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SAVE OUR COMMUNITY LAND

While reviewing the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan, a number of residents were alarmed that it included the possible construction of high-rise commercial and residential buildings on the site of the old Batemans Bay Bowling Club on what has been, since 1918, community recreational land. A Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group has been formed to lobby Council to reconsider this proposal. "The history of this site should guide its future use, and that should be its retention by the community as an open space," said Neil Gow, Convenor of the Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group.

"It is surrounded by other key recreational areas, including the Mackay Park football facility and the Pavilion Aquatic and Arts Centre. Let's keep the precinct for the enjoyment of the community".

The Welcome Park Group believes that the site of the old Bowling Club, which runs along Princes Highway/Vesper Street, would serve the community's best interest if it became a beautiful community park, a true gateway feature to welcome visitors to our Nature Coast and provide recreational activities for us all.

The site is bounded by the wetlands of McLeod's Creek in the Clyde River Estuary. The mangroves, salt marshes and swamp oak floodplain forest are of high conservation value and classed under NSW legislation as threatened and protected ecological communities.

As community land, the site would blend into and help protect these wetlands, and allow Smoke Point and the Pavilion to be linked by a walking track with interpretive signage to explain both Aboriginal and European heritage. "Council should not sell this land, a community asset, to a private developer," said Mr Gow. "This can be assured by Council voting to change its function from operational to community use. Its retention as community land would overcome the central issue of the conflict of roles involved in commercial negotiations to date, which have dogged the Council since the purchase of the site in 2016, its declaration as operational land, and more recently the discussions with potential buyers and developers. If Council agrees to reclassify the land as community use, we will be asking them to undertake a community consultative process to develop a Plan of Management for this site".

Mr Gow can be contacted at ewparkgroup@gmail.com

8th Bushfire and Heatwave Haven completed at Southern Life Church



Monday was a very significant day for SHASA (South coast Health and Sustainability Alliance), with the opening of the 8th Bushfire and Heatwave Haven in the Eurobodalla at Southern Life Church. This is 4th Haven in Moruya.

SHASA a not for profit charity undertaking practical projects to achieve a more resilience community and help with the transition to renewable energy in the Eurobodalla. So far SHASA have secured 64 grants with a value of over \$7.5m.

President Kathryn Maxwell said "SHASA has partnered with Southern Life Church to make the haven a reality. Not only do we have two buildings with independent power systems, satellite communications, but also temperature control and air quality control. This will enable our more vulnerable members of the community to escape the heat and smoke during bushfires. The back up power system will keep the freezers running no matter what the climate throws at us.

"SHASA would like to thank the following local businesses for their excellent work – Micro Energy Systems – thanks Steve Cornthwaite, Blue N Grey Water and Septic Solutions, Tec Exec – thanks Trish Pye and Betta Batemans Bay – thanks Geoff Hatton" said Kathryn.

SHASA, in partnership with the Tilba Halls Committee, is anticipating opening our 9th Haven at the Tilba Halls later this year.

"Our goal, funding permitting, is to establish a network of 12 Bushfire and Heatwave Havens" said Kathryn.

SHASA has also developed maps of the location and services provided at the Havens.

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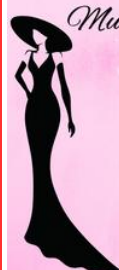
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8th Bushfire and Heatwave Haven completed at Southern Life Church



Dr Michael Holland MP, Graham Brown, ESC GM Mark Fergusen, Tricia Pye, SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell and Pastor Julie Brown.

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Speaking at the launch Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland's said "SHASA received a NSW Government Infrastructure Grant of \$168,667 to undertake works to enable the Food Hall and Church Hall to operate as havens during extreme weather events."

Works included nearly 30kW of solar and a 30kWh battery on the Church Building, 26.4kw of solar panels and 30kWh battery on the Food Hall , Electrical upgrade to the switch board to both building, Installation of Starlink (satellite communications) and training from Tec Exec, 2 steel rainwater tanks, fire pump, hoses and fittings to be able to fight ember attack during bushfires, 4 internal air filters to address wood smoke during bushfires, Back up 30kVa diesel generator for the food hall., Weather proof enclosures for the electrical equipment. Southern Life Church has funded a 22kVA generator for the Church Hall, an additional rainwater tank, and concrete slabs for the rainwater tanks and generators.

These upgrades provide Southern Church with an independent power system if the grid goes down, a communications system if telecommunications goes down and equipment to fight ember attack.

The Southern Life Church Haven will be a refuge for vulnerable members of the Food Pantry and Church members and their families during extreme events like bushfires and heatwaves. It will cater for up to 200 people.

ESC Interim GM Mark Fergusen said "Council is very excited to see the opening of the Eurobodalla's 8th Bushfire and Heatwave Haven at the Southern Life Church, Moruya. Moruya now has 4 havens - the Anglican Parish Red Door Hall, CWA Moruya, Moruya Pre School Kindergarten and Southern Life Church. There is also another one at the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club at Moruya Heads."

"The upgrades outlined by Dr Michael Holland will also significantly reduce the electricity bills for Southern Life Church. In particular it will significantly improve the financial sustainability of the Food Pantry which uses lots of electricity to run the freezers and fridges."

Mr Fergusen added "Since 2018 SHASA has secured 62 grants, totaling \$7.5m for practical projects to achieve a more resilient community and install solar PV and/or batteries in community facilities all over the Eurobodalla. This includes Marine Rescue bases, CWAs, Men's Sheds, Rally for Recovery, Batemans Bay Heritage Museum and Pre Schools."

"Recently SHASA secured a Community Building Partnership grant of \$54,974 (GST Inclusive) to install solar and batteries on the Dr McKay Community Centre as well as upgrade the gas commercial kitchen to electric. A big thank you to Dr Michael Holland for securing this grant."

Mr Fergusen said "Council will continue to partner with SHASA to upgrade key community halls across the Eurobodalla."

He commended SHASA for being at the forefront of resilience in the Shire.



SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell and Pastor Julie Brown.

Eurobodalla's own emergency preparedness guide hits mailboxes

Created by locals for locals, the Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide is a one-stop guide for individual, family, neighbourhood and community disaster readiness.

Arriving in mailboxes across the shire from Monday 10 November, the easy-to-use guide has practical starting tools and information on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural disasters and emergencies, with:

- up-to-date local emergency contact information, all in one place
- personal and property preparation planning tools
- step-by-step instructions for preparing, monitoring and responding to emergencies
- local support hubs, communication and connection resources

The guide's creators Sandra Makdessi and Von Hutcheson want every household in the shire to be empowered with the information and tools to keep them safe in times of crisis, make informed decisions, and support each other before, during and after emergencies. That includes better preparing you property ahead of time, making an effective bushfire plan, or simply feeling more confident about what to do when the unexpected happens. Von said, "The Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide is the beginning of a wider movement towards more connection and community strength around disasters and it is so valuable in our region".

Accessible to everyone – digitally connected or not – a hardcopy of the guide will be delivered to every home in the shire and also continually updated and available on [SHASA's website](#).

The Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide was officially launched on Tuesday 14 October at Moruya's Mechanics Institute to a large group including dignitaries, local emergency services, community support groups, media, and enthusiastic supporters and well-wishers.



Eurobodalla's Local Emergency Management Officer, Angus Barnes with Sandra Makdessi and Von Hutcheson from the Project team at the Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide launch event

A key message for the people in the room was : "We encourage you to use the guide, read it, share it, talk to family, friends and neighbours and your community – stick it on your fridge, create your emergency action plans, prepare a survival kit and prepare your property, before the emergency. Together, we'll build a more resilient shire." Sandra said.

Speaking at the launch, emergency management professional Dr Brett Henderson said effective emergency management depends on every household and organisation doing their bit before the crisis occurs. Dr Henderson is a retired police commander, SES volunteer, and has recently completed his doctoral thesis 'Sharing the Responsibility for Emergency Management', which focuses on Eurobodalla.

"The Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide focuses on individual preparedness, an essential component of our ever-changing disaster environment." Dr Henderson said.

The Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide was made possible with support from SHASA, Anglicare, Eurobodalla Council, Moruya Rotary, Supporting Spontaneous Volunteers Program, ECSN and SAGE.

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Lifetime Achievement Award for Peter Freeman OAM



Gary Kent, National Trust ACT President, Chris Steel, ACT Heritage Minister and Peter Freeman OAM

Moruya heritage architect Peter Freeman has received the Award for Lifetime Achievement at the ACT National Trust Heritage Awards 2025.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises a demonstrated commitment and achievements over a period of two or more decades in the conservation of built, cultural, natural or First Nations heritage by an individual in the ACT.

Peter Freeman OAM is an architect who has dedicated more than four decades to the conservation, documentation and celebration of Australia's architectural heritage through his practice as an architect, conservation architect, historian and author.

Peter, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects was the inaugural ACT Heritage Advisor and has been a Chair of the ACT Heritage Council. He has authored and edited a number of books devoted to Canberra's architectural heritage including 'The Early Canberra House' (1995) and more recently Thoroughly Modern: Moir + Sutherland Architects (2021). Peter's work in the ACT was prolific in the years between 1988 and 2011.

He was involved with Ainslie School, ACT Government Housing Stock, Ginninderra Schoolhouse, Gudgenby homestead, Kingston Powerhouse Precinct and St Johns to name a few.

Peter has also authored many books on Australia's heritage and vernacular buildings, including The Woolshed, The Homestead, The Wall Papered Manse and more recently The St Clair Villa: 175 years of Goulburn History.

Peter has worked across the country on heritage conservation projects, including the Robin Boyd-design Manning Clark House here in the ACT, the Hobart Town Hall and the Theatre Royal in Hobart, the Toganmain Woolshed restoration and the Presbyterian Manse in Moruya, the NSW south coast town where he and his wife Tanny now live.

The Awards was presented last week at a ceremony on Canberra.



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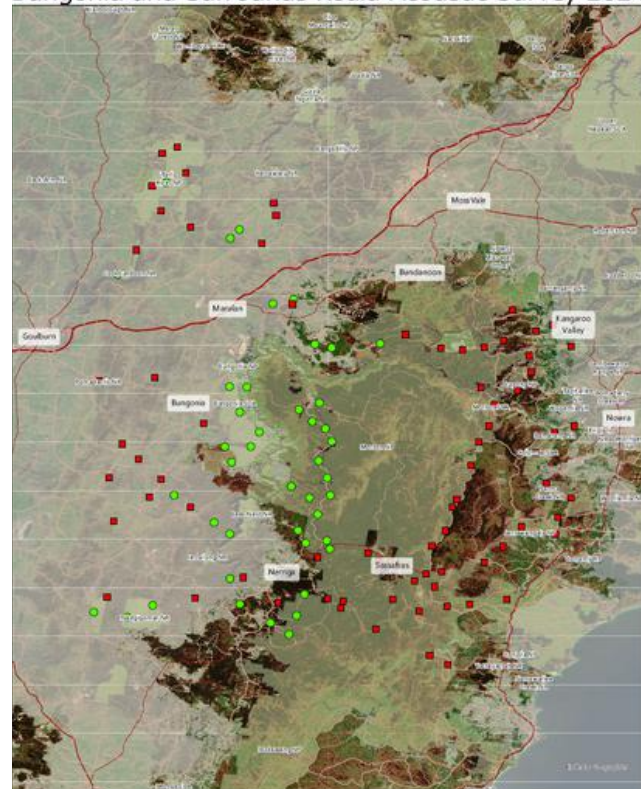


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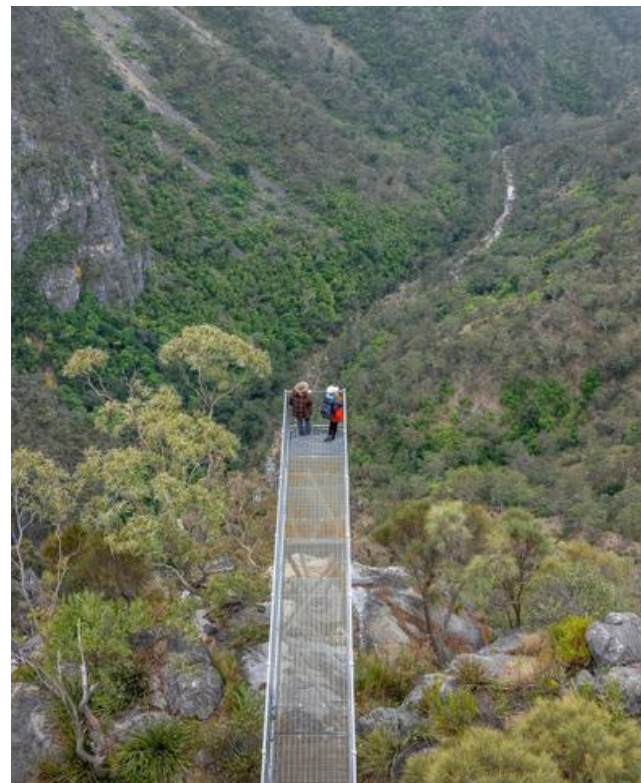
Results from 2024 Bungonia ARES and surrounds Koala acoustic survey. Data from 2023 Southern Highlands survey included for context to the North.

For Bungonia survey sites: 43/117 sites occupied with koalas during survey. These are "koala occupancy" results and do not account for imperfect detection. Absent sites may have koalas present, but they were not detected during the survey.

This survey was co-delivered by the NSW Koala Strategy Regional Delivery Team and South East LLS.

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Bungonia Morton Koala Survey Results Map. credit DCCEEW



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Abundant koala populations have been recorded between Morton to Bungonia which were ravaged by the Black Summer bushfires, proving the resilience of the bush and native species.

Close to 5,000 koala bellows have been recorded during a survey stretching over 4,000 hectares between Marulan and Kangaroo Valley. The distinctive male koala bellow is a deep, guttural 'snore' and is heard loud and clear from mating male koalas above the cacophony of nighttime bush noises.

More than 115 tiny box-shaped sound recorders were strapped to trees at sites during the last breeding season, capturing the sounds of the bush every night for two weeks. Koala bellows were detected up to about 200 metres away.

With the help of AI, 19,000 hours of recordings identified 4,991 bellows across 43 sites in Morton National Park, and on some neighbouring private properties. One site recorded the sounds of male koalas 19 out of 21 nights. As the largest and most comprehensive koala survey undertaken in the area, the data confirms the presence of koalas and will be an invaluable baseline for future research work.

The project received funding from the Australian Government Saving Koalas Fund and was jointly delivered by experts from the NSW Government's Local Land Services and the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

The NSW Government has recently expanded Morton National Park, with the addition of 380 hectares of prime koala habitat.

This new parcel of land offers greater protection to a range of threatened species in the region such as the brush-tailed rock wallaby, glossy black cockatoos and the spotted-tailed quoll.

National Parks will introduce fire management practices, weed and feral animal control, and threatened species conservation. This will further strengthen wildlife populations and improve the landscape's resilience to climate change, fires and drought.

Federal Minister for the Environment, Murray Watt said "The Albanese Government supported this important project with a \$3 million investment - knowing there is a strong koala presence around NSW's Southern Highlands is vital information for ecologists to keep supporting the long-term conservation of koalas and their habitat.

"Our Saving Koalas Fund is delivering more than \$76 million to ensure koala populations across the country not only survive - but thrive."

NSW Minister for the Environment, Penny Sharpe said "The survey results are proof the koala population not only survived the fires but are spreading right across the Morton-Bungonia landscape.

"The Minns Labor Government is working hard to rollout conservation work to protect and boost koala populations, which includes expanding Morton National Park to protect more vital koala habitat."

NSW Minister for Agriculture, Tara Moriarty said "This project is a great example of how technology and ecology can come together to support native species conservation.

"The data collected will help inform land management decisions to ensure a safe and sustainable future for koala populations."

NSW Member for Monaro, Minister Steve Whan said "This project highlights the value of ongoing research and mapping of NSW's threatened koala population.

"A strong and protected koala population on our doorstep in Monaro is a great addition to our already rich biodiversity."

NSW Member for the South Coast, Liza Butler said "These were some of the hardest-hit areas during the Black Summer. The return and persistence of koalas here is a powerful sign of resilience, both in the landscape and the species.

"Expanding Morton National Park means more safe ground for koalas and a host of other threatened species. It's a win for biodiversity and a vital step in securing this region's ecological future."

NSW Member Elect for Kiama, Katelin McInerney said "Adding 380 hectares of prime koala habitat to Morton National Park helps us protect not only koalas, but other endangered species such as the southernmost colony of brush-tailed rock-wallabies."

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Eurobodalla Koala Conservation takes to new heights

The Eurobodalla Koala Project volunteers have taken their conservation work to new heights with drone training held in the Eurobodalla last week. The drone training held by experienced drone pilot Peter Quick, is helping volunteers develop new skills in wildlife monitoring and habitat mapping. The team's state of the art \$10,000 drone, purchased through Fire to Flourish funding is already proving to be a valuable tool in the field and observing other native wildlife from above. The technology also allows the group to monitor vegetation changes and identify areas where habitat corridor restoration may be helpful.

This hands on training is part of an ongoing program to build local capacity in conservation technology and strengthen community involvement in protecting the region's koalas. Future sessions will continue to train new volunteers, including members of the local aboriginal community, who bring deep knowledge of the land and its wildlife.

With a blend of traditional care for country and modern technology, Eurobodalla's volunteer team is creating a powerful new way to understand and protect the landscapes our koalas call home.

You can also help us spot koalas!

Spokesperson, Candace Wirth stated, 'We are inviting land owners to take part and use our motion activated trail cameras that we can place on your property for a two week period to see what wildlife (including koalas) may be around. West of Bodalla is the spot we are looking at currently. We will handle the set-up and collection - all you need to do is provide access to a spot on your property. We want to work with our community to discover more about our local wildlife'.

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Wayne Carberry, Nick Hopkins and Peter Quick.



Moruya Police on pedals

South Coast Police District reports this week : "Sgt David Stewart, S/C Sinead Linton, and S/C Donna Clarke hit the streets of Moruya on bikes for their first High Visibility Policing (HVP) shift.

They're committed to engaging with local youth, building stronger community connections, and targeting crime hotspots across the SCPD throughout the summer.

Keep an eye out for them around town and in the local schools — they are out there to make a positive impact."



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Presentations to Public Access Forum at Council 14th October 2025

Eurobodalla Coastal Vulnerability and Climate Change, with Particular Reference to Batemans Bay - ABE

Good Morning Councillors. This morning I want to address Council regarding coastal vulnerability and climate change in the Eurobodalla, with particular reference to the Batemans Bay Master Plan (BBMP). I am presenting as Co-Convenor of A Better Eurobodalla (ABE), a community forum dedicated to having effective and open governance in our region. This topic is also relevant to my own tertiary qualifications, consisting of B.Sc. First Class Honours in physical geography and a Ph.D. in coastal processes. I have a long term interest in the Eurobodalla coast, having camped for 11 days at the back of Bengello Beach 50 years ago to collect beach profile data for my honours project.

September 2025 was a significant period for Australian climate change policy and governance, with the release of Australia's National Climate Risk Assessment (NCRA), a landmark report that comprehensively details how climate change will affect Australia's health, infrastructure, economy, and environment. It identifies 63 national climate risks, with a focus on 11 priority areas, and warns of increasing hazards including extreme storms, heatwaves, and sea-level rise, which lead to significant economic costs and impacts on communities and ecosystems. Key findings and risks are :

- **Economic and financial impacts:**
The NCRA projects a substantial increase in the cost of disasters, potentially reaching over \$40 billion annually by 2050. Property values are also at risk, with one study estimating a half-trillion dollar hit by 2090.
- **Health and social impacts:**
The report warns of a significant rise in heat-related deaths, particularly in densely populated areas.
- **Infrastructure and coastal impacts:**
Millions of Australians are at risk from coastal erosion and sea-level rise, with projections showing a 400% increase in coastal flooding days in some areas by 2090.
- **Natural environment and food systems:**
Risks to the natural environment and food systems are expected to increase from high to very high by 2050.
- **Cascading and compounding risks:**
The report emphasizes that climate change impacts will be interconnected, compounding each other and occurring simultaneously across different systems.
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The Mandarin - In the context of Eurobodalla policy and governance, the NCRA identifies 10 priority hazards, including 4 directly applicable to Batemans Bay. These four are :

- 1) Coastal erosion and shoreline change,
- 2) Coastal and estuarine flooding
- 3) Riverine and flash flooding, and
- 4) Bushfires.

In the case of Batemans Bay, it is notable that 3 of these priority hazards can interact and trigger the cascading and compounding effects highlighted in the NCRA. Batemans Bay is a low lying swampy area on an exposed coastal site located at the mouth of the Clyde River, a major riverine system with a documented flood history. It is exposed to hazards of both coastal inundation from oceanic storm surge and sea level rise, as well as riverine flooding, together with coastal erosion and shoreline change. These impacts can occur simultaneously, increasing the magnitude of the resultant inundation at Batemans Bay.

The NCRA identifies major urban centres and cities across coastal areas as primary hotspots for risks from sea level rise. The following quote from the NCRA is particularly relevant to the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan: "Exposure is increased in coastal areas that have high population density, residential buildings in close proximity to soft shorelines, and erosion due to higher sea levels and shoreline characteristics." This quote mirrors what is proposed in the Batemans Bay Master Plan, with multiple high-rise residential buildings up to 100m high containing an additional 8,000 dwellings being constructed on a low lying coastal area already experiencing coastal erosion and retreat.

Looking to the future, peer-reviewed research by the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO all indicate that sea level rise will accelerate during the projected time horizon of the BBMP through to 2100, and that storm flooding events will intensify in magnitude and duration (as evidenced by recent floods in Taree, Lismore and Port Macquarie). The NCRA also indicates that present-day extremes and flood events will become increasingly frequent, and eventually chronic, under the sea-level rise increments considered for the 21st century. For example, an additional 0.14 m sea-level rise will result in an eight-fold increase in frequency of sea-level extremes on average.

Under 0.32 m sea-level rise, this becomes an average 118-fold increase, and a more-than-200-fold increase under 0.54 m sea level rise. This means a typical 1-in-100-year event becomes an annual occurrence at most locations with only 0.32 m additional sea-level rise. This result has huge implications for the current Eurobodalla Coastal Hazard Code, which utilises a 1 in 100 year event as a key yardstick for many of its assessments – the term is mentioned 34 times in this 14 page document. The NCRA indicates that our current tools significantly underestimate the likelihood of future flooding impacts, engendering a false sense of security.

The current serious coastal erosion problems already occurring at Caseys Beach (just a few kms from the BBMP site) and Surfside underscore the intractable and financially expensive nature of the "wicked problem" created when urban development is located on an unsuitable and vulnerable site. If it were implemented, the long term costs of the draft BBMP would make the cost of coastal protection works at Surfside look minuscule. These costs would be borne by Eurobodalla ratepayers and NSW taxpayers.

Vulnerability impacts are not limited to direct physical impacts. For example, the NCRA notes that many insurance policies exclude coverage for 'actions of the sea', creating financial challenges for affected residents and businesses, particularly those with high-value properties. Home insurance often inadequately addresses these risks, and while some insurers are starting to incorporate climate risk assessments when providing insurance, coverage remains limited and can vary widely, as well as being unaffordable for many people, particularly in LGAs of below average income such as Eurobodalla Shire.

In view of the significant risks and hazards highlighted by the NCRA, ABE considers that the deficiencies in the draft BBMP are of a scale and nature that cannot be resolved at subsequent individual project management or Development Application stages of planning. The shortcomings need to be addressed now in an integrated manner via best practice strategic planning, including incorporation of community engagement from the outset. They cannot be "kicked down the road" for later consideration. ABE therefore urges Council to suspend work on the BBMP until the full implications of the NCRA have been examined and assessed. It would be useful for Council to arrange for Australian Climate Services staff to provide an NCRA briefing for Councillors and interested ratepayers. This could be done via video conferencing to encourage wider participation. Such a briefing would assist Councillors, Council staff, ratepayers and taxpayers to be fully informed of the risks, hazards and cost implications for the proposed urban redevelopment in Batemans Bay.

Thank you for your attention
**Dr Brett Stevenson, Co-Convenor,
A Better Eurobodalla**

Presentations to Public Access Forum at Council 14th October 2025

Housing and town planning in the Eurobodalla: why we need to work with the whole community

Presentation by Cid Mateo to ESC Public Access, 14 October 2025

Walawaani njindiwan. Budyari mullinawul. I hope you all had a good journey today. Good morning.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I recognise the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to culture and country. I acknowledge First Nations Peoples as the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Lore Keepers of the world's oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. My name is Cid Mateo. I'm here to speak to you as a new member of our community. I would like to speak about two community priorities on Council's agenda at present; housing and town planning for all of our Eurobodalla community. Like most of us, I am an immigrant to this region. My connection to the Eurobodalla is a mere 50 years, a speck of time when compared to the 45-60,000 years our Aboriginal ancestors have been here. I like to get involved and support the local community. What a strong community we have. The depth and breadth of volunteering and unpaid work in the Eurobodalla Shire, at around one in six members of our community, is impressive. This motivates and inspires me. This is an enormous community resource, especially, when we consider that one in three households in the Eurobodalla survive on \$800 a week or less, or in other words, one-third of households in the Eurobodalla survive on less than the equivalent of one full-time worker on the minimum wage. Turning to two vital policy issues in the Eurobodalla at present: the Housing Strategy and the Batemans Bay Master Plan. I have studied the history of these projects, and this is what I've found. First, the Council has presented the Eurobodalla community with two draft policy documents, the draft Housing Strategy in 2024 and the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan in 2025. The draft Housing Strategy appears to have been drafted to support the existing draft Batemans Bay Master Plan. This has 'put the planning cart before the housing horse'. It should be the other way around. The draft Housing Strategy should be the plan to implement Shire-wide housing based on community need. At present, it fails to do this. Second, the Council has largely ignored the previous housing policy work by the Eurobodalla community. The 2015 community consultations on housing gathered valuable community feedback on housing needs and preferences to inform the development of a Housing Strategy and to improve the twin local issues of housing unaffordability and lack of diversity in housing options. This consultation was part of ongoing efforts to make sure that the housing supply met the demands of the existing and future residents and visitors to the Shire.

Third, the Council appears to have ignored its own commissioned housing policy research and advice in the development of the draft Housing Strategy and the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan. The Local Housing Strategy Background Report, 20 November 2023, by Judith Stubbs and Associates, sets out comprehensive research and analysis to inform the development of the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy, and outlines the policy context, and the strategies and mechanisms that will be most effective in meeting housing needs in the Eurobodalla.

The way forward Council, I commend you for your efforts to realign our Housing Strategy and the Batemans Bay Master Plan with the Stubbs Report and the 2015 community consultation. The community has been waiting 10 years for this. I commend you for the Probity Review into these processes and outcomes. This is a critical step to get our Housing Strategy and town planning back on track. To bring the community along, I recommend you make the Terms of Reference of the Review public, including when the community can expect the Review's report. The Probity Review must be completed first to inform a revised Housing Strategy. Once the Housing Strategy is finalised, this should in turn inform the Batemans Bay Master Plan and other town plans. This follows best practice planning guidance provided by the NSW Government, and has been followed by our neighbouring councils.

Unfortunately, the Council has not demonstrated the capacity to develop the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy and Batemans Bay Master Plan concurrently and up to standard, and in trying to do so, these plans have deviated from their intended purpose, which is to diversify housing and meet the housing needs of our community. This is where we are today.

In moving forward, one option the Council could consider is to form a Housing and Planning Steering Committee to guide the next steps, and to finalise and implement the housing strategy and town plans. The Steering Committee would comprise representatives from all housing and planning stakeholders in the community. They would provide expertise, guidance and advice to the Council. The Steering Committee would ensure that all stakeholder perspectives and interests are considered, debated, valued and resolved transparently. The Steering Committee would be tasked with keeping the work on track and on time. The Steering Committee would not favour any stakeholder over another to benefit the whole community, not only a few. Councillors, our most precious assets, our environment and our people, are in your hands. You have an onerous workload and few resources to work with, to represent, protect and empower our community. On the other side, the Eurobodalla community is fortunate to have a wealth of expertise, public interest and goodwill. Sadly, it continues to be disadvantaged by poor process, policy, visibility and outcomes. The community deserves better than this. Indeed Councillors, you are better than this. Council, let's get this work back on track.

Free tech café drop-in sessions

Term 4 2025 – 13 October – 19 December

Narooma – Mondays 10.00am – 12.15pm - Narooma Golf Club

Moruya – Tuesdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm - Moruya Library

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Wk 9 - search functions on the internet

Wk 10 - emailing from your device

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For more information contact Community Development Officer Michael Lawrence-Taylor on 4474 1276 or email michael.lawrence-taylor@esc.nsw.gov.au



Presentations to Public Access Forum at Council 14th October 2025

Congo Road - Presentation by Geoff Sharpe to ESC Public Access, 14 October 2025

Good morning Mayor and Councillors. I would like to thank you for allowing me to address you today. My name is Geoff Sharpe and I live on the north side of Congo Creek, my property borders the Creek adjacent to the Congo Quarry. My wife and I purchased the property in 1980 and we have since lived and raised a family there.

We have been an integral part of the Congo Community for nearly 45 years. In those years I have driven and cycled through the quarry to access Congo to visit my family, friends and of course the beach. You can appreciate my surprise when I read through the Judgement of the ill fated Supreme Court Case one of the agreed facts was that the public used the road "from time to time". Since 1980, the only time the road was not used was when the few occasions when the causeway crossing Congo Creek was flooded.

In the early 1980s, the Quarry was initially small scale affair with one loader and one or two trucks now it is extracting on an industrial scale. Since the road closure, I have seen the original 1979 development application for the Quarry. In this application a hatched area was clearly drawn south of the original "track in use" where extraction was proposed. The subsequent Development Approval has several condition attached, three of which were;

- Only mining their own land
- This condition means the paper road (which is excluded from the title) is excluded from the DA.
- Permission is required for arty tree removal.

There appears to be no application in the council records for tree removal or subsequent permission given.

- After the completion of mining the land needs to be restored to the satisfaction of the Council.

It seems that the Council has the legal right to have the land holder restore the paper road that runs through the property. In 1983 the State Government formalised the many quarries and mines throughout state. In the application, the Landowner stated that:

that the expected life of the pit was 15 years, taking it to 1998. That is: the life of the mine is already 27 years longer than expected.

No large trees Would be removed from section of the property north of the track in use.

It is my view that there is no legal right for the landholder to mine on the northern side closer to Congo Creek on his current development approval. He has the legal right to submit a new development application but the Council has the right to deny it.

The mining of the sand closer to Congo Creek could cause environmental problems. I have a Masters Degree in Environmental Pollution Control. The fine sands were laid down in fairly recent sedimentary processes somewhere between 10000 to 6000 years ago. When the sediments are deposited there are often adjacent organic materials trapped as well. This organic matter can decay slowly in the absence of oxygen. In so called anaerobic conditions. The Sulphurous compounds produced when exposed to the oxygen in the atmosphere, form acid sulphate compounds.

I recall a time in the 1980s my neighbours (who live opposite the quarry) dug a shallow well from which a strong rotten egg smell, this is a classic example of acid sulphate soils. The expansion of the mine to norths and the leaching of acid compounds would have a severe Impact on the relatively pristine creek, a most loved waterway for tourists and locals alike. I appreciate that the fine sands are of significant value to the landholder.

However, the extraction of these sands is limited to DA.

The amount of sand removed Is also another Issue. I understand that if there is removal of over 30000 tons a year from the existing site, there needs to be an Impact assessment for the State Pollution Control Commission or the Environment Protection Agency. Does Council hold records of how much sand Is removed annually?

Turning to more personal Issues

I have a more personal reason for the reopening of the road. My son, his partner and our granddaughter have lived in Congo 15 years and have just finished building in the Congo village. What was once a pleasant 3 minute commute from my house to theirs is now a 25 minute trip via the Princes Highway and the infamous Bingie turnoff. Childcare and picking my granddaughter up from preschool has been difficult.

Lastly in a bush fire situation my wife and I and many other households on North Congo Road are in a dire position. During the last bushfire scare, when the road was open, our Bushfire plan was to escape to the beach in the Congo Village, With any fire from the West, Northwest, North and Northeast we have no escape route, with access through the Quarry now denied. The Royal Commission into Bushfires clearly recommended that towns should have two roads in.

Arguing that similar villages like Potato Point have only one does not justify a village that has two should lose one.

The Council can - and should - reopen Congo road, including via compulsory acquisition if heeded. If there are no mining rights to the northern Side of the property, than the compensation would be minimal. Thank you.

Geoff Sharpe

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THIRD YEAR OF PLAYDATES WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES BRINGS FUN AND SAFETY

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) will take part in Playdates with Emergency Services starting this week across four locations, giving children and families in the Eurobodalla the chance to meet local emergency service responders, explore emergency vehicles and learn how to prepare for emergencies.

Now in its third year, the event brings together emergency service agencies in a family-friendly setting, designed to help children build familiarity with first responders in a fun and interactive way.

NSW SES Eurobodalla Cluster Community Engagement Officer, Jacklyn Roque, created the Playdates with Emergency Services initiative following the devastating Black Summer Bushfires in 2019/20.

"During the Black Summer Fires, I saw firsthand the impacts on the local children and the trauma which still exists in our community today because of the fires," she said.

"This program aims for children to build trust and feel comfortable with the local emergency service responders.

"It is also an opportunity to provide essential information to children and their parents on how to prepare for and respond to emergencies," she said.

NSW SES volunteers will showcase some of the vital equipment used in flood and storm response, provide hands-on activities, and share important preparedness tips.

NSW SES Eurobodalla Local Commander, Peter Collins, said the playdates are a valuable opportunity to connect with the community.

"This is about building trust and helping young people feel comfortable around emergency services. It also gives parents and carers the chance to learn simple ways to be more prepared for severe weather and emergencies," he said.

The Playdates with Emergency Services are a collaborative effort involving local council and local emergency services.

NSW SES, NSW Police, Fire and Rescue, NSW Rural Fire Service, Ambulance NSW, Marine Rescue, VRA Rescue NSW, Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter, Katungul Aboriginal Cooperation, Red Cross and Fortem Australia will all attend to work together to save lives and create safer communities.

The NSW SES encourages families to come along, meet their local volunteers, and pick up resources that can help prepare for floods and storms.

The Playdates with Emergency Services will be held across four locations:

Quota Park, Riverside Dr, Narooma: Thursday, 16 October, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Mogo Sports Oval, Park Street, Mogo: Monday, 20 October 2025, 5:30 pm – 7 pm

Riverside Park, Ford Street Moruya: Thursday, 23 October 2025, 5:30 pm – 7 pm

For more information about preparing for storms and floods, visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au.



Playdates with Emergency Services

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- Get up close to emergency vehicles
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- Information stalls



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Monday 13 October

Batehaven

- Corrigan's Beach Reserve, Beach Road
- 5:30pm – 7pm
- Free

Thursday 16 October

Narooma

- Quota Park, Riverside Drive
- 5:30pm – 7pm
- Free

Monday 20 October

Mogo

- Mogo Sports Oval, Park Street
- 5:30pm – 7pm
- Free

Thursday 23 October

Moruya

- Riverside Park, Ford St
- 5:30pm – 7pm
- Free



Let's do coffee with ... Andrew Radford

Featuring in the first season one of 'The Assembly' on ABC television is just one of the many achievements of Batehaven local, Andrew Radford (AR). The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Andrew for a hot chocolate last week.

MM: I am a tad nervous, Andrew. I am relatively new to this gig and here I am interviewing the interviewer mentored by Leigh Sales. I shall play it safe first up... who is Andrew Radford?

AR: (Laughs)... I was born in 1983 in Cronulla and my dad worked for Qantas and my mum in banking. I have an older sister. I have autism and an intellectual disability.

MM: When did you become aware of your disability?

AR: Back in the 1980's it was difficult to get an autism diagnosis. It was a less understood concept with limited knowledge among professionals. But I was certainly aware that I was different from a very young age. In my case, I was non-verbal until about 10 years of age. Any doubts about my disability were blown away when I started school at six years of age. I was mercilessly teased with name calling. Formal school was a horrendous experience for me. Teachers had very little understanding and I was often isolated.

My disability means I will avoid social interactions. I worry intensely that I will annoy people. Reading facial expressions and body language is really difficult so it is easy to miss shifts in mood and interest when I am talking. Asking too many questions is also an issue and because my mind races, I often forget what has already been answered. These days, when I first meet someone, I may also steer the chat to one of my favourite topics such as cars very quickly which I guess ... some people find disconcerting.

MM: How did you end up on the South Coast of NSW?

AR: My family made the decision to make a fresh start for me. The bullying in Cronulla was relentless. In 2000, we moved to Batemans Bay. It was the best decision. I enrolled in Moruya Technical and Further Education (TAFE) in a one year full time computer course. They were fantastic and provided me with supported learning. TAFE funded a note taker who was with me at all times to help me understand the course content.

In 2001, the Disability Trust, a not-for-profit disability services and support provider, found employment for me at Batemans Bay Library as a library assistant and I have been working there ever since on Tuesdays and Fridays. In 2021, the Disability Trust again helped me set up a car detailing business which of course links to my passion for cars.

I also returned to studies at Moruya TAFE and completed a Certificate III in Horticulture and a Certificate II in Animal Care in 2021. Animal care links to my passion for my dog 'Sadie'. Once again the learning support was fantastic from Moruya TAFE.

MM: What's life like outside of work?

AR: It has been pretty exciting to tell you the truth. When I moved to the South Coast, I took up sports such as swimming and basketball. People were far more accepting of me and my confidence grew as I integrated more into the community. In 2013, I was selected for Australia in ten pin bowling for the Special Olympics Trans Tasman Games in Cairns. I was also made an Ambassador for Special Olympics Australia and even met William and Kate, Prince and Princess of Wales in 2014. Given my experiences, I am very passionate these days about advocating for people with disabilities. I have been a member of the Aspect Advisory Council of Australia since 2019. The purpose of the Council is to talk about things that are important to Autistic people and make sure our voices are heard in decision making at all levels. This year I was the first person with an intellectual disability to be appointed to The Disability Trust (TDT) Board. It means TDT is one of the very first large not-for-profit organisations to have someone with an intellectual disability on its Board Of Directors. It is good to be able to pay back as the TDT literally turned my life around. I am fully committed to the values and mission of the TDT.

I also presented at the Autism Asia Pacific Conference (APAC) in Singapore in 2019 and will travel to Perth next month to speak at this year's APAC. 'VALID' invited me to speak at their 'Having a Say Conference' in Geelong in 2024. It is the largest gathering for people with intellectual disabilities within Australia.

Speaking roles for the Council for Intellectual Disability (CID), a disability rights organisation led by people with intellectual disabilities, is another of my passions.

I also take on mentoring roles for young people with intellectual disabilities and autism.

MM: (Laughs and shakes head).... Now, here is me thinking we would be spending our time talking about Leigh Sales and 'The Assembly' on ABC. I am surprised you found the time to be involved.

AR: (smiles)...Before you even ask ... Leigh Sales is simply amazing; generous with her time and taught us to research for questions others would not ask.

It was a four stage process to make it through to 'The Assembly'. There was a series of interviews and meetings with the producers in Sydney. I had to make a video to support my application.



Andrew Radford

We studied Journalism at Macquarie University along with the other successful candidates with Autism. It was so good to study with others. My confidence went through the roof and for probably the first time in my life new friendships were easy to make. It really was a case of feeling extremely comfortable being myself and doing something that was extremely rewarding.

In the interviews we were mindful from the start to make sure the interviewee and, of course, the interviewers felt comfortable, hence, the reason behind the inclusion statement*. 'Aspect' developed the Inclusion Statement jointly with Autistic staff.

Whilst all the interviewees were fantastic, my favourite was Albo. He really does come across as a good bloke on and off the camera.

As part of my internship with the ABC, I went on to make a news item that is close to my heart. I have a long-standing interest in Botany. I just love plants and you might remember my gift of a Grevillea to Adam Goodes on 'The Assembly'. I spent a month in Canberra working with ABC's TV and radio teams. During this time, I visited the National Arboretum to create a TV piece on its 'Living Collections'.

The story shines a spotlight on just a few of the people who care for the Arboretum's unique and beautiful forests and gardens. It celebrates not only the breathtaking work happening at the Arboretum but also the dedication of the people who make it all possible. It was screened on ABC TV during the News Segment on the evening of 29 December 2024.

MM: Thanks Andrew. A most enjoyable chat.

AR: Pleasure, I always like to conclude with 'nothing about us without us'.

* <https://youtu.be/BIHeNYFrVPI?si=a8slAamWUOAD4e6u>

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



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

Gadfly

Americans are acting out the truth or otherwise of the notion that a frog in water coming slowly to the boil will remain submerged till it dies. It was first expressed by a German writer, the eponymous E.W. Scripture in 1897. In America's case, the frog is democracy, and its death signals the arrival of autocracy, or perhaps theocracy.

Indeed, last week the New York Times gave an extraordinary seventy-six-minute positive discussion between two scripture lovers, their Catholic evangelical columnist, Ross Douthat and a leading theocrat, Pastor Doug Wilson, on the details of a theocratic America.

It followed the country's Justice Department charging New York's Attorney-General Letitia James, and James Comey, the former FBI Director whose 'crimes' were a mistake on a personal home loan document and 'lying' to the Senate respectively. In each case the department had previously found there were no cases to answer.

The NYT board then engaged Kate Andrias, Law Professor at Columbia University, to trace Trump's corruption of the legal system: 'In case after case over the past eight months, a majority of justices on the Supreme Court have acquiesced to President Trump's lawless and authoritarian actions, often without offering any explanation,' she wrote.

'Mr. Trump's authoritarian moves and the Supreme Court's authorization of them has produced, for many, a deepening despair. But here is the essential fact: The Constitution's meaning is not the Supreme Court's alone to define. It belongs to "we the people." When enough people have organized around a constitutional vision, they have managed to prevail even against a hostile Supreme Court.'

But here's the other essential fact. 'The people' are exactly like the frog in Mr Scripture's simile. They don't seem to realise that they're in a pot that will surely boil and kill their democracy. No marches, no mass protests.

It gets worse...much worse. The rest of the world might well be looking aghast at what Trump is doing at home, without realising what it means for them. Climate Change is just the start. His 'Dig, baby, dig' cry to the fossil fuel industry is an invitation to hell on earth. If America lets loose on CO2, Methane, and the other elements heating our atmosphere, it doesn't matter much what the rest of the world does. America, Russia and the big oil exporters of the Middle East will pile more fuel under the pot.

The water will quickly reach boiling point, but not before there's a global explosion of migrants from the countries most affected to the rest. Their governments – including Australia – know perfectly well that in the ensuing chaos the collateral death toll will make the 20th century wars seem like a picnic, albeit of the butchers' variety. Yet they say nothing that might in any way displease the White House Narcissus.

And last week I learned of Australia's latest response to Trump, following its \$800 million 'down payment' on the AUKUS submarines. This one is so bizarre that it had been kept off the DoD website. Brig. Gen. Christopher Gardiner, space and cyber attaché at the Australian Embassy in Washington, spilled the beans. The answer is 'Space'.

The Defence Department has made a commitment to invest \$9 to \$12 billion over the next decade to military space programs, he noted. 'We need to partner, and we need to cooperate to generate the resiliency effect,' Gardiner said. With whom do we partner? Why, the good old USA, Mr President. ow

Incidentally, since 1897 science has shown Mr Scripture wrong. The frog jumps out in time. Will we?

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A Beer with Bazza #213

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Mick swore under his breath.

"Duped Bazza, you absolutely duped us. Now, let's get out of here before someone spots us leaving the Bay Playhouse."

