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Return and Earn is back!



The Moruya Ford Street Return and Earn machine is at Ford Street, Moruya between Camerons and Woolworths.

The machine is open daily from 7.00am to 10.00 pm.

Eurobodalla residents have a new location to recycle their bottles, cans and cartons with the opening of an upgraded Return and Earn machine in Moruya.

The Moruya Ford Street Return and Earn machine replaces the machine previously located in the Woolworths carpark on Queen Street, which closed in August. The new machine is located at Lot 2, Ford Street, Moruya, in the council carpark. It is open daily from 7.00 am to 10.00 pm, becoming the fifth return point in the Eurobodalla region.

"Eurobodalla Shire Council residents are enthusiastic recyclers, having returned over 98 million eligible bottles, cans and cartons through local return points since the scheme began," said James Dorney, CEO of TOMRA Cleanaway, network operator for Return and Earn.

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The new machine holds a larger capacity and features the latest 'takes-all' technology, which means all containers can be returned through any of the machine's four chutes, without the need to pre-sort glass containers from plastic and aluminium.

Users of the machine can print a voucher for the refund amount, which can be redeemed at Woolworths for a discount on their shopping or for cash. Users can also opt for an e-voucher or payment directly into their bank or PayPal account using the Return and Earn app. Locals can also donate their refund to one of over 400 donation partners listed on the Return and Earn app, including Yumaro, who provide employment opportunities and independent living options for people with a disability and the Country Women's Association Moruya, who are fundraising to sponsor a carer accommodation unit at the new Eurobodalla Hospital.

Alternatively, recyclers can donate to the current statewide donation partner <u>Guide Dogs NSW/ACT</u>. Guide Dogs offers life-changing support for people living with low vision and blindness to confidently navigate their communities.

More than 14.3 billion drink containers have been returned for recycling through the network of over 660 return points across NSW since Return and Earn began, resulting in over \$1.4 billion in container refunds back in people's pockets.

Return and Earn has also become a key fundraising channel for many charities and community groups in NSW. Over \$82 million has been raised from donations and fees from hosting return points since the scheme launched in 2017.

For more information on Return and Earn visit: <u>returnandearn.org.au</u>

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Tourism forum to deliver home truths, power players and Al



Visitor Economy Advisory Committee chair Garry Sullivan with Council's manager of the visitor economy Andrew Sargent at Potato Point's Beachcomber Holiday Park.

Garry Sulivan says it's time to roll out the welcome mat as the shire prepares for a reboot of Eurobodalla's Tourism Industry Forum on Monday 10 November.

Mr Sullivan, who operates the Beachcomber Holiday Park at Potato Point, chairs the shire's Visitor Economy Advisory Committee hosting the event. He says a bit of buzz is already growing around the forum.

"It will be a mix of knowledge sharing and networking for tourism operators spread from Batemans Bay to Tilba," says Mr Sullivan. Headline talks include Destination NSW chief executive Karen Jones introducing the state's bold new Visitor Economy Strategy 2035, hot-off-the-press global trends from Tourism Australia's Dominic Mehling, and advice from VisitCanberra's Jonathan Kobus for those wanting to cash in on this feeder market as the nation's capital flexes its international gateway aspirations. It's not all top-down talk. Local operators will share experiences and innovations, before swapping the lectern for a glass in hand as they network with good company and good food, finishing with a special wrap-up story.

"I'm looking forward to that. I've been in the region for six years and know around 20 to 30 other operators when there's between 200 and 300 of them. Here's a rare chance to meet more," Mr Sullivan says.

"It's also a chance for people to meet the VEAC members. This is our launch event and a good place for operators to raise issues or pass on their ideas through our independent voice to Council.

"Personally, there's no way I'd ever have walked into Council with a marketing idea or to say how unhappy I was with how they were showcasing the region. Now people can do that through us."

Eurobodalla Council's visitor economy manager Andrew Sargant says an Artificial Intelligence workshop in the afternoon will help those wanting to cut through hype and get ahead of the curve.

"Al is already changing tourism - from storytelling to booking systems to product development. Plenty of people have plenty to say about AI but not always a lot of experience. That's why we've used it as the theme for this first industry forum," Mr Sargant says.

The Eurobodalla Tourism Industry Forum will be held at the Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay on Monday 10 November. The Al workshop runs from 3 to 4.30pm followed by the forum and networking from 5 to 7.30pm. Registrations essential.



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Fiona Phillips leads Australian delegation to Cambodia and Malaysia



Australian Parliamentary Delegation at the 46th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Malaysia



Fiona Phillips with Cambodian National Assembly President Samdech Khuon Sudary at the National Assembly Palace in Phnom Penh

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has led an Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Malaysia as part of the 46th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and a bilateral visit to Cambodia. As a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (JSCFADT) and chair of the Trade Sub-committee, Mrs Phillips said leading the delegation was a fantastic opportunity to engage with colleagues from other countries and build parliamentary relationships with our neighbours in the Asia-Pacific region. The first leg of the visit had a strong focus on strengthening the economic and social ties between Australia and Cambodia and included visits to educational, health, agricultural and humanitarian programs. Since helping to bring peace to Cambodia in the early 1990s, Australia has provided more than \$2 billion in development assistance.

"The visit to Cambodia was a real eyeopener. At times it was very confronting, but, at the same time, it was inspiring to see the great work being done on the ground by volunteers and organisations supported by Australian investment," Mrs Phillips said.

The delegation visited an Australian Centre for Education (ACE) campus which opened in 1992 and plays a pivotal role in promoting and providing Englishlanguage training in Cambodia. They also toured Cam Agro a small spice production facility supported by the Cambodia Australia Partnership for Resilient Economic Development (CAPRED) program that promotes a resilient and sustainable economy.

"One of the highlights was touring the Central Fabrication Unit (CFU) that produces and supplies high quality prosthesis and orthosis, followed by a visit to the National Paediatric Hospital Prosthetic and Orthotics rehabilitation unit where we met with patients and staff," Mrs Phillips said.

"It was really heart-warming to meet the children and their families whose lives have been changed because of the aid Australia provides."

Mrs Phillips said the delegation met the A21 Human Trafficking advocates who are raising awareness of the millions of men, women, and children who are currently trapped in slavery across the world.

"That was absolutely heart-breaking, but the team is doing such important work to try and eradicate human trafficking, modern-day slavery and child sexual exploitation," she said.

"The volunteers at the A21 Child Advocacy Centre are also providing amazing support and aftercare for victims, as well as training to help them gain meaningful work in areas like hospitality." The delegation had an opportunity to meet with a group of young Cambodian research fellows and alumni who have studied in Australia on scholarships. Since 1994, more than 1,100 Cambodians have studied in Australia through the AAS program, many of whom now hold senior roles across government, the private sector and civil society.

Australian higher education is highly regarded in Cambodia and has helped build national leadership capacity and create a pipeline of professionals contributing to the country's development.

Mrs Phillips met with Cambodian National Assembly President Samdech Khuon Sudary at the National Assembly Palace in Phnom Penh to mark 73 years of diplomatic relations.

Samdech Sudary acknowledged Australia's recent show of solidarity during the border conflict between Cambodia and Thailand in July, which displaced many civilians and reiterated Cambodia's firm commitment to the principles of the United Nations Charter, international law, and ASEAN values of good neighbourliness and peaceful coexistence. During the second leg of the delegation, Mrs Phillips addressed the 46th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly at the World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur, and sat on the AIPAW international women's leadership panel where she spoke about gender equality, disability and social inclusion, Australia's climate change initiatives and the role of women in the Australian Government.

"This year's assembly theme was 'Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and a Sustainable ASEAN', and we share the view that inclusive growth is vital to ASEAN's long-term resilience and prosperity," Mrs Phillips said.

"inclusive growth across Southeast Asia.
"We wholeheartedly support ASEAN's focus on areas like green growth, digital transformation, and narrowing development gaps."

Since 2005, Australia has committed more than \$560 million to regional programs in ASEAN that promote inclusive economic growth and support regional resilience. Mrs Phillips travelled with parliamentary colleagues, Steve Georganas MP and Senator Maria Kovacic.



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Minns in Moruya to celebrate Hospital 'topping out'



Eurobodalla is one step closer to receiving expanded health services as construction for the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital reaches its highest point.

Last Friday NSW Premier Chris Minns, NSW Health Minister Ryan Park and Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland were on the construction site to see the progress of the hospital build.

Members of the local health community and advocates for the new Level 4 hospital were also invited to tour the site.

The purpose-built hospital will be a modern, world-class health facility, which will improve access to a range of health services, reducing the need for people to travel outside the region and help meet the growing needs of the Eurobodalla Shire, from Narooma to Batemans Bay.

When complete, the new hospital will bring a range of enhanced health services under one roof, supporting better patient care and greater capacity for the Eurobodalla community.

The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be established as a Level 4 health facility and is expected to be complete in 2027.

It will include:

- an Emergency Department with capacity larger than combined services at the current Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals.
- · an 8-bed Intensive Care Unit/Close Observation Unit
- · increased access to chemotherapy treatments and renal dialysis
- · surgical and operating theatres, including a day stay surgical unit
- · expanded medical imaging department, including MRI
- · ambulatory care for the community and outpatient services paediatric and maternity services, and a special care nursery
- · mental health beds for short-term care

With the structural works now complete, the project team will continue the hospital's internal fit-out, services and facade installation and external works. The new hospital's design has been developed in close consultation with local health staff, clinicians and the community.

Premier of New South Wales Chris Minns said "This \$330 million hospital in Eurobodalla will be a game changer for healthcare, and it's desperately needed for this growing and ageing region.

"The community has been calling for world class services for a long time, and Dr Holland has been a tireless advocate demanding this region gets its fair share.

"The enhanced services at this new hospital will mean fewer patients will have to travel to Canberra or Bega to receive the complex care they need."

Minister for Regional Health, Ryan Park said "This is a significant milestone for the entire Eurobodalla community, marking considerable progress on one of the largest health infrastructure projects in the region's history.

"This purpose-built hospital is an example of how we are delivering enhanced and world-class healthcare closer to people's front door and meeting the future health needs of regional communities.

record of delivering health infrastructure on time."

Member for Bega, Dr. Michael Holland said "This new hospital is a key investment in the health and wellbeing of our region.

"The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital has been designed to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for patients, visitors and staff, with features such as inpatient rooms with ensuites, palliative care rooms, family spaces and beautifully landscaped gardens.

"With construction moving ahead, there are now over 200 workers on site each day, helping to deliver this state-of-the-art health facility and providing a real boost for local jobs and skills."

The Moruya Mail asked Minister Park if there was any progress with the inclusion of Radiotherapy services in the new hospital. The Minister replied that it would not be there at opening date, but an announcement would be forthcoming later this year.

In addition to the new hospital, the Minns Labor Government is investing \$24 million in health worker housing in southern NSW, to help attract recruit and retain more healthcare workers to the region.

This investment is part of a broader \$200.1 million program and will deliver key worker housing for staff at the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

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New end-of-life and bereavement resource to launch on World Hospice and Palliative Care Day



Beverley Bryant, Jacky Clancy (Palliative Care Program Manager) and Sarah Shaw with the new booklet

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) is launching a new endof-life, death and bereavement resource for patients, families and carers, to mark World Hospice and Palliative Care Day on 11 October.

The resource brings together essential information about what to expect when an adult dies, whether death is expected or unexpected, and where to seek help and support.

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The booklet 'End-of-life, Death and Bereavement: A guide for patients, families and friends', is co- authored by SNSWLHD's Palliative Care Bereavement Coordinator and Counsellor Sarah Shaw, and Palliative Care Senior Social Worker Beverley Bryant.

"Patients approaching end of life and families navigating early grief often face an overwhelming amount of information during an already emotional time." Ms Shaw said.

"This booklet pulls together clear and reliable advice in one place, so people can access information as they need it. It provides a point of reference patients and families can revisit, helping them feel informed and supported throughout their journey.

"While much of this information is available in different places, we recognised the need for a single, practical reference that could be used consistently across Southern's health facilities.

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"The booklet combines trusted advice from peak bodies and government sources with guidance drawn from clinicians' practical experience. It's not just about answering immediate questions. The booklet covers topics people might not even think to ask about, from what to expect in the hours after death to navigating grief over the following months."

Ms Bryant said the resource was informed by feedback from families. "This resource assists patients, their families and friends with planning for end of life, death and bereavement and provides information about legal documents, legacy activities, living wakes, funerals, talking to children about death and who to notify after a death.

"This booklet will also help our staff to provide consistent support and information across the District.

"We hope this guide helps families feel less alone in what is often an isolating and confusing time. Clear and accurate information can make a big difference during such a difficult time."

For more information or to request a copy of the booklet, contact SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au

Letter to the Editor

Council needs to get on with Interim solutions for Emergency access through Moruya now

Eurobodalla Council has urged the State Government to prioritise the Moruya Bypass project, highlighting the need for quick access to the new hospital from the north. Everyone knows this bypass is many years away while the hospital is on schedule to be completed in 2027. Moruya is already a serious traffic bottleneck most holiday times with serious delays for emergency vehicles. To enable vehicles such as ambulances and fire trucks quick passage through, our Council already needs to do something now with the resources available. The most obvious immediate solution would appear to be to put traffic lights at the Shore Street -Vulcan Street and the North Head Drive-Princes Highway intersections. In emergencies these lights could be to be sequentially put on red to clear the bridge - and thereby enable ambulances and fire trucks to get through Moruya via Shore and Ford Streets. This could be done for the upcoming holiday season; plus enable traffic management arrangements to be fine-tuned for when the hospital is open. What about it Council?

Frank Ross Moruya

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Why the Eurobodalla needs a genuine Housing Strategy before it re-designs its towns

On 7 October 2025, online news Region Media reported that the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan consultation report and proposed Masterplan amendments would be considered by Eurobodalla Shire Council at its meeting on 28 October 2025. The Council has not confirmed this. The agenda for the meeting will be publicly available on the Council's website from 22 October 2025.

While there is no evidence on the Council's website that the Eurobodalla community has requested this project, the Council has been spruiking a Batemans Bay Masterplan on its website "to confirm a vision and guiding principles for future private and public development; and recommend height, density, infrastructure, and movement solutions". Starting in August 2022, the Masterplan is scheduled for completion by early 2026. The Council's proposed Masterplan was made publicly available for comment from 14 April to 30 June 2025.

If you looked at the artificial designs of the proposed new town centre in Batemans Bay, you'd be forgiven for asking, why is the Council proposing such 'over the top' development enabling up to 100-metrehigh sky-scrapers and a redevelopment of much of the CBD? The proposed redevelopment is on a scale suitable for Darling Harbour in Sydney, Docklands in Melbourne, or the Belconnen Town Centre in Canberra.

So what is this scale of development doing in Batemans Bay? Why is the Council changing our planning rules to allow skyscrapers on land less than 10 metres above sea level already (with sea levels rising)? And, why is it proposing redevelopment of the Batemans Bay CBD on land prone to sea level rise, storm surges, soft coastal substrates and dune and coastal erosion? It doesn't make sense.

To try to make sense of it all, let's have a look at the facts.

The NSW Government's, Local Housing Strategy Guideline 2018, recommends a straightforward step-by-step guide to producing a local housing strategy. The guidelines prescribe meaningful opportunities for the community to contribute to its development, while councils must clearly communicate the community and stakeholder engagement to the public. The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure must approve a local housing strategy first before considering planning proposals. It says, an approved local housing strategy will: (1) contain the information required in the Local Housing Strategy template to an acceptable standard; (2) demonstrate how housing supply will be sufficient to meet the needs of the future population and provide information in such a way that it is able to be independently verified; and (3) provide the evidence base for a supporting planning proposal, if required. The NSW Government's, Local Government Housing Kit, is available to further help councils develop and implement their housing strategies.

So where is our draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy to support the Council's Batemans Bay Masterplan proposal?

According to the Council's website, the draft Housing Strategy has been in development since October 2022. Due for completion by mid 2025, the draft Housing Strategy was available for public comment from 29 May to 10 July 2024 and garnered around 100 submissions. On 19 November 2024, the Council considered the draft and carried a motion "to allow further work to develop strategies and mechanisms to facilitate and deliver affordable housing, including social and community housing and housing that is affordable for the local workforce to buy or rent". Councillors Johnson, Mayne, Pollock, Turner and Winslade voted for the motion, while Councillors Hatcher, Babington, Schulz and Constable voted against it. The Council's last update to the community was in April 2025, after which, the community has not been informed.

Other local councils in our region are years ahead of the Eurobodalla by already finalising and implementing their local housing strategies. This has enabled them to access NSW and Australian Government support for affordable housing, such as, the Housing Australia Future Fund Facility, and the NSW Social and Affordable Housing Fund and Community Housing Innovation Fund. While the Eurobodalla Shire Council focuses on town masterplanning, the community is left waiting for the completion of its draft Housing Strategy, and continues to miss out on funding for social, community and affordable housing.

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Life-saving medication made available in licensed venues to reduce opioid overdose harm

In a move to combat opioid-related harm, the NSW Government is making the life-saving opioid reversal medication naloxone available to licensed venues across the state to include as part of their first aid kits.

Opioid overdoses can happen in a range of environments, including licensed venues.

The medication, available as a nasal spray, can quickly reverse the effects of opioid overdoses, buying vital time until emergency services arrive.

From this month, pubs, clubs, bars and music venues can volunteer to access naloxone and include it in their first aid kits. The NSW Government will work closely with licensees who volunteer to participate in the program, providing tailored support including additional training or access to expert advice from NSW Health to assist with implementation.

Naloxone temporarily reverses the effects of heroin and prescription opioids like fentanyl. It poses no risk of harm to someone who is not experiencing an opioid overdose. It does not require a prescription and is available in a range of settings in NSW, including pharmacies and emergency departments. This initiative builds on the Take Home Naloxone program, which already provides the medication free of charge through pharmacies, hospitals and health services.

Minister for Music and the Night-Time Economy John Graham said "We want the best venues possible and having this tool to help prevent deaths from overdoses brings NSW up to speed with leading international jurisdictions.

"As we rebuild the night-time economy, safety has to remain paramount. Our venue operators care about safety and we're supporting them with this important tool to keep people safe until emergency services arrive.

"NSW joins a growing number of jurisdictions globally that recognise the importance of making overdose reversal medication more accessible in where drug-related incidents occur."

Minister for Health Ryan Park said "We know that overdoses can happen anywhere, including social settings and this program is about ensuring that when they do, people have the tools they need to potentially save a life.

"Making naloxone available in licensed venues is about being proactive and responsible and can reduce preventable deaths. Naloxone is safe, easy to use and saves lives. Anyone who witnesses a suspected opioid overdose can safely administer naloxone.

"NSW Health recently expanded access to naloxone to first aid-qualified workers across all sectors, including the hospitality industry."

Acting Minister for Gaming and Racing Jodie Harrison said "While drug overdoses in licensed venues are relatively rare, they are an unfortunate reality.

