Antarctica. My head spins... so please fill in the gaps, Sophie.

SC: Thanks for the coffee. I actually applied to be a Bureau of Meteorology Technical Officer for a posting to Antarctica five years ago and made it to the reserve list. I applied for the January 2024 to February 2025 posting again in 2023 and was successful. I undertook three months of weather related training with the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) in Melbourne and then another two months of survival training in Tasmania as well as picking up skills such as fire fighting and leadership.

It was then a two week voyage on the RSV Nuyina (an Australian ice breaker) to (MRS) via stops at Casey and Davis Stations. With eleven metre swells and being susceptible to sea sickness, it was an early test of my resilience.

MM: Ok...you finally arrive at MRS and you are one of three females amongst the 30 people working there in summer and down to 20 people in winter, with ages ranging from mid twenties to sixties. I take it these people are total strangers and you have to share confined space at the bottom of the earth for 12 months. You cannot go off and build your own igloo if you do not get along.

SC: (laughs)... Exactly and it was my greatest anxiety on the way down. Fortunately, we all got along really well and I kind of ended up with 20-30 new family members. In fact, I came back with a boyfriend.

Teamwork is really important. Although my primary role was cloud observations, entering data, checking overnight data, replacing and maintaining equipment, air samples, project work and undertaking tasks for organisations such as the CSIRO, We all had secondary jobs. I was Deputy Station Leader as well as working on the search and rescue team.

With my primary job it was vital that we release a weather balloon at precisely 4.00pm each day. All around the world, thousands of these weather balloons are released at the same time each day. At a certain height these balloons collect data such as temperature, wind, humidity and air pressure. It is a snapshot of the world's weather and is coordinated by the World Meteorology Organisation and shared. Without getting too technical, weather patterns often originate from the bottom of the earth... and that is us... in Antarctica... so we play a vital role in weather forecasting around the world.

Now... our remoteness, particularly in winter, means we have to cover all the skills we take for granted in Australia, ranging from medical requirements, emergency responses such as fire through to all maintenance needs. It is not as if you can call someone up to come out and fix something.

MM: (laughs)... Yeah, I get that. Now, it is not just all work. What do you do in your free time and how do you stop from going crazy in the middle of winter when it is super freezing with an air temperature of -25 degrees Celsius (C), that has a feel like of -45C and no sun?

SC: Go for an ocean swim of course... the water is warm at -15C!!

MM: Are you serious?

SC: Yes it's a tradition. No wetsuits... just swimmers and boots as bare feet would freeze to the iron ladder we use to enter the hole we dig in the ice. It is a pretty quick dip and you go numb all over.

Apart from that moment of madness, we have a gym, the internet is functional, workshops, crafts, theatre and darts. We celebrate birthdays, have trivia nights as well as special dinners for Easter and Christmas.

Winter is really challenging. For 6 weeks there is no sun and we need a head torch to perform our daytime tasks. As you would expect, the ocean freezes ... to about 1.8 metres which means we can travel up to 10 kilometres 'out to sea'. It is a bit disconcerting at first, but we constantly drill for depth and even if we do fall through the ice the vehicles we use (Hagglunds) are designed to float and, of course, we are well trained in rescue.

Winter can be a bit like 'groundhog day' but I made a real attempt to at least get outside each day even though it meant dressing in merino thermals as a base layer, two fleece jumpers and track pants, Carhartt jackets and pants as well as glove liners, mittens, balaclava, beanie and boots. It does take a while but my mantra was to say 'yes' to all challenges.

A highlight of winter is the auroras every clear night in winter. Simply spectacular! Every shade of pinks, greens, purples, oranges, yellows and reds sweep across the night sky. We have glimpses of them here on the south coast so you can imagine the sight of an ever changing sky full of rainbow colours.

The Auster Emperor Penguin Colony is a 2 hour drive away. Thousands of Emperor Penguins breed over winter and we can observe the whole ritual so well portrayed in the documentary 'March of the Penguins' at close range. It was a major highlight for me.



Whilst the chefs do a fantastic job, by winter deliveries are non existent so there is great reliance on frozen produce. The bio security restrictions are very strict so fresh food is limited to what can be grown hydroponically.

The time either side of winter was my favourite in terms of the landscape. There is more ice than snow so nature's sculptures are breathtaking.

In summer, the temperature soars to 5C and we have 24 hours of sunlight. We go on field trips and spend time camping, hiking or going up to spend time in huts in the mountains.

MM: It has been great chatting to you Sophie. You are giving a presentation at Bay Pavilions on the 13th August at 6.30pm called 'Peaks and Penguins'. I assume after that you will settle back to a more sedate life on the south coast?

SC: I am sharing that evening with my uncle who is talking about his trekking adventures in the Himalayas and is the first Australian to complete both the Everest and Annapurna marathons.

As for a more sedate life...not really... my partner and I are headed for Macquarie Island Research Station which is located halfway between Tasmania and Antarctica for a year next April.

MM: I think we need another coffee.

\* A mechatronics engineer designs, develops and maintains systems that combine mechanical, electrical and software engineering principles. They create intelligent, automated solutions for a variety of industries, often involving robotics, automation, and computer control systems.

**'LET'S DO COFFEE WITH ...' is a column exploring the interesting personalities of the Eurobodalla Shire. Feel free to nominate a personality by emailing John Longhurst at [john.longhurst59@gmail.com](mailto:john.longhurst59@gmail.com)**



# 100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner



*Narooma in 1920's*

**08-08-1925**

**Mr. C. Johnston** has purchased the shop and two storied house in which he lives in Vulcan St. from Mr. A. F. Emmott.

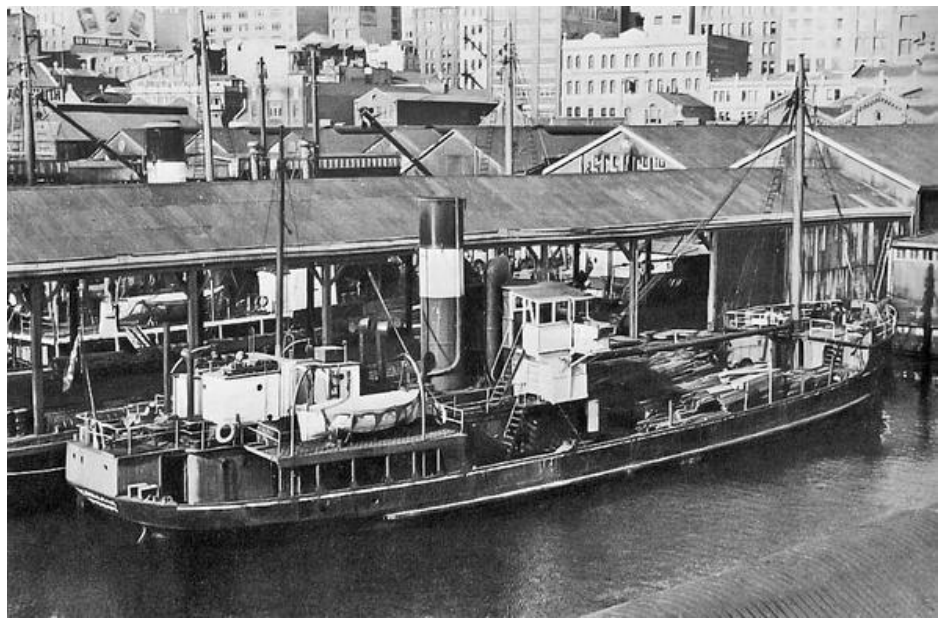
**Trawlers are operating freely** along the coast between Moruya and Narooma, in consequence of which rockhoppers are having a slow time.

**We are pleased to announce** that Jack, second son of Mr. C. Stubbs, jnr., has passed a complete test with maximum marks for appointment as junior railway porter at Bomaderry Station. Our young native received his education under the supervision of Mr. C. Carter.

**The "Examiner's" congratulations** to miss Nea, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Luck, of Yarragee, who passed with honors the Business College's examinations in typewriting, gaining 95½ marks out of a possible 100. Miss Nea, who received her tuition from the Sister's of St. Mary's Convent, Moruya, has entered Solicitor Shepherd's office as typist.

**Through information received** through what we considered a reliable source, a par appeared in the last issue of this paper to the effect that through measles having broken out the school at Dwyer's Creek has been closed for a while. The master, Mr. Gale, writes to say that such is not the case, that the school has not been closed, and is not even likely to be closed.

**Narooma people are to be complimented** on the many ornate structures they have erected during the past few years, and the bright and clean appearance of their homes. Our friends in this pretty seaside village are evidently not as afraid to use a little paint and energy as the Moruyaite are.



*Bermagui Steamer*

**Last week-end** Electrician Carter and Messrs. Costin and G. Thomson, of Narooma, installed a wireless set at Mr. S. C. Shumack's residence at Bergalia. On Sunday the American band music broadcasted from the Lyceum, Pitt St., Sydney, was obtained to perfection. At 6 p.m. children's stories and music songs were heard from Melbourne, and at night a splendid variety of music and singing was again obtained. Mr. Shumack says the results were marvellous, which speaks volumes for the set.

**The Bermagui arrived** on Sunday night and discharged her cargo at the chutes. The captain reported the position near there as unfavorable for a ship to berth. During the past fortnight the river from there to Dormon Long's wharf has silted up another four feet. The cargo for Moruya will, in consequence, be shipped to the Bay for a few weeks. The master of the dredge Ballina commences operations at the town wharf to-day (Saturday). He expects to have the channel deepened sufficiently in a month for the steamer to reach the town wharf.

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## A Beer with Bazz #203

With  
John  
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Bella, the publican, beamed as Mick and Bazza approached the bar.

"I have finished my first book. So the drinks are on me."

Mick squinted an eye and rubbed his chin.

"By gee, Bella... I thought you would have read more than one book by now, but it is never too late to take up reading. Keep it up ... it is good for you."

Bazza groaned and Bella gritted her teeth.

"I have just finished writing my first novel, Mick. In fact, I have already received my first rejections from publishers."

Mick took a sip, furrowed his brow and straightened his shoulders.

"Oh right ... well that is not a good sign, Bella. Now my advice..."

Bella cut him off with a chuckle and a shake of her head.

"Save the advice, Mick... It would be great to be published but it is not the motivation. I enjoy writing and delving into a world where I control everything from the weather to the shoes the main character decides to wear. At the tap of the keyboard characters can be happy, sad, in love, out of love, thoughtful or reckless."

Bella paused and fixed her gaze on Mick.

"In fact, you can write a character out of the story if you do not like them. Anyhow, Mick...J.K. Rowling's 'Harry Potter' was rejected twelve times by various publishers. Stephen King's 'Carrie' was rejected 30 times and yet he manages to go on and sell 350 million copies of various works. The list goes on. James Joyce and George Orwell had works rejected... and listen to this early response to William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies';

"Time the Future. Absurd & uninteresting fantasy about the explosion of an atom bomb on the colonies. A group of children who land in jungle country near New Guinea. Rubbish & dull. Pointless. Reject."\*

Bazza cleared his throat.

"And do not forget the literary hoax back in 2006, Bella. Some of Australia's leading publishers and agents received a chapter of a novel, apparently in progress from an unpublished writer, Wraith Picket.\*\* The manuscript was rejected and variously described as confused and overwritten. It was, in fact, a copy of Chapter 3 from Patrick White's 'Eye of the Storm'. Of course, Patrick White is the only Australian to win the Nobel Prize for literature (1973)."

A long pause before Mick leaned in.

"Now...let me get this straight, Bazza. Your advice to Bella is she should submit her manuscript to publishers and agents under the name of a famous author. Who do you have in mind?"

Bella sighed.

"Ah... Mick, if I made you a character in my next novel I would... never mind, I have customers to serve."

\*<https://lithub.com/a-legendary-publishing-houses-most-infamous-rejection-letters/>

\*\*<https://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/books/patrick-white-reappraised-20070127-ge42xi.html>

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## Gadfly

Last week the scammers who swiped more than \$2 billion from the ATO cost me an entire morning's writing. In fact, over the last couple of years it almost cost me the friendship of my son Ben, without which life would not be worth living.

For those who missed the Four Corners episode, the massive attack on the ATO took place through a loophole connected with BAS and the ATO's GST refund. (There's a GST refund? Who knew?)

Please don't ask me for details since anything called 'Tax' and starts with a dollar sign (\$) turns my brain into jelly. So when I get a phone call from someone saying they're from the Tax Office and want to discuss my 'identity', I immediately hang up. And if they send an official-looking email I immediately delete it.

The reason is simple. I used to be a trusting chap and several times my kindly view of my fellow humans nearly got me into terrible trouble. My son Ben saved me just in time from being one of those sad sacks on TV regretting the loss of their life savings.

Thereafter, anything that looked vaguely suspicious had me on the line to Ben who is holding down an important job in the APS. And these days they come so thick and fast that I was becoming an impediment to the productivity that Ben was trying to improve across our entire trading nation.

He'd usually end our phone call with sigh of regret at my malaprop explanation with, 'Okay, send it to me and I'll have a look at it.'

After a while I felt so badly about my interruptions to national progress – and my formerly respectable fatherly image – that I just killed every attempt to reach me, including the fair dinkum ones.

In this case, however, the ATO would not relent. Here they were, flat chat on a Sunday! After scores of questions about my identity, their issue was something about my BAS in 2023 and whether I had recently 'authorised' a change to it. I said my accountant would have done it, if anyone did it. But did I authorise it? 'Well, since he's my accountant I guess that's what he's authorised by me to do...whatever it is.'

'But did I specifically authorise it? I'm sorry, I can't remember. And it's so long in the past – 2023 – that I don't understand why you're bringing it up now.'

'That's all right,' said the very patient Filipina, 'we'll refer it to a special task force who will investigate it. And we'll make sure to protect you.'

Well, that was very good of them. I was rather chuffed that my identity had attracted a 'special task force'. It was not until next morning that I discovered the Four Corners story to be on that night. Goodness knows what connected me to those smart-alecs who, we're told, took advantage of the GST 'loophole'.

It was started, it seems, by a recently released jailbird in 2021 named Linden Phillips. When he arrived home in Mildura he immediately tried on the scam and the ATO fell for it. Then he seems to have spread it around the town and the smart-alecs jumped on board. All up, it seems, some 57,000 people were involved in it, and the ATO has only recovered \$96 million. No wonder they've got a special task force on the job.

I talked it over with Ben. One of his degrees is the Law of the Internet. It had occurred to me that once the boffins produce the Quantum computer that would bring an end to scamming. Alas, not so.

'They will democratise it,' he said. 'then it will be a race to see who can scam it.' Here we go again. Same old, same old... humanity.

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**ARTS FESTIVAL**

**26 SEPT-6 OCT 2025**

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## 2EARFM / Moruya Mail GIG GUIDE "Live & Local"

### Friday 8th August

Howling Mitch  
Totum  
Chris McGrath

Lynchs Hotel  
Bottom Pub Narooma  
Steampacket Hotel

### Saturday, 9 August

Moondog  
Rick Bamford  
Coastal Fringe  
One Louder  
Val Moogz  
Giaan Café  
Flock of Haircuts

Lynchs Hotel  
Tathra Beach Bowlo (7.30pm)  
Soldiers Club (8pm)  
Merimbula RSL (8pm)  
Broulee Brewhouse  
Quantum Brewery  
Steampacket Hotel

### Sunday, 10 August

Garry Carson Jones  
Inez  
Dust & Echos

Tomakin Club (1pm)  
Broulee Brewhouse  
The Drom

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AUGUST 7

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SEPTEMBER 21 & 28

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## RIVER of ART PRIZE

### Call for Entries

Artists and makers from across Australia – within and beyond the Eurobodalla – are warmly invited to enter the 2025 River of Art Prize. This year marks 21 years of celebrating creative excellence on the South Coast, and the Prize remains a central feature of the Festival. The Prize is open to all mediums, from painting, drawing, and sculpture to mixed media, watercolour, and photography – inviting bold ideas, fine craft, and fresh perspectives.

\$5,500 in total prize money:

· First Prize: \$3,500 · Runner-Up: \$1,500 · Highly Commended: \$500 · People's Choice Award announced at Festival close  
Finalists will be selected by our judging panel from digital image submissions, and their work will be featured in the River of Art Prize Exhibition, running across all 11 days of the Festival. Winners will be announced at the Festival Launch.

<https://www.riverofart.com.au/river-of-art-prize-about/>



### BAY PAVILIONS ARTS+AQUATIC van den hooven art exhibition

Exhibition dates:  
Wednesday 30th July – Monday 25th August 2025  
(free entry)  
Opening night event:  
Friday 1st August, 6:00 to 8:30pm  
(drinks available)



## Montague Choristers 2025

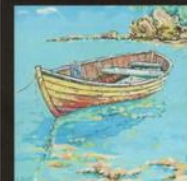


Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Frederick Delius & Frank Bridge

2.30 pm, Sunday August 17  
All Saints' Anglican Church, Bodalla

Entry by donation. All proceeds to the parish of Bodalla and Narooma for the upkeep of the historic All Saints' Church

## THE GALLERY



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June 1 – Aug 3

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Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm



9 Aug

Giaan Cafe

16 Aug

Lionel Robinson  
Agenda

23 Aug

Jakob Poyner

30 Aug

Abby May

6 Sep

Dave Newman

13 Sep

Tony Jaggers

20 Sep

Richard Lawson

"Quantum" River of Art Exhibition

4-6pm in The Coolroom & 6-8pm in Brewery CafeBar

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EVERY FRIDAY FROM 5:30PM

Image of a hand holding a microphone.

Two circular inset photos showing people performing on stage.



## Wander Wonder opens at The Bas




Barbara McConchie, Waratah Lahy, Helen Maxwell and Julian Laffan.

A new group exhibition at The Bas was opened by Helen Maxwell on Saturday morning. Inspired by daily walks, road trips, and moments of stillness, Wander Wonder brings together a vibrant collection of drawings, paintings, ceramics, and prints that reflect a deep curiosity and appreciation for the world we inhabit.

Through playful, thoughtful, and beautifully crafted works, Wander Wonder encourages us to see the familiar with fresh eyes - to notice the textures of a landscape, the rhythm of a journey, or the poetry in a passing moment. These artworks speak to our shared experiences and the importance of connection, place, and care for the environment.

The exhibiting artists are: Barbara McConchie (Kianga), Deb Johansen (Tathra), Julian Laffan (Braidwood), Natalie Bateman (Walbunja-Yuin, Dalmeny / Tasmania), Patsy Hely (ACT), and Waratah Lahy (ACT).

Open Monday to Saturday, 10am – 4pm. Access from Murray Street after 12.30pm on Saturdays. Until August 30<sup>th</sup>.




An Oil Painting Workshop  
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## 'Beyond Majestic'

Presented by:  
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**Date :** Sunday 7th September 2025

**Time :** 10am to 3pm

**Venue:** The Pavillions, Batemans Bay Wet Room

**Cost :** \$150 for Members and Non Members.

**Bookings:** email your name and phone number to [workshops@cabbi.com.au](mailto:workshops@cabbi.com.au)

**Materials:** Camelle will supply materials such as: Oil Paint, canvas, palettes, solvent, and some brushes.

You will need to supply your own brushes, such as a 1" or 2" inch Bob Ross Landscape, #6 fan Brush, #2 script liner, #12 Filbert. Cleaning up materials including Baby wipes, paper towel, latex gloves. Some bob ross supplies are at Amanda's of Mogo Art supplies

We will send you an online Invoice to be paid in full to secure your booking.

**Workshop Overview:**

This workshop is designed for beginners to be introduced to the **Bob Ross** Landscape Painting techniques. Using oil paint mediums, you will be encouraged to explore techniques and concepts of making good Landscape compositions.

This workshop will help people improve their skills and enjoyment of making art.

Please read the Cabbi Refund Policy before booking at <https://cabbi.com.au/cabbi-workshops>

## WHAT'S ON BAY PAVILIONS ARTS+AQUATIC



Century Entertainment presents  
**SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL  
SHOWCASE TOUR**

**Saturday 16 Aug, 7.30pm**

All tickets: \$45.00



HIT Productions and Bay Pavillions presents  
**WALTZING THE WILARRA**

**Tuesday 19 Aug, 7.30pm**

\$48.90 (Concession/Child \$43.90)



Magic Men Australia presents  
**MAGIC MEN LIVE**

**Friday 22 Aug, 8pm**

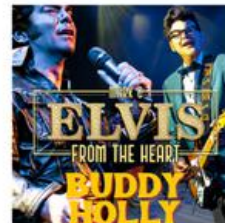
General: \$50, Deluxe: \$75, Premium: \$95



The Harbour Agency presents  
**DARREN COGGAN - FIRE AND RAIN**

**Saturday 6 Sept, 7:30pm**

All tickets: \$65.00



MC Entertainment presents  
**ELVIS & BUDDY ROCK 'N' ROLL**

**Saturday 13 Sept, 7:30pm**

\$69.90 (Concession: \$64.90)



Andrew Kay Associates presents  
**THE SHAMROCK TENORS**

**Wednesday 17 Sept, 7:30pm**

\$94.90 (Student: \$42.90)



Sydney Drag Queens presents  
**KATH AND KIM DRAG BINGO**

**Friday 19 Sept, 8pm**

\$58.50 (Concession/Child: \$55.50)

**To purchase tickets or for more details:**  
[baypavillions.com.au](http://baypavillions.com.au)  
or call 4415 1800



## National Dying to know Day - community session - Moruya

Thursday 7 August 2025 10:30am - 12pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya Cost: free

Join Shanna Provost for this informative session about end-of-life planning. No one likes to talk about dying. Planning means we can die in a way that stays true to ourselves, leaving loved ones with a lot less stress.

Shanna is a renowned educator and author on end-of-life issues. Shanna will help you make informed choices and guide you through important decisions, with tips on how to approach meaningful conversations with your loved ones with confidence and clarity. Bookings are required. Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance.

- T: 4474 1333 E: [Moruya Library](#)W: [Book online](#)

## Family history one-on-one sessions - Moruya

Saturday 9 August 2025 1pm - 3:30pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya Cost: free

Join us to uncover the unique stories of your heritage at a one-on-one session catered directly to your needs. We can help you start researching your ancestry and learn about online resources, including Ancestry.com. Bookings are required.

Two sessions are available and are the perfect way to begin your family history journey.

- Session one: 1.30-2.30pm
- Session two: 2.30-3.30pm

To book your spot, contact Moruya Library.

- T: 4474 1333 E: [Moruya Library](#)

## Saturday family movie - Moruya

Saturday 9 August 2025 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya Cost: free

Join us for our Saturday family movie.

Paddington's on a mission. He's saving up to buy a special pop-up book for Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday. But when the book is stolen, Paddington's framed and sent to prison. Can he and the Browns clear his name, catch the real thief, and uncover a hidden treasure?

- Rated G and suitable for all ages.
- Light refreshments will be served.

Due to licensing restrictions, we cannot advertise the movie name. Please ask our friendly Library staff for more information. Library access

Moruya Library is closed from 12.30pm on Saturdays. Moviegoers can use the access at the back of the library and arts centre (the Bas) via the Council carpark on Murray Street. There is a ramp from the carpark to the entry.

Bookings are required. Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance.

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## Write your family history with Rae Luckie - Batemans Bay

Monday 11 August 2025 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Where: Batemans Bay Library, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay Cost: \$5 per person.

August is Family History Month, a great time to come and learn how to write that family history story! This workshop is led by Rae Luckie, who holds a PhD in auto/biographical writing, graduate diplomas in Education and Family History, and a Master of History specialising in family history. Bring writing paper, pens, coloured pencils or textas and a photo of a place you would like to write about.

Bookings are required. Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance. T: 4472 5850 E: [Batemans Bay Library](#) W: [Book online](#)

## Councillor catch-up - Moruya

Tuesday 12 August 2025 3pm - 5pm

Where: Sage Farmers Markets at Riverside Park, Ford Street, Moruya

Cost: free

Catch up in-person with your councillors.

We host these monthly sessions at different markets across Eurobodalla so community members can have an informal chat with their elected representatives.

## Science Week: Journey through the cosmos - Moruya

Celebrate National Science Week with an exciting journey through space at our pop-up planetarium! This family-friendly event invites everyone to explore the universe in an inflatable dome, where you can witness distant galaxies and the birth of stars.

Presented by engaging science communicators from Starr's Planetarium, featuring Australia's most advanced 360° 4K projection system and content from NASA. Each session offers an awe-inspiring experience of Earth and space.

Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday 17 August 2025 10am - 12pm

Where: Moruya Basketball Stadium, 74 Albert Street, Moruya Cost: free

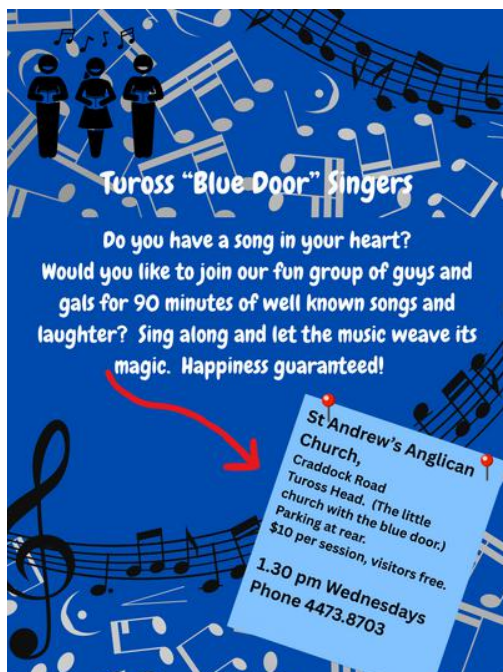
Session times: 10am - 11am and 11am - 12pm

## And in Narooma Saturday 16 August 2025

11:30am - 1:30pm at Narooma Sports and Leisure Centre, 100 Bluewater Drive, Narooma Cost: free

Bookings Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance.

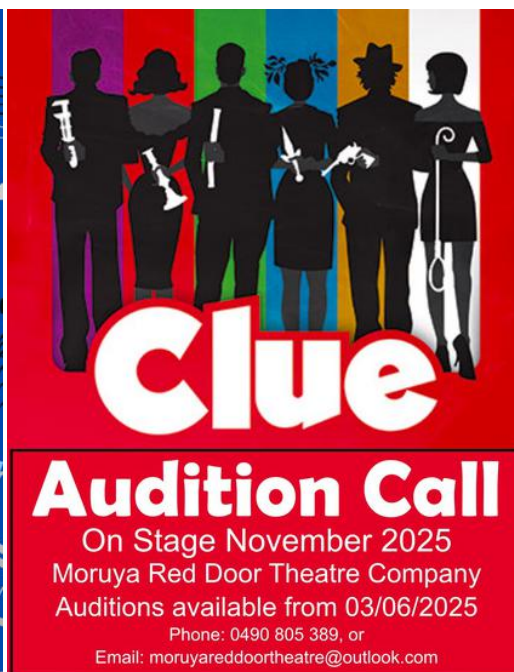
T: 4474 1333 E: [Libraries](#) W: [Book online](#) For more information, please get in touch with Eurobodalla Council's 3Bs Playgroup coordinator, Justine Tominey, on 0437 307 132 or Eurobodalla Libraries on 4474 1333.



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Where: Framing Pieces,  
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- during opening hours - Mon-Fri 9-4:30

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## RACGP urges NSW residents to get seasonal flu jab as cases continue to rise

### Royal Australian College of GPs

With influenza on the rise across New South Wales over winter and low vaccination rates compared to other states, GPs are calling on patients to roll up their sleeves and get vaccinated.

The latest data has shown a jump of more than 78% in the number of cases, up from 21,257 in June to 37,895 in July.

The Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) is calling on patients to protect themselves and others to minimise the risks of further increases and hospitalisations in August.

Last year, NSW accounted for more than a third of flu related deaths across Australia, 267 of the 783 total.

RACGP NSW&ACT Chair Dr Rebekah Hoffman highlighted a worrying trend of low immunity across the state.

"I've diagnosed more influenza A and B cases in the last few weeks than I have over the rest of the flu season," the Sydney-based GP said.

"And frankly, patients haven't been getting their flu jabs at the same rate as other years. They can certainly help themselves when it comes to the flu vaccine.

"The percentage of people aged 15 and over vaccinated in NSW is below the national average. There is also a shortage of people aged over 65 getting their jabs.

"We would urge them strongly to take action. People aged 65 years and over are more likely to require hospitalisation or have serious complications due to influenza, such as pneumonia or a heart attack.

Vaccination is the best way to stop the flu from spreading and protection against severe infection and the Australian Immunisation Handbook recommends everyone receives a flu vaccine each year. In NSW, influenza vaccination is free for patients who are:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- aged 65+
- living with serious health conditions.

Dr Hoffman said flu vaccines should be free in NSW, and reiterated her call for free MenB vaccination, which prevents a rare but high-risk meningococcal B infection.

"Cases have almost doubled, and vaccinations are low – flu jabs need to be prioritised for those most vulnerable in our community- it is definitely still not too late to have your flu vaccine!" she said.

"Winter is almost over, but as we saw with the surge in flu cases at the start of the year, you can still get a serious infection in warmer weather.

"We've also called on the NSW state Government to make the MenB vaccine free for all children under two and teens aged 15-19, as well. "Meningococcal B is a devastating disease, and kids and young people are the most vulnerable. But a vaccine is available to protect against the risk of death or disability, and we must do more to allow its take up."

All state governments announced free vaccinations when cases surged in 2022.

### Don't Fling it Bling it WORKSHOP

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- NOBODY 2
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**\$10 TICKETS  
EVERY WEEK**

### WEEKLY FILM PROGRAM

### ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE

| 7TH – 13TH AUGUST   | THURS 7TH                                   | FRI 8TH         | SAT 9TH            | SUN 10TH          | MON 11TH | TUES 12TH       | WED 13TH        |
|---|---|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| THE WOLVES ALWAYS COME AT NIGHT<br>PG, 1H 30M, MONGOLIAN DOCUFICTION<br>SCREENING AS PART OUR FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL (ONE WEEK ONLY) | 6.30pm for 7pm (Film Society – All Welcome) | 11am<br>5.05pm  | 12.40pm<br>5pm*    | 1.25pm<br>5pm*    |          | 11am<br>5.05pm  | 11am<br>5.05pm  |
| FREAKIER FRIDAY<br>PG, COMEDY, 1H 51M   | 4.45pm                                      | 12.55pm<br>7pm  | 2.35pm<br>6.40pm   | 11.15am<br>5.15pm |          | 12.55pm<br>7pm  | 12.55pm<br>7pm  |
| BRIDE HARD<br>MA, 1H 45M, ACTION/COMEDY   |   | 4.15pm*         | 12.50pm*           | 12.50pm*          |          | 4.15pm*         | 4.15pm*         |
| OCEAN WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH<br>PG, 1H 48M, DOCUMENTARY  | 4.30pm*                                     | 3.05pm          | 10.45am<br>4.45pm  | 3.20pm            |          | 3.05pm          | 3.05pm          |
| THE FANTASTIC FOUR: FIRST STEPS<br>PG, 1H 54M, SCI/FI ACTION  | 6.30pm*                                     | 2pm*<br>6.20pm* | 2.50pm*<br>6.55pm* | 2.50pm*           |          | 2pm*<br>6.20pm* | 2pm*<br>6.20pm* |
| THE SHROUDS (LAST WEEK)<br>MA15+, 1H 59M, SCI-FI/HORROR   |   | 11.40am*        |                    |                   |          | 11.40am*        | 11.40am*        |
| THE SMURFS (LAST CHANCE)<br>G, 1H 32M, FAMILY/MUSICAL   |   |                 | 11am*              | 11am*             |          |                 |                 |

