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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Sandbanks in Tuross Lake captured by Maree Jackson this week.

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\$2.5 million upgrade to ease congestion and boost safety on Princes Highway near Moruya Work to ease traffic and improve safety on Princes Highway near Moruya starts this week

The **NSW Government** is spending \$2.5 million on upgrades between Malabar Drive and Shelley Road as part of the Princes Highway Corridor safety and efficiency upgrades program. Starting Tuesday 2 September, work has begun to extend the northbound overtaking lane by about 550 metres just south of Malabar Drive. This will help improve traffic flow by increasing capacity on this section of the highway and allow motorists safely pass slower vehicles like trucks and caravans.

The upgrades include:

· widening the road and shoulders, fixing the road surface, improving drainage, putting in flexible steel barriers along the roadside, and restoring the centreline.

There will also be improvements at the Princes Highway and Malabar Drive intersection, giving extra space for cars turning left off the highway. The right turn lane into Malabar Drive will stay the same. This work is part of a \$60 million program of safety and efficiency upgrades on the Princes Highway between Sussex Inlet Road and Moruya being delivered by the NSW Labor Government. Work will run weekdays from 6am to 6pm from Tuesday, 2 September 2025, and is expected to take about three months, weather permitting.

Single lane closures and traffic controls will be in place to keep things moving. Thanks to the community for their patience during this work.

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "I know how important this stretch of highway is for our community. These upgrades will mean safer trips for locals and visitors, and less frustration on the road. "This \$2.5 million investment will make a real difference – easing congestion, improving safety, and supporting the everyday lives of families, workers, and tourists across the Eurobodalla.

"I thank the community for their patience while the work is carried out, and I look forward to seeing the benefits of these improvements for years to come."

More information about the program of traffic efficiency upgrades on the Princes Highway is available at:

https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/corridor-safety-and-efficiency-upgrades-program.

Rates assistance donation

Eurobodalla Shire Council recognises the value and importance of the role that community groups and organisations play in building vibrant, inclusive and healthy communities. Under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council can grant financial assistance to these types of organisations for the purpose of exercising its functions. Each year funds are provided to a number of community groups to partially subsidise the annual rates and charges showing on the rates notice for some registered charities and not-for-profit sporting, social and cultural organisations providing community services or benefits. The Rates Assistance Donation is a four yearly donation aligning with the Council term. Once your application is approved in the first year, you do not need to apply again for the remaining three years of the Council term. However, applications will open each year for new entities to obtain the donation and would be for the remaining term of Council. New applications would be required every four years to continue to receive the donation. This page explains the Rates Assistance Donation guidelines.

Key dates

The key dates for this donation round are:

- Applications open: Monday 1 September 2025, 9am
- Applications close: Tuesday 30 September 2025, 11.59pm
- When the donation payment will be applied to rates:
 - First year: rates are levied and notices issued in July. If approved by Council, the payment is applied in February, reducing the final two instalments.
 - Subsequent years: rates are levied and notices issued in July, with the payment applied to reduce all four instalments.

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New Moruya District Hospital Executive for 2025-2026



Left: Anne Moylan (1st Vice President), Joan George (2nd Vice President), Valerie Fisher (Secretary), Ann Burgess (Southeastern Regional Representative), Terence Corkin (Treasurer), Wendy Schmit (President), Caral Baines (Director of Nursing & Midwifery Moruya District Hospital).

Recently the Moruya Hospital Auxiliary held there Annual General Meeting for the coming year. There have been many changes to the Executive roles which help the members and past executive enjoy a break.

Also, at the AGM two special members were acknowledged for their continued help and support to the organisation over 15 years.

We are very fortunate to have many enthusiastic members, plus some active new members who have come with great ideas for future fund-raising activities and with their help and support to continue to buy much needed equipment for our local Hospital.

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Over the past year we purchased a Midray Tex20 Ultrasound for Point of Care (at a cost of \$89,610.30) for the Accident & Emergency Department. This piece of equipment is used daily to help with diagnosis of patient's condition as well as a teaching resource for doctors and nurses. Other much needed equipment purchased, was a Heavy-duty Helipad transporter trolley, a 12 lead Electro Cardiograph machine (ECG) for the Pre-Stroke Clinic supporting Aboriginal Men's Health, plus a palliative care bed and recliner chairs for patient recovery in theatres.

This equipment is just some of what has been donated to Moruya Hospital. The Nursing Administration carefully generate a "Wish List" for the Mourya District Hospital Auxiliary (MDHA) members to consider for purchase. The wish list is donated to help with the "care & comfort" of all patients & staff.

The Moruya Auxiliary are always happy to welcome new members. As the Eurobodalla Hospital is becoming more noticeable on the horizon we welcome both women and men to our cause as there is much work to be done. The Monthly meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club, first Monday of the month except if it's a Public Holiday then it's the second Monday. If you require more information, please contact our secretary on mdha@y7mail.com



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Dr Holland responds to ESC advocacy for Batemans Bay ED

In last week's Moruya Mail it was reported that Council had unanimously CARRIED a Motion that Council:

- 1. Advocates to the NSW Government to maintain an operational Hospital **Emergency Department in Batemans Bay** 24/7 after the Eurobodalla Hospital opens in Moruya
- 2. Advocates to the NSW Premier and Minister for Health to ensure health equity for regional communities.

The Motion was brought by Mayor Mat Hatcher.

Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega responded as follows.

"The safety and quality of health services for our constituents is the highest priority of NSW

The Minister and NSW Health also exercise stewardship of financial and workforce

The provision of health care is complex. There are dilemmas and difficult decisions are

These decisions require consistency. I acknowledge the advocacy of Eurobodalla Shire Council

I have informed the council of the health needs of the Eurobodalla for the past twenty years. I have also engaged with the residents of Batemans Bay regarding their concerns. I have attended their protests, the presentation of their petition, and community information sessions.

Planning of critical care/emergency services in the Eurobodalla has been progressing since 2017.

The Eurobodalla Health Services Clinical Services Plan was endorsed by previous liberal government in 2020. This included demographic information regarding population distribution and projected growth.

With Transport for NSW, it also included assessment of highway and traffic conditions. The clinical services plan has always included the transition of all services from the level 2 Batemans Bay hospital and the level 3 Moruya District Hospital to a single facility.

There has been a commitment to a single level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital since 2021.

The mayor of Eurobodalla has described a reduction in services. There is not a reduction in services. There is an increase. The emergency department at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will have more emergency treatment spaces than the current hospitals combined.

The new \$330 million Eurobodalla regional hospital will be larger than the combined existing hospitals.

The Mayor described inequity of the new hospital development.

The new Eurobodalla regional hospital was designed to create equity for the Eurobodalla relative to southeast regional hospital and Goulburn base hospitals. That is because the combined services in the Eurobodalla are greater than Southeast Regional Hospital and Goulburn base hospitals

Nearly 50% patients are not provided with care locally.

It was designed to provide equity for the population from Batemans Bay to south of Narooma.

A level 4 emergency department is necessary for a level 4 intensive care unit. The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will have the first intensive care unit in the Eurobodalla.

It will have the first paediatric ward and level 4 special care nursery in the Eurobodalla. It will have the first in-hospital MRI on the far south coast.

And it will provide a higher level and wider range of medical and surgical services. There will be an on-site helipad. Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be part of the coastal network of health services with Southeast Regional Hospital Bega. A new single level 4 hospital allows for the future development of local radiation oncology services, a local stroke unit, and university training for health professionals. The existing Batemans Bay emergency has no CT scanner, no ultrasound service, no on-site pathology or blood bank. It only has a day only operating theatre. There is no anaesthetist, surgeon, physician,

paediatrician, or obstetrician.

There are two options.

We can continue to complete the clinical services plan to close the level 2 hospital at Batemans Bay and the level 3 hospital in Moruya and open the new level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital with level 4 emergency, critical care, and intensive care services.

Or close the level 3 Moruya District Hospital, keep a virtual level 1 service at Batemans Bay, and end up with a level 3 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

The state and federal governments will continue to invest in health services in Batemans Bay.

The Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic will be the first in Australia to be open from 6am to midnight.

Work has commenced on the \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health Centre.

The first helicopter base south of Wollongong will be based at Moruya

The government has invested more than \$200 million for key health workers accommodation in regional areas including the Southern NSW Local Health District.

The local health district continues to work with NSW Ambulance on providing timely emergency services in the Eurobodalla.

A single level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will mean fewer unnecessary transfers between local hospitals and out of the Eurobodalla. As the Member For Bega, I will organise briefing for Councillors with Minister for Health and Regional and NSW Health to inform them of the implementation of the Eurobodalla clinical services plan. And, I will continue to work with Southern NSW Local Health District to address the concerns and questions of the Eurobodalla community."





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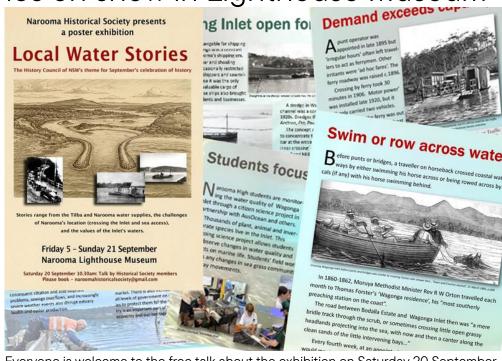


Narooma water stories on show in Lighthouse Museum

Local water stories feature in Narooma Historical Society's exhibition in Narooma Lighthouse Museum 5-21 September. "Our members have had great fun coming up with ideas for this poster exhibition which has embraced the History Council of NSW's Water theme for September's celebration of history," said Narooma Historical Society President Laurelle Pacey.

"These are great stories our members want to share with the wider community so I encourage everyone to drop by the Museum and check them out."

It includes stories about Tilba Tilba's early water scheme and hydroelectric scheme, how Narooma had a reticulated water scheme before Moruya and Batemans Bay, the frustrations of crossing Wagonga Inlet over the years, the importance of sea access for settlements like Narooma, and the importance of quality water in Wagonga Inlet.



Everyone is welcome to the free talk about the exhibition on Saturday 20 September at 10.30am. Please book <u>naroomahistoricalsociety@gmail.com</u> to be sure of a seat.

River of Art Festival Celebrates 21 Years

Calling for Community Support and Sponsorship

The River of Art Festival is proud to announce its 21st Birthday Festival, a milestone celebration of creativity, culture, and community across the NSW South Coast. From its humble beginnings, River of Art has grown into one of the region's most anticipated annual cultural events, showcasing the extraordinary talents of local and visiting artists through visual art, music, performance, literature, film, and more.

To mark this special anniversary, the Festival will deliver an even more vibrant program, bringing together diverse voices, new creative collaborations, and expanded opportunities for community engagement. However, as a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organisation, the Festival relies on the generosity of sponsors, donors, and supporters to make it all possible.

"River of Art exists because of the passion of our artists and the generosity of our community. As we celebrate our 21st year, we invite local businesses, organisations, and individuals to partner with us to ensure the Festival continues to thrive for the next generation," said Corin Rossouw, Chair of River of Art Festival.

Sponsorship and donations directly support:

- Showcasing local artists and performers on a professional stage.
- Bringing visitors and cultural tourism to the Eurobodalla region.
- Providing free and accessible events for the whole community.
- Supporting youth and emerging artists to develop their craft.

Celebrating the rich cultural life of our region.

The Festival offers a range of sponsorship packages tailored to suit different levels of involvement, providing meaningful recognition, marketing benefits, and community goodwill for supporting organisations.

How to Support

- Become a Sponsor: Partner with us to align your brand with creativity, innovation, and community celebration.
- Make a Donation: Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference in bringing the Festival to life.
- In-Kind Support: Contributions of goods, services, or expertise are also warmly welcomed.
- The 21st Birthday Festival promises to be a landmark event in the region's cultural calendar, and the River of Art invites the community to be part of this extraordinary celebration.

Festival Dates: 26 September - 6 October 2025

Website: www.riverofArt.com.au

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Contact for sponsorship: Esther esther@riverofART.com.au or call 0481 22 66 94



Councillors to face stronger penalties and faster hearings under proposed laws

Councillors accused of significant misconduct will have proceedings commenced against them in the Land and Environment Court under planned changes by the NSW Government as part of the overhaul of the broken councillor conduct framework.

The proposed reforms will cut through red tape, enable guicker action and stronger penalties against misbehaving councillors which has been sorely missing under current processes.

Currently, councillor misconduct matters are heard by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT). This involves a slow statutory and bureaucratic process which historically can take years to resolve matters that need to be dealt with quickly to preserve public trust in local government.

The proposed move to the Land and Environment Court would provide a more streamlined process to deal with rogue councillors whose behaviour presents a risk to other councillors, council staff and the community.

The Land and Environment Court is a Superior Court, has substantial expertise in local government matters and already deals with most of the Local Government Act litigation.

The Government's proposed changes include that:

- A Minister or a government body, or any other person with leave of the Court can commence proceedings alleging misconduct. If, after hearing the matter, the Court may determine misconduct has been established. Should misconduct be established, and it is in the public interest to do so, the Court may disqualify the councillor for a period of up to 5 years, suspend the councillor, fine the councillor and order restitution.
- The Court will have the power to immediately suspend a councillor pending final hearing of the proceedings, if the Court considers it to be in the public interest.
- The Court will have the power to order costs including indemnity costs, should proceedings be commenced vexatiously.

The change of jurisdiction complements a suite of changes, including:

- A new Model Code of Meeting Practice to increase transparency and accountability within council meetings and strengthen the powers of mayors to take action against bad behaviour.
- An updated Code of Conduct that is designed to be an easier and simpler code, with a separate Code of Conduct for council staff.
- A new regulation which will be an expansion of the interests that councillors need to declare, similar to the new regulations that will govern NSW Members of Parliament.
- Free speech guidance for councils to support fair and open
- Significant ongoing investment in the Office of Local Government to increase its capacity and ability to fulfil its role a regulator of the

Legislation to enable the change of jurisdiction to the Land and Environment Court will be introduced to Parliament in this parliamentary session.

NSW to bring new era of transparency for council meetings

New rules for council meetings will soon be in place as the **NSW Government** spearheads a change of culture to boost transparency and community confidence in local government. A new Model Code of Meeting Practice for local councils has been released today and will come into effect in councils from 1 January 2026.

The changes to the Model Meeting Code are part of the broader set of reforms the Minns Labor Government is progressing to improve confidence, trust and transparency across NSW councils.

Changes to the code have simplified the way meetings are conducted, ensure disorder is dealt with more effectively, that councillors make decisions in full view of the communities they represent, and dignity is returned to council chambers. All councils will need to adopt a code of meeting practice that contains the mandatory provisions of the updated Model Meeting Code by 31 December 2025.

Key changes to the Model Code of Meeting Practice include:

- Preventing councils from holding private councillor briefing sessions to discuss matters that should be considered in the public domain at committee and council meetings (unless they are confidential)
- Encouraging councils to hold public forums preferably before committee meetings, or if they choose council meetings, to enable community engagement in local matters
- Expanding the powers of the mayor to remove councillors from meetings for acts of disorder
- Expanding the powers of the mayor to remove members of the public if they disrupt council meetings
- Requiring information considered at closed meetings to be made public after it ceases to be confidential
- ·Requiring councils to give reasons when making decisions on planning matters that depart from staff recommendations (as recommended by ICAC)
- ·Promoting neutrality in the role of the general manager Requiring council and committee meetings to be live streamed to give the community and media access to council decision making, and to require those videos to be public for at least the rest of the council term, or 12 months in the case of a meeting in an election year

The changes to the Meeting Code are part of a broader suite of reforms by the Minns Labor Government to improve conduct and accountability and rebuild public trust in councils.

A new Code of Conduct for councillors is being finalised as well as associated legislative changes, which will see significant changes to how misconduct is dealt with in local

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FRIDAY 12TH DEC - TOTUM

SATURDAY 13TH DEC - DUST N ECHO

SATURDAY 27TH DEC - CHRIS MCGRATH

NSW Government's reforms leading to faster approvals

Councils that improve their assessment timeframes will have access to a share of \$200 million in infrastructure funding under the Minns Labor Government's Faster Assessments Incentive program.

The Faster Assessment Incentive program will fund local infrastructure projects for councils expected to deliver a higher proportion of housing under the five-year housing targets and are reducing their development assessment timeframes or keeping their assessment timeframes down. Funding will also be made available for a Digital Assistance program, providing councils with financial assistance towards Application Programming Interface (API) updates. The API upgrades promote better integration with the NSW Planning Portal, streamlining development assessment and approval processes.

At the beginning of the National Housing Accord, the Minns Government committed to a range of measures to support and hold councils accountable to assessing Development Applications faster, including a new Ministerial Statement of Expectations, five year housing targets, infrastructure grants and a new Council League Table published every month.

Council League Table data shows a 24 per cent decrease in assessment timeframes in the last Financial Year, with DAs now being assessed in 83 days on average, or less than 3 months.

This means 69 per cent of councils are now meeting the new Ministerial Statement of Expectations, compared to 49 per cent at the beginning of the Housing Accord. New data published yesterday, also shows the NSW Government is completing State Significant Development assessments in 253 days, faster than the 275 day timeframe it committed to.

By reducing the time it takes to assess a Development Application, this reduces the time spent waiting to move into new homes.

This is part of the Minns Government's plan to build a better NSW with more homes, parks and services, so young people, families and key local workers have somewhere to live and in the communities they choose.

Councils across Greater Sydney and regional NSW that are expected to deliver more than 1,000 homes during the Accord period will be eligible for a share of \$67 million funding in the first round.

For more information on eligibility please visit <u>Faster</u> <u>Assessments Incentive Program | Planning</u>

New advisory panel for rural and regional areas a step in the right direction, says CWA of NSW, but must lead to meaningful change

The **Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW** has welcomed the opportunity to be part of a new group focused on issues in rural and regional NSW, saying meaningful consultation with communities west of the Great Dividing Range is long overdue.

The CWA of NSW has been announced as one of nine groups invited to be part of the NSW Premier's Rural Remote and Regional Advisory Council (PRRRAC), which was announced at this week's 2025 Bush Summit.

The advisory panel is to meet twice a year with Premier Chris Minns and NSW Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty, with the first meeting due to take place later this year. It is designed to provide advice and insights impacting country communities.

"This is certainly a step in the right direction and we welcome the chance to be part of this group to put forward the issues our members are telling us are impacting their communities and the quality of life of residents in those areas," said CWA of NSW President Tanya Jolly.

"But it needs to be more than just words – we have to see the insights this group is providing be taken forward by the NSW Government and acted on. And the issues from our perspective are very clear."

Tanya said the CWA of NSW would be highlighting the declining level of health services in many areas, land use and planning regulations, lack of affordable housing and the state of telecommunications.

"What we hear often is that so many country residents feel like they're not being listened to by government and their concerns are being relegated to the 'too hard' basket. In 2025 our regions deserve better, and the people who live there should be able to expect reasonable access to quality services and workable infrastructure," Tanya said.

"If this new group helps give them the voice they deserve, then we are looking forward to being part of it and applaud the NSW government for putting it in place."

Tanya said with plenty of statistics and evidence to support the trend of migration from the cities to rural and regional areas, it made a lot of sense for the NSW Government to focus on the services and infrastructure country communities needed to support increasing populations.

"Many groups are calling this shift from the cities a 'long-term' trend, but currently many rural and regional towns and cities would say they need the resources to support this growth. We are hopeful this new government advisory group will help shed light on the issues being felt by the regions and provide the quality of life both existing residents, and newcomers, should expect."





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Have your say on South Coast tourism and MTB trails

Destination Southern Tourism Impact Surveys

Tourism plays a vital role in shaping our communities. In July 2025, Destination Southern NSW hosted a workshop to explore the social impacts of tourism. Community members highlighted connection, job opportunities, and safety as key measures of impact.

Destination Southern NSW Team would like to invite you to share your thoughts. How does tourism in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley shires affect daily life? And how are the new Mountain Bike Trails (MBT) influencing your community? To capture your views, we have developed two short surveys and would appreciate it if you could complete them both. Your feedback will help us better understand the value tourism and mountain biking bring to the region, while also identifying opportunities for improvement.

By sharing your perspective, you will contribute to future planning that ensures the benefits of tourism are shared widely and deliver lasting, positive outcomes for everyone. Each survey takes just three minutes to complete and will close on September 17th, 2025.

Thank you for contributing your important insights through the two surveys available via the links below.

Tourism Social Impact Survey

Your feedback will help shape planning and ensure tourism benefits are shared widely.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDJ7Z3T

South Coast Mountain Bike Trails Social Impact Survey

Your feedback will guide future decisions and help ensure the trails have a lasting, positive impact on everyone. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDS8WHX



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Live Performance Venue Grant Program Round 2

The Live Performance Venue Grant supports hospitality venues to host live performances, with funding for sound or staging equipment, programming, marketing, and other delivery costs

- Status: Open
- Grant amount: From \$15,000 to \$80,000
- Application opened: 14 August 2025
- Application closes: 23 September 2025, 2:00 pm

The purpose of the Live Performance Venue Grant Program is to:

- Increase the number of hospitality venues staging live performance in NSW
- Increase the number and diversity of live performances in the NSW night-time economy
- Create employment opportunities for those working in the live performance sector in NSW (e.g. artists, audio-visual professionals, hospitality and venue staff).

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Project needs to be delivered within 12 months. The project should be started by 1 January 2026 and the project must be completed by 31 December 2026.

Applicants will be required to co-contribute at least 10% of the funding amount, e.g. funding of \$80,000 requires a minimum co-contribution of \$8,000

Refer to the Program Guidelines for further information, including eligibility criteria, assessment criteria and application process. You can find them, along with Frequently asked questions, on our Program Guidelines and Resources page https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/venues-

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This program is administered by Create NSW.



EPA files 29 charges against Forestry Corp for Tallaganda forest logging

Conservation groups say the charges against Forestry Corp over its conduct in Tallaganda State Forest are the final straw and they urged the New South Wales Government to end native forest

Pictures of the logging devastation in Tallaganda- one of the few remaining strongholds for endangered greater gliders - caused community outrage.

After a two-year investigation, the EPA last week filed 29 charges against Forestry Corp in the Land and Environment Court for alleged breaches of forest and biodiversity laws in Tallaganda

The World Wide Fund for Nature Australia. Wilderness Australia. and South East Forest Rescue teamed up to expose the destruction in Tallaganda. They have called for the NSW Government to commit to a transition out of native forest logging in this term.

Dr Kita Ashman, WWF-Australia conservation scientist said "Healthy forests cool our towns, clean the air, and protect drinking water for millions. They are life support for threatened species. Forests are far more valuable standing — for wildlife, carbon storage, and future generations. Native forest logging must stop. Scott Daines, spokesperson for South East Forest Rescue, said: It's pleasing to see the EPA finally act on Tallaganda. People get investigated and convicted of murder faster than the EPA takes Forestry Corp to court. Australia is the only wealthy nation still cutting forests down at scale. Eastern Australia remains a global deforestation front and much of that is driven by logging in NSW. Western Australia and Victoria shut down their native forest logging. A 2024 poll found 7 in 10 NSW residents support an end to native forest logging. How much longer can the NSW government persist with destroying our irreplaceable forests."





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Dr Kita Ashman in Tallaganda State Forest

Tallaganda Background

On 30 August 2023, the NSW Environment Protection Authority issued a stop work order and launched an investigation after finding a dead greater glider, about 50 metres from logging operations in Tallaganda State Forest.

Forestry Corp is required to search for greater glider den trees and protect each one from logging with a 50 metre exclusion zone but had only found one den tree. The EPA investigation found 20, and conservation groups found many others.

It was later revealed Forestry Corp had been looking for greater gliders, a nocturnal species, during the day when there was virtually no chance of seeing one.

Forestry Corp's astonishing rap sheet and history of losses. Since the 2019-2020 bushfires, more than 50 investigations have been launched into Forestry Corp and it has racked up fines, court costs, and enforceable undertakings worth more than \$2.7 million with some matters still outstanding.

In a case last year, a judge agreed with the EPA's submissions that Forestry Corp "has a pattern of environmental offending, has not provided any compelling evidence of measures taken by it to prevent its reoffending, and does not accept the true extent of harm that it has caused".

On top of that, Forestry Corp's hardwood division, the part which logs native forests, has lost nearly \$90 million in the last 4.5 years.







20 North Head Drive

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Positioned on a large riverside block, this stunning two-story home offers picturesque views across the Moruva River and town to the south and expansive rural views to the north. Set on a large 2023 sqm (approx) block, this residence boasts both space and charm. The residence is ideal for families or those seeking a tranquil retreat close to town.



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56 Mountain View Rd

Nestled in the picturesque countryside of Moruya lies

this 2.7 acre (1.11 Ha) property, offering a serene haven

of tranquillity. The focal point of this idyllic retreat is a

spacious living greas and large bedrooms with built-

charming 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom cedar home,

Built in an elevated position, the home boasts

in wardrobes, providing panoramic views of the

cherished by its owner for 23 years.

scenic dam and a leafy outlook.

Moruya

Tell us your experience of the 2025 federal election

Parliament of Australia

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in now inviting submissions to its inquiry into the 2025 federal election.

In keeping with previous parliaments, the Committee has been asked to undertake a review of the last federal election

Mr Jerome Laxale MP, Committee Chair, has said that 'The inquiry plays an important role in ensuring the Australian public have their say in how their elections are run'. 'We have one of the oldest and most respected democracies on earth. Keeping that standard requires ongoing scrutiny.

Matters widely reported during the 2025 election raise serious questions about safety, security and voter experience. Voters, volunteers and officials should never feel intimidated, harassed or have such an experience that they are discouraged from participating at future elections.'

The terms of reference of the inquiry call on the Committee to focus its attention on the following emerging issues:

- assessment and review of the purported increase in incidents of aggressive conduct, deliberate obstruction, and intimidating behaviour towards voters, political participants, volunteers, and Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) officials
- potential reform of safety and security arrangements, including consideration of the powers, processes, and capacity of the AEC to manage and address increasingly threatening or disruptive behaviour
- reforms to address the ongoing threats of interference in our electoral system, both foreign and domestic, and
- the composition of the parliament as a whole; including the length of the parliamentary term, the potential for fixed terms, and the number of elected representatives relative to the growth in population and the electorate.

The full terms of reference for the inquiry and are also available on the <u>inquiry webpage</u>.

Submissions addressing any or all of the terms of reference are now invited, prior to the Committee commencing public hearings in mid-October.

The Committee will further announce its program of public hearings as the inquiry progresses. All relevant information will be available from the Committee <u>website</u>.

\$6 million boost for animal rehoming organisations

The state's animal rehoming organisations will receive much needed support to continue their valuable work helping vulnerable cats and dogs, thanks to a \$6 million funding injection from the **NSW Government.**

The Companion Animal Welfare and Rehoming Grant program will provide grants of between \$10,000 and \$100,000 to eligible rehoming organisations and registered charities based in NSW. Since 2020/21, on average these organisations have received more than 10,000 animals per year. The grant program will see \$1.5 million a year available per year for four years to help organisations cover the costs associated with caring and rehoming companion animals across the state.

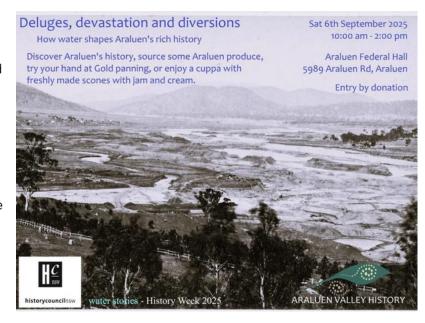
This support for animal rehoming organisations comes as the Minns Labor Government is undertaking the first review of the Companion Animals Act in over 20 years.

The review is examining all aspects of the care and management of pet dogs and cats, including ways to minimise the number of animals entering the rehoming system in the first place.

The government held three stakeholder workshops with close to 200 attendees and is examining over 3,600 public submissions that will inform the review.

Information on how to submit an application for the Companion Animal Welfare and Rehoming Grant program is on the Office of Local Government website:

https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/responsible-petownership/companion-animal-welfare-grants/ Applications for the first round for a share of \$1.5 million in funding close at 5pm on Wednesday, 1 October 2025.







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Fiona Phillips MP appointed to parliamentary standing committees

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has been appointed to three Standing Committees in the 48^t Parliament of Australia.

After being elected as the Gilmore MP for her third term, Mrs Phillips has been appointed chair of the Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure & Transport and a member of the Standing Committee on Primary Industries.

Mrs Phillips is delighted to have also been appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, of which she is chair of the Trade Subcommittee and a member of the Defence Subcommittee.

The committees are appointed at the beginning of each Parliament.

The Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport, which consists of 10 MPs, may inquire into and report on any matter referred to it by either the House or a Minister, including any prelegislation proposal, bill, motion, petition, vote or expenditure, other financial matter, report or document. Mrs Phillips said, as a regional MP, she was thrilled to be appointed chair, because infrastructure projects and transport were high priorities in Gilmore.

"I have a keen interest in any proposals, bills and expenditure that will impact regional areas, such as looking at ways to make local government expenditure more sustainable," she said.

The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade considers and reports on such matters referred to it by either house of the parliament or a minister.

Made up of 32 MPs, the committee may also inquire into matters raised in annual reports of relevant Australian Government departments and authorities or in reports of the Australian Government Auditor-General.

