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## Moruya Mail

## From Sea Otter to Great Southern Trails, Eurobodalla rolls into tourism boom



What a weekend for the Eurobodalla. The Sea Otter Australia Festival brought even larger numbers than anticipated with wrist band running out on the Saturday. Around 1500 riders competed in the race events and around 6000 attending the village at Hanging Rock, where 170 brands were represented. Accommodation in the Bay was tight with caravan parks block booked out.

The vibe at the village was very friendly and relaxed, touched with excitement. Produced by Rocky Trails Entertainment, Sea Otter Australia seemed a triumph of organisation, supported by a team of smiling volunteers.

Eurobodalla is now truly on the mountain biking map and Sea Otter will be back on the same weekend in 2026.

One initiative being promoted at the village by Destination Southern NSW is 'Great Southern Trails.'

The mountain bike tourism initiative is bidding to capture some of the \$1.5 billion spent by riders annually in Australia. Destination Southern NSW (DSNSW) Great Southern Trails, aims to position Southern NSW as Australia's premier mountain biking destination. Great Southern Trails connects 10 mountain biking trail networks and towns, offering 550+ km of dedicated mountain bike (MTB) trails across the South Coast, Alpine Region, and the Capital. The initiative was launched at the inaugural Sea Otter Australia MTB Festival in Batemans Bay in October 2025, marking its debut on the national stage. "Mountain biking is one of the fastestgrowing tourism segments in regional

Tourism Research Australia estimates MTB tourism contributes \$1.5 billion annually to the visitor economy. Every trail network brings riders to local cafes, pubs, accommodation, visitor attractions, and tours," said Richard Everson, General Manager of Destination Southern NSW.

"The Great Southern Trails tourism initiative aims to inspire visitors to choose Southern NSW for their next MTB trip. The initiative helps them plan, and encourages longer stays, higher visitor spend, and stronger yearround tourism visitation - delivering real economic and social benefits to our local towns and communities," Everson added. The Great Southern Trails brand and website have been developed by DSNSW with support from MTB Clubs, tourism industry operators, local councils and government. It provides an epic 1000 km mountain biking road trip taking in 10 locations that can easily be broken into smaller segments of 2, 3, and 4-day MTB adventures.

"Southern NSW is home to some of Australia's best mountain biking trail networks, which is the reason we brought our business and the internationally renowned Sea Otter MTB Festival to Batemans Bay and Mogo Trails. From the iconic Stromlo Forest Park to Thredbo Resort and the recently opened Mogo Trails, Gravity Eden, Narooma MTB, and Mt Tumbarumba, nowhere else in Australia comes close to the quality and diversity of MTB riding on offer in the region," said Juliane Wisata, Founder & Marketing Director Rocky Trail Entertainment, Australia's leading MTB event business.

"It makes sense to collectively market the MTB trail networks in this region and ensure the MTB riders of Australia know the incredible MTB experience on offer here," Wisata added.

Moruya Chamber of Commerce President Rob Pollock said "we're playing the long game with Sea Otter."

With \$8 million given to develop the Eurobodalla Shire mountain bike trails, Moruya Business Chamber wants trails that link back into Moruya from Mt Wandera, eventually linking Bodalla and Narooma.

"We are fast becoming the Australian Mountain Bike place to visit Moruya want to be included not left behind" said Mr Pollock.

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## Moruya Mail

## Concerns over BoM website

#### Yesterday Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for the Environment and Water said "I requested a meeting with the Bureau of Meteorology Acting CEO, Mr Peter Stone, to discuss the

public's concerns with its updated

website. It's clear that the new BOM website is not meeting many users' expectations, with a significant range of feedback provided to the Bureau in recent days."

"In the meeting, I made clear my expectations that the BOM needed to consider this feedback and, where appropriate, adjust the website's settings as soon as possible. This includes urgent consideration of improvements to the website's functionality and useability." The Acting CEO confirmed that the BOM is considering this feedback and what adjustments can be made, while preserving the website's reliability. The BOM website is a critical tool to ensure public safety, particularly during the High Risk Weather Season and it must deliver the quality information our hardworking BOM staff are known for.

In addition, I have asked the BOM to organise a briefing with State and Territory Emergency Services
Ministers this week, to ensure they are fully briefed on the new website and the steps BOM is taking to improve it. This follows previous work by the Bureau to brief a range of stakeholders, including emergency management agencies.

Australians deserve to have confidence in these important services. My office and I will continue to engage closely with the BOM and ensure public safety is its foremost priority.

I strongly encourage Australians to continue to provide feedback to the BOM, to ensure changes can be made where needed."

Feedback can be provided at <u>bom.gov.au/contact</u> or by calling 1300 754 389.

## **Connect Eurobodalla Online Directory Launched**



The Connect Eurobodalla launch last Thursday in Moruya.

Last Thursday the new website 'Connect Eurobodalla' was launched at the Red Door Hall in Moruya.

Developed by Batemans Bay Rotary and The Tec Exec with funding from the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR), Connect Eurobodalla is a community online platform designed to provide Eurobodalla voluntary community organisations with a reliable technology to access services, share ideas and resources.

The platform uses up to date technology for Eurobodalla voluntary community organisations offering them a way of promoting and communicating events, activities and request for assistance from other volunteer organisations. The platform will provide a platform for a range of services and opportunities for voluntary community organisations to collaborate and share their knowledge, skills and expertise.

Factors that have led us to develop the Connect Eurobodalla community online platform

- A huge lack of technology competence across the Eurobodalla community.
- Many community organisations are being supported by a small loyal band of volunteers who are working across several sectors.
- Many volunteers are retired and have many other conflicting priorities, including personal
  commitments. Their enthusiasm can be spasmodic when travel and medical concerns take
  priority.
- Key volunteers are over committed just trying to keep their organisation viable.
- Personal ownership issues limit effective communication.
- Things take time!
- At least twelve months to negotiate, install and train personal in Starlink technology.
- The continual rotating door of key members of organisations including Eurobodalla Shire Council personnel.
- Covid has had a devastating impact on our community organisations.

The project mission "is to build stronger connections between local Not-for-Profits by creating a central online hub that brings organisations & community together. We aim to empower groups with access to shared resources, practical tools, and opportunities for collaboration. By reducing duplication and improving communication, we strengthen the ability of NFPs to serve the community more effectively. Ultimately, we are committed to fostering resilience and long-term sustainability across the Eurobodalla.

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## Have your say on the future of Moruya Airport



Airport manager Sheldon Jones is getting ready for more action at Moruya Airport

Eurobodalla Council is inviting community feedback on future plans for Moruya Airport. With the aerodrome's 20,000 annual passengers forecast to increase to 26,000 by 2042, and air freight on the rise, airport manager Sheldon Jones says the masterplan is about more than just infrastructure.

"We want Moruya Airport to become a multi-faceted hub that drives economic development in the region," he said. "That means creating space for aviation support businesses, improving access, and ensuring we're ready for increased tourism and emergency service needs."

The masterplan is a 20-year vision prepared for Council by To70 Aviation (Australia) Pty Ltd. It outlines goals to grow the airport as a regional transport hub, increase employment opportunities, maintain financial viability, and uphold good governance. It also considers environmental and ecological constraints, ensuring development remains within the current airport boundary.

#### Key features of the proposed development include:

·commercial subdivisions accessible from George Bass Drive

·development lots for aviation support businesses

·area for a future multi-function building with terminal, café, hospitality, retail, and carparking

·expanded aircraft parking apron, and ·additional hangarage and potential for a freight distribution centre.

Land accessible from George Bass Drive has also been earmarked as the location for a potential new terminal. A concept design for the future terminal was developed by STEA Astute Architecture following collaborative workshops with airport users and stakeholders in December 2023.

Mr Jones said a new terminal is years away, but this concept planning is important.

"While the new terminal won't be constructed until operational needs exceed existing capacity, having a Development Application-ready plan will make it easier to secure grant funding when the time comes."

Council encourages residents, businesses, and stakeholders to have their say on the Master Plan and Concept Design by Friday 28 November 2025, 1pm. You can provide feedback by:

·Writing to: The General Manager, PO Box 99, Moruya NSW 2537

·Emailing: council@esc.nsw.gov.au

·Using the online feedback form at https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au

To learn more and view these documents in full, please visit Moruya Airport Masterplan | Eurobodalla Council and Moruya Airport terminal - future vision and concept | Eurobodalla Council.

#### **Productivity Commission** inquiry into regional airfares

Today the Albanese Government released the terms of reference for the Productivity Commission inquiry into key factors that determine regional airfares. Regional Australians deserve reliable air services at reasonable prices and that's what this review is about.

That's why in response to the Aviation White Paper, we tasked the Productivity Commission to look at regional airfares, including competition, pricing practices and whether profits along the supply chain are fair.

This will give state governments and the Commonwealth the nationally consistent data required to tackle the issue of regional airfares.

We know that safe, affordable and reliable air services are vital for regional and remote communities, not just for travel, but for access to healthcare, education and jobs.

More accessible regional airfares can help drive local economies, support tourism and boost productivity in regional Australia.

The Aviation White Paper found the average ticket price per kilometre was 52 per cent higher for flights involving regional airports than for flights between two capital cities.

Despite overall growth in passenger numbers, the number of regional routes fell from 458 to 291 between 1989 and 2021 and the number of remote routes fell from 264 to 163 in the same period. Many routes are now serviced by only one airline.

We have asked the Productivity Commission to hold public hearings and to invite submissions from the public. The Productivity Commission will provide a final report in about 18 months'

The terms of reference are available on the Productivity Commission website. We look forward to the Commission's recommendations on how we can make Australia's regional aviation network more competitive, reliable and affordable.

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## Air T intention to purchase Rex Airlines

. On 21 October 2025, a Sale and Implementation Deed to purchase Regional Express Holdings Limited (Rex) was entered into by US corporation Air T, Inc. (Air T) and the Rex Voluntary Administrators. Minister for Transport Catherine King MP said "The Australian Government welcomes these announcements. which mark a positive step towards bringing Rex out of voluntary administration.

The Australian Government has also entered into an agreement with Air T in relation to restructuring Rex's financing arrangements in connection with the acquisition.

This will allow Rex to keep flying and maintain critical aviation links for regional communities.

As the sale process led by the Administrators is still underway, the Australian Government will not comment further at this time." Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Kristy McBain told ABC radio "we said from day one when Rex went into administration that our Government would back regional aviation and we would be a buyer of last resort if the administrators couldn't find one. They've been able to find a buyer in Air T, which is US based.

They run a range of FedEx flights across the US but they are also very familiar with the Saab aircraft and have a range of them available to them. So, we've made clear our expectation that regional aviation continues across the country and there are still a couple of issues to sort through, including the next creditors meeting to finalise that deal. But really pleased with the administrators being able to source a buyer and looking forward to regional aviation continuing strong across a number of our states and territories with Rex as that lead airline.' It has been revealed that several Councils including Eurobodalla, Bega

and Dubbo are creditors of the Airline.

Summary from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Council Meeting Presentations Ten speakers addressed the Eurobodalla Council monthly meeting yesterday.

In summary, Louise Webb from Animal Welfare Eurobodalla spoke about the 'painfully drawnout journey" in getting the new Animal Shelter going, as no DA had been submitted and no grant applied for. Peter Cormick also addressed the slow progress on the new Animal Shelter, calling the current shelter an "animal Alcatraz."