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|---|---|---|---|---------------------|--------|---|---|
| <b>BRIDE HARD</b><br>M 105 MIN  | 1:30 PM<br>3:55 PM<br>8:10 PM             | 1:30 PM<br>3:55 PM<br>8:10 PM             | 1:30 PM<br>3:55 PM<br>8:10 PM             | 12:45 PM<br>5:15 PM | CLOSED | 1:30 PM<br>3:55 PM<br>8:10 PM             | 1:30 PM<br>3:55 PM<br>8:10 PM             |
| <b>ELIO</b> PG 98 MIN   |   | 1:10 PM                                   |   | 12:40 PM            |        | 1:10 PM                                   |   |
| <b>F1 THE MOVIE</b> M 155 MIN   |   |   |   | 4:40 PM             |        |   |   |
|  <b>FREAKIER FRIDAY</b><br>PG 111 MIN | 11:00 AM<br>3:00 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>8:15 PM | 11:00 AM<br>3:00 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>8:15 PM | 11:00 AM<br>3:00 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>8:15 PM | 10:30 AM<br>2:30 PM |        | 11:00 AM<br>3:00 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>8:15 PM | 11:00 AM<br>3:00 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>8:15 PM |
| <b>HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON</b> PG  |   | 11:10 AM                                  |   | 2:20 PM             |        | 11:10 AM                                  |   |
| <b>I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER</b>  | 8:15 PM                                   | 8:15 PM                                   | 8:15 PM                                   |                     |        | 8:15 PM                                   | 8:15 PM                                   |
| <b>JURASSIC WORLD: REBIRTH</b> M 133 MIN  | 1:15 PM                                   | 5:10 PM                                   | 1:15 PM                                   | 4:50 PM             |        | 5:10 PM                                   | 1:15 PM                                   |
| <b>LILO &amp; STITCH</b> PG 108 MIN   |   |   |   | 10:30 AM            |        |   |   |
| <b>SMURFS</b> G 92 MIN  | 1:10 PM                                   |   | 1:10 PM                                   | 12:45 PM            |        |   | 1:10 PM                                   |
| <b>SUPERMAN</b> M 129 MIN   | 5:10 PM                                   | 1:15 PM                                   | 5:10 PM                                   |                     |        | 1:15 PM                                   | 5:10 PM                                   |
| <b>THE FANTASTIC FOUR: FIRST STEPS</b><br>PG 114 MIN  | 11:00 AM<br>3:45 PM<br>6:00 PM            | 11:00 AM<br>3:45 PM<br>6:00 PM            | 11:00 AM<br>3:45 PM<br>6:00 PM            | 10:30 AM<br>2:35 PM |        | 11:00 AM<br>3:45 PM<br>6:00 PM            | 11:00 AM<br>3:45 PM<br>6:00 PM            |
| <b>THE FIRST HYMN</b> G 87 MIN  | 11:45 AM                                  |   | 11:45 AM                                  | 12:35 PM            |        |   | 11:45 AM                                  |
| <b>THE FRIEND</b> M 120 MIN   | 11:15 AM<br>6:00 PM                       | 11:15 AM<br>6:00 PM                       | 11:15 AM<br>6:00 PM                       | 10:30 AM            |        | 11:15 AM<br>6:00 PM                       | 11:15 AM<br>6:00 PM                       |
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## FREAKIER FRIDAY



PG | 1hr 51min  
~ *Family ~ Comedy* ~  
Jamie Lee Curtis &  
Lindsay Lohan  
Anna Coleman and her mother Tess are in another predicament when they swap bodies with Anna's daughter. Now it's up to the three to reverse the body swap.



## THE FRIEND

M | 1hr 59min ~ *Drama* ~  
Naomi Watts & Bill Murray  
An unexpected and heart-warming journey through love, friendship, grief.



## BRIDE HARD

M | 1hr 45min ~ *Comedy* ~  
Rebel Wilson & Anna Camp  
When a mercenary group takes a lavish wedding hostage, they have no idea what they are in for.

21ST AUGUST - THE NAKED GUN



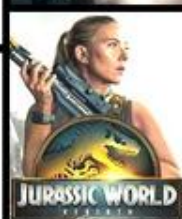
## THE FANTASTIC FOUR: FIRST STEPS

PG | 1hr 54min  
~ *Action ~ Adventure* ~  
Marvel's First Family face their most daunting challenge yet. Forced to balance their roles as heroes with the strength of their family bond, they must defend Earth from a ravenous space god.



## WEAPONS

MA | 2hrs 8min ~ *Horror* ~  
Josh Brolin & Julia Garner  
An interrelated, multistory horror epic about the disappearance of high school students in a small town.



## JURASSIC WORLD REBIRTH

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"Free local news for Moruya & the Eurobodalla"

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Moruya Food Run delivers a bag of meat and veggies to families every Monday.  
SHASA are currently accepting referrals from welfare agencies for new clients.



For more information email SHASA at [contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com)

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REPAIR  
CAFE

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SHASA is looking for helpers at the Repair Cafe which is held every Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Red Door Hall, St John's Commons, Moruya.

### HELP IS NEEDED WITH

- fixing electrical goods (SHASA will cover the cost of volunteers to undertake tag and test training)
- organise and serve morning tea for the repairers

### Interested?

Please contact Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email [contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com)



## YOUR INVITATION TO A FREE MORNING TEA

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### TUROSS GOLF CLUB

40 Monash Avenue, Tuross Head  
on Wednesday 13 August 2025  
from 10:00am until 12:00pm

Come along to meet our staff and volunteers who deliver services to your area

Contact us if you would like further information about this day or our services  
02 4474 4464

More than just a meal

## Murder Mystery Dinner

Join us for a fun filled  
Murder Mystery Dinner

For \$90 you will enjoy a 3 course meal with paired drinks, you dress to play a character and try to figure out who amongst us is the murderer. Maybe it is you!

Friday 15 Aug 2025 @ 6.30pm don't be late  
Following purchase of your ticket you will receive your character brief and some tips to help you find the murderer



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Supporting Spontaneous Volunteers Program 2025

FREE  
Emergency -  
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What do you and your community need to be better prepared in future emergencies or natural disasters?

Got a topic your local community, club or neighbourhood group wants to explore?

We'd love to help!

Let us know and we can support you in organising a workshop, training or community gathering.

For more information contact:

Von Hutcheson  
Community Preparedness Coordinator  
0450 165 851  
[von.hutcheson@anglicare.com.au](mailto:von.hutcheson@anglicare.com.au)

emergency one-pot cooking workshop

community connection during disaster

Chainsaw training male/female

What is a personal emergency ACTION plan? Lets talk.

parenting during disasters

fire retardant landscaping

breastfeeding and toddler care in disasters

(examples only...)

womens health



Supporting Spontaneous Volunteers Program - a NSW Government initiative




## COME ALONG AND VISIT SHASA'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE MINI EXPO

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 2025  
Moruya Country Markets  
Riverside Park Moruya  
8am- 1pm

Learn about EV models available in Australia today  
Discuss savings, costs and advantages of an EV  
Meet local owners with a selection of models on display  
Chat about EV charging  
Chat about use of home solar plus battery power





## Red Door Community Lunches

Welcome

The Red Door Community Lunch opens each Tuesday from 12.00am to 1.30pm.  
The tasty, fresh prepared meals are cooked in the halls kitchen by a small dedicated team of volunteers who cook, serve and care for those who come along.

Lunches are held at St John's Anglican Church Page St Moruya

Meals are offered at no cost or by donation if possible.



Do you or a family member



## Live with DEMENTIA?

If you like to sing and meet new people then come along to our singing group!

Our singing group offers a fun and supportive environment that improves your health and helps you connect with your community



Singing for health is an international community choir movement: Which exists to improve health and wellbeing amongst people with chronic conditions.

Moruya

CWA Hall Moruya  
9 x 1 hour classes | Mondays 10-11am  
28 July - 22 September 2025

Research shows that participants in 'Singing for Health' choirs can improve:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Physical health - including lung function, posture, pain, blood pressure, immune function
- Social connection and sense of belonging



Circle Foundation

Register today:

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www.circlefoundation.coop

## The Spiritual Care Series

Training Course for volunteers and staff  
in the ACT, BRAIDWOOD and SOUTH COAST



The Spiritual Care Series provides a recognised benchmark for the offer of excellent pastoral and spiritual care by volunteers in the aged care sector.

Join us for excellent spiritual care training!

**WHAT'S INVOLVED?** Watch SCS videos, join 2 online discussion groups, then attend a half day workshop.

**COST:** free for HammondCare volunteers, \$95 for external participants, \$50 concession.

Next course: Starting July 2025

- from July: watch SCS videos online at your own pace (about 4.5 hours of videos)
- **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Wed 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
7.00-8.00pm: join 2 online discussion groups
- **Braidwood: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
Attend face-to-face workshop 9.30am-1.00pm **OR**
- **Batemans Bay: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
Attend face-to-face workshop 9.00am-12.30pm

Interested? Contact HammondCare Volunteer Coordinator  
Kathy Jacka [kjacka@hammond.com.au](mailto:kjacka@hammond.com.au) 0479 191 370

Established by Health Television Network (HTN) featuring Professor John Swinton,  
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HammondCare is a Christian Charity.  
Our mission is improving quality of life for people in need.



## 2025 Hard Waste Collection dates

- 11 August – Moruya, South Head, Garlandtown, Glenduart, Pollwombra, Malabar Dr, Percy Davis Dr
- 18 August – Bimbimbie, Mogo, Broulee, Mossy Point, Tomakin, Woodlands/Dunns Crk Rd, Guerilla Bay, North/South Rosedale, West Rosedale
- 25 August – Malua Bay, Lilli Pilli, Surf Beach (including The Ridge Rd, Kauzal Cres, Towrang Ave), Denhams Beach (including Burkes Way)
- 1 September – Denhams Beach (from Burkes Way), Sunshine Bay, Batehaven
- 8 September – Catalina, Silverdell Pl through to Batemans Bay (including Crosby Dr and Glenella Rd)
- 15 September – North Batemans Bay (including Peninsula Dr, Nelligen, Surfside, Bay Ridge, Clyde Rd, Cors Pde)
- 22 September – Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, South Durras

Find more details about what will and won't be collected and check pick-up location dates on Council's [hard waste collection webpage](#).

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# SAGE Farmers Market

## Tuesday 3pm Moruya

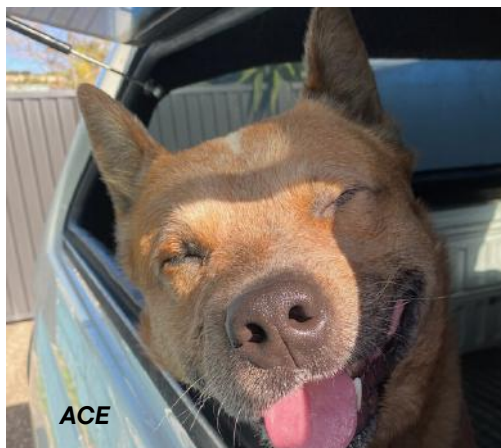
[sagefarmersmarket.org.au](http://sagefarmersmarket.org.au)

growing the community



## Animal Welfare League News

Ace is a six-year-old handsome Australian Cattle Dog (Heeler). He has come into our care due to a relationship breakdown. Ace has been living happily with children and another dog. He's been an outside dog, but AWL encourages pet owners to welcome their pets inside the house, as part of the family. This is particularly important for people-focussed dogs such as Heelers. Ace will need house training but this can be done easily with frequent outside visits and lots of praise. Typical of his breed, Ace is intelligent and energetic, so his ideal home will be one where he gets lots of mental and physical activity. Ace is untested with cats and chickens, but shows an inclination to chase possums so probably not a small animal guy. He is a faithful watchdog but very good with people and other dogs once introduced. Ace is a beautiful boy with heaps of potential. He's ready to make someone a very smart and loyal companion. Call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410 016 612 to meet any of our available pets.



Our fabulous raffle continues, providing the chance for people to win an amazing animal encounter for two people at Mogo Wildlife Park, plus other great prizes. Tickets are available at vet clinics throughout Eurobodalla Shire.

Finally - it's coming! Our 20th anniversary Tailwaggers event is scheduled for 21 September, at NATA Oval in Narooma, and it will be bigger and better than ever. Join us from 9.00 for a fabulous fun time featuring the dog walk, pet games and competitions and lots more. Or come earlier to browse or participate in the Car Boot Sale. All proceeds go to helping animals in Eurobodalla Shire,



**EUROBODALLA BRANCH ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE NSW**

### Raffle

**1st Prize**  
Mogo Wildlife Park Experience (\$600) – 2 x animal encounters for 2 people (\$500) and gift voucher (\$100)

**2nd Prize**  
Picnic Pleasure (\$170) – Happy Picnic insulated picnic backpack (\$100), Southlands Fruit and Vegetable Voucher (\$50), The Cake Trolley Voucher (\$20)

**3rd Prize**  
Pamper Yourself (\$120) – Adairs Bathrobe (\$50), Harry & Rouge Voucher (\$40), Queenie Nails & Spa Voucher (\$30)

**Tickets** – 1 for \$2; 3 for \$5; 7 for \$10  
Drawn at Narooma Oyster Festival – 2 May 2026  
Thank you for your support!!

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## ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

**THE FRIEND**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 14TH 6PM FOR 6.30PM**  
**PREMIERING 'THE FRIEND'**  
**ALL TICKETS \$20**

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE AWL NSW EUROBODALLA BRANCH. PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE CANDYBAR OR ONLINE AT [WWW.NAROOMAKINEMA.COM](http://WWW.NAROOMAKINEMA.COM)

**EUROBODALLA BRANCH ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE NSW**

Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home

### Donate through Return and Earn

Until June 2025, take your eligible bottles and cans to any depositing container in NSW and opt to donate your refund to the AWL NSW Eurobodalla Branch campaign "Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home" via the **return and earn** app.

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Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla



The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) is an alliance of Eurobodalla community members. Formed in 2014 one of SHASA's key focuses is to deliver climate resilient projects for our region.

contact.shasa@gmail.com  
shasa.com.au 0467 558 645







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## 2025 Diary Dates

- 15 – 17 Aug **80th Anniversary – VP Day in Moruya**
- 26 Sept – 6 Oct 2025 – **River of Art Festival**
- 4–5 Oct – **Wanderer Festival Pambula**
- 22–26 Oct 2025 – **Sea Otter Australia MTB Event**
- 31 Oct – 2 Nov – **Narooma Boats Afloat Festival**
- 14–16 Nov – **Crank it Up Batemans Bay**
- 22 Nov – **Giiyong Festival**
- 27 Feb – 1 Mar 2026 **Cobargo Folk Festival**
- 7 – 15 March 2026 – **Sculpture Bermagui**
- 13 March 2027 **NSW State Election**
- May – June – **2026 Sculpture for Clyde**

### South Coast & Country Community Law

(formerly Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre,) is coming to Moruya to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street

**Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street**

**When: Thursday 14th August 2025 10am to 2pm**

How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment

### Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

Narooma VIEW Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month at Narooma Golf Club Seahorse Room at 11.30 for lunch & a guest speaker. (Except October will be Friday 18th).

### Moruya Community Workshed

New members are always welcome. We are located in the grounds of the Moruya High School operating two days per week. For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.

### Return and Earn for CWA Moruya

You can be part of our fundraising for the Carers Accommodation Unit at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital due to be completed in late 2027. Either drop your cans and bottles off on Thursday or Saturday mornings or select CWA Moruya as your donation when you return then through the machine at Woolies.

### The Red Door Cafe

Offers freshly prepared meals at no cost or by donation if possible. Everyone is welcome. The Red Door Cafe operates every Tuesday from Midday to 1.30pm. So, pop along and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch.

### Catch up with your Shire Councillors

Get to know your councillors at regular stalls at local markets. These monthly sessions are an easy way for community members to have an informal chat with their elected representatives. Tuesday 12 August, 3–5pm Sage Farmers Market at Riverside Park

### Moruya Public School Trivia Night

Moruya Public School P&C Association is hosting a Trivia night on 9 August at the Moruya Golf Club. Tickets are \$20 each. You may pay for tickets at the school front office or contact the P&C President Leanne Greig on 0418 607 541

### Tuross Community Markets

held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

### Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo 2025

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Auditorium, 10AM – 2PM

Contact Brad Rossiter OAM at eurobodallaexpo@gmail.com or phone 0458 534 470.

Register here: Click the URL, copy and paste into your browser, <https://forms.office.com/r/0uctmc9Mxk>

## Community feedback sought on Riverside Park and Reserves

Eurobodalla Council wants to know your ideas, hopes and dreams for Moruya's Riverside Park and surrounds.

As part of new planning for the area, Council wants to know what is working well, what's not working at all, and different possibilities for the area.

For example, would a river pool be desirable, is there enough exercise equipment and is it in the right place, or is there wasted space that could be put to better uses?

To gather community views and ideas, Council is holding three in-person sessions:

Share their thoughts through an online survey.

Feedback will be used to develop draft plans that balance the area's unique setting with ongoing opportunities for public recreation and events. These draft documents will then be put on public display for comment by the community.

For more information, visit Council's Moruya Riverside Park and Reserves Plan of Management and Master Plan webpage or contact Peta Brooks on 4474 7366

## Rally for Recovery

### Ainslie Parade Tomakin

CHEAP!

**Mega Garage Sale**

**Every Wed and Sat**

**8.30 - 12.00**

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Beds and bedding  
.....the list is endless.

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## UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

**SEPTEMBER 2025**  
Tuesday 16th September

**OCTOBER 2025**  
Friday 3rd October - SCB Distributors Legend Of The South

### Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm  
To find out more email [mdha@y7mail.com](mailto:mdha@y7mail.com) or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537

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## Cancer Council help is available



Cancer Council transport is available

Cancer Council is Australia's leading cancer charity working across every aspect of every cancer. Every day, we support families affected by cancer when they need it most, speak out on behalf of the community on cancer issues, empower people to reduce their cancer risk and find new ways to better detect and treat cancer.