"Nowra is a defence town, and defence and the defence industry is something that has always been very important to me as a local MP, so I'm proud to have been appointed to this role," Mrs Phillips said.

The committee has adopted a new inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2023–24 which will resume the inquiry that commenced prior to the 2025 federal

"As chair of the Trade Subcommittee I'm really interested in strengthening Australia's trade and tourism opportunities, particularly in regional areas like Gilmore," Mrs Phillips said. Having grown up on a dairy farm near Nowra, Mrs Phillips said her membership to the Standing Committee on Primary Industries also held special interest.

"I'm really proud to be on these committees which play an important role in monitoring the work of all federal government departments and instrumentalities," Mrs Phillips said.

"Being part of this process will allow me to gain a detailed understanding of issues that impact my community and to gain a wide range of views from the community, organisations and experts in their field."

Community Grants and Donations

Helping turn good ideas into real impact

Eurobodalla Council is inviting community groups, event organisers, and not-for-profits to check out the latest funding opportunities for strengthening the community.

The new Community Grants and Donations Policy was adopted by Council on 22 July, which will see local initiatives being supported through a mix of targeted Council grants and donations.

While grants go towards specific projects, donations provide flexible support for organisations. Together, the funding helps to keep the shire connected, improve facilities and services, and boost the local economy.

Applications for the following grants and donations open 1 September and close 30 September:

- ·Community Wellbeing Grant
- ·Community Events Grant
- ·Major Events Grant
- ·Iconic Events Grant
- ·Rates Assistance Donation
- ·Schools and Education Donation

The updated policy also outlines how the Council will continue to donate to not-for-profits and charities that contribute to the wellbeing of the Eurobodalla community. Donations may be financial or in-kind, such as venue hire, equipment use, or fee waivers.

As this opportunity only comes around once a year, Council will be contacting local event organisers, community and notfor-profit groups, business chambers and previous community grant recipients to advise that grants are open.

Ready to apply or learn more? Head to Council's website and visit the 'Grant opportunities' page for all the details.



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When you try to call the bank, you are still talking to the scammers who simulate a real call, imitate bank staff and ask for your account and security details. In either case, the scammer captures whatever information you give them and then uses it to access your accounts.

Fake surveys – Scammers offer prizes or rewards such as gift cards to wellknown retailers in return for completing an online survey. The survey requires you to answer a range of questions including disclosure of important identification or banking details.

As part of any scam – Scammers often ask for personal information in other scams. In a lottery scam, scammers often ask for a driver's licence or passport to 'prove your identity before they can release the prize money'. In dating and romance scams they might ask for information 'to sponsor their visa application to visit you in Australia'. Remember: Giving away personal information to a scammer can be just as bad as giving away money. Keep your personal details to yourself and keep them secure.

Protect yourself

Think twice about what you say and do in an online environment. Be careful sharing information about yourself online, including social media, blogs and other online forums. Stop and think before filling in surveys, entering competitions, clicking on links or attachments, or even 'befriending', 'liking' or 'sharing' something online.

Beware of any request for your details or money Scammers will try to trick you into handing over your data by using the names of well-known companies or government departments. If you think it's a scam, don't respond. Use the phone book or an online search to check the organisation's contact details. Never use the contact details provided in the original request. Where to find help or support

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Let's do coffee with ... Andy Donker

The person exiting the Moruya River at about 1pm last Tuesday appeared to be someone at one with the environment. It did not require any great powers of deduction to connect the food van 'The Nourished Sovereign' with its owner, Andy Donker (AD) emerging from the chilly winter waters. The Moruya Mail (MM) hit Andy up for a coffee before the Sage Markets got underway in Moruya last Tuesday.

MM: Well Andy... I think you need a coffee more than me...the water temperature is 15 degrees. You are originally from the Southern Highlands and from crisscrossing the country to driving a mobile plant tonic bar in the Eurobodalla Shire. Take me on the journey.

AD: (Laughs)... I grew up in the Southern Highlands so I am used to the cold. I attended Bowral High School, studied a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Wollongong, worked in the Pilbara, Western Australia for about twelve months in 2007, back to Sydney to work in management roles for an equipment hire company which took me to Perth where we lived for five years. After a stint in Mount Gambier, South Australia and a couple of years in Melbourne, we ended up back in NSW, managing an accommodation Property in the Blue Mountains, and finally moved to the Eurobodalla Shire after the fires in 2021.

MM: After that whirlwind, I will go a coffee. You have a number of irons in the fire, so to speak, take me to the essence of 'The Nourished Sovereign'*.

AD: I spent years in corporate jobs before quitting it all and embarking on creating 'the Nourished Sovereign' as a heart-led business to inspire social change.

Quite simply, our mission is to be a local hive of knowledge and wonder, inspiring peak human experience, empowering individuals to take responsibility for their health through nourishing reconnection with themselves, their community, and the land.

Now... to make good on this overriding aim, 'The Nourished Sovereign' has a mobile plant tonic bar operating on Yuin Country on the South Coast of New South Wales, Australia. We're passionate about supporting local food producers, our local farmers markets and promoting food security, giving customers healthy, ethically-sourced food with an emphasis on local, organic whole-foods. We're keen advocates of 'conscious consumption' with our highly considered, seasonal menu providing options which invite you to tune into how you are feeling in your body and decide which tonic or food option is best to support you in how you'd like to feel. We're promoting a return to seasonal, connected and intentional interactions with our food and our community based on what is happening in the world around us.

I really think the Black Summer Bushfires followed by Covid 19 underlined the vulnerability of food transportation and the importance of localised food production. Globalisation has brought lots of benefits but it has also meant handing over power and widening the disconnect between growers and consumers. We are about promoting food security and health sovereignty with the view to changing the conversation and taking responsibility for how we 'show up' as individuals in the world. It's about promoting a return to living in kinship with our local community and the world at large as our First Peoples did for thousands of generations.

'The Nourished Sovereign' is a natural fit with the SAGE community of Moruya which is made up of growers, food producers, businesses, food consumers, members, supporters and volunteers. It is the perfect example of what can be done when a community embarks on taking back control of what we feed ourselves and at the same time build social cohesion.

The reality of the situation is if we spend our money with large supermarkets or corporations, that money flows out of our community and we become poorer. If we talk about cost of living, for example, by supporting a local food grower or a locally owned business, that money goes straight in their pocket and it can circulate around the community, creating jobs and prosperity for all. The 'Nourished Sovereign' is a political statement in that way, using a mobile food business to highlight how, if we hand over control of our food to corporations and governments, we could end up in a real pickle.

MM: Okay... it is more than just than just a mobile plant tonic bar. You also have a collection of conversations available online - the Nourished Sovereign 'Flexing Local' podcasts are about bringing the community together.



Andy Donker. Photo: Fern & Sea Photography

AD: Yes...the podcasts are connecting our community to people who are purposefully creating a better world for us at a local level. We have so many amazing people working in the community who are examples of why the localisation movement is so important.

We have had conversations ranging from exploring 'natural burials' to pursuing peace in a hectic world'. No topic is 'off the table' whether it be engaging in politics' or 'nature immersion'. We have had some great guest including local gardener, chef extraordinaire and television presenter, Paul West through to Eurobodalla Mayor and Co-founder of Guerilla Coffee Roasters, Mathew Hatcher.

There is so much content out there these days to get lost in, so it's more important than ever to 'Flex local' - bringing it back to the people and the land around us - and that starts with getting to know each other better by sharing our stories.

MM: Another initiative you have been involved with is the setting up of a 'Men's Circle'.

AD: Yes, that's right. We set it up three years ago. We meet every 3 weeks at 'That Little Yoga Place' in Moruya.

It is a non judgmental space for men of all ages to come together to share what they're going through and basically work on themselves so they are able to 'show up' emotionally and energetically in their lives. This is an intentional space with ritual and structure and it facilitates men to help themselves work on healthy masculine principles like integrity and responsibility.

We have a poverty of spirituality in the Western world and for men in particular. It's important we have spaces to cultivate self-mastery so we can move into Eldership and be there to help weave the dreams of the younger generations to come.

MM: What are the plans for the future?

AD: I am finishing my psychology studies over the next two years and plan to move into a career as a clinical psychologist to support my community in that way.

The Nourished Sovereign will continue to trade at the SAGE Farmers' Market as well as regular spots and events around town. We are also expecting our third child so I will continue my role as a vibrant homeschool dad. I will keep tending our permaculture-based home garden in Moruya, feeding my family and community. The overall aim is to help us live the best life possible, connected to this beautiful land which holds and provides for us all.

MM: A good chat, Andy. It is almost 3pm and the bell is about to ring for the opening of business at the Sage Farmers' Market. Thanks for your time.

*Connect with the Nourished Sovereign www.thenourishedsovereign.com, info@thenourishedsovereign.com or on Instagram or Facebook

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Timeless Tom squinted his eyes and adjusted the spectacles for the fourth time on his sun spotted nose and turned another page of the dusty old phone book, before pausing for a sip of the offered schooner.

"I saw the name a long time ago, Mick... decades in fact. We are lucky Bella has not thrown away the old phone books."

Mick paced the floor, dabbed the beads of sweat from his brow and bit his bottom lip, as Tom started scrolling through another phone book.

"It would be great if we could get that name, Tom. It will be a game changer. Where did you say she lived and are you sure she would be interested in being the National Party Candidate at the next federal election?"

Old Tom nodded his head.

"Last I heard it was somewhere way up in the hills behind Bodalla. Banjo country they call it... and a drawl on the locals that passes as another language. She would be an icon to the 'tradwife movement' these days, knock up a dozen pumpkin scones in minutes whilst crocheting a doily but still help out with the sheep crutching if needed. Interested in conservative politics you ask? Well back in 1975 she was going to resign from the party when they changed the name from the Country Party to the National Party. Let's just hope the modern day Nats are not too left wing for her."

Mick rubbed his hands together and chuckled as young Simon joined them and raised his eyebrows at Tom's research.

"No need to ask young Simon. They are called phone books. In the olden days if you wanted to phone someone up you would look up the number and dial away."

Simon rubbed his chin.

"So... you had to carry one of these phone books around in your back pocket, pull it out, look up the number and then dial the mobile in the olden days. Wow... things have progressed."

Mick shook his head, pulled out his handkerchief and blew his nose... loudly. He neatly folded the handkerchief and put it back in his pocket.

Simon's eyes were saucepans.

"I hope you do not mind me asking, Mick, but why do you keep your snot? I mean it is not worth anything... or am I missing something?"

Tom let out a low whistle.

"There you go, Mick. I have found her name and number."

Mick's face beamed.

"Wow... Annette Zero..... and you say she likes to be called 'Nett'. I tell you Nett Zero is going to put us back in the game. Give her a call, Tom."

Tom sighed.

"It's a pretty old phone number, Mick. There are only three numerals."

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Strengthening the Freedom of Information Framework

The Hon Michelle Rowland MP

The Albanese Government has today introduced legislation to strengthen the Freedom of Information Act 1982 to ensure our FOI framework works in the interests of all Australians.

The Government's changes will ensure genuine requests are prioritised while saving taxpayers money on frivolous and automated requests.

FOI is a vital feature of our democracy that promotes accountability and transparency of government decision making.

However, right now the FOI framework is stuck in the 1980s – before the use of email and other modern technologies became common.

The current laws are not working well for anybody — as evidenced by a doubling of complaints to the OAIC over the past five years.

In 2024, public servants spent more than a million hours processing FOI requests.

This is, in part, because modern technology has made it possible to create large volumes of vague, anonymous, vexatious or frivolous requests – tying up resources, costing taxpayers money and delaying the processing of genuine requests. As technology continues to develop, this will be a growing problem.



VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING IN NSW



We are pleased to welcome a representative from the Southern NSW local health district VAD team to the Death Conversation Cafe. Our guest will share the eligibility requirements for Voluntary Assisted Dying, related legislation information and will be available to answer any questions you have about Voluntary Assisted Dying in NSW

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That's why the Government is announcing a series of reforms drawing from the experience of those who interact with the FOI system, along with past reviews which have made recommendations about how to improve the system. These reforms include:

- A ban on anonymous FOI requests.
- Modernising the FOI framework by strengthening the ability of government agencies to deter vexatious, abusive and frivolous requests, including through strengthened applications processes.
- Clarifying existing exemptions, including in relation to Cabinet confidentiality, to ensure they are consistent with their original policy intent.
- Filling gaps in law by establishing clear processes for outgoing Ministers to ensure FOI requests are appropriately processed and responded to.
- Addressing barriers to frank and fearless advice by ensuring the test for accessing deliberative documents is clearer in law and easily understood.
- A new fee-structure for applicants, with exemptions for people seeking their personal information, which accounted for 72% of overall FOI requests in 2023-24.

The Bill also safeguards against potential abuses from anonymous or nefarious offshore actors, and provides greater transparency over who is seeking Australian Government information.

It is appropriate that the Parliament and broader public have an opportunity to examine these important and significant proposals.

The Government will refer this legislation to the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for public hearings and examination.

Attorney-General, Hon Michelle Rowland MP said "Freedom of Information is a vital feature of our democratic system. It promotes accountability and transparency of government and enables Australians to access their personal information. "However, what's clear is that the FOI framework is stuck in the 1980s – before the use of email and other modern technologies became common.

"The Albanese Government's changes will continue to promote transparency in Government while ensuring public sector resources are not unduly misused by vexatious FOI requests."



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Cons. C. Love was thrown from his horse at the Heads on Thursday evening, receiving slight concussion.

Mr. J. D. Ward has generously offered to take the Scout boys and equipment to Broulee where they will pitch camp for the holidays this month.

On Sunday last a number of Moruyaites – Messrs. H. J. and G. Thomson; and P. Connors, Mesdames P. Connors and J. King, Misses L. Luck and Theckla Waters – had a splendid run through to Eden and back. Leaving here at 7.45 a.m. in Mr. Allan Louttit's fine Buick with its owner at the wheel, the party visited the principal towns en route and were safely ensconced in their respective homes at 10 to 11 p.m. Mr. H. J. speaks in glowing terms of the capabilities of their popular young chauffeur, and is most enthusiastic on his impressions of the well-kept and up-to-date appearance of the southern towns.

We regret to report the very sudden death at North Sydney, in her sleep, on 28th ult. of Mrs. T. W. Emmott [nee Anne Forster] in her 75th year. Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Forster, of Wagonga, and spent the major portion of her life in this district, always taking an active and prominent part in all charitable functions. Deceased is survived by a widower and grown-up family of four daughters and one son, also two sisters, Mesdames J. and W. Emmott [nee Elizabeth Ann & Frances Forster], and one brother, Mr. J. Forster, of Wagonga.

Although not unexpected, deep regret was expressed on Friday of last week when the sad news reached here that Mr. Godfred Hanscom had passed away that morning at Pennant Hill's Home.

Deceased, who was the second son of Mr. George Hanscom (who predeceased him only eight months ago) had been in declining health for the past two years. It was whilst driving his service car from Moruya to Nowra that he contracted a severe cold which affected his lungs so he never regained his usual health and strength.

Taking a rest from business, he spent many months in Sydney and Brisbane last year seeking medical advice and treatment, but it was of no avail, and his demise took place at the early age of 27 years. Mr. Godfred was one of our most popular young natives, and his many friends mourn his untimely end. Profound sympathy is expressed for his young widow (a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cowdroy of Mantle Hill) and child.

Mr. W. Jermyn, Shire Clerk, is relinquishing housekeeping, and will take up abode at a hotel. Mr. and Mrs. L. Finch will move into the cottage at Page and Campbell Streets when vacated by Mr. Jermyn.

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New volunteer program to strengthen community-led disaster recovery rolls out

More than 1000 volunteers will be recruited across NSW, to support their communities when it matters most thanks to a new grants program unveiled by the **NSW Government**. Four experienced state-wide not-for-profit organisations - Anglicare, Australian Red Cross, Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network and St Vincent de Paul Society – will share in \$1.9 million in funding through the Recovery Services Capacity Grants Program.

In partnership with the NSW Reconstruction Authority, these organisations will develop flexible volunteering pathways that can be scaled up quickly, ensuring recovery operations are better resourced and more responsive to local needs. These trained volunteers will be activated during the recovery phase and deployed across recovery centres, recovery assistance points and community outreach initiatives – providing practical support, information and comfort to people who have been impacted. With the roll out of the program, the Minns Labor Government is directly addressing a key recommendation of the 2022 Flood Inquiry for better integration of spontaneous community responders, and better mobilisation of volunteers during the recovery stage of disasters and emergencies.

Projects will focus on recruiting and training formal and informal volunteers, who are often the first to step forward and support their community following a disaster. Volunteers play a vital role not only during emergencies but throughout the recovery process. However, the pool of available volunteers is shrinking at the same time as the frequency of disasters increases, making programs like this essential to maintaining local recovery capacity.

By investing in recovery services and partnering with experienced not-for-profit organisations, the NSW Government and the NSW Reconstruction Authority are ensuring that communities across the state have the right support networks in place to recover stronger and faster from future disasters.

Minister for Recovery Janelle Saffin said "We all recognise and appreciate the incredible community spirit that is evident in times of crisis. This program harnesses that energy, builds local capacity and ensures volunteers are supported and ready to respond when their communities need them to."

"Together we are helping to create more resilient communities that are better prepared for and can recover faster after a disaster." Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Jodie Harrison said "Volunteers are the lifeblood of our communities contributing over 800 million hours a year. Many people step up during an emergency to help their local communities rebuild. For that, we are incredibly thankful.

"This new funding is a crucial injection into the sector to ensure our volunteers receive the training and support they need, as well as making sure we can recruit more volunteers when our communities need them."

NSW Reconstruction Authority CEO Mal Lanyon said "Volunteers are a huge part of disaster recovery, and we rely on them to support communities during the long journey of building back.

"This initiative is based on lessons learnt from the 2022 Flood Inquiry, which highlighted the need to better coordinate and support those who step up to help their communities during natural disasters.

"We look forward to working with our not-for-profit recovery partners to bolster volunteer capacity around the state."

More information on the Program can be found at https://www.nsw.gov.au/recovery-services-capacity-grants





States join forces to expand container deposit schemes to accept wine and spirits

In a major boost to recycling efforts across New South Wales and South Australia, each state's container deposit scheme is set to expand to accept wine and spirit bottles and larger drink containers.

The container deposit scheme – which is now active in every state and territory – is the most successful recycling program in Australia's history and is also incredibly popular with more containers collected every year. Each state's recycling scheme has already seen billions of eligible bottles and cans recycled – tackling litter, reducing pressure on landfills and rewarding people for their recycling behaviours.

Now even more residents and businesses will benefit from the 10-cent refund for returning a wider range of bottles and containers, while making it a smoother transition for industry.

The expansion across both states will see nearly half a billion additional beverage containers returned each year, saved from landfill and sent for recycling.

Each container deposit program will grow to include:

- Wine and spirits glass bottles
- Cordials and juice concentrate containers
- Larger containers of up to three litres of beverages that are already in the scheme, like flavoured milk, fruit and vegetable juice.

Plain milk and health tonic containers will continue to be excluded from the schemes.

These new containers will not be accepted at refund points immediately, giving the wine and spirits industry time to adjust and allowing collection points and systems to ramp up for the additional new containers. New South Wales and South Australia will enact these changes by late-2027.

Queensland has already integrated glass wine and spirit bottles into their container deposit scheme. Western Australia committed to expanding their scheme during their recent state election. The Northern Territory has also recently announced it will bring in legislation to expand its scheme

As the states work together to implement these changes, people are encouraged to keep recycling these containers through their kerbside bins, until collection points are ready.

SA and NSW will be jointly inviting peak bodies representing key industries to further engagement on implementing these changes.

As reported in last week's edition, the Woolworths Moruya Return and Earn machine, located at 61-63 Queen St, Moruya has recently been removed. Network operator TOMRA Cleanaway is looking for a new location for a replacement return point in the local area.

Anyone interested in hosting a return point should reach out to TOMRA Cleanaway Customer Service on 1800 290 691.

Alternative return points to return eligible drink containers include:

- o Batemans Bay Return and Earn Bulk Centre, 1/70 Cranbrook Rd, Batemans Bay
- o Bridge Plaza Batemans Bay Return and Earn machine, 1 Perry St, Batemans Bay
- o Shell Coila Return and Earn machine, 3296 Princess Highway, Coila. · Vouchers from the Woolworths Moruya Return and Earn Machine can be redeemed for up to three years at any Woolworths supermarket in NSW.

Small change fuels big difference

Owners of alternative fuelled vehicles are set to benefit with the next generation of number plates in NSW to have Australia-first integrated fuel identifiers pressed into their surface.

Transport for NSW Executive Director of Road Safety

Regulation Duncan Lucas said up until now fully electric, hybrid or hydrogen vehicles were identified by labels which were attached to number plates with adhesive, with this new innovation improving safety and providing a better customer experience. "Electric Vehicles are the fastest growing market in the Australian automotive industry, with 367,000 electric and hybrid vehicles registered in NSW," Mr Lucas said. "NSW is the first state in Australia to introduce a safety label plate, which will help emergency services quickly identify an alternative fuel vehicle in a crash or fire. "Unlike adhesive labels, the safety label is pressed into the plate like the numbers and letters, making it more durable and allowing the fuel type to be identified by its unique shape.

"Having a 'built-in' identifier also makes it easier for owners and drivers to stay compliant, with less maintenance and better long-term durability, and ensures correct placement of the safety label on the number plate for easier identification during an emergency.

"Pressing a fuel identifier into a vehicle's number plate is only a small change, but it will make a big difference to motorists and emergency crews."

Fire and Rescue NSW Inspector Daniel O'Dea said EVs pose different hazards when involved in a crash, and it's important that firefighters and first responders can quickly and reliably identify a vehicles fuel source. "Having a safety label number plate ensures our crews know they are dealing with an EV and can implement the right strategy to not only keep themselves safe, but also ensure the safety of the vehicle occupants," Mr

"EVs pose unique risks, including high voltage electricity, unexpected vehicle movement or in some cases fires from the vehicle's battery pack.

O'Dea said.

"When the complication of a rescue is also involved, different techniques are required to avoid high voltage cables and to implement a fire protection strategy – and having a visible fuel identifier is a critical focal point for our crews."



The Moruya Community Film Group

The Moruya Community Film Group, aka the Film Club, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year with a special film night on Saturday 20th September at the Red Door in Moruya.

The photo of the Moruya Examiner front page in April 2005 was big news regarding the closure of the Moruya Cinema and the emergence of a committee of Film Club volunteers to screen a monthly Saturday night film for club members.

For 20 years the Film Club has regularly screened films at various venues in Moruya beginning with the Mechanics Institute, St Mary's School Hall and now at the Red Door with new sound and projection equipment.

We have also provided outdoor screenings at the Waterfront Hotel, SAGE garden, Moruya Riverside Park and a few at the Air Raid Hotel.

In these 20 years, the Club only ceased screenings for a time during Covid.

We now welcome present and previous Film Club members to our 20th Anniversary gig for a bit of nostalgia and to catch up with old friends.

The programme includes drinks, nibbles, the popular Film Quiz, a good old-fashioned slide show of Film Club people and events collected over 20 years in which we all look a bit younger, an intermission to chat then the night concludes with a few selected short films.

Members of the public with an interest in films are invited to attend and become film club members. Doors open by 7pm to commence at 7.30pm. May the force be with you.

Gary Smith for the Film Club.

South Coast Writers Centre River of Art writing prize

The SCWC is pleased to announce our second River of Art writing prize. The theme this year is 'ekphrastic', meaning responding to and drawing inspiration from art. There is both a general prize and a local writers prize for entries from Eurobodalla.

Please see copied below a press release that we would be greatly appreciative if you could share among your networks. We can provide images for promotion on request.

The South Coast Writers Centre is excited to announce SCWC's second River of Art writing prize. The River of Art is a vibrant annual arts festival I located in Eurobodalla on the NSW far South Coast, happening from 26 September 6 October 2025. It showcases creative exhibitions, performances and events from Durras to Bermagui and Cobargo.

This year, to work in conjunction with the River of Art exhibitions, the writing prize theme is ekphrastic, which means writing that draws inspiration from and responds to art.

We are excited to announce that local writer Adrian Caesar has joined the judging panel along with South Coast Writers Centre Director, Dr Sarah Nicholson. Adrian Caesar was formerly Associate Professor in the School of English at the University of New South Wales at Canberra and taught Creative Writing at the Australian National University. He is also the award-winning author of fourteen books including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Adrian Caesar says, "This new initiative between the River of Art Festival and the South Coast Writers Centre presents an exciting opportunity for writers in the South Coast Region and beyond.

Along with the main prize there is a special local writers prize category to encourage locals to get an entry in!"

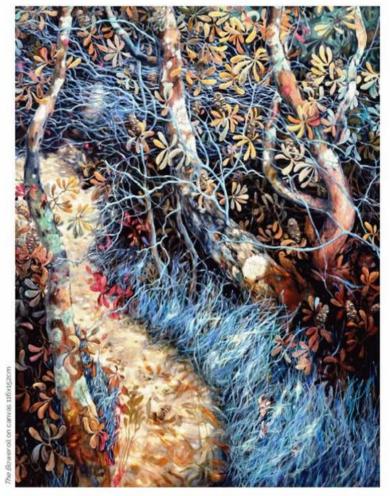
Interested writers are encouraged to attend one of the ekphrastic writing workshops led by veteran writing teacher Linda Godfrey. The workshops will be held in Moruya and Cobargo and will include a tour of locally exhibited artwork for inspiration.

Entries to the prize can be either short fiction or poetry and submissions close on Friday 10th October. More information here:

https://southcoastwriters.org/riverofart

Bookings for ekphrastic workshops here:

https://events.humanitix.com/ekphrastic-workshop



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When: Sunday 21 & 28 September, 1pm - 3pm Where: Art Central, 24 Church St, Moruya Cost: Concession/Members: \$100, Non-Members: \$130

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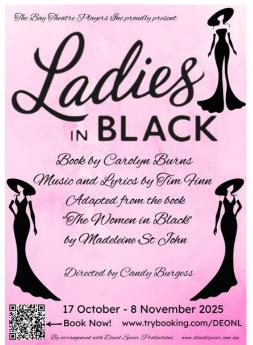
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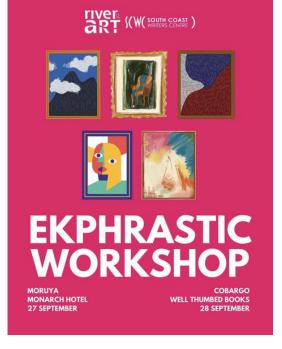
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MA | 1hr 45min ~ Comedy ~ Olivia Coleman & Benedict Cumberbatch

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MA | 2hrs 15min ~ Horror ~ The Conjuring: Last Rites

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verse, based on real events.



KANGAROO ISLAND

M | 1hr 51min ~ Comedy/Drama ~ When Lou returns home to rugged beautiful Kangaroo Island, years of family secrets resurface in this beautiful, rewarding film.



THE NAKED GUN

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MORUYA MAIL

"Free local news for Moruya & the Eurobodalla"



Animal Welfare League News

Our big news this week is our Foster Care Information Session, Thursday 4 September, at Moruya Library.

Foster carers are the heart and soul of what we do. Carers provide the bridge for needy animals to their new lives, and the work is hugely rewarding. There is no cost involved, and no long-term commitment is required. Want to know more? Join us at Moruya Library on Thursday, 4 September, where Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla will be holding a foster care information session.

Come along to Moruya Library between 10.30 and 2.00, and find out how easy it is to change an animal's life!



CAT AND ANIMAL SERVICE FORTER CARERS NEEDED
Help us give cats and kittens a safe place to land.

We're looking for kind-hearted people to open their homes to cats and kittens in need. Whether you're a seasoned animal lover or just curious about fostering, we'd love to meet you.

Other Information Pop-Up Info Stall Thursday 4th September 2025 10:30am – 2:00pm Moruya Library

Call 0410 016 612

Drop by for a chat, ask questions, and find out how you can make a life changing difference, one paw at a time.

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We'd also like to tell readers about Louie, a 13-year-old Italian Greyhound. He was surrendered because his owner died and no-one in the family could rehome him. Louie was much loved by his owner and this shows in his gentle and loving nature. He is an elderly gentleman but sprightly and energetic for his age. Louie loves nothing more than a snuggle with his human and will be your shadow around the house. He loves a good walk and lying in the sun. Like most Italian Greyhounds he can be a bit nervous at first but he soon settles and warms to new people.

Like all AWL animals, Louie comes microchipped, desexed and vaccinated. Call AWL on 0410 016 612 to arrange a meeting.

South Coast

An Ode to the Masters Exhibition and Sale 27 September to 6 October

Hanging Rock Function Centre
(Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay)



Enjoy a leisurely browse and paintings in passis, water colour, mixed modis, oils and serylic. The 'Odd to the Masters' exhibition presents artist's version of their favourite master's work completed using passis, the passis of passis, and the passis of passis, and the passis of works by the society smembers. A selection of greeting cards reflecting the art of many of the exhibiting artists will also be available for sale.

de to Edgar Degas' Blue Dancers by Hideko Pentony







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2025 Diary Dates

- 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 Midday 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.