Dr Brett Stevenson for A Better Eurobodalla spoke about the process of the planning for the Housing Strategy and Batemans Bay Masterplan and lack of data included.

Frank Ross for SHASA spoke about the Batemans Bay Master Plan and the lack of supporting evidence for some generalisations.

Allan Rutherford spoke about the need for a master plan for Moruya and managing flood impacts in town so as not to prevent development.

Rob Pollock from the Moruya Chamber of Commerce also spoke about the need for a housing strategy for Moruya, especially in light of the new hospital nearing completion.

"All the speakers here are telling you that the housing crisis has not been addressed." **Cid Mateo** also addressed the Housing strategy, asking that it be sent for peer review. **Neil Gow** spoke about the Batemans Bay welcome park initiative for the Batemans Bay old bowling club site saying "once it's sold, it's gone."

Hannah Semler also spoke about the Batemans Bay Mater Plan and the idea for a welcome park. Rebecca Ireland spoke about a DA for Akolelé. Patricia Helier spoke about camping at Moruya Showground. A few of the presentations are to follow. more at

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#### ROBERT POLLOCK PER25/019

Adoption of Draft Housing Strategy Good afternoon, Councilors' and Congratulations to Mark Fergerson on your appointment. We welcome you and hope you can lift the ESC and help grow our region. I have dealt with you recently and believe that you will bring new life to the ESC

Moruya Needs a Masterplan and we can't have housing planning rules hinder the future Masterplan. We can't have the Cart before the horse. Very important we don't stifle growth in the CBD area.

We welcome the new Regional Hospital coming quickly but you can't have your cake and eat it. Moruya is in a housing crisis both long term and short-term housing and urgent action is required. Moruya has no land available for future staff at the New Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. I have come back from the ERH this morning where our staff is working on the project [MESCO]. I can tell you this is progressing at a great pace, will be completed in June 2026 some 9 months away and then open early 2027.

Councilors within this chamber must act quickly to get the urgent issues addressed. Without housing for staff and without short term accommodation for relatives of sick patients, where will people be able to stay. Moruya has one motel in town, one just outside the township and one at the Airport, some pubs in town have accommodation but very limited. Moruya has no major land development for future staff and clinicians to live.

I would like to make it clear I have no financial interest in Allan Rutherford's development and have no DA applications in ESC.

Allan has worked hard on the flood mitigation and has got a DA ready for urgently needed Motel accommodation and in town living units, exactly what Moruya needs now.

I was born here in Moruya and know what happens during flooding, I rode my pushbike at a youngster in 1975 through the flood waters in town and I can tell you they are not rapidly moving water but backfilling water that rises and goes away quickly and has no rapid moving water like the North Coast of NSW.

1925 Flood was caused by the bridge at the time and the cross members creating a Dam effect, this caused water to back up and infiltrate the town CBD. Our Modern bridges don't allow this to happen and I think this flood event is highly unlikely to happen again. The current ESC 1-100 level is one meter higher that the 1925 event and if you want evidence of this all councilors are welcome to view a piece of timber at the shop that actual shows the mud mark on the post removed from renovation works in 1990, the mark is at my knee height at floor level in the shop, yet the 1-100 mark is 1 meter higher. Allan has designed his buildings to comply with the 1-100 Flood level and a further high level above. I wish Allan all the best with a

development that is desperately needed in our town immediately and hope a quick and common-sense approach can occur at the ESC

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## Moruya Mail

## Public Forum Submissions 28th Oct Council Meeting

#### **LOUISE WEBB QON25/006**

Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors. and congratulations, Mr Ferguson on your appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I read the responses to Councillor Johnson's question about the proposed new animal shelter with dismay, disappointment and also something approaching bewilderment. Following the resolution passed at the Council meeting of 29 April 2025, granting approval for the preparation and submission of a Development Application for the new shelter, I, like most in the community, believed that such work was under way. It now seems that no DA has been prepared, resulting in further delays to the delivery of a much-needed new facility.

As I have already reminded Councillors via email, it was November 2019 when I presented at a Public Forum my concerns regarding the state of the pound. In May 2023, the former General Manager said the facility was a disgrace. It is coming up to twelve months since the first iteration of architectural plans were completed. We then faced the delay caused by issues with the stockyards, and the plans were redrawn. Those redrawn plans were available six months ago, so I am at a loss to understand why no progress has been made since then.

I also am at a loss to make sense of point 5 in the response to Clr Johnson's question. Point 5 reads:

"Council staff are working on the report to address the design, construction and budget for a new animal shelter. As part of this process, there is a review of how the service can be provided and if there are other ways of providing this service and/or the construction of the animal shelter." The questions which arise in my mind when reading this are:

·What service is being referred to here? ·Is it the management of impounded animals?

How is the review being conducted?
What investigations have been made and what organisations have been consulted?
Does the review encompass the prospect of not building a new shelter?

I hope today's meeting can shed light on these issues.

In regard to the grants situation, I note that the response before council states that there are none available. Given that, as I understand it, a decision has been taken not to apply for any grants before the DA is complete, how is it possible to know what the situation will be when the DA is indeed ready? And I do hope that, at that point, both the Federal and State local members of Parliament will be approached for their assistance and support in this matter.

Those of us who are anxiously awaiting a new animal shelter, one which is in keeping with today's knowledge and standards of animal welfare, and I hope that includes all councillors, must question why this project is facing such a painfully drawn-out journey.

Numerous other councils throughout the state have managed to deliver new animal shelters, the most recent one being Wingecarribee Shire. Councillors may recall that I sent you all a copy of the media release relating to this.

To quote from that release:
The new shelter delivers
contemporary, fit-for-purpose facilities
designed to ensure the highest
standards of animal welfare and care.
Purpose-built spaces provide a safe
and welcoming environment for
animals while they await adoption,
alongside a compliant and supportive
workspace for staff, volunteers, and
visitors.

Wingecarribee Deputy Mayor Erin Foley said the new shelter was the result of incredible collaboration with dedicated staff, volunteers, and community partners.

"Their insight, experience, and commitment have helped create a facility that is safe, welcoming, and future-focused. The shelter will help give animals the best possible start while providing staff and volunteers the space and resources they need to care for them with dignity every day," said Deputy Mayor Foley.

"The shelter is more than a building, it is a place for learning, connecting, and creating new beginnings for pets and the people who love them," she said.

Friends of the Wingecarribee Animal Shelter (FOWAS) President Deborah Barnes said the organisation was delighted to celebrate the opening of the new facility.

"Since 2006, FOWAS has been a proud supporter of the Shelter, assisting hundreds of companion animals in finding loving new homes through our dedicated programs," said Ms Barnes.

"This modern, purpose-built Shelter will not only enhance the welfare of animals while they are in care but also allow us to strengthen our efforts to rehome them successfully." Finally, on the subject of Friends of the Shelter, I am disappointed to report that absolutely no progress has been made in setting up a trial foster program for impounded cats. Following my raising this at a Public Forum in April, and a positive meeting between the Mayor, myself and two of my former RSPCA Eurobodalla colleagues, we were hopeful of establishing such a program as a precursor to an active Friends of the Shelter group to support the new animal shelter, but we have not met with any encouragement in this regard.

I would like to see a much greater sense of urgency, priority and commitment given to the new animal shelter project, and I look forward to today's deliberations in setting us on that path. Thank you. PETER CORMICK QON25/006

The response to Councillor Johnson's Question On Notice itself demands a response.

Six months ago, on 29 April, councillors resolved to make the Eurobodalla Animal Shelter a reality – as a matter of priority.

In introducing the animal shelter item on that day, and in speking an amendment to the staff's

in seeking an amendment to the staff's recommendation, Councillor Mayne said, amongst other things, that "the risk is that this could drift a bit ... it went back to previous councils ... we've been talking about it for a while ...". Councillor Schutz added that "this has been going on for years ... and it's a critical issue ... it can't keep drifting out whilst we wait for a grant ... it just can't ... [the current shelter] it's not fit for purpose ... I would like to see this delivered, in the next year ...". And other councillors expressed similar views – of the importance and urgency of a replacement shelter. A frustration and an impatience to get this new shelter started was the clear message given by council. Yet it does indeed keep "drifting". Why?

My own frustration and impatience has long passed

and has been replaced by anger. Extraordinarily, as of today, a DA has not even been submitted, six months after councillors gave approval for it to be done; and, naturally, expected it to have been submitted in a timely manner – as required by sub-section 335 (b) of the LGA. Six whole months have passed and still no DA! Given the availability of the necessary information – of estimated costs and architectural drawings, that sort delay is by any standard, inexcusable, especially when councillors have, to varying degrees, expressed their insistence that this matter is to be dealt with as a priority. The absence of an expected 'comprehensive report', also required by councillors by the end of this calendar year, can in no way be used an excuse for this state of affairs. A DA should have been prepared and submitted using the \$100,000 allocated for this very purpose on 24 June this year. And, of course, DA's can always be amended as and when new, relevant information comes to hand.

And why on earth has council not be advocating for

and seeking grant money for the past six months? In the present context, this persistent 'shovel ready mantra is, to my ears, a lot of nonsense. Council already has an estimate of the costs, intends budgeting for construction of the shelter in 2026/27 and has the architectural drawings. There is simply no excuse for not moving this forward - with alacrity. My anger at this most recent revelation of yet further inaction on this most important issue is all the more because of what I was told by the Director of Planning, on the phone, on 29 April, that the DA could be expected to be submitted within about six weeks of that date. I phoned him later that day because needed clarification of some of what he had told the chamber, part of which is as follows: "Our focus at this point in time is being consistent with our grants policy, is to get shovel ready. So that means getting a DA approved. So, it is going to be 6 months minimum for Council to have any approval in front of itself in terms of a DA approval for an animal shelter... A reasonable interpretation of this advice is that an approval to construct the shelter could possibly have been given by about this time, but more likely at a later, unspecified, date. But, to repeat, the DA has still not been submitted let alone approved! Surely, councillors and the community are entitled to an explanation of just what is going on why this priority matter is stagnating.

Councillor Johnson also asked for staff to inform councillors of "the community and stakeholder engagement conducted to date". The staff response has not addressed this request.

The animals in our shire deserve much, much better than what the present shelter provides, which, in my view is something of an animal Alcatraz.

As one of his constituents, I again ask the Mayor, as one of my representatives, to please take this matter in hand and, with the other councillors and staff, resolve it, as a matter of urgency. Thank you for your attention.

Peter Cormick

## Public Forum Submissions 28th Oct Council Meeting

#### Frank Ross for SHASA

GM Ferguson, Mayor Hatcher, Councillors and Council staff, Submission re ESC Meeting 28 October 2025 for Agenda Item PER25/020 Draft Batemans Bay Masterplan – Response to Submissions

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission in regard to the Response to Submissions Report. I am doing so on behalf of SHASA. Introduction

We fully support Council's initiative in drafting a Masterplan for Bateman's Bay in consultation with the community. We particularly support achieving a win-win outcome for residents, tourists and the environment through a revised town plan and development processes which are both broadly based and balanced. We also recognise this requires sound research and consultation; and that the Shire cannot afford more developments resulting in major financial losses - such as has occurred with the Bay Pavilions. In the above context, it is important for Councillors and the wider Shire community that this Report provides a respectful, balanced and well considered assessment of the large number of submissions. Since the Report covers some 20 pages, our response is thematic.

