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## NSW Government extinguishes red tape with common sense reform for Farm Firefighting Vehicles

The **NSW Government** is delivering common sense reform to support farmers during the bushfire season, allowing farmers and rural landholders to register and use Farm Firefighting Vehicles (FFVs) to respond to emergency bushfires near their property.

The move follows recent trials of around 350 FFVs, which supported their use in emergencies and proposed a conditional registration scheme.

FFVs are often used on private property and are not typically registered for use on public roads.

The legal use of these vehicles on public roads in emergency situations is an important reform which will allow farmers and rural landholders to attend nearby fires, not just those on their own property.

The new scheme offers a lower cost conditional registration, which includes inspection for a light vehicle and the issuing of a licence plate expected to be a maximum of \$209.

The cost for conditional registration will drop after the first year with the cost, including an inspection estimated at \$126 (or only \$75 when inspection not required), subject to CPI and CTP increases.

Conditional registration balances the practical need for FFVs to be available as an emergency resource while ensuring vehicle safety standards on NSW roads remain high.

Under the scheme, vehicles will be subject to the following requirements:

- Vehicle inspections as per the Authorised Inspection Scheme to establish registration, with inspection required every second year and registration to be renewed annually.
- Firefighting equipment must be permanently and securely attached to the vehicle.
- Vehicles must only be used for emergencies, not regular operations.
- May use roads up to 50km away from garaging address east of the Newell Highway, with no distance limit from garaging addresses west of the Newell Highway.

The scheme will commence on 7 October.

Service NSW is ready to assist people with their applications with eligible customers able to apply and pay their registrations in-person at their nearest Service NSW Centre.

More details including eligibility requirements are available on the Service NSW website.

## North Head Drive temporary long weekend opening



Photo Wet & Windy Photography

Moruya's North Head Drive will be open for four days to ease traffic in the area across the busy long weekend. The road will allow alternating one-way traffic flow from 5pm Thursday 2 October to 7am Tuesday 7 October 2025.

The road will then be closed through to November, when the single alternating lane will come into effect before the road fully reopens in December. Roadside signs and [Live Traffic NSW](#) will list the latest openings and closings, and Council's [North Head Drive slope stabilisation webpage](#) has more project information.

Following talks between Eurobodalla Council and Transport for NSW, the latter will delay until 2026 its pavement reconstruction and the extension of the overtaking lane for the Princes Highway near Malabar Drive, although the current shoulder works and intersection upgrade will continue until complete.

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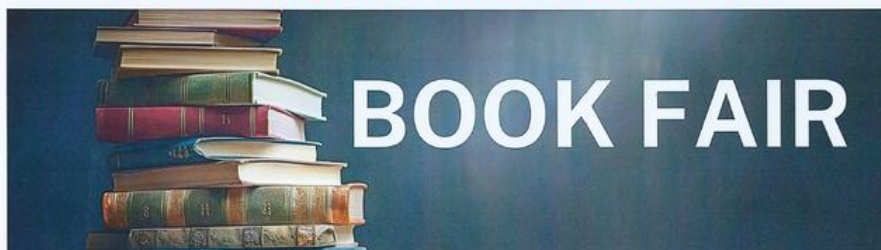
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# Textile artwork takes out the 2025 River of Art Festival Prize



Dr Michael Holland Member for Bega with the winner of the 2025 River of Art Prize Lilaea van der See and her work

Araluen artist Lilaea van der See has been awarded the 2025 River of Art Prize for her work 'When Stillness Dances... 2025' a textile installation featuring botanical printing on raw silk.

More than 200 people filled the Mechanics Institute in Moruya on Friday evening to celebrate the launch of the 21<sup>st</sup> River of Art Festival and hear the judges' decision for the Art Prize.

Judges Cath Bowdler and Tony Oates praised the winning entry as "an outstanding piece of work, noting that it might be a surprise. Tony and I circled around this one, but we were drawn back to it as a fully realised complex work, and as we looked at the detail, all the elements work together and was assembled with care, great skill and consideration." The artist Lilaea van der See said: "I'm honoured and humbled to receive the River of Art Prize. There are so many beautiful artists here, and it means a lot to have my work recognised. My artwork is about being in harmony with the land and with each other — creating something sustainable and different."

"This dress was made from a single three-metre piece of fabric with no waste. The plants spoke to the fabric and created their own magic. I've been doing botanical eco-printing for over a decade, often using upcycled materials. For me, the process takes a lifetime of learning, not just weeks in the studio."

The winning work also included lyre bird and kookaburra feathers, sarsaparilla and freshwater mussel shells from the Deua.



Prize Sponsor Sarah Roberts from Community Bank Batemans Bay with River of Art Chair Corin Roussouw and second place artwork 'The Stolen Pomegranates 2024' by Felicite Bigge

Second Prize went to Felicite Briggs for 'The Stolen Pomegranates 2024' a coloured pencil on cotton paper drawing featuring luminescent fruit.

The judges described the piece as "a beautiful, technically excellent life drawing, intimate but glowing with life." Felicite gave her apologies as she was unable to attend the event.

The Highly Commended Award was presented to Ritchey Sealy for 'Containment 2025' oil painting. The judges said 'It was an animated painterly work depicting fire trucks at work.'

The artist said "This painting is deeply personal — it reflects my experience as a division commander during the 2019–20 fires and the lasting impact of post-traumatic stress. Rather than dramatize the flames, I chose to depict a containment line — the long, exhausting work of trying to manage the fire alongside crews from across the country."

A special mention was made to 91 year old artist Ian McKenzie from Tomakin for his intricately detailed 'Mars Botanicus' watercolour.

River of Art Chair Corin Rossouw said this year's Art Prize had attracted a record 136 entries from across Australia.

"We are thrilled with the quality and diversity of entries this year. The River of Art Prize is a real showcase of creativity — from painting, photography, and sculpture through to textiles, glass, and jewellery. We invite everyone to come and see the exhibition in Moruya and vote for the People's Choice Award" said Ms Rossouw.

The River of Art Prize exhibition runs at the Mechanics Institute in Moruya until the end of the October long weekend. The People's Choice Award will be announced on Tuesday 7 October.

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# Council coffers are scraping the 'bottom of barrel'

## COUNCIL WATCH

At its meeting on 23 September 2025, Eurobodalla Shire Council released the draft Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2025. The draft Statements tell us the financial position of the Eurobodalla community's public funds, activities and assets, which are managed by the Council.

The Council also released the special purpose financial statements for the year to 30 June 2025, which contain the financial figures for our business services, namely, our water supply services, sewerage services, the Bay Pavilions and the Batemans Bay Beach Resort.

Council's finances continue to weigh down the Eurobodalla community with large costs and will do so for many years to come. Buckle-up ratepayers.

For example, did you know the Bay Pavilions still has a deficit of close to \$16,500 a day? That was \$6 million for the year up to 30 June 2025, up from a \$5.3 million deficit to 30 June 2024 and a \$4.8 million deficit to 30 June 2023. Since opening in the first half of 2022, the Bay Pavilions have made an accumulated deficit of around \$18 million in today's dollars. Add to this the \$19 million it cost the Eurobodalla ratepayers to finish the build, on top of the \$51 million it cost Australian and NSW taxpayers, and you can see the Pavs have turned out to be an irresponsible investment by the Council and a costly ticking-time-bomb. That's over \$1,400 for each of the 26,000 ratepayers.

In spruiking the Pavs, the Council told the community we would only need to wear a small annual deficit of between \$330,000 in the first year reducing to \$100,000 a year within 10 years. In reality, the Pavs went past that 10-year deficit in the first year of operation. The Council has been telling the community since the opening of the Pavs that it will find a solution to the deficits. There's no solution yet, while the deficits are getting bigger not smaller.

Another very expensive horse in the Eurobodalla has bolted. On its website, the Council tells us the Southern Water Supply Storage Facility is expected to cost \$150 million, with Australian taxpayers putting in \$51.2 million, NSW taxpayers putting in \$25.6 million, with the Eurobodalla community to fund the remainder or \$73.2 million. This is a lot of ratepayer funding.

It is even more than what the draft Financial Statements say, which is that we have big infrastructure spending commitments, \$80.7 million in total, including \$45 million for water supply and the Southern Water Supply Storage Facility construction, and around \$21.6 million for sewer construction.

Council will need to borrow, take on debt and pay the interest for the build. The ongoing maintenance cost of the Water Storage Facility is yet to hit ratepayers. Better drill another hole in your belt and tighten it up.

Eurobodalla Shire's income from ongoing community and business activities for the year ended 30 June 2025 was \$185.7 million. Over two-fifths of our income, \$79.9 million, came from rates and annual charges paid by Eurobodalla's 26,000 ratepayer properties for things like water, sewerage, waste and stormwater services. Around a fifth, \$35.8 million, came from user charges for things like our water supply services, landfill, community services and swimming centres. On top of this, Australian and NSW taxpayers gave us about a quarter of our income, \$45.4 million through their respective governments, while building and development income for infrastructure projects was about 6 per cent of our income, \$10.9 million.

Eurobodalla Shire's expenses from ongoing operations for the year ended 30 June 2025 were \$111.6 million, while the value of our community assets depreciated by \$47 million over the year. The community will need to pay for depreciated assets in the future when we need to replace our assets.

Eurobodalla Shire is dependent on grants and contributions from other sources to make ends meet. Taking out the Australian and NSW Government taxpayer grants and the developer contributions, Eurobodalla's net operating result was a deficit of \$29.2 million for 2024-25, about the same as the year before. When our infrastructure spending commitments are included, our deficit blows out to \$109.9 million for 2024-25. Ultimately, deficits not covered by the Australian and NSW government grants and the developer contributions will need to be paid for by Eurobodalla ratepayers and users of our services.

The Council referred the draft Financial Statements to audit at its meeting on 23 September 2025. The Council expects the audited statements to come back to the Council at its meeting on 25 November 2025, before they are put on public exhibition for public comment.

If you are interested in the financial wellbeing of our Eurobodalla community and would like to look at, or learn about, the cost of our public functions, services, infrastructure and activities, you can find them on the Council's website at <https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/agendas-and-minutes> under the tab for the September 2025 Council Meeting. For specific questions, contact the Finance and Corporate Services Division of the Council or speak to your local Councillor.

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SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC - DUST N ECHO

SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DEC - CHRIS MCGRATH



# Respected pilot dies following Moruya plane crash

On Saturday, 27 September local pilot and Master of Sport Parachuting died following a plane crash at Moruya.

Shortly after 2pm emergency services were called to bushland west of George Bass Drive, 2km north of Moruya Airport, following reports of a plane crash.

Officers from South Coast Police District attended the scene and found a plane, used by a skydiving business, had crashed.

The pilot 54 year old Paul Smith, was the only person onboard. The aircraft was returning to Moruya airport after conducting a skydiving drop when it collided with terrain.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) commenced a transport safety investigation into an accident involving a turboprop Pilatus Porter aircraft.

"The ATSB deployed a team of transport safety investigators from its Canberra and Brisbane offices, specialising in aircraft operations, maintenance and engineering, to the accident site.

Once on site on Sunday morning, investigators conducted a range of evidence-gathering activities including site survey with a drone, wreckage examination, and recovery of any aircraft components for further examination at the ATSB's technical facilities in Canberra.

Investigators will also seek to interview involved parties and witnesses, and collect relevant recorded information including flight tracking data, pilot and aircraft maintenance records, and weather information.

The ATSB asks anyone with video footage of the aircraft at any phase of the flight, or in the immediate aftermath of the accident, to make contact via the witness form on our website: [atsb.gov.au/witness](https://atsb.gov.au/witness) at their earliest opportunity."

The Australian Parachute Foundation issued a statement saying "With immense sadness, we acknowledge the passing of Paul 'Poo' Smith, who tragically lost his life whilst flying in Moruya on Saturday.



*Paul Smith pilot and Master of Sport Parachuting died in a plane crash at Moruya.*

Paul was a beloved and highly respected member of the Australian skydiving community, known by many for his exceptional skill, generosity, and almost 40 years of dedication to the sport. In recognition of his decades of outstanding contributions and achievements in our sport — particularly in the areas of aircraft operations, training and competition skydiving — Paul was awarded the APF's highest honour last year: Master of Sport Parachuting.

From 2011 to 2024, Paul built and ran Skydive Oz in Moruya Heads, a purpose-built drop zone offering world-class facilities and training that drew aspiring skydivers from all around the globe. Following the drop zone's acquisition last year, Paul remained deeply involved in operations as Chief Instructor, continuing to shape and support the community he had worked so hard to grow.

Whether as a pilot, drop zone owner, instructor, competitor, display jumper, consultant, mentor, or friend, Paul had a profound impact on countless individuals — more than he would ever realise — and his enduring influence on our sport will always be remembered.

His loss is deeply felt across our community.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Paul's family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him during this difficult time."



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## Welcome relief for Mogo with new public toilet



Council's public amenities team alongside Mogo Business Chamber president Richard Adams

When you gotta go, you can go to John Street Reserve.

Eurobodalla's newest public toilet opened last week at Mogo – and it's right along the Princes Highway.

Locals welcomed installation of these much-anticipated amenities, with Mogo Business Chamber president Richard Adams describing the restrooms as essential.

"These new facilities in the heart of Mogo support local businesses and make the town more accessible, particularly for elderly residents," says Mr Adams.

The new amenities are part of Eurobodalla Council's Public Toilet Strategy, which includes Council's goal to improve all 67 of the shire's public toilets.

Council's public amenities coordinator Joel Mills says public toilets are an important component of community wellbeing.

"This new toilet block at John Street is durable, easy to clean and has its own solar power system," Mr Mills says.

"We've given all the public toilets in the shire a quality rating, between 1 and 5, so we can focus on the most urgent projects first.

"Over the last 18 months we've upgraded eight toilets and built four new ones in Mogo, Lilli Pilli, Mosquito Bay and Brierlys boat ramp. Next on the list are Preddys Wharf and South Durras Oval." For more information and to view the Public Toilet Strategy visit Council's public toilets webpage.

## Shoalhaven Council announces new CEO



Shoalhaven Council's New CEO Andrew Constance

Yesterday **Shoalhaven Council Mayor Patricia White** announced Andrew Constance as Chief Executive Officer of Council.

"Mr Constance brings more than 18 years of public service experience to the role, including as the NSW Member for Bega from 2003 to 2021 and holding several senior ministerial portfolios such as Treasurer of NSW, finance, transport and roads, industrial relations, ageing and disability services."

"Andrew's commitment to the Shoalhaven and his proven leadership make him an outstanding choice to guide our organisation," said Mayor Patricia White.

"His deep understanding of regional issues, infrastructure, and community engagement positions him strongly to lead the Council into its next chapter," Cr White said.

"We look forward to working with him to realise a bold vision for Shoalhaven — one that champions long-term financial sustainability while shaping a thriving, inclusive future for our entire community," she said.

The appointment follows a comprehensive recruitment process led by Council and supported by independent advisors, Stephen Blackadder Consulting (SBC).

"We were incredibly impressed by the depth and diversity of talent that applied for the CEO role. After a rigorous and competitive selection process, we're confident that the successful candidate is the best possible choice," said SBC Managing Director, Stephen Blackadder.

Mr Constance formally begins next week, with Brian Barrett stepping away from the interim CEO role he has performed for the past two months.

"On behalf of Council, I want to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Barrett for his leadership over the past few months," Cr White said.

"Stepping into the role during a challenging period, he's made some tough but necessary decisions that have helped steady the organisation and set us on a clearer path forward. His commitment and professionalism have been greatly appreciated," she said.

Following this announcement **Fiona Phillips MP** Member for Gilmore issued a statement saying "This afternoon Shoalhaven City Council announced that it has appointed Andrew Constance as CEO.

Because of that decision, I have lost all confidence in the Shoalhaven Mayor and Shoalhaven City Council, and will be writing to the NSW Minister for Local Government with my concerns.

Mr Constance has no local government employment experience.

During the 2025 federal election, the Shoalhaven Mayor, Cl Selena Clancy and Cl Jason Cox were actively supporting Andrew Constance.

This smacks of political bastardry, there must have been other applicants on the merit list with local government employment experience.

It reeks of "jobs for Liberal mates", and does not pass the pub test.

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# Connect Eurobodalla coming soon – linking up our community

By David Ashford

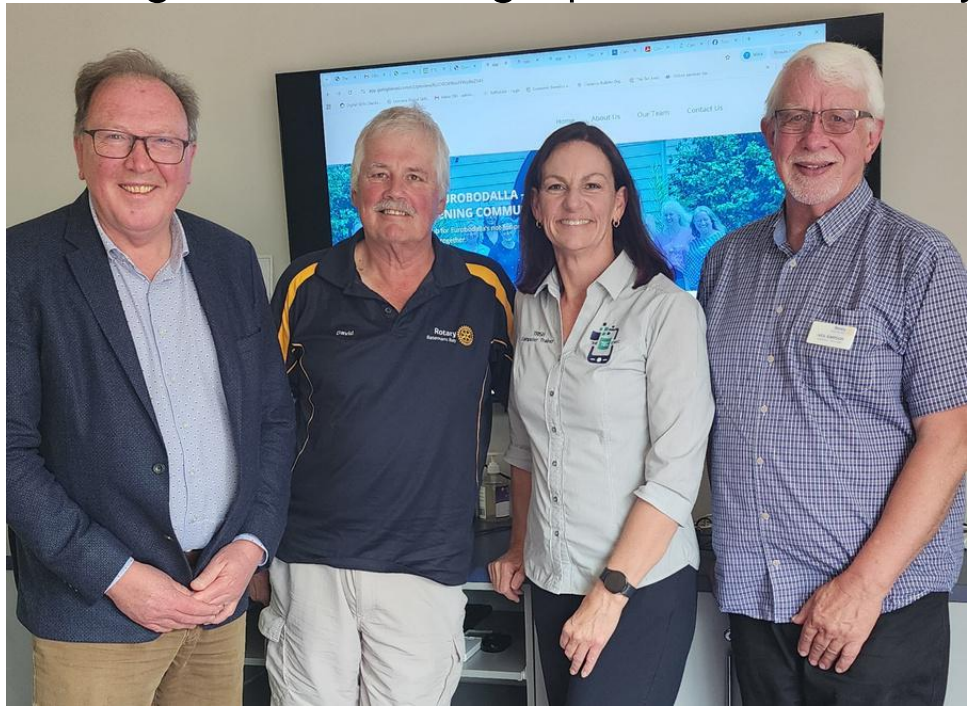
Connect Eurobodalla community online platform is designed to provide Eurobodalla voluntary community organisations with a reliable technology to access services, share ideas and resources.

Yesterday, Dr Michael Holland MP was provided with an overview of the new website with Neil Sampson from Rotary Batemans Bay and Tricia Pye, The Tec Exec.

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.

For years, many of our voluntary community organisations provide much needed services, they tend to work in isolation. They may be aware that other local organisations provide similar support exist, but find it difficult to make and sustain effective contact with them. At present most contact and conversations are made through 'word of mouth', supplemented by random searches on Facebook and the Internet. While this works, in many cases effective contact is limited.

Over the last four years we have been assisting local community organisations to update their technology capabilities and skill base. They include: University of the Third Age, Eurobodalla Show Society, CanAssist, Lions Batemans Bay, CWA, Probus, Men's Shed and Batemans Bay Heritage Museum. This has been possible through the fabulous support of the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR).



Connect Eurobodalla sneak peek for Dr Michael Holland with David Ashford, Tricia Pye and Neil Sampson

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 website will be launched on 23rd October at the Red Door Hall, Moruya



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Scammers also pretend to be trusted companies such as your bank, gas, electricity, water or phone provider. They will threaten to cancel your service or charge you excessive penalty fees if you don't pay the bill immediately. Sometimes they may impersonate a business like Australia Post stating you have an item to pick up or you will be charged a holding fee every day you don't pay.

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If the scam is sent by email, it is likely to include an attachment or link to a fake website where you will be asked to download proof of the 'bill', 'fine' or 'delivery details'. Opening the attachment or downloading the file will result in infecting your computer with malware.

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### Where to find help or support

If you've lost money to a scam or given out your personal details to a scammer, contact your bank and Remember: you charged at premium rates. immediately.

## Consultation now open on major mobile coverage reform

Residents, businesses and community groups are invited to have their say on a major reform that aims to dramatically improve mobile coverage in regional and remote areas.

The Albanese Government has released draft legislation for the Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO), which will require mobile providers to deliver outdoor voice and text coverage almost anywhere Australians can see the sky.

The proposed reforms are expected to expand mobile coverage by more than 5 million square kilometres, using a combination of existing infrastructure and emerging Direct-to-Device technology delivered via Low Earth Orbit Satellites.

The legislation is part of the Government's response to the 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review, which identified the need for stronger, more reliable mobile services.

The consultation is open until 19 October 2025, and feedback is being sought from industry, stakeholders and the public.

The Government is also reviewing how best to structure future mobile coverage programs, supported by the release of the Mobile Black Spot Program Evaluation.

Submissions can be made via the Department of Communications website: [www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say).

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# Breakfast Boost for Business at Batemans Bay



By John Longhurst

The Rotary Club's inaugural business breakfast proved to be more than just a morning gathering. It was a platform for networking, collaboration, and advancing community service goals.

Held at se7en cafe in Clyde Street, Batemans Bay the event drew 25 attendees, including a wide mix of established and emerging local businesses. Amongst the guests were notable figures such as Dr. Michael Holland, MP for Bega, Batemans Bay Business Chamber of Commerce President, Jane Edwards and Megan Garrett, the Secretary of Women in Business NSW South Coast.

Jane Edwards said "I had the pleasure of attending the inaugural Rotary Business Breakfast at se7en this morning, and it was such a fantastic experience. The vibe was warm and friendly, making it easy to connect with others. It was a great opportunity to collaborate, meet new people, and share stories with fellow business and community members. The breakfast itself was a hit too!"

"On behalf of the Batemans Bay Business and Tourism Chamber, I'd like to thank Batemans Bay Rotary for the warm invitation to our members."

Participants are already looking forward to the next meeting to be held on 5th November.

Megan Garrett said "Thank you to Rotary for putting on the business breakfast. It is a great initiative and an opportunity to learn more about what Rotary do and how the community can be involved. It was a wonderful way to connect with the local business community ... and to make new connections and opportunities for collaboration amongst the attendees. I am looking forward to the next one."

Rotary Club President Neil Simpson, who chaired the committee, expressed his delight with the strong turnout. Neil said "It was wonderful to see such engagement from across the community. These breakfasts are about strengthening business connections while staying true to Rotary's commitment to community service."

Dr Michael Holland MP Member for Bega was also in attendance and effusive about the gathering.

Dr Holland MP said "Small businesses are at the very heart of our community here in the Bega electorate. They not only create jobs but they bring people together and keep our towns thriving. The Rotary Business Breakfast is a wonderful way for local business owners to connect, share ideas, and support one another, helping to build a stronger and more resilient community. It was a pleasure to attend their inaugural get together this morning"

The morning format allowed participants to connect and share ideas, without clashing with regular work or family commitments.

Attendees agreed the breakfast created valuable opportunities to support businesses, foster collaboration, and build stronger community ties.

The next Rotary Business Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, 5th November, at se7en Café, Clyde Street from 7am to 8am with local professionals once again invited to attend.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Council bypasses traffic solutions for Moruya

Last week the Council unanimously passed a motion to advocate for a Moruya bypass. In reality, at \$1.7 billion it's not likely to get built for years. The Moruya bypass is an unaffordable pipe dream. In consultation, the Eurobodalla community overwhelmingly supported the cheaper 'Purple' bypass route. The NSW Government instead chose the community's least preferred more expensive route, the 'Orange' route. Why? So, what is happening to keep the traffic flowing and to keep residents and visitors safe along the Princes Highway at Moruya until a bypass is ready?

At the same Council Meeting on 23 September 2025 the Eurobodalla Road Safety Plan 2025 to 2028, was tabled. At around 70 pages, our community's Road Safety Plan for the next four years does not mention any special traffic control measures to keep traffic flowing along the Princes Highway at Moruya. This tells the community that this is not a priority for the Council.

While the Council calls for a bypass by press release, the Council then adopts a road plan without an interim solution for Moruya.

Cid Mateo  
Bingie, Brinja

## Local option for Property Investors

By John Longhurst

Tomakin businessman, Aiden Howarth, has launched his new business iStrategic which draws on his more than 10 years experience in the world of real estate. Aiden said "As a real estate agent on the NSW Far South Coast, I have built a loyal client base by doing what I've always believed in: clear communication, consistency, and putting people first. I was lucky enough to receive glowing feedback from clients who appreciated my hands-on, transparent approach - and that trust has meant the world to me. Over time I have transitioned into buyer's advocacy and property investment strategy - roles I absolutely loved. There's something incredibly rewarding about helping others make smart investment decisions and watching their lives transform as a result."

iStrategic draws on these qualities and experience to offer greater opportunities for the property investor.

Aiden said "I wanted to take everything I've learned - the wins, the lessons, the connections - and use it to help hardworking Australians like you. Because let's face it: property can be confusing. The rules keep changing, and most people don't have the time or headspace to become experts. That's where I come in.

They say property is really a game of finance - with a few houses thrown in - and I've found that to be pretty accurate.



Aiden Howarth

At iStrategic, I help you build the right financial structure and investment strategy first - before we even talk about which property to buy. Once that's in place, the rest becomes much simpler.

One of the biggest mistakes I see investors make is buying in areas they're familiar with - usually close to home. But the most successful investors know you need to diversify, invest according to the property cycle, and strike when the timing is right. I use my networks, data, and on-the-ground experience to find quality investment opportunities across the country - not just in your postcode."

As a local, Aiden is offering a personal and accountable service with nation wide possibilities for property investors in the Eurobodalla Shire. Contact at: <https://www.istrategic.com.au/contact-us>

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#### GUEST SPEAKERS

Kathryn Maxwell - SHASA President  
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# Let's do coffee with ... Marilyn Beaumont

Australia consistently scores highly in healthcare among high-income countries for its effective and equitable system\*. Whilst Medicare is a major reason for this ranking, much can also be attributed to some key personnel within the sector who have advocated for fairness. Broulee resident, Marilyn Beaumont (MB), Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) is one of those people. The Moruya Mail (MM) had a coffee with Marilyn last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Marilyn. It has been quite the journey. Born in Canberra in 1951 through to being awarded the OAM in 2017. Please fill in the years.

MB: Thank you. Yes... I am one of those rare souls who was born in Canberra. My education was Yarralumla Primary School and Telopea Park High School. After completing the Intermediate Certificate\*\*, I left school at 15 years of age in the mid 60's and commenced work at the retailer, J.B. Young Kingston in the 'Fancy Department', selling stockings, haberdashery, lace, ribbon and the like. In fact, pantyhose had just come on the market so we had to show women how to wear them.

MM: (laughs) ... I am pretty sure that is not the reason you were awarded an OAM.

MB: (smiles) ... At 17 years of age I commenced nursing at Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney and graduated in 1971. I then took a break from nursing and travelled in Queensland and NSW undertaking itinerant work in agriculture and hospitality. After a year or so I came back to nursing and completed my psychiatric training at Kenmore Hospital in Goulburn.

MM: A move to Perth is then pivotal in your career.

MB: In various hospital based roles in Perth, I was increasingly frustrated with options for nursing being so limited and it sparked an interest in community nursing. I then moved back to Sydney and through the Community Nursing Diploma at Cumberland College, I met Dr Charles Blower G.P. I began working with homeless people through the setting up of the Haymarket Clinic for Homeless and with Federal Government funding, I was Senior Nursing Officer for 5 years, a nurse practitioner role.

A move to Adelaide in the late 1970's enabled me to be part of setting up a new therapeutic community for young people with drug addictions.

In 1981, I commenced work as an organiser with the Royal Australian Nursing Federation South Australian (SA) Branch. There were only two organisers for the whole state so there was much travel and to the outer reaches of SA.

MM: And a rocky career in the nursing union commences.

MB: (laughs)...Yes, I was elected Secretary of the SA Branch in 1982. Over the next five years I played a key role in big changes. This included the action and process to transfer the education of nursing to the universities. We also had significant industrial action on wage cases and clinical career structures for nursing's predominantly female workforce. This meant new categories of nursing were developed such as clinical nurse, clinical nurse consultant and nurse practitioner. I promoted and implemented greater participation of the membership through union delegate training and delegate conferences.

In 1987, I moved to Melbourne when I was elected Federal secretary of union. This was a time of significant change with industrial action by nurses and major national nurses wage cases. Industry superannuation through HESTA was achieved, the first time most nurses had access to retirement funding.

In 1992 our work led to national registration of nurses which was a huge breakthrough, allowing nurses to work anywhere in the country. The effectiveness of the federal organisation was enhanced through bringing the New South Wales Nurses' Association and Queensland Nurses' Union into the Federal organisation which doubled our membership.

During the 1980's and 1990's, the peak of the HIV/AIDS crisis, as a member of the HIV/AIDS strategy advisory groups, I chaired a national consultation concerned with treatment services and care. Nurses unions in particular pushed back against moves to introduce a discriminatory strategy to identify and isolate people with HIV/AIDS, and for the first time, universal infection control precautions were introduced nationally.



Marilyn Beaumont

MM: In 1995, internal divisions within the union result in you no longer holding the position of Federal Secretary but rather than throw the towel in, you head in another direction.

MB: (laughs)... That is a polite way of putting Federal/State/Territory politics. Yes, I take up a position as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Women's Health Victoria for the next 15 years, a statewide advocacy service. In this time, I coordinated the 5 year campaign to remove abortion from the Victorian Crimes Act 2008. Our work also ensured policy level recognition of the health impact of violence against women and children in the state and we contributed to the Royal Commission into Family Violence. Alongside this work, I also sat on a number of national and state health service boards, and others focusing on women's issues ranging from Australian Women's Health Network Board through to a member of Victorian Women's Correctional Services Advisory Committee. These days I am a voluntary Board member at Banksia Villages Pty Ltd, Broulee and also mentor young women on boards and working in executive positions in Australia

MM: Your work has been widely recognised with honours and I know you are too modest to list them but I will, and include Australian Centenary of Federation Medal in 2003 inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women for leadership and advocacy in 2007 and of course, the OAM in 2017 for significant contribution to community, in particular to women's health. Can you summarise the driving forces that have resulted in a very impressive career?

MB: I use my nursing skill and experience to influence an accessible, inclusive, safe and caring health and community services system across Australia. The longer I have worked in advocacy the more I've learnt to speak the truth, even though it may come at a personal cost, and to bring others along with me. I trust my instincts and give voice to what I see around me that isn't right. To act upon it, stand up and say it, being courageous together, across so many really big issues.

MM: Thanks so much, Marilyn... and as a beneficiary of a health system that delivers more equity than most in the world ... I say thank you. It has been a delightful chat.

\*Health Care by Country 2024 Report | Commonwealth Fund  
<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/fund-reports/2024/sep/mirror-mirror-2024>

\*\*The Intermediate Certificate was a certificate awarded in Australia for the successful completion of three years of high school

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





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

## Gadfly

The character of the Australian War Memorial is about to change from a memorial to the fallen, to a sideshow for recruits. It doesn't just normalise war as an appropriate human activity, but as a fulfilling career for the boys and girls of a new generation.

I have no problem with recruiting commercials in the media. And if the government wants to present them as something other than a kill-or-be-killed operation, good luck to them. Defence technology is heading in the other direction entirely. The days of massed armies are long gone. Indeed, we might well be inventing the final enemy ourselves: called AI.

Certainly, we've chosen to make the world as scary as possible through Climate Change. AI might come as a welcome stranger to take our place as the apex predator. But honestly, do we really have to trash the AWM to get a few more hands on the levers of destruction on the way to Gaza for all. Surely it is better served to become a memorial to our victory over war itself.

I realise, of course, that I am one of the culprits in spreading stories that normalise, and even celebrate, our men of war. No fewer than eight of my books characterise the Australian 'heroes' of war – ten if you include the Aboriginal battle against the British invasion. Aside from the latter – which the AWM continues to ignore – they covered the period from Gallipoli to Afghanistan, beginning with the biography of Albert Jacka VC in 2006.

Already, I was concerned about the process. In an Author's Note, I wrote, 'The research of military literature exposed me to...an attitude towards death in war that I found deeply troubling.'

'The premature, violent death of a single human being is a shocking tragedy. Often, it involves terrible agony. Always, it represents the loss of great human potential. Without exception, it causes the most devastating anguish and pain among those who loved the young man – for they are overwhelmingly young men – who is suddenly no more. One life is gone forever; other lives are scarred in ways that can never be repaired.'

'Yet when we write of soldiers, we employ words like gallantry, honour and sacrifice to somehow justify the horror. And we speak, not of single deaths, but armies – millions – in a murderous obscenity. And we do so with a kind of fatalist calm that in itself is horrific. I do not excuse myself from the charge, though I have tried, wherever possible, to expose the enormity of the crime against humanity.'

I had in mind characters like the WWI British Generals Hamilton and Haig who from the luxury of their suites far behind the lines ordered the certain deaths of many thousands of young Australians. Thereafter I was forever prejudiced against the British class system – and its membership – from the rulers to the ruled who permitted it...and to its bunyip shadow.

World War II produced The Battle of Brisbane with my classmate Peter Thompson where only one man died, but at the hands of an American ally; thence to the Special Forces against the Japanese invaders; and more recently the SAS before the Ben Roberts-Smith scandal. They were not killers in their thousands; that was the fate of the civilians when we tagged along with the American military-industrial complex in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

That leads us back to the AWM under the charge of the councillors and the director, Matt Anderson, who numbers a Duntroon graduation among his many academic achievements. They fitted a Black Hawk chopper in the showplace and decided to retain the Roberts-Smith uniform and weapons. Smart moves. No doubt they'll draw crowds of little boys.

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Bazza leaned back in the deckchair and took a sip of the offered stubby.

"Good to be outside, Mick and enjoying a bit of sunshine in your backyard. Now... what is that contraption that takes up so much space. I mean ... you cannot miss it. In fact, there is not room for anything else ... and the orange colour is well ... ghastly."

Mick let out a low chuckle and grinned widely.

"It is called a Trumpoline, Bazza. It is the latest model all the way from good ole USA. Absolute cutting edge technology."

Bazza scratched his head as Mick squeezed his way round the Trumpoline.

"Now ... the Trumpoline is capable of fixing any problem in ways you would never imagine, Bazza. You have to have faith in the solutions but at the end of the day it is always right. Now ... you plug it in here and throw a problem on it and wait."

Mick picked up an old toaster, placed it on the Trumpoline to bounce for a few seconds.

"In this instance, Bazza, it works on the theory that a good shake will fix it. A bit like a good tap with a hammer might set things right in the good ole days."

Bazza sighed as Mick retrieved the toaster and plugged it in.

"There you go, Bazza. The toaster still does not work. The Trumpoline is telling me I need a new one. Now ... without the Trumpoline that old toaster would be sitting in the back shed for ages. Now I can throw it out with certainty because the Trumpoline is always right. It revolutionises the whole concept of clutter. Brilliant!"

Bazza held up his stubby and shook his head repeatedly.

"What is in this brew, Mick?"

Mick ignored the question and was busy with the controls on the Trumpoline. He then emptied the contents of the board game 'Scrabble' onto the surface and the letters vibrated away.

Mick stood back with the remote control in hand.

"Now ... for the best bit, Bazza. You think of an intractable problem. It could be the causes of autism, whales and windmills, climate change or tariffs. You simply turn up the power on the Trumpoline and the letters that do not bounce off its surface provide the solution to that problem."

Mick's face took on a glow and he bared his teeth.

"For really really big problems such as wars you throw the contents of two board games of 'Scrabble' onto the Trumpoline, turn it up high and before you know it, you might have a 20 point plan or at least a press release to solve matters. It is a case of using the remaining letters to piece together solutions to the most difficult problems. So ... you can only imagine how useful the Trumpoline is going to be in solving my everyday and more mundane problems."

Bazza gave the remaining contents of his stubby a shake and put it to one side.

"So facts do not come into the decision making, Mick? And here is me being worried about AI."

Have a beer with Bazza at [john.longhurst59@gmail.com](mailto:john.longhurst59@gmail.com)

## Eurobodalla Community Groups

There is just one month left until Get Online Week 2025! We can't be more excited and look forward to seeing you at our Moruya Event at the Red Door Hall on Thursday October 23rd.

Thanks to our Supporting Partners, Good Things Foundation Australia, Rotary Batemans Bay and Southcoast Health & Sustainability Alliance.

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

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

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# 100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner



*View from the Pilot station looking up the River*

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**The police have declared war on dogs** and intend to strictly enforce the act. Owners are therefore reminded that from to-day there are only 11 days' grace allowed in which to comply with the law, which distinctly states that every dog over the age of six months must be registered.

**On last Saturday morning** last Mr. and Mrs. E. Hawdon, Miss V. Armstrong and Mr. C. Irwin set out per motor for Bega to attend the Spring Show. When about five miles this side of Cobargo the steering gear failed to act. Mrs. Hawdon, who was at the wheel, with great presence of mind, applied the brakes. The car swerved off the road over a log, but fortunately did not overturn. The occupants received a severe shock for a while. Mr. Irwin, who had to officiate as a judge of poultry at the show, went on by lorry. After Mr. D. Hearne had placed the car in order, the remainder of the party proceeded on the journey.

**Mr. L. T. Jenner** has recently made a subdivision of his land at Moruya Heads. The land immediately adjoins the pilot station and has been cut into 29 allotments, all of 66 feet frontage or more. They are splendidly situated, being convenient to the beach and to the river, and the land is easily the best available on the river or at the Heads for residential or week-end purposes.

**Mr. Adams has modernized his Hotel Adelaide** by having a wireless installed.

The wedding of Miss Madge Donovan, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. Donovan, of Gundary, and Mr. James Honan, took place at the Sacred Heart Church, on Tuesday morning.

**Mrs. Carden**, the capable business hostess of the Hotel Moruya, has had, through the local agent, Mr. Weatherby, a Lister electric lighting plant installed. The light, 52 bulbs in all, being switched on to every part of the premises. The large illuminant in the front of the building considerably enhances the appearance of that part of the town at night.

**The sympathy of their many friends** is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Shepherd, of Broomham, in the sad loss they have sustained through the death of their only child, Muriel. The baby, who was only 11 months old, took ill on Saturday, and was brought into the Moruya Hospital the following day in a very low state. Although Drs. McCreadie and Quilter were unremitting in their attention, the little one died subsequent to an operation. The body was taken to Nelligen for burial. Constable Lee, brother of Mrs. Shepherd, accompanied the sorrowing parents.

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.  
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# Lost at Sea, Lost in Time: The Case of the Missing Cannon



The Rover washed ashore at Broulee Bay in 1901, 60 years after its sinking. Australian Town & Country Journal 5 Oct 1901, NLA Trove

## Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.

A shipwreck, a daring rescue, and a cannon that vanished without a trace—the story of the Rover has all the ingredients of a historical mystery.

The Rover was a small coastal trading vessel built in 1841 on the Manning River. Later that same year, seeking shelter in a storm, the captain anchored in Broulee Bay. It was a fatal decision. The anchor dragged in the heavy seas, and the ship was wrecked. The captain and 11 others drowned, while survivors were saved by local Aboriginal people—an act of bravery that was later formally recognised by Captain Oldrey, who awarded four breastplates in gratitude.

Sixty years later, the Rover made headlines again when wreckage washed ashore in Broulee Bay in 1901. Among the salvaged pieces was a cannon, retrieved by Tomakin sawmiller Abraham Jennings. In 1907, Jennings wrote to the Sydney Town Council, offering to donate the cannon. The Council accepted, and Jennings believed he had delivered it—but no record of the cannon's arrival exists.

Did it remain in Coffs Harbour, where Jennings later lived with his son, or was it left behind somewhere closer to Moruya or Tomakin? Over a century later, the fate of the Rover's cannon remains a mystery.

For local historians and maritime enthusiasts, it's more than just a lost relic. The cannon represents a tangible link to a tragic shipwreck, acts of heroism, and the coastal life of 19th-century New South Wales.

If you have any clues or family stories that might shed light on the missing cannon, the search is still on.

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## Defibrillators for communities in need and new map to help save lives

The Minns Labor Government has announced an investment of \$500,000 to enable sporting organisations to install life-saving defibrillators at their facilities, while a new project will map facilities that have this critical equipment.

Heartbeat of Football Foundation has also received a \$150,000 grant from the Minns Labor Government to conduct the first ever research into which NSW sports facilities have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) installed.

The findings will provide vital insight into which facilities do not have the equipment and guide any future government investment in the devices.

Heartbeat of Football will also use the funding to expand its #HeartHealthMatters Program to deliver AED familiarisation and CPR training to sporting organisations across regional NSW.

The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program provides up to \$3,000 to eligible sport and active recreation organisations for the purchase of AEDs at sports facilities.

Since the program commenced, more than 2,300 defibrillators have been funded for use at sports and recreation facilities across NSW. Applications for the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program close 1 December or when funding is exhausted.

For further information, including eligibility criteria, visit: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program>

## Enforcement of tobacco licensing to commence as grace period ends for retailers

The three-month grace period for NSW retailers and wholesalers to apply for a licence to sell tobacco or non-tobacco smoking products as part of the NSW Government's new Tobacco Licensing Scheme ends today.

Retailers must now have a valid tobacco licence and display it at the point of sale to sell tobacco or non-tobacco smoking products. Those who continue to do so without holding and displaying the licence will face penalties.

If a retailer or wholesaler has submitted a valid licence application on or before 1 October 2025, they can continue to trade until notified of the outcome of their application.

The Minns Labor Government gave retailers and wholesalers a three-month grace period from 1 July to 1 October to apply for a licence, after the Tobacco Licensing Scheme laws came into effect. The new Centre for Regulation and Enforcement (CRE) in NSW Health is a dedicated unit created to strengthen compliance and enforcement and will work closely with state and federal agencies to ensure a unified approach.

The licensing scheme comes into effect after the previous Liberal Government failed to implement the reform, leaving NSW the last state in the nation to do so.


The Minns Labor Government has now also passed the Tobacco Legislation (Closure Orders) Amendment Act 2025, adding to some of the toughest illegal tobacco penalties in Australia.

This Act, expected to be in effect in the coming months, will increase the maximum penalties for anyone caught selling products without a valid licence from \$11,000 (first offence) or \$44,000 (second offence) up to \$660,000 for individuals and from \$220,000 up to \$880,000 for a corporation.

The Act will also introduce the power to issue short-term (up to 90 days) and long-term (up to 12 months) closure orders for premises selling illicit tobacco or illegal vaping goods or selling tobacco or non-tobacco smoking products without a licence.

A new offence will also come into effect for the commercial possession of illicit tobacco, with a maximum penalty of up to \$1.54 million, 7 years' imprisonment, or both, and a new maximum penalty will commence for the sale of illicit tobacco of up to \$1.54 million, 7 years' imprisonment, or both.

Businesses can apply for a licence online using their MyServiceNSW account via the Service NSW website. Applicants are required to complete an online application, provide a recent criminal records check and pay the yearly licence fee. Businesses can get support to submit their licence application by calling the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.



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If you spend time in the gym, you've probably heard of creatine. It's one of the most researched supplements out there and for good reason. Whether you're aiming for bigger lifts, faster sprints, or just extra fuel to power through tough sessions, creatine delivers.

Creatine is a natural compound made from amino acids and stored in your muscles. While you get some from foods like red meat and fish, it's rarely enough to fully top up your stores. Supplementation bridges that gap.

During high-intensity exercise such as sprinting, heavy lifting, or HIIT, your muscles rely on quick bursts of energy. Creatine helps regenerate ATP (adenosine triphosphate), the body's main energy source, so you can train harder and longer <sup>(1)</sup>. Think of it as an extra battery pack for your muscles.

More than energy, creatine also supports muscle growth. By increasing water content in muscle cells (cell volumisation), it kickstarts protein synthesis and repair. Long-term studies show consistent gains in lean muscle mass and strength compared with non-users.

Research highlights benefits such as:


- Strength & power - lift heavier and perform explosive movements.
- Speed & sprinting - improved performance in repeated sprints.
- Recovery - less muscle cell damage and faster bounce-back between sessions <sup>(1,2,3)</sup>.

No wonder it's a favourite for everyone from sprinters to bodybuilders.

So, if you're serious about getting the most from your workouts, creatine is a simple, safe, and effective supplement to help you reach your goals.

For more on creatine or other health advice, visit Go Vita, 5 North St, Batemans Bay, call 4472 9737 or check the website [www.govitabatemansbay.com.au/blogs/news](http://www.govitabatemansbay.com.au/blogs/news). Don't miss our weekly segment on 2EC, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.

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 Nutritionist- Go Vita Batemans Bay



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Batemans Bay Heritage Museum proudly presents



# Cats and Dogs All at Sea

a National Maritime Museum touring exhibition

**Exhibition Launch:**  
**October 17, 12noon**  
**3 Museum place**

## Invitation: Cats & Dogs All at Sea – Exhibition Launch

The Batemans Bay Heritage Museum is proud to host Cats & Dogs All at Sea, a travelling exhibition from the Australian National Maritime Museum. Featuring striking photographs by renowned maritime photographer Samuel Hood, taken between 1900 and 1950, the exhibition shines a light on the cats, dogs, and other animals who lived and worked alongside sailors at sea. You are cordially invited to the exhibition launch on Friday October 17, at 12noon. The launch features a special talk by South Coast based historian Dr Jodie Stewart, who will explore the fascinating stories of ship cats and their place in maritime life.

After the presentation, enjoy light refreshments and be among the first to view this captivating exhibition.

Date and time: Friday 17 October 2025, 12 noon to 1.30pm

Location: Batemans Bay Heritage Museum, 3 Museum place

Admission: Current museum entry fees (free for members of the Clyde River & Batemans Bay Historical Society).

Registration essential: Please book your place [using this link](#).

## Quantum Art Exhibition

River of Art comes to the coolest new multi-purpose space in Moruya!

The Cool Room at Quantum Brewery is hosting a group exhibition with a variety of styles and mediums exploring the theme: 'quantum.'

Come check out the history of the old Cheddar House at 57 Hawdon St as it continues its' quantum leap into a brewery and art space!

Exhibition Highlight Events 4pm on Saturday 4/10 with original live music, ekphrastic poetry competition, food, beverages, and fun!

Exhibition Open: Mon–Wed 11am – 4pm, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun 11am – 6pm, (NB: not open 6/10)

For more information re Quantum Brewery,

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063963393514>



**an authentic MAGIC LANTERN SHOW**  
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**SUNDAY OCT 5TH FROM 6-8PM**

Experience the dazzling magic of a 19th-century lantern show! With a stunning mahogany and brass biplanal lantern, watch hand-painted slides from 150 years ago come to life accompanied by live music for the River of Art Festival.

**DISCOVER ART, MUSIC AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**river of art**  
 see the complete festival program at [riverofart.com.au](http://riverofart.com.au)  
 FUN & FAMILY FRIENDLY

**Sculpture @ The Club House**  
 An exhibition of local sculptors' work  
 27 Sept 2025 - 06 Oct 2025  
 Free entry - 10:00am to 4:00pm and open until 7pm on Thurs, Fri & Sat  
 Narooma Golf Club

**RIVER OF ART PRIZE**  
 Artists have donated their own hand-painted lanterns and slides to the festival.  
 27 Sept 2025 - 06 Oct 2025  
 Free entry - 10:00am - 4:00pm  
 Mechanics Institute, Moruya

**River of Art Rhythms** Free Entry Music  
 Felicity Dowd - Sat 27th Sep  
 Club Narooma from 6pm  
 Val Woods - Sun 28th Sep  
 Moruya Golf Club from 1pm  
 Dean Abbot - Sat 4th Oct  
 Smiley's Bank Tomakee from 12pm  
 & Sun 5th - One Tree Inn Tutorials from 1pm  
 Kara Coen - Sun 5th Oct  
 Club Narooma from 3pm  
 Michael Menager - Mon 6th Oct  
 Norron's Garden Bodalla from 12:30pm

# THE ART OF PROTEST

– a panel discussion

**Friday 3 October, 6 - 7:30pm**  
**Monarch Hotel Moruya - dining room**


/ What role does art play in protest?  
 / How has protest shifted across generations, and can it still spark real change?  
 / Can activism be reframed to include how we see, feel and relate to one another?

Join panellists: Martha Ansara (Documentary film-maker), Debbi Long (Anthropologist) and Liz McCrystal (Artist) for a lively conversation hosted by Berni O'Neil (Art Central)

**Free event - All welcome**

#fishbowl

**An Ode to the Masters Exhibition and Sale**  
**27 September to 6 October**  
**Hanging Rock Function Centre**  
**(Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay)**



Enjoy a leisurely browse around a varied collection of paintings in pastel, water colour, mixed media, oils and acrylic. The "Ode to the Masters" exhibition presents artist's version of their favourite master's work completed using pastels. There is also a collection of original works by the society's members. A selection of greeting cards reflecting the art of many of the exhibiting artists will also be available for sale.

10am to 4pm daily (closes 1:30pm on the 6th)

Ode to Edgar Degas' Blue Dancers by Hideo Pentony

**Five artists, one studio!**  
**Malua Bay 10am-3pm**  
**Sat 27 Sept - Mon 6 Oct**

**RIVER OF ART 2025**

Pauline Barnes  
 Naomi Crowther  
 Janet Kininmonth  
 Gemma Porteous  
 Kerrie Wilson

**Follow the signs on Illabunda Drive**  
**RIVER OF ART 2025**

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**BUT ALSO JOHN CLARKE**

**FILM SOCIETY A ONE-OFF SCREENING**

CELEBRATE THE ONE-OFF SCREENING OF 'BUT ALSO JOHN CLARKE' AND ENJOY SOME NIBBLES BEFOREHAND. ALL WELCOME!  
 DATE: OCTOBER 2ND - TIME: 6.30PM FOR 7PM

MORE INFO AND TICKETS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE



# River of Art Festival Launch and Art Prize Opening



Judges Cath Bowdler and Tony Oates



Cathy Laudenbach, Lilaea Van der See and Amy Schleif



Dr Michael Holland MP with Lilaea van der See and her winning work



Sally Stevens River of Art Prize entry, 'The Spiral Holds us Up



River of Art Prize entry watercolour 'Mars Botanicus' by Ian McKenzie from Tomakin



## Photo Gallery - first weekend of the River of Art Festival



Raewyn Lawrence at the opening of her exquisite exhibition at Gallery Bodalla.



Cat Leach showing *Chromatic Coast* at Gallery Bodalla.



Opening of 'The Cool Room' exhibition space at Quantum Brewery



South Coast Pastel Society Pres. Alex Gower with VP Elaine McArthur at *Ode to the Masters Hanging Rock*



Opening of the EFTAG exhibition at Bay Pavilions



Greta Cooper showing her works on paper at The Pink Cube Bodalla



Opening of The Arts Factory at Bodalla



Fantastic textiles at EFTAG exhibition at Bay Pavilions



Forest of Flags display by 350 Eurobodalla in Moruya





**EFTAG**  
Eurobodalla Fibre & Textiles Group

**river ART**  
**EFTAG**

**Eurobodalla Fibre & Textiles Group**  
**Exhibition Runs until 6 October**  
**7:00 am - 7:00 pm**  
**At the Bay Pavilions**



**FOREST OF FLAGS AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

**river ART** **350** Eurobodalla

**RUSS MARTIN PARK SHORE ST MORUYA**  
Flag displays and children's activities  
Saturday 27 September 9am- 2pm  
Saturday 4 October 9am- 2pm

Local artists have repurposed and painted old sails to portray our forests as places of great beauty and biodiversity. Forests also play a vital role as carbon sinks.  
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## River of Art Festival Open Studios

open studio – Juliet Ramsay  
2 Swan Ridge Place, Moruya

Art by Kez Creations, Open Studio, Malua Bay

- 29 Illabunda drive, Malua Bay,

Unveiling Worlds

- 2 Thomsen Place, Tomakin

Coastal Court Studio

- 17 Coastal Court Dalmeny

"Off the Rails: Art in a Carriage"  
3 Cutharich pl, Moruya

The Photographs of Heide Smith

- 18 Monash Avenue, Tuross Head

Little Orange Studio Open Studio

- 14/16 Native Way, Moruya Heads,

Studio//Gallery

- 29 Illabunda Drive Malua Bay

Catherine Drinan Studio

- 12 Costin Street Narooma

Ian McKenzie – Open Studio

- 71 Kingston Place, Tomakin

John the Potter Open Studio

- 429 Bingie Road, Bingie,

Castaway Textiles Open Studio

- 53 Forest Parade Tomakin

Bodalla Arts Factory first Peek!

- 22 Princess Hwy Bodalla

Rocky for Sure! Open Studio

- 12 Amhurst Street, Dalmeny,

Open Studio – Sculpting with Wood

- 43 Eastaway Avenue, North Narooma

Luminescent Sea Open Studio

- 15 Pacific St, Mossy Point

Fiona Dobrijevič – Open Studio

- 63 Burri Point Rd Guerilla Bay

Art Central Open Studio

- 24 Church Street Moruya,

Bandicoot Annual Open Pottery Studio

- 240 Tyrrells Road Cobargo

Mark Ward – Open Studio

- 2 BEACH PARADE GUERRILLA BAY

Mirabel FitzGerald – OPEN STUDIO

- 2 BEACH PARADE GUERRILLA

Frances Luke – Open Studio

- 18 Connells Close, Mossy Point

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OPENING TIMES**  
**[www.riverofart.com.au](http://www.riverofart.com.au)**



**RAEWYN LAWRENCE**  
'beyond the path'



thurs 25 sept to sun 26 oct 2025  
please join us for opening drinks  
& artists' talks | sat 27 sept 3pm  
**gallery one**

**gallery bodalla**

**Cat Leach, Catfish Creative**  
'CHROMATIC COAST'



thurs 25 sept to sun 26 oct 2025  
please join us for opening drinks  
& artists' talks | sat 27 sept 3pm  
**gallery two**

**gallery bodalla**

open thurs to sun 11am - 4pm & by appointment | visit the exhibition online at [www.gallerybodalla.com.au](http://www.gallerybodalla.com.au)  
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## The even greater outdoors: Red tape overhaul frees up venues and outdoor events

The next round of **NSW Government** vibrancy reforms is amping up culture making it easier for councils, businesses and communities to stage events, host live performances and activate outdoor spaces.

The new Cultural State Environmental Planning Policy will reduce the amount of time it takes to have an event, gig or festival approved by the local council or state agency, removing outdated and lengthy planning pathways for simple and fun events.

This responds to the recent NSW Productivity Commissioner's report which highlighted a potential \$8 billion uplift in the NSW night-time economy if unnecessary red tape was reduced to allow venues and events to expand their offering.

It also delivers on a Labor election commitment to support music venues, energise the 24-hour economy and make it simpler for cafes, bars, restaurants and venues to host events and extend trading hours.

We're giving councils, businesses, and communities greater flexibility to create and support local entertainment opportunities, allowing more events, extended trading and easier outdoor activation.

The Minns Labor Government is building better communities and that means rebuilding vibrancy and the 24-hour economy which is still recovering from a decade of lockouts and then lockdowns.

To support the rollout, the NSW Government will release practical resources including a Vibrancy Guidelines and an Events Guide to help councils and businesses make the most of the new opportunities.

These changes are part of the Cultural SEPP, that will be implemented through updates to the Codes SEPP 2008, to support creative, cultural and hospitality opportunities across NSW, and drive a thriving, inclusive 24-hour economy.

For more information, visit [Night-time economy | Planning](https://www.nsw.gov.au/night-time-economy/planning)

### October screening at the Red Door by the Moruya Community Film Club.

Red door, Page Street, 7 for 7.30pm start, Saturday 25 October 2025.

Synopsis - Polite Society is a 2023 British martial arts action comedy. The film follows the misadventures of Ria, a teenager who dreams of becoming a stunt woman.

### Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm



4 Oct

Avant Raag

4 - 6pm in The Coolroom  
6 - 8pm in QB CafeBar

11 Oct

Greg Byng

18 Oct

Mick Fernandez

25 Oct

From First Light

1 Nov

Mac & Glenda

8 Nov

Richard Lawson

15 Nov

Mark Smith

22 Nov

Tony Jagers

Opening Hours: Fri/Sat 12 - 9pm & Thu/Sun 12 - 6pm

[www.artisanfactory.com/Live music](http://www.artisanfactory.com/Live music)

## 'LADIES IN BLACK' GIVEAWAY TICKETS

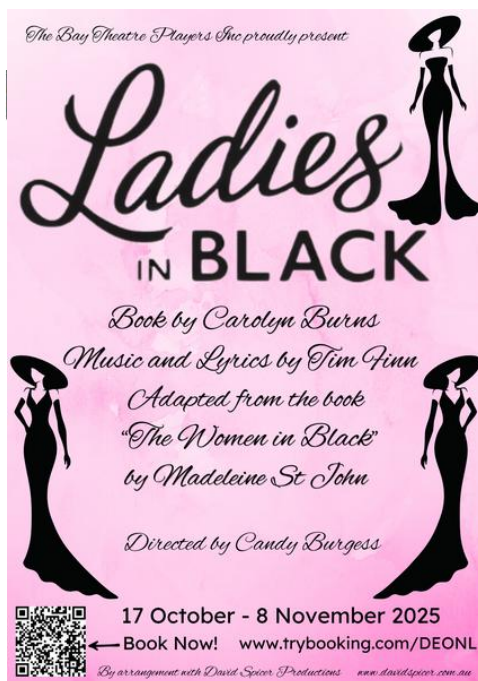
The much awaited 'Ladies In Black' production by Batemans Bay Theatre Players (BBTP) is set to open on Friday, 17th October, 2025. With a large cast of 22 with an age range from 18 to 70+ with locals from Ulladulla to Tuross Head, costume designs by Sam Hallam and music of mixed genres delivered by a live band, the audience is for a rollicking night out. BBTP is providing 2 lots of 2 complimentary tickets (4 in total) to the first Moruya Mail subscribers to email:

Jen Aspinall on [jen.aspinall@gmail.com](mailto:jen.aspinall@gmail.com)



## Got an event coming up?

Let the Moruya Mail know  
[hello@moruyamail.com.au](mailto:hello@moruyamail.com.au)



### BRAIDWOOD CONCERT SERIES

#### 2025 Spring Program

September Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Jazmourian Ensemble  
Braidwood Uniting Church

October Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Llewellyn Choir perform 'Duruffe's Requiem'  
St Andrew's Anglican Church

November Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Super Rats Romanian Gypsy Band  
St Andrew's Anglican Church

November Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

Polifemy Vocal Ensemble  
St Andrew's Anglican Church  
Contact: [artwork123@icloud.com](mailto:artwork123@icloud.com)



## Animal Welfare League News



LOLA AND LAYLA



ROSE

Rose is a very pretty eight-month-old black and white girl who was rescued from a neglectful environment. Rose's start in life has left her quite fearful of people and the world, and she will need a patient, gentle and kind home, ideally with another cat for company and reassurance. Rose has learnt to take treats from her foster mum, and has shown that she is building trust for humans. She enjoys human company but is still wary of close interaction. She is likely to do well in a farm environment. As a young cat, Rose is ready for a new life of love, comfort and understanding. She is being offered at a specially reduced price, but still comes desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and treated for worms, ticks and fleas.

Two cheeky charmers named Lola and Layla are also available for adoption! These two are twelve-month-old sisters who would love a home together. Lola is a tabby cuddle queen who enjoys sunbathing, birdwatching and - yes - water! Lola sits in the sink and relaxes while water drips on her head. She's always ready for snuggles, and is an all-round character. Black and white sister Layla is a little more reserved, but loves to play and explore. Her signature move? A gentle nibble on your finger, before deciding whether you're deserving of a cuddle. These two are a perfectly matched dynamic duo full of charm and fun. They will melt your heart. All AWL animals come desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and flea, tick and worm treated.

Call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612 to arrange a meeting with Rose, Lola and Layla, or any of our available pets. And don't forget our fabulous raffle, with first prize a spectacular animal encounter at Mogo Wildlife Park. Tickets are available from vets throughout Eurobodalla Shire.

**Red Door Community Lunches**

**Welcome**  
The Red Door Community Lunch opens each Tuesday from 12.00am to 1.30pm. The tasty, fresh prepared meals are cooked in the halls kitchen by a small dedicated team of volunteers who cook, serve and care for those who come along.

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

Meals are offered at no cost or by donation if possible.

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Until June 2025, take your eligible bottles and cans to any depositing container in NSW and opt to donate your refund to the **AWL NSW Eurobodalla Branch** campaign "Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home" via the Return and Earn App on your phone

*Thank you for helping us to care for the dogs and cats of Eurobodalla*

## Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla





COMING 9TH OCTOBER  
-TRAVELLERS  
-TRON: ARES

# THE KINEMA

COMING 16TH  
OCTOBER  
-THE ROOFMAN

WEEKLY FILM PROGRAM

NAROOMA

ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE

2ND - 8TH OCTOBER	THURS 2ND	FRI 3RD	SAT 4TH	SUN 5TH	MON 6TH	TUES 7TH	WED 8TH
A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY M, 1H 49M, DRAMA/FANTASY	4.10pm	1.05pm* 7.35pm	1.05pm* 7.35pm	1.05pm*	1.05pm* 5.15pm	1.05pm* 7.35pm	1.05pm* 7.35pm
HIM MA15+, 1H 36M, HORROR	7.50pm*	8.10pm*	8.10pm*	6.05pm*	6.10pm*	8.10pm*	8.10pm*
SPLITSVILLE (LAST WEEK) MA15+, 1H 40M, ROMANTIC COMEDY	3.35pm*	6.10pm*	6.10pm*			6.10pm*	6.10pm*
ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER M, COMEDY/ADVENTURE, 2H 50M	12.35pm*	3.10pm*	3.10pm*	3.10pm*	3.10pm*	3.10pm*	3.10pm*
GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIE G, 1H 38M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE	9.45am	10.30am	10.30am	10.15am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
KANGAROO PG, 1H 47M, AUSTRALIAN COMEDY	11.45am 5.40pm*	12.35pm 5.15pm	12.35pm 5.15pm	12.20pm	12.35pm	12.35pm 5.15pm	12.35pm 5.15pm
THE BAD GUYS 2 PG, 1H 44M, ANIMATED ADVENTURE	2pm	2.55pm	2.55pm	2.40pm	2.55pm	2.55pm	2.55pm
DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE (LAST WEEK) PG, 2H 3M, DRAMA	10.15am*	10.45am*	10.45am*	10.45am*	10.45am*	10.45am*	10.45am*
BUT ALSO JOHN CLARKE M, 1H 46M, DOCUMENTARY	6.30pm for 7pm (FILM SOCIETY, ALL WELCOME)						

\*ALL FILMS WITH AN ASTERISK (\*) ARE IN OUR SMALLER CINEMA.

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ADDRESS - BAR BEACH, NAROOMA  
RUN DISTANCE - 1K, 5KM



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## NOW SHOWING

OCTOBER	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4	SUN 5	MON 6	TUE 7	WED 8
<b>A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY</b> M 109 MIN	4:35 PM		4:35 PM		4:35 PM		4:35 PM
<b>DORA: MAGIC MERMAID ADVENTURES</b> G 55 MIN <i>All Dora Tickets \$11.50</i>	10:55 AM	10:55 AM	10:55 AM	10:15 AM	10:55 AM	10:55 AM	10:55 AM
<b>DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE</b> PG 123 MIN	12:10 PM	2:15 PM	12:10 PM	11:30 AM	12:10 PM	2:15 PM	12:10 PM
 <b>GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIE</b> G 98 MIN	10:45 AM 3:00 PM 7:15 PM	10:55 AM 2:45 PM 7:00 PM	10:45 AM 3:00 PM 7:15 PM	10:45 AM 3:00 PM	10:45 AM 3:00 PM 7:15 PM	10:55 AM 2:45 PM 7:00 PM	10:45 AM 3:00 PM 7:15 PM
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 <b>THE BAD GUYS 2</b> PG 104 MIN	10:40 AM 2:50 PM 6:50 PM	11:00 AM 1:05 PM 7:10 PM	10:40 AM 2:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:20 PM 2:25 PM	10:40 AM 2:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:45 PM 2:50 PM 6:50 PM	10:40 AM 2:50 PM 6:50 PM
<b>THE CONJURING: LAST RITES</b> MA15+		4:35 PM		3:55 PM		4:35 PM	
<b>THE ROSES</b> MA15+ 105 MIN	2:30 PM	12:10 PM	2:30 PM	1:50 PM	2:30 PM	12:10 PM	2:30 PM
<b>THE SMASHING MACHINE</b> M 123 MIN	12:40 PM 4:55 PM	4:40 PM 7:10 PM	12:40 PM 4:55 PM	12:40 PM	12:40 PM 4:55 PM	4:40 PM 7:10 PM	12:40 PM 4:55 PM

### THE SMASHING MACHINE


M | 2hrs 3min ~ *Drama* ~

Dwayne Johnson

The story of Kerr's early days as an amateur wrestler and his transition into professional MMA.

### HIM


MA | 1hr 36min ~ *Horror* ~

follows a promising athlete who is invited to train with the star of the team who is about to retire.

### ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER


M | 2hrs 42min ~ *Drama* ~

Leonardo DiCaprio

When their evil enemy resurfaces after 16 years, a group of ex-revolutionaries reunites to rescue one of their own's daughter.

### DORA MAGIC MERMAID ADVENTURES


G | 55min ~ *All Tickets* ~ \$11.50

Dora and her friends transform into mermaids in order to defeat the meanest mermaid in the ocean, la Sirena Mala, from taking everyone's treasure.

9TH OCTOBER - THE TRAVELLERS

### KANGAROO



PG | 1hr 47min

~ *Australian* ~ *Family* ~

KANGAROO is a heart-warming family comedy about an ex-TV personality who becomes stranded in an Outback town after a car accident on his way to Broome. do 'one last job'.



### BAD GUYS 2

PG | 1hr 44min ~ *Family* ~

The Bad Guys are struggling to find acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, When they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do 'one last job'.

### GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE


G | 1hr 38min ~ *Family* ~ *Adventure*

Gabby and Grandma Gigi's road trip takes an unexpected turn when Gabby's prized dollhouse ends up elsewhere.



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## Spring Sale at Mogo Wildlife Park

By John Longhurst

Mogo Wildlife Park is offering a 25 percent discount off some of its most popular tickets and experiences to coincide with school holidays.

Up until Sunday 12th October, the park is offering;

- ★ 25% OFF Family Passes
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- ★ 25% OFF Annual Passes

Mogo Wildlife Park Team Leader, Renae Dakin said "This exclusive online-only offer is available for a short time, so make sure you get in quick. To take advantage of the 25% discount, your tickets must be:

- Purchased during the promotional window (22 September – 12 October 2025), and
- Redeemed with a visit during the promo period.

That means if you're planning a family day out, an unforgettable animal encounter, or exploring the Wildlife Adventure Trail, now is the perfect time to book. Secure your discounted tickets today and enjoy your visit before the sale ends!"

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

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## Trivia and Games Night

Moruya Showground Stockmen's Bar

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025

5.30pm for 6pm start.

\$30 per person

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

Dress Code: Country Show.

Tickets available at showground office or Lindsay 0417613689.

The bar will be open for purchases.  
Soft drinks, water and barista coffee will be available to purchase as well.  
There will be plenty of Trivia as well as a few games and lots of prizes.  
Maximum 10 per table. Limited tables available so be quick.

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



## 2025 Diary Dates

- 26 Sept – 6 Oct 2025 – **River of Art Festival**
- 22–26 Oct 2025 – **Sea Otter Australia MTB Event**
- 31 Oct – 2 Nov – **Narooma Boats Afloat Festival**
- 14–16 Nov – **Crank it Up Batemans Bay**
- 8–9 & 15–16 November **GARAGE SALE TRAIL**
- 22 Nov – **Giiyong Festival**
- 7–21 Dec. **Congo Crafts 40th Exhibition.**
- 27 Feb – 1 Mar 2026 **Cobargo Folk Festival**
- 7 – 15 March 2026 – **Sculpture Bermagui**
- 13 March 2027 **NSW State Election**
- May – June – **2026 Sculpture for Clyde**

## Tuross Community Markets

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

## Moruya Community Workshed

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

## Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo 2025

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**  
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Auditorium, 10AM – 2PM  
Contact Brad Rossiter OAM at eurobodallaexpo@gmail.com or phone 0458 534 470.  
Register here: Click the URL, copy and paste into your browser, <https://forms.office.com/r/0uctmc9Mxk>

## Mark your Diaries

NSW SES Moruya Unit are delighted to announce the return of 'Playdates with Emergency Services' in 2025, featuring 4 fantastic free events. The events are scheduled as follows:

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

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

## Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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## The Funeral for Texas Dave McGarry will be at Broulee Memorial Gardens Wednesday 8th October at 10am



**Daylight Saving starts 2am Sunday 5 Oct.**

## Aged Care Presentation

Presentation by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing- 11am 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
CWA Hall 64 Queen St Moruya  
Free morning tea from 10.45am  
All welcome

## The Annual General Meeting of the Moruya Community Film Club

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

**Tell them you saw it  
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## UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

**OCTOBER 2025**

Friday 3rd October - SCB Distributors Legend Of The South



## Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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



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**12-4pm Sunday November 23,  
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## Marine Rescue Batemans Bay enhances lifesaving capability with new rescue watercraft

Marine Rescue Batemans Bay has taken delivery of two new state-of-the-art rescue watercraft (RWCs – jet skis), significantly boosting the unit's ability to respond rapidly to emergencies on local waters.

The Seadoo jet skis, known as BM 10 and BM 11, are capable of speeds up to 93 km/h and are designed to operate on enclosed and offshore waters around Batemans Bay. Each craft can carry two crew members and transport a rescued person on a sled, providing vital versatility in time-critical missions.

This is the first time the Batemans Bay unit has operated RWCs, with Marine Rescue Tuross Moruya the only other South Coast unit with the vessels currently in their fleet. Both RWCs are expected to be operational before the end of spring.

Marine Rescue Batemans Bay Unit Commander Rod Ingamells said the new watercraft would enable volunteers to reach casualties in areas inaccessible to larger vessels.

"These are rapid-response craft; they are very quick, and they can get into areas that our normal rescue craft cannot access, particularly shallow areas," he said.

"The training for rescue watercraft operators is comprehensive, and a certain level of fitness is required because of the nature of the craft and the operating environment."

The unit is now calling for new volunteers to join its 90-strong team, particularly to operate the rescue watercraft.

"We are hoping to recruit the next generation of volunteer to Marine Rescue Batemans Bay," Unit Commander Ingamells said. "People interested in volunteering with the unit can contact us directly or visit the Marine Rescue NSW website at [www.marinerescuensw.com.au](http://www.marinerescuensw.com.au). No prior experience is required – we provide full training, uniforms and support."

Since the start of 2025, Marine Rescue Batemans Bay volunteers have carried out 93 search and rescue missions, including 56 emergency responses, bringing 170 people safely back to shore.

The new RWCs have been funded through community donations and the unit's own fundraising initiatives. Unit Commander Ingamells thanked local residents and businesses for their ongoing support.

"We are grateful for the generosity of the community and local businesses, who play a vital role in helping us continue our mission of saving lives on the water," he said.

CATALINA CLUB

## LEGACY BATEMANS BAY Charity Golf Day 2025

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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Brad Doolan



Winner: Gavan Wheelahan with Vice President Paul Scholze



Winners: Jenny Reilly, Chris Wratten and Dianne Brown.



Winners: Greg Geelan and Don Russell

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 25th September 2025

A field of 36 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The competition was closely contested and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Brad Doolan (6) with 42 points  
2nd: Ron Rogers (20) with 40 points  
3rd: Michael Coloe (14) with 39 points (countback)  
4th: Jenny Reilly (44) with 39 points

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Ray Bollard 2.16A Grade  
4th: Kevin Reilly 8.74B Grade  
4th: Gavan Wheelahan 6.24 C Grade  
6th: Michael Coloe 0.82A Grade  
6th: Chris Wratten 5.35B Grade  
6th: Peter Coffey 4.15C Grade  
7th: Brad Doolan 4.77A Grade  
7th: Peter McRae 2.53B Grade

Balls went to: Ray Bollard 38, Nigel Barling 38, Peter Coffey 37, Mark Haberkorn 37, Steve Johnston 36, Graeme Sindel 36, Kevin Reilly 36, Allan Langford 36, Gavan Wheelahan 36 and Kerrie Sands 36.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 27th September 2025

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was fine and some fabulous scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Gavan Wheelahan (28) with 40 points  
2nd: Steven O'Shea (19) with 39 points (countback)  
3rd: Ian Manton (20) with 39 points  
4th: David Schmid (19) with 38 points  
5th: Bruce Handley (15) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Nick Brice 1.37A Grade  
4th: Bruce Handley 3.92B Grade  
4th: Gavan Wheelahan 1.15 C Grade  
6th: Colin Houghton 1.55 A Grade  
6th: John Harb 3.45B Grade  
7th: Jim Wade 2.15A Grade  
7th: Dianne Brown 4.38B Grade  
7th: Herb Muriwai 7.05C Grade

Balls went to: Ron Rogers 36, Peter Hogan 36, Malcolm Gilbertson 36, Allan Langford 36, Ray Bollard 35, Brad Doolan 35, Steve Johnston 35, Jim Wade 34, Peter Coffey 34, Steve Collins 34, Greg Smith 34, Ian Lawson 34, Nick Brice 34, Dianne Brown 34 and Michael Hogan 33.

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 30th September 2025

A field of 19 ladies signed up for the Gold Medal Playoff Stroke event and Day competition today. The event was sponsored by Di Brown. It was a windy Spring Day and the course in great condition and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

Gold Medal Winner:  
Dianne Brown (35) with 68 nett

A Grade:

1st: Chris Wratten (32) with 70 nett  
2nd: Leonie Doolan (29) with 71 nett (countback)

B Grade:

1st: Dianne Brown (35) with 68 nett  
2nd: Chelsea Mayes (36) with 69 nett

C Grade:

1st: Jenny Reilly (43) with 69 nett  
2nd: Jeanette Miller (41) with 71 nett

Hole Prize: Distance

7th: Teri Swanbury Golden Shot A 0.08  
7th: Kerrie Sands Golden Shot B 0.52

Nearest to the Pin: Distance

6th: Leonie Doolan 2.49  
15th: Chelsea Mayes 1.53

Place Getters: Sandra D'Onofrio 71, Paula Coffey 73 and Jane Eglitis 73.

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 1st October 2025

A field of 44 players signed up for a 2 person Irish Team Stableford event today. It was a windy Spring morning with some fantastic scores.

The Winners were:

1st: Greg Geelan and Don Russell with 28 points  
2nd: Annette and Ian Manton with 27 points  
3rd: Jane Eglitis and Rob McKirdy with 25 points (countback)

Balls or Chocolates went to: Ian and Jeanette Miller 25, Steve Collins and Frank Pomfret 25, Stacey Davidson and Tori Puglisi 25, Ron and Sandra Hanlon 23 and Graham Moore and Des Jackson 23.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Steve Collins (2nd Shot)  
6th: Mike Birks (1st Shot)  
7th: Ladies: Jeanette Miller (2nd Shot)  
Mens: Greg Geelan (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Ian Miller (5th hole)  
Bradman's: Terry Lunn and Barry Hoban

### MORUYA POOL RE-OPENING SOON!

Moruya War Memorial Swimming Pool will re-open on MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025!

Opening Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 6:00am – 6:00pm  
Friday: 6:00am – 4:00pm  
Saturday: 8:00am – 2:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am – 2:00pm



## Tackle World Moruya Fishing report

26.9.25

### Moruya River.

The fishing in the river is starting to improve incrementally as the days get longer, and the water gets warmer. If we have a look at the sea surface temp charts, the cold water that has been hugging the coast is slowly starting to be displaced by the warmer currents that are moving down the coast.

This will mean that the water coming into the Moruya system on an incoming tide will quickly start to warm as the cooler water is replaced with the warmer currents that are pushing south. There are still good schools of salmon and tailor working the river on an oncoming tide, with the areas lower down the system (spur wall and Freddy's wharf), having the greater pelagic activity.

The shallow sand flats are warming quickly this time of year, and the bream and flaties are looking for a feed over these warmer areas, a great place to throw a soft plastic, hardy body or position a bait.

If you have been pumping nippers, then fish the area you were collecting bait, as you have provided plenty of turned over ground and food for cruising bream or flathead. We do need a bit more water temp for the whiting to become more active, but there may be a few lurking around.

Upstream in the fresh, the bass will be starting to move upstream, and become more active as the days get longer. If you like throwing surface lures at bass, come in and check out the new Daiwa Bait Junkie Kicker Walker frogs, with a walk the dog action, these surface lures will stay in the strike zone longer for those explosive surface bites we all like.

### Tuross River.

Coila lake continues to warm quickly with lots of sun and longer days helping things along. Bream and flathead will all be concentrating their predatory efforts over these shallow warm areas, chasing prawns and the small bait fish this system is full of. Hard body lures and soft plastics are great options in this system, while bait is always a constant performer and a more relaxed way to fish.

The Tuross system itself, is also waking from a long cold winter period. The lower section are seeing good numbers of salmon working the incoming tide, but as the water temps climb, expect them to leave the system.

Flathead are becoming more active as we move into spring along with the bream.

Estuary perch will also be a good option to chase, look for good lay down snags for the fish to school up in, or they will also be found over ribbon weed beds.

The deeper holes are always worth a look, as mulloway, flathead and bream are always lurking in these deeper holes.

Up in the fresh, the bass are also on the move, so get out and explore this weekend, there are plenty of places to search!

### Rock and Beach.

The salmon are plentiful along all the local beaches at the moment, you just need to find where they are hiding. Windsock always has a good gutter, and is a good place to start looking. The breakwall at Moruya is always worth a look, just remember the road to the airport along north head drive is currently closed for road works, so you will have to take the detour through Broulee to fish here or windsock.

### Offshore.

The YFT bite has pushed out wider this week, as the cold water in close has been pushed further south as the warm currents continue to push down the coast. They are still a very viable option, but a bit more travelling will be required.

Snapper and flathead have started to once again dominate the inshore bite this week, so there are plenty of options if you want to push offshore this weekend. Saturday does look to have the better conditions, as a southerly will push through on Sunday. We have old model Shimano Nasci reels on sale, at 30% off RRP, with the arrival of this seasons new model in store. I have a restock on Saragossa 14000 size reels, if you are wanting to chase the YFT. Don't forget we still have that deal on the Ian Miller popper rod/ Saltiga reel deal available that has free line, lure and leader when you buy the rod and reel at full price. Saty safe everyone and remember, "Everyday's a good day for fishing..."

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

## Big Day Out for Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club

By John Longhurst

Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club (BBSLSC) will bring forward summer with a 'Big Day Out' scheduled for Sunday 5th October, 2025.

BBSLSC was established in 1936 and was relocated to its current address 560 George Bass Drive, Malua Bay, in 1970.

Kate Hunt is the President of the Club.

Kate said "BBSLSC services Malua Bay beach on weekends and public holidays over the summer, and throughout the year for emergency call outs, assisting Marine Rescue, SES and Police in rescue situations. With several of our members receiving national recognition for their rescue efforts."

The 'Big Day Out' is all about being the heart of our Community, as a Surf Club should be, connecting the community, whilst promoting awareness of surf safety and the BBSLSC.

Kate said 'It promises to be an action packed day. We will have all our fun equipment out on display with a Nippers Come & Try session, fire trucks and even a helicopter rescue. Those guys are impressive! There will be a board ceremony to recognise our valued sponsors. Our new kiosk will be opened, coffees available raising much needed funds for the club. A barbecue will be in operation run by the Malua Bay RFS and the Açai Van will be there too. A beach Yoga call will be facilitated by Soul Tribe as well as Tidal Physio providing a Mat Pilates Class. Talk2MeBro will be showing up for Community Connections Chats & IceBaths. We're working to connect the Community together whilst showing that there's a place for everyone in Surf Lifesaving.'

BBSLSC has a well established nippers program.

Kate said "Nippers is about more than just surf skills – it's about community and education. The beach becomes a classroom where children learn together, grow in confidence, and support one another. Through swimming, body boarding, beach sprints, dolphin-diving, spotting rips, and team activities, they don't just build fitness – they learn vital water safety and lifesaving knowledge that strengthens our whole community.

Every child discovers new things about themselves while having fun with friends, guided by mentors who pass on skills that will last a lifetime. These lessons in resilience, teamwork, and responsibility flow back into families, schools, and the wider community. By joining Nippers, children not only gain fitness and confidence, but also play an important role in building a safer, stronger, and more connected community."

The program for the day is below;

# BIG DAY OUT

## 5 OCTOBER

10AM-2PM

Batemans Bay  
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB  
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**8AM - THE KIOSK IS OPEN**

**8:30-9:30AM - COMMUNITY YOGA ON THE BEACH  
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**10:30-11:30AM - NIPPERS COME & TRY!**

**11:30AM - WESTPAC LIFESAVER 23 HELICOPTER VISIT**

**1:00PM - BOARD CEREMONY**

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## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report Moruya Ladies Golf



President Pedro welcomed everyone, reminding us next week there will be a Barbecue breakfast also it is Dress up day for our favourite team for footy Grand Final. Lovely to have Suzy Q and Magpie back with us on the Green.

Welcome also to Jean and Mal from Canberra. Well done to Roland Krikowa and Allen Chant in reaching semi-final of Rookie Pairs, after an extra End because of a Drawn game. Congratulations to Laurie Masterson winning 3rd Place in Basketball at Special Olympics also receiving coaches Award, great effort Lozza. (photo)

President Pedro received Weekly Award forgetting to give Lozza 2 score cards as promised to help him in learning to score. Committee member Dobbo presented Pedro with Monthly Award also for not putting Smoothie's name on bowls list in new phone in format that he had organised! Winners with Least Winning Ends 15/3 Ruthless and Mal (photo) Runners-up 11/7, Pattycake with Robbo and Dobbo. Mal selected Rink 1 to try for Jackpot. Sandy cut cards but no luck finding Joker just 7 of Queens High/Low Scores not won 24/6 Lucky numbers, 15 R&R and Ute, 26 Trish the Dish.

Winning teams, Witto and Smoothie 24/6. Clive and Irish 18/8. Suzy Q and Colleen 18/17. Bob the Builder & Chocolate 20/14. Hot Lips & Spike with Whizza 20/16. R&R & Ute with J.H. 24/15. Foxy & Scottie 23/14.



Art McBride

Well, our new lady golfers are really making an impact in our competitions with another one stepping it out on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Arthean McBride, playing in a Stroke round, won with a very impressive 64 Nett blitzing the field with another regular Jan Lumsden coming second with a score of 67 Nett. Balls went to Christine Quick, Colette Blacklock, Angie McMillan, Jenny Ellis, Noelene Cowdroy and Nicola Gallon. Medal recipients for the year also took part in the Gold Medal playoff with Colette Blacklock taking the prize with a score of 72 Nett."

### Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Another windy day on the Green to keep us all on our toes. Bowls Organiser Jay Breust called cards all bowling in our Pennant teams where possible. Pennants commence next week on Thursday 9th October. Bermagui have now entered a team in Grade 4 so all teams will have a bye week.

Winners Rink 10, Swinging Lead Joan Rimmer, Sonia Frey, Noleen Taylor and Nancy White. (Photo)

Runners-up Rink 11, Tricia Wheeler, Sue Palmer, Di MacPherson and Gwen Ware. Money Club, 26 Judy Davis, 16 Erroll Bill. Birthday greetings to Kim Giannasca, celebrating today. Jay announced that all upcoming events and notices for Pennants will be on notice board. It is with sadness to announce that long time bowler and Men's Past President Duncan Wilson has recently passed away. His Funeral will be held at Broulee Gardens on Wednesday 8th October at 12 noon.



## Batemans Bay Sailing Club Report



"Moonmist" (left) and PHS winner "Attitude" (right). Photo credit Terry Paton.

"It was a great day for sailing when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the opening race of the 2025/26 season last Saturday. 6 yachts headed out as well as race officer Terry Paton and his trusty team of Jim Anderson and Graham Bourne aboard the committee boat "Dave Magill".

There was a moderate sea breeze coming in. Paton set a course from a start near Square Head, to the Toll Gates Mark, hence Wimbie Beach and then a laid mark off Square Head. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) got the best of the start and was able to power over the top of "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) which had to tack away.

Meanwhile Simon Dunlop and his crew tacked off early thinking there would be more breeze on the right of the course, but that was wishful thinking. Instead the wind backed from ESE to ENE. All the boats which went left, including "Accolade" and "Attitude" (Simon Byrne) ended up overlaying the Toll Gates mark. "Moonmist" got the first of two get out jail free cards as the windshift lift enabled her to lay the mark after one tack when she had appeared well back earlier.

The leg from Toll Gates to Wimbie Beach became a run. "Moonmist" was able to make up more ground running square under her symmetrical spinnaker whereas "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop), "Attitude" and "Accolade" had to gybe back and forth. "Cool Change" (Richard Dunne) was sailing double handed so didn't run a spinnaker on this leg.

The breeze suddenly dropped out to nothing on the leg to Square Head so all the boats parked up, except for "Moonmist" which got a private breeze close to shore to sail up alongside "Accolade". This windless period was the changeover from the sea breeze to the approaching nor'wester. The new breeze quickly built to gale force. "Cool Change" recorded 38 knots of breeze. Paton sensibly shortened the course at the Square Head mark.

"Accolade" took line honours by a narrow margin from "Moonmist". "Attitude" was close enough behind to win the race on PHS. "Cool Change" and "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond) retired. Results are up on the BBSC website [www.bbsc.org.au](http://www.bbsc.org.au).

Lachlan Brown

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