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/Ouctmc9Mxk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting of SAGE NSW Incorporated is to be held at: SAGE Garden at 110 Queen St Moruya NSW 2537 on Saturday 13 September 2025 at 11am.

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).



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

When: Thursday 11th September 2025 10am to 2pm

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

make an appointment

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HOME AUTOMATION WORKSHOP

Join Nick Buckmaster on Saturday 06 September to learn how to automate your home and control your smart devices from a locally hosted server!

Get the most out of your home, office, campervan or even boat. The workshop will introduce you to the key concepts of home automation using "Home Assistant".

\$50 per person or \$45 for valid concession card holders or RfR members. 9.30am - 1.30pm at the RfR Solar Reuse Centre. Morning tea on the house! Email rfreurobodalla@gmail.com to get in touch with Nick for more information.



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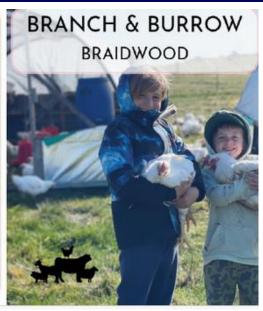




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HELP IS NEEDED WITH

fixing electrical goods (SHASA will cover the cost of volunteers to undertake tag and test training)

organise and serve morning tea for the

Interested?

Please contact Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email contact.shasa@gmail.com



TUROSS HEAD SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 12 noon

If you are thinking of coming along or have a question about owning or driving an EV please contact Andrew Evr andrew.john.everard⊛gmail.com Scan the QR Code for more information on SHASA.

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New jet skis for Bega Valley and Eurobodalla Beaches

A fleet of new rescue jet skis will be patrolling Broulee, Batemans Bay and Pambula beaches this summer, following a record investment from the Minns Labor Government in Surf Life Saving NSW.

With the warmer months approaching, which will see increased swimmers across NSW beaches, the Minns Labor Government is delivering on its commitment to boost community safety and surveillance at beaches across the state.

This jet ski boost brings the state's fleet up to 56, ensuring rapid responses to emergencies across New South Wales

beaches all year round.

The new jet skis are being delivered to Broulee, Batemans Bay and Pambula beaches ahead of the start of the volunteer patrol season on Saturday 27 September.

Last year jet skis were used in 206 rescues performed by volunteer lifesavers, saving critical time in emergency

incidents.

Supporting the jet skis, new Emergency Response Beacons (ERBs) backed up by drones, are keeping an eye across our states beaches. The beacons are installed on beaches and allow for emergency services to be called during emergencies.

The Minns Labor Government is working to build a better New South Wales and is making meaningful investments to boost the capacity of Surf Life Saving NSW, and the safety of our beaches.

Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega, said "Surf lifesaving volunteers are the backbone of beach safety on the South Coast, and this investment will give them the tools they need to save lives more effectively. With new rescue jet skis being delivered to Broulee, Batemans Bay and Pambula, our local lifesavers will be better equipped to respond quickly in emergencies and keep both locals and visitors safe in the water. These modern jet skis, alongside new emergency beacons, represent a major step forward in protecting our community and supporting the dedicated volunteers who patrol our beaches."

For beach information, including safety tips, patrolled beaches and the location of ERBs, visit: www.surflifesaving.com.au or download the Beachsafe app.



Dr Michael Holland MP, Member for Bega with Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully and Surf Lifesaving Representatives pictured with a drone that is helping boost the capacity of Surf Life Saving NSW



SHASA's

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

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2025 Hard Waste Collection dates

- 8 September Catalina, Silverdell Pl through to Batemans Bay (including Crosby Dr and Glenella Rd)
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- 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 <u>hard waste</u> <u>collection webpage</u>.





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Attention all Paddlers



The final race #5 for the Far South Coast Paddlers is on again next weekend September 6th. Entry is free.

Date: September 6th Where: Moruya River Town Wharf Registration 7.15am Start Time: 8.00am

This event is for single craft, outriggers canoes, dragon boats and anything else that floats. It's a staggered start with the aim that everyone finishes at roughly the same time. For race #4 we had 33 craft, one OC6 and one dragon boat. The weather was lousy but we had fun.



Eurobodalla Orchid Club

Spring Orchid Show

Saturday September 27th 9am to 4pm

Sunday September 28th 9am to 2pm

Free Entry

Narooma Lesiure Centre 100 Bluewater Drive Narooma

Plants for sale.

Raffle and posies for sale



Micro loans to help small food producers

SAGE NSW based in Moruya has launched an innovative micro loans project to address the difficulties some small food producers face trying to access finance for essential farming infrastructure.

"It's an exciting space for SAGE and the food community to move into, and another way we can work towards increasing the supply of fresh local food and creating jobs and business opportunities", says SAGE president Peter Heyward.

"SAGE became a registered charity last year and received some generous donations allowing us to launch this micro loan project with around \$50,000, and loans up to \$10,000 may be considered".

Peter explains that SAGE's social and educational events continue to be well supported as fund raisers, and this income contributes to their other projects. He describes the SAGE community being made up of people who want to improve local food security including growers, food producers, businesses, food consumers, members, supporters and volunteers.

SAGE volunteers manage the SAGE Farmers Market in Moruya every Tuesday afternoon, the SAGE Garden, and the Stepping Stone Farm co farming project. The group hosts seasonal social events to showcase locally grown food, education programs and catering. Volunteers grow food for community groups and host food shares. SAGE NSW is a Moruya based not-for-profit community group involved in improving food security. For information on the Micro Loans Project, search www.sageproject.org.au or this link. https://www.sageproject.org.au/pages/sage-microloans-1



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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

or email garys.home@bigpond.com

Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 29.8.25

Moruya River.

Fishing in the river this week has been, as expected, difficult. Cold winter water temps have made finding active fish difficult. The lower areas around the spur wall, Preddy's wharf and the Quarry wharf have had schools of visiting salmon to keep local anglers occupied. They have generally been coming into the river on the rising tide, and heading back out as it turns and runs out. So, time your sessions around the incoming tides and throw some small metal lures or medium sized soft plastics, along with pilchard baits for a chance of success.

The rest of the system is very much a hit or miss proposition this time of year. That's not to say that fish are unavailable, you just have to work hard for them.

Tuross River.

Coila lake has been fishing well for some good sized post spawn black bream. Graham and Jack both had a good day this week with some good sized bream and winter flathead. Hardbodies wee the key to their success, with the good old Daiwa double clutch and Atomic Hardz both working to capture the breams attention.

The Tuross system itself, has been difficult to fish this week, with cold water temps keeping activity low. Visiting salmon, have kept anglers active around the lower reaches of the system. For those heading further upstream, I am starting to hear whispers of flathead over the mudflat lakes, where the water temps are a degree or two higher, now that the days are getting longer.

The top of the tide will be the best time to fish these areas, as the flats will have had time to soak the maximum amount of warmth this time of year.

Rock and Beach.

The beaches have been on fire with salmon to 70cm being reported all up and down the coast. Pick a beach, and get your baits out.

From the stones, drummer are still in full swing this time of year, and feed can be secured fairly quickly. Please only take what you need, as it can be very easy to bag out this time of year, which removes a lot of fish from a local ledge very quickly, if everyone does the same.

Offshore.

The snapper have still been on the cards this time of year, with the 20m mark being a good place to start. Please keep an eye on the weather and swell conditions, as the swell is looking big for Saturday afternoon.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, and is a good state, with worms and hawksbury prawns the only noticeable absence at the moment.

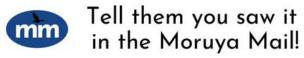
We still have 20% off all dive gear at the moment, and there are a few new additions to the range starting to trickle through from our major suppliers, as the 2025/26 ranges start to become available.

Please note that Sunday 14th September, we will be closed as there is an all day power outage scheduled with Essential Energy.

We only have a few days left on this months Junior Angler competition, with the winner being drawn Monday 1st September. Just add your entry to the pinned post at the top of our FB page. Good luck.

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

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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Robyn Butcher took over proceedings whilst Jay Breust Bowls Coordinator is away bowling. Robyn congratulated Gloria Harper, Jenny Blyth and Sue Beavan on Winning District Senior Triples in Narooma on weekend.

Well done to Vic Patrikka, Murray O'Bryan and Kevin Nutter winning Senior Triples in Moruya. 20/12 Peter Keatley, Tim Kovacs and Adam Moffit in winning Open Triples 26/23, Go Stingrays. Di MacPherson wished Gayl Vidgen a Happy Birthday and presented her with a Birthday hankie before Pat Bill called cards. Winners Rink 11, Gai Gibson, Gayl Vidgen, Lyn Hardy and Margaret Bridges. (Photo)

Runners-up Rink 9, Anna Stewart, Jan Shalders, Noleen Taylor and Sue Beavan . Lucky numbers, 28 Karen Signor, 16 Sue Palmer, 27 Colleen Ashby. Money Club, 36 Olga Geshwend, 47 Jan Shalders. Don't forget Presentation Night next Tuesday 9th September.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report.



President Peter Edwards welcomed 25 Twisties on a beautiful warm sunny day, bowling in 6 games of Pairs. Good bowling to ladies in Senior District Triples in Narooma. It has been confirmed Crookwell bowlers will be visiting on weekend of 11th/12th October. Robbo checked with HotLips that all is going well for Spike, also Sumpy. Congratulations to Lois "Lane" and Scottie who have taken a shared position on committee after Moby Dick's retirement. (Photo) Winners with Lowest Winning Ends Mad Max and Breadroll. Runners-up Bob the Builder & Pedro.

Max selected Rink 6 to try for Jackpot of \$197 . Pedro cut cards but no luck finding Joker. No High/Low Scores won so Jackpots again. Lucky number, 7 Smiley. Great to see Chrissie McGregor on the Green with husband Smiley .Winning teams, Dave and Kaz Ruthless and Witto. Doc and Irish. Pattycake and Scottie.

State Women's Triples

Moruya Bowls Club reports: A huge congratulations to Julie Quinlivan, Sally Malone and Telara Edwards, who took out the State Women's Triples, defeating Tuross Heads!

Their win also sees Moruya women progress through to the regionals in both pairs and triples.

Plenty of proud Moruya performances across the weekend: In the Men's State Triples, Pete, Joel and Brad went down in Round 1 to Malua Bay, while Matt, Kaine and Warren were out in Round 1 against Tomakin.

The Senior Men's side of Jeff, Peter Jeffs and Shane Quinlivan fought hard to reach the Final, but were narrowly defeated by Malua Bay. Gail, Pat and Christine also represented Moruya in the State Women's Triples, falling to Tuross Heads in Round 1.

Well done to all who wore the Moruya colours this weekend."

Seniors Raceday at Moruya Jockey Club

Join us on Tuesday, September 16th for a fantastic day of country racing. FREE entry for all Senior Concession Card holders Bus services available - bookings essential A great day out with thrilling races, good company, and plenty of country hospitality Bring your friends, enjoy the atmosphere, and celebrate a day just for our seniors at the track!

Spring Horse Show in Moruya

Sat 27th Sept 2025 at Moruya Showground

Entries open on Globalonline on Monday 18th August at 8am Close on Thursday 25th September 2025 at 10pm

Classes include ASH Ridden and Led classes, Hack and Breed Ridden and Led classes and Riding classes.

Classes start at 8.30am and Canteen will be open all day.

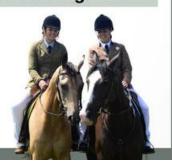
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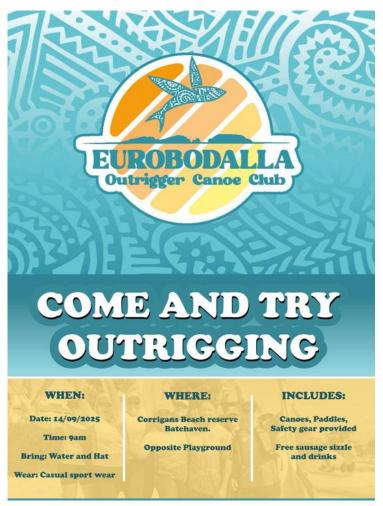
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Tuross Head Golf



Winners: Ian Manton and Steve Johnston.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 28th August 2025

36 players competed in a 2 person Ambrose Team event today. The course was wet in places following the recent rain however some great scores were achieved. The Winning Teams were: 1st: Ian Manton and Steve Johnston with 64.75 nett 2nd: Ray Bollard and Troy Kingdom with 65 nett

3rd: Paul Scholze and Col Houghton with 65.75 nett Nearest to the Pins 4th: Graeme Sindel 0.27 6th: Jim Wade 3.33 Balls went to:

Brad Doolan and Graeme Sindel, Ian McManus and Al Langford, Steve Swanbury and Maree Coffey, 6th: Ian McManus 6.43 B Grade Bruce Harding and Ron Rogers and Jim Wade and Mark Haberkorn.

Encouragement Award went to Dianne Brown and Sandra D'Onofrio.



Second place winner:Brad Doolan.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 30th August 2025

A field of 34 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The players braved the very windy conditions and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Matthew Kennedy (15) with 41 points

2nd: Brad Doolan (7) with 38 points 3rd: Ron Rogers (21) with 36 points (countback)

4th: Steven O'Shea (19) with 36 points (countback)

and David Gray 32.

Nearest to the Pins 4th: Jim Wade 3.97 A Grade 4th: Ian Lawson 6.28 B Grade 4th: Rob McDonell 5.80 C Grade 6th: Brad Doolan 1.93 A Grade 7th: John Harb 1.88 B Grade Balls went to: Ray Bollard 36, Jim Wade 36, Steve Collins 35, Mark Haberkorn 35, Robert McDonell 34, Terry Milliken 33, John Harb 33, Ian Lawson 33, Shane Gschwend 33



Winners: Leonie Snodgrass, Jane Eglitis and Dianne Brown

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

A field of 23 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Kerrie Sands. The ladies headed out on a lovely Spring Day and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

1st: Leonie Snodgrass (19) with 38

2nd: Pauline Nash (29) with 33 points (countback)

B Grade:

1st: Dianne Brown (38) with 38 points 2nd: Gail Rogers (36) with 31 points

1st: Jane Eglitis (42) with 33 points 2nd: Paula Coffey (45) with 32 points Hole Prize:

7th Dorothy Madden Golden Shot A 7th Kerrie Sands Golden Shot B Nearest to the Pin:

6th Leonie Snodgrass

15th Teri Swanbury

BAY

Place Getters: Annette Manton 33, Dorothy Madden 31, Chelsea Mayes 30 and Leonie Doolan 30. **Encouragement Award:Jennifer**



Winner: Neal Watson

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 3rd September 2025

A field of 41 players signed up for a Par event today. It was a cool Spring morning with some fantastic scores.

The Winners were: 1st: Neal Watson with +1 (countback) 2nd: Ted Quinlan with +1 3rd: Ron Hanlon with Square (countback). Balls or Chocolates went to: Derek Hoare Square, Mike Birks -1, Steve Collins -1, Paul Green -1, Steve Johnston -2, Paul Pereira -2, Jeanette Miller -2, Rob McKirdy -2, Bob Coppin -2

Nearest to the Pins: 4th: Bruce Martin (2nd Shot) 6th: Ian Manton (1st Shot) 7th: Ladies: Jane Eglitis (2nd Shot)

and Les Thompson -2.

Mens: Steve Swanbury (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Steve Collins (5th Bradmans: Ian Miller

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Moruya Ladies Golf

Overnight rain and morning drizzle kept some ladies away but the brave decided to venture out to play a Stableford event on Wednesday 27th August. The winner on the day being Christine Quick with a great score of 39 points. Balls went to Art McBride, Val Moore and Cindy Becker. Well done Christine."

>>Christine Quick





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Minor Singles Decided at Tuross Head Bowling Club

Both of the Minor Singles Championships -Women's and Men's – have been decided after the competitors had to cope with extremely challenging conditions with the strong winds that prevailed on the final two days they played!

Due to bad weather and sickness, the Women's matches had been delayed. On Tuesday Cheryl McRae and Suzanne Innes played their delayed quarter final. In a very even start to the game the scores were locked at 10 all after 12 ends. This continued until Cheryl was able to win 4 ends in a row, including 4 shots on the 21st end, to set up a 22 – 17 lead. It was then Suzanne's turn to dominate the game. She really fought hard to bridge the gap. On the 24th end she picked up 4 shots to draw level on 22 all! She maintained the momentum to pick 3 shots on the next end to win the exciting game 25 – 22!

Meanwhile Vickie Wheelahan and Sandra Mather meet in the first semi-final. After Sandra started well to have an early 6 - 3 lead, Vickie had a run of winning 5 consecutive ends to move out to a 14 - 6 lead. Sandra fought back strongly and by the 14th end she had reduced Vickie's margin to 14 – 10. Vickie had a great 15th end when she scored 4 shots to move out to an 18 – 10 advantage. However, Sandra was not finished! She won the next 5 ends to be just 2 shots adrift at 16 – 18. Vickie then took over! By the 24th end she had increased her lead to 24 -16.In one final twist Sandy scored 4 shots on the next end to again be in with a chance at 20 - 24. Vickie was able to claim the shot she needed on a very tight 25th end to move into

The second semi-final was played on Thursday in very strong and gusty north-westerly winds with Suzanne Innes playing Julie Barningham. Playing from the northern end of the green it was extremely difficult for the players to judge their weight due to the strong tail wind on the fast green. Julie started with 4 shots on the first end and looked all business as she raced to a 13 – 4 lead after 9 ends.

Suzanne battled hard but she could not match the excellent draw bowls Julie was playing in the difficult conditions. When she did manage to get the shot Julie would get one closer. Julie moved into the final winning 25 – 12.

Both the women and the men played their finals on Saturday and the conditions were even worse than on Thursday with near gale force winds from the south west. In the Men's final Neil Mather played Mike Bromfield. The final scoreline did not reflect the tightness of the game. Mike started well and led 6-2 after 5 ends. Neil plugged away but was finding it difficult to pick up more than 1 shot at a time. Mike had a distinct advantage with his heavier bowls that were not affected as much as Neil's - which at times were blown off their track!

Mike was able to get more bowls into the head which helped him score multiple shots and after 14 ends he led 14 – 6. He moved to 22 – 6 after 18 ends but Neil made him work for the last 3 shots he needed. It took another five ends for him to take the title. Both players fought hard in this period with each end resulting in only one shot to the winner. After 23 ends Mike won 25 – 8. Of the 23 ends played 17 of them were decided by a single shot that showed the closeness of the battle. Congratulations to both players who played the game in the right spirit!

The Women's final had a similar pattern as the Men's with the final score not reflecting how close the game was between Julie Barningham and Vickie Wheelahan. The game took 25 ends to complete with Julie winning 13 ends and Vickie 12 ends but Julie won 25 – 16!!After 10 ends the score was locked at 6 all before Julie pulled away to a 14 – 8 lead after 13 ends. Julie was able to score multiple shots on 8 ends and picked up the only '4' of the game on the 13th end.

On the other-hand Vickie only managed to score multiple shots on 3 ends! But she made Julie work hard for victory. Vickie won 5 of the 6 ends after the 13th end to reduce Julie's margin to just one shot at 15 – 14 after 19 ends. It was any-one's game!! But the pattern of the game continued.In the remaining 6 ends Julie was able to win 4 ends but she scored 2 shots on each of them. Vickie won two ends but was only able to score 2 shots!Julie won the title with a final score of 25 – 16. Congratulations to both women who gave their best in the awful conditions and played the game in the right spirit!



2025_26 Men's Minor Singles Champion - Mike Bromfield



2025_26 Women's Minor Singles Champion - Julie Barningham



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