#### The Report has 3 main features:

- Promoting the Masterplan's high rise on the foreshore policy as being the solution to the future viability of the Bay;
   Promoting the focus of the Shire's
- growth on Bateman's Bay;
  3. Rejecting any submissions with content that does not support the current Masterplan's above priorities.

#### **Executive Summary**

The first sentence states that: "The purpose of this report is to acknowledge the submissions received... and to inform the council that the masterplan will be revised and take into account the feedback from the community". What follows, however, is a summary of the consultation process and then proceeds to the above 3 steps.

In the third paragraph it divides the nearly 2000 commentators on the Plan (including 254 written submissions) between those who are: "Supporters of the Masterplan" and those with "opposing views".

Again, no statistics are provided regarding those who were "for" or "against". I have been advised by over a dozen people who have made submissions and seen numerous of them: all supported various aspects of the Masterplan and did not support other aspects. Given these facts, to divide people who have made submissions or comments, as this Report does, into those who want to "revitalise the local economy, enhance public spaces and modernise infrastructure", and those who do not, is giving false and misleading advice to Councillors and the community.

The introductory material in the paper on Background and Considerations, points 1-5, SHASA does, however, see as fair and reasonable. SHASA in particular supports item 2 being a fundamental pillar of the Plan:

- support for climate adaption strategies,
- moving/locating large buildings to land with firm foundations above the flood zones;
- optimising green infrastructure and sustainable design; and
- strengthening Council's climate resilience policies.

With item 6 of Considerations, however, the paper again makes false, divisive and dishonest generalisations, this time between those who "believe Bateman's Bay needs revitalisation, [while] others want it to become a small fishing village". This division does not pass any pub test: most people want the Bay to revitalise: the main questions are how and where? Item 6 also advises that an emerging theme was "Recognition of Batemans Bay as a regional centre". This is followed up in Item 8 which asserts the need for "focusing future Shire's growth on Batemans Bay". This should be qualified, since, while the Bay has reasonable claims to having some regional status as a place for shopping and tourism, there are a number of other centres in the Shire with claims for being more important centres for other matters - and with more potential for growth in those areas.

In Item 7 Masterplan Vision and Implementation, the Report refers to: "Criticism of the 75 year time frame [for the Plan] as overly ambitious." This understatement is clearly out of step with the facts: no other comparable Government authority in Australia or the world has a 75 year planning time frame. This reflects that we live in an age of constant major technological and socioeconomic change; and so the NSW and other Government norms for strategic plans is 20-25 years – which means Eurobodalla Shire, as an agency of the State Government, should also do likewise.

The Report on pages 63 to 65 largely focuses on support of high rise units along the foreshores. It promotes the Plan's assumption that high rise unit developments of 80-100 metres on the foreshore will deliver "a more vibrant and inviting town". SHASA asserts by contrast that the town planning evidence indicates that the required positive social and economic outcomes in Bateman's Bay will more likely be achieved by a combination of: ·medium density and other development on sound land; together with appropriate co-location of community, government, educational and recreational facilities with other compatible commercial services such as cafes, clothes shops and galleries.

It should also be noted that the high rise on the foreshores option in the Masterplan appears to have been torpedoed by the recent arrival of the consultancy report to Council on the geotechnical composition of the Bay foreshore. We are advised it has found that it is mainly sand and mud to a depth of 20–30 metres. This means the Plan's projected 80–100 high units around the Bay are too expensive to build and the result is a complete fiasco. We hope that Council's commitment to transparency is honoured by the public release of this report.

#### Conclusion

The Report concludes with the argument in the Executive Summary that there are only two sides involved in consideration of the Masterplan: "Supporters" and those with "Opposing views". SHASA asserts by contrast that, as ratepayers and committed members of the Shire, the outcomes we require are that the Report acknowledges: we are all in this together financially, socially and economically - and want the best outcomes for Bateman's Bay and the Shire;

·there are many more improvements and possible options eg, apart from high rise units, to achieving the Plan's desired outcomes than are presently in the Masterplan; and therefore,

•the submissions need to be further reviewed, with well researched proposals presented to Councillors for consideration - rather than dismissed as "opposing views".

If Council can revise its approach along the above lines, this will largely remove the divisions currently in the Masterplan; and ensure it is owned and respected by the community.

**Frank Ross** SHASA South Coast Health & Sustainability Alliance

#### New ESC Deputy Mayor



Cr Colleen Turner will replace Cr Anthony Mayne as new Deputy Mayor of Eurobodalla Shire Council. Cr Turner edged out Cr Amber Schutz for the position.

There is an annual vote for this position.

# Public Forum Submissions 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Council Meeting A major concern with the draft is that its

Adoption of the draft Housing Strategy. I speak to you as resident of the Eurobodalla community, and my views here today are based on feedback from a range of community members, a constructive assessment of the work to date to develop a housing strategy, and my professional and lived experience.

Acknowledgement of progress First, to Councillors, I want to praise you for requesting material revisions to the

draft Housing Strategy presented to you around 12 months ago. The draft had veered off track and you've managed to bring it back on the right track. This has been a 'circuit breaker' for housing policy in the Eurobodalla Shire. Second, I want to praise Council Staff for taking on this request and producing a draft Housing Strategy that is now worthy of further independent assessment and is well on the way to being finalised as a targeted housing strategy, specific to, and in the interests of, the whole Eurobodalla community. The impact of these recent interventions cannot be dismissed. While its taken a long time to get to this point, the community now has a draft

Shire. Thank you again to all of those involved, Councillors, Council Staff, and Community Members, whose diligent work, provided free of charge, is a valuable asset to the broader

Housing Strategy on track to deal with

the broad spectrum and complexity of

contemporary housing issues in the

community's interest. Dwelling on this for a moment, this change in approach is a critical first step that had to be taken. Whether the approach is a genuine shift remains to be seen, however, I really want to acknowledge and support these developments. I also want to acknowledge that many in the community have welcomed this. Acknowledging the draft Housing Strategy has some way to go, in its current form, it is an example of the minimum standard that a strategic planning document should reach before the Council sends it to independent expert review and to the community for public consultation. This is the minimum benchmark the Council should achieve for our future strategic, policy and planning documents. Well done!

draft Housing Strategy

Having said this, my assessment is that the draft Housing Strategy still requires more work to be a useful implementation strategy and plan to improve housing outcomes in the Eurobodalla. While I don't have enough time to go into detail in this presentation, I am available to discuss my analysis with Councillors and Council Staff should the Council believe there is value in me doing so.

I'll touch on a few concerns and how the draft Housing Strategy should be

improved.

First, the evidential basis of the Strategy is weak and inconsistent. This is a concern throughout the document. To improve the draft, I recommend basing all of its assertions and claims on the data and evidence, and reference these transparently. For example, a key assumption of the Strategy is population growth. The draft asserts the population of the Eurobodalla is projected to grow by around 8,000 persons by 2041. Using the same data source, the Australian Bureau of Statistics population data repackaged by firm, .id, and published on the Council's website, population growth is projected to grow by around 4,000 persons by 2046. This matters because the draft Housing Strategy's assumption requires around 250 dwellings to be built per year to meet demand, while Council's published ABS data implies 100 dwellings per year to meet demand. That's a big difference and a significant risk for targeted housing and planning in the Shire.

Another key inconsistency in the draft is the lack of evidence provided for the location of new housing. The highest demand for housing is correctly identified as the coastal areas between Tomakin and Broulee, and Malua Bay to Guerilla Bay, and other coastal areas to a lesser extent. However, land use opportunities for housing supply are confined to the towns of Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. Why does the draft predetermine a narrow set of housing sites? The Housing Strategy should be comprehensive, not piecemeal. The obvious disconnect between the demand and supply of housing is not adequately explained or resolved with data or evidence in the draft.

Implementation Plan is unaccountable, performative, and assertive, rather than anchored in evidence and analysis. The Plan is absent of timelines for all of its deliverables. This critically weakens the Housing Strategy because there is an absence of priorities, responsibility and accountability for its progress over time. I recommend that all actions in the Implementation Plan be published with at least an annual timeline of action. This informs stakeholders and the community openly.

In summary, the draft Housing Strategy is much closer but not there yet; it lacks accountability and has low ambition. There is no mention about how and when the community will know the work has been done. The community needs to be brought along with the work, not kept in the dark. We can't

along with the work, not kept in the dark. We can't afford to keep kicking evidence, transparency and accountability down the road.

A solution to complete the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy in a timely way
Councillors, with a bit of fine-tuning, the draft Housing Strategy can be finalised relatively quickly. I recommend you not adopt the draft Housing Strategy today. It is much improved but it's not fit for purpose yet.

So as to not unnecessarily delay its completion, I

So as to not unnecessarily delay its completion, I recommend you urgently send the draft Housing Strategy for independent expert review by housing policy specialists familiar with local government and NSW State and Australian Government housing policies and existing support. The experts recommendations should then be reflected in the final draft Housing Strategy. Expert feedback should be incorporated into the draft before the end of

At the same time, I recommend you establish a Housing and Planning Advisory Group, made up of representatives of all key housing and planning stakeholders, which can finalise and progress all aspects of the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy. To support the Housing and Planning Advisory Group, I recommend the prompt establishment of adequate Terms of Reference for the Group so that it can progress and deliver whole of community. it can progress and deliver whole-of-community solutions to the complex and nuanced circumstances of housing in the Eurobodalla. The final draft would then be sent to the Housing and Planning Advisory Group for endorsement by the end of January 2026, and on to the Council for adoption in the first quarter of 2026, aiming for the February 2026 Council Meeting to adopt the final

This process need not delay the Housing Strategy, instead it is a prudent and measured approach, which acknowledges and accepts Council's and the

which acknowledges and accepts councils and the community's limited capacity, and also recognises that a handful of days, from 22 to 28 October 2025, for Councillors and the Eurobodalla community to evaluate and adopt a completely revised Housing Strategy, is not adequate and a long way from sound practice and accordance. governance.

Councillors, and Council Staff, together we have already achieved a lot. Let's get the Housing Strategy 'up to scratch' in the next few months and let's get on with the job.

Thank you





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## Moruya Mail

# Supercharging solar recycling with new Sydney facility

**EPA -** A new solar panel recycling facility has officially opened its doors at Bankstown Airport today as part of the NSW Government's ongoing commitment to increase recycling and ease pressure on landfills.

The new facility by PV Industries is expected to process up to 6,000 tonnes of solar panels per year, with each panel processed in under 90 seconds. This new facility will divert approximately 200,000 panels from landfill.

The leading Australian startup has developed two recycling technologies, the Deframer and Deglasser, which can recover up to 90% of solar panels by weight.

NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Chief Executive Tony Chappel said the business received \$3.3 million from the EPA to help establish this commercial scale facility.

"This new Bankstown facility is a game changer, with the capacity to take large amounts of solar panel waste and drive new end-markets for recovered glass and critical minerals," Mr Chappel said.

"It's estimated by 2035, solar panel waste in NSW could reach up to 63,000 tonnes per year, so facilities like this will be critical to managing this growing waste stream."

Six drop off points have been established in NSW including in Bankstown, Dubbo, Maitland, Newcastle, Thornleigh and the Central Coast, building the collection network for end-of-life panels.

PV Industries co-founder James Petesic said the business was extremely grateful for the support of the NSW EPA, as well as industry and local government partners.

"The NSW EPA had the foresight in 2019 to establish the Circular Solar grant program, the first of its kind in Australia, to future proof NSW's solar recycling capacity," Mr Petesic said.