Cancer Council offer a range of support services to those who are affected by cancer, these include:

- Psychological and emotional support: Professional counselling, individual peer support and telephone support groups
- Practical support: Help with transport to treatment, accommodation, and financial assistance for home cleaning and gardening
- Financial support: Financial navigation service empowering individuals to make informed decisions and assist with cancer-related financial issues
- Legal support: Help accessing advice on cancer-related legal issues, including wills
- Workplace support: Connect to HR professionals to assist with cancer-related workplace issues

To access Cancer Council's services, call 13 11 22, visit [www.cancer council.com.au](http://www.cancer council.com.au) or speak to your health care professional.

## Tough new illicit tobacco reforms

The NSW Government's tough new laws to crack down on the sale of illicit tobacco and illegal vaping goods will be introduced to parliament today, with new penalties announced for retailers selling without a licence.

The NSW Government announced last week it would bring in some of the toughest penalties in the country for the sale and commercial possession of illicit tobacco and will grant substantial powers for inspectors to close premises found to be in breach of the new rules. The Government will also unveil new penalties for selling tobacco without a licence. This will now carry a maximum penalty of \$660,000 for an individual or \$880,000 for a corporation.

The amendments form part of the NSW Government's commitment to protecting the community from the harms of tobacco and vapes, and will also include:

- A new offence for the commercial possession of illicit tobacco with a maximum penalty of over \$1.5 million and 7 years' imprisonment.
- New penalties for the sale of illicit tobacco with a maximum penalty of over \$1.5 million and 7 years' imprisonment.
- The introduction of short-term (up to 90 days) and long-term (up to 12 months) closure orders for premises selling illicit tobacco, illegal vaping goods, or selling tobacco without a licence.
- New offences and penalties for anyone who breaches these closure orders, including for entering closed premises or selling products from closed premises.
- New lease termination powers for landlords where a closure order is in place.
- New nation-leading offences for falsely claiming to be licensed; resisting seizure; and attempting to retake seized products.

The NSW Government will also commence a targeted consultation on a new offence for landlords who knowingly lease their premises to illicit tobacco and vape suppliers. These new penalties and offences will complement the tobacco licensing scheme which came into effect from 1 July 2025. The scheme ensures accurate information is collected on tobacco retailing and wholesaling activities in NSW to support enforcement efforts, deter tobacco retailing businesses from operating outside of the law and provide greater oversight of the tobacco retail industry.

If an applicant has been found guilty of an offence relating to the sale or supply of tobacco or vaping goods, they could be refused a licence to sell these products.

### read the signs

A campaign promoting help seeking and suicide prevention for men

### Would you know how to help a mate?

FREE 2 HOUR SHORT COURSE FOR MEN

This course aims to raise awareness and help you understand:

- What is stress and depression?
- What do I need to know about suicide?
- What can I do?
- Self-care and safety

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER



**When:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
**Where:** Online  
**Time:** 7pm – 9pm

Register the link provided or via the QR code  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1489682914699?aff=oddtcreator>

Please be aware that this course is NOT intended to train you to be a counselor, a mental health practitioner or to provide ongoing professional support to another person.

Ready to help 2027  
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## WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL EUROBODALLA SHIRE

Launching August 15<sup>th</sup>

**Moruya Basketball Stadium**

- ✓ Free weekly training
- ✓ Equipment and coaching provided
- ✓ All ages and experiences welcome
- ✓ Opportunity to build skills and community

**Fridays 5pm to 7pm**

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For more information contact Sports Coordinator Marta Myhill  
 E: [Martam@wsnsw.org.au](mailto:Martam@wsnsw.org.au)  
 P: 0408 358 605

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

## TeenSafe

a driving skill for life

**Teensafe is a safe-driver program for L and P drivers - a skill for life.**

Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided in school holidays at Moruya Speedway.

Each course runs for 1 day.

Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80.

Teensafe is a community group operating for over 35 years supported by IMB Bank.

For details, pics and rego forms go to [www.teensafemoruya.org](http://www.teensafemoruya.org) or email [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto:garys.home@bigpond.com)

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## \$1 million to establish independent NSW recreational fishing peak body

The NSW Government is delivering on another election commitment by commencing consultation on an independent peak body to represent the interests of the State's more than one million recreational fishers.

This is part of the NSW Government's plan to build a better NSW and to boost economic activity in regional NSW.

More than \$1 million has been earmarked to fund the new body and to assist it drive on ground outcomes for the State's recreational fishers.

The recreational fishing industry is major contributor to our coastal and inland communities and generates about \$3.4 billion of economic activity in NSW each year. The industry also creates the equivalent of about 14,000 fulltime jobs.

The NSW Government made an election commitment to establish a peak body for the State's recreational fishers and has worked with the fishing representatives to develop their vision for a peak body that is:

- A viable and respected professional body: to deliver representation that effectively champions the future of recreational fishing,
- Representative of all NSW recreational fishers: including affiliated and unaffiliated fishers from diverse backgrounds,
- Independent of Government: to enable apolitical representation to advance the priorities and needs of recreational fishers,
- Collaborative and solutions-oriented: to work constructively with Government and other bodies to deliver solutions for recreational fishers.

The people of NSW are now encouraged to have their say on this important process. Public consultation is open from 6 August 2025 to 1 October 2025.

To learn more and provide your feedback, visit the NSW Government's Have Your Say website:

<https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/peak-body-rec-fishing>

Our culturally and linguistically diverse fishing community are encouraged to use the translate feature on the Have Your Say website, which offers access in multiple languages and provides a contact for support with submissions.

## 2025 AGSHOW MORUYA SPRING HORSE SHOW

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2025

Moruya Showground

### ASH, Hacks, Breeds and Riding Classes

- Entries open on Global Monday 18/8/25
- Entries close on Global Thursday 25/9/25

Classes start at 8:30am  
Canteen open



## SURFING NSW

### MALUA BAY BEACH

Saturday, November 11th / 9:00am - 12:30pm

Meet on the sand in front of Batemans Bay Surf Club

### Surfers Rescue 24/7 & CPR



For more info and to register, check out

[www.surfersrescue247.com](http://www.surfersrescue247.com)



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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: William Steenbergen with Captain Lars Gaupset

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 31st July 2025

A field of 37 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. Today's winner set the pace early on and maintained his lead until the end, finishing 2 over par!

The Winners were:

- 1st: William Steenbergen (7) with 41 points
- 2nd: Stephen Swanbury (18) with 38 points (countback)
- 3rd: Michael Coloe (17) with 38 points
- 4th: Ruth Gschwend (18) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ray Bollard 3.20 A Grade
- 4th: Peter Coffey 7.31 C Grade
- 6th: William Steenbergen 1.16 A Grade
- 6th: Shane Gschwend 2.81 B Grade
- 6th: Ron Rogers 2.17 C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 3.00 A Grade
- 7th: Shane Gschwend 5.67 B Grade

Balls went to: David Schmid 35, Jim Wade 35, Wayne Fullerton 35, Shane Gschwend 34, Ray Bollard 33, Mark Haberkorn 33, Nick Brice 32, Steve Johnston 30, Ian Manton 30 and Bruce Martin 30.

### GET COACHED BY MAISIE PLACE AT One Raceway TRACK DAY: WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST

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If you're a beginner who's never driven around a circuit before, or you've done a few track days and want to hone your skills, our ambassador Maisie is keen to help you out!

We'll be running a dedicated Beginners Feature Group to allow newcomers to build confidence and experience in a safe, supportive environment. But if you're more experienced, don't worry - we'll be running sessions for seasoned track day campaigners as well!

PLUS — our Winter Track Day Special is extended for the month of August! Get on track for just \$299!

Book now and reserve your spot (and coaching session) here:

<https://www.oneraceway.com.au/.../1r-track-day...>

## Tackle Works Moruya Fishing report

**Moruya River. 1.8.25**

Sorry about no report last week. We were on the Gold Coast for the AFTA show, checking out all the cool new gear coming out later this year. There is some very cool stuff in the works, so expect to see some cool new things in the shop over the next few months. If you follow us on the social media platforms, you will have seen some of the new stuff on offer, but believe me there is a heap of stuff we didn't film as well. Stay tuned! On to the fishing report.

