



David Gorzalka found this whale vertebrae washed up on his local beach last week. Story page 2

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# Shoring up Long Beach



Artist rendering of completed rock wall at Long Beach.

ESC advises truckloads of rock will arrive at Long Beach this month as work to protect Bay Road from coastal erosion gets underway.

To protect the shoreline and shield vital infrastructure, Eurobodalla Council will build a 250-metre rock revetment along the eastern end of the beach. Council's director of infrastructure Graham Attenborough says the structure will hug the natural curve of the beach, with durable igneous rock sloping up from the sand to the road.

"We'll blend along the top with coastal vegetation, with rocks still visible depending on natural sand movement. We'll be doing all we can to protect those magnificent and much-loved Norfolk pines too," Mr Attenborough says.

The project is the first on-the-ground rollout from Council's [Open Coast Coastal Management Program](#), which guides work on public land and identifies community infrastructure that needs protecting. Mr Attenborough says it's a big, noisy project with big, noisy trucks and excavators in the area for the next few months.

"We're repositioning sandbags, moving large rocks onto the foreshore and, eventually, returning sand to the beach. Access will be restricted at times, shifting as work progresses. We'll store material on the reserve as you head toward Long Beach Road," he says.

While sandbags have been used as an interim measure, Mr Attenborough acknowledges local frustration at the pace of progress.

"It's tough seeing your shoreline disappear. We feel that too and we're glad to be finally moving forward. There are a lot of hoops to jump through before all levels of government sign off the work."

The project is part of Eurobodalla Council's [Batemans Bay coastal protection program](#), with funding provided by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments. The work is expected to finish in early 2026, with the beach accessible over the Christmas break when work shuts down and the area made safe.

## Tale of a piece of whale tail



A regular beach walker, David Gorzalka from Surf Beach usually has his eye out for sea glass. However last week, David found a whale vertebrae on Caseys Beach. The 4.4kg bone is very dense and possible fossilized.

Close up of reverse side below.



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### 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.

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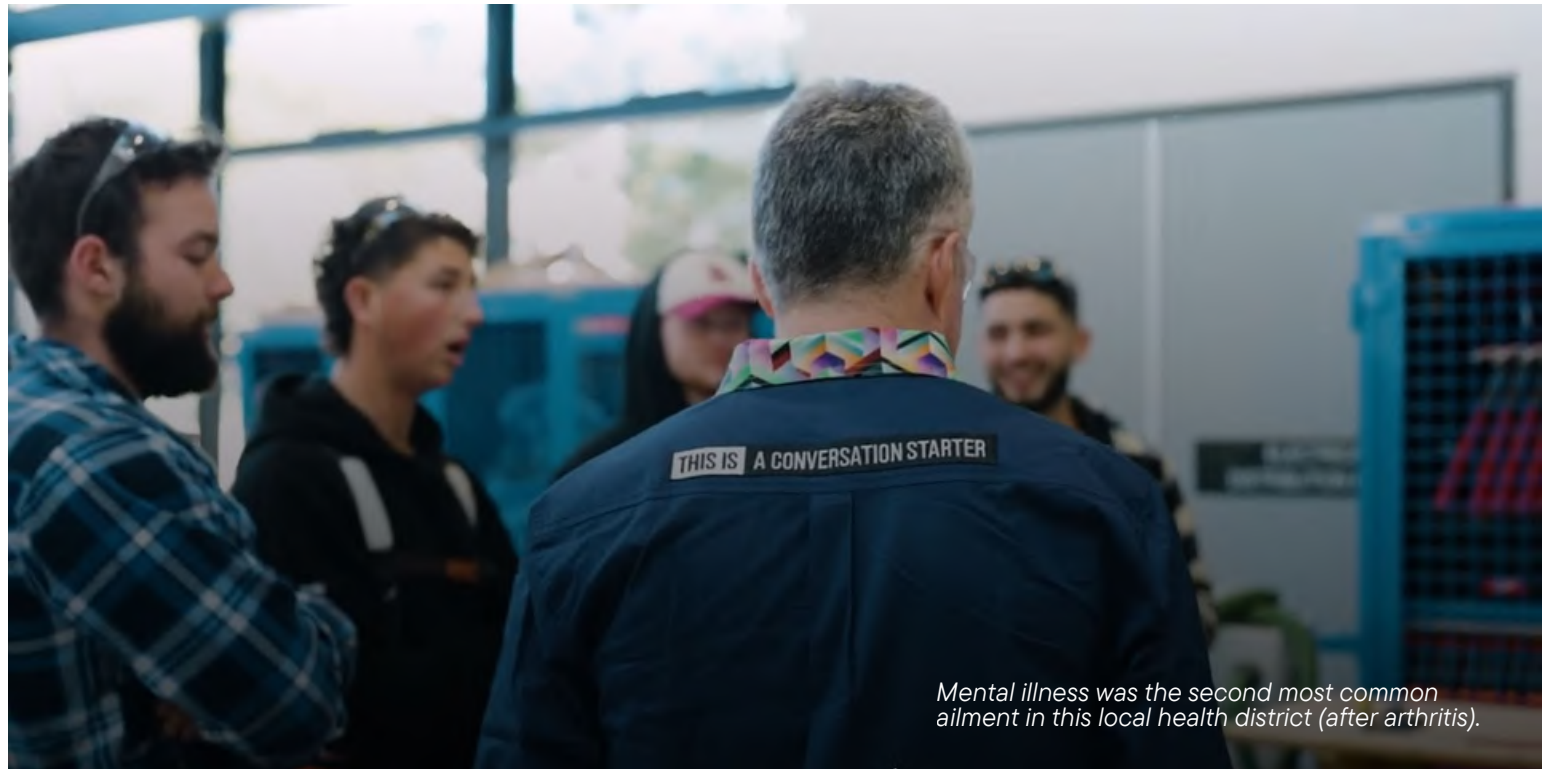
#### Tuesday 19 August

- 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)



# TAFE NSW Moruya trades teachers to wear vibrant shirts in new awareness drive



*Mental illness was the second most common ailment in this local health district (after arthritis).*

## Mental Health Matters

**TAFE NSW Moruya** teachers are backing the future of the South Coast's construction workforce by wearing a custom-designed shirt as part of a new state-wide initiative to raise awareness of mental health and provide vital support to trades students.

A recent survey by Beyond Blue revealed almost half (45 per cent) of workers in trade occupations reported poor mental health negatively affected their relationships. Furthermore, one-fifth (20 per cent) of respondents said they would not disclose if they had depression.

TAFE NSW, in collaboration with mental health organisation, TradeMutt, has developed a unique and vibrant workwear shirt to encourage apprentices and trainees to prioritise their physical and mental health and access mentoring support while they study, learn on the job, and complete their qualifications.

It comes during Tradies National Health Month (August), which shines a spotlight on the health and injury risks that affect tradespeople, and the benefits of safe work practices and early intervention.

Featuring the slogan "This is a conversation starter" and a QR code on every shirt, the collaboration will create a supportive learning environment where students can connect with teachers and peers, and use their mobile phone to access free, professional support.

TAFE NSW Moruya will be one of 42 TAFE NSW campuses taking part in the initiative, alongside more than 500 TAFE NSW Carpentry, Electrotechnology, and Plumbing teachers. Member for Bega, Dr. Michael Holland said "I'm proud to see Moruya TAFE leading the way in supporting the next generation of tradespeople — not just in their skills, but in their wellbeing."

"This initiative sends a strong and visible message that mental health matters. By making support services easy to access and conversations easier to start, we're helping students stay connected, succeed in their training, and contribute to a stronger, more resilient and well supported community."

Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Steve Whan said "The construction industry is the backbone of our state's future — building the infrastructure we need and supporting economic growth."

"But it is also an industry full of humans and we need to make sure they know they are valued and supported. That's vital for their lives but it is also important for building the workforce our state needs. It builds on the type of work the Government is doing working closely with the Commonwealth, industry, and unions to ensure apprentices get the support they need to complete their qualifications and secure long-term careers. "This initiative is a significant step forward safeguarding young talent, so NSW has a skilled and thriving workforce now and, in the future," Minister Whan said.

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## IRT drop-in session on Seniors' Living Project at 11 Spencer St, well attended



One of the story boards showing a draft layout with 1 - 4 storey residential buildings.

Yesterday's IRT drop-in session at the Mechanics Institute on its Seniors' Living Project was very well attended. Residents of Moruya were invited to help shape a new chapter for seniors' living, with IRT unveiling early plans for a vibrant and purpose-built seniors' living community on vacant land at 11 Spencer Street.

IRT presented its initial concept plans and seeks feedback to help inform the next phase of the design. The draft masterplan includes a mix of residential aged care, retirement living and key workers accommodation, supported by on-site amenities such as a health centre, library, café and clubhouse. It also proposes small-scale retail spaces, landscaped green areas and walkable streets to promote an active and accessible lifestyle, while encouraging genuine connection with the local community.