"It enabled us at PV Industries, a local Sydney startup, to bring our Deframer and Deglasser to life and ensure we are ready for the pending wave of end-oflife solar panels."

Another solar panel recycling facility has been commissioned in Parkes by Australia's largest e-waste processing business, Sircel Ltd, and has started ramping up processing. The facility aims to process 160,000 solar panels or 3,500 tonnes per year. The NSW Government is also leading work to progress a national solar panel stewardship scheme. Working with other states and territories, the NSW Government will present preliminary options to the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council early next year.

# Summer work and side hustles on offer for Eurobodalla's youth

Whether it's mowing lawns, selling ice cream or pulling beers, a summer job is an important step towards independence for many young people.

As well as funding your first road trip, a summer job can kickstart a career or even inspire a business idea of your own.

This Spring, Eurobodalla Council's youth team and the Employment Project's Job Shop are helping young people get Summer job-ready with three free and local initiatives. Council's youth development coordinator Rhonnie South said the programs offer jobseekers choice and opportunity.

"Some young people want casual work, others are keen on full time roles, and many want to grow their own business ideas. These programs give them pathways that match their goals, delivering practical skills, hands-on experience, and real job outcomes," said Ms. South.

#### **Junior Jobs Drive**

Jobseekers under the age of 21 are invited to connect with local employers hiring for casual roles in retail, hospitality, and tourism. And when it comes to getting your resume and interview skills up to speed, the Job Shop will help you make the right first impression. When: Until late November 2025 Where: The Job Shop, Shop 1/7 Mirrabooka Avenue, Moruya

#### Free hospitality skills training

Jobseekers aged 18–24 can get their Responsible Service of Alcohol, barista skills and safe food hygiene training absolutely free! As well as saving over \$400, the free certification opens the door to lots of exciting hospitality roles throughout the shire. Places are limited! When: Monday 1 to Wednesday 3 December (for barista skills and safe food hygiene) & Thursday 4 December (for RSA virtual classroom). Where: Moruya & virtual classroom



Amy, Karen, Michaela and Ash from youth and community development are ready to help young people get cashed up this Summer

**'Start your side hustle' workshops** Got a business idea? This four-week workshop series for ages 16–25 covers branding, pricing, selling online, and practical tools like ABNs and invoicing. Participants also receive a voucher for future market stall opportunities at Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. When: Every Wednesday from 29 October to 19 November, 4–5:30pm Where: Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay All programs are free and open to

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Eurobodalla Council's dedicated volunteers make around 50 community transport trips a day, support 90 seniors to stay socially active, and help hundreds of residents towards gaining their driver's licence every

"These programs simply aren't possible without our amazing volunteers," said community participation team leader Isabel Brown.

But with an influx of clients for Council's essential transport, social support, and Y-drive learner programs there aren't enough volunteers to go round.

"Unfortunately, we have had to cancel some services due to a shortage of volunteers."

Determined to meet demand, Ms. Brown is asking the community to consider volunteering for a program that interests them.

For former principal of Narooma High Tony Fahey, volunteering with Council has been rewarding in more ways than one.

A veteran teacher and school administrator, when Tony retired in April 2022, you'd forgive him for wanting to put his feet up and relax in front of the tele.

"What would I possibly get out of that?" joked Mr.

"There's a 'feel good' factor in knowing you're providing a service for people that's important to them. And in my experience, you don't get that from sitting around watching Netflix."

Residents of Dalmeny, Tony and his wife have long been involved in community organisations, like Rotary and the Community Connections Cafe. And after he retired, it was Tony's wife who suggested he look for an outlet for his energy.

"I was trying to keep myself occupied around the house, so I think she just wanted me out of her hair." During his phone call with the community participation team, Tony discovered he could combine altruism with one of his favourite pastimes.

"Volunteering with community transport gives me an opportunity to combine my love of driving with helping people who can't drive themselves for whatever reason."

Tony also enjoys helping residents obtain their learner and provisional driver licences through Council's Ydrive learner program.



Tony Fahey and Isabel Brown are encouraging residents to experience the rewards of volunteering

"I had one learner driver who was heavily pregnant. She was hoping to get her license in case she had to drive herself to the hospital. I'm happy to say she got it in time."

Tony admitted he's been on the other side of the equation with community transport.

"I had to ask for community transport to get me to an oncology appointment in Moruya the other week. My arm was in a sling, and I wouldn't have made it without the volunteer who drove me there." Undergoing treatment for cancer since 2018, Tony has had to balance volunteering with his own recovery.

"I do have to focus on myself sometimes, but I still need something in my day that makes me feel like I'm achieving. Volunteering gets me out of my head and into life. It's good for me."

Ms. Brown, who coincidentally graduated from Narooma High, hopes her ex-principal's story can inspire more residents to become volunteers and experience the rewards.

If you'd like to learn more about the volunteering opportunities at Council, please visit our volunteers webpage or contact the community participation team:

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# Moruya Mail Page 11 29th Oc Let's do coffee with ... Sallyann Burtenshaw

Located just north of Mogo is 8.09 hectares (20 acres) of idyllic calm fronting Cabbage Tree Creek. It goes by the name 'Little Paddocks' and is best described as a creative wellness hub run by the Burtenshaw Family. The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Sallyann Burtenshaw (SB) for a chat last week.

MM: Thanks for the invitation, Sally, Now, before I am totally seduced by the serenity your studio and surrounds exudes, tell me about Sallyann Burtenshaw.

SB: (Laughs) ... Thank you. I was born in Barmedman. It is located about halfway between West Wyalong and Temora and with a population of less than 200 people everybody knew everybody ... and sométimes too well. I grew up on a wheat and sheep farm and I was the middle child of four girls and one boy.

Central to the town is the Barmedman Mineral Pool, a spacious therapeutic pool renowned for its high mineral content, which is believed to alleviate aches and pains. The pool originated from the flooding of the Barmedman goldmines by an underground stream.

Over summer almost everyone spent all day and early evening at the mineral pool to counter the daily 40+ degree heat. The pool was an oasis in what was otherwise a hot, dry sweltering landscape. It is run by volunteers in the community and, to this day, entry is free. I remember long days with tractor tyre tubes as floats, mixed lollies at the canteen and barbeques as the sun went down.

My mother was one of the first women in our area to drive a semi-trailer. After working with dad on the harvest she ran swimming and life saving lessons. The Barmedman Life Saving Club was one of the first inland clubs and we competed in Sydney lifesaving carnivals and Sydney teams reciprocated with trips to Barmedman. In winter the pool was emptied and we had a giant roller skating rink as well as tennis, athletics and basketball to look forward to. It was a great childhood.

My other key memory of childhood is sitting on the verandah and taking in the sheer vastness of the flat landscape. I loved watching a storm build in the distance and the forever time it took to roll in over the shimmering wheat fields.

MM: When did you say goodbye to Barmedman?

SB: I was educated at St Mary's War Memorial Catholic School in West Wyalong but completed Years 11 and 12 as a boarder at Marian College in Goulburn. I loved my time at boarding school. In fact, I met my husband, Robert at this time. He was a student at St Patrick's College in

I completed my Higher School Certificate (HSC) and studied at the Australian Cathólic University (ACU) to become a Primary School Teacher.

MM: What brought you to the South Coast, and of course, 'Little Paddocks'? SB: I moved to Sydney and married Robert in 1988. We moved to the South Coast in 1995 with our two children, Robert Edward and Michaela. Our youngest child, William, was born in Batemans Bay.

We specifically moved to Mogo because we are country people at heart and love the bush. It is a gentle and peaceful place to raise a family. Robert became highly active in local sports.

I got involved in the creative arts and in particular, drama. I also studied Western Herbal Medicine and Flower Farming and now bring these skills to 'Little Paddocks'. Our eldest son, Robert Edward, was very much the inspiration for 'Little Paddocks'. He wanted to open a tea shop and create a space for artisans to share their skills and passions.

We lost Robert Edward to cancer in 2018. It was obviously a hammer blow for the family but we are determined to fulfil and share in his vision. Our Motto at 'Little Paddocks' is 'Life is Beautiful' so everything we do is about celebrating life, living it, bringing the community together and doing joyful things to make us all happy.

The dream was for each family member to have a role, creating a space where people could come together, learn new skills, exchange, trade and even offer internships.

We were one of the hundreds who had their lives upended by the sheer destruction wrought on Mogo and beyond by the Black Summer Bushfires of 2019-20. We were devastated. Strangely, one of the few items to survive intact was a delicate teacup and it became a powerful symbol for us to continue to pursue Robert's dream with renewed passion.

The physical presence of 'Little Paddocks' is what you can see around you but the real challenge was to build a space where people could come and share.

Ironically, the fires provided a catalyst for us to achieve this dream. We partnered with 'Fire to Flourish'\*, a long-term community impact program providing direct support to communities as the first and last responders to disasters, to run 'Create to Flourish' and then 'Connect to Flourish' workshops in 2025.

The workshops included pottery using wild sourced clay from 'Little Paddocks' with my youngest son, William of 'Made in Mogo', vision boards and mixed media, sound healing, yoga, mantra, devotional singing (Kieran), Alchemy Dance, drama, tea rituals, Matcha Making, Make and Sips and kids' workshops to name a few. My daughter, Michaela, who is a drama therapist, was instrumental in leading the drama workshops.

She ran a ten week PlayBack theatre program which involved training citizen actors from the local community. The audience was encouraged to tell their stories and share feelings. The stories were then played back using dramatic techniques. In effect, it 'made live' individual stories.



Michaela has now created the 'Little Paddocks Playback Theatre Troupe' which will continue performing in the community next year.

In another workshop participants made masks from scratch. They would gather items to incorporate into the masks what represented them. We asked them to project where they wanted to be post bushfire, expressing their emotions, on both the inside and outside, of the masks.\*\* It was incredibly emotional, and for many, a release of pent up anxiety and an overwhelming sense that you are not alone in what you have experienced and what lies ahead.

The last 'Connect to Flourish' initiative is a free community picnic from 3-6pm on the 2nd November, 2025 at 'Little Paddocks'.

MM: How has Mogo changed as a town from before 'Black Summer' to today?

SB: That's an interesting question. I think it is safe to say before the fires the community was more disjointed. It was more about the individual as opposed to the community. There is no doubt the fires galvanised us. Of course it has tested our resilience but there is a far greater sense of connectedness to overcome challenges. People look out for each other more these days and, importantly, people feel a little bit easier asking for help. There is an overall sense that we are stronger together.

MM: So what does the future hold?

SB: Life has taught me to live in the present and right now I'm enjoying being a Grandma, drinking téa with family and friends, growing flowers and working on our projects together at 'Little Paddocks'. I plan to introduce 'Little Paddocks Alchemy' next year which will be based around Tea Ŕitual Apothecary and Life Coaching but we will see what tómorrow brings. Right now ... Life is Beautiful 🏖.

\*Home - Fire to Flourish https://firetoflourish.monash/ \*\*Acknowledge: 'South Coast Style' Autumn 2025 pp.65-68

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

## 00 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

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Action is now being taken against motorists whose cars do not bear the regulation number-plate - white lettering on a black background.

Already many cars have passed through Moruya en route to Melbourne for Cup Week. It is anticipated that the number of visitors to Melbourne will be greater than any previous

We regret to report that Mr. Charlie Luck, of Myrtle Bank, Yarragee, met with a painful accident. Whilst occupied on a dam, the plank, over which he was crossing broke, and Charlie was thrown heavily to the bottom. After an examination of the victim, Dr. McCreadie found that the shoulder was dislocated. The patient is now progressing satisfactorily.

On Wednesday last at St. John's Church, Moruya, a pretty wedding was celebrated, when Daisy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, of Bimbimbie was married to Mr. Roy Hart, the Rev. Mr. Johnson officiating.

The spoke factory is again in full swing in Bateman's Bay, cutting supports for telegraph insulators.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. McCormack in the Sacred Heart Church, Moruya on the 29th ult. The contracting parties were Mr. James Felicia, fourth son of the late Patrick and Mrs. Honan, of Moruya, and Magdeline Veronica, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Michael and Mrs. Donovan, of Moruya. The wedding reception was held at Gundary, at the residence of the bride's mother, where about 50 guests were present. The beautiful three decker wedding cake was made by Mr. P. J. Mylott.

Miss Mary Gilmore, daughter of Mr. J. A. Gilmore, Manager of Dorman Long's Quarry, arrived here on Tuesday night. It is Miss Gilmore's intention to go into business.

Nerrigundah. (From our Correspondent.) Mr. G. Thomas is opening up a new reef at Belimbla. It is a felsite lode about four feet wide. The stone prospects well for a good length along the line. It is situated about a mile south of the Company's lease. There are about 50 tons stacked ready for carting to the battery. Latty, Thomas, and Sutherland have just cleaned up a crushing of 6 tons from Belimbla for a yield of 3 ozs per ton.

The Centennial Hall was the venue for the Annual Ball held on Tuesday night in aid of the local Convent. The ball was indeed a pronounced success, and the popularity, thoroughness, and tone of the function reflects the highest credit on the gracious young Secretaries, Misses D. Tessier and V. Corrigan, and on the members of the committee. Visitors were present from all parts of the district, no less than a lorry and three car loads coming from Bateman's Bay. Amusu Theatre. TO-NIGHT, SATURDAY. Lewis Stone and Florence Vidor in Husbands and Lovers, a comedy drama of



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## Vision for a shared community hub



Paul Scott, President of the Car club, Eric Simes of the Woodies, Katrina Scobie our Consultant Architect, Orit Haigh our Grant Application writer, Steve Shields MATAMA President Fiona Phillip our local Federal MP.

The Artisans Project is a joint initiative between Moruya Antique Tractor & Machinery Association (MATAMA), Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild & the Classic & Vintage Car Club Eurobodalla for a shared community hub.

Last week the group received advice from Council that the DA is currently in Review with Snowy Monaro Council for "Peer review", a requirement of law as the project is to be built on council owned land and is recommended for approval.

In addition, on the morning of the 22nd of October 2025 local Federal MP, Fiona Phillips met with the organisers to discuss chances of getting a joint Federal and State grant to finance the project. Discussing the project at length and the need for a large grant. Fiona is having discussions with Michael Holland, local State MP, with the view of getting a Federal/State grant in the vicinity of \$1.6 million for the project.

Fiona Phillips MP said "It was really wonderful to meet with representatives of the Moruya Antique Tractor & Machinery Association, the Eurobodalla Woodies, the Classic & Vintage Motor Club of Eurobodalla and the Eurobodalla FoodBank today and see their vision for a shared community hub.

The plans look fantastic and the new site south of Mogo is ideal for the three new workshops. Both the Woodies and the Tractor Club lost their clubhouses and museum in the Black Summer Bushfires and it's great to see their ideas for the new complex coming to life." Oktoberfest Rocks at the Steampacket Hotel



By John Longhurst

It was a packed and colourful beer garden at the Steampacket Hotel in Nelligen last Sunday for the Ocktoberfest celebrations with patrons taking on the challenge of traditional attire with gusto.

A special menu included pretzel served with a side of butter and mustard, curry wurst of grilled bratwurst sausage served with house made tomato sauce and mayonnaise and, the ultimate crowd pleaser, of slow roasted pork on a spit served with roasted potatoes, sauerkraut and topped with pork onion gravy. The large crowd braved the windy conditions to be entertained by the The Oompah Loompah Band, Sydney's premier Oktoberfest band.

The Oompah Loompah Band crafted a unique experience that combined the tradition of Oktoberfest with a pop music twist. Between playing a range of traditional Octoberfest songs and popular classics, the band ran competitions in best chicken dancer, yodelling, stein holding and of course, best costume with the hotel offering generous gift vouchers for the winners. General Manager of the Steampacket Hotel Jake Adams has led the pub's transformation over the last 3 years.

Jake said "It is the second time we have celebrated Oktoberfest and today's turnout was amazing given the threatening weather. The band were fantastic with the audience interaction a feature. Our kitchen team once again were superb with the well received menu."

Malua Bay local Samahr Harens congratulated the pub for providing such a fun afternoon.

Samahr said "It was so family friendly, a great atmosphere that united the community and celebrated the concept of getting involved. I hope it becomes an annual event."



**CWA BATEMANS BAY** 

## MELBOURNE CUP AFTERNOON TEA



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## Moruya Mail

## State Emergency Services -Trainer and Assessor Conference at Batemans Bay



By John Longhurst

Forty-eight trainers and assessors from the South Eastern Zone (SEZ) of the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) attended the annual two-day Trainer and Assessor Conference at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club last weekend.

New South Wales is divided into seven operational zones, supported by more than 260 units and over 10,000 volunteers who form the core of SES operations. The SEZ covers a large area extending from Goulburn to Wollongong, south to Eden, and west to Young. The conference commenced with an opening address from Zone Commander Tom Jory, followed by interactive icebreakers and teambuilding activities. Trainer and Assessor Development sessions were delivered by Dillyn Little, NSW SES Trainer Assessor Coordinator based in Wollongong.

A presentation on Safe Training and Assessment was led by Nick Taylor, Manager of Safety, while Day Two focused on Quality Assurance and Training Systems, facilitated by Natalie Cassone, Manager of Quality Assurance and Training Systems, and Oliver Puzey, Quality Assurance and Training Systems Officer. Sonya Oysten, Manager of IM Training Development, provided insights into Incident Management and Training Development, and Dylan Whitelaw, Flood Rescue and Operations Coordinator, presented an update on operational capability and future zone needs.

Ken Murphy closed the formal sessions with a presentation on Capability, before attendees gathered at Mackay Park for a closing lunch and drone demonstrations.

Kirby Perry, Training Manager for the South Eastern Zone based in Wagga Wagga, said the event was a great success.

"It was a very successful two days. The focus was on developing training skills to strengthen SES capability across our zone. A big thank you to our fantastic volunteers who generously gave their time over the weekend," Ms Perry said.

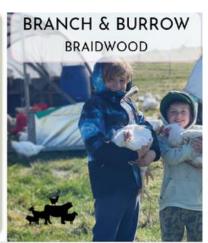
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## Go Get Healthy

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If you grew up dreading the taste of castor oil, you're not alone! I often have customers walk into the store, spot a bottle on the shelf, and say, "Oh no... I remember that from when I was a kid!" We all share that same childhood memory: a thick spoonful of the stuff being handed over with a reassuring, "It's good for you." Well, fast forward a few decades, and castor oil is back and this time, everyone wants it! People are using it for everything from joint and muscle pain to hair growth, skin hydration and gentle detox support. Its recent popularity has also been boosted by naturopath Barbara O'Neill, who's reignited interest in this traditional remedy.

Castor oil has been around for thousands of years. Made from the seeds of the Ricinus communis plant, this thick, nourishing oil has long been valued for its healing and beauty benefits. Even Cleopatra is said to have used castor oil to make the whites of her eyes shine brighter...talk about timeless beauty secrets! Modern research confirms what ancient wisdom already knew. Castor oil's magic lies in its rich ricinoleic acid content, which helps reduce inflammation <sup>(1)</sup>, hydrate skin, and support digestion. It's used as a natural laxative (best taken occasionally) <sup>(2)</sup>, a moisturiser for dry skin <sup>(3)</sup>, and even to promote thicker lashes and brows. Many also love using castor oil packs for period cramps or joint pain relief.

There's something special about seeing old remedies make a modern comeback. Simple, natural, and affordable...castor oil truly is a wellness all-rounder! For more information about castor oil, 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 <a href="www.govitabatemansbay.com.au">www.govitabatemansbay.com.au</a>. 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 Nutritionist- Go Vita Batemans Bay



## Moruya Mail



## Future Sounds Tour comes to Bingie Pottery

Future Sounds is set to bring together some of the finest emerging artists from regional New South Wales for a compelling night of original music, heartfelt storytelling, and rich guitar melodies. This special event showcases a lineup of young singer-songwriters whose songs reflect personal journeys, regional roots, and a shared passion for authentic, homegrown sound. Audiences can expect an intimate evening where music and narrative intertwine — each performance offering a unique perspective shaped by the landscapes and communities these artists call home.

**Lillian McVeity** – Hailing from the Far South Coast of NSW, Lillian is a singer-songwriter and guitarist known for her delicate fusion of jazz, folk, and indie pop. With layered vocal harmonies and intricate guitar work, her music evokes the quiet natural beauty of her hometown. Writing since the age of 13, Lillian's songs explore themes of longing, self-discovery, and the bittersweetness of growing up.

Jakob Poyner – Based on the NSW South Coast, Jakob's sound blends soulful folk, contemporary, country, and soft rock influences. His earthy vocals and grounded songwriting have earned him support slots with major Australian acts including Caravãna Sun, Ash Grunwald, and Richard Clapton, cementing his place as a rising star on the regional circuit. Harriet Lowe – A 19-year-old singer-songwriter and guitarist originally from Crookwell, NSW, Harriet is quickly making a name for herself in the Australian country music scene. Now based in Wollongong, she has performed alongside Ross Wilson & the Peaceniks and Fanny Lumsden & the Prawn Stars. A regular at the Tamworth Country Music Festival, Harriet was recently awarded the People's Choice Best Online award in the fRETfEST Regional Songwriting Competition.

Future Sounds is a touring opportunity created by MusicNSW and offers a platform for regional voices to be heard — unfiltered, passionate, and full of promise. This is a night for lovers of original music and genuine storytelling, not to be missed.

Tickets <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/future-sounds-tour-bingie">https://events.humanitix.com/future-sounds-tour-bingie</a>

#### Volunteer Grant Opportunity

Rural Women's Network reports: Community organisations across NSW can now apply for the Community Connections – Volunteering Information Hub Establishment Grants through <u>The Centre for Volunteering</u> Grants of \$10,000–\$20,000 are available to help establish Volunteering Information Hubs — local spaces that connect, inform and support volunteers and volunteer managers.

These hubs will:

Build the capacity of volunteer-involving organisations and leaders Support volunteering opportunities for vulnerable and disadvantaged people Strengthen community connection and participation

A total of \$389,000 in funding is available for organisations across NSW, with a focus on regional communities. Applications close 4pm, 14 November 2025. Submit your application to: vma@volunteering.com.au Find out more and download the guidelines here <a href="www.volunteering.com.au/about/vma/">www.volunteering.com.au/about/vma/</a>



#### Gardens for Bees, Birds & Butterflies

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden Sat 8 Nov, 10.30-11am Fee: \$10\* \*All proceeds support the Botanic Garden.

Learn how to make your backyard a haven for bees, butterflies, birds and more.. Horticulturalist Di Clark will share tips on choosing the best plants, creating year-round food and shelter, and simple ways to reduce garden threats. You'll leave with fresh ideas and easy steps to help pollinators thrive—while making your garden even more beautiful. Book Now -

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Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden

Sat 8 Nov 10.30am-noon Cost: \$10

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Photo: Charcoal Stingless Bee on Kunzea flow at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden



## 2025 Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salon pairs artists and writers



L to R Kim Ulrick, Miriam Shilling, Karen Kentwell, Sue Snell, Suzanne Carter. Photo Bernie DuField.

Artist Fiona Parke & Eurobodalla Writer Carol Dawson

By John Longhurst

The annual Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salon has been voted a huge success with standing room only at the final event held at the Moruya Library last Thursday evening.

Each year, Salon Convenor, Karen Kentwell, pairs writers from the Eurobodalla Writers Group with local artists. The writer chooses an artist's work as inspiration for a creative piece of writing.

This year, 16 local creatives were paired to present on the two evenings on the 9th and 23rd October.

Karen said, "There were more pairs this year due to the growing interest in the event, which has been held in partnership with the Moruya Library since 2016. Writers presented well-crafted poetry and short stories in response to the artworks, describing subject matter such as fear, pain, romance, family tensions, and sentimental journeys."

In her opening address, Karen explained the motivation for the annual event.

"Creatives usually work their craft in a most solitary way. This method of production is imperative during the creative process, whether one is tapping away on their computer, putting pen to paper, capturing a subject with a camera, shaping art from clay or sitting at an easel with a brush laden with oils or watercolours, perhaps it's a pencil, or pastel in hand?

Our desire to gather, discuss, and debate our ideas is our chance to share and savour new literature and art. Our need to engage in this way is deeply ingrained in the human condition, and, if we are truly fortunate, this intimacy enriches us.

Our salon aims to engage conversation, connection, and community, which fits perfectly with this evening's activity of listening, speaking, and learning from each other.

As we hear the writers' reactions to the artists' paintings this evening, we will have insight into their inspiration. We accept them all, as another layer to the work, another perspective that fuels creativity and storytelling."

Local author, Kim Ulrick, best summed up the gratitude of local creatives who participated in the salon.

Kim said, "Karen, you know if you ever want to supplement your writing income, you'd make a brilliant wedding coordinator. Seriously, it was flawlessly organised and a wonderful showcase of the creative talent in our region."



Eurobodalla Writer Anke Zet responding to Jan Carr's watercolour-Still Life (far right)

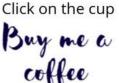


Eraine McArthur with her painting Gaia's Choice and Eurobodalla Writer, Bernie DuField



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# St Cecilia 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Finalists Announced

By Frances Harmey

They came with their flutes, drum kits, violins, guitars, harmonious voices and masterful hands to audition for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St Cecilia Youth Music Scholarships held on Saturday, October 26. Twenty-three young south coast musicians were vying for more than \$7,000 in scholarships to continue their tuition and develop their passion. The finalists have been announced and they will perform at a special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert to celebrate their talent but also honour the founder of the program, Maria de Rocco. Since she identified the need to foster young musical talent in 1995, more than 300 aspiring musicians have auditioned for financial support and honed their performance skills.

A committee, which had to reform and rejuvenate after covid, watched on in awe at the talent in our community. Generous donors have supported St Cecilia's efforts to make sure that the best support is available to foster excellence and achievement for those who aspire to a career – or a lifetime interest – in music.

Ian McLean, AM, CSC adjudicated the performances and spoke with each applicant to give praise, direction and suggestions. As a professional musician with the Australian Army for almost 35 years as well as becoming CEO of the Canberra Symphony Orchestra, founder of the Canberra Pops Orchestra and Symphony for Kids, conductor in major musical productions and Artistic Advisor to the Basel Tattoo in Switzerland, he was well qualified for the role.

He was impressed by the skills on display and urged participants to tell stories with their music in the way artists use their brushes and poets use their words.

"We're grateful for all the people who facilitate this program," said President and past St Cecilia scholarship recipient, Jess Ferguson. "However, it's the talent of the young musicians which motivates us and which deserves to be celebrated."



Among those auditioning and chatting with the Adjudicator Ian McLean were Daisy West, Islan Blass, Danika Edwards, Leo Lane, Maison Heane (back), Julian Dolphin, Emily Franklin and Cici Steinke beside Jess Ferguson, president of St Cecilia and a past recipient.

"We hope the community will turn out on November 16 to appreciate the music and celebrate 30 years of providing support to young musicians in the regions, which is the legacy that Maria left us with."

The finalists are: Subanya Alahakoon (piano), Isla Blass (guitar and voice), Django Dolphin (drums), Django Dolphin (trumpet), Danika Edwards (voice), Brandon Ford (piano), Maison Heane (guitar), Leo Lane (piano), Olive Lloyd (piano), Poppy Mitchell (violin), Harry Wilson (piano), Evelyn Wilson (piano), Maxine Wilson (piano).

The finalists will perform on **Sunday, November 16 at 2pm, St Bernard's Church, Batehaven.** Everyone is welcome to attend and presentations will be made after the performances. There will also be a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display and celebration.







## Young authors shine bright as Mayor's Writing Competition winners announced

**ESC** - The shire's next generation of writers took the stage on Wednesday 22 October as winners were announced for the Mayor's Writing Competition.

2025 marks 17 years of creative contributions to the annual writing competition and drew almost 400 entries from school-aged students across the shire.

"It takes imagination and courage to take part, and I congratulate every student who took up the challenge this year," said Mayor Mathew Hatcher during the ceremony. "And we thank our fantastic schools, educators, parents and carers for supporting students' participation." Writers this year explored the theme of 'friendship' in a range of imaginative, personal, funny, and thought-provoking ways.

The panel of six judges had their vast literary experience put to the test in choosing finalists and then winners from such a talented field.

The Syd Hayes Creative Writing Award went to Reis Gaspari-Nicholls from Carroll College, Broulee, in recognition of his story 'The Girl and the Wren'. Reis was sitting his HSC maths exam on the day so couldn't attend, but Judge Tracey Lee provided words of praise for the exceptional young writer.

"The Girl and the Wren is a sophisticated piece of writing that employs masterful storytelling and myth to explore the transience of friendship and betrayal," said Tracey Lee. Reis received a beautiful blood wood root pen, handcrafted and kindly donated by local craftsman Richard Turley. The Perpetual Shield will also be pride of place at Carroll College for one year in acknowledgement of Reis' achievement.



The finalists in the Year 1 to Year 2 category on stage with Mayor Mathew Hatcher and Division manager of Community Development Kim Bush.

The winner and runner-up in each category received a cash prize from generous sponsor Bendigo Bank, and the encouragement award and special mention winners received certificates.

The finalists' work lives on in this year's competition anthology, which is available in schools and library branches. All the finalists got a copy too - only fair!

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## Walawaani Way Conservation Burial Workshops





Walawaani Way Conservation Burial just hosted its first workshop weekend in Bodalla. The workshops were fully booked and participants could choose from making a biodegradable coffin or shroud.

Renowned Artist Zimmi Forest from Bryon Bay led the weaving of a coffin made from an invasive vine. Most participants attended all of her Saturday & Sundays workshops so they could see the making of the coffin from start to finish. Half of them had travelled from Sydney to be a part of this unique

The shroud making course included stitching, flower pressing and steaming with native flowers people had collected locally.

The weekend included talks from our well-known Shanna Provost about the importance of Getting your Affairs in order.

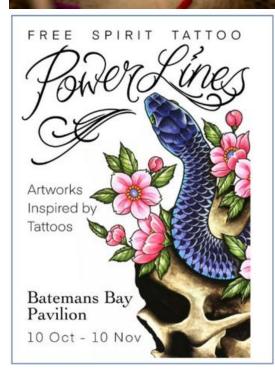
'It was a very special weekend, bringing people together from different areas and backgrounds and all very enthusiastic to be there!'



## **Expressions of Interest**

The Narooma School of Arts (NSoA) is excited to announce a dynamic new hospitality business opportunity. We are seeking expressions of interest from parties interested in leasing and operating a cafe that is part of the new Narooma Arts Centre. This intimate cafe is in a high profile location on the Princes Highway, next to Narooma's iconic Kinema. It has a secluded courtyard with views of the spectacular Narooma inlet. Click <a href="here">here</a> to read more details and how to make contact with the NSoA for further information about this exciting prospect in the heart of Narooma.

Expressions of interest are due Monday 24 November 2025.







Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm



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Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm



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#### Saturday 22 November 1pm - 4.30

Coastal Christmas Decor - Crochet Workshop with Sally Stevens

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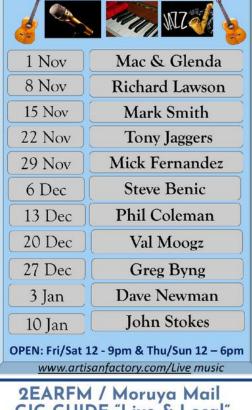












## GIG GUIDE "Live & Local"

Soldiers Club (7.30pm) Steampacket Hotel

Club Narooma (6pm) Tura Beach Club (6.30pm) Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm) Soldiers Club (7.30pm) Merimbula RSL (8pm) Tilba Valley Winery

Narooma Hotel

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Broulee Brewhouse

Live Music Steampacket Hotel

Club Catalina

Tomakin Club (1pm) Longstocking Brewery (1pm) Club Tuross (4pm) Tilba Valley Winery

Friday, 31 Oct: Strutt

Moondog Chango Tree Saturday, 1 Nov: Davel Hilder

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Kitten Smith Brown Alan Watts Blues Band Sunday, 2 Nov:
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Broulee Brewhouse Tuesday, 4 Nov (Melbourne Cup): Jamie Parkinson Tomakin Club (1pm) Club Tuross (1.30pm) Club Catalina (3pm)

**Driving Sideways** For weekly listings email tj@tonyjaggers.com by 5pm Tuesday









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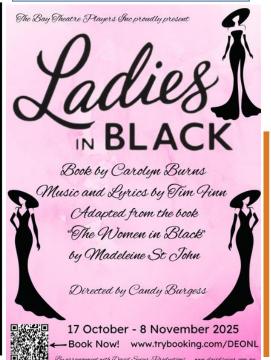
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Saturday 8 November 11.30am Bell Tower St Johns Commons Page St Moruya

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2015- 2025.

Please bring a plate of food to share.



As part of 350Eurobodalla's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration we invite you to join us for a special film screening of THE HUNGRY TIDE followed by a Q&A with the film's producer and director Tom Zubrycki.

A personal story of a country, Kiribati, on the frontline of climate change!

Sunday 16 November 2pm - 4pm **Red Door Hall** St Johns Commons Page St Moruya

Entry by donation









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## Moruya Mail Notices

#### Animal Welfare League News

Meet Roxy! This gorgeous girl is a Dachshund / Dalmation cross whose owners sadly gave her up because she has a strong prey drive and will chase chickens, ducks, other birds and pocket pets. Two and a half year old Roxy is a friendly and happy dog who loves nothing more than lots of attention (she loves people) and somewhere safe to play. She is good with other dogs, given space, and walks well on a lead. True to her breeding, Roxy is smart and energetic, so an active home where she can share in all the family's doings (along with secure fencing) would be best.

Nala is a three year old beautiful longhaired cat with striking green eyes, who is as elegant as she is endearing. Nala is sweet, independent, and loves a good chin scratch—especially if it comes with a chat. She'll happily follow you around the house, offering companionship with just the right mix of affection and independence. After living in a home with young children who didn't quite understand her boundaries, Nala is now seeking a peaceful, kid-free haven. She'd thrive in a quiet household with someone who appreciates her gentle nature and is looking for a loyal companion to love.



Like all Animal Welfare League pets, Roxy and Nala come desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and flea, tick and worm treated. To meet any of our available animals, call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410 016 612 or complete the form on the Animal Welfare League NSW website.





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REGRETTING YOU M, 1H 49M, DRAMA/ROMANCE	7pm*	5.30pm*	11.30am* 7.10pm*	11.30am*		7pm*	7pm*	
SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE M, 1H 52M, MUSIC/BIO DRAMA	6.40pm	1.40pm 7.45pm*	2.55pm 7pm	2.55pm		12.40pm 6.40pm	12.40pm 6.40pm	
THE ROOFMAN M, 2H 6M, DRAMA/CRIME			1.45pm*	1.45pm*		4.40pm*	4.40pm*	
THE TRAVELLERS M, 1H 37M, AUSTRALIAN DRAMA	5.10pm*	12.30pm*	11.20am	11.20am		10.45am 3pm	3pm	
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#### GOOD FORTUNE

M | 1hr 37min ~ Comedy ~ Keanu Reeves & Seth Rogan A struggling man gets his life swapped with his wealthy friend by a mystical force.

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dinger goes to the North Pole

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## SHELL MA | 1hr 40min

~ Comedy ~ Horror ~ Kate Hudson & Elizabeth Moss Samantha drawn into the glamorous world of a wellness mogul uncovers a monstrous truth.



#### BLACK PHONE 2

MA | 1hr 54min ~ Horror ~ Four years ago, 13-year-old Finn killed his abductor and escaped, becoming the sole survivor of The Grabber.



#### THE TRAVELLERS

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



#### KANGAROO G | 1hr 47min

~ Australian ~ Family ~ A wonderful story of a man who is stranded in an Outback town.



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ALSO SCREENING



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

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#### ME FROM NOWHERE M | 1hr 59min ~ Drama ~

A PAW PATROL CHRISTMAS

G | 1hr 6min ~ Family ~

Bruce Springsteen's journey crafting his 1982 album.



#### REGRETTING YOU

M | 1hr 17min

~ Drama ~ Allison Williams A story of growth, resilience, and self-discovery in the aftermath of tragedy.



## Moruya Mail Notices

#### **2025 Diary Dates**

- 31 Oct 2 Nov Narooma Boats Afloat Festival
- 14-16 Nov Crank it Up Batemans Bay
- 8-9 & 15-16 Nov **GARAGE SALE TRAIL**
- 22 Nov Giiyong Festival
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Saturday, November 22, 2025
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Auditorium, 10AM – 2PM
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Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay When: Tuesday 28th October 2025 9:30am to 2pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street

When: Thursday 6th November 2025 10am to 2pm How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529

Moruya RSL Sub Branch would like to remind the community we are getting ready for the Remembrance Day Service on the 11th November and our members are selling badges at various locations around Moruya. Further details will be available in Moruya Mail next week.

**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

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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.



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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 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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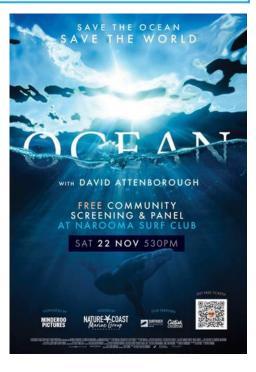
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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Terry Milliken with Vice President Paul Scholze

#### **Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 23rd October** 2025

A field of 48 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today, including some visitors. There were some very high scores today, well done to the winners!

The Winners were: 1st: ..Terry Milliken (25) with 43 points 2nd: ..lan McManus (15) with 38 points 3rd:..Cate O'Brien (37) with 37points (countback) 4th:..Robert McDonell (23) with 37 points (countback)

4th: ..Mark O'Connor..3.73..A Grade 4th:..Shane Gschwend..5.61..B Grade 4th:..Wayne Fullerton..4.77..C

Nearest to the Pins

Grade..

6th:..Malcolm Gilbertson..1.90..A Grade 6th:..Mark Haberkorn..5.90..B Grade 6th:..Mark Jackson....5.45..C

Grade 7th:..David Schmid....10.5..B Grade

7th:..Kerrie Sands....5.95..C Grade

Balls went to: Matthew Kennedy 37, Paula Coffey 37, Allen Gannon 37, Grant Kiely 36, Wayne Fullerton 36, Rob Green 36, Bruce Martin 36, Bruce Lidbury 36, Kerrie Sands 36, Marilyn Bingham 35 and Jim Wade 35.



Winner: John Harb with Vice President Paul Scholze

#### **Tuross Head Golf Results** Saturday 25th October 2025

A field of 60 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was fine and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were: 1st: ..John Harb (18) with 43 points 2nd: ..Frank Pomfret (19) with 40 points 3rd:..Greg Smith (28) with 39 points 4th:..John Phyland (19) with 37points (countback) 5th...Stephen Swanbury (17) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins 4th: ..Nick Brice....1.60..A Grade 4th:..Stephen Swanbury..0.59..B Grade 4th:..Ross Hendy....3.82..C 6th:..Michael Coloe....2.71..A Grade 6th:..Grant Kiely....1.16..B Grade 7th:..Jim Wade....2.69..A Grade 7th:..Grant Kiely....5.24..B Grade

Balls went to: Colin Houghton 37, Nick Brice 37, Cathy Milliken 37, Peter Engelbrecht 36, Greg Booth 36, Simon French 36, Ron Rogers 35, David Schmid 35, Peter Hogan 35, Allan Langford 35, Michael Coloe 35. Steven O'Shea 35. Tony Brown 35, Bruce Handley 34 and Shane Gschwend 34.



Winners: Gail Rogers, Pauline Nash and Jane

#### **Tuross Head Ladies Golf** Results - Tuesday 28th October 2025

A field of 22 ladies signed up for the 3rd Xmas Countdown Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Beverley Theobald. It was a cool morning and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners were: A Grade: 1st...Pauline Nash (31) with 37 points 2<sup>nd</sup>:..Leonie Doolan (31) with 36 points

B Grade: 1st...Gail Rogers (39) with 40 points (countback) 2<sup>nd</sup>:..Cate O'Brien (37) with 40 points

C Grade: 1st...Jane Eglitis (44) with 45 points 2<sup>nd</sup>:..Beverley Theobald (44) with 37 points

Hole Prize:..Distance 7<sup>th</sup>..Annette Manton..1.90..Golden Shot A 7<sup>th</sup>..Cate O'Brien....1.93..Golden Shot B..

Nearest to the Pin:....Distance 6<sup>th</sup>..Maree Coffey....0.43 15<sup>th</sup>..Jennifer Gray....0.46

Place Getters: Chris Wratten 36, Kerrie Sands 35, Marilyn Bingham 35 and Leonie Snodgrass 33.



#### **Tuross Head Vets Golf Results** Wednesday 29th October 2025

A field of 38 players signed up for a Single Stableford event today. The weather was cooler and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st. Shirley Quinlan with 23 points 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Green with 20 points (countback)

Ron Hanlon with 20 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Margaret Downey 18, Len Rogers 18, Paula Coffey 18, Greg Smith 18, John Eglitis 18, Frank Pomfret 18 and Greg Geelan 18.

Nearest to the Pins: 4<sup>th</sup>: Ken Hush (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) 6<sup>th</sup>: Rob McKirdy (1<sup>st</sup> Shot) 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Teri Śwanbury (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) Mens: John Eglitis (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Accuracy: Paula Coffey (5<sup>th</sup> hole) Bradmans: Mike Birks

#### Sharks AGM Wrap-Up

The Sharks report "A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for our AGM on 22 November! We're excited to welcome back our returning members and give a big warm welcome to our new ones. If you're keen to get involved, let us know we always love having new people come

#### on board! Your 2026 Committee:

President: Justin Zutt Vice Presidents: Corey Arnold & Shane Colebrook

Secretary: Patrick McMahon Treasurer: Michelle Zutt Junior/Senior Liaison: Tim Weyman

Publicity/Social Media Officer: Kat Buttsworth

Canteen Manager: Suzi Turner General Committee: Stacey Colebrook, Gavin Buttsworth, Vinny Ngahoata, Ray Turner, Rod Phillips, Nathan Johnston, Dave Farrell, Nicole Holzhauser.

Expressions of Interest are still Open for 2026 Coaches!

First Grade Reserve Grade Ladies Tag

DM the club page to express your interest! We're pumped for the 2026 season! Up the Mighty Sharks





## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

Numbers down to 15 on Sunday due to Twisties bowling in Mixed Pairs event in afternoon so saving themselves for second round.

Welcome to Dave Shephard from Weston Creek club. Great to have Cane Malone bowling with us for the morning and all thinking of Sally as she faces a big challenge ahead.

Thanks as always to our committee for keeping things running smoothly, also to Lois and Irish selling the raffle tickets in Club.

Winning teams, Cane & Scottie 20/10 .Dave and Chanty 36/12

Clark, Bob the Builder, Dobbo 19/11

Good bowling in Round 2 of Mixed Pairs to all taking part. High/Low Scores not won.



Scottie and Trish the Dish

## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls

Well done to Sue Beavan and Kim Giannasca who will bowl Final of Club Championship Major Singles on Tuesday 11th November. Men's Final will be played this weekend between Tim Kovacs and Murray O'Bryan a great game to watch. Happy 80th Birthday to Janet McKay also to Di Mac. (Photo)

Congratulations to Sharna and Jay on their engagement.

Winners Rink 13, Gai Gibson and Kim Giannasca. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 10, Michelle Adler,

Rae Fayle, Judy Davis and Yvonne Huddleston. Lucky Losers Rink11, Lynn Gowans, Di Wotherspoon and Pat Bill.

There will be no bowls next week as Melbourne Cup Day but Green will be open in morning for roll ups.





## Moruya Ladies Golf



The ladies of Moruya Golf continue to record great scores as they play the fairways. The perfect weather conditions, once again, produced some excellent golf and with the ladies playing the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the xmas hamper event Vicki Goodwin was the winner with 43 points. Runner up was Christine Quick with 41 points c/b. Balls went to Val Moore, Robyn Hawkins, Barbara Roberts, Pauline Nash, Margaret Flynn, Lyn Gibbs and Angie McMillan. << Vicki Goodwin



1. Community Solar reuse centre - Moruya Transfer Station: 21 Yarragee Rd Moruya on Saturday's 9.30am-2.30pm 2. Repair cafe at the Red Door - Page st Moruya on Fridays 9.30am-12pm 3. JJJ Oriental Supermarket - Orient St Batemans Bay 10am-5pm7daysaweek!

## Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the third Bay Cup event



Oct 25 Accolade2



Oct 25 Moonmist

By Lachlan Brown

Last Saturday was a great day for sailing when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the third Bay Cup event of the season. There were two sprint races on offer. These races consisted of two laps around a short windward leeward course, placing an emphasis on efficient crew work.

After a short delay before the sea breeze settled in, race officer Terry Paton and his trusty team of Jim Anderson and Michelle Grybaitis set a true course. At the start of the first race "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) was over a fraction early at the favoured boat end of the start line and had to go back. "Moonmist", skippered on the day by Dave Boardman, got away cleanly and led around the top mark from "Wishful Thinking" (Tim Devlin). "Accolade" soon got past with a better spinnaker hoist than "Wishful". Jack Egan's Far East 19 "Red Dwarf" was a little further back. At the first leeward mark, the "Moonmist" crew fluffed the kite drop, allowing "Accolade" past. "Accolade" went on to win by over two minutes.

The start of the second race was more even. "Accolade" got the boat end start, but "Moonmist" and "Wishful" were soon able to tack off into clear air. "Red Dwarf" got disturbed air from the bigger boats and fell back, although she went very well on the downwind legs under her big asymmetric spinnaker. "Moonmist" sailed a much better race to finish less than a minute behind "Accolade" but ahead on AMS calculations. Full results are up on the BBSC website <a href="https://www.bbsc.org.au">www.bbsc.org.au</a>

The next BBSC keelboat race will be the Durras race on November 15th."



Oct 25 Wishful5



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Thu, 13th November



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9AM - 1PM

Morning Tea provided



This workshop is presented by Eden Community Access Centre and will be hosted by Bega Valley local David Newell, together with staff from ECAC. David is an experienced facilitator and host of organisational and community conversations.

This event has been funded by the CODA project with grant funding from the Australian and NSW Governments.







## Moruya Mail Sport

## Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 24.10.25

#### Moruya River

The forecast is looking a little on the damp side for the later part of the weekend, with Saturday showing the most promise. Winds will be light to moderate, and the seas will be under 2m. Throw in a light rain coat, and you will be fine.

The river continues to improve yet again, this will be the norm (barring excess rain), into the new year.

Bream, flathead and whiting have all been encountered within the Moruya system this past week. If whiting are your thing, then squirt worms will be the number 1 bait of choice. We still need a few more degrees of water temp for them to start looking towards surface presentations.

The airport flats, back of the hole in the wall and the flats under the town bridge are all good areas to look at first. Honestly though, any sand flat that has a population of nipper and squirt worms will hold both bream and whiting. Flathead will always be lurking on the edges looking to make a stray mullet, whiting or prawn an easy meal.

Up in the fresh reaches of the Duea river, the bass continue to move upstream. The run of hot days we have been having will be improving the water temps up there, and in turn making the bass even more active. All bass fisherman are waiting for the first sounds of summer to emerge from the ground, heralding the true start of the summer bass season, the Cicada. Once these angler favourite emerge, the surface bite will really intensify.

#### Tuross river.

Flathead, mulloway, bream and estuary perch are species that can be targets within our premier system this weekend. I am hearing that the Luderick are yet to kick off in the Tuross system yet, but shouldn't be too far off.

Try any of the extensive sand flats areas for bream, flathead, whiting and estuary perch that the Tuross system is famous for. The deeper stretches of the river will also hold the same species as well as the grey ghost or mulloway. Live poddy mullet, soft plastics and bigger hard body lures that get down to depth will all work to find a mulloway if that's what you area chasing. Time your sessions with the tide changes for best chance at success. The upper fresh reaches of the Tuross system, continue to fish well for the local bass population, with many good fish being found. A kayak and sense of adventure will be the best tools if these bronzed bruisers are on your bucket list.

#### Rock and Beach.

Salmon continue to be main stay along all the local beaches this week. With an easing of the seriously strong winds we have had this week, the local beaches will be a more attractive option. Pilchard baits on paternoster rigs, or metals cast and retrieved are the best two options if you are chasing sambos. The bream and whiting will start to stack up in the close gutters as the warm currents continue to push down the coast, sand worms or pipies will be the best bait if target these tasty beach goers is your thing. Expect to find a few flathead in the same areas, and maybe even a mulloway of you are lucky enough to come across one.

#### Offshore.

Snapper, flathead and all the usual reef species have been on offer for those that have got out for an inshore session this past week. Start looking in 30-40m of water if the snapper are what you are looking for, with flathead sitting off the reefs over the sand fringes.

The game crews are keeping a close eye on the water temps, with an eye towards the summer marlin and Mahi Mahi season kicking off. It won't be long before a few bill fish start to turn up. The shop is looking full at the moment, and the bait freezer was restocked this week.

Don't forget the final Daiwa Maverick MQ reel will be drawn on Friday 31st October, so you still another have a week to get your entries in. Anyone who has already entered and hasn't won, is still in the draw.

Just come in, spend \$10 on any Daiwa product, scan the QR code, and fill in your detail online with a copy of your shop receipts to go into the draw.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

#### NSW Maritime Expired Flare Collection Program kicks off next week

Find your nearest collection site and mark your calendar so you don't miss out! https://bit.ly/3LseXv0

Reminder, It's an offence to ignite flares outside of an emergency, and expired flares must not be discarded in household waste or public bins.

- Bermagui Bermagui Boat Harbour Boat Ramp, Off Lamont Street, Friday, 7 November 2025 15:30 - 17:30
- Narooma Apex Park Boat Ramp, Centenary Drive, Saturday, 8 November 2025 07:00 -08:30
- Moruya Preddys Wharf, Preddys Wharf Road (Off South Head Road), Saturday, 8 November 2025 10:00 - 11:30
- Batemans Bay Hanging Rock Boat Ramp, Hanging Rock Place, Saturday, 8 November 2025 13:00 - 14:30







akeside Triples a great success at Tuross



Joel Hilliard and Neil Rose

Lakeside Triples Third - Tony Giannasca, Lakeside Triples Second - Irene Macdonald, Denise Lidbury and Rose Farrington

Lakeside Triples Winners Alan Monfries, Troy Propotor and Horace Williams

Tuross Head Bowling Club staged a very successful Tournament on the weekend of October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The greens were full with 28 teams competed for a total of \$4,350 in prize money. This was made possible by the generous sponsorship of local businesses lead by Driftwood Shores, Hallmark Real Estate, Platinum Blinds, Tuross Pharmacy, KyRo Property Maintenance, Batemans Bay Travel Team, AMH Motors and Moruya Homemakers.

Players came from all over the South Coast and the Canberra Region as well as the local Clubs. The format was six games of 14 ends of two bowl Open Triples. The competition was close with none of the teams managing to win all six games. Only 4 teams managed to win 5 games and that saw them in the prize money. The best of the teams with 4 wins, one draw and a loss was able to pick up fifth place.

Visitors from the ACT, Alan Monfries, Trey Proctor and Horace Williams, managed to take home the \$1500 first prize with 5 wins and a margin of plus 69 shots. The Tuross side of Rose Farrington, Denise Lidbury and Irene Macdonald came second with 5 wins and plus 36 to earn themselves \$900. The Moruya team of Joel Hilliard, Tony Giannasca and Neil Rose came third with 5 wins and plus 29 winning \$600.

Fourth place was just 1 shot further back with 5 wins and plus 28. Ulladulla's Chris Godwin, Mike Frame and Mark Sommerville took home \$300. The final major winner was the Merimbula side of Jeff May, Ben Hoff and Marshall Sanderson. Their 4 wins, 1 draw and loss and a plus 24 margin resulted in a \$240 win! The teams outside the major winners were in the running for the best 'last' game on each day. The \$240 prize on Saturday went to Vikings (ACT) players Dale Budnick, Noel Schubert and Mike Corby. The winners on Sunday were Narooma players Alison and



As well as this 2 teams won \$165 each with a lucky draw from the sides who missed out on a major prize. This meant that 27 of the 84 players who participated went home with some of the prize money!! A big thank you to all attendees for supporting Tuross Head Bowling Club. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The hard work of the organising committee led by the Bowls Organisers - Neil and Sandy Mather - was largely responsible for the success of the weekend. Tim Watson and his grounds staff have done a wonderful job getting the greens into an excellent condition that allows all players to give of their best. The staff of Club Tuross was very supportive in the planning and running of the Tournament.

Contributed by Ray Downey

#### New racing stables ready for lease

Moruya Jockey Club has two sets of stables that will attract more trainers to our beautiful part of the world. The 30 stables are located on Donnelly Drive literally across the road from the track. The stables themselves are complete with the Club negotiating with Racing NSW to also Fence, provide a horse walker as well as day yards in for each

The Moruya Jockey Club is thankful to Racing NSW for their commitment to racing in our area.



## Moruya Mail

## Eurocoast athletes in World Triathlon Championships at Wollongong



Dan Lloyd Jones Wollongong tri worlds October 2025 Photo. Monty Lloyd Jones.



Lachlan Brown Wollongong tri worlds October 2025 Photo Dan Lloyd Jones



Michelle Aitken Wollongong tri worlds October 2025 Photo Dan Lloyd Jones



Dan Lloyd Jones Wollongong tri worlds October 2025 Photo. Monty Lloyd Jones.

Five athletes from Eurocoast Triathlon Club joined nearly 5000 from around the world, including 1500 Australians, to compete at the 2025 World Triathlon Championships at Wollongong on October 16th to 19th. They had qualified for the Australian team at events around the country over the past 12 months.

Triathlon championships have an inclusive structure which sees age group athletes from juniors to over 85s competing at the same festival as the elite triathletes and para triathletes. The three events open to age groupers were the sprint distance triathlon which comprised a 750m swim, 20km bike and 5k run, the standard distance triathlon over 1.5km/40km/10km and the swim/bike or aquabike over 1.5km/40km.

On the first day of racing last Thursday, Jemma Wilson raced the standard distance as part of her build up towards some longer races over the summer. After mastering the choppy swim from Wollongong Harbour out to offshore rounding marks and back, then the hilly three lap ride, Jemma was going really well. However, a navigational error on the run course led to an unfortunate disqualification. Jemma is having to put this one down as a learning experience.

Next up that morning, Lachlan Brown was competing in the aquabike over the same course as the standard distance, minus the run. He lost about 90 seconds at the beginning of the ride due to a bike shoe malfunction but still placed 11th out of 34 finishers in his age group. "It was incredibly frustrating having to stop and get off the bike to get my feet in the shoes, but in the end it only cost me one or two positions", said Lachlan.

On Friday the sprint triathlons were held. Unlike the previous day's events where drafting on the bike leg was illegal, athletes were allowed to form groups on the bike leg. This makes a fast swim and run even more important while allowing for some tactical riding on the bike leg. The talented Dan Lloyd Jones was on his way back from injury. He did very well to finish 6th out of 62 in his age group after missing the lead bike group by the barest of margins.

Soon after Dan, Sally Jeffrey was racing in the sprint tri. Sally has been one of the fastest triathletes in the world in her age group for a long time. She proved it yet again when after being slightly behind the leaders following the swim leg, she put in a storming run, overtaking several other competitors to finish 3rd out of 46 in a closely contested race.

The last Eurocoast Tri Club athlete on course was Michelle Aitken, whose participation was something of a minor miracle given she has had a hip replacement. She has done a lot of strength and conditioning work to be able to compete. The run leg is not her favourite, but she toughed it out to finish 24th out of 36. Eurocoast tri club continues to have regular swim training sessions at the Bay Pavillions on Wednesday evenings as well as a program of bike time trials and practice triathlons on weekends. The best way to contact the club is by emailing

eurocoasttriathlon@gmail.com Contributed by Lachlan Brown



Jemma Wilson Wollongong tri worlds Oct 2025 Photo Dan Lloyd Jones



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