They reconvened to the front bar with sighs all round as Bazza shouted the drinks.

A long silence as Bazza arranged the beers.

Mick placed his hands on his hips and took a step back.

"Ladies in Black' eh, Bazza! I thought it would be an action play with female ninjas dressed in black of course, with some acrobatic leaps and a fight scene with nunchakus and throwing stars. I was hoping to relive my childhood when we would re-enact scenes from the television series 'The Samurai' with Shintaro taking on multiple ninjas but you 'treated' us to an afternoon of singing and dancing."

Know All Ron cleared his throat.

"Yeah, Bazza ... you duped me as well ... but in a good way. I was expecting 'Ladies in Black' to be about a funeral so I was expecting a bit of a tear jerker. Instead, it was a visual feast of colour, with more costume changes than a Taylor Swift concert. It even had a negligee scene ... so I was nicely surprised."

Bella, the publican, paused from wiping the table.

"I'm with Ron for a change, Bazza. I am glad I took the afternoon off work. I was expecting a bit of docu-theatre about retail back in the time of my grandparents. In fact, my grandmother worked as sales assistant at David Jones before she married. To my surprise, the musical really did highlight how restricted women were just two generations back. Denying the young lead character 'Lisa' access to university would be almost criminal these days. As for other male controls of women in 'Ladies in Black' don't get me started. Thank goodness we have come a fair way in 70 years."

Ron and Bella began an animated conversation about female empowerment in the musical as Mick stared. His jaw dropped.

"I don't like what is going on here, Bazza. This cultural enhancement program you have introduced is upsetting the status quo. Hearing Ron talk about the feminist movement is a real worry. I have said it before, it is a slippery slope ... once you start mixing up the gender roles who knows where it will end. I think we need to reach agreement on any further excursions beforehand."

Bazza took a long sip and sucked in a deep breath.

'Ahhh... come off it, Mick ... you have got to admit it was a bloody good show. It is pretty unusual to see a standing ovation at the end of a dress rehearsal. I reckon it will only get better come opening night this Friday. I thought I was doing you all a favour getting you a freebie. I am not sure you would of come if I told you what it was about. Anyhow, Tom what did you think?"

Timeless Tom rubbed his chin.

"Well Bazza ... I liked the fact there were more sales assistants than customers. These days you need a search party to get service in a department store."

Have a beer with Bazza at john.longhurst59@gmail.com

Announcing the 2025 NSW Tourism Awards Finalists!

Several south coast businesses are among the finalists for the NSW Tourism Awards including Narooma Oyster Festival, Foxdog Distillery, Region X Unspoilt Experiences Batemans Bay NSW, Crank It Up Festival, and EAT Festival Sapphire Coast. NSW Tourism Association reports "It's been an incredible year for tourism in NSW, with a record 230 nominations received from across the state. With 125 finalists across 30 categories who showcase the strength, creativity, and excellence of our industry."

The winners will be revealed at the NSW Tourism Gala on Thursday, 27 November 2025, at Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park.

Visit the website to view the full list of finalists

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Mr. J. Needham, contractor, and his assistant, Mr. T. Martin have finished their work of painting the local Post Office and residence. They have also vastly improved the external appearance by dressing the office in a new Spring coat of stone shade with brown facings.

Master-whaler George Davidson and crew made their third and best capture at Eden on Sunday by capturing a fine black ("right") whale. It is expected to yield from 5 to 6 tons of oil (worth up to £200) and a large quantity of valuable whale-bone.

The banns of marriage between Mr. Arch Barclay, of Bateman's Bay, and Miss Ethel Lipscombe, of Bodalla, were announced for the first time at the Sacred Heart Church, Moruya, last Sunday.

The Centennial Hall was gay on Friday night when the children's plain and fancy and paper ball was held. It was the second of a similar kind held in connection with the Moruya Public School. The hall was not nearly big enough to hold the large number of juveniles as well as the adults who attended. Some of the children's dresses were very pretty, and had evidently been given much time and thought; others were humorous and suggested the working out of the child's own idea. The ladies delighted the hearts of the little ones by regaling them with a sumptuous repast of tea cakes and soft drinks.

A team of Narooma riflemen met the Bergalia team on the local range last Saturday in a match for the "Millen" Challenge Shield. The visitors had an easy victory, winning by 33 points. For Narooma R. Fuller and R. Thomsen tied for first place with an aggregate of 69 each. F. Hutchings was leading for Bergalia with 66.

At a meeting held in the Shire Hall on Monday night a motion was carried to the effect that a swimming club would be formed. On those present intimating that they would become members the following officers were elected: President – Mr. C. DeSaxe; Vice-presidents – Dr. McCreadie, Messrs. O. J. Armstrong, G. Mitchell; Treasurer – Mr. L. Finch; Secretary – Mr. K. Fowler. The fee was fixed as follows: – Gents 5s, ladies 2s 6d. The following committee were elected with full power to act for the club until the by-laws are drawn up: – Messrs. R. Love, P. Feneley, J. Harris, B. Colefax, F. Knight, L. Walker, E. A. H. Shepherd.

On Monday morning St. John's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luck, of Kiora, was married to Cecil, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dowling, of Bega. Bateman's Bay will be the future home for the happy couple.

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.

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Join us to collectively weave a coffin with renowned Byron artist Zimmi Forest.

This weaving event runs over four sessions across two consecutive days and is an opportunity to experience and contribute to the weaving of a coffin.

Participants can join for one or many of the sessions and learn how to transform an invasive species (Catclaw vine) into a resource, collaboratively creating something beautiful in the process.

This weekend is hosted by Walawaani Way Conservation Burial and is designed as a starting point to talk, understand and express various possibilities around how to "do death better."

The Coffin Weaving will be divided into four sessions over Saturday and Sunday.

You can book for just one 3 hour session or join for the whole weekend, up to you!

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All are welcome to join local end-of-life education specialist Shanna Provost for a lunch break presentation each day.



Frog Night at the Garden – The Secret Life of Frogs

Friday 24 October, 6pm-8.30pm

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden [BOOK NOW](#)

Discover the secret life of frogs! Frogs are among the world's most threatened animals, but the Australian Museum's FrogID project is changing that with the help of citizen scientists. Since 2017, over 1.3 million frog calls have been recorded, including thousands right here in Eurobodalla. Join Nadiyah Roslan, FrogID Project Coordinator, to learn how this groundbreaking project is protecting frogs, which species you can find locally, and how you can get involved. Nadiyah Roslan is the FrogID Project Coordinator at the Australian Museum, where she leads national community engagement, communications, and scientific outreach for the award-winning FrogID app.

With five years in the role, she works with a cross-divisional team to connect citizen science with conservation, helping people across Australia contribute meaningful data to understand and conserve frogs.

Program

- 6.00pm: Gates open
- 6.30pm: Presentations
- 7.20pm: Walk and app demonstration
- 8.30pm: Finish

Special Instructions

- download the frogID app before you come
- <https://www.frogid.net.au/>
- wear sensible shoes and clothing, and bring a torch



Eastern Dwarf Tree Frog, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden. Photo: Daniel Bateman

Pink Ribbon Breakfast at Foxdog Distillery

Thursday 30th October 9.30am- 11am – 312 Tomakin Rd, Mogo
Foxdog Distillery's very first Pink Ribbon Breakfast will be held on 30th October.

"We're coming together to raise funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, with great coffee, delicious food, and even better company.

Enjoy a beautiful morning of community and connection, with coffee generously donated by Guerrilla Roasters and a fantastic raffle featuring prizes from: Jaguar Stay & Foxdog Distillery – A Sip & Stay Package, and Mogo Zoo.

It's free to attend, just bring your generosity (and your appetite!) Book your free ticket now and join us for a morning that matters.

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Go Get Healthy with Sofia



Feeling the ups and downs of daily life lately? It's natural to wonder how your health is really doing. Sometimes, a simple check-in can make all the difference. That's why Go Vita Batemans Bay is hosting our Women's Wellness & Gala Day on Thursday, October 23rd. It's a day dedicated to helping you reset your health, boost your energy, and nurture your wellbeing.

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A frocking good show at Bay Theatre

By John Longhurst

The Moruya Mail was invited to a full dress rehearsal of the Bay Theatre Players' (BTP) production of 'Ladies in Black' last Sunday. Ladies in Black is an Australian stage musical written by Split Enz and Crowded House co-founder Tim Finn (Music and Lyrics) and Carolyn Burns (Book).

It is a coming-of-age story set in Sydney in 1959. It tells of young, intelligent Lisa, who embarks on a summer job between completing her Leaving Certificate and following her university dreams. Lisa joins the sales staff in the fashionable department store, Goode's. It's a summer that changes her life as she befriends the colourful characters of Ladies Frocks. Each character is on the precipice of change - facing independence, working for a living, immigration and the changing role of women as we moved into the 1960's.

The musical opens with the song 'I Got it at Goode's' and with a blaze of colours, thirteen immaculately frocked women treat the audience to a song and dance routine using the whole stage. This kaleidoscope of colours whets the audience's expectations and over the next two and a half hours plus, over thirty custom made frocks as well as numerous sourced ones necessitate more costume changes than this reviewer could count. It would also be amiss not to mention the sheer red and black negligee in the intimate scene. Whilst the costumes are so true to the 1950's, it is the exquisite attention to detail that transforms the audience to the mid 20th Century. The high heels, hairstyles, make up and of course the pearl necklaces are, in a manner of speaking, the icing on the cake. The set is also classic 1950's.



The Formica furniture in the kitchen setting with the accompanying laminated sideboard housing the Royal Doulton Crockery, the Singer Sewing Machine with the feet pedal, an original 1959 Women's Weekly and the crackling old wireless will bring smiles to a certain generation.

The themes of 'Ladies in Black' unite the audience across generations. For the old, it is time travel to how confined the role of women was in society and the extent of male control. For the young, who wonder why the feminist movement was necessary, it should be compulsory viewing.

The star of the show is Erin Drewsen who is currently undertaking her Higher School Certificate (HSC). In a word, Erin is brilliant in the role of 'Lisa'. The almost timid singing of "Soon I will be me" in her opening song is countered by the confident and certainty of her rendition of 'Tomorrow becomes Today' in her concluding number. This transformation is also achieved with the subtlety of her acting. It must be mentioned that Erin's mother, Erica Drewsen, excels as Lisa's mother in the musical.

There are standout performances across the cast and with rehearsals ongoing since May of this year it is a truly polished performance. The musical back up is superb and the difficult harmonies smoothly achieved. The lighting is effectively used throughout.

Director Candy Burgess has overseen a very polished production. The very clever use of the stage and dialogue means at times up to three narratives are explored on stage simultaneously. The timing and sequencing is quite breathtaking and really did allow the audience to float through this superb musical.

It is a musical not to be missed! Two free tickets to opening night available to the first person to email jen.aspinall@gmail.com

Ladies in Black is on stage from 17th October to 8th November 2025, at the Playhouse, 33 Gregory St Batemans Bay. Matinees on Saturday and Sunday, and evening performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tickets on sale now at www.trybooking.com/deonl

*Acknowledge: <https://www.beaumaristheatre.com.au/blog/2025/3/17/stage-whispers-review-ladies-in->



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Horizon Bank supports Community Workshed Moruya with \$5,000 grant



The Community Workshed Moruya (CWS) has received a \$5,000 grant from Horizon Bank to upgrade its community space and soft activity area, providing a safer and more welcoming environment for the local community. With the support of Horizon Bank, the CWS has constructed a more accessible shipping container space featuring improved ventilation, natural light, and an extended safe working decking area.

These enhancements allow the Workshed to host soft activities such as basket weaving, wool spinning, and social gatherings in a comfortable and inclusive setting.

Located on the grounds of Moruya High School, the CWS has a broad community reach. It is incorporated independently to engage local youth, particularly those who are disadvantaged, while also welcoming both men and women of all ages. The Workshed provides opportunities to learn new skills, build social connections, and strengthen overall wellbeing.

"We are so grateful for Horizon's grant and are progressing to extend some headlights, making it easier for members and the broader community to utilise the decking. It's presently great for small group chats with a morning cuppa in hand. Thank you so much!" said Vince Heys, CWS representative.

Horizon Bank CEO Mitch Cooper, said the grant reflects the bank's commitment to supporting initiatives that strengthen community connection. "The Community Workshed is a place where people come together to learn, share, and support one another. We're proud to play a role in making these activities more accessible for Eurobodalla residents."

Landscapes of the Wild - Bessie Nunes and Jo Best-McMahon

Art exhibition: 18 October - 2 November at Mechanics Institute, 13 Page Street, Moruya

Opening hours: Weekdays 10am - 2pm. Weekends 10am - 3pm Cost: free.

Landscapes of the Wild invites you on a captivating journey through Australia's natural beauty and cultural heritage, as seen through the eyes of artists Bessie Nunes and Josephine Best-McMahon.

This exhibition celebrates the rich biodiversity of the continent - from sweeping landscapes to intricate flora and fauna - through evocative paintings, wildlife portraits, and immersive ceramic installations.

With each artwork, visitors are encouraged to connect with the wild, appreciate its ecological significance, and feel inspired to help preserve these precious spaces for generations to come.

Opening event:

Friday 17 October, 5.30pm



Bessie Nunes, A Royal Visit 2025

Eurobodalla Writer Awarded Creative Australia Grant

Eurobodalla nature writer and novelist Inga Simpson have been awarded funding through Creative Australia.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said she was pleased to support the local arts community and valued the contribution creatives bring to the region.

"This is an investment in local arts projects so that people in our region, and beyond, can have access to unique cultural experiences," she said.

Inga, a creative writer who began her career as a professional writer for government before gaining a PhD in creative writing, was awarded a \$50,000 literature grant.

She also holds a PhD, in English literature, which examined the history of Australian nature writing. She won the final Eric Rolls Nature Essay Prize. Inga featured at the recent Milton-Ulladulla Storyfest event where she showcased her latest novel, The Thinning.

Mrs Phillips said "Since coming to office, the Albanese Government has provided record new funding for the cultural sector, with \$880 million more committed over the next four years than was promised by the former government. I congratulate Inga and encourage local readers to continue supporting Australian writers."

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'Bravery & Betrayal': The True Story of the SAS in Afghanistan Screening at Catalina Club



By John Longhurst

The powerful stories of ex- Special Air Services (SAS) servicemen fighting in Afghanistan in the award-winning documentary film, 'Bravery & Betrayal: The True Story of the SAS in Afghanistan' will be screened at the Catalina Club at 6pm on Sunday, 26th October, 2025.

The film's screening comes in partnership with Wandering Warriors, a charity dedicated to support veteran causes through impactful fundraising events.

Film producer Simon J. Heath and SAS Veteran 'Horse' will visit Catalina Club to discuss important messages and conduct a Q&A after the screening.

Produced over a period of five years, Bravery & Betrayal was initiated by ex-SAS servicemen to set the record straight and tell their own story. More than 30 veterans, political leaders including Kevin Rudd, Tony Abbott and John Howard, and family members were interviewed to tell a story of unwavering courage and honesty. Since the conflict, many of the 400 SAS soldiers involved felt their service and sacrifice had been forgotten amongst the turbulence of politics and negative headlines.

"SAS soldiers were the first to deploy to Afghanistan, bore the brunt of the intense fighting, while also deploying to Iraq during the same period", says an ex-SAS soldier in 'Bravery & Betrayal'. "We shouldered the heaviest combat to alleviate pressure on our fellow diggers and to support the broader mission objectives."

Those attending the screening, and anyone willing to support the Wandering Warriors cause, are welcome to [submit a donation](#) to help transform the lives of special forces veterans.

Bravery & Betrayal: The True Story of the SAS in Afghanistan will show at Catalina Club from 6:00pm Sunday 26 October. Tickets are free but limited. [Secure your ticket here.](#)

Acknowledge: <https://catalinaclub.com.au/documentary-at-catalina-the-true-story-of-the-sas-in-afghanistan/>



Upskilling Opportunity Eurobodalla

Digital Mentor Community - Tricia Pye

As part of our ongoing commitment to building digital skills in the Eurobodalla and as a valued mentor I would like to invite you to our special Connect Eurobodalla Launch. This event will highlight the importance for non-profit organisations to invest in marketing and communications, much like their for-profit counterparts in particular for finding volunteers.

We've observed the significant challenges local organisations face in adapting to the online world. However, in this era of social media, Artificial Intelligence, and Automation, it's more crucial than ever for our community groups to establish an online presence, attract volunteers, and effectively promote their events to the wider community.

Our solution, the Connect Eurobodalla community online platform, offers excellent event marketing and communications capabilities that are now accessible to all organisations. Many traditional barriers related to technology, skills, and time have been overcome by advancements in software development.

Our team at The Tec Exec, in collaboration with Rotary Batemans Bay, has extensively researched readily available and affordable online options for non-profits and community groups. These options aim to enhance their online presence and help them build or strengthen effective and memorable branding.

The presentation will review these options and help prepare our local organisations to better their communications in the online space.

Special guest speakers will be chatting to us about AI, Automation and how to develop an AI roadmap for your community group.

We look forward to being able to demonstrate the Connect Eurobodalla project and show how AI and Automation can help reduce admin time and simplify processes.

****Event Details****

Date: Thursday, October 23

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Venue: Red Door Hall, Moruya

This event is proudly supported by the Be Connect Program, Batemans Bay Rotary, and The South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance.

Hope you can join us.

Moruya Rotary advises: Only Two Weeks Left to Apply – **Moruya Rotary Youth Scholarships 2025!**

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Animal Welfare League News

Two gorgeous babies are featured in this week's update:

Nutmeg is a four-month-old white and tan Bull Arab mix who is a real sweetheart. Nutmeg came to AWL from a neglectful environment, but this has not affected her lovely personality in any way: Nutmeg gets on well with everyone, including other dogs, cats, chickens and sheep. Typical of the Bull Arab breed, she is calm and very affectionate. Like all puppies, she has plenty of energy, but after playtime she is happy to chill out and relax. Nutmeg responds well to training and would do well with a family or someone who can spend lots of time with her. She is being offered on a Foster to Adopt basis, whereby she can go to her new home immediately and be desexed at a later date. Nutmeg is currently vaccinated and microchipped, and her desexing cost will also be covered by Animal Welfare League.



Nutmeg



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THE TRAVELLERS M, 1H 37M, AUSTRALIAN DRAMA	4.30pm	11am 5.15pm	11am 5.15pm	11am 5.15pm		11am 5.15pm	11am 5.15pm
ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER (LAST WEEK) M, COMEDY/ADVENTURE, 2H 50M		4pm*	4pm*	4pm*		4pm*	4pm*
KANGAROO PG, 1H 47M, AUSTRALIAN COMEDY		3.10pm				3.10pm	3.10pm
THE BAD GUYS 2 PG, 1H 44M, ANIMATED ADVENTURE			3.10pm	3.10pm			
DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE (LAST WEEK) PG, 2H 3M, DRAMA/ROMANCE		1.40pm*	1.40pm*	1.40pm*		1.40pm*	1.40pm*
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M | 1hr 37min

~ Drama ~

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TRON: ARES

M | 1hr 59min

~ Drama ~ Jared Leto & Greta Lee
Ares, is sent from the digital world into the real world on a mission.

ROOFMAN

M | 2hrs 5min

~ Drama ~ Kirsten Dunst

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MA | 1hr 54min

~ Horror ~

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~ Australian ~ Family ~

An ex-TV personality becomes stranded in an Outback town.



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- 31 Oct – 2 Nov – **Narooma Boats Afloat Festival**
- 14-16 Nov – **Crank it Up Batemans Bay**
- 8-9 & 15-16 November **GARAGE SALE TRAIL**
- 22 Nov – **Giiyong Festival**
- 7-21 Dec. **Congo Crafts 40th Exhibition.**
- 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**

Tuross Community Markets

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For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.

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.

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Mark your Diaries

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- Monday, 13th October, Corrigans Beach Reserve, Beach Road Batehaven, 5:30pm-7:00pm;
- Thursday, 16th October, Quota Park Riverside Drive Narooma, 5:30pm-7:00pm;
- Monday, 20th October, Mogo Sports Oval Park Street, 5:30pm-7:00pm;
- Thursday, 23rd October, Riverside Park, Ford Street Moruya, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun with local Emergency Services Teams and NSW SES mascot Paddy the Platypus, featuring a free BBQ dinner and activities for children.

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 1st November 2025 2PM to 4PM

Moruya Lions Club High Tea and Fashion Parade with our friends from Yumaro Good Finds/

GARAGE SALE TRAIL

8-9 and 15-16 November

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

South Coast & Country Community Law

is coming to Batemans Bay to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street

When: Thursday 23rd October 2025 10am to 2pm

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

The Annual General Meeting of the Moruya Community Film Club

will be held at : The Red Door Page st, Moruya – 7pm (prior to the screening that evening) Saturday 25 October 2025

Repurposing for Resilience Eurobodalla Inc - AGM

We're not usually one for meetings... but it's that time of year when we dance the formalities of the Annual General Meeting clearing the decks to elect new office holders and committee members.

Friday 07 November 2025 5:00 – 5.30 PM (online)

So, whether you're keen to throw your hat in the ring, see how you can get involved in future projects or just hear about the big impact this small community org has been making in our region... we'd love to see you there!

Interested? Email rfreurobodalla@gmail.com prior to the event for: A copy of the President's Report, Nomination forms, The online meeting link.

Southern NSW Local Health District

You're invited to hear more about the work happening at Southern NSW Local Health District at our 2025 Annual Public Meeting, to be held online. Join us for an overview of our performance, achievements and future plans.

Tuesday 28 October 2025 4.00pm to 4.45pm Online

Register to attend at: bit.ly/SNSWLHD2025APM

Email your question to us at SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au in advance to be answered on the day.

Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm
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Saturday 8 November 2025
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HELP IS NEEDED WITH

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- organise and serve morning tea for the repairers

Interested?
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Trivia and Games Night

Moruya Showground Stockmen's Bar
Saturday 15th November 2025
5.30pm for 6pm start.

\$30 per person
This includes a complimentary champagne/orange juice with nibbles on arrival, Finger foods and cake/slice with tea/coffee.

Dress Code: Country Show.
Tickets available at showground office or Lindsay 0417613689.
The bar will be open for purchases.
Soft drinks, water and barista coffee will be available to purchase as well.
There will be plenty of Trivia as well as a few games and lots of prizes.
Maximum 10 per table. Limited tables available so be quick.

The money raised from this event will help contribute to the running of our annual show in January 2026 and allows the committee to keep entry fees down with plenty of entertainment all weekend.

CATALINA CLUB

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FRIDAY 7 NOV 2025 | 9AM

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22 OCTOBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

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MORUYA SLSC

Moruya SLSC Open Day Come and Try Sessions
-Surf Boat Rowing
-Surf Ski

Sunday 19/10/25
8am
North Head Drive

Meet some of our friendly and experienced boaties and paddlers at 8am and be introduced to a surf boat and surf ski.

Watch demonstrations, listen to explanations and have a go for yourself.

A waiver form and what to wear/bring will be emailed out after RSVP.

Contact Kimberli on 0438743479 to RSVP



MORUYA SLSC

OPEN DAY 19/10/25 10AM- NOON
THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Come & Try Surf Boat/Skis
Surf Boat Rowing & Ski Paddling- 8am. Moruya River at Silo on North Head Drive. See separate poster!

Come & Try Nippers
Come get a sample of what our Mighty Moruya Nipper program involves.
10.30am-11.00am

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2. Repair cafe at the Red Door - Page St Moruya
on Friday's 9.30am-12pm
3. JJJ Oriental Supermarket - Orient St Batemans Bay
10am-5pm 7 days a week!

Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Vice President Paul Scholze with winner Dianne Brown

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 9th October 2025

A field of 42 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today including some visitors. The weather was warm and windy and there were some fabulous scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (37) with 40 points
- 2nd: Rob McDonell (23) with 39 points
- 3rd: Paula Coffey (45) with 38 points (countback)
- 4th: Peter Coffey (23) with 38 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ruth Gschwend 2.17A Grade
- 4th: Paul Scholze 6.28 B Grade
- 4th: Wayne Fullerton 3.20C Grade
- 6th: Wayne Lilley 0.32 A Grade
- 6th: Ian McManus 2.72B Grade
- 6th: Robert McDonell 5.80C Grade
- 7th: Brad Doolan 0.73 A Grade
- 7th: Teri Swanbury 2.13B Grade

Great Score: Ray Bollard - Eagle voucher

Balls went to: Ruth Gschwend 38, Ian McManus 37, Stephen Swanbury 37, Bruce Lidbury 36, Teri Swanbury 36, Ian Miller 35, Ray Bollard 35, Marie Muriwai 35, Ron Rogers 34 and Shane Gschwend 34.



Vice President Paul Scholze with Winner Steve Collins.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 11th October 2025

A larger field of 64 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was warm and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Steve Collins (18) with 43 points
- 2nd: Paul Pereira (34) with 41 points
- 3rd: Peter Hogan (19) with 39 points
- 4th: Paul Medwin (24) with 37 points (countback)
- 5th: Bruce Lidbury (24) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 1.92 A Grade
- 4th: John Phyland 1.78 B Grade
- 4th: Paul Medwin 4.53 C Grade
- 6th: Bruce Handley 2.85A Grade
- 6th: Steve Johnston 5.26 C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 2.11 A Grade
- 7th: Paul Scholze 4.55 B Grade
- 7th: Jenny Reilly 2.42 C Grade

Balls went to: Frank Pomfret 37, Peter Engelbrecht 37, Tony Brown 36, David Schmid 36, Greg Smith 35, Ruth Gschwend 35, Nick Brice 34, Derek Hoare 34, Malcolm Gilbertson 34, Paul Scholze 34, John Phyland 34, Kevin Reilly 34, David Aramayo 34, Bruce Martin 34 and Michael Walsh 34.



Winners: Teri Swanbury, Dianne Brown and Jeanette Miller

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 14th October 2025

A field of 19 ladies signed up for the 1st Xmas Countdown Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Jane Eglitis. It was a cool Spring morning and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
- 1st: Teri Swanbury (28) with 40 points
- 2nd: Gail Page (26) with 38 points

B Grade:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (37) with 35 points (countback)
- 2nd: Sandra D'Onofrio (33) with 35 points

C Grade:

- 1st: Jeanette Miller (43) with 43 points (countback)
- 2nd: Jennifer Gray (45) with 43 points

Hole Prize:

- 7th Pam Alexander Golden Shot A
- 7th Stacey Davidson Golden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin:

- 6th Chris Wratten
- 15th Elsa Shearer

Place Getters: Elsa Shearer 37 and Leonie Doolan 36.



Winner: Ray Downey

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 15th October 2025

A field of 40 players signed up for a single Stableford event today. The competition was strong with some fantastic scores resulting.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ray Downey with 23 points (countback)
- 2nd: Steve Gardner with 20 points (countback)
- 3rd: Gail Rogers with 20 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Peter Coffey 19, Steve Johnston 19, Jane Eglitis 18, Henry Anderson 17, Shirley Quinlan 17, Leonie Snodgrass 17, Ron Hanlon 17, Len Rogers 17 and Greg Geelan 17.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Graham Moore (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Jennifer Gray (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd Shot)
- Mens: Steve Swanbury (2nd Shot)
- Accuracy: Greg Smith (5th hole)
- Bradman's: Don Russell

Melbourne Cup of Tea

CWA Batemans Bay is holding a Melbourne Cup Afternoon Tea at our Hall in Edward St. Batehaven on Tuesday, 4th November., 1;30pm please Join us! Entrance is a small plate of something to share. \$2 Sweeps! Lucky door prize! 'Fashions on the Field' prizes for Ladies AND Gents! So break out the Fascinators and Fedoras and Join us!

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Driving Change

Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 10.10.25

Moruya River.

How good is spring!! Warmer, longer days (for a sneaky arvo session), and an increase in fish activity.

The river is well in its way to waking up. The lower section around the airport flats, back of the hole in the wall and up to the Quarry Wharf have all been fishing well this past week.

There have been a few nice whiting starting to show up on a rising tide back of the hole in the wall. With live nippers, squirt worms or even surface lures finding a few hard fighting, good eating 'ting'.

The shallow sand flats around the airport are the place to start looking for both bream and flathead, as the warmer ocean currents push into the system, the fish are becoming more active. All manner of techniques will work this weekend, baits and lures should account for some nice fish. Under the town bridge, the flathead, bream, estuary perch and whiting will all be taking advantage of the warming river temps, you can expect to see plenty of fish on the flats under the bridge itself.

Up in the fresh, I managed a great start to the summer bass season, with a 42-45cm fish on a home made spinner bait to tick the season over. The fish are there and starting to activate, you just have to find them. I'll be back out again this weekend.

Tuross River.

Good numbers of flathead, bream and mullet have been caught this past week. Several 75cm+ mullet have been caught by several of my keen juniors, Adam Walsh managed a cracking 84cm fish on a Daiwa Bait Junkie Prawn under the metal bridge at Bodalla, and Jackson Eke managed a nice 75cm version further down the system. Nice work boys. Coila is fishing well at the moment, but is best in the mornings before he spring time winds pick up and blow you off the lake. Bream and flathead will all eagerly take a soft plastic or hard body lure presentation.

As we race towards summer, it's time to dust off your prawning gear. If you don't have any, come in and pay us a visit, and we can get you started. We have prawn lights, scoop nets and drag nets to get you into a feed of summer run prawns.

Up in the fresh, the bass action has been off the charts. Tuross has lots of shallow sand runs, where the water temp has plenty of opportunity to warm rapidly. Good size fish have been taken for the past few weeks, with one regular losing a cracking Bass to a seal of all things!! Sorry to hear about that loss Jack, at least you have a good story to tell. Rock and Beach.

Early morning beach sessions are the go this time of year, once you get past 10am, the wind comes up, and makes fishing the open beaches a chore. There are plenty of salmon around, as well as the odd tailor, bream, flathead and whiting.

Pick a beach, and go for a look, the fish will be where you find them.

Offshore.

The warm currents pushing down the coast have really gone into over drive, take a look at this weeks seas surface temp chart.

As a result the YFT have pushed well south of us, or out wide. In their place however have been good numbers of Albacore tuna.

The snapper and flathead crews have been happy with what has been in offer, with the magic 30-40m mark working well this last week.

The bait freezer has been restocked, with worms and hawksbury prawns the only notable absentees.

We have some great prices on Shimano Ice Boxes at the moment, with 25% off RRP. We also have some super prices on Shakespeare Intrepid combos, in the 8', 10', and 12' sizes priced to clear.

The Arma lure range has seen a big injection of new models in both the metal and soft plastic range, so come and check out the new goodies.

Congrats again to the 1st winner of the Daiwa Maverick MQ reel, Emma Turner, we hope you enjoy the new reel. If you haven't entered into the comp, it's really easy with a \$10 spend on any Daiwa product. Just scan the instore QR code, fill in your details, upload a copy of your till receipt, comment on the pic, and submit!

The next reel is drawn at head office today (Friday 10th OCT), and I will phone the winner once I am notified. If you haven't won yet, you will stay in the draw for the subsequent draws. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every days a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.

Local Sporting Champions Grants

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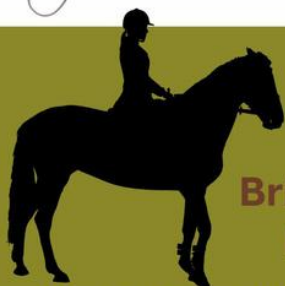
Applicants travelling internationally or greater than 2000km to their nominated championships: + \$200

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Batemans Bay Sailing Club Report



Oct 11: Accolade, Moonmist and Wishful Thinking Photos :Terry Paton

It was a great day for sailing on October 11th when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the first Lady skipper/Crew skipper race of the season followed by the second Bay Cup race. The Lady skipper's race was a handicap start race where boats were given a headstart based on past performances so that all the boats would theoretically finish at the same time. A very light north west breeze was blowing at the start which built throughout the race. First off the start line at Caseys Beach was "Horizon" (Michelle Grybaitis) followed by "Sail La Vie" (Steve Masterton) and "Red Dwarf" (Bruce Bailey). They hadn't covered that much distance by the time the back markers "Wishful Thinking" (Elyse Gresty), "Moonmist" (Dave Boardman) and "Accolade" (Tony Bonouvrie) were starting.

The first leg was a broad reach from Caseys Beach to Chain Bay. "Accolade" was able to carry a spinnaker which gave her a break over the other back markers. "Red Dwarf" sailed into some light air inshore on the leg from Chain Bay to Wimbie Beach which "Accolade" was able to skirt around the outside of. Some big NW gusts made things lively on the final leg from Wimbie back to Caseys Beach. Tony Bonouvrie held his nerve to win the Crew Skipper race. The first Lady Skipper home was Elyse Gresty.

Dogs were being blown off chains by the time the Bay Cup race was due to start. "Red Dwarf", "Sail La Vie" and "Horizon" headed back in while the remaining yachts' crews were hard at work shortening sail for the now delayed Bay Cup race. Race officer Terry Paton and his trusty team of James Anderson, Andrew Bain and Peter Withington set an even start line.

"Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop) was just able to keep clear to windward of "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) at the pin end of the line. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) got a clean midline start and led around the windward mark off Square Head. "Wishful Thinking" sailed over the top on the run down to the Marine Park middle mark to lead by the barest of margins, although "Accolade" regained the lead ahead of "Moonmist" on the next upwind leg.

There followed broad reaching legs to the Chain Bay mark and hence back out to the middle mark. The breeze was moderating so all the crews shook the reefs out their mainsails. "Accolade" was disadvantaged by carrying a rather ancient #4 headsail while the other boats had #3 headsails up. Paton sensibly shortened the course at the next windward mark rounding due to a falling tide. "Moonmist" came past just before the finish to score the line honours/PHS/AMS treble ahead of "Accolade" and "Wishful".

The next BBSC keelboat race will be a Bay Cup race on October 25th

Lachlan Brown





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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report



What a beautiful weekend of sunshine to welcome our bowling friends from Crookwell. Thank you to our fabulous committee for the organising of this very special event.

Everyone who attended Saturday night dinner had a great time together especially gorgeous Robyn and long time bowling friend Reion James so I heard.

Sunday morning we all shared a barbecue breakfast, thanks chefs. After cards were called we all gathered onto the Green for a group photo.

Saturday's results were very close, 2 Drawn Rinks, Crookwell 2 Rinks, Tomakin 3 Rinks. Sunday, 1 Draw, Crookwell 2 Rinks, Tomakin 5 Rinks. Winners were selected by positions.

Michael Voce & Margaret Carney sharing as Leads, Tomakin.

Skip, John Poole, Crookwell. 2nd, Maria Cartwright, Crookwell. 2nd, Peter Cornelly Tomakin. We will all look forward to our return visit to Crookwell and their great country hospitality.



Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls

The morning started off with a friendly social game with travelling bowlers from West Pennant Hills Sports Club all dressed in Pink to acknowledge Cancer Council's day to raise funds for research into Breast and other cancers.

The fabulous Kimmy from 2EC was compare for the event where she talked very emotionally about her friend and workmate Andrina who had passed away.

Jarod and Lauren from Cancer Cancel attended the Luncheon.

Jarod spoke about where funds which are 95% community funded raised are used, research, support, councillors, advocacy, prevention and transport. We were introduced to Sophie, Julie and husband Jim who all had reasons for being volunteers for Cancer Council.

Sophie lost her 38 year old son to melanoma and has now become a grief ambassador which motivates her to become involved especially with prevention. Julie spoke for the first time since losing daughter Rachel 36 and has also been through cancer herself. Julie has been cancer free now for three years since having immunotherapy.

Jim also a cancer survivor is a volunteer driver and very popular so we all heard on many trips taking people for their treatments.

Thank you to Club Malua and staff for hosting this very special event.

Thanks to those who donated raffle prizes they were fantastic and some very happy winners.

Best dressed lady Mel Hyam, Man, Stephen from travelling bowlers.

The day was a great success and lots of funds raised especially for research into cancer prevention.

Bowls tomorrow in Braidwood and good country hospitality there then Pennants Thursday, that is it until next week.



Sandy James and Tricia Wheeler



Bay to Breakers 2026

The 15th Annual Hotondo Homes Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim is on Sunday 8 March 2026 from 9am.

Hosted by the Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club.

Entries open in November 2026.

Registrations close on Monday 2 March 2026 at 8pm

What a beautiful place for a community Ocean Swim and we hope you come and join us in our 15th annual swim.

MORUYA CAMPDRAFT

Entries Open
7pm 23 October



Affiliated with the Southern Campdrafting Association
21-23 NOVEMBER, 2025

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER - 12PM START

- Ladies (1 run limit, no Juveniles) - sponsored by Candor Town Planning
- Ladies Final
- Start Maiden if time permitting

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER - DAYLIGHT START

- Maiden A and final - sponsored by Chester & Smith Bega
- Maiden B and final - sponsored by Nicholson Tyres Moruya
- Open 4 Open - sponsored by ECM
- Open (Novice and Open) - sponsored by Brett Borger
- Open (Novice and Open) Final
- Open 4 Open Final

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER - DAYLIGHT START

- Waterhole Flat Angus 'Mullenderree' Feature Novice
- Junior (2 run limit) sponsored by Coastal Concrete
- Juvenile (2 run limit) sponsored by Coastal Concrete

Conditions of Entry

- Entries open 7pm, 23 October 2025 for 24 hours via Campdraft central.
- SCA General rules and conditions apply.
- Restricted to 500 first round runs.
- Successful competitors will be emailed and invoiced by Campdraft Central. Payment due 7 November 2025.
- All competitors must be full financial members for nominations to be accepted.
- Approved Helmets must be worn whilst competing (refer to SCA Rules 'Helmet Requirements'). Under 18yrs must wear a Helmet at all times whilst mounted.
- 60% Payback, Ribbons to 6th place.
- All refunds and prize moneys will be paid by direct deposit after completion of the Campdraft to your specified account.
- Cattle Levy of \$20 included in the entry fee.
- Refunds will not be given for scratching's received after 5pm 13 November 2025.
- Any changes to Nominations to be completed via Campdraft Central by 5pm 18 November 2025.
- The Moruya Campdraft committee reserves the right to alter the program at any time without notice.

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Do you know how to speak MTB ?

With one of the largest Mountain Biking Festival about to arrive in the Eurobodalla, here's a little deciphering for those of us not so proficient in the lingo. The Mountain Bike Dictionary For more see source <https://www.liv-cycling.com/au/mountain-bike-lingo>

- **Bail:** Getting off your bike as quickly as possible (and by any means necessary) to avoid a potential crash.
- **Berm:** A banked turn.
- **Bike Park:** An area with progressive mountain bike features and downhill-focused trails that can be easily ridden repeatedly either by using a chair lift, shuttle system or climb return trail. Bike parks can be private, where you have to pay to access the trails, or public.
- **Bonk:**
 - a. (verb) To run out of energy (fuel) during a mountain bike ride or race. "I bonked so hard on that climb."
 - b. (noun... or verb) A mountain bike jumping technique where you tap a feature with only the front wheel. "Watch while I attempt to do a nose bonk on that tree stump." "You totally nose bonked that table top."
- **Bunny Hop:** A mountain bike skill where the rider lifts their front wheel, followed by the rear wheel into the air so both wheels are in the air at the same time.
- **Case:** To come up short on a mountain bike jump or drop. Casing can sometimes, but not always, lead to a crash.
- **Clean:** Successfully making it over an obstacle in the trail without putting a foot down or falling off your bike. "I just cleaned that technical climb for the first time."
- **Clear:** To land smoothly when jumping a table top, double, or landing a drop.
- **Cross Country:** Cross country (also referred to simply as XC) is a form of mountain biking where covering distance is emphasized over technicality. Cross country does not literally mean "across country."
- **Dab:** To take a foot off the pedal and put it down to avoid crashing. "I haven't made it through that section without dabbing yet."
- **Double:** A mountain bike jump that has two distinct mounds – a "lip" that helps launch a rider into the air and a "landing" where the rider is aiming to set their wheels down. A double can also be referred to as a "gap jump", because there is a gap between the take-off and landing. Casing a double is likely to result in a crash.
- **Downhill:** Downhill (also referred to as DH) is a form of gravity-fed mountain biking where there is little to no uphill riding involved. Downhill trails are accessed by chair lifts or a shuttle.
- **Drop:** A trail feature where the rider must launch their bike off of a height and land on a lower surface. Drops can be man-made or natural and consist of dirt, wood, rocks or roots as the take-off and/or landing.
- **Dropper:** Short for "dropper seatpost", which is a height adjustable seatpost. Droppers enable a rider to quickly lower their seat height with the push of a lever mounted to the handlebars.
- **E-MTB:** Electric mountain bike.
- **Endo:** An advanced mountain bike skill that involves shifting your body weight forward as you apply the front brake to lift the rear wheel. Endo turns can be used to navigate tight downhill switchbacks. Performing this skill on flat ground while coming to a stop is referred to as a "stoppie".
- **Flats:** Refers to flat pedals and shoes, where the pedal has a large platform, usually with pins, that are compatible with the grippy rubber soles of mountain bike shoes.
- **Gnarly:** Used to describe a section of trail or trail feature that is extremely difficult or where failure has high consequence. "That rock garden back there is super gnarly." Can also be used as a noun. "Are you ready to shred the gnar?"
- **Grom:** A young mountain biker who is also typically extremely skilled.
- **Hero Dirt:** When the trail surface is the perfect consistency for riding and provides nearly infinite levels of traction. "After that rain three days ago, we're going to have hero dirt!"



TRUCK SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 22nd November 2025

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Australia's biggest ever mountain bike event is coming

Eurobodallans, get ready! Batemans Bay's Hanging Rock Sports Precinct is about to be taken over by something big, different and exciting.

The **Sea Otter Australia Festival** is coming to town from Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 October. It's a massive cycling celebration bringing thousands of bike lovers from across the nation.

There will be different types of racing across Mogo Trails, kids' activities, an industry expo, live entertainment, and plenty of action on (and off) the trails. Council's events team has spent the last 18 months working closely with Sea Otter organisers to make sure the precinct is ready, the setup is safe, and the event runs well for locals and visitors alike.

Council's events coordinator Scott McNairn said the festival setup includes temporary infrastructure such as a pump track near the sailing club, bike jumps, stages, and marquees. "The main cricket field will be transformed into the event hub - it's where you'll see the expo, stage, and plenty of festival activity happening throughout the weekend," Mr McNairn said. "Sea Otter's a sporting event at heart - just with more bikes than balls. It's a great way to bring fresh energy to our precinct and keep building those connections across local sport.

"We've worked closely with the Batemans Bay Cricket Club and really appreciate their support and flexibility, especially as they kick off their season this weekend."



A new dawn on the Burnaga Adventure Trail, Mogo Trails

Mr McNairn advised boat ramp users to keep in mind, the area will be busy during Sea Otter. "Access to the Hanging Rock boat ramp will remain open, but please allow extra time to launch and retrieve your boats - there will be more traffic and people about than usual." Everyone's welcome to come along and see what's happening at Hanging Rock during Sea Otter.

"It's something different for locals to experience, whether you ride or just want to check it out," Mr McNairn said.

"It's also a great boost for local businesses and the wider economy while the event is here." Volunteer opportunities are still available. Local clubs and community groups can get involved too, earning some cash for their club.

For more information on registration, festival passes, accommodation and more, visit: [Welcome To Sea Otter Australia 2025!](https://welcometo-seaotter.com.au) - Sea Otter Australia

DON'T SIT ON THE SIDELINES!

Join the Sea Otter Australia Volunteer Squad!

The inaugural Sea Otter Australia Festival is about to drop at Mogo Trails and we're inviting you to be part of the crew that makes history on the NSW South Coast from Batemans Bay to Moruya to Mountain Bike Narooma!

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