IRT has a long-standing presence in the Eurobodalla region, with established communities in Moruya, Dalmeny and Batemans Bay. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the community drop-in session or webinar to learn more, ask questions and provide feedback.

A further Online webinar was held today.

You can visit [irt.org.au/moruya-future](http://irt.org.au/moruya-future) for more information.



## Free tech café drop-in sessions

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

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## Australia's food security future strategy

The Federal Government is today kicking off the development of a new national food security strategy, with consultation opening on the Feeding Australia discussion paper.

Key priorities outlined in the discussion paper include resilient supply chains, productivity, innovation and economic growth, and competition which will help shape the scope of the Feeding Australia strategy, with submissions on the paper open until 24 September.

Supported by \$3.5 million in the 2025-26 Budget, progressing this election commitment will build on work the Albanese Labor Government has already undertaken to improve food security and the Australian food system.

All Australians benefit from improved food security and Feeding Australia will be developed with all Australians having the opportunity to contribute, including our proud farmers and producers.

Australia is a food secure nation, serving our domestic needs and our international trade partners, with around 70 per cent of all agricultural production exported.

While Australia has a world class food system, supported by strict food safety and biosecurity measures, we cannot afford to be complacent, or to ignore the new and emerging challenges facing our food and supply chains.

The Government is also opening an expression of interest process to fill positions on the new National Food Council, which will advise government on the development of the strategy. Applications will be open until 10 September.

The skills-based council will be made up of members with considerable knowledge and experience from across our food system, ensuring Feeding Australia is a comprehensive plan for our nation's future.

To have your say on the discussion paper to inform the strategy or to find out more about the expression of interest process for the new National Food Council, visit: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/food/national-food-security-strategy>.

The Australian Conservation Foundation has welcomed the release of the federal government's National Food Security Strategy discussion paper as a once-in-a-generation opportunity, and renewed calls to deliver a food system that works for nature, consumers and farmers.

The announcement by Agriculture Minister Julie Collins, is part of the government's election promise to develop Feeding Australia: a national food security strategy, and follows a CSIRO report that revealed the hidden environmental and health costs of Australia's broken food system could be as high as \$274 billion.



# LRS in Eurobodalla – Another round of procrastination and delays?

## The local radiotherapy saga so far:

- **2019** – Greg Hunt, the previous Federal Health Minister, formally identifies Eurobodalla as one of the NSW regions in urgent need of a radiotherapy centre and offers a Commonwealth grant to initiate the process.
- **2020** – NSW Health / SNSWLHD declines to apply for the funding, arguing there is insufficient demand for radiotherapy services on the Far South Coast.
- **2021, 2022, 2023** – Petitions in Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires demand local access to radiotherapy services, specifically advocating for the inclusion of radiotherapy at the new Eurobodalla Level 4 Hospital.
- **March 2023** – The new government commissions Professor Reid to conduct a feasibility study on the need for a local radiotherapy service.
- **August 2023** – The Reid Report is delivered to the Ministry, confirming sufficient demand for a local radiotherapy service, with forecasts showing a strong increase in demand. The report recommends the construction of a local facility.
- **November 2024** – The Ministry / Buy NSW issues a **Market Sounding initiative** “to assess the potential to enhance radiotherapy services for patients in the Southern NSW Local Health District” (Market Sounding – Radiation Therapy Services – Eurobodalla Region – HAC\_2411161 | buy.nsw).
- **April 3, 2025** – Minister’s media release announces that “tender preparations are underway.”
- **March 2025 – Tender for proposals opens**, with submissions due by May 25, 2025 (Tender: Radiation Therapy Services Proposal – Eurobodalla Region – HealthShare NSW | Health & Medical | GovMarket).
- Campaigners attempt to learn the progress of the tender and discover that it remains closed.
- **July 2025** – SNSWLHD holds puzzlingly underpublicised workshops to plan Cancer Services for the next 5 years. During the Moruya session, after intense questioning, the GM of Corporate Services reveals that the tender process has been suspended. Calls to the local Member and the Minister confirm their belief that the tender process is still ongoing, with both parties expressing confusion about the suspension.



A small but engaged group attended the Southern NSW Local Health District update last Thursday at the Golf Club.

### Latest update:

Last Thursday (7/08/25), during a new hospital update session in Moruya, Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) formally confirmed that the LRS tender process had been suspended due to “multiple complex issues” preventing its restart. A resolution is “hoped for by the end of the year”.

### Among the issues contributing to the current delays:

- **Scope of the original tender** – The initial tender combined three elements: Design, Construction, and Operation. This may have overcomplicated the process. Separate tenders for construction and operation may now be required, which could create funding issues and potentially involve a third party in the construction phase.
- More complexity arises if a private operator wins the tender, as several issues need to be addressed, for instance:
  - a. **Exclusive Access Agreement** – The current hospital builder, Multiplex, has a contract providing exclusive access to the hospital precinct.
  - b. **Legal Complications** – There are legal concerns about allowing a private operator to build assets on Crown land – (NB: the March 25 Market Sounding proposal anticipated this and mentions 2 options: build in the hospital precinct or build on private land in the vicinity).
  - c. **Economic Sustainability Concerns** – There is a need to ensure the long-term sustainability of operations.

Given the two-year timeline involved since delivery of the Reid Report, these issues should have been reasonably anticipated and competently addressed before the original tender for proposals was issued.

Retired senior medical practitioner and LRS supporter Dr Arn Sprogis, who has had long experience dealing with Health bureaucracies at the highest levels, commented:

*“My reading is that the Ministry is now trying to meet the Ministers stated objective but has discovered that no fundamental work has been completed and is working out how to progress it. The Tenderer on the other side also realising that no fundamental work has been done is likely to be insisting that their risks be covered before they proceed.”*

At the Moruya Hospital Update session when asked how many years the suspension of the tendering process and the unclear timeline for its restart might delay the construction and opening of the LRS, the panel, despite their very best intentions, apologetically stated that they could offer no guidance.

In response to this question, SNSWLHD advised via an email on the 8 August 2025 that (our brackets) “the (new) Request for Proposal will be released later in 2025”. This seems to almost guarantee previous LRS timeline projections publicly flagged by our Local Member and the Minister for Health have little hope of being met and will be missed. This is a bitter pill for our community to swallow—patients, carers, and dedicated medical professionals alike.

We can only hope that the unwavering support from our Local Member and our Health Minister will ultimately win the day.

All we need now is for the Departments involved to focus on prompt delivery.

Interestingly, the SNSWLHD team relayed an unexpected but very timely message from their Chief Executive, expressing her public commitment to, and full support of, our LRS. The many across our region who have campaigned tirelessly for the project – some no longer with us but remembered – welcome this assurance and look forward to seeing these words swiftly translated into concrete action on the ground.

### Contributed by Fitzroy and Mylène Boulting,

Local Radiotherapy Head Petitioners and ONE New Eurobodalla L4 Regional Hospital Advocates group.

# Koalas face extinction while most Aussies cling to conservation complacency

## Australia Post / WWF-Australia.

Koalas face extinction on Australia's east coast without urgent action, yet many Australians believe enough is being done or remain unsure how to help, according to a new survey<sup>1</sup> commissioned by Australia Post and WWF-Australia.

The research has spurred the launch of a national awareness campaign to close the knowledge gap, spark action, and secure the future of one of Australia's most iconic species.

Shockingly, nearly two-thirds of Australians (65%) think koalas are only "somewhat" at risk of extinction or not at risk, and 40% still think Australia is doing enough to protect koalas and their habitat.

This is despite koala numbers on the east coast having declined by more than 50% over the past two decades due to habitat loss, bushfires, drought and disease, and a parliamentary inquiry finding that koalas will become extinct in NSW by 2050 without urgent intervention.

To shift perceptions and inspire action, Australia Post and its community partner WWF-Australia have launched the Koala Champions campaign, encouraging Aussies to improve their knowledge by taking WWF-Australia's koala quiz, donating vital funds to conservation programs and advocating for the future of koalas in their local communities.

The need for greater awareness and action is underscored by the research that reveals a troubling disconnect between perception and reality when it comes to the status of koalas. Sadly, almost a third of all Aussies (31%) have never seen a koala in the wild and roughly six in ten (57%) said they have never taken any action to support koala conservation.

WWF-Australia's CEO, Dermot O'Gorman said all Australians can play a role in saving koalas.

"We can all become koala champions by discussing the threats facing these Aussie icons and taking action to protect their forest homes.

"WWF-Australia is working across multiple fronts to give koalas a future in the wild. This means restoring and reconnecting fragmented forests to build koala corridors, working with landholders and Traditional Owners to replant habitats, and supporting partners to monitor koala health and trial a chlamydia vaccine.