"This initiative is about empowering hospitality workers to act swiftly in emergencies to save lives or reduce harms associated with dangerous drugs.

"The availability of naloxone at licensed venues could mean the difference between life and death." For more information about naloxone, visit NSW Health's Take home naloxone program

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Your Room https://yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au/getting-help/Pages/Naloxone.aspx or

NUAA's Take-Home Naloxone page https://nuaa.org.au/thn



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Extreme weather costs: the silver medal we don't want

New data released by the Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) yesterday shows that Australia has consistently taken the silver medal for extreme weather losses over the last 45 years – beaten only by the United States.

The data uses both the insured and broader economic costs of extreme weather, averaged across the populations of each of six developed countries in order to accurately compare the growing impact of extreme weather.

Published as part of the ICA's annual 2024-25 Insurance Catastrophe Resilience Report, the data from Munich Re's NatCatSERVICE global database shows that for most of the last 45 years Australia has ranked second only behind the United States for economic and insured losses per capita – and was only pushed into third place in the last five years by two extraordinary events in New Zealand.

Each decade since 1980, inflation-adjusted losses from floods, bushfires, storms and extreme cold temperatures have climbed across the globe, with the Report looking at France, Canada, and Germany in addition to Australia, New Zealand and the United

Australia's persistent second place reflects our unique geography and exposure to natural perils, compounded by the growth of populations in higher-risk areas and infrastructure that has not been built to withstand the impacts of a changing climate.

Also included in the Report is updated data on the cost of extreme weather over the past 12 months, with insured losses reaching almost \$2 billion across three events - the North Queensland Floods (\$289m), Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred (\$1.43b), and the Mid North Coast and Hunter floods (\$248m).

Following the Federal Government's recently released Climate Risk Assessment, the Report highlights those policy recommendations that will help Australia adapt to our physical climate risks. These include defending critical infrastructure, better land use planning and improving building resilience - predominantly through the establishment of a \$30 billion Flood Defence Fund to protect Australia's most at-risk communities.

ICA CEO Andrew Hall said "While Australia has always faced extreme weather, the accelerating losses per person and their compounding impact on communities is costly and ongoing. Australia is in a global race to ensure its built environment has the resilience needed to protect assets - this data clearly shows that each decade is costlier than the last, with insufficient investment in resilience leaving Australians to shoulder an outsized economic burden.

Insurers have been costing the implications of extreme weather for a long time now - but with escalating costs and pressure to build more homes faster we need to speed up our investment in the interventions required to mitigate the impact of these events. With the cost of restoring or rebuilding increasing every year, all levels of government will continue picking up an ever-growing bill that could have been prevented through strategic resilience investment now."



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Let's do coffee with ... Martha Ansara

It is perhaps an irony or it may also be perfectly logical, for peace activist, Martha Ansara (MA) to be born in the depths of World War II. The women's movement and human rights are equally central to Martha. The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Martha for a coffee in sunny Moruya last week.

MM: Documentary filmmaker, writer, oral historian and, most of all, mother and grandmother, thanks for joining me, Martha. It all starts in Boston, Massachusetts in 1942 to now living in Moruya, a lot of kilometres and a great deal of time passed. Let's start the journey.

MA: (smiles) Thanks for the coffee. My Lebanese dad attended Harvard University, and as an Arabic speaker worked in the State Department during the war, was booted out during the 'Red Scare", and became the Executive Officer of the National Federations of Syrian-Lebanese American Clubs. Later he was a taxi driver. My mum was Russian-German-Jewish, and although she left school at 15, ended up as a professor, specialising in dyslexia. She was very political and also a good knitter.

I am the eldest of four children.

MM: (Laughs)...I can see we may easily digress in this interview. What are the key memories of your childhood?

MA: I grew up in Washington, DC. My mum was very committed to education and I attended Georgetown Day School. It was a racially integrated school run by a parent cooperative, headed by Agnes Inglis O'Neil, an anarchist who applied the educational theories of John Dewey.* It was all about 'learning by doing'. For example, for geography I have a clear memory of building a map of the USA in the playground using rocks for the mountains and building a playhouse to scale for mathematics.

This was the 1950's in racially segregated America and I remember a strange incident on a tram with my little sister. My sister gave up her seat for an old woman who then burst into tears and showered her with money. Only later did I understand why: the woman was black. By the late fifties, with the world beginning to change, I was becoming politically aware. As young people, we would attend coffee houses and listen to folk music. I was introduced to the peace movement through the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

I got a scholarship to attend the University of Chicago, and while supposed to be studying I also worked in a range of "unskilled" jobs which greatly supplemented my education as well as my income.

The world continued to change, with the Cuban missile crisis and of course the Vietnam War. I became active in the peace movement and began writing fort a radical newspaper started by my younger brother. I also go married in 1964 and ultimately had three children, albeit with three different fathers.

MM: I am already exhausted and you have not even reached our shores. How do you end up in Australia?

MA: (Laughs) ... I met an Aussie and arrived here on the 29th October, 1969. My partner was a wharfie, as well as a filmmaker. We were living in Balmain, which I can assure you was nothing like the trendy suburb it is today. I joined the Communist Party in 1972 and fell into a network of trade unions, churches, non government organisations (NGO's) and cultural groups in opposing the Vietnam War and conscription as well as fighting for women's rights. MM: How does film become such a big part of your professional career?

MA: In the early 1970's my partner and I became members of the Sydney Filmmakers Co-operative and I started to work on short films, low budget features and documentaries with a focus on progressive social issues. was also a founding member of the Sydney Women's Film Group. We formed a "collective" and made 'Film for Discussion' in 1973, a breakthrough documentary about a young woman in a crisis of identity around her work, family and boyfriend. The title of the film reflected our group's wish to distinguish it from films where the audience were merely passive consumers of enterťainment.

MM: The film was a finalist at the Greater Union Awards at the Sydney Film Festival so directing seems an obvious fit. Why do you go in a different direction?

MA: In my mind making a film was shooting it, but at that time cinematography was a male only preserve. So, in 1975 I applied for and was admitted as a student in the first three year full-time course of the Australian Film and Television School. I got my hands on the camera and never let go.

MM: Well, is it then 'lights, camera, action' and an illustrious film career with travel and pending fame?

MA: (A frown and a shake of the head) ... Hardly! Making a film required a lot of hard yakka, all the while performing my role as a mother. Yes, it required location work in all sorts of places in Australia including remote regions which was great; but you can imagine the challenges in terms of parenting. By the third child - I was a single parent and it is difficult for a woman to juggle traditional caring responsibilities with making films. Nevertheless, I was involved in the making of films across a wide range of issues, including 'Changing the Needle' about post-war Vietnam, the realities of Aboriginal Australia with Essie Coffey in 'My Survival as an Aboriginal', the Stolen Generation in 'Lousy Little Sixpence', the W.A. Swan Brewery Dispute in 'Always Was, Always Will Be', and films with the Prisoners Action Group. In 1988 I produced the anti-nuclear feature film The Pursuit of Happiness' with People for Nuclear Disarmament.



During this time I was also active within the Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association, advancing workers' rights in the industry and even convening the Motion Picture Sub-committee. I was also the founding convenor of the Film and Broadcast Industries Oral History Group to encourage the recording and dissemination of the oral histories of film and broadcast industry veterans.

MM: Unsurprisingly, there were national and international awards and you have been inducted into the Australian Cinematographers Society (ACS) Hall of Fame. You also dipped a toe into academia.

MA: Yes I gained a master's degree in Applied History from the University of Technology (UTS) in 1994 and began sessional lecturing at UTS.

I also managed to write two books and continued sporadic work in film as well as being active in campaigns for peace and justice.

I have had such a lucky life to be able to do what I wanted to do.

These days I enjoy my time with my grandchildren, gardening, reading and community involvement, most pleasurably with the Country Women's Association (CWA). I especially love being in a women's group.

MM: From a member of the Communist Party to an active CWA member. My head spins. It has been a pleasure, Martha. Thank you.

*Problem Based Learning | What is John Dewey's Theory? Structural Learning https://www.structural-learning.com/post/johndeweys-theory

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

Moruya Mail



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

Perhaps it's time to admit that our experiment of a self-governing national capital city has failed. It was never envisioned by its creators; the Australian Capital was always seen as a national showcase under the aegis of the Federal Parliament, and so it should have remained.

It is not too late to revert to its original role. Indeed, the fate of a similar institution – the self-ruled Brussels, Belgium's bilingual capital – is odds-on to be taken over by its national government.

The underlying reasons are also similar: both cities are going broke. According to the New York Times, 'Prime Minister Bart De Wever has derided the city as a 'failed state' and hinted at an International Monetary Fund-like treatment.' As the NYT writer says, 'There are no quick fixes for the city's deficit problem.'

Canberra's political problem is utterly intransigent. The conservative parties are strongly in favour of cutting the number of public servants in a bailiwick where at least half the voters are public servants; and many of the others are dependent on them to make a profit in private industry.

The result is that the Labour Party – and when necessary, the Greens Party in coalition – has won elections for the last 24 years – with every chance of continuing the process. That is asking for trouble. Democracy requires an active and electable Opposition to keep the government accountable, forthright and perceptive. This has not been the case for some time. It also means that the arrogance of unbridled power has had its inevitable effect. The leaders develop the 'tyranny virus' and listen only to their courtiers.

Canberrans never wanted self-government. In a poll taken in 1978 we were given three options: A: Full self-government with a locally elected parliament; B: Local government-style administration; C: Maintain the current federal control. The results were C: 63.75 percent; A: 30.5 percent; B: 5.72 percent.

Despite this overwhelming desire for the status quo of federal control, in 1988 the Federal Government forced self-government upon us. The Hawke-Keating Government of the day focused on Labour Party domination and a chance to dump Federal expenditure. We responded by electing jokers to the Assembly including three members of the No-Self-Government Party.

The long-term result is a ragtag government led by Chief Minister Andrew Barr sending the city's credit rating tumbling as the deficits mount exponentially to pay for the 19th-century technology of a tramway, And a scrapping of the 'garden city' of Walter Burley Griffin's design and Charles Weston's creation. The downfall is nicely captured in a letter I received from a resident, Patrick Garratt last week. He arrived in Canberra in 1966 from Wagga Wagga to begin an apprenticeship in horticulture.

'Self-government was the end of our magnificent garden city,' he wrote. 'It had been a great training city for gardeners and horticulturalists to learn and gain experience. Apprentices changed locations each month - Yarralumla nursery, Botanical gardens, turf nursery, tree surgery and Commonwealth Park.

'The place started to fall apart when self-Government started closing suburban depots and let horticultural contracts to private enterprise. I'm now 76 and ashamed of how the Capital of this great country looks. I had the privilege to travel to Europe, UK and the USA on a Churchill scholarship. My memories of the great gardens and wonderful cities remind me of how our city should look.'

Perhaps we might also warn Indonesia about building their new capital in Borneo. Orangutans don't pay rates.

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SHASA MORUYA ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance says "A big thank you to our hard working volunteers and EV car owners who attended the EV Expo held at the Moruya Markets on Saturday 4 October and made it such a success. These expos cannot happen without you!

Our visitors told us they value the opportunity to talk firsthand with EV car owners who are like them, and who have no reason to sell them something. We saw a lot of earnest conversations, some technical, some less so, and a lot of people reading our factual, information signs.

We offered the opportunity for test drive rides in an EV.

Several people returned to let us know they had bought their own EV car after attending one of our earlier expos.

Hope you can join us at our next expo!"



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Moruya Mail



A Beer with Bazz #212 With John Longhurst

Mick furiously texted as Bazza landed the schooners, gave a thumbs up and returned to texting.

"You know, Mick I went all the way to Sydney from Batemans Bay the other day, booked into a hotel and never spoke to a fellow human."

Mick grunted between texts, paused for a sip of the schooner as Bazza's eyes wandered skywards.

"Not one human being after shutting the front door of my place, Mick. It really made me think how things have changed and I had a serious reminisce. Back in the day, when heading north, you started out and there was a chance the old vertical lift truss bridge over the Clyde River might be raised. More often than not, you would get out of your car and chat to other motorists whilst you waited, or at least exchanged a wave with the operator on the manually operated bridge."

Bazza crossed his arms and stared at his schooner as Mick tapped away.

"You might drive for a bit and even wind the windows down in towns and offer a g'day to a pedestrian as air conditioning in cars was not yet standard. It was possible to pull into a petrol station 'service station' is a misnomer these days ... wind down the window and after exchanging pleasantries with the attendant, ask for the tank to be filled and the air pressure in the tyres checked. You would pay in cash and the attendant would return with your change and wish you a good day."

Bazza rubbed his chin.

"If there was a toll along the way and you did not have the right coinage, there would be at least one booth with a human in it to give you change. Once again, they were always good for a 'G'day mate'." Mick swore to himself and kept tapping his phone.

"Now, if you were in need of refreshments, Mick... you would pull up, go inside the cafe and wait for the table attendant to take your order. Once again, they were always good for a chat and multiple exchanges followed as they brought out your coffee or whatever and sorted the cash payment at the end."

Bazza took a measured sip.

"Now at the accommodation, Mick ... you would wait your turn at the front desk, maybe strike up a yarn with others in the queue and after chatting to reception, if the joint was a bit swish, someone might help you with your luggage to your room. Again ... exchanges of pleasantries."

Bazza furrowed his brow.

"So ... I left Batemans Bay on Monday at about 11.00am and headed north. No delays at the bridge over the Clyde River, of course. It is possible to fill up the car with petrol at a service station by just using a credit card at the pump and air for the tyres is self serve. I can get a coffee and a hamburger through a drive thru by using the app. Tolls require no stopping these days. At the accommodation it is self service at the check-in. I type in my name, the reservation comes up, tap my credit card and a piece of plastic pops out as a room key, I scan a QR code to pay for parking and carry my luggage to the room."

Bazza leaned in.

"So there you go Mick, all the way from Batemans Bay to Sydney without a whisper. It was like a scene out of some apocalypse movie ... I was the only one left. It is so good to get back and have a yarn to a human and feel connected."

Mick held a hand up before continuing to text.

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

UOW appoints new Deputy Vice-Chancellor

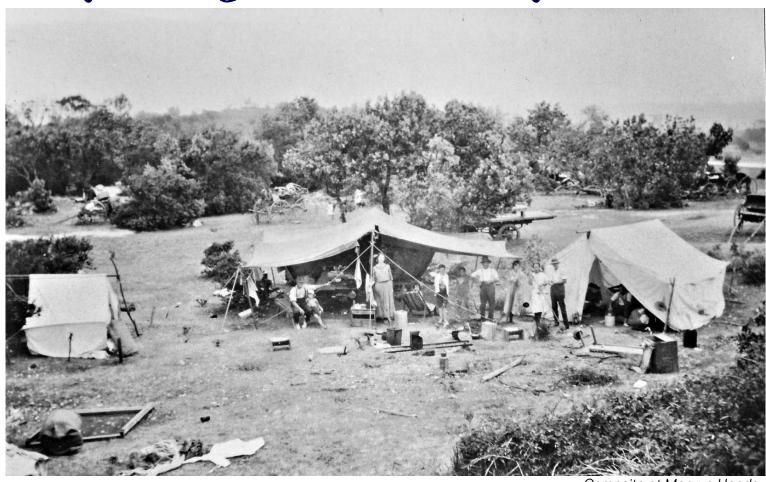
The University of Wollongong (UOW) has appointed Professor Alan Rowan as its next Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), following an open and extensive international search. Professor Rowan is an internationally renowned research leader, currently at the University of Queensland. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow. At UQ, he has led the Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (AIBN) and contributed to UQ's broader research strategy and partnerships. UOW Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Max Lu said the appointment comes at a pivotal time in the University's evolution.

"Professor Rowan brings both scientific distinction and an inclusive, collaborative approach to research leadership. His commitment to people, mentorship and shared ambition will be instrumental as we deliver a research strategy with real-world impact," Professor Lu said. "As a member of the University Executive Board, Professor Rowan will play a key role in bringing our Vision 2035 and Strategy 2030 to life, strengthening UOW's global research presence, excellence and driving innovation that matters to our communities and society both locally and globally.

Professor Rowan will commence at UOW in January 2026.



100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner



10-10-1925

A deputation representing the residents of the Moruya district waited on the Shire Councillors on Wednesday morning and placed before them the necessity of putting the South Heads Road in good order before the summer traffic, and of extending it to the

before the summer traffic, and of extending it to the beach. The matter was most favourably received and a £ for£ subsidy was promised on all money offered. All willing to assist, either with cash or labour, are requested to hand their donations or offers to the Shire President, or to L. T. Jenner immediately, and the work will be carried out forthwith.

A meeting of those interested in forming a Swimming

Club was held on Wednesday night. There was a fair attendance. After some discussion it was decided to allow the election of officers stand over till next meeting, owing to the fact that some of the leading sportsmen of the town were unavoidably absent. We understand that the Public Works Committee has decided to leave 100 yds (instead of 50 yds) of the swimming hole, but will fill in the town end. The condition of the dressing sheds at the heads was brought under the notice of the meeting and it was suggested that new ones be erected higher up the beach. This was left for the next meeting to decide. As the season is here a full attendance of both senior and junior enthusiasts is requested at the Shire Hall at 7.30 p.m. sharp on Monday to finalize matters.

Campsite at Moruya Heads

The first Moruya Boy Scout Troop held their initial annual camp at Broulee during the Michaelmas Vacation. Ten Scouts with their Patrol Leaders A. Keating and R. Clark, and Troop Leader Buckfield, of the Croydon Troop (Surrey, England) under the supervision of Scoutmaster K. Fowler, made the trip. By 3 p.m. on Saturday, the 26th Sept., four tents kindly lent by Messrs. R. N. Bull, A. W. Constable, J. D. Ward and Scout Edsea, could be seen pitched in a very secluded spot near the beach. The week passed far too quickly for the boys. The beach and sandhills, with swimming. fishing and target shooting took up the greater part of the day. The camp was run on very strict lines to ensure the welfare of the boys and no one left the camp without permission. To prevent molestation from bandicoots and possums, watches were kept each night - hours being 1st watch 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. – 2nd watch 2 a.m. till 6 a.m. This rule like all others were rigidly adhered to, and every boy took his watch in turn - under the

LOST – A WHITE LINEN TABLECLOTH, between "Braemar" and Milne's residence. Reward on returning to Mr. S. Louttit or to this Office.

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



Be part of a contemplative, creative textile workshop.

Join artist, Michele Elliot, for a practical workshop to explore the tradition of shroud-making.

Shrouds have played an important role in caring for the deceased for a very long time. The washing and wrapping of the body is often the last act of care given to a person before they are farewelled.

Michele will guide you through the planning and design of a simple shroud, provide hands-on sewing instruction and practical tips. There will also be a quick dip into printing with flowers and a demonstration of bundle dyeing with natural materials.

The workshop will consist of supported discussion and reflection around end-of-life care.

There are two sessions to choose from Morning 9.30am-12.30pm and afternoon 1.30-4.30pm

Some basic materials are provided, and participants are invited to bring their own fabric/cloth. More information will be sent upon registration.

Book direct with the artist at humanitix, scan QR code or call the number below.

0402892759

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

BOOK HERE



Carers Workshop / Information morning ARE YOU CARING FOR SOMEONE?

CALLING ALL CARERS – you are invited to attend this FREE Carer's information morning The Eden Community Access Centre will hold Carer's Information mornings on Tuesday, 14 October in Merimbula, and Wednesday, 15 October in Batemans Bav.

These events will provide carers with essential information and access to services, available rebates, and organisations that can help carers navigate their everyday lives. These workshops have been made possible through a Community Organisation Disaster Adaptation (CODA) project grant funded by both Federal and State Governments through NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS).

The information sessions aim to support carers by sharing valuable resources to help face daily challenges, and they are also prepared for events and disasters such as fires and covid according to manager Carina Severs. In addition to gaining practical advice and support, attendees will have the opportunity to connect with other carers, share experiences, gain some knowledge about emergency preparedness planning for themselves and the person that they care for, Rediplans and ask questions in a welcoming environment.

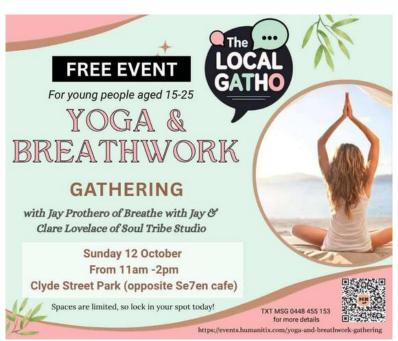
The mornings are designed to be inclusive and informative, ensuring that all participants leave with a greater understanding of the services available to them, have an emergency plan and the tools to help manage their caring roles more effectively. Local service providers will also be on hand for individual consultations, making these workshops a valuable occasion for anyone involved in caring within the community.

Some of the services and organisations attending will be Services NSW, Services Australia, Carers NSW, Carer's Gateway, Department of Health, Redcross, RFS, SES to name a few. WHERE: Tuesday, 14th October Merimbula - Sapphire Club, Main Street, Merimbula Wednesday,

15th October Batemans Bay - Salvation Army, 27 Old Princes Hwy, Batemans Bay 10 am – 1pm

FREE MORNING TEA

For more information: Deb Richardson EDEN COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTRE COMMUNITY OGANISATION DISASTER ADAPTATION (CODA) PROJECT 0427 961 925 or 6496 3970





Go Get Healthy

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When you hear the word creatine, chances are you think of gym bags, protein shakes, and weightlifting. And you'd be right! It's one of the most popular supplements for building strength and muscle. But creatine isn't just for your biceps. Research suggests it can also fuel your brain, support memory, and even help with mood.

So, what exactly is creatine? It's a natural compound your body makes from amino acids, the building blocks of protein. About 95% is stored in your muscles, but your brain also holds a small (yet powerful) supply. Creatine works like a rapid energy source, helping cells recharge their "batteries" (ATP). Since your brain is one of the most energy-hungry organs, it makes sense that creatine could help keep you sharp and focused. When it comes to brainpower, creatine's got your back. Ever felt wiped out after an all-nighter or stressful day? That's when creatine can step in. Studies suggest it may help the brain stay energised during demanding times. For example, supplementation improved memory and reasoning in sleepdeprived individuals (1). Another study showed that older adults who took creatine performed better on memory and intelligence tests compared to those who didn't (2). Even vegetarians, who typically have lower creatine levels, showed significant cognitive improvements with supplementation ⁽⁴⁾. In short, when your brain feels drained, creatine can help keep

Creatine isn't just about clearer thinking; it might also support mood. Research has explored its use as a complementary therapy for depression. For instance, women with depression who took creatine alongside their regular antidepressant experienced greater improvements than those relying on medication alone ⁽³⁾.

From sharper memory and stronger mental stamina to potential mood benefits, creatine deserves recognition as more than just a sports supplement.

For more information about creatine, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at

<u>www.govitabatemansbay.com.au</u>. Don't miss our weekly segment on 2EC radio, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after I 2.30pm.

Yours in Health, Sofia Keady

Nutritionist – Go Vita Batemans Bay

you clear, focused, and ready to go.



Wild Spirit Connection Rewilding Program



Jasper leads small groups of kids for Bushcraft skills.

Jasper van der See is the founder of Wild Spirit Connection a Bush School for youth.

Brimming with curiosity and adventure, Jasper grew up as part of the BLUEGUM BUSHCRAFT Community with Lee Trew and Gina Chick (of Survivor fame).

He attended Blue Gum Bushcraft since he was 9. Here his passion for bushcraft was nurtured and along the way he learned to walk with intention, valuing the deep connections between people and land.

At just 23, Jasper has lived on the South Coast, Blue Mountains Araluen and Moruya. He has a background in outdoor education, as well as being a chef for 7 years using native plants for fine dining.

Jasper's rewilding program invites families to reconnect, explore and awaken their wild spirit. Teaching bushskills Jasper wants the participants to be comfortable in the bush - not just to survive in it.

Jasper says "we need to be able to find the connection with the bush as 'normal. The city/built environment isn't actually normal."

The program is run up the Deua about 15 minutes from Moruya.

In a collaboration with 'Little Earthlings' there is a 0-5 year old program and 'Wild Spirit Connection' has a 6 – 16 year old program.

In small groups, there are weekly gatherings for Term 4 starting on 15th October Wednesdays, 10 – 2pm For booking email <u>wildspiritconection@gmail.com</u> Or <u>littleearthlings.net@gmail.com</u>









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Youth Folk Ambassador Announced

The Folk Federation of NSW is delighted to announce South Coast NSW singer songwriter Sam Fletcher as its 2025-26 Youth Folk Ambassador. Sam is a former under 25 years Folk Federation of NSW Young Folk Artist of the Year and a graduate of the 2025 CMAA Academy of Country Music.

The Youth Folk Ambassador position is an initiative created in 2024 to compliment Folk Federation's Young Folk Artist Program and Sam follows on from Felicity Dowd who held the inaugural position from October 2024 until September 2025.

When it comes to music Sam Fletcher is a young man with something to say and has been writing and performing his original songs from an early age. In his late teens, leading up to the release of his debut EP 'Summer's Here', Sam toured east coast NSW playing several small festivals. Since then, he's released three new singles, another EP in 2023, 'West of the Mountains' and been played on Triple J Unearthed. His new single 'Rule My Mind' is available from October 10 with a release gig at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Folk Club in Sydney's north on October 17.

Sam's first official duty as Youth Folk Ambassador is at Bundanoon Folk Festival on Saturday November 22 where he will also be performing. Folk Federation of NSW looks forward to working with Sam in the coming year, building stronger connections with young musicians and inspiring them to pursue their own music dreams. For further information regarding FolkFedNSW's Young Folk Artist Program visit: https://folkfednsw.org.au/awards/ To find out more about Sam Fletcher and his music visit: https://samfletchermusic.com



Youth Folk Ambassador Sam Fletcher from Congo

Art History Lecture Series – four Great Paintings in eight weeks

Art Central presents This lecture series offers an in-depth look at four significant paintings, exploring their art historical, philosophical, and cultural context. Paintings by Vermeer, Gericault, Degas and Picasso will be explored.

We will examine the fascinating backstories of these works, the lives of the artists, and the distinctive styles they employed. The series will also delve into the historical periods in which the paintings were created, shedding light on the history, science, and philosophical ideas that influenced these artists. Additionally, we'll explore the provenance of the paintings—their journey through various owners and institutions—from their creation to where they are today. Tutor: Cath Bowdler

When: Wednesday 15 & 29 October, 12

& 26 November 2025 Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Where: Art Central, 24 Church Street,

Moruya

Cost: Concession/ Members: \$60, Non-Members: \$80, inclusive for 4 sessions (bring along a glass of wine and nibbles)

ART CENTRAL PROGRAM TERM 4

14 OCTOBER TO 19 DECEMBER 2025

CLASSES

Price per class: \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers and \$15 concession to be paid by cash at the beginning of each class. Materials included. Please phone the tutors to book.

ESSENTIAL PRINTMAKING

Learn aspects of many printmaking processes using simple equipment and household items.

Mondays 1pm to 3pm (currently full) Keedah Throssell Ph 0418 695 423

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Tuesdays 10am to 12pm

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Learn to use acrylic paint, mix colours, master composition, tone, and shade.

Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

October 16, 23 & 30, November 13, 20 & 27, December 4, 11 & 18

Lesley Whale Ph 0421 331 002

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Creative mark making using mixed media and tools

Friday 10am to 12pm (currently full) Lucille Carson Ph 0490 199 506

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with Lesley Whale

Capture the form of the human body from a live model. No experience necessary. Materials supplied.

Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm, November 6

\$50 members/concession, \$65 non-members

Book online

INTRODUCTION TO SCREEN PRINTING

with Sonja Skagen

This workshop offers a beginner-friendly introduction to screen printing using simple materials and techniques, guiding you to create unique, multi-colour prints.

Wednesday 10am to 2pm, November 26

\$120 members/concession, \$140 non-members

Book online

BRUSHSTROKES THROUGH TIME: A JOURNEY INTO IMPRESSIONISM

with Victoria Westwood

A gentle, hands-on introduction to Impressionist art, exploring artists like Monet, Renoir, and Morisot while creating your own painting using their techniques and palettes.

Sunday 10am to 11.30am, October 26, November 2 & 9

\$100 members/concession, \$130 non-members. Includes all three sessions Book online

A VERY THEATRICAL CHRISTMAS: WRITE A 5-MINUTE FAMILY PLAY.

with Victoria Westwood

Participants will write and rehearse a short, fun and heartfelt play that can be performed by family or friends at Christmas.

Sunday 9.30am-12.30pm, November 23

\$50 members/concession, \$65 non-members Book online

COURSES

ART HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

with Cath Bowdler

A four-part lecture series examining four major paintings by Vermeer, Géricault, Degas, and Picasso through art historical, philosophical, and cultural lenses.

Wednesday 5pm to 6.30pm, October 15 & 29 , November 12 & 26

\$60 members/concession, \$80 non-members. Includes all four sessions

Book online

CLAY TO CUP, BOWL, PLATE, PLATTER

with Sarah Ludowici

A six-week ceramics course where you'll learn handbuilding and glazing techniques to create your own unique, handcrafted tableware. Perfect for beginners and beyond.

Saturdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

October 25, November 1, 8, 15 & 22 and December 13 \$360 (includes all materials and firing).

Book online







Learn to Draw Moroccan Mosaics

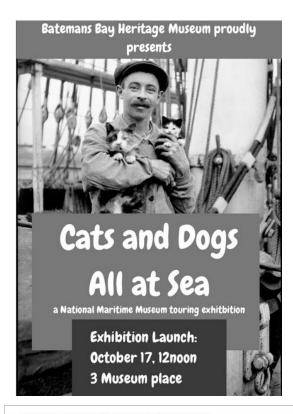
Duration: 2 days

Draw, breath, and discover the process and infinite beauty of pattern

Over two days artist Cat Wilson will take you step by step through the process of drawing beautiful patterns from Morocco by hand.

No experiences needed, just curiosity and a willingness to slow down. It's a peaceful, satisfying practice, part art, part meditation, that deepens your appreciation for the craftsmanship and beauty of Moroccan geometric design. Cat is an artist working in photography and video who has been studying sacred geometry since 2014, with a focus on patterns from Morocco. She has just returned after six months in Morocco and is excited to share her passion for the craft with you. see more about Cat and her work at www.catwilson.net

Sat 18 & Sun 19 October 10am - 4:30pm \$240 CWA rooms Narooma 96 Princes Hwy, Narooma. Places limited, Book here https://www.catwilson.net/worksh.../drawin g-moroccan-mosaics





 Community Solar reuse centre - Moruya Transfer Station: 21 Yarragee Rd Moruya on Saturday's 9.30am-2.30pm
 Repair cafe at the Red Door - Page st Moruya on Fridays 9.30am-12pm
 JJJ Oriental Supermarket - Orient St Batemans Bay 10am-5pm 7 days a week!



RAEWYN LAWRENCE beyond the path



thurs 25 sept to sun 26 oct 2025 please join us for opening drinks & artist talk with Raewyn | sat 27 sept 3pm

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Cat Leach, Catfish Creative 'CHROMATIC COAST'



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Liminal Lines - Works in glass & porcelain by Amy Schleif & Jo Victoria

Suki & Hugh Gallery in Bungendore is proud to present Liminal Lines, an evocative and thought-provoking collection bringing together two South Coast artists, Amy Schleif, working in glass, and Jo Victoria, working with translucent porcelain.

Marks in nature are evidence of the fragile forces of time and the elements. In Liminal Lines, Amy and Jo explore fleeting moments through mark-making in glass and porcelain. An exciting development within the exhibition is their collaborative collection of etched glass and landscape-influenced altered porcelain, where lines and shadows interact in shifting space.

Amy's practice engages with themes of fragility and perception through the interplay of lines, light, reflection, and shadow. Her drawn lines record the opportunities we have, daily, to consider our own realities and the impact of our behavior's. They record the choices we make to see or be distracted. Jo's new body of work draws inspiration from the ephemeral creek systems of the South Coast, particularly Bengello Creek at South Broulee Beach. This natural phenomenon, which erupts irregularly and often violently from the swamp and creek system behind the dunes, carves dramatic sand cliffs as it forces its way to the ocean, carrying tonnes of sand in its wake.

This powerful cycle of collapse and renewal sits precariously in the context of development pressures and climate change, underscoring the delicate balance of coastal ecosystems. Jo's translucent porcelain cliffs trace the lines of these fleeting forces — waterway trajectories, shifting sands, and their inevitable collapse. Her delicate porcelain wafers, gently suspended above grounded landscapes, evoke both endurance and fragility, etched in time by ecological systems in constant flux.

Together, Amy and Jo's works offer a poetic meditation on liminality: the thresholds between presence and absence, permanence and impermanence, fragility and resilience.

Opening drinks and artist talk will be on Saturday 11 October from 3-5pm.

All welcome. An online catalogue will be available at www.sukihugh.com.au. The exhibition runs until 9 November 2025.



Seeing No. 58 by Amy Schleif



Jo Victoria porcelain



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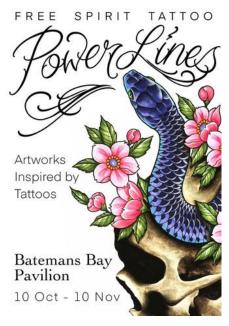


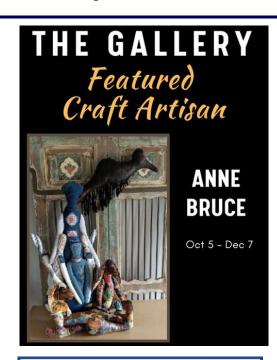














October screening at the Red Door by the Moruya

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.

Got an event coming up?

Let the Moruya Mail know hello@moruyamail.com.au



Friday, 10 Oct:

Soldiers Club (7.30pm) Roddy Reason Poolbar@ Bannisters

Saturday, 11 Oct: Joe Driscoll T Tura Beach Club (6.30pm) Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm)
Club Catalina (7.30pm)
Merimbula RSL Club (8pm) Riff Davey Hilder Coastal Fringe Strutt Rick Bamford Tomakin Club (8.30pm) Greg Byng Live Music Quantum Brewery Foxdog Distillery Totum Narooma Hotel

Sunday, 12 Oct:

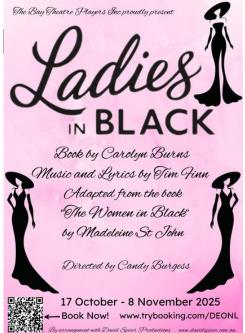
Tomakin Club (1pm) Roddy Reason Longstocking Brewery (1pm) Club Tuross (3.30pm) Mojo Foxdog Distillery Camel Rock Brewery Live Music Moondog Dust and Echos Club Narooma Giaan Café Bermagui Beach Hotel

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











Animal Welfare League News

Two gorgeous pets are our featured animals this week:

Meet Winnie - a calico kitten with a heart as radiant as her patchwork coat. At just 8 months old, she's already mastered the art of love: headbumps, biscuit-making, and curling up for the kind of cuddle that melts away the day. Winnie thrives on connection, soaking up affection like sunshine and giving it back tenfold. Whether she's nestled in your lap or gazing up at you with those soulful eyes, Winnie's love is deep, devoted, and beautifully unconditional. She's great with dogs and gets along with cats — though she's not afraid to show a little sass if they cramp her style. She'd be just as happy as your one and only, basking in the undivided attention she so adores. Winnie is searching for a quiet, loving, gentle-paced home. If you're looking for a companion who will love you with every fibre of her being someone to share your heart, your couch, and your quiet moments, Winnie is waiting





Puppas is very handsome seven-year-old Ridgeback x Staffy. Sadly. he was surrendered because his owner has entered aged care. Puppas has been a much-loved inside dog who is house-trained and enjoys long walks. He is a gentle and loving boy who is good with children and other dogs. Puppas is smart and food-motivated, so he is likely to respond well to further training. He would be suited to a reasonably active family or person, who will value his loyal companionship and give him the loving forever home he deserves.

NATIONWIDE RALLY FOR

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BEGA, 11AM LITTLETON GARDENS

c for Peace. Palestinian Speaker. Activities activism. Lemonade Stall. Food share b. Human Sign. Bring cash to donate to Mutual Aid Collective.

PICNIC FOR PEACE

Sunday 12 October, Littleton Gardens, Bega, from 11 am Eurobodalla Justice for Palestine (EJ4P) is joining with the Bega Palestine Action group as part of a Nationwide Rally in support of a just peace for

We need to put pressure on our government to sanction the Israeli Government, end the two-way arms trade with them and boycott companies trading with Israel. Australia continues to have contracts with a UK subsidiary of Israel's Elbit Systems, the largest Israeli arms manufacturer. Israel's genocidal war in Gaza has gone way beyond retribution for the atrocities by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Concurrently, Israeli settlers, are illegally destroying the homes and livelihoods of Palestinians in the West Bank, leaving them homeless as well.

Half of the 2 million Gazans are children, all of them now subject to lifelong trauma. On average, 27 of them have been dying each day since Oct 7, 2023. There are more amputee children per capita than anywhere else in the world and Gaza is the most dangerous place to be a child.

At the Bega event we are hoping to see as many supporters from Eurobodalla as possible who are appalled by Israel's systematic starvation, killing, displacement and devastation.

The program will include speeches, the creation of a human sign, an information desk and ways to put pressure on our government. Following the more formal aspects will be a Picnic for Peace, kite and badge making and a plant stall. A drone will record the event.

Please bring a picnic to share and banners and placards urging sanctions, boycotts and end of the two-way arms trade.

Littleton Gardens is in Zingel PI, in the centre of Bega.

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THE TRAVELLERS



M | 1hr 37min
 ~ Drama ~
Brian Brown &
Susie Porter
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16TH OCTOBER - BLACK PHONE 2

KANGAROO



PG | 1hr 47min ~ Australian ~ Family ~ KANGAROO is a heartwarming 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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Ma | 1hr 27min ~ Horror ~ A group of soldiers stranded at sea after their ship is sunk by the enemy, must fight for their lives against a giant, hungry great white shark.

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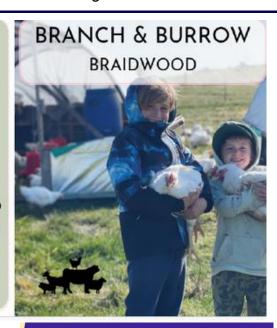




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- fixing electrical goods (SHASA will cover the cost of volunteers to undertake tag and test training)
- organise and serve morning tea for the repairers

Interested?

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





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Carer's Info Session

Join us for a free morning tea to discuss support available to you and the person you care for!



SAVE THE DATE

Tues, 14th October

Club Sapphire, Main Street, Merimbula

Wed, 15th October

Salvation Army Hall, 27 Old Princes Hwy, Batemans Bay

If you would like more information contact us on: 0427 961 925 or 02 6496 3970 Edenprojects@eden.nsw.au

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Trivia and Games Night

Moruya Showground Stockmen's Bar

Saturday 15th November 2025 5.30pm for 6pm start.

\$30 per person

This includes a complimentary champagne/orange julca with nibbles on arrival, Pinger foods and cake/alice 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 prices.

Maximum 10 per table. Limited tables available so be quick.

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

Moruya Mail Notices

2025 Diary Dates

- 22-26 Oct 2025 Sea Otter Australia MTB Event
- 31 Oct 2 Nov -Narooma Boats Afloat Festival
- 14-16 Nov Crank it Up Batemans Bay
- 8-9 & 15-16 November GARAGE SALE TRAIL
- 22 Nov Giiyong Festival
- 7-21 Dec. Congo Crafts 40th Exhibition.
- 27 Feb 1 Mar 2026 Cobargo Folk Festival
- 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

Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Auditorium, 10AM – 2PM Contact Brad Rossiter OAM at eurobodallaexpo@gmail.com or phone 0458 534 470.

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

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



SHASA's

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

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

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

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 1st November 2025 2PM to 4PM Moruya Lions Club High Tea and Fashion Parade with our friends from Yumaro Good Finds/

GARAGE SALE TRAIL

8-9 and 15-16 November REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

South Coast & Country Community Law

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

Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay When: Tuesday 14th October 2025 9:30am to 2pm How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529

Aged Care Presentation

Presentation by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing- 11am 14th 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 in the Moruya Mail

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 or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



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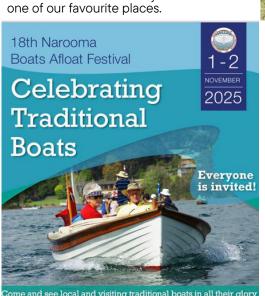


Happy 80th Birthday Jimmy Madden!

Jimmy has always been a keen supporter of horse racing especially in regional areas. He was the President and now Life Member of the Adaminaby Jockey Club for some 15 years and has been on the Board of the Moruya Jockey Club for the past 16 years. He is an enthusiastic and devoted Community worker who over the years has devoted his time to projects such as tidy towns, progress association, fund raising events, lawn bowls coaching and is currently an active Board member of Club Tuross He has also been awarded the "Australia Day Citizen of the year" plaque and medal for his Community work.

Jimmy lovés his Bowls and Golf and also attends the gym twice a week to keep himself fit. He is the father of five children and nine grandchildren.

Jimmy has always been a VERY colourful dresser who enjoys socialising and entertaining. Today we celebrate his 80 years of life and are proud to be able to celebrate it with our family and friends in one of our favourite places.



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Saturday 11 October 2025 9 A.M. registration, 10 A.M. departure 3 P.M. finish



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Tuross Head Bowls Major Pairs Decided



2025_26 Women's Major Pairs Champions - Lorraine Wake and Judy Bramble

The Men's and Women's Major Pairs Champions have been decided at Tuross Heads Bowling Club after matches played in the last fortnight. Unfortunately, the very strong and gusty spring winds made conditions very challenging on both days of play. Before the finals could be played the second semi-final in the Men's Championship had to be played. It was played on Thursday September 25th with the wind at its worst. To their credit the players handled the conditions well and a very close match was played. Neil Mather and Peter Macdonald played Mark Velder and Allán Etheredge. In a low scoring match, Macdonald set up a good lead of 10 – 3 after 10 of the 18 ends. However, Allan Etheredge started to dominate play with some precision bowling and his side grabbed the lead at 9 – 8 after 13 ends. Macdonald was able to draw level at 9 all after 14 ends but the 15th end proved critical. Velder and Etheredge dominated this end forcing Macdonald to try some attacking bowls but the high-risk strategy proved costly. Etheredge picked up 6 shots to set up a 15 – 9 advantage with just three ends to play.

Macdonald picked up a shot on the 16th end for some hope but when Etheredge picked up 2 shots on the penultimate end Macdonald needed a miracle to pull the match out of the fire. Macdonald did play an excellent bowl with his final shot and was able to trail the jack and pick up 4 shots but he needed 7 shots to force the game into an extra end. Velder and Etheredge moved into the final with a 17 - 14 win.

Both of the Finals were played on Thursday October 2nd and once again the players were greeted by strong, gusty winds that made conditions very hard given the very fast green they were playing on.It is fair to say that Rose Farrington and Irene Macdonald started their game with Judy Bramble and Lorraine Wake as favourites but the conditions evened the odds. Bramble and Wake started well in a very low scoring match and lead 5 – 1 after 6 ends. Some outstanding bowling from Lorraine Wake helped her side continue their dominance of the scoreboards.





2025_26 Men's Major Pairs Champions - Col Fletcher and Marcel Kors

Farrington and Macdonald held shots on several ends only to see Wake either knock shots out or dead draw to the jack to win the end. After 11 ends Wake's lead had extended to 12 – 1 and Macdonald needed to score multiples to have any chance. The 15th end gave them some hope when they were able to pick up 4 shots and narrow the margin to 13 – 7 with three ends to play. Wake knew that her team had to play carefully - getting the shot didn't matter as long as they restricted the ability of Farrington and Macdonald to score multiple shots. Bramble and Wake did this well. They won the 16^{th} end to give them a 14-7lead that made their opponents task that much harder given the conditions. Macdonald was able to win the last two ends but they only scored 2 shots on each meaning that Bramble and Wake are the new Champions with their 14 – 11 win!! The Men's Final was also a very close affair between Col Fletcher and Marcel Kors and Mark Velder and Allan Etheredge. The windy conditions made it difficult for the players to build heads and the majority of ends were won by a single shot.Fletcher and Kors dominated in the early ends and they held a 8 – 1 lead after 5 ends. Etheredge play a very good 'onshot' on the 6th end to pick up 3 shots to kick start his team.By the 10^{th} end the score had narrowed to a 10-7 lead to Kors. Some excellent bowls from Fletcher in the next period of play allowed his side to increase their lead to 14 – 7 after 13 ends. Once again Etheredge picked up 3 shots from an attacking bowl that moved Kors' shot bowl. However, Fletcher and Kors were able to restore their 7 shot lead when they combined well to pick up 3 shots on the 16th end. The last three ends were very closely contested and although Etheredge won all 3 ends they could only score single shots and they fell short of the target needed. Fletcher and Kors won 17 – 13 to go one step further than last year when they were runners-up in this event! They are the 2025/26 Major Pairs Champions! Well done to both sides who battled hard in the very trying conditions!

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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: David Schmid with Vice President Paul Scholze.

Winners: Marie Muriwai, Gail Rogers and Jeanette Miller. Club Champion Ruth Gschwend.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 2nd October 2025

A field of 30 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today including some visitors. The weather was very windy and there were some fantastic scores.

1st: David Schmid (19) with 39 points 2nd: Ron Rogers (19) with 37 points 3rd: Wayne Kaye (30) with 36

The Winners were:

points

Nearest to the Pins 4th: Michael Coloe 3.06 A Grade

4th: Allan Langford 5.68 B Grade

4th: Terry Milliken 3.57 C Grade 6th: Ray Bollard 3.76 A Grade 6th: Shane Gschwend 8.07 B Grade

6th: Wayne Fullerton 9.10 C Grade

7th: Brad Doolan 3.14 A Grade

Balls went to: Herb Muriwai 35, lan Miller 34, Robert McDonell 34, Mark Haberkorn 33, lan McManus 32, Kevin Reilly 32, Nigel Barling 32, Allan Langford 32, Wayne Fullerton 32 and Nick Brice 31.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 7th October 2025

A field of 26 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Maree Coffey. It was a cool Spring Day and some wonderful scores were achieved. The game was followed by the ladies' AGM when the new committee was voted in and awards were received.

The Winners were: Club Champion: Ruth Gschwend

A Grade:

1st: Marie Muriwai (22) with 40 points 2nd: Ruth Gschwend (18) with 37 points

B Grade:

1st: Gail Rogers (37) with 38 points 2nd: Pam Alexander (33) with 36 points

C Grade:

1st: Jeanette Miller (41) with 42 points 2nd: Jenny Reilly (43) with 37 points (countback)

Hole Prize:

7th Marie Muriwai Golden Shot A 7th Gail Rogers Golden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin: 6th Marie Muriwai 15th Jennifer Gray

Place Getters: Jane Eglitis 37, Leonie Snodgrass 35, Kerrie Sands 34, Beverley Theobald 33, Elsa Shearer 33, Shelly Pritchett 33 and Paula Coffey 32.



Winner: Mike Birks

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 8th October 2025

A smaller field of 36 players signed up for a single Stableford event today. It was a cool Spring morning with some wonderful scores.

The Winners were:

1st: Mike Birks with 22 points

2nd: Stacey Davidson with 19 points (countback)

3rd: Gail Rogers with 19 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Paula Coffey 19, Len Rogers 18, Dorothy Madden 18, Greg Bush 18 and Leonie Snodgrass 17.

Nearest to the Pins: 4th: Tori Puglisi (2nd Shot) 6th: Peter Coffey (1st Shot)

7th: Ladies: Jeanette Miller (2nd Shot) Mens: Ross Davidson (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Mike Birks (5th hole) Bradmans: Don Russell

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



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Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 3.10.25

Moruya River.

Ummmm??? October already!!! Where has the year gone, where has my hairline gone???

gone??? Town is already starting to get that end of year buzz we retailers long for. The days are getting longer, warmer and from a retailers prospective, a little more bectic

Ocean temps in close are sitting around 17-18 degrees, and each incoming tide is quickly warming the moruya estuary system up. The shallow, sun warmed flats, will be areas to target this time of year. Flathead, bream and eventually whiting will all found mooching around in the warmer waters the shallow sand flats offer.

Currently the incoming tide, towards the front of the system has visiting salmon on the prowl, so Preddys wharf or the spur wall on the north side are good options to look at.

Quarry wharf has been holding some fun trevally, flathead and bream in amogst the boulder strewn floor. Fish light on the sinkers, as this is snaggy terrain. The town bridge has good flats underneath it, and on a full tide after dark, is one on my favourite areas to fish. Flathead, bream, estuary perch, whiting and even the odd mulloway can all be seen and sight cast to from upon high. Up in Duea, the bass are becoming more active as the days get longer, and the river gets warmer. I will be chasing a few this weekend, with spinnerbaits my preferred method, but soft plastics, hardbody lures and surface lures all work at differing times.

Tuross River.

Coila lake continues to improve as the longer days quickly warm the trapped waters of this local lake. Bream & flathead are the main target species with in the lake, but as summer approaches, prawns are an ever popular option. We are currently at the wrong stage of the moon phase to chase them, but we are well stocked with scoop nets, prawn lights and drag nets if that is something that interests you. Just come in and ask, and we can help get you started.

The Tuross system itself has seen a marked increase in flathead activity over the last few weeks. Longer days and shallow lakes have allowed the flatties to start actively feeding. Soft plastics, hard body lures or baits are all prime techniques to chase a few crocs in the Tuross system.

The many kilometres of snag lined river banks this system has to offer will hold good numbers of bream, estuary perch & tailor for those that like to target fish with lures, while the bait fishos also have a huge range of drop offs and channels to fish. Tuross really is our premiere local stretch of water. As summer gets closer, the days longer and warmer, expect the fishing to only but improve.

Rock and beach.

Salmon are the number one option along the beaches at the moment, with goods numbers of fish all along the coast line. They do move around a lot, so finding them will require a bit of exploration. Try the main breakwall near the airport, windsock beach to the north or any of the areas pristine local beaches. They will be where you find them. The whiting and bream along the beaches, will become more viable as the waters temps climb to the 20+ deg mark, won't be long now.

Offshore.

YFT are still around in good numbers for those set up to go out and find them. Most reports this week have them out wide, but there has been the odd report from as little as 60m of water. You just need to find the birds, that will be marking bait, and in turn hope the tuna are to faraway.

The snapper crews re still reporting good fish around the 40m mark with good flathead also available around the sand edges if the reef.

Pilchards and squid will be the pick when chasing reds or flathead, while the tuna can be trolled up or cast to with poppers or stick baits if they are busting up baits on the surface. Just motor through a school and put them all down, particularly if there are other boats working the same school.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, with the only no shows being 400gm salted pilchards, worms and hawksbury prawns.

The shop is looking pretty full, as we move into the busy time of the year.

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We have 25%off RRP on Shimano Ice Boxes at the moment, just in time for the summer season!
Don't forget, we are currently running a giveaway in conjunction with Daiwa Australia this month, just spend \$10 in store on any Daiwa product for your chance to win one of 4 Daiwa Maverick MQ reels. 2x 18000 and 2x 20000 sized reels. Perfect with all the YFT around at the moment. Just ask instore for details. 1 per week for the next four weeks.

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

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Ride on in to Mogendoura Farm

Three top quality, self catered, two-bedroom brick cottages with combustion fires, separate laundry and toilet, shower with bath, open planned kitchen dining and living, with a playground and communal barbeque.

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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report



Sunday was the start of Daylight Saving also a very warm sunny day. The day started off with a Barbecue breakfast together. Thanks to our fabulous committee who were the Chefs, great job everyone. President Pedro welcomed everyone reminding us that Crookwell travelling bowlers will be with us next weekend 11th/12th October. Saturday, cards will be called by 1pm, Sunday morning there will be a barbecue breakfast before bowls.

As it was Grand Final Day everyone wore their favourite sport or club outfits so gathered together for a photo on the Green.(photo) Winners on Lowest Losing Margin-1, Pedro and Trish the Dish (photo)

Runners-up-2, Chrissy & Smiley on a countback (photo)
Pedro selected Rink 6 to try for Jackpot. Chrissy cut cards but no
luck finding Joker. High/Low Scores 21/8 not won. Lucky numbers, 9
Hot Lips & Spike, 7J.H.





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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls

Another beautiful day of sunshine to enjoy our bowls although the wind made it tricky at times.

Welcome back to Tania Calder after her European vacation and Lisa Grice taking part in Women's Masters Hockey in W A. Well done to Robyn Butcher and Yvonne Huddleston winning Open Money Pairs on the weekend. Good bowling this weekend to those taking part in District Singles.

Happy 86th Birthday to Noleen Taylor who is still putting down some amazing bowls.

Bowls Organiser Jay Breust asked for bowlers next Tuesday to bowl against travelling bowlers who will be visiting Club Malua. Jay called cards with most bowling in their Pennant teams which commences this Thursday. Good bowling Stingrays and everyone taking part. Winners Rink 7, Sue Palmer and Anna Stewart. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 6, Michelle Adler, Janet McKay, Gayl Vidgen and Sue Morgan. Money Club 28 Tricia Wheeler, 18 Gwen Ware.



Moruya Ladies Golf



Val Schilling, Robyn Hawkins, Lyn Gibbs

Wednesday 1st October saw the Moruya lady golfers take to the fairways once more playing a 4BBB Stableford. The final round of our 4 ball events saw Sharon Knight and Val Moore win with a great score of 44 points. Balls went to Angie McMillan, Art McBride, Robyn Hawkins, Judy Hebbard, Margaret Flynn and Nicola Gallon.

On Friday 3rd October 3 of our ladies travelled down to Tathra Beach Country Club to play in the District playoff for the GolfNSW Medals. Robyn Hawkins was triumphant in Division 1 and Lyn Gibbs won the Division 2. They will each travel to Stonecutters Ridge on 10th December to play in the State Final. Congratulations ladies and best of luck for Sydney".

Sun's Out, Surf's Up for BBSLSC Big Day Out



BBSLC Open Day photos Tania Cardillo-Zallo

By John Longhurst

A helicopter landing, simulated surf rescues, fire engine sirens, ice baths, nippers' training, sausage sizzle, first aid training, yoga and so much more, the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club (BBSLSC) 'Big Day Out' had it all at Malua Bay last Sunday.

Crowds flocked to the event to soak up the action and enjoy the sunny weather.

On the beach, BBSLSC Director of Junior Development and Vice President, Rhys Davies oversaw the Nipper's Program with youngsters keen for swimming, body boarding, beach sprints, dolphin-diving, spotting rips, and team activities.

Parents watched on as future lifesavers soaked up the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends and have lots of fun.

Lilli Pilli resident Helena Wilson moved to the coast 10 years ago and is keen for her 10 year old daughter, Winter, to gain skills in ocean safety.

Helena said "Winter has started surfing and it is reassuring to have her learn all the ocean safety skills BBSLSC has to offer. The Nipper Program is also a great social outlet."

BBSLSC Director of Education for the past 2 years, Ebbony Bradford, is a shining example of the Nipper Program.

Ebbony joined nippers at 4 years of age and at current age 35 years facilitates training.

Ebbony said "We offer training from the Surf Rescue Certificate through to the Bronze Medallion. We also run the Advanced Resuscitation Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) course."

The Malua Bay Rural Fire Service (MBRFS) also used the day to promote 'Get Ready Day' and were on hand to offer advice for the upcoming fire season.



Berkeley Braham has been MBRFS Captain for the past four years. Berkeley said "We cannot stress the importance of minimising fire risk by preparing and ensuring you have a plan*."

BBSLSC President Kate Hunt congratulated all the participants and a special thank you to sponsors.

Kate said "Today was about bringing the our surf club and community together, which I think we've nailed. A surf club is the heart of a community, we're just here keeping our beaches safe and saving lives. We wanted to showcase a little of who we are and what we do, and were fortunate enough to have local businesses and community groups come and support us to do that"

Eurobodalla Shire Council Mayor, Mathew Hatcher was kept busy serving coffees at the event but full of praise for the BBSLSC 'Big Day Out'. Mathew said "Congratulations to Batemans Bay Surf Lifesaving Club for running a fabulous and community inclusive open. It was great to see so many families out supporting the Club and getting acquainted with our lifesaving heroes. The organisers for the day have done a great job in catering for our community as well as the visitors to our region over the long weekend.

*Get Ready Weekend 2025 - NSW Rural Fire Service https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/get-ready

