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Photo of the Week: Dawn at South Head Dolphin Beach captured by Kat Patton this last week.

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Moruya Mail Letters

Moruya Hospital – Moving on

While we have had our attention focussed on the new site and new building, little or no public discussion has been directed to the future of the 'old' hospital on the Moruya River foreshore. The 'repurposing' of existing buildings to relieve current pressure on local accommodation has been mooted. On the face of it this seems fairly practical, and from a political perspective it would for a time satisfy some short-term pressures.

The problem with the existing buildings They are ugly and a patchwork.

- ·The site and hard surface surrounds, associated add-ons and traffic is now almost industrial.
- •They are 'historically' poorly situated on the foreshore of our beautiful tidal river.
- ·They obstruct and restrict safe and practical public access along the length of the foreshore.
- Any building 'repurpose' will doubtless cost as much as any 'fit for purpose' building elsewhere.

A far greater and long-term benefit would be achieved by returning the land to native parkland and continuing the foreshore pathways and rest areas for public pleasure.

This return to more natural surroundings will benefit nature, community, visitors, and in the current 'Climate' make a very significant statement about government commitment to the environment.

Foresight is needed here, and a perfect example of this is the Regional Botanic

example of this is the Regional Botanic Gardens. Almost 40 years on – a triumph for the farsighted few, now enjoyed and supported by so many.

Helen Wilson Moruya

North Head Drive

The North head road repair works are nearing completion, but it looks as if we are about to receive a plasticised cliff cover.

The cream-coloured plastic road work now appearing in Eurobodalla such as on the cuts just south of Batemans Bay, is excessively ugly with absolutely no tree landscaping. North Head Road has been a delightful picturesque travel route even with its cliff that occasionally dropped rocks. The Kings Highway on Clyde Mountain with its problematic cliff faces has not resorted to the highly visible plastic treatment.

If it is impossible to terrace or use wires to face the surface and allow natural planting regrowth and if plastic roads have to be forced onto our lovely landscape at least use a dark brown or dark gray colour.

Juliet Ramsay, Moruya

NSW Government delivers landmark motorcycle safety reforms, complementing road safety infrastructure

The NSW Government is today announcing the most significant motorcycle safety reforms in nearly 20 years.

The reforms include targeted, evidence-based measures to protect novice riders and save lives, while complementing the government's broader efforts to improve road safety infrastructure across NSW. Coinciding with Motorcycle Awareness Month, the reforms to the Motorcycle Graduated Licensing Scheme (MGLS) form a cornerstone of the Government's 2026 Road Safety Action Plan – with the long-term vision of zero deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads by 2050. The reforms follow extensive consultation, including via the **2025**

NSW Motorcycle Safety Roundtable,

which brought together more than 70 riders, trainers and safety experts. Their recommendations, captured in an independent <u>Insights Report</u>, have directly informed these reforms and are released publicly today.

The Insights Report found overwhelming support for better rider training and education, protective gear standards and enhanced road infrastructure.

Key reforms include:

- · Mandatory protective gloves for all learner and provisional riders.
- High-visibility vests for learner riders to improve visibility and awareness on the road.
- · Extended pre-learner course, increasing training with experienced riding instructors, allowing for more and improved learning outcomes and skill development.
- New online learning modules and knowledge testing, to expand theory requirements.
- · Group on-road coaching and assessment, bringing NSW into line with best practice in other states.

The Insights Report highlighted the growing trauma burden among motorcyclists. In 2024, 68 riders and passengers were killed on NSW roads, a 34 per cent increase from the previous year. Motorcyclists remain 34 times more likely to die in a crash than other road users.

While motorcycles make up just 3.8 per cent of registered vehicles, they account for almost 20 per cent of road deaths. Learner and provisional riders face the highest risk on NSW roads, with crash data revealing that learner riders are more than seven times as likely to be killed in a crash compared to fully licensed riders.

The evidence is clear: as riders progress

through their licence stages, the risk of fatality falls, demonstrating that structured training and on-road experience save lives. These changes strengthen that pathway, giving riders more time and support to build safe, confident habits from day one. The landmark reforms complement the Minns Government's investments in road safety infrastructure that helps to keep motorcyclists safe, including rub rails on barriers, improved shoulders, safer line markings and targeted road upgrades. The Government acknowledges that these reforms may place additional demands on riders. However, NSW's motorcycle training pathway is subsidised to support highquality training for riders and will remain one of the most affordable in Australia. The rollout of these reforms will be staged over multiple years to allow for detailed program design, industry-wide

communication and preparation of training

providers to deliver the enhanced training.

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Eurobodalla Council's new general manager is Mark Ferguson

Mr Ferguson has been acting in the role since April, with Mayor Mathew Hatcher confirming the appointment yesterday after an extraordinary Council meeting.

"Mark came to us with a fantastic resume and over the past six months, not only has he brought the Council together and delivered on the councillors' expectations, he's shown us a clear path for how we can work together to accomplish our goals," Mayor Hatcher said.

The recruitment process was led by specialist consultants McArthur, with all nine councillors members of the recruitment panel.

Mr Ferguson said he decided to apply for the permanent role after enjoying the opportunities and challenges presented during his time in the interim role.

"The fact that the Council is a strong and cohesive group was one reason to apply," he said.

"The second is that the staff have a great deal of potential for growth and development and the opportunity to work with them and to act as part of a team was not something I wanted to pass up."

"Working with the community, we can deliver financial sustainability, good governance, and opportunity and growth for the people of Eurobodalla."

Mr Ferguson is an experienced local government leader, previously serving as general manager at Coffs Harbour, Pittwater and Northern Beaches councils.

His most recent role prior to Eurobodalla was at Edward River Council - a Ministerial appointment as a temporary advisor focused on effective governance.

Mr Ferguson holds A Bachelor of Business (local Govt and Economics) from CSU, an MBA from UTS and a Diploma in Local Govt Administration as well as qualifications and expertise in psychology and behavioural science, allowing him to support trust building, empathy, and collaboration, as well as resilience and innovation.

Mr Fergusen's Linked in says "My goal is to provide leadership and organisation development opportunities for people in local government, state government and private sector organisations. I work on projects that enable or advocate for government to make better decisions."

"Prior to my career as a consultant/coach I had a successful career in Local Government. In the twenty year period to 2018 I held the position of GM/CEO of three highly successful councils, Coffs Harbour (1998), Pittwater (2005) and Northern Beaches (2016). I commenced my career in Dubbo, worked in Scone for a year and returned to Dubbo prior to moving to Coffs Harbour in an executive role. Each of the councils were highly collaborative with the community and promoted strong values based cultures that encouraged effective communication and a positive work place. The councils I led received many state, national and international awards."



Southern NSW Local Health District invites community to online Annual Public Meeting Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) is inviting members of the community to its Annual Public Meeting (APM) from 4.00 to 4.45pm on Tuesday 28 October 2025 The meeting will feature presentations from SNSWLHD Board Chair Elizabeth Hoskins and Chief Executive Margaret Bennett. SNSWLHD Chief Executive Margaret Bennett encourages community members to submit questions ahead of the event. "The Annual Public Meeting is our chance to share Southern NSW Local Health District's achievements, future plans, and updates that matter to our community," Ms Bennett said.
"The Board and Executive teams welcome the opportunity to hear from the community and engage with online attendees." Anyone wishing to attend should register to receive a Microsoft Teams meeting link: https://bit.ly/SNSWLHD2025APM A recording of the meeting will be made available after the event. Questions can be sent in advance to SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au

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Sand scraping shores up depleted Surfside dunes

Eurobodalla Council undertook a oneoff round of beach scraping at Surfside last month. The work to repair erosion on the East Beach reserve involved shifting sand from the intertidal zone to rebuild the dune.

Council's coordinator of natural resources Heidi Thomson says the rebuild was done using a bulldozer with jute matting laid down to stabilise the dune and 3,000 plants to be put in next weekend.

"The work is a short-term buffer against the sea, buying residents some breathing time and allowing the dune time to settle. Residents and visitors can help the process by not walking on the dune area until it has stabilised," Ms Thomson says.

"It's short-term protection in response to strong community concern, with emergency funding from the NSW Government's emergency works funding stream. Longer-term solutions will depend on sand movement and coastal processes well beyond Council's reach."

With the scraped sand settling, the Surfside Landcare group and residents will replant the dune with native coastal species. Transport for NSW are dredging the nearby channel, moving sand offshore where it will nourish Surfside's east and west beaches over coming months.

"We hope these combined activities help the shoreline recover naturally over time," Ms Thomson says. "While beach scraping is not a sustainable approach to coastal erosion at this location, Council will continue to monitor the beach to gauge its effectiveness. The University of NSW is also setting up a long-term monitoring program to track offshore sand movement and provide guidance for future coastal management."



Beach scraping at Surfside's East Beach in September - sand from the tidal zone was pushed up onto the dunes.



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Dredging work commences in Batemans Bay



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Transport for NSW Maritime has commenced a four-week dredging operation in Batemans Bay to support navigation for commercial and recreational vessels.

A dredge vessel has arrived in The Bay and will focus on the Clyde River Bar, removing up to 30,000 cubic metres of sand. The dredged sand will be taken offshore, around 600 metres from the Surfside Beach shore.

The dredging aims to maintain a navigable channel approximately 40 metres wide and to a depth of -2.6 metres Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT).

The start of the project follows community consultation on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), which provided valuable input to guide the work. As a result of this feedback, a dredging monitoring system has been developed to assess the dredging impact and inform future projects. Monitoring stations will measure the velocity of water movement, as well as the direction and turbidity of sediment transport.

Transport for NSW Maritime Executive Director, Mark Hutchings, said the dredging will help keep Batemans Bay accessible and safe for all users.

He said dredging is a key part of waterway management, helping maintain navigation channels and access to maritime infrastructure. The project addresses community feedback on erosion, sand placement and navigation dredging, ensuring both recreational and commercial vessels can continue to navigate the bay safely. Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland, said the project demonstrates the Minns Labor Government's commitment to maintaining safe access to waterways along the South

"Batemans Bay is a vital hub for tourism, fishing and local boating activity," Dr Holland said.



"This dredging work will make it safer and easier for vessels to enter and exit the bay, supporting both the local economy and our community's connection to the water."

Transport for NSW has carefully planned the dredging to not only keep waterways safe, but also help restore Surfside Beach, with sand placed in areas where tides and waves will naturally spread it along the bay. For more information on the project, visit:

https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/batemans-bay-dredging





Eurobodalla Welcome Park proposed for the whole Eurobodalla community, residents and visitors

The Eurobodalla Shire Council has announced it will discuss the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan at its next meeting on 28 October 2025. Included in the draft Master Plan is a proposal for the community's land to the west of the Princes Highway between the Clyde River Bridge and the Bay Pavilions to be sold off with permission to erect buildings of up to 100 metres in height on this land. The Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group (EWPG), which is made up of a broad crosssection of the Eurobodalla community, believes our community owned land should Eurobodalla, with tourist be retained in the community's hands. The EWPG proposes a Eurobodalla Welcome Park be established on the community's land as a park for the enjoyment by the whole Eurobodalla community and as a place to welcome visitors to the Eurobodalla Nature Coast. The land has a very long history of use by Aboriginal people and of use for community Centre would create an indoorpurposes following European settlement. The land is part of a larger area initially taken by settlers around Yangary (Batemans Keeping the land in community Bay) and Bhundoo (Clyde River), and was later gifted to the Eurobodalla community by Duncan Forbes Mackay in 1918. The European immigrants called the land, the Presentation Recreation Park. Over time, parts of the land gifted to the community were developed as a cricket pitch, football fields and an outdoor 50metre Olympic swimming pool. From 1949, the land was the site of the Batemans Bay Bowling Club for around sixty years. The Catalina Club bought the land from the Bowling Club in around 2009 under the condition the land would be retained for community purposes. The Eurobodalla Shire Council bought the land from the Catalina Club in 2016, and reclassified the land from community use to operational use, enabling the Council to sell off the land transparent community to the private sector. The Council gave an undertaking to the community that it would not sell the land "without comprehensive and transparent community engagement". The Council has been trying to sell the land Welcome Park Group will be to the private sector since 2016, although the sales process now appears to have been suspended. The land is included as one of the sites in the draft Batemans Bay

So far, there has not been any community consultation on the future of the site, except as part of the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan.

Master Plan, which proposes buildings of

land.

The Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group believes the land gifted to the community, and still owned by the community, should remain in the community's hands, in keeping with its location as the gateway to the Eurobodalla Nature Coast and its long history of community use.

The Eurobodalla Welcome Park would provide additional community open space in the heart of Batemans Bay, with opportunities for active and passive recreation, enjoyment of the natural landscape and potentially a beautiful outdoor area for community events and a boardwalk to Smoke Point. The Eurobodalla Welcome Park

would provide a welcoming environment for visitors to the information, natural shade, picnic, barbecue and toilet facilities, and information on the Eurobodalla's Aboriginal heritage and postcolonial history.

The Welcome Park's proximity to the Mackay Park football field and the Bay Pavilions and Aquatic outdoor recreation and community hub.

hands in this way would preserve its environmental value, create relaxing and healthy waterside surrounds and ensure the protection for the endangered saltmarsh and Swamp Oak floodplain forest, which adjoin the

The Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group requests the Council to reclassify the land back to community use, as it was prior to 2016, to retain the land for the whole Eurobodalla community. Following this reclassification, the Welcome Park Group recommends the Council undertake a comprehensive, open and consultative process on options for the future use of the land to benefit the Eurobodalla community. Members of the Eurobodalla presenting this initiative publicly to the community and the Council at Public Forum at 12.30pm immediately prior to the Council meeting on 28 October 2025. The up to 100 metres in height to be built on the Welcome Park Group encourages community members to attend or watch the Public Forum. Community members are welcome to contact the Eurobodalla

ewpgroup@gmail.com. **Eurobodalla Welcome Park**

Welcome Park Group for more

information at

Authorised by Neil Gow, Convenor, Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL To be held in the Council Chambers, Moruya On Tuesday 28 October 2025 commencing at 12:30 pm

AGENDA (Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

- 1. WELCOME
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
- 3. APOLOGIES Nil
- 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS **MEETING**
- 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 23 September 2025 4.2 Extraordinary Meeting held on 21 October 2025
- 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
- 6. PUBLIC FORUM
- 7. MAYORAL REPORTS NIL
- 8. NOTICES OF MOTION NII
- 9. OUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS QON25/003 Draft Housing Strategy

QON25/004 Batemans Bay Masterplan Probity Report

QON25/005 Batemans Bay Masterplan - Use of Consultants

QON25/006 New Animal Shelter Design and Construction

10. PETITIONS

PET25/003 Kerb and Guttering - Ocean Road, Batehaven

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS NIL 12. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS PER25/019 Adoption of Draft Housing Strategy PER25/020 Draft Batemans Bay Masterplan -Response to Submissions

PER25/027 DA0550/25 - Concept approval for a dwelling house, Youngs Road, Akolele 13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

FCS25/055 Part Road Closure - adjacent to Lots 1, 2 and 3 DP1230661, Lots 269 and 308 DP752137 Congo (South)

FCS25/056 Position of Deputy Mayor FCS25/057 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Meeting Minutes 2 April 2025

FCS25/058 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and other Matters Returns

FCS25/060 Policy Review - Code of Meeting Practice

FCS25/059 Change in Public Access Date for November 2025

FCS25/061 Investments made as at 30 September 2025

14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS Nil 15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION **REPORTS**

CAR25/016 Development of additional amenities at hanging rock sports grounds CAR25/015 Post exhibition review and adoption of Proposed Fees and Charges for Primitive Camping at Moruya Showground 16. URGENT BUSINESS

17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Hard-waste haul impresses

Eurobodalla's annual hard waste collection has wrapped up for another year, with locals taking advantage of the service to clear their sheds, spare rooms and backyards of a whopping 765 tonnes of junk, plus a further 314 tonnes of recyclable metal- with everything from trampoline frames to toasters destined for a new lease on life.

Council's manager of waste services Nathan Ladmore says residents have decluttered with gusto, purging their homes of the broken, the unwanted and the "I'll fix it one day"s.

"Better yet, we had a reduction in non-compliant items, with only 162 properties putting out items that couldn't be collected," Mr Ladmore says.

"As advertised, the TVs, computer monitors, and gas bottles were not collected. These can be dropped off for free at our waste management facilities or during our annual chemical clean out. Glass tables and tyres can also go to the tip, though charges apply.

"We're thrilled. Residents were considering if items could be donated to charity, upcycled or repurposed before putting them on the kerb. Overall, it was a win for Council's annual hard waste pickup. rule-reading over wishful thinking and I'm hoping we can do even better next



The crew from Cleanaway did most of the heavy lifting for



On that day thousands of older people throughout Australia and New Zealand will celebrate **Probus** Month with a series of activities highlighting "fun and friendship in retirement", including special lunches, morning & afternoon teas, high teas, theatre trips, garden tours, river and harbour cruises and lots of local picnics. It's all part of Probus' endeavour to help retirees stay engaged and connected within their local communities.

Probus will celebrate 50 Years in Australia during 2026. There are over 1,400 clubs across Australia and New Zealand with a network of 100,000 retirees. The success of Probus is very evident, with the establishment of 50 new clubs in 2024 and more clubs in both the suburbs and regional areas being formed on a regular basis. Probus' purpose is to provide opportunities for retirees and semi-retirees to come together to make new friends and participate in a wide range of activities, designed to keep their minds and bodies active.

Probus Clubs are non-political and non-fundraising. It's all about social gatherings promoting fun and friendship - and it doesn't cost a lot.

This year's theme for Probus Month is "Reinvent Your Retirement" and Probus Clubs everywhere have a very big "welcome mat" for new members during October. If you are interested in finding out more about Probus, you are very welcome to visit a club in your area. For further information about the Tollgates Combined Probus Club please contact Robyn Isaacson on 0410 558 760

United Nations Day of Older Persons Avoidable fatbergs cost ratepayers

Wipes clog pipes. That's the take-home message from Eurobodalla Council's manager of sewer and water Sarah Lunau. "No matter what the advertising says, those so-called flushable wipes do not break down like toilet paper. Instead, they get caught up in pipes and equipment, combining with fats and oils to create massive blockages know as fatbergs," Ms Lunau says.

Fatbergs have been in the news. Pictures of the 250-metre wet-wipe island on London's Thames River went viral and, more recently, headlines featured the 100 tonne fatberg removed from the sewers of London that took Thames Water more than a month to remove. Ms Lunau says a similar thing, on a smaller scale, is happening in Eurobodalla.

"Fatbergs are hazardous for our crews, and they're unpleasant, expensive and time consuming to clean up. We'd rather spend that money and effort on providing better service than cleaning up avoidable mess,' she says.



"Just last week we removed four metres of clogging wet wipes from a pipe at Narooma, despite the sewer being cleared just a few weeks before. This time, fortunately, the impact on Wagonga Inlet was minimal but the peer-reviewed research tells us these so-called biodegradable products to not break down in real-life conditions and there is potential for disaster.

"I urge people to think before they flush. The only things that should go down the loo are pee, poo and toilet paper. If you must use wet wipes, please don't flush them but put them in your red bin for disposal.'





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The town with no pub no more

By John Longhurst

""But there's-a nothing so lonesome, morbid or drear Than to mope in the street of a town with no pub"*

It warranted an additional verse to Slim Dusty's 'Pub with no Beer' but Batemans Bay's status as a town with no pub was upended last Monday with the reopening of the freshly renovated Bayview Hotel.

The new owners, Emma and Mike Dawn have maintained the character of the historic pub.

Even though the Dawn family own the Kingston and Civic Hotels in Canberra, the new owners are keen to absorb the previous vibe of the Bayview albeit with some very schmick renovations.

Steve Adams is the new General Manager of the Bayview. Steve said "The atmosphere is all about the classic pub, a place for a yarn and a catch up. There are 12 beers on tap as well as a comprehensive wine selection. We aim to be family friendly with a warm and relaxed vibe."

The menu ranges from Asian dishes such as Sichuan Pepper Calamari, Spring Rolls, Thai Green curry and Asian Prawn Salad through to Italian favourites of Gnocchi Primavera and Seafood Spaghetti. Pub favourites such as the Chicken Parma and Steaks are all on the menu for the less adventurous.



Renovations are ongoing and it is hoped the beer garden will be open before Christmas.

Given the crowd enjoying the pub's reopening last Monday, it is safe to say Slim Dusty would approve.

**https://youtu.be/x7bAmneYWPw?si=5s2cu2Q6WGAiAwNw

Diversity to be celebrated in Eurobodalla

By John Longhurst

As usual the hall

Plans are well underway for the fifth Diversity Night to be held at St John's Greek Church Hall in Batemans Bay on Saturday, 8th November, 2025.

The Eurobodalla Multicultural Group (EMG) is once again organising the celebration with the generous support from the Batemans Bay Greek Community and the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Cel Ceniza is the spokesperson for EMG.

Cel said "Diversity Night is one of the popular events on our calendar. It is all about celebrating our rich and vibrant multicultural community in the Eurobodalla Shire."

will be decorated. a warm Welcome to Country' with a cultural feast from around the globe including Indonesia, Fiji, Philippines, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Japan, Vietnam, China, India and Nepal. Cel said "Attendees will then be entertained with traditional dancing and singing from around the world. It will be a colourful and fun night and families are welcome." Tickets are limited to 200 people.

DIVERSITY NIGHT 2025



Saturday 8 November 2025 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start At St Johns Greek Church Hall 1 Clyde Road North Batemans Bay

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Denhams Beach Care Community celebrates Fiji's Independence Day

By John Longhurst

Denhams Beach Care Community recently marked the 55th anniversary of Fiji's independence from British rule with a day of traditional song, dance and food.

At Denhams Beach Care Community, seven Fijian team members are part of the team caring for residents, through the Australian Government's Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme.

The scheme has been instrumental in helping to fill labour gaps in rural and regional Australia by offering employers access to a pool of reliable, productive workers.

At Denhams Beach Care Community, team members have gained a Certificate III in Individual Support qualification, enabling them to learn valuable skills and gain experience while delivering high quality care. They will also be well placed to strengthen the aged care sector in Fiji if they choose to return home.

Recognising Fiji's Independence Day was a meaningful opportunity for Fijian team members to share their culture with others.

"We like to celebrate the different cultural events that make up our local community," said Michelle Nutter, Lifestyle Coordinator at Denhams Beach Care Community. "Our Fiji Independence Day event was an opportunity for our residents, families and team to recognise and celebrate a significant day for our Fijian team members, and members of our local community."





Let's do coffee with ... Nick Hopkins

Leftie!', 'greenie!', 'tree hugger!', 'hippy!' or just plain 'ratbag!!', Malua Bay resident, Nick Hopkins (NH) has been called many names during his time on planet Earth. The Moruya Mail (MM) had a coffee with Nick last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me Nick. We will no doubt get to the reasons behind the name calling, but let's start with special childhood memories.

NH: (Laughs) ... Well that was quite the introduction but thanks for the coffee ... I was born on Christmas Eve 1957 in Canberra Community Hospital by the banks of the Molonglo River, before it was dammed to create the lake. I was the youngest of four boys.

My mum was a teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL), somewhat of a trailblazer in migrant education and was Canberra Citizen of the Year in 1967. My dad was an assistant Commonwealth Statistician with what became the Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

My dad came from a long tradition of Quakerism. At Quaker meetings each Sunday we would sit in a circle, as it is non hierarchal and leaderless, for over an hour of silent reflection. As you could imagine it was pretty boring for children and our parents gave us a choice to opt out at 12 years of age. Nevertheless, it did give me a sense that to connect to the divine, all that is really required, is to sit quietly. This awareness left me very open to Buddhism which I was to embrace in my late teens in Asia. It has allowed the cultivation of an inner refuge and has helped me develop more empathy and compassion for other people.

Another memorable event in my childhood was participating in the American Field Service (AFS) Cultural Exchange Program in 1974/5. I ended up spending my final high school year at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, the 6th oldest US boarding school and one of the most prestigious schools in America. It was very much an introduction to the future elite of that country so quite an eye opener for me.

I also met people from all over the world including a special friend, another exchange student from Germany. Alas, we were torn apart at the end of the school year.

MM: (Sighs) ... Ahhh.... true love ... but I assume she went back to Germany?

NH: (Smiles) ... Yes. In 1976 I began studies at the Australian National University (ANU) and lasted about a year before embarking on the trip of a lifetime, travelling overland through Asia to Europe and back again. I spent the last few months in India and completed what was to be the first of many Buddhist meditation courses. I even got to meet the Dalai Lama, living in exile in Dharamsala. He was so impressive, not the least bit vengeful towards the Chinese and so accepting and forgiving

I really wanted to know the secret to such a way of being and I explored various streams of meditation. It sparked an inner change. It made me more introspective and to start responding rather than reacting in all situations. As for the German girlfriend ... well we did meet up ... but she was by then a born again Christian so we split up amicably.

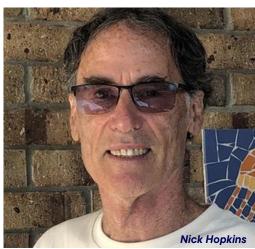
So by 1978, I am back at ANU to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA), majoring in Politics and Sociology.

When the Franklin Dam campaign erupted in Tasmania I joined the tide of fine people who trained in non-violent direct action and went camping by the river and was arrested for trespass. I learnt firsthand the power of civil disobedience, the meaning of critical mass in campaigns and that the police can be on your side, whilst still performing their duties. These lessons stood me in good stead during subsequent arrests in other campaigns.

In my late 20s I found myself feeling very stuck in Canberra and decided to go on a working holiday for a month to the Rainforest Information Centre in Lismore. One month became two, 2 months became 6 and I ended up staying on the North Coast for 15 great years of my life. I did a course in Permaculture in 1987 and found that it brought together so many practical elements about how to live lightly on this big spinning ball in space. When the Permaculture International Journal moved its production from Sydney to Lismore I got involved and became coeditor.

At this time I was looking for an intentional community* designed along permaculture lines but with a strong activist ethic as well. I found Holy Goat Ranch and quickly felt at home. We were a demonstration permaculture community so visitors would come and stay to work with us or study how we operated and for a few years there we lived the dream. We were also part of the North Coast Peace Squadron with lan Cohen and others so we travelled to Sydney Harbour and to Brisbane River to blockade the entry of US nuclear warships simply by paddling out on surfboards in front of them.

Our community was pretty good at conflict resolution but not good enough and eventually we went our separate ways, somewhat bitterly. I got into some serious yoga practice. I returned to India to spend time at the Osho Commune and upon returning to Byron Bay I met my current partner. We bought five acres between Mullumbimby and Byron with rich soils, great rainfall and the obligatory view to Mount Warning. We set about establishing a Permaculture paradise and a cabinet timber plantation of rare trees.



MM: Sounds ideal. What brought you to the South Coast?

NH: Our son was born in 1994 and by the turn of the century we had to make some major decisions. We decided to move back to Canberra to help look after my elderly dad who was still living in the family home in O'Connor and in his mid-90's. Plus the education prospects were much better in the ACT.

I also took the opportunity to upgrade my qualifications and studied landscape architecture at University of Canberra. I started a business designing landscapes for residents in and around Canberra.

In 2012 we decided to move to six acres behind Malua Bay. I embraced early retirement, joined the local woodwork group, the local Greens group and the arts and craft society now called CABBI.

On the last day of 2019 climate change really hit home when our house and workshop burnt to the ground in the Currowan megafire. We lost everything. I was both devastated and enraged**. I wrote to Prime Minister Morison rejecting his insincere condolences offered when all the while political donations from fossil fuel companies were flooding in to both major parties. The letter was published in both the Sydney Morning Herald and the Canberra Times.

Fortunately, we were insured so we downsized and now live close to the beach.

All things considered I feel extremely fortunate at 67 to still be able to enjoy surfing and kayaking and mountain biking and yoga, to remain active in the conservation movement and to live such a time-rich life free from many obligations. To have the space in life to practise gratitude, kindness and self-awareness is a truly remarkable gift.

MM: What a great yarn. Thank you Nick.

*Intentional community - Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intentional community

**https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/bushfiresurvivors-create-trail-of-destruction-at-parliamentdemanding-politicians-cut-ties-with-coal/y2cex0pcr

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

Three rousing cheers to the ABC. Once again, the news and cultural icon, the central counterweight of Australian civility, has provided a path through a troubled issue of our social and political times.

It has come in the form of 'Deep Time' and purports to tell 'The Story of Australia and its peoples [which is] vast and deep'. It warns that, 'It's one you should know, but possibly one you've never been told. Well, not like this anyway.'

Quite so.

There are good books on the same subject – the 65,000-year saga of our first nations – such as First Footprints by Scott Cane and Deep Time Dreaming by Billy Griffiths, but they are costly and dense. The ABC's version is attractive, clearly written and free. Moreover, it could be distributed via USBs to schools, community groups and particularly newly arrived migrants.

Producer Tim Leslie secured the cooperation of a great many Aboriginal elders and a range of journalists. His researchers and authors are not celebrities, but they have done a brilliant job in both fields – discovering the Aboriginal elders with 'knowledge' of their culture and combining it with the great geographical and astronomical events across the millennia. And the artwork by Abby Richards supplements the story perfectly.

It uses computer technology to great effect without need of specialist driving. The story it tells is never less than gripping. At the end, it is just not possible to walk away without enormous pride in our Aboriginal forebears in our amazing continent.

So, why am I making all this fuss? We need go no further that the heart-breaking result of the 'No' vote in the 'Voice' referendum. Sure, it was badly planned and executed by the wrong 'Yes' leaders. But an even bigger cause was voter ignorance of the Aboriginal story.

There's no point celebrating or even acknowledging those 65,000 years if nothing happened during that time. It's no better than a mere phrase that turns the 'welcome to country' into a rote gabble or worse, an embarrassing farce.

The truth is that we are all migrants in Australia. And just because some Yorkshire sea captain sailed up the coast and landed on an island where he 'claimed' it for his King, doesn't give the British any greater claim to it than the most recent entrant from Nepal or Bhutan.

But while the British have chosen to hide or lie about their 'peaceful pioneering', the millions of European and Asian migrants arrive knowing absolutely nothing about the Aboriginal past in what's known to scientists as the great continent, Sabul where megafauna and marsupial lions walked the earth.

In earlier decades, a Good Neighbour Policy welcomed post-war migrants and attempted to instil a sense of community (albeit without any Aboriginal involvement). Today, that's gone with the wind. Today immigration is curling at the fringes of violence as protestors for and against on racial or religious grounds clash in our cities.

Part of the reason is that we are untethered from the past, despite the best efforts of authors, academics and educated Australians in this 21st century. We have been frustrated in not having the means to refer the majority to an engaging and accessible story that fills the void.

Now we do.

Thanks to the ABC.

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A Beer with Bazz #214

With John Longhurst

Mick glared at the laptop screen, cursed and shook his head as Bazza landed the schooners.

"Filthy, Bazza. I am filthy. That bloody Dareton Men's Shed in southwest New South Wales is trying to upstage us again. They have not forgiven us for breaking their record for building the world's biggest billy cart."

Bazza laughed and took a decent sip.

"Mick ... that was a disaster. You had every kid in the neighbourhood excited for weeks. The local news ran a full page story and there was even some interest from ABC's 'Australian Story'. Everyone was very excited until launch day. The billy cart was so big you could not get it out of the Men's Shed ... kids were crying and parents were ropeable. I think the mother of the boy who won the first driver competition is still threatening compensation for the Mighty Mick Machine Costume she custom made and patented."

Mick took a sip, rubbed his chin and leaned back.

"You are very negative, Bazza. A minor design fault but we still broke the record. Anyhow, back to business. Dareton Men's Shed have had three truckloads of plane parts delivered to them from the RAAF Base Amberley in Queensland. They are going to restore a De Havilland Vampire Mk35A jet fighter*. I call it showing off and I am not going to cop it."

Nods all round as Know All Ron cleared his throat.

"A big call, Mick. We could go a step further and not just restore something. We could go for a new invention. It would be designed and built at our Men's Shed. A new kind of tank or something to beef up our national defence."

Bazza raised both eyebrows.

"Sounds a bit complicated, Ron. We had trouble with the bird boxes falling out of the trees. A couple of kangaroos were knocked out cold ... which damaged our conservation credentials."

There was a pause in the conversation as the meeting between Anthony Albanese and Donald Trump dominated the television. The volume was turned up as Trump fielded questions about delays in building nuclear submarines.

Mick clicked his tongue, took a sip and furiously typed an email.

'Hey there ScoMo,

Long time no hear. I note you are occupied with a number of jobs with various links to defence ... haha ... some things never change. You also seem to be pretty matey with Donald Trump.

It appears to be very unlikely our promised nuclear submarines will be built on time by the USA.

Given your previous experience with submarines, I was hoping you could arrange for the parts of the nuclear submarine(s) to be sent to our Men's Shed and we can put it (them) together. Flat-packs are our speciality so it would save a lot of time and money.

For security reasons, I will send the address separately.

All the best to Jen and the girls,

Mick.

Mick read the email to nods all round. Timeless Tom rubbed his chin.

"That will literally blow Dareton Men's Shed out of the water, Mick. I reckon we might need gloves for the job. Handling uranium can be a bit tricky."

*https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-10-19/dareton-mens-shedto-restore-vampire-jet/105853774? utm source=abc news app&utm medium=content shared&utm c ampaign=abc news app&utm content=link

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O years ago from the Moruya Examiner

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There were no less than eight tenders in for the lease of the 2-acre cultivation paddock in Church St. [Moruya], the property of the Presbyterian Church Trustees. Mr. Jack Louttit was the successful tenderer at £17 5s per annum.

On Saturday last week Scoutmaster Fowler had the troop at work digging out the weeds and cleaning around the tree guards in our streets, thus demonstrating in a practical way the interest that should be taken by them as future citizens in beautifying the town in which they live.

At the Bateman's Bay Parents and Citizens' Assn. meeting, President Mr. A. H. Annetts reported that the dual desks had now been placed throughout the school, and the heater for the infant's room had arrived. It was decided to purchase a typewriter for the school.

Very deep regret was felt by the many friends of the McCauley and Veitch families of Nelligen, when it became known on Wednesday that Mr. Harry McCauley had died at the Moruya Hospital at the early age of 27 years. Deceased took ill only on Thursday of last week. He was admitted to hospital on Friday and the following day was operated on by Drs Quilter and McCredie for appendicitis. On Monday great hopes were held for his recovery, but acute peritonitis supervened his untimely end. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. McCauley, of Nelligen, and son-inlaw of Mr. and Mrs. Veitch, of Currowan Creek, and sympathy is extended to the afflicted young wife and two children.

Mr. A. H. Preddey commences the erection of a large hostel consisting of 50 rooms at Tuross next week. Mr. McWilliam expects to have fully 500 tourists at this popular resort at Xmas time.

The death of a highly respected Mogo resident, Mr. George Veitch aged 57, occurred last Wednesday. Deceased, who was a sawmill proprietor at Mogo, had been in different health for some time, and as more serious complications intervened, he was taken to Kogarah Hospital where he underwent an operation about three weeks ago. Besides a widow and grown-up family of five daughters and one son, he is survived by two brothers, Messrs. James (Mogo) and Albert (Currowan Creek) and two sisters Mesdames E. Ladmore (Bateman's Bay) and Ball (Epping).

At the Moruya Hospital monthly meeting members were told that the Visiting Committee reported matters in a satisfactory condition; building needs attention; white ants active in the front portion; wire gauze around roof of isolation ward decayed; tubs require repairs; wood getting low, recommended fresh supply. Mr. Stubbs is to be engaged to effect necessary repairs. Tenders are to be called to supply 12 cords of wood.

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc. If you are interested in history why not join us and become a volunteer at the Museum or our library. Check us out at https://www.mdhs.org.au



Typewriter 1910



Typewriter 1925 office model



Typewriter 1925 portable model



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New blood test could streamline Alzheimer's diagnosis and treatment access

Scientists at CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, have identified simpler and less invasive methods to improve Alzheimer's disease diagnosis, potentially making it easier for patients to access emerging treatments.

New treatments like Donanemab, recently approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for adults with early symptomatic Alzheimer's, require confirmation of amyloid plaque in the brain.

Currently, the gold standard for detecting amyloid plaque involves costly PET scans or and invasive lumbar punctures to analyse cerebrospinal fluid.

In a new study published in Alzheimer's and Dementia, scientists found that combining two blood tests – the Lumipulse plasma pTau217 test and the A β 42/40 ratio test – could match the accuracy of the existing 'gold standard' methods.

Dr James Doecke, lead author on the paper and Research Scientist at CSIRO's Australian e-Health Research Centre (AEHRC), said blood tests are vital to the triage process to develop appropriate treatment strategies and help understand where a person is on the disease trajectory.

"With treatments for Alzheimer's disease biology becoming available, it's critical we have accurate, scalable and less invasive tests to identify eligible patients," Dr. Doecke said.

"Our findings show this blood test combination performs at the level needed to confirm Alzheimer's pathology."

Play your part this GambleAware Week

The NSW Government is encouraging the community to help spread the message this <u>GambleAware Week</u>, that with gambling, there's more to lose than money; it can also affect health, relationships and wellbeing.

Running from today, 20 October to 26 October, this year's campaign is also focussing on promoting the range of free and confidential support available to those struggling with gambling harm. In addition, the NSW Government is continuing its campaign to reduce the amount of sports betting advertising with its Reclaim the Game initiative, delivered in partnership with 19 NSW sporting clubs from six codes: the A-League, AFL, Cricket, the National Basketball League, Netball and the National Rugby League.

This includes the Sydney Kings and the Illawarra Hawks men's basketball teams along with the Sydney Flames women's basketball team. All three teams have just signed up for a further two seasons. Sports betting is most common among young people aged 18-24 years. A <u>2024 NSW Gambling Survey</u> found sports and race betting responsible for 16.5% of gambling harm.

Reclaim the Game aims to counteract the saturation of sports betting advertising and help people understand their choices and decisions about gambling, encouraging them to take action to prevent and reduce gambling harm by seeking support when they need it. In 2025-26, the NSW Government has committed \$20.7 million from the Responsible Gambling Fund for gambling support services, up from \$19.19 million the previous year.

The government has implemented a suite of measures to reduce gambling harm, including:

- \cdot Committing \$100 million to harm minimisation investing in research, treatment, services and reform,
- \cdot Banning gambling advertising on public transport, and the terminals people catch it from,
- · Banning all external gambling signage in licensed premises and introducing Responsible Gambling Officers for venues with more than 20 gaming machine entitlements, and
- · Banning political donations from clubs with electronic gaming machines.

Reclaim the Game is an initiative of the NSW Office of Responsible Gambling, which also manages the statewide gambling support service GambleAware.

Information about GambleAware Week activities, Reclaim the Game, plus resources and support information are available at

www.gambleaware.nsw.gov.au
Call the 24-hour GambleAware Helpline on 1800 858 858 for free and confidential support. In-language support is also available for those from diverse cultural backgrounds.



Go Get Healthy

with Sofia

Celtic sea salt also known as sel gris or grey salt has become a social media favourite lately. But what exactly makes it so special?

Harvested from the coastal salt flats of Brittany, France, Celtic sea salt is produced the traditional way through the natural evaporation of seawater by the sun and wind. This slow, artisanal process leaves behind beautiful, slightly moist grey crystals rich in trace minerals like magnesium, calcium, potassium, and zinc ⁽¹⁾.

Unlike typical table salt, which is bleached, refined, and often mixed with anti-caking agents, Celtic sea salt is completely unrefined and additive-free. It retains its natural balance of minerals, giving it a distinctive flavour and potential benefits for hydration, electrolyte balance, and supporting a more alkaline diet ^(2,3).

In fact, Celtic sea salt can contain up to 80 trace minerals ⁽⁴⁾. It also has slightly less sodium per teaspoon, around 1,840 mg compared to 2,300 mg in table salt, mainly because its coarse flakes take up more space in your spoon. By weight, though, both contain about 40% sodium ⁽⁵⁾.

Chefs love it for its soft, rounded flavour and versatility in cooking. It's especially delicious as a finishing salt, where its delicate crunch and mineral depth really shine.

That said, salt is still salt, so moderation matters. Whilst Celtic Sea salt offers a touch more nutrition and flavour, excessive sodium from any source can increase the risk of high blood pressure and heart disease. The World Health Organization recommends keeping total salt intake under 5 grams per day (about one teaspoon) ⁽⁶⁾.

So next time you're seasoning your favourite dish, give Celtic sea salt a try. Sometimes, a small switch can make your food and your wellness feel just a bit more balanced.

For more information about Celtic sea salt, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at www.govitabatemansbay.com.au. And don't miss our weekly segment on 2EC radio, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.

Yours in Health, Sofia Keady

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Nutritionist – Go Vita Batemans Bay



From plate to paddock: oyster shells to be reused on land under new rules

Oyster shells will get a second life thanks to new rules allowing oyster shell waste to be safely reused on agricultural land in New South Wales.

Clear standards have been released by the **NSW Environment** Protection Authority (EPA), outlining how the shell waste should be dried, processed and applied to land to improve soil health and reduce acidity.

NSW EPA A/Executive Director of Regulatory Practice Arminda Ryan said the updated framework makes NSW one of the first states in Australia to allow processed oyster shells to be applied

"Without action, waste generation will soon outpace landfill capacity - that's why we are looking at every opportunity to safely accelerate our circular economy," Ms Ryan said. "Annually in New South Wales, we produce an estimated 70 million oysters for consumption and pearl production.

"These changes enable oyster growers and sellers to unlock the potential of discarded shells for agricultural reuse, placing NSW at the forefront of aquaculture waste management.

The exemption was made thanks to a joint initiative by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and the NSW EPA, with funding from the Local Land Services Early Needs Recovery Program, following a series of disease and natural disaster events across NSW.

NSW DPIRD A/Senior Policy Officer of Aquaculture Kate de Roover said the Department led the exemption application on behalf of oyster growers, following engagement with the industry who sought to reduce waste streams and add value to their production.

"We're pleased to have worked with the NSW EPA to bring this exemption in. It's a practical step helping oyster producers turn waste into a resource while ensuring environmental safeguards are in place," Ms de Roover said.

"Oyster shells can improve soil pH, aeration, drainage and structure, creating a fantastic circular solution that will see benefits for oyster farmers and consumers."

The requirements set out a strict framework ensuring oyster shell waste is safely applied to land, including:

- specific standards on how the oyster shell waste is generated and processed, including drying, washing and crushing
- product testing requirements to ensure the oyster shell waste is safe to reuse on land
- mixing processed oyster shell waste into topsoil. The EPA is encouraging oyster producers, farmers, processors and community members to familiarise

themselves with the new rules. To find out more, visit <u>Current orders and exemptions | EPA</u>.

Debut of Bowerbird Arts Trail -Bay to Broulee

The Bowerbird Arts Trail makes its debut Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 October 2025, with studios open 10 am-3 pm daily across Malua Bay, Rosedale, Tomakin, Mogo, Jeremadra and Broulee.

Created in response to visitor feedback and the success of studio referrals, the trail celebrates collaboration and creativity along the Eurobodalla coast.

Artists in the October Arts Trail are: Pauline Barnes, Suzanne Carter, Naomi Crowther, Janet Kininmonth, Gemma Porteous, Ness Shannon, Greta Sharman, Ken Taber, Hans and Lesley Van Haalen, and Kerrie Wilson. See @bowerbirdartstrail



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

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ions to choose from Morning 9.30am-12.30pm and afternoon 1.30-4.30pm

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Cats & Dogs All at Sea Exhibition Launch

The Batemans Bay Heritage Museum is proud to host Cats & Dogs All at Sea, a travelling exhibition from the Australian National Maritime Museum. Featuring striking photographs by renowned maritime photographer Samuel Hood, (above) taken between 1900 and 1950, the exhibition shines a light on the cats, dogs, and other animals who lived and worked alongside sailors

The launch featured a special talk by South Coast based historian Dr Jodie Stewart, who explored the fascinating stories of ship cats and their place in maritime life. Dr Stewart is determined for the history of cats' place in maritime history as an important part life for mariners. From Navigator Mathew Flinders 'Trim' to rat catching moggies on merchant vessels, Dr Stewart gave an entertaining and history through images. WHERE Batemans Bay Heritage Museum, 3 Museum place Admission: Current museum entry fees (free for members of the Clyde River & Batemans Bay

Historical Society).

Free Saturday matinee movie - Moruya Library

Saturday 25 October 2025, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Come along to Moruya Library our October matinee movie.

Starring Elizabeth Taylor and Mickey Rooney, this 1944 classic film tells the story of a young English girl and her horse, The Pie. Set in 1920s rural England, this romantic adventure follows Velvet's dream to reality as she trains The Pie to enter the Grand National horse race. Enjoy the film, refreshments, and a chat. Licensing restrictions mean we cannot advertise the full movie name, so please ask our friendly library staff for more information.

Library access: Moruya Library closes 12.30pm on Saturdays. Access to the back of the Moruya Library & Arts Centre (BAS) is via the Council carpark on Murray Street. There is a ramp from the carpark to the entry. Cost: freeBookings essential. For more information on library events, visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/libraries/whats-on

Global streaming spotlight lands on NSW live music venues

Live music venues will get an important boost from a new Spotify 'Venue Pages' feature after calls from the Minns Labor Government to prioritise NSW for the rollout.

Sydney will join New York, London, and Paris as one of the first cities in the world to benefit from this new feature. This is the result of direct discussions between the Minns Labor Government and Spotify Working with Spotify to increase its AUNZ about bringing more of the benefits of music streaming to local venues and artists.

Launched yesterday across nine countries, Venue Pages will give NSW live challenges from cost increases, music venues their own home on Spotify, to list their gigs to make it easier for fans to go from streaming their favourite artists to buying tickets and seeing them live. Features include:

- Dedicated venues pages which allow users to search for venues, follow their favourites, save them to their libraries, access their gig guides, show details and new announcements.
- · A live events feed updated daily, delivering show recommendations curated on user location, listening habits, and venues followed.

Direct link from Spotify venue listings to official ticketing partner to securely purchase tickets, creating a quick link between music discovery and live music experiences.

· Spotify will run an on-platform marketing campaign and educations sessions for NSW venues in the weeks following tomorrow's announcement. positive impact on the local live music scene is part of a wider set of initiatives from the Minns Labor Government to support the industry as it faces changing audience habits and an increase in local audiences streaming overseas artists.

Key measures have included the establishment of a \$160,000 prize pool for the NSW Music Prize and the adoption of Michael's Rule which incentivises international artists to book an Australian support act.

The NSW Government will continue to work with Spotify AUNZ on the roll out and will also support local venues with training to maximise their engagement with this new feature.





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New Exhibition at the Moruya Museum

Opening Night Reception All Welcome! Friday 7 Nov 2025, 5–7pm Moruya Museum

Pubs have always played a central role in Moruya life — and it wasn't just about the beer! Bookings essential, donations appreciated. This exhibition celebrates the town's four surviving pubs while also recalling the many that have come and gone across the district — some of which still stand today. Discover how these buildings have evolved through renovations, floods and fires, and the stories they continue to tell.

They offered a welcome escape from the daily grind: places where councillors, agricultural societies and sporting groups could meet, and venues alive with music, balls and dinners. Travelling salesmen, doctors and dentists also plied their trade from these bustling hubs. Of course, pubs provided much-needed rest stops for weary travellers, offering meals, accommodation, paddocks and stables.

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

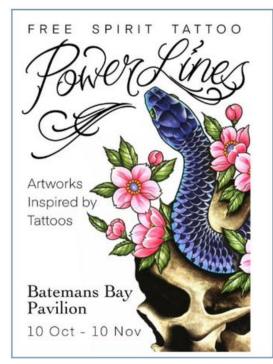




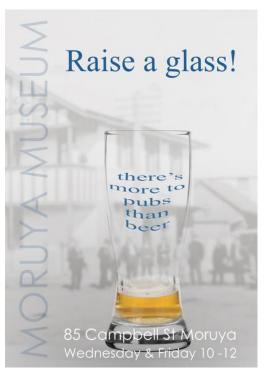


Art exhibition: Landscapes of the Wild opened at the Mechanics Institute last Friday showing Australia's natural beauty and cultural heritage, as seen through the eyes of artists Bessie Nunes and Josephine Best-McMahon. This exhibition celebrates the rich biodiversity of the continent - from sweeping landscapes to intricate flora and fauna - through evocative paintings, wildlife portraits, and immersive ceramic installations.. Until 2 November at Mechanics Institute, 13 Page Street, Moruya.

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

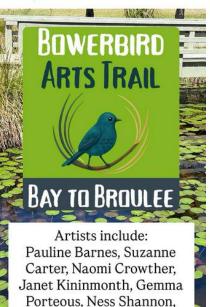








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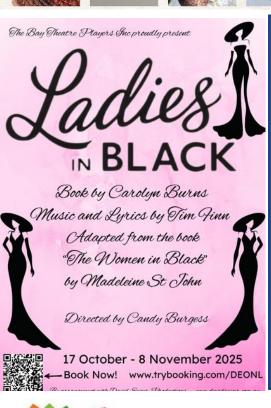
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Poolbar @ Bannisters Steampacket Hotel Bay Soldiers Club

Greta Sharman, Ken Taber,

Hans and Lesley Van Haalen

& Kerrie Wilson

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Community Film Club.
Red door, Page Street,
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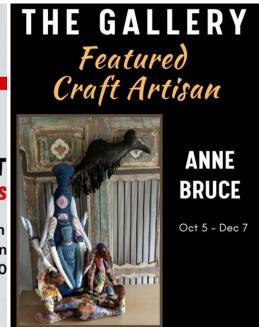
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As part of
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Animal Welfare League News

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.

Call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410016612 to meet Nutmeg, Bee or any of our available animals.



We are still needing foster carers to take on the rewarding task of helping animals on their journey to new homes. If you can help, please call us on 0410 016 612, or better still, come along to Pet stock Batemans Bay on Saturday 25 October and have a chat.

FOSTER CARERS

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

Other Information

Pop-Up Info Stall Saturday 25th October 2025 9:00am - 12:00pm PETSTOCK **Batemans Bay**

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

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| REGRETTING YOU M, 1H 49M, DRAMA/ROMANCE | 1.45pm* 6.25pm* | 12pm 6.25pm* | 10.30am* 5.10pm* | 10.30am* 5.10pm* | | 12pm 6.25pm* | 12pm 6.25pm* |
| SPRING STEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE M, 1H 52M, MUSIC/BIO DRAMA | 2.20pm 6.40pm | 2.20pm 6.40pm | 12.55pm 7.20pm | 12.55pm 5.25pm | | 2.20pm 6.40pm | 2.20pm 6.40pm |
| THE ROOFMAN M, 2H 6M, DRAMA/CRIME | | 4pm* | 2.55pm* 7.30pm* | 2.55pm* | | 4pm* | 4pm* |
| TRON: ARES M, 1H 59M, SCI-FI/ACTION | 4pm* | 1.40pm* | 12.40pm* | 12.40pm* | | 1.40pm* | 1.40pm* |
| THE TRAVELLERS M, 1H 37M, AUSTRALIAN DRAMA | 4.45pm | 11.45am* 4.45pm | 11am 5.25pm | 11am | | 11.45am* 4.45pm | 11.45am* 4.45pm |
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SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE



M | 1hr 59min ~ *Drama* ~ Bruce Springsteen's journey crafting his 1982 album Nebraska, which emerged as he recorded Born in the USA with the E Street Band. Based on Warren Zanes' book.



ROOFMAN M | 2hrs 5min

- Drama - Kirsten Dunst Roofman follows Jeffrey Manchester a former Army Ranger.



REGRETTING YOU

M | 1hr 17min ~ Drama ~ Allison Williams A story of growth, resilience,

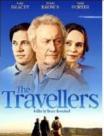
and self-discovery in the aftermath of tragedy.

30TH OCTOBER - GOOD FORTUNE

BLACK PHONE 2



~ Horror ~ Four years ago, 13-yearold Finn killed his abductor and escaped, becoming the sole survivor of The Grabber. But true evil transcends death ... and the phone is ringing.



THE TRAVELLERS

M | 1hr 37min ~ Drama ~ Brian Brown & Susie Porter The Travellers is a poignant, funny and heartwarming family story.



KANGAROO G | 1hr 47min - Australian - Family -An ex-TV personality becomes stranded in an Outback town.



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M | 1hr 59min - Drama -Ares, is sent from the digital world into the real world on a mission.

ALSO SCREENING BAD GUYS 2/ GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE & ONE BATTLE



AFTER ANOTHER

Moruya Mail Notices

2025 Diary Dates

- 22-26 Oct 2025 Sea Otter Australia MTB Event
- 31 Oct 2 Nov -Narooma Boats Afloat Festival
- 14-16 Nov Crank it Up Batemans Bay
- 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
- 8 March 2026 Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim
- 7 15 March 2026 Sculpture Bermagui
- 13 March 2027 NSW State Election
- May June 2026 Sculpture for Clyde

Tuross Community Markets

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

Moruya Community Workshed

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

Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo 2025

Saturday, November 22, 2025
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Auditorium, 10AM – 2PM
Contact Brad Rossiter OAM at eurobodallaexpo@gmail.com or

phone 0458 534 470.
Register here: Click the URL, copy and paste into your browser, https://forms.office.com/r/Ouctmc9Mxk

'Playdates with Emergency Services

Last date 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.

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

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



SHASA's

Moruya Food Run delivers a bag of meat and veggies to families every Monday.

SHASA are currently accepting referrals from welfare agencies for new clients.

For more information email SHASA at contact.shasa@gmail.com

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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

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

Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay When: Tuesday 28th October 2025 9:30am to 2pm

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

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

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. https://events.humanitix.com/foxdog-pinkribbonbreakfast

GOT AN EVENT COMING UP?

Birthday, Garage sale, AGM?

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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.



Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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



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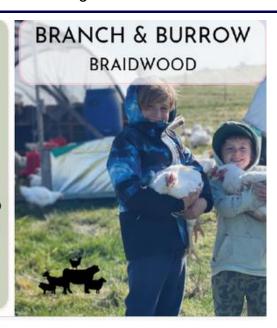




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DIVERSITY NIGHT 2025



Saturday 8 November 2025 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start At St Johns Greek Church Hall 1 Clyde Road North Batemans Bay

Tickets to be collected at JJJ Oriental Supermarket by Saturday 1 November 2025

\$30 DONATION

Delicious Multicultural Food Provided BYO alcohol

Soft drinks can be purchased at the venue
This project is supported by
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Eurobodalla Shire Council





Kathryn Maxwell 0467558645

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

HELP IS NEEDED WITH

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

Interested?

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



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 julca with nibbles on arrival, Pinger foods and cake/silce with tea/coffee Dress Code: Country Show.

Tickets available at showground office or Lindsay 0417613689.

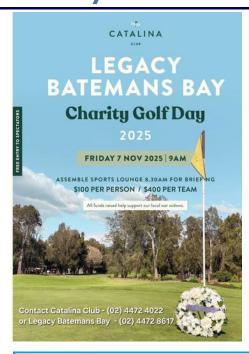
The bar will be open for purchases.

Soft drinks, water and barista coffee will be available to purchase as well.

There will be planty of Trivia as well as a few games and lots of prices.

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.







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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Ruth Gschwend with Secretary Michael Coloe

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 16th October 2025

A field of 42 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today, including some visitors. There were some high scores achieved today despite very windy conditions, well done to the winners!

The Winners were: 1st: Ruth Gschwend (19) with 46 points 2nd: Kerrie Sands (40) with 44 points 3rd: Nigel Barling (33) with 38 points (countback) 4th: Grant Kiely (16) with 38 points

Nearest to the Pins

Grade

Grade

4th: Michael Coloe 3.18 A Grade 4th: Grant Kiely 6.45 B Grade 4th: Robert McDonell 13.70 C Grade 6th: Brad Doolan 5.40 A Grade 6th: Mark Haberkorn 1.54 B Grade 7th: Ruth Gschwend 1.21 A Grade 7th: Paul Scholze 6.94 B

Balls went to: Marilyn Bingham 37, Ian Miller 37, Elsa Shearer 37, Teri Swanbury 36, Paul Scholze 36, Ian McManus 35, Leonie Snodgrass 35, Dianne Brown 35, Robert McDonell 35 and Jennifer Gray 35.

7th: Kerrie Sands 5.02 C



Winner: Michael Walsh with sponsor Ray Bollard

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 18th October 2025

A field of 55 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The sponsor today was Ray Bollard. The competition was fierce and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were: 1st: Michael Walsh (11) with 40 2nd: Nic Boom (14) with 39 points (countback) 3rd: Peter Coffey (23) with 39 points 4th: Terry Milliken (25) with 38 points 5th: Derek Hoare (34) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins 4th: William Steenbergen 2.55 A Grade 4th: Lars Gaupset 3.80 B Grade 4th: Wayne Fullerton 6.80 C 6th: Troy Kingdom3.37 A Grade 6th: John Phyland 2.76 B Grade 6th: Robert McDonell 4.76 C Grade 7th: Mark Schenk 2.18 A Grade

Balls went to: Peter Engelbrecht 37, Mark Haberkorn 37, Mark Schenk 36, Ray Bollard 36, Nigel Barling 36, Bruce Handley 36, John Eglitis 35, Greg Booth 35, William Steenbergen 35, Steven O'Shea 35, Anthony Mellick 35, Robert McDonell 35, Paul Ferguson 34, Stephen Swanbury 34 and Matthew Kennedy 34.



Winners: Teri Swanbury, Dianne Brown and Jeanette Miller

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 21st October 2025

A field of 19 ladies signed up for the 2nd Xmas Countdown Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Shirley Quinlan. It was a cool, drizzly morning and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were: A Grade: 1st: Gail Page (25) with 40 2nd: Dorothy Madden (26) with 36 points

B Grade: 1st: Sandra D'Onofrio (33) with 35 points 2nd: Dianne Brown (36) with 34 points

1st: Elsa Shearer (42) with 42 points 2nd: Jeanette Miller (42) with 41 points

C Grade:

Hole Prize: Distance 7th Teri Swanbury1.08 Golden 7th Jeanette Miller 1.53 Golden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin: Distance 6th Jeanette Miller 0.27 15th Annette Manton 0.40

Place Getters: Beverley Theobald 39, Paula Coffey 39, Jane Eglitis 36 and Pauline Nash 35.



Winners: Graham Moore and Des Jackson

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 22nd October 2025

A field of 44 players signed up for a 2 Person Ambrose stroke event today. The competition was followed by a Gala Day with some delicious food served. The winners had a fantastic game and they mentioned it was the best they have ever played!

The Winners were:

1st: Graham Moore and Des Jackson with 31.5 nett

2nd: Steve Collins and Mike Birks with 32

3rd: Jennifer Gray and Steve Johnston with 32.75 nett

Balls or Chocolates went to: Greg Smith and Neal Watson 33, Jane and John Eglitis 33.25, Mark Maher and Rob McKirdy 33.5 and Steve Swanbury and Teri Swanbury

Nearest to the Pins: 4th: Ian Miller (2nd Shot) 6th: Steve Collins (1st Shot) 7th: Ladies: Chris Wratten (2nd Shot) Mens: Greg Bush (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Chris Wratten (5th hole) Bradmans: Leonie Snodgrass and Bruce Martin 39.25

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 prize1 'Fashions on the Field' prizes for Ladies AND Gents! So break out the Fascinators and Fedoras and Join us!





Moruya Mail Sport

Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 17.10.25

Moruva River.

The weather this weekend looks to be a little mixed, with the chance of rain and cooler temps, then strong winds and high temps in the forecast. It's going to be a case of sticking your head outside, and deciding on where to go depending on conditions. On the whole the Moruya river continues to improve, with the water temps steadily climbing, leading to an increase in fish

Back of the hole in the wall, the airport flats and under the town bridge are excellent flats areas to prospect this weekend. Now that the school holidays are over, the local jetty's are great places to try with the subsequent reduction in angler pressure. I tend to find that baits are the better option when fishing these areas of limited access, bring the fish to you. A bit of burley goes along way to increasing fish activity. It can be as elaborate or as simple as you want to make it.

Further upstream, the bass are making themselves at home upon the upper reaches, with good sized fish being taken this past week and weekend. The Daiwa Kicker Curley and Kicker Walker frogs have been very popular, so much so I'm out of stock. They will be restocked as soon as I see my rep through the door.

Tuross River.

As is the norm, flathead have been dominating the captures both in Coila Lake and the main Tuross system itself. The boss managed 5 nice flathead only 2 days ago using the new Arma Skip Doctor 85mm plastics in the black/gold colour. There have also been good reports on big bream in Coila, you just to find where they are hiding.

The main Tuross system itself, has had its usual spike in mulloway activity over the past few weeks, with many local and visiting anglers getting some nice fish. Both baits and plastics have been working, but finding the bait fish they are feeding on is key. Try the deeper holes all throughout the system, where the mulloway like to sit for your best chance at success.

As the water temps climb, expect to see an uptake in whiting over the flats. These can be taken on both baits and surface lure. Keep an eye out for a new system from TT, that makes using soft plastics worms an easier option. If you want consistent results however, you can't go past squirt worms as the number one whiting bait. The bass are also active in the upper reaches of the Tuross system, but it will benefit from a bit of rain to help fish move further up the

system. Rock and Beach.

The drummer fishing will be starting to ease off as water temps climb, but the ever-present salmon continue to dominate captures all along the coast. Find a good gutter and set up a pilchard on gang hooks. As the water temps climb higher, we can expect to start seeing more bream and whiting activity in the gutters in close along all if the local beaches. Live beach worms or pipes will be the go to baits for these tasty beach going morsels. **Offshore.**

The snapper are still readily on the chew in water depths from 15-50m of water. Scout the local reefs with your sounder, drift or anchor up and drop baits of pilchard or squid for best results. The game crews are still finding tuna around, with the Albacore more prevalent than the YFT this past week. It shouldn't be too long before the Marlin become the number 1 target for the game crews for the summer.

The shop is very full at the moment, as new stock continues to trickle in as summer progresses. Stay tuned late November, for the re-release of the ever-popular Squidgy Lobby and Bug. There are new offerings from Arma and Squidgy instore now in thesoft plastic range and metals from Arma also. Come in and check out the new products.

The bait freezer is full, with whitebait, worms and hawksbury prawns all being not available still.

If you haven't entered the Daiwa Maverick giveaway, why not!! There are only 2 more reels to be won, with one being drawn today. Just spend \$10 on any Daiwa product to be eligible to enter. See instore for details.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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- SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER DAYLIGHT START
- Maiden A and final sponsored by Chester & Smith Begar 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

FURTHER INFORMATION: MICHAEL WEYMAN 0490 088 233 OR MATTHEW WHIPP 0438 700 074



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HOOPS

SOUTH COAST Ford

Tuross Head/Bodalla Darts Competition 2025



Winners: Mal, Lindo, Tommy, Scotty and Andrew

The Darts Competition which started in March 2025 and finished in October 2025 culminated in the finals between the Bodalla Strykers and the Bodalla Bowlo Team. The Final winners were **Bodalla Bowlo!**

A presentation was held on Saturday 18th October at the Tuross One Tree Inn where a beautiful spread of food was presented and the drinks flowed. Congratulations to the winning team and well done to all who competed this year. We look forward to next years' competition.







Register at www.aussiehoops.basketball

Or call Matt 0407 806 127 for more info









TRAINING SAFER YOUNG DRIVERS

Teensafe is a safe-driver program for L and P plate drivers
- a skill for life.
Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided
in school holidays at Moruya Speedway.
Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$100. Teensafe is a community group operating for over 25 years supported by IMB Bank and partnered with Bay Beginners.

> For info and forms go to TeenSafe link at - <u>baybeginnersdrivingschool.com.au</u> or phone Sean 0412446568

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

There were 22 Twisties enjoying bowling together on a warm windy Sunday morning. President Pedro was away but committee , Dobbo, Robbo, Chanty, K.C., Scottie and Lois kept the fire burning brightly.

Great to have Peter Crowe back on the Green after recent surgery.

Congratulations once again to Laurie Masterson winning medals and ribbons in swimming at Special Olympics which were held in Canberra. A shame there are no lawn bowls included as he is bowling like a Champion. (Photo) Winners on Least Winning Ends Lois "Lane" and Whizza (photo) Whizza selected Rink 13 to try for Jackpot of \$145. Dobbo cut cards but no luck finding Joker.

High/Low Scores 23/8 not won prize money almost \$70. Lucky numbers, 27 Smoothie, 12 "Bert" aka Janet. Winning teams, Lozza and Chanty 22/10. Sandy and Smoothie 21/16. Hot Lips, Spike and Scottie 23/8. Clark "Kent" and Foxy 17/13..Bert and Dobbo 23/11





Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Robyn Butcher took over proceedings whilst Bowls Organiser Jay Breust was away. Well done to all who took part in District Open and Senior Women's Singles. Congratulations to Brooke Wilson who won Open Singles also to Jenny Blyth who was defeated in Senior Singles Final by Denise Lidbury from Tuross Head. Well done to Pat Bill, Nancy White, Sonia Frey and Tricia Wheeler who were winners at Braidwood last week. Thanks to hosts at Braidwood, always a fantastic day with 30 teams taking part in this event and enjoying great country hospitality. (Photo)



Social Winners Rink 10, Gay Biggs, Colleen Ashby and Yvonne Huddleston. (Photo)
Runners-up Rink 12, Pat Bill and Rae Fayle. Lucky Losers, Julie Knorpp and Susan Beavan. Lucky number winners, Michelle Weekes, Tricia Wheeler, Sue Morgan and Bev McKague. Money Club, 31 Julie Knorpp, 11 Rae Fayle. Good bowling to our Pennant Teams this week, go Stingrays.

Moruya Ladies Golf



With lovely spring weather in abundance the ladies at Moruya Golf club took to the fairways, once again. Playing in the 1st round of our Xmas cheer games the ladies found the course to be playing exceptionally well as the scores were really great for many of the participants. The winner on the day was Sharon Knight with 41 points c/b with Noelene Cowdroy being runner up, also with 41 points c/b. Balls went to Margaret Flynn, Jo Dixon, Art McBride, Vicki Goodwin, Joan Hosking and Shirley Noy. Nearest the pin in Div 2 went to Christine Quick."

<< Sharon Knight



Sea Otter Australia is here

Information for a smooth visit and participation at Sea Otter Australia Festival

Official WhatsApp Channel 2025 >> Whether you're racing, spectating, or checking out the Expo, the official Sea Otter Australia: Festival Guide WhatsApp Channel is your essential digital program for the entire weekend!

For the **Full 66 page Sea Otter Festival and Race Ready Guide Click HERE**

<u>ttps://docs.google.com/document/d/1K7CN3UgteGio4hYMDpxyPK-heJcliiPMfKcFYZFuPc/edit?tab=t.0</u>

Here is just some of the information available in the Guide to help attendees navigate the massive range of events on for the Festival

SOA 2025 WhatsApp Update Channel



2. Sports Events Schedule

| Day | Event | Location | | |
|-----------|--|---|--|--|
| Wed - Thu | Summit | Bay Pavilions | | |
| Thu | Rocky Trail Academy (4 stages) | Bot Garden Trailhead | | |
| Fri | Thule Marathon eOtterX - Bosch ePowered | Mogo Trails Event Hub | | |
| Sat | Smith Enduro (Stages 1-5) Fox Superflow® (4 stages for all) Maxxis Ottercross | Mogo Trails Botanic Garden Zone Event Hub | | |
| Sun | Smith Enduro (Stages 1-6) Fox Superflow® (4 stages for all) OtterJam Freestyle Jump Comp | Mogo Trails Botanic Garden Zone Event Hub | | |
| Daily | Flipper Kids Race 10:30 for 11am start | Meet at Pedal & Play Zone | | |





TRAFFIC FLOW & SPECTATING - FRIDAY

Public Shuttle - FREE - From 8:30am a shuttle service for supporters and spectators will operate between the Event Hub at Hanging Rock and the Tech Zone at Ridge Road. - Park at event hub, get the shuttle - NO PUBLIC CAR ACCESS TO RIDGE ROAD! Last departure from Ridge Rd to Event Hub at 12:30pm.

On-course spectating - Preferred base and parking for spectators is at the main event hub. Riders and spectators are encouraged to ride from event hub to Curtis Road Trailhead Entry (~2.5km / 15min ride).

Use Wild Wombat Climb to Ridge Road Saddle and you are one short climb ("Bankrupt") away from 2 of your race starts at the Botanic Garden Summit.

Friday to watch the Thule Marathon you may drive to Ridge Road following the strict instructions of traffic marshalls. No access to Ridge Road Tech Zone before 8:30am.

To watch or support juniors in the Fox Superflow® or Sea Otter Schools Comp (Rocky Trail Academy):

You may base yourself at Botanic Garden Trailhead and then return to Event Hub after the event finishes.

To watch the Smith Enduro, access for spectators is RIDE-IN ONLY- we will announce recommended spectator route and trails when the race tracks are released.

Road Closure Alert: MOGO FOREST ROADS "

ATTENTION ALL RIDERS, RACERS, AND ATTENDEES:

For the safety of all participants during the competition period, the main fire roads within the Mogo State Forest will be fully CLOSED to public vehicle traffic from Friday, October 24, through Sunday, October 26.

- Impacted Fire Roads Include: Dog Trap Road, Ridge Road
- Deep Creek Dam Road, Mogo Trig Road, Mitchell Road.

No Shuttling/Vehicle Access: All unofficial shuttling options to the Trig, Dog Trap, and Mitchell Road trailheads are impacted and strictly NOT permitted during these days. Only official event vehicles will be granted access.

We kindly ask for your cooperation to ensure the safety of our thousands of riders on the course. Please utilize the designated Athlete Parking at the Botanic Garden Trailhead.

DON'T SIT ON THE SIDELINES!

Join the Sea Otter Australia Volunteer Squad! Sea Otter are recruiting the very first Sea Otter Australia Squad to volunteer alongside the legendary Rocky Trail Entertainment Team. This is your crew pass to all the action! - - Pre-Festival #SOAS Summit and #SOA Schools Champs 22-23 October and the main Festival 24-26 October!

• The Perks: you'll score: a 3-day Festival expo pass, an exclusive crew t-shirt, and a yummy snack pack.

With almost 30 unique roles and 200+ flexible shifts available, you can easily pick spots that work around your race schedule or cheering duties. Plus, community groups can fundraise via our Club Grants Program!

Jump into the volunteer portal and pick your shifts today! Visit https://seaotter.au/about/volunteer/

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Moruya Surf Club Open Day Moruya Surf Life Saving Club reported a "fantastic success for the club" with their Open Day held on Sunday.

"A huge thank you to all our incredible club members and the wider Moruya community who joined us to celebrate everything our club has to offer. From come-and-try sessions in nippers, surf boats, and skis, to an exciting visit from Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopters, a delicious BBQ lunch, and ice creams from Whoppa Ice Cream to top it off; it was a day filled with fun, teamwork, and community spirit.

Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopters 'Lifesaver 23' joined the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club Open Day. "We were lucky enough to watch superstar Ruth winch down to the beach and demonstrate how the crew works hand in hand with our surf clubs and call out teams across the Far South Coast. The team showed how they deploy dye into rips and use flares to simulate real-life rescue situations, an incredible display of skill and teamwork in action. There were plenty of wideeyed Nippers watching on, inspired by the idea that today's beach lifesavers could one day become tomorrow's paramedics or even part of the "eyes in the sky" crew!"









Member Badge Draw

Increases by \$400 every week