The river is very much in the depths of winter mode at the moment, with minimal activity to report from within the Moruya river system.

The lower reaches are by far the best option at the moment, with a few visiting salmon spicing activity levels up.

There are a few bream available in the deeper holes, particularly on bladed style lures, both hard or soft variations will work.

The spur wall and the hole in the wall are two areas that are well worth a look at this time of year.

### Tuross River.

The same can be said for Tuross as can be said for moruya this time of year. Cold, clear water conditions make the fishing hard in this system also.

Fish deep and slow for the best chance at finding anything that is active at the moment.

Burley can make a big difference at attracting fish to where you a choosing to fish, a lightly weighted bait drifted down the burley trail can be the undoing of anything that is looking for a low activity level feed. Mullet fillet is one of my preferred baits for these conditions. It has a good oil content for attracting fish, and it has a good layer of skin that resists pickers taking the bait too soon.

### Rock and Beach.

The salmon and drummer are the one thing that winter brings on that can consistently be relied on, to be around this time of year. They are in good numbers on all of the beaches and rock ledges at the moment, and can be a lot of fun to catch with minimal investment in gear.

Pilchards on gang hooks for the salmon, and bread burley and prawns for the drummer. Simple, uncomplicated techniques that will reward anglers with two species of fish that pull hard and are plentiful this time of year.

### Offshore.

Winter reds are in full force at the moment, with fish coming from most of the local reefs, in as little as 10-15m of water out to the magic 20-30m mark as well.

Pilchards and squid are going to be your best baits options, but slow pitch jigs and soft plastics will also account for some good fish as well.

The bait freezer was restocked last week, and most baits are still in good supply at the moment. We do have good stock of the better quality Hunter river green prawns at the moment, which are a better offering than the red coral prawns that have been the only things available for the last year.

This weeks special is 20% of RRP on all dive gear! If you are looking at getting into diving or looking to upgrade you gear, come in and see us!

Stay safe and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

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# Driving Change



## Malua Bay Stingrays Bowls Report



We had an early start with a delicious morning tea provided by Club Malua to say thank you to Gayl Vidgen for all she has done on her time on Management Committee. What a beautiful morning of warm sunshine almost like Spring. Final of Club Championship Four's was played with team of Gloria Harper, Julie Knorpp, Jenny Blyth and Sue Beavan winners 28/10 (photo) against runners-up Janet McKay, Lyn Hardy, Margaret Bridges and Gwen Ware. Well done to all who took part in this event Thanks to Umpire Robyn Butcher. Social Bowls Winners Rink 2, Tricia Wheeler and Anna Stewart. (photo)

Runners-up Rink 3, Bev Keatley, Rae Fayle and Joan Rimmer. Lucky Losers Rink 6, Rhonda Adler, Di Wotherspoon and Yvonne Huddleston. Money Club winners, 38 Sue Beavan, 35 Lisa Grice. Good bowling this weekend in Bega to Rookies Julie Knorpp and James Curtis, go Stingrays do us proud. Next Tuesday will be the start of Club Consistency.

## Moruya Ladies Golf Report

"The ladies of Moruya Golf Club finalised their 2 week Foursomes Championships on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. On what was a very cold and windy day the 36 hole event came to a close and the ladies were happy to get in out of the chilly air. The successful winners were:

Div 1 Foursomes Champions - Colette Blacklock & Margaret Douglas

Div 1 Foursomes Nett winners - Val Moore & Lyn Gibbs

Div 2 Foursomes Champions - Joan Hosking & Judi Hebbard

Div 2 Foursomes Nett winners - Val Nixon & Shirley Noy

Well done ladies on 2 very good rounds.

Daily event winners were: Joan Hosking & Judi Hebbard 76.5 Nett

Balls went to Margaret Flynn & Cindy Becker, Margaret Douglas & Colette Blacklock, Noelene Cowdroy & Sharon Knight".

## Barunguba Montague Island Weather Station Update

Kristy McBain MP reports : ·

"Thanks to our local boaties for raising concerns about the weather station on Barunguba Montague Island — your feedback matters!

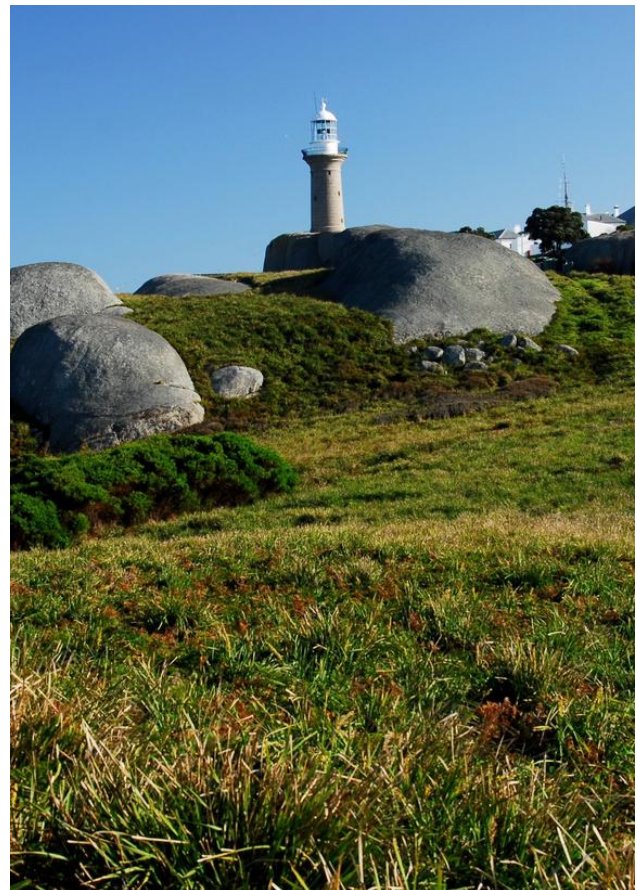
I'm pleased to share this update from the Bureau of Meteorology: The old timber pole has been removed

A new tilting pole is on the way — making future repairs easier Installation will be scheduled around seasonal bird activity Wind speed & direction data will return once the new pole is installed

The BOM has committed to keeping me informed as progress continues.

You can still monitor data from this important marine asset here: [www.bom.gov.au/products/IDN60701/IDN60701.94939.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDN60701/IDN60701.94939.shtml)

And if you're heading out from Narooma — remember to log on and log off with the amazing volunteers at Marine Rescue Narooma. They've got your back!"



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# Pollies and Police join the Polar Plunge at Corrigans for Special Olympics Fundraiser



On Sunday 3 August, over 50 brave souls waded, paddled and plunged into the waters of Corrigan's Beach to support Special Olympics South Coast athletes and volunteers to raise funds for their club. South Coast is one of 9 NSW Special Olympics clubs from around the state (and ACT) who took the plunge this weekend.

The Polar Plunge is an initiative of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), the charity run by the Police. Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club were in attendance to ensure the safety of the plungers.

MC for the day, Scott McNairn, Events Manager for Eurobodalla Shire did an amazing job enthusing the participants and spectators.

Chair of Special Olympics South Coast, Kathy Godwin said "We're overwhelmed and gratified by the support shown to this event by our local community."

Plungers included local police personnel, Special Olympics athletes and volunteers, Disability service providers, including Round Squared, Lets Talk Speak Out, Denhams Dippers – a group of swimmers who ocean swim all year round, Eurobodalla Shire Environment team as well as Dr Michael Holland, MP for Bega and Liza Butler, State Member for South Coast.

Despite overcast conditions and some gusts of rain, the event was immensely successful, raising close to \$18,000 so the athletes can continue to have uniforms, train and travel to competitions in their van.

Sports Manager for South Coast SO, Karen Hawke said "Everyone was so happy and engaged. I love how everyone helped and encouraged each other".

Special Olympian Jason was generous in his sharing of wet hugs with people who weren't game to plunge!

Special O athlete Tony: "This is fun! " (and in he went for another plunge!!) Alan Keane, LETR: "This is an amazing turnout. Even though South Coast is a small club, they took on the challenge of the Plunge, and look how well it's turned out!"

Kathy Porteous, Vice Chair, who brought her son Mitchell all the way from Bega: "It was so worth the trip. SO is such a great group for people with disability".

Videos and photos of the day can be seen on Facebook: Special Olympics Australia – South Coast. People interested in joining South Coast either as an athlete or volunteer can contact us through this FB page.



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