"With the support of Australia Post, we're expanding our efforts to deliver educational resources across the country to engage young people, schools and local communities in koala conservation. These initiatives are crucial for closing the awareness gap and equipping people with the knowledge and tools to make a difference," Mr O'Gorman said.



## Uncertainty highest in youth

The YouGov survey found the knowledge gap is most pronounced among younger generations and Australians living in metropolitan areas:

- 71% of Gen Z agree enough is being done to protect koalas or are unsure.
- 77% of Millennials agree or are unsure.
- 56% of Gen X agree or are unsure.
- 52% of Baby Boomers agree or are unsure.

## Nationwide koala support is surging

Despite the current projections, the research revealed widespread affection and support for koalas. Every respondent said koalas were an iconic symbol of Australia and encouragingly, the vast majority (78%) said they would like more focus on wildlife conservation in schools, with almost half agreeing they would do more to help if they knew how.

Australia Post General Manager Community and Stakeholder Engagement, Nicky Tracey, said by leveraging Australia Post's national network, the organisation can help to deliver vital conservation messaging to Australians across the country.

"This campaign underscores Australia Post's deep commitment to protecting Australia's biodiversity. Since partnering with WWF-Australia in 2022, we've raised vital funds, directly to supporting a future where our most iconic native species can thrive – and have raised awareness of the koala crisis directly to communities across the country," Ms Tracey said.

Australia Post customers can become a Koala Champion by taking different actions to support koala conservation or by donating to WWF by visiting [www.org.au/koalachampion](http://www.org.au/koalachampion) or through purchasing WWF-Australia merchandise in store at Post Offices nationwide. With every purchase of the WWF-Australia Tote Bag, \$1 is donated to WWF, and with every Pip the Koala toy purchase, \$2 is donated to WWF-Australia. 100% of the funds received by WWF-Australia directly support WWF's work to regenerate nature including koala habitat restoration, planting wildlife corridors and providing critical care to sick and injured koalas.

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# Eyes in the sky in search for Eurobodalla Koalas



L-R Candace Wirth, Wayne Carberry, Charlie Bell and Nat.

## Eurobodalla Koala Project Drone purchase

The Eurobodalla Koala Project (EKP) recently managed to secure \$10,000 funding from Fire to Flourish to purchase a drone to help support conservation and monitoring projects.

"The drone will assist EKP field work immensely as we will be able to follow up sighting in real time as we get information from landholders etc." said Candace Wirth. "It is just one more step forward for EKP."

"Forestry Corp has recently sent me their own song meter surveys of the areas we had identified earlier this year with our own song meter surveys. Song meters were lent to us by Dept of Environment & Heritage and also analysed with their software."

"Forestry's acoustic meter placement has confirmed our findings in the same areas, and even found more koalas than what we did - potentially leading one to believe that the koalas are not just 'passing through' but could indeed be a somewhat permanent group in a particular area" she added.

"The new drone is an exciting step forward in monitoring not only koala, but other critters.

It will help us to:

- Monitor habitats
- Spot invasive species and record
- Track the health of native bushland over time
- Observe local wildlife, including koala colonies identified in the Eurobodalla
- Share to the community through images, raising public awareness generally and working with schools and Landcare bodies
- Work with local aboriginal groups to learn, and to enable caring for country."

EKP have had engagement with Cobowra LALC who are collaborating into the future. When they became aware of our koala sightings, they said they are very moved to see koala 'back on country.'

EKP has moved into largely an advocacy and education role as we also continue to follow up koala hot spots with trail cams and liaising with land holders where we can, and just clambering about the bush basically.

Candace said "So all the above leads into the advocacy and education of the koala story in the Eurobodalla. The koala story from then to now little known to most in the area sadly, but certainly opens up a myriad of opportunities for tourism and indigenous ranger programs."

EKP is looking for experienced drone pilots who can share their skills and mentor our volunteer pilots as they gain confidence and experience. If you have drone flying experience and would like to contribute to protecting our local environment, we would love to hear from you. (or similar).

All reports etc are on the website [eurokoalas.com](http://eurokoalas.com)



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## New guidelines launched to streamline disaster adaptation planning across the state

Disaster adaptation planning guidelines have been launched to establish a consistent and streamlined approach to reducing disaster risk across the State.

This will bring a more consistent state-wide approach to build safer and more resilient communities.

Disaster Adaptation Plans (DAPs) are a legislative responsibility of the NSW Reconstruction Authority and a key feature of the first State Disaster Mitigation Plan (SDMP), released in February 2024.

This comprehensive plan outlines how the rising costs of disasters can be addressed by investing in risk-reduction.

Work is already underway on the state's first DAPs in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley, focussed on flood risk, and the Northern Rivers, to adapt for multiple hazards.

Across the state, a further five regional organisations of councils have received funding for projects that enable early actions in adaptation planning.

A DAP is a regional plan developed by the NSW Reconstruction Authority, working collaboratively councils, communities and all government agencies to help reduce disaster risk and adapt to future hazards through long-term mitigation and adaptation actions.

DAPs were also a key recommendation of the 2022 Independent Flood Inquiry, which called for effective and cross-government engagement to adapt to disaster risk across the state.

Since July 2019, NSW has experienced 111 declared natural disasters, with more than 20,000 homes damaged in 2022 alone. The SDMP indicated that the annual cost of floods, fires and storms is projected to reach \$9.1 billion by 2060 highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive disaster adaptation planning. Each DAP assesses the unique geography and characteristics of the region to identify the most effective risk reduction measures for different natural hazards.

The plans provide communities with a clear understanding of local risks and insights into how disasters impact people, homes, infrastructure, services and local economies.

Extensive community and stakeholder engagement is central to DAP development, including the establishment of regional steering committees, community reference groups and integration of cultural knowledge from First Nations stakeholders. By preparing DAPs, communities will have a clear pipeline of projects that reduce risk.

Minister for Recovery Janelle Saffin said "Hundreds of thousands of residents live in high-risk areas across our state. This is why we are undertaking this vital work in developing regional DAPs, so communities are better prepared to respond to and recover from disasters."

NSW Reconstruction Authority

### NSW Disaster Adaptation Plan Guidelines

August 2025



Download the overview [HERE](#)

"We're shifting the dial on how we prepare for and deal with disasters by working together with local government and community to identify a pathway for adaptation actions and resilience across the state."

"We are empowering communities and organisations to adapt for future disasters and recover from them faster."

NSW Reconstruction Authority CEO Mal Lanyon said: "The NSW Reconstruction Authority is the first organisation of its kind in NSW with the dual responsibility of both proactively reducing the impact of future disasters before they happen and responding when they do."

"Years of unprecedented disasters have highlighted the need for NSW to meet the challenges of the future by working to reduce both the actual and social costs of natural hazards to our communities, which is why the NSW Government is investing in reducing risks before disaster occur to empower and better protect communities. "The increasing risk of natural hazards puts mounting pressure on our emergency services staff and volunteers, who are on the line keeping communities safe. These DAPs will help to manage that risk by reducing the impact of disasters before they occur."

For more information and to get a copy of the DAP Guidelines go to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/nsw-reconstruction-authority/our-work/disaster-adaptation-plans/guidelines>

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# Wellness Walk opens at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden



On Tuesday 29 July Friends of Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden (ERBG) hosted a lunch for more than 70 Friends' members, ERBG staff and staff volunteers. They were joined by Councillor Sharon Winslade and senior Council staff for the opening of Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden's new Wellness Walk.

The Walk was made possible with funding contributed by Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) and Friends of Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden (ERBG) and the significant in-kind support of ERBG staff and Garden volunteers. With input from local Aboriginal knowledge, the Walk also includes a Welcome to Country, creation stories, stories of healing and acknowledgement of history. The Wellness Walk is based on the Japanese practice of shinrin-yoku (forest bathing). This practice, through numerous scientific studies, has been shown to be beneficial to an individual's physical and mental wellbeing. There is clear evidence nature connectedness increases:

- Overall mental resilience
- An improved sense of life feeling worthwhile
- Joy and happiness
- Care for others and the community
- Greater resilience

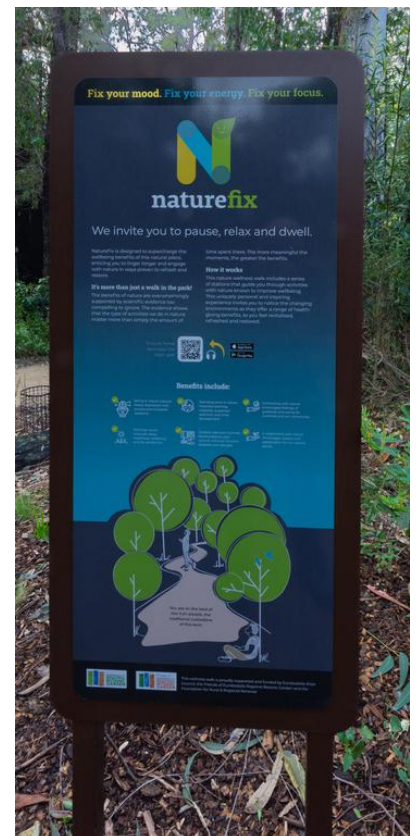
The Garden's self-guided walk is designed to support individuals from all walks of life. The Walk unlocks nature's health benefits by providing short, self-guided experiences in nature known to improve physical and mental health, enabling them to thrive.

The Wellness Walk is a uniquely personal experience, taking each user on an inspiring journey through nature. The Walk is specifically designed for our community's unique Botanic Garden and users can take their time to enjoy rejuvenating moments in nature, refreshing their mood, energy and focus, and forging a stronger connection with place.

Users download an app from a welcome sign at the beginning of the Walk and are presented with a welcome page to the Wellness Walk. The map feature allows the walker to navigate from one station to the next. The Walk's activities are suitable for both adults and children and the pathway is accessible to visitors with limited mobility and parent with young ones in strollers. Each individual can experience the Walk at their own pace and may choose to return to enjoy the experience.

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden and Friends of ERBG encourage you to visit the Garden and experience this different way of connecting with nature.

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## Youth gather for Batemans Bay Gatho

By John Longhurst

Over 20 young people braved the icy conditions last Sunday to catch up and connect at the first 'Local Gatho', held under the bridge over the Clyde River.

Facilitator and organiser Sofia Keady was delighted with the positive response.

"While the trial HSC meant many Year 12 students were busy studying, we still had a great turnout—especially considering the weather," Sofia said.

The 'Local Gatho' is run by a committee of young people and aims to create a regular space for connection. "Just as we have the monthly community picnic for all residents on the last Sunday of the month, the 'Gatho' is designed for 15–25 year olds and will be held on the second Sunday of each month," Sofia explained.

This first event featured live music, a shared meal, art therapy with well-known local artist Ruth Halverson, and a visit from Headspace Batemans Bay. The committee also welcomed Megan Garrett from Women in Business South Coast and The Personnel Group, Jane Edwards President of Batemans Bay Business and Tourism Chamber along with Jay Prothero from Breathe with Jay. Twenty-three-year-old Lily Conybeare from Batemans Bay enjoyed the activities, especially the art therapy. "It's a great idea and such a good icebreaker to meet other young people," she said. The next 'Local Gatho' will be held on Sunday, 14 September.



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Moruya



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**View**  
By appointment

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# New Owner for Moruya's The River Restaurant



Ready for a new era at The River: from left Chef Todd Milne, Chef Anthony O'Shea and Restaurateur Peter Jones-Best.

By Phil Herrick

The River Restaurant in Moruya has a new owner and is set to reopen on 21 August with a new menu.

The new owner is Peter Jones-Best, who grew up in the shire and has returned after 20 years in the hospitality industry in Sydney.

"I started school at Moruya Primary so it's great to come back home," he said.

His last venture in Sydney was a Sri Lankan restaurant in Enmore and his executive chef will be joining him at The River.

"Our menu will have a modern Australian coastal theme which is a move away from the previous French themed menu" said Peter.

"It will feature seafood, Tuross Lake oysters and local produce." Mr Jones-Best bought The River from Peter Compton who operated in for the last 18 years. His last day of business was July 27.

Trading hours at The River restaurant will be similar to those in the past.



## 11A Glenduart Grove Moruya

3 2 5 1.02Ha

**For Sale**  
\$1,350,000

**View**  
By appointment

**Agent**  
James Hamilton 0408 135 553

This spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is set in a desirable location on a 1.02 ha (2.5 acre) block, in proximity to the Moruya River, combining the serenity of the countryside with town amenities. This property ensures privacy and ample space for a variety of outdoor activities, with extensive gardens that include an orchard, a large chicken pen, and vegetable plots.

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LJ Hooker Moruya

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## 3 Anderson Avenue Tuross Head

3 2 1 651sqm

**For Sale**  
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**View**  
By appointment

**Agent**  
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Garry Robertson 0435 008 465

Positioned to capture impressive northerly water views, this well-maintained three bedroom tri-level home blends character, functionality, and versatility across a thoughtfully designed layout. The main living level features a generous kitchen with ample bench space, electric cooktop, wall oven, rangehood, and dishwasher.

**LJ Hooker Moruya**  
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# BUYING & SELLING SCAMS

**'Watch out for Scams' with Horizon Bank Amanda Welsh, Fraud Manager**  
*Scammers love the ease of online shopping too.*

## How the scam works

Consumers and businesses are increasingly buying and selling online. Unfortunately, scammers like to shop online for victims. Scammers can create very convincing fake retailer websites that look like the real thing, including on social media like Facebook. The biggest tip-off that a retail website is a scam is the method of payment – be wary if you are asked to pay by wire transfer or other unusual methods. An online auction scam involves a scammer claiming that you have a second chance to buy an item that you placed a bid on because the winner has pulled out. The scammer will ask you to pay outside of the auction site's secure payment facility; if you do, your money will be lost you won't get what you paid for and the auction site will not be able to help you. The online classifieds scam is a common scam targeting both buyers and sellers. Buyers should beware of scammers who post fake ads on legitimate classifieds website. The ads can be for anything from rental properties to pets, used cars or cameras, and will often be cheaply priced. If you show interest in the item, the scammer may claim that they are travelling or have moved overseas and that an agent will deliver the goods following receipt of payment. Following payment you will not receive the goods or be able to contact the seller. For sellers, a classified scammer will respond to your advertisement with a generous offer. If you accept it, the scammer will pay by cheque or money order. However, the amount that you receive is for more than the agreed price. In this overpayment scam, the 'buyer' may tell you that this was a mistake and will ask you to refund the excess amount by money transfer. The scammer hopes that you will transfer the money before you discover that their cheque has bounced or that the money order was phony. You will lose the money, as well as the item you sold if you have already sent it.



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## Let's do coffee with ... Alice Ansara

From inner city Sydney, to places far and wide all over Australia, starring in films from age seven, to Colombia and back, a star performance in a major Australian movie and then off to Perth, to set yourself up for the next three years ... Alice Ansara (AA) then turns seventeen years of age. The Moruya Mail (MM) shared a coffee with Alice last week.

MM: I think I will need a double shot latte to get through this interview, Alice. Thanks for joining me. For most of us, adventure begins at 17 years of age, but you seem to have squeezed a lifetime into your teenage years.

AA: (Laughs) ... Thanks for the coffee. I was born in Campsie some 43 years ago. My mum, Martha Ansara, was a pioneer in many ways in Australian filmmaking and her work took us all over Australia, from capital cities to regional centres such as Brewarrina - so I got quite a diverse education - both in and out of formal schooling, wherever mum was filming.

I was immersed in the film industry at a very young age and have been a member of Actors Equity since 1989. At 7 years of age I played the role of young Ann in the 1990 film 'Breaking Through' and have been acting ever since.

When I was 15 years old I went to Colombia as an exchange student. I was a bit of a rebel teenager and even though I got ejected from the exchange program, I did come home with tattoos and speaking fluent Spanish!

MM: With your acting experience since the age of 7 and the ability to speak Spanish, you land the role of Lucia in 'La Spagnola' in 2001 at age 17.

AA: Yes, it is a film described by Screen Australia as "A vivid and comic portrayal of a migrant mother and daughter surviving life in a dusty Australian town in the 1960s". I played the role of the daughter, Lucia.

MM: And ... played 'Lucia' to wide acclaim. Not only is it the closing night film at the prestigious Sydney Film Festival, but it garners you a Best Actress nomination at the 2001 Australian Film Institute Awards. You are in pretty elite company. Nicole Kidman is also a nominee for her role in 'Moulin Rouge' and Kerry Armstrong is the eventual winner starring in 'Lantana'. You are 17 years of age...Hollywood must beckon?

AA: No, I was lacking in confidence and felt that I simply must get proper acting training - so without even finishing Year 12, I was accepted into the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) in Perth and spent the next three years honing the acting craft. It was a fantastic experience with up to 60 hours of total immersion per week.

MM: Let's bring you back to the east coast.

AA: After WAAPA I was in the film 'Rosebery 7470' and picked up a Best actress Award at the 2006 Melbourne Underground Film Festival and then onto working in theatre with the Griffin Theatre Company, Melbourne Theatre Company and Bell Shakespeare. Of course, jobs are sporadic and I am also doing work in call centres and hospitality.

MM: But you strike 'acting gold' in 2009.

AA: (Laughs)... yes... Cate Blanchett and Andrew Upton chose me as one of the nine actors in the Sydney Theatre Company (STC) acting ensemble known as 'The Residents'. It was the only permanent acting gig in theatre in Australia. It was such a shock to be working full time in theatre and on a payroll! In fact, when I got my first holidays pay I contacted Human Resources at STC and told them I had been overpaid. I was told to relax and enjoy my holiday leave loading.

At the STC, the ensemble covered the whole gambit of live theatre, from Shakespeare to Greek tragedy to contemporary Australian works.

During my time at STC, I discovered a passion for Australian Sign Language and went on to complete a Diploma of Auslan. I've worked extensively with the Deaf community—a connection I deeply value—and I'm keen to know if there's any Auslan signers here on the South Coast.

MM: How did Moruya manage to kidnap Alice Ansara?

AA: (Laughs)...I absolutely love Moruya and its small intimate community, I love being on Yuin Country- the beach to the bush.

About 13 years ago, I partnered up with a teacher come garlic farmer and we ended up in Wonthaggi, a couple of hours south east of Melbourne. But by 2017, I had a child and

the isolation of Wonthaggi won out, so we bought a caravan and with our 1 year old we travelled from Eden to Wollongong for a year. Moruya was perfect and we moved here permanently in 2019. I had another child by then and being a mother whilst living regionally, doesn't lend itself to a flourishing career as an actor. So I looked more to volunteer work here in the Eurobodalla.

MM: Okay... so in 2019, you knock on the door of 2EARFM Community Radio in Moruya and very soon are presenting 'In the Ladies Lounge'.

AA: I fell in love with radio very quickly. 'In the Ladies Lounge' was a program of female only music and interviewees across all fields. It explored themes from female carpenters to women in space - even menstruation (have a listen to Dolly Parton's 'PMS Blues'!)



Alice Ansara

I went on to make a radio documentary called 'The CWA and the 'F' Word'. I was then commissioned to make radio documentaries about the 2019-20 bushfires called 'From the Embers'

About 2 years ago, ABC South East asked me to present the Brekkie Show on Saturday mornings. I love the early starts for the 6:30am show which goes until 10am and covers weekend leisure activities, Dhurga language learning, interviews with local organisations and interesting people across the South East. I am always on the scout for great things that are happening in our patch and love the chance to talk with everyone - from farmers to volunteers, politicians to really anybody who wants to call in and chat about whatever is our talkback topic! My favourite thing is when our listeners give feedback and engage - so please do... if you're ever listening to 103.5 on a Satdee morn.

I'm still acting too. I'm in a STAN show called 'Black Snow' and am about to go to Queensland to shoot an ABC TV drama about a female detective.

Locally, I'm really keen on building LGBTQIA+ community. Together with my new partner, I helped create the Queerobodalla Festival—a joyful celebration that brings greater visibility and pride to our queer community.

MM: For someone whose lifelong ambition was just to present 'Play School' on ABC TV, you have achieved a lot. Thank you so much, Alice.

AA: Thank you.... And just in case the programmers at ABC are reading... I still want to present 'Play School'.

**'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)**





## A Beer with Bazz # 204

With  
John  
Longhurst

Mick tapped his glass for silence as *Know All Ron* cleared his throat.

"Thanks Mick, now dates are important. This week marks the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. Whilst Japan unconditionally surrendered on the 14th August, 1945, the formal surrender did not take place until 2nd September on board the USS Missouri. In fact, the same USA Flag used by Commodore Perry with the opening of Japan to the west through 'gunboat diplomacy' in 1853 was on display at the surrender."

Mick's eyes were saucers and his open mouth oscillated like a sideshow alley laughing clown.

"By gee, Ron, you never cease to amaze me. You really should be on the ABC's 'Hard Quiz', but take us to the lead up to the surrender. I mean the Japanese have a fighting mentality of return home victorious or die in battle."

Ron took a sip of his schooner, paused deliberately and sucked in a deep breath.

"That's right, Mick...you are referring to 'Bushido' or 'the way of the warrior'. Japan's refusal of the Potsdam Declaration which defined the terms of its surrender to the allies on the 28th July led to the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima on 6th August and another on Nagasaki on the 9th August, 1945. Japan then surrenders unconditionally."

Bazza leaned in.

"Ahhh....a little bit more to it, I reckon, Ron. Why drop a second nuclear bomb when the destruction from the first one on Hiroshima was pretty obvious? I think it had more to do with sending a signal to the Soviet Union as the world was about to enter the Cold War. But the response to the Potsdam Declaration by the Japanese Prime Minister, Kantarō Suzuki, has always fascinated me."

Mick groaned.

"Don't start rewriting history, Bazza. There is one history and Ron is across the detail."

Bazza chuckled.

"I am not sure about that, Mick. Anyhow, The Potsdam Declaration pledged that Japan would not be "enslaved" or "destroyed", and warned that a negative response would result in "prompt and utter destruction." Speaking off the cuff to reporters and before the government had formally decided on its response, Prime Minister Suzuki used the word 'mokusatsu', which has a number of meanings. It can mean 'to withhold comment' and given the context, it may have been what he meant, as in 'no comment' at this stage. It's pretty common polle speak to allow time for consideration."

Bazza took a measured sip.

"But here's the key....'mokusatsu' can also be translated 'to ignore' or 'treat with silent contempt', which is what the international press ran with. The Allies, particularly the USA, interpreted the response as a rude rejection, contributing to the decision to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Linguists have called it the world's most tragic translation\*\*."

Mick rubbed his chin.

"What's your point, Bazza?"

Bazza finished his schooner.

"The future of the world can turn on one word, Mick. Let's be thankful Donald Trump has such command over the English language in these volatile times."

\*<https://www.nsa.gov/portals/75/documents/news-features/declassified-documents/tech-journals/mokusatsu.pdf>

\*\*The Most Tragic Translation in History | Forward Progress <https://michaelkelley.co/2017/01/the-most-tragic-translation-in-history/>

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Author, Journalist and Screenwriter Robert Macklin is a regular contributor to the Moruya Mail. The Gadfly Papers, are a delightful collection of columns he has been writing since 2012.

## Gadfly

When I first heard of the kerfuffle over the fate of the earless lizard – some twenty-seven years ago – I honestly thought it was a joke. I guess that proves you can take the boy out of Queensland, but you can't take Queensland out of the boy. Not all of it anyway.

Over the decades since, as the environment enthusiasts have raised its continued reptilian existence to an issue of high spiritual and political moment, I've become a dedicatee. I have never set eyes on one of the little chaps, but would now defend the species' right to life as passionately as I would a koala's.

Koalas are cute, but we humans retain a 'lizard brain'. While the koala's cerebellum chooses to doze for 23 hours out of 24, we and the lizard have our 'fight or flight' instinct whenever danger threatens. And nothing is more threatening than building a road over where we live. That's NIMBY in spades.

Until now, a protective government has resisted the Canberra Airport Group's pressure to destroy the vital habitat of Canberra's very own lizard whose hold on existence is tenuous at best. Alas, in their struggle to retain government support, the Friends of the Grasslands Earless Lizard have made a couple of basic mistakes.

One was their decision to call it the Earless Dragon. In the mind's eye, there's a mighty big difference between the tiny 7cm head and body length of a earless lizard, and a Dragon of the same size. Dragons breathe fire and those who kill them are mostly Saints. Whereas a 7cm lizard reminds us of a friendly Gecko.

The other mistake was to direct their fire against a plethora of lizardry dangers. For example, the latest plea by the worthy Executive Director of the Conservation Council, Dr Simon Copland blames 'increasing road kill, increasing predation and dividing the population into two fragments, each too small to survive.' It would be far better (I suggest) to blame the great road busting machines crushing the poor little hard-of-hearing lizards and their even tinier offspring in their humble tunnels.

The other problem, I suspect, is the power of the airline and airport industry in our fair land...and the dollars they bring to the negotiating table.

The lizard supporters directed their lobbying to the then Labor Environment Ministers, Peter Garrett and Tanya Plibersek, and Sussan Ley when the Libs ran the show.

And you will not be surprised to hear that while they hummed and harred, Prime Minister Scott Morrison intervened on behalf of the airlines and the Canberra Airport Group. It didn't matter that the earless lizard defenders had some runs on the board, Morrison was deaf to their pleas.

Vice President of Friends of Grasslands, an obviously tearful Matt Whiting says, 'With so few of our Earless Dragons [read Lizards] left in the wild, the loss of even one individual threatens the whole species. This case is a travesty. This northern road is entirely unnecessary. The loss of our Earless Dragon [read Lizard] is avoidable.'

Dr Simon Copland backs him up. 'The arguments in favour of this road are rubbish. No expensive breeding program can replace the need to retain quality habitat for our Earless Dragon [read Lizard].'

The current PM Anthony Albanese has not yet shown his hand. But if the flying fortress of Australia's international goodwill could ponder the fate of the little mother and son lizards each time his aircraft passes over their shuddering home as he sets forth on yet another mission, perhaps he'll find it in his heart to save them.

I really think he's that kind of guy.

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# 'Say I Do' South Coast brings regions together

From Milton's rolling hills to Moruya's coastal charm, the South Coast is fast becoming one of Australia's most enchanting wedding destinations. This year, a bold new event is shining a light on its unique venues and creative wedding talent: the Say I Do South Coast Wedding Trail & Fair, taking place on Sunday, 31 August 2025.

Launched by two passionate South Coast wedding champions — Mindy Moore, owner of The Barn on the Ridge, and Mandi Gill, founder of Get Married by Mandi and Australia's #1 Celebrant (2024) — this event is designed to celebrate connection, creativity and regional pride.

While Mindy and Mandi are well known in the Shoalhaven, they're excited to introduce their vision of community-focused celebration to Eurobodalla for the first time. By including venues from Moruya to Milton, the event highlights the depth and diversity of both regions, inviting locals and visitors alike to discover hidden gems and trusted local suppliers.

"We wanted to create something that celebrates all the incredible spaces and suppliers across Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven," says Mindy. "It's about giving couples — whether they're from the South Coast or visiting from Canberra or Sydney — the chance to explore the full magic of our region."

The Wedding Trail invites couples to embark on a self-guided adventure, exploring a curated collection of venues ranging from rustic barns and private estates to seaside retreats and elegant country resorts.

## This year, Eurobodalla venues include:

- Lincoln Downs Resort, Batemans Bay
- Orange Grove Farm Weddings, Nelligen
- The Oaks Ranch, Mossy Point
- Foxdog Distillery, Mogo
- Mogendoura Farm, Moruya
- Pretty View Retreat, Coila

Each offers its own distinct atmosphere and style, from luxury lakeside resorts and countryside estates to rustic farm stays and hidden retreats, giving couples a rare chance to step inside and experience them firsthand. Importantly, the event is not just for visitors, it gives locals from both Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven a unique opportunity to discover new venues and talented vendors right in their own backyard.

Meanwhile, the Wedding Fair at The Barn on the Ridge (Milton) will feature the region's most beloved wedding vendors, from stylists, florists and caterers to photographers, entertainment and mobile bars. Expect food trucks, interactive styling displays and plenty of inspiration in a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere.

"This is all about lifting each other up and creating a stronger, united wedding community," says Mandi. "Couples will feel the warmth and creativity that make this region so special."

Perfect for local couples and those traveling from Canberra or Sydney, the event turns wedding planning into a romantic South Coast getaway.

## \$10, tickets include:

- Entry to all venues on the self-guided Wedding Trail (Milton to Moruya)
- Access to the Wedding Fair at The Barn on the Ridge (9am-2pm)
- Vendor showcases, food trucks and live styling inspiration
- A swag bag with exclusive on-the-day discounts and offers
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Mindy Moore

## Event Details

Date: Sunday 31 August 2025

Wedding Fair: 9am – 2pm at The Barn on the Ridge, 24 Clyde Ridge Road, Morton

Trail Venue Hours: Vary by location — visit [www.sayidosouthcoast.com.au](http://www.sayidosouthcoast.com.au) for details

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# Applications now open for St Cecilia's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Auditions

By Frances Harmey

Talented young south coast musicians are invited to audition for the prestigious St Cecilia Youth Music Scholarships in a very special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

Applications are open until September 26, 2025.

"This is a very special year for our youth music scholarships," said St Cecilia president, Jessica Ferguson.

"The scholarships were started in 1995 because regional music students face considerable disadvantage compared to students in metropolitan areas," she said.

"The prize money, which last year totalled \$7,500 across four categories, is given so that students can pay for their tuition and continue their studies.

"It is very exciting that after 30 years we can still provide this support for our youngest musicians in the hope they will continue to love their music and share their talents with their communities."

In addition to tuition money, the scholarships offer performance opportunities and mentoring from the adjudicators who are invited to judge the auditions.

The finalists perform at The St Cecilia Finalists Concert in November and encounter the joy of showcasing their talents in front of the whole community. The response from an appreciative audience is often sufficient to encourage students to continue their instrumental and vocal studies. St Cecilia scholarships are open to any instrumental and vocal musicians aged 8-18 from Eurobodalla, Bega and Shoalhaven Shires.

The scholarships are supported by Batemans Bay Rotary, Moruya CWA, Eurobodalla Shire Council, South Coast Music Society and a number of private donors. The committee invites anyone who wishes to contribute to this valuable program to contact our president at [info@stcecilia.org.au](mailto:info@stcecilia.org.au) or complete the form at <https://www.stcecilia.org.au>

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After the auditions in 2024, some St Cecilia music scholarship applicants relaxed with president Jessica Ferguson (right) and adjudicator Stephen Hladio (rear). The musicians were Max De Frenza, Zara Hall, Maxine Wilson, Sakura Tinker.

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# Waltzing The Wilarra

## STAR OF & JULIET STEPPING OUT IN BATEMANS BAY IN AN ENTERTAINING NEW MUSICAL

Fresh from her starring role as Juliet in & Juliet, Lorinda May Merrypor (proudly descended from the Kuungkari tribe in Queensland) is set to light up the stage as Elsa in the First Nations musical *Waltzing the Wilarra*, written and composed by Palyku man David Milroy and directed by Brittanie Shipway (of Gumbaynggirr and Turkish heritage). The show will be presented at **Yuin Theatre on Tuesday 19 August** and tours to metropolitan, regional and remote locations in Victoria, NSW, QLD and NT across 14 weeks to October 2025

Award winning Producer Christine Harris and Australia's Premier Theatre Touring Company, HIT Productions (The Sapphires touring production) are thrilled to be presenting *Waltzing the Wilarra* marking the company's 135th theatre tour since commencing touring in 1999. Lorinda joins a stellar eight-member cast including Innawonga and Yindjibarndi man, Shaka Cook (Hamilton), Meriam/Yidindji/Dutch woman Lisa Maza (Stingers) and Clancy Enchelmaier (The Producers) in this high-energy musical celebrating love, resistance, and community in 1940s Aboriginal Australia. The show features a live band with original songs in a story full of heart and rhythm.



L-R Shaka Cook, Lorinda May Merrypor & Clancy Enchelmaier Photo Matthew Chen

### SYNOPSIS

Charlie, Elsa and Fay take you on a musical journey back to 1940's post war Perth. Against a backdrop of curfews, and the fear of arrest for consorting, white and black manage to form their own club. For a night they can forget their worries and experience rare happy times singing, dancing, listening to music, and with a little luck... romance.

Forty years on, as the club faces demolition, our three characters meet once again to stage a musical reunion and protest in an attempt to save their old stomping ground. As the trio reflects upon loves lost and found, old arguments and alliances resurface. Dark secrets and ghosts that have lingered for more than half a century are revealed, and we discover that reconciliation is more than saying sorry.

"...a highly evocative musical tale of love, jealousy, friendship and family. It is a beautiful, heartfelt production about love and loss."

Australian Stage.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.

### Hit Productions' Creative Team, Cast And Band

This production is written and composed by David Milroy.

The exceptional creative team is headed by Director Brittanie Shipway.

The creative team features Musical Director Cameron McConville, Set and Costume Designer Harry Gill, Lighting Designer Mitch Blaser and Choreographer Freya List

#### Cast

Lorinda May Merrypor: Elsa/ Old Elsa  
Shaka Cook: Charlie Runaway/ Old Charlie  
Lisa Maza: Mrs Cray/ Spirit of Mrs Cray  
Jalen Sutcliffe: Mr Mack/ Guitarist  
Juliette Coates: Fay Griver/ Old Fay  
Clancy Enchelmaier: Jack/ Spirit Jack  
Hannah Underwood: Athena/ Young Harry/  
Levinia Templeton

Leonard Mickelo: Old Toss/ Sandy Barr/  
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#### Band members

Cameron McConville: Musical Director, Guitar, Accordion, Backing Vocals  
Matthew Morgan: Drums



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## Science Week: Journey through the cosmos - Moruya

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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.

## Write Stuff Workshop

Art Central

When: Sunday 21 & Sunday 28 September 2025.

Do you have a story or memoir you want to write but don't know how to start? Paul Cullen will guide you through the process of in this two-day workshop. Explore why we write as well as an examination of the art and craft involved in this important creative process.

Excerpts from great literature will be used to inspire and provide strategies. Perfect for beginners and seasoned writers alike, this course will inspire and guide you in putting pen to paper and preserving your stories for future generations. There will be opportunities to discuss and to share writing. Come along and expand your imagination.

Tutor: Paul taught Creative Writing at tertiary level as well as English for 46 years in secondary schools. He was a member of the NSW HSC Examination Committee and has written widely on books and teaching practices. Paul was recognized with Commonwealth award for Quality Teaching in 2007.

Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Where: Art Central, 24 Church Street, Moruya

Cost: Concession/ Members: \$100, Non-Members: \$130 for 2 sessions.

Bookings: Eventbrite [HERE](#)



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# Narooma Arts Centre Project employs local contractors



Zauner Site Manager Trent Rollason, left, with Mark Gonzales Mark Gonzales, principal of Moruya Scaffolding and Bricklaying.

By Laurelle Pacey

Construction of Narooma Arts Centre (NAC) beside the Kinema is now well underway with builder Zauner Constructions employing many south coast contractors.

"We're proud the NAC Project is employing so many locals to make the community's wonderful vision for Narooma a reality," said Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke. "It's one of our project's major objectives."

Zauner Construction Manager Adrien Clements said Zauner sees it as important to support the community in this way.

"We've made a real effort to bring in as many local trades and suppliers as possible," Mr Clements said.

"We've got bricklayers and civil contractors from Moruya, our surveyor is based in Bega, and we're sourcing concrete from Boral right here in Narooma. Our plumbers and electricians are also south coast locals. "It's great to see so many regional businesses involved in a project that's going to mean so much to the community."

Mark Gonzales, principal of Moruya Scaffolding and Bricklaying, is delighted to be working on the NAC Project; his company is doing the blockwork and bricklaying.



Mark Gonzales, principal of Moruya Scaffolding and Bricklaying, is delighted they're one of many local contractors working on the new Narooma Arts Centre Project.

"I love the plans; the design really makes best use of the site and it'll also look so good on the hill as you approach from the roundabout," he said.

"I love the reclaimed bricks at the front and am particularly looking forward to laying them.

"My 8-year-old daughter is really into art and she's super excited about the NAC and being able to do things there. I can't wait to be able to show her around."

Mrs Bourke said the NAC will be "an amazing centre of creativity, learning and gathering that will benefit everyone of all ages".

The NAC Project is a community initiative on community-owned land held and managed by Narooma School of Arts on behalf of our community. The Project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund and project managed by NSW Public Works.

## Fiona Phillips MP encourages students to enter 'My First Speech' competition

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Milton Dick MP, have launched the 'My First Speech' Competition for high schools in the Gilmore electorate.

The national competition challenges students in years 10, 11 and 12 to envision themselves as newly elected Members of the House of Representatives and write a 90-second speech, focusing on a topic of their choice.

The national winner from each year group, accompanied by a parent or guardian, will be flown to Canberra to deliver their speeches live at Parliament House and participate in an engaging program tailored to deepen their understanding of the legislative process.

The submission deadline for the competition is set for 11.59pm AEST on Monday September 15, 2025.

To learn more about the competition and submit their entries, students can visit the dedicated competition website: [My First Speech Competition – Make your first speech](#)

Mrs Phillips is encouraging local students to enter to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

"This is a chance for our students on the South Coast to shine a national spotlight on the issues that matter most to them," she said.

"The students participating in this competition will be our local leaders of tomorrow, and I am excited to give them a head start on their futures with this program".

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Milton Dick MP said one of his key priorities as Speaker has been to promote parliamentary education to students across the country.

"This is yet another exciting way that young people can take an active role in our democratic system," he said.

"This competition will provide high school students with the chance to learn more about the way our nation's democracy works, and how actively engaging with the parliamentary process can draw attention to the issues that are most important to them."

For further information regarding the 'My First Speech' competition, please contact the office of Fiona Phillips on 4423 1782.



## Fetching name for newest pawtner needed

Tail-wagging tech: Batemans Bay library's robodog is already a hit with kids. Now they're running a naming competition to help it settle in its new home. Greeting patrons with a tail-wagging welcome, Batemans Bay library's new four-legged mascot is ready to teach kids all about tech or simply snuggle up as their favourite Storytime sidekick. Better yet, it doesn't shed, and it doesn't bark. The state-of-the-art robotic dog is designed to delight, educate and inspire visitors of all ages. Eurobodalla Libraries coordinator Sam Fenton says the robodog is more than just a gadget. "With sensors, voice interaction and playful programming, this tech-savvy pup is a symbol of how libraries are evolving to connect with community ways that are meaning but also fun," Ms Fenton says. Every dog needs a name and the library is running a competition to find one for their newest recruit.



"We invite everyone – young and old – to take part. The winner will not only have the honour of naming the robodog but will receive a library prize pack as well. Simply pop in or contact the library. Entries close on Friday 10 October with the winner's announcement at our Dr Seuss-themed Storytime at 10.30am on Monday 13 October," says Ms Fenton.

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HOLY COW M, 1H 32M, FRENCH DRAMA <i>SCREENING AS PART OUR FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL (ONE WEEK ONLY)</i>	4pm	11am 5.15pm	11am 5.15pm	10.30am 5pm*		11am 5.15pm	11am 5.15pm
NOBODY 2 MA15+, 1H 30M, ACTION	7.35pm*	1.30pm* 7.35pm*	1.30pm* 7.35pm*	3.10pm*		1.30pm* 7.35pm*	1.30pm* 7.35pm*
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THE FANTASTIC FOUR: FIRST STEPS (LAST WEEK) PG, 1H 54M, SCI/FI ACTION		3.20pm*	3.20pm*	1pm*		3.20pm*	3.20pm*
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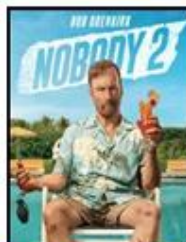


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MA | 1hr 29min ~ *Action* ~  
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M | 1hr 51min ~ *Drama* ~  
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### THE FRIEND

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



### THE FANTASTIC FOUR: FIRST STEPS

PG | 1hr 54min ~ *Action* ~  
Marvel's First Family face their most daunting challenge yet.

4TH SEPTEMBER - THE ROSES

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PG | 1hr 51min  
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## HEALTH & COMMUNITY EXPO

Batemans Bay Soldiers Club  
Beach Rd, Batemans Bay

Saturday 22 November 2025  
10am - 2pm

### Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo 2025

Connecting with Community

#### Expressions of Interest Now Open

The Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo cordially invites exhibitors, stallholders, and performers to participate in promoting community health and wellbeing.

Since its inception in 2016, the Expo has consistently expanded, serving as a comprehensive platform for government and non-government organizations, community groups, service clubs, sports associations, wellness practitioners, medical services, and more.

Participants will have the opportunity to present their services and expertise, cultivate connections, and engage in valuable networking. The event will feature a range of activities, demonstrations, and performances that reflect current trends in health and community services.

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**Saturday, November 22, 2025**  
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Auditorium,  
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Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Cost: Free  
Note: Sales and fundraising activities are not allowed.

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## Red Door Community Lunches

### Welcome

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

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**Moruya Food Run delivers a bag of meat and veggies to families every Monday.**  
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## 2025 Hard Waste Collection dates

- 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 PI 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](#).

## BATEMANS BAY DINNER GROUP

### 3RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY



3 starters,  
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- ✓ Guest Speakers



# SAGE Farmers Market

## Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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growing the community



## Animal Welfare League News

Gorgeous Daisy is still available! This twelve-month-old Kelpie mix is a real standout: friendly, smart, obedient, house-trained and keen to please. Daisy came into care being a little fearful of the big wide world.

During her time with us, she has grown in confidence and put her lovely personality on full display. She loves attention, especially pats and tummy rubs, and enjoys playing with other dogs. Typical of her breed, Daisy is energetic and thrives on learning new things. She can sit, drop and stay, and walks well on a lead. Daisy's ideal home will be one with an experienced owner who will continue to build her confidence and give her firm and loving guidance through ongoing training. Daisy is a sweet girl ready to make some lucky person or family a truly wonderful pet.

Like all Animal Welfare League animals, Daisy comes desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. Call us on 0410 016 612 to arrange a meeting.



Daisy and friend

Our work here in Eurobodalla relies on donations, and you can help AWL and the environment at the same time, through the Return and Earn program. Take your eligible containers to any Return and Earn collection point in NSW and use the Return and Earn app to direct your donation to our campaign Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home. All funds raised are used locally to help animals. And don't forget: 21 September is the BIG DAY - the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tailwaggers at NATA Oval in Narooma. Join us for a fun day with the walk, competitions, fab prizes and a car boot sale thrown in.



Daisy



**PLEASE,  
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**EUROBODALLA BRANCH  
ANIMAL  
WELFARE LEAGUE NSW**

## Raffle

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
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## 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.

- 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

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in the  
Eurobodalla





## 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**

### 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 Middy to 1.30pm. So, pop along and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch.

### Tuross Community Markets

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

### 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.

### Australia Day 2026 Community Events Grant Program

Fiona Phillips MP reports: The Australia Day 2026 Community Events Grant Program is open again and I encourage local organisations to apply. Councils, government entities and not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for a federal government grant of between \$2,000 and \$10,000 to deliver inclusive and accessible community events.

The program aims to engage more young Australians – whose voices, creativity and leadership are vital to inspiring and shaping our future. With these grants, celebrating our amazing nation with our local community has never been easier.

Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 8 September 2025.

To check eligibility, read the grant guidelines and apply for a grant, visit [australiaday.org.au/grants](http://australiaday.org.au/grants)

**Moruya RSL Sub Branch** is having the normal general meeting on Tuesday, 10th August at 2pm. at the RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St Moruya. All members are welcome as usual & also any veterans or serving ADF personnel who would like to join us for the meeting.

### 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**

Where: **Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay**

When: **Tuesday 19th August 2025 9:30am to 2pm**

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

### 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](mailto: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

### 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).

## 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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**When** Tuesday 9th September 2025  
 9.30 am -12 noon

**Where** Malua Bay Community Hall  
 George Bass Drive, Malua Bay

**\$5.00 entry**

(Please note: there are no eftpos facilities – cash only please)

**Come along and join in the fun!**

**Yummy Morning Tea, Trading Table, Quilt Display,  
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**Registered Clubs Raceday**  
**SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST 2025**

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**1ST RACE 1:10PM – LAST RACE 5PM.**

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

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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 14th 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  
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## Moruya Ladies Golf

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August saw the Moruya lady golfers head out to play a Single Stableford as the Course began to dry out from the recent rains. Conditions were a little tough but the ladies managed to get their game completed. The winner on the day was Margaret Douglas with 33 pts. Balls went to Margaret Flynn, Lyn Gibbs, Pauline Nash, Shelley Pritchett and Val Moore."



Pic:> Margaret Douglas

## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls

Di MacPherson took over proceedings welcoming back Gay Biggs after her lovely holiday visiting family, also wishing a Happy Birthday to Sue Palmer today and Lyn Hardy tomorrow.

Bowls coordinator Jay Breust called cards for Social Bowls then for Club Consistency. Jay also congratulated Rookie bowler Julie Knorpp on a great effort in Bega last weekend winning two of her matches. (Photo)

Social Winners Rink 10, Gay Biggs (photo) and Janet McKay. Runners-up Rink 11, Judy Davis and Gwen Ware. (Photo)

Round 1 Club Consistency, Kim Giannasca defeated Patricia Weekes. Yvonne Huddleston def. Tricia Wheeler. Bev Keatley def. Di Wotherspoon.

Colleen Ashby def. Di Mac. Margaret Bridges def. Sue Palmer. Lisa Grice def. Rae Fayle. Round 2, Sue Beavan def. Yvonne Huddleston. Bev Keatley def. Julie Knorpp. Lisa Grice def. Kim Giannasca. Colleen Ashby def. Margaret Bridges. Thank you to Umpire Fran Lucas and Markers. Semi Final will be played next week between Sue Beavan and Colleen Ashby. Bev Keatley and Lisa Grice.

Money Club, 49 Patricia Weekes. 2 Judy Davis.



## 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



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## WINTER WONDERLAND FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

29 August 2025- Saturday  
6.30pm- BBSC Clubhouse

Members & Non-Members welcome



**\$25 Members**  
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**BYO Alcohol**

Bookings essential before 28 August 2025  
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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Brad Doolan with Committee member Ian McManus



Winner: Ian Lawson with Vice President Paul Scholze

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 7th August 2025

A field of 30 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. Today's winner set the pace early on and maintained his lead until the end, finishing 3 over par! The Winners were:

- 1st: Brad Doolan (7) with 40 points
- 2nd: Colin Houghton (3) with 39 points
- 3rd: Ron Rogers (21) with 37 points
- 4th: Michael Coloe (16) with 36 points (countback)
- 5th: Shane Gschwend (16) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Brad Doolan 1.03 A Grade
- 4th: Ian Lawson 1.66 B Grade
- 6th: Colin Houghton 2.59 A Grade
- 6th: Mark Haberkorn 5.80 B Grade
- 6th: Ron Rogers 4.20 C Grade
- 7th: Nick Brice 0.73 A Grade
- 7th: Michael Coloe 5.65 B Grade

Balls went to: Stephen Swanbury 35, Jim Wade 35, Marie Muriwai 34, Stephen Gardner 33, Ian McManus 32, Paul Scholze 32, Nick Brice 32, David Schmid 31, Peter Coffey 31, Lynette McDonell 31, Robert McDonell 31, Lars Gaupset 31, Mark Haberkorn 30, Ian Lawson 29 and Ruth Gschwend 28.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 9th August 2025

A field of 44 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was wet and the course challenging but some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ian Lawson (18) with 41 points
- 2nd: Shane Gschwend (16) with 36 points
- 3rd: Nick Brice (11) with 35 points
- 4th: Stephen Swanbury (17) with 34 points (countback)
- 5th: Malcolm Gilbertson (3) with 34 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: William Steenbergen 1.53 A Grade
- 4th: Steve Collins 0.53B Grade
- 4th: Ron Rogers 3.78C Grade
- 6th: William Steenbergen 1.31 A Grade
- 6th: Ian McManus 1.31B Grade
- 6th: Paul Ferguson 4.68C Grade
- 7th: Nic Boom 2.83A Grade

Balls went to: Frank Pomfret 33, Ian McManus 33, Martin Booth 33, Ron Rogers 32, Paul Scholze 32, Simon French 32, Michael Coloe 32, Leigh Coloe 32, Lars Gaupset 31, Mark Haberkorn 31, William Steenbergen 31, Nic Boom 30, Craig Duncan 30, John Eglitis 30 and Steve Collins 30.

## Narooma's new rugby field is match ready



Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland and Mayor Mat Hatcher at the opening.

Narooma's Bill Smyth Oval Second Field officially opened on the weekend - but not before the U14 Narooma Devils got in a weeknight test run.

On Saturday, Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher and state member for Bega Dr. Michael Holland cut the ribbon to the cheers of teams, families and supporters.

And after a few well-intentioned footy passes from the polliwogs, the juniors took to the field to kick things off at this new community asset.

Narooma Junior Rugby League Football Club expressed their excitement at the opening, with their 15 Junior teams, Seniors and Marlins able to use the full-sized rugby field for their training and matches.

The opening of the second field brings to a close the three-year Bill Smyth Oval upgrade, which has included a multi-sport synthetic court, new carpark, fencing and footpaths.

Project Manager Chris Teague looks forward to seeing the versatile venue used for a range of sports, as well as school and community events.

The Bill Smyth Oval upgrade was made possible thanks to a \$664,767 contribution from NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund and Eurobodalla Shire Council funding of \$338,905

## National Radio Controlled Cars Championship at Batemans Bay

By John Longhurst

Hanging Rock at Batemans Bay has been chosen as the venue for the 1/8\* Off Road National Titles from the 14th to 17th August. Racing begins tomorrow (14th August) at 8.00am and finishes at 5.00pm. Starting time is 8.00am over the next 4 days with finals on Sunday finishing at 3.00pm. The Batemans Bay Radio Control Car Club (BBRCCC) is hosting the titles and has put in a tireless effort to prepare the track.

There are 142 entries from all over Australia so action aplenty is on offer. Spectators are welcome and will have a designated area right next to the track to soak up the action.

Races will once again be live streamed on YouTube at:

<https://youtube.com/@rccracemedia?si=VrcrQjo042dmtEa5>

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# Age Group win for local in London Triathlon

By John Longhurst

Batemans Bay local, Lachlan Brown has taken out first place in the 55-59 years age group in the prestigious London Triathlon last Sunday.

The festival was held in the Docklands with over 6000 competitors in total. The Olympic distance race, a UK national team selection event, had 1608 finishers.

In Lachlan's age group, 61 competitors from around the world completed the 1.5km swim, 40km bike ride and the 10km run. Lachlan's winning time was 2 hours and 21 minutes.

It was Lachlan's second attempt at the Triathlon. Lachlan said "I competed in the 2023 event but did not finish due to mechanical issues on the bike leg. It was very much a case of unfinished business."

Lachlan took up the sport 20 years ago and has gone on to compete in New Zealand, USA, France and the UK.

He trains with the Eurocoast Triathlon Club and over any given week of training, swims 4-6 kms, runs 20-30 kms and cycles 80 to 100kms.

The Eurocoast Triathlon Club has grown from strength in recent years and now has over 40 members, with approximately half female and an age group from teenagers to seventy year olds. Lachlan said "We welcome new members and can offer coaching expertise with swimming and bike skills. It is much more fun to train with a group of like minded people. Over winter we are doing swim training at the Bay Pavilions every Wednesday evening at 5.30pm. In summer there is also a weekly swim session at the Moruya pool. It is a very accessible sport as most people can swim, ride a bike and run. There is a regular series of triathlons on the South Coast. Our local event at Tomakin is coming up in early February next year."

Lachlan is now training for the World Triathlon Championship which will be held in Wollongong in October.

The best way to contact the Eurocoast Triathlon Club is by sending an email to [eurocoasttriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:eurocoasttriathlon@gmail.com).



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