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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Kristy Lee captured this striking sky after the evening storm on Halloween from Tuross Head.

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## Moruya Mail Letter

#### Eurobodalla Welcome Park

The Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group welcomes the announcement that the Wagonga Inlet Living Foreshore project has won three prestigious environmental awards. The Living Foreshore project aimed not only to reinforce a dilapidated seawall, but to provide protection from rising sea levels due to climate change.

REALMstudios, the landscape architecture firm that spearheaded the initiative, deployed bank stabilisation, saltmarsh rehabilitation and oyster reef restoration to revitalise the shoreline.

In June, the project won three awards, including the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces Award for Public Space, the Climate Positive Design Award and an Award of Excellence for Land Management. The land is a crown reserve

under the care and control of Eurobodalla Shire Council, and is a well-used and popular community park both with tourists and local residents and their families. The Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group is engaged in a campaign to try to have the currently vacant site of the old Batemans bay Bowling Club on Vesper

Street/Prince's highway kept in community hands by Council reclassifying it as land for community use, rather than selling it for high rise development, as is suggested in the current draft Batemans Bay Master Plan.

Like the Narooma foreshore site, the old Bowling Club site is also environmentally sensitive, as it is fringed by mangroves and is very low lying and is subject to inundation.

The Group envisions that the Batemans Bay site would be best used as a community parkland providing more open space in Batemans Bay, and offering facilities for tourists to the Eurobodalla and for local residents and their families.

Neil Gow. Convenor Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group.

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### Eurobodalla Council questioned on planning

At last week's monthly Council meeting, planning staff were asked to answer questions in notice regarding the Draft Housing Strategy, the Batemans Bay Masterplan Probity Report, and Batemans Bay Masterplan - Use of Consultants.

Cr Pollock asked "Could Council please advise on the status of the Probity Report in regards to the Batemans Bay Masterplan? What actions have been taken to progress this Report and when will it be made available to the community?"

Director of Planning Gary Bruce responded "Council prepared a request for quotation and project brief in July 2025 with responses received at the end of the month.

Council received three proposals from companies listed on the Local Government Procurement Panel and Council's Professional Services Panel. Council engaged Centium Pty Ltd. on the 18 August 2025.

The probity report was due for completion in September 2025 but has been delayed due to staff absences.

Council is expecting to have a draft probity report for review by the end of October 2025." Cr Schutz asked in addition, "Does it include how the consultation was conducted? What consultation or what groups were sought prior to the public exhibition period? And how submissions were dealt with after received?" Mr Bruce said "Yes, but emphasis was on stakeholder engagement prior to the development of the Batemans Bay Masterplan."

Cr Pollock: also asked about the "Request for Quotation - Consultancy Service's Batemans Bay Living Place Master Plan Project Densification and Heights, Components, RFQ-2224-016" which resulted in the appointment by Council of MGS Architects.

The brief issued by Council, among other matters stated that: "The project will deliver: 1. Develop three scenarios for urban infill in the town considering height, density and livability options.

Provide three built scenario models with 3D models rendered to provide an artistic impression of what the town centre and Beach Road frontage might look like. These diagrams will be used during the community consultation processes."

'Site-specific assessment of building heights of landmark sites:1-23 Beach Road, 1-37 Orient Street, 1a Orient Street, 21 Clyde Street, 29-31 Clyde Street, 2 Vesper Street, Visitor Information Centre, and Batemans Bay Hospital

"Inconsistency – the completed MGS Architects study exhibited with the draft Master Plan only provided one (1) scenario and 1 model. The brief required 3 of each!! Which was inconsistent with the proposals in the draft Master Plan.

Inconsistency - the brief required "site-specific assessment of building heights of landmark sites" including the "Visitor Information Centre" but the completed study exhibited with the draft Master Plan did not include a site-specific assessment of the Visitor Information Centre site.

Cr Pollock also identified other items in the Council's Request for Quote that were not undertaken.

"The omission of these engagements signals a deviation from the initial brief, limiting the breadth of insights incorporated into the draft Master Plan.

Such events and in particular an enquiry by design event and meetings with key stakeholders would have been instrumental in gathering diverse perspectives and fostering collaboration among community members, industry representatives and technical experts. This process would have been potentially avoided many of the issues with the draft Master Plan and avoided the need for rework which will now be required.

It is not clear why the work undertaken and presented with the draft Master Plan is inconsistent with the brief issued by Council" said Cr Pollock.

Mr Bruce replied in part that "The original brief issued to MGS Architects was comprehensive and ambitious. However, the first RFQ process resulted in proposals that significantly exceeded the available budget. As a result, the project was redefined and reorganised to seek separate consultants for each project and

"The fees paid to each consultant were consistent with the reduced scope negotiated during contract finalisation."

"Council allocated a total of \$350,000 for consultancy services to support the Master Plan."

Questions surrounding the Batemans Bay Master Plan have been circulating and during the consultation period, 254 written submissions were received. The report to Council summarised the submissions but the actual submissions were not made public, even in name redacted form.

In discussion, Cr Pollock said, "It concerns me we went forward with this, they came back and said it was too ambitious for the money. It never came back to council to either up the budget allowance or cut it back. We (councillors) never saw anything relating to that.

"There was a variation to proposed heights for 29-31 Clyde St, it reflects a strategic planning decision informed by multiple inputs. Who where why? "Why are the adjustments made by staff not justified and documented so as to be incorporated into the report to provide clarity and transparency in the Masterplan?

"What was the strategic planning decision to drastically vary the heights?"

A lot of those questions are what's constituted a terrific amount of the submissions" said Cr Pollock. Mr Bruce took it on notice, so as to provide a detailed response.

Last month a group of Post Grad Architecture Students and professors from UNSW were in Batemans Bay for several days to study the draft plan. The '<u>Probing Our Plans Eurobodalla'</u> group noted that "What do UNSW senior lecturers in Urban Development and Design and Landscape Architecture

#### Some key quotes from them:

Consultation: "You talk with the community first and understand their aspirations and wishes, instead of imposing a particular view."

think of the Draft Batemans Bay Masterplan?

**Heights:** "As part of the preparatory analysis work, my students researched other coastal towns with similar populations across the world to study their urban densities. We didn't find anywhere with building heights anywhere near those in the master plan and its appendices.

Respecting Country: "the master plan process should include "grounding yourself in Country, consulting with First Nation's people and thinking about the landscape".

Timeframe: "Mr Driver said master planning should be based on realistic horizons with a transparent line of sight over five-year, 10-year and 20-year horizons." **Peer Review:** ""Ideally, this master plan would be stopped and independently peer reviewed," he said." Council says a revised Batemans Bay Masterplan is being developed and this will include engagement with external stakeholder groups.

## Work begins on new Moruya High School Support Unit



Artist impressions of the support unit being constructed at Moruya High School, which will include seven classrooms, an outdoor recreation area and more

#### By Kerrie O'Connor

Students, staff and families are eagerly anticipating the opening of a \$7 million support unit at Moruya High School, with work due to begin early in Term 4.

Students and staff are looking forward to moving into seven new permanent classrooms, including activities areas, breakout spaces, an outdoor play area, a covered outdoor learning area, accessible toilets and change rooms, laundry, kitchen and staff room.

Families will drive to the unit via a new access road, leading to an undercover drop-off area and new car parking.

The long-awaited facility is expected to open in 2026 and will replace five demountable classrooms.

Bega MP Dr Michael Holland turned the first sod at the building site.

For principal Mark English, it's about ensuring all students have the opportunity to reach their potential.

"We can offer our most vulnerable students the opportunity to achieve in the best possible environment and it gives teachers new opportunities to support our kids to be successful," Mr English said.

Deputy principal and support unit staff member Glen Grimmond said parents had advocated for the project.

"There has been strong interest from our parents, who have wanted this for a long time," Mr Grimmond said.

"To have world-class, modern facilities for our staff and students will really bolster the reputation of our school. They hope to move in as soon as possible."

President Jen Wilden became aware, soon after joining the P&C, of how keen parents were for a fit-for-purpose facility. "Parents for a long time had been raising the importance of developing this support unit," Ms Wilden said.

"We are very excited and keen to have it go smoothly and quickly, and to move in and take advantage of this great space."



Moruya High School students and staff and Bega MP Michael Holland help turn the first sod for the much-anticipated new support unit

Director Educational Leadership Linda Langton said it was crucial to meet the needs of all students and bespoke learning areas with experienced teachers offered them a strong chance to contribute.

"They have so many skills and talents and having the opportunity to authentically add value to their school and community is so important," Ms Langton said.

"We are getting more children with identified special learning needs and they will have fit-for-purpose learning areas.

"Students with a variety of diagnoses learn differently and need an environment that considers, for example, sensory needs."

Ms Langton said the new unit would be a vital part of the broader Moruya High School community.

"It is a wonderful way to build awareness that everybody is not the same, but everybody has the right to contribute and to benefit through different initiatives and strategies."

Dr Holland said the community should be proud of the development and the school.

"It is about giving the students with the greatest need the opportunity to fulfill their potential, to have that resilience through the rest of their life, to set the foundation for their future in society," Dr Holland said.



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## CHANGE IN COUNCIL'S PUBLIC ACCESS DATE FOR NOVEMBER 2025

At last week's Council meeting Council amend the previously endorsed November Public Access session date from Tuesday 11 November 2025 to Wednesday 12 November 2025 (no change to commencement time).

#### **RAS Foundation Grants**

A reminder that the RAS Foundation is once again offering opportunities for community-minded people in rural and regional NSW to receive up to \$30,000 in funding for projects in their local area. Previous funding has supported projects ranging from clubhouse upgrades to portable yard panels for showgrounds, meeting community needs and benefitting many.

For community organisations, it can often be difficult to secure funding to restore a showground or kick-start a great project, and that's where the Community Futures Grants can help.

A great example is the essential roof replacement of the grandstand at the Tumut Agricultural Showground, supported by a 2025 RAS Foundation Community Futures Grant.

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Applications close 12 December 2025.

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#### 2025 Mayor's Charity Ball

Get ready for a night of good food, great company, and giving back! The 2025 Mayor's Charity Ball is coming to the Yuin Theatre at Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay on Saturday 15 November, and it's set to be a night to remember.

We're raising funds for our four incredible local surf lifesaving clubs - Batemans Bay, Broulee, Moruya, and Narooma - and celebrating the everyday locals who quietly make a big difference keeping our beaches safe.

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- · Two drinks on arrival
- · A delicious three-course meal by Mr Bold Catering Co.
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One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the 2025 Eurobodalla Local Hero Award – a moment to honour someone who's gone above and beyond for our community.

Local legend Kimmi Saker will be your emcee for the night, keeping the energy high and the laughs flowing.

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## Bimbimbie Artisans Centre Development Application approved

The Eurobodalla Shire Council, this week, approved the development application for the construction of three much anticipated buildings adjacent to the Rural Fire Services Hot Fire Training facility at Bimbimbie.

The development, called the Bimbimbie Artisan's Centre, will house the Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild Inc (the Woodies), Moruya Antique Tractor and Machinery Association (MATAMA) and the Classic and Vintage Motor Club of Eurobodalla (CVMCE). In addition to these groups there will also be space in MATAMA's building for a full Food Bank kitchen. The Woodies and MATAMA, both lost all their tools and machinery in the horrendous fires of 31s December 2019 when their combined building at the Original Goldrush Colony, Mogo was destroyed. Both groups have since worked tirelessly to find a place where they could start to rebuild and continue to serve the community.

Not long after their search began, they were joined by CVMCE, who had never had the privilege of their own home. The search for land involved many discussions with both State and local Council bodies. Many sites were considered, but due to size, planning, topographical and environmental difficulties, all proved unsuitable, until our Council offered part of their land at Bimbimbie to the three groups.

The Woodies, first met in 1987, and have moved to various temporary premises 8 times. They make all manner of timber items for sale at markets and provide valuable help to all "not for profit" groups in the Shire. Many wooden toys are donated to Charities each year. Membership is open to all and valuable skills training is provided.

MATAMA is a registered Museum specialising in Farm machinery. They have restored, since the Fire, some of the most valuable pieces of machinery of historical significance to the region. They too, provide training for members who share an interest in our combined history. Built into their building will be space for a "Food Bank" kitchen that will provide emergency meals in times of need

CVMCE has many members in the Shire and beyond. Their interest in the use of classic vehicle has many benefits to the community, from reviving memories on Show days to supporting many local businesses, be they mechanics or coffee shops. The group also help run the very valuable "Teen Safe" driver training program at the Speedway.

While it has taken considerable time to find a suitable site, and many funds have been expended by the groups on consultant's reports and other studies, they now have a significant funding shortfall to achieve their aims.

This significant development will not happen unless adequate funding is forth coming. All three groups are "not for profit" and contribute to the well being and health of their 600 members in total.

Meetings have been held with Federal representatives and meetings established with State member will be held in the near future. To date the groups have been encouraged by the offer of help from some local business people who appreciate the very significant value they have in the community. The benefits that these groups offer to the

community is immeasurable, but be assured it is a significant factor in the mental health and wellbeing of all of their members and the wider community who benefit from their existence.

We are therefore reaching out to the community for support in whatever capacity you can offer. It may be materials/ labour or \$. Even simply a letter of support that can be included in future grant applications.

**Eric Simes the WOODIES** Steve Shields MATAMA **Paul Scott CVMCE** 



Bimbimbie Fire Damaged remains of MATAMA and EWG shed 2020.



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### 10 facts you might not have known about Moruya Public School



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Moruya Public School, with its 320 students, welcomes everyone and truly represents the diversity of the local community. Students come from a wide range of family backgrounds and are taught to treat everyone with respect and without bias.
- The school encourages students to have a say and actively contribute to the school environment. SRC representatives are chosen by their classmates, and Aboriginal students in Years 5 and 6 also have the opportunity to share their perspectives. Additionally, peer support groups are in place, with a Year 6 buddy assigned to each new Kindergarten student
- The school aims to offer students creative opportunities both inside and
  outside the classroom, featuring a rotating cycle of school-wide art, drama,
  and music activities every three years. This year, the focus is on the whole
  school musical, with every student involved. In 2023, the "Art in the Making"
  program partnered each class with a local artist to create a collaborative
  artwork.
- The Moruya Public School Fife and Drum Band is a unique and vibrant musical ensemble. The band typically consists of students from various grades who share an interest in music and performance. The group is often supported by school staff, music teachers, and sometimes community volunteers who help organise rehearsals and performances.
- The Kitchen Garden Program is a school activity where students learn how
  to grow and cook fresh food. It helps kids understand where their food
  comes from and encourages them to eat healthily. Last year, Moruya Public
  School introduced a Kids Catering Crew program for senior students; these
  students cater for special events held at school.

- Students of all ages have regular classes in a special room called the STEM classroom. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths. In these classes, students do fun activities to learn new skills such as coding, 3D printing, and robotics.
- Once a week, kids in Years 4, 5, and 6 have lessons to learn Dhurga, the local Indigenous language; they learn to say and understand words in Dhurga, this helps students learn about and respect the local Indigenous culture.
- Sports activities include two terms of swimming lessons for students in Years 3 to 6, as well as a variety of weekly sports sessions and opportunities to compete in NSW Primary Schools Sports Association events as school representatives.
- The school organises trips, camps, special fun days, and chances to join competitions with other schools across the state. It's a great way for students to have fun!
- Parents and carers are welcome to attend events and assemblies. Volunteers contribute by assisting in the library, canteen, kitchen garden, uniform shop, and supporting the up and running reading program. The P&C actively promotes community involvement and would love to see their membership numbers grow. In the current year, the school remains a warm and inclusive environment.



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## Narooma High School competes at Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza



Narooma High School students attended Beef Bonanza in Scone from 23-26 October - Australia's largest youth livestock event.

The Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza attracts hundreds of competitors from across the state, offering students a valuable opportunity to apply classroom learning to real-world agricultural experiences. Narooma High School's agricultural team will participate in a range of activities, including paraders, junior judging, and led steer competitions, demonstrating their strong commitment to livestock handling and industry knowledge.

The event is an incredible opportunity for our students to develop confidence, responsibility, and practical skills. They learn everything from cattle preparation and handling to teamwork and sportsmanship. Students have worked hard in the lead-up to the competition, preparing and training their cattle for months. Participation in events like the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza highlights the strength of Narooma High School's agricultural program and the value of agriculture education in rural and regional schools. It provides students with pathways into primary industries while fostering leadership, responsibility, and community engagement. Narooma High School has been a consistent presence at agricultural shows throughout the last few years, winning countless awards in a range of events.

This event includes workshops and demonstrations throughout the show and cover topics such as animal preparation, feeding, handling, meat judging and presentation, helping students build valuable practical skills.

The students' participation in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza would not have been possible without the incredible support of the local farming community. This strong community backing reflects the shared commitment to supporting young people in agriculture and ensuring they have opportunities to learn, compete, and grow within the industry.

Narooma High School principal, Tracy said "Our Agriculture students have done an outstanding job representing Narooma High at the Upper Hunter Beef



Competing against over 450 steers and 800 students from across the state, our team showed incredible skill, dedication, and sportsmanship."

"For some of our students, this was their very first show, and they handled the pressure brilliantly showing confidence and teamwork in a tough field. In such strong competition, our students performed exceptionally well and even brought home some well-deserved ribbons! Narooma team was Awarded:

- Steers

  - Light weight highly commended Medium weight highly commended
- Students
  - Makhenzie Mathie 2nd Paraders
  - Cooper Hastie 3rd Paraders
  - Essie Weir 3rd paraders
  - Amelia Maning highly commended parader
  - Charli Zarco 4th Parader
  - Reagan Stubbs 4th parader Bella Jubb HC parader

Tracey offered "A huge congratulations to all involved. Your hard work and enthusiasm are something to be proud of.





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## Minns Government begins illegal tobacconist shut down

NSW Health now has substantial powers to make a short-term closure orders of up to 90 days for premises selling illicit tobacco, illegal vaping goods, or selling tobacco without a licence.

The Local Court may, on application by the NSW Health Secretary, make a long-term closure order of up to 12 months if satisfied a relevant breach has occurred. Two stores in St Leonards are the first illicit tobacco stores to be closed under the Minns Labor Government's tough new laws targeting illicit tobacco and illegal vaping.

These stores have been shut down immediately for 90 days under the laws targeting illicit tobacco and illegal vaping.

NSW Health inspectors are being supported by NSW police to carry out raids and issue closure orders on offending businesses.



NSW Health inspectors found and seized 3,860 illicit cigarettes and 224 illegal vapes while implementing the Closure Order at two premises and during inspections of a further two premises. Further investigations will follow and further enforcement action including prosecution may take place.

In addition to the tough new closure powers, the Minns Labor Government's changes to the Public Health (Tobacco) Act increased the maximum penalties for anyone caught selling products without a valid licence to \$660,000 for individuals, and \$880,000 for a corporation.

The Act also increased penalties for sale of illicit tobacco and introduced a new offence for the commercial possession of illicit tobacco, with these offences now carrying maximum penalties of up to \$1.54 million, 7 years imprisonment, or both.

From 1 Jan 2025 to 27 October 2025, NSW Health Inspectors conducted around 1,260 retailer inspections and seized more than 11.8 million cigarettes, over 2,000kg of other illicit tobacco products and around 170,000 illegal vaping goods with a combined estimated street value of around \$18.9 million

In the period 1 January to 27 October 2025, the NSW Ministry of Health has finalised 17 prosecutions with the courts imposing a total of \$597,200 in fines related to e-cigarette and tobacco offences. There are currently 28 prosecutions inclusive of the District Court appeal before the Courts.

Minister for Health, Ryan Park said "I can confirm that today we have begun raiding and temporarily shutting down a number of shopfronts suspected of not complying with our tough new tobacco and vaping laws.

"To be sure, this will take some time as we ramp up our closure activities, but this is just the beginning. More will follow in the coming days, weeks and months.

"If you're doing the wrong thing, sooner or later we will come for you." NSW retailers and wholesalers are now required to hold a valid licence to sell tobacco or non-tobacco smoking products as part of the new NSW Tobacco Licensing Scheme.

Businesses can apply for a licence online using their MyServiceNSW account via the Service NSW website.

Applicants are required to complete an annual online application, provide a recent criminal records check and pay the licence fee. Businesses can get support to submit their licence application by calling the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.

More information on closure orders and penalties can be found on the NSW Health website:

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/tobacco-retailing-laws.aspx

More information on the new Tobacco Licensing Scheme including how retailers and wholesalers can apply for a licence can be found on the NSW Health website: <u>NSW tobacco licensing scheme</u>.



## Working for a climate safe future

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#### Wagonga Inlet Living Foreshore showcases innovation in coastal resilience



Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland MP, has praised the award-winning Wagonga Inlet Living Foreshore project in Narooma as a leading example of sustainable design, innovation, and community collaboration.

The project, which recently received the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, (AILA) Award of Excellence, combines ecological restoration, community stewardship, and technical innovation to reimagine a degraded estuarine edge as a regenerative and resilient landscape.

It is the first project in Australia to feature adjacent intertidal and subtidal reefs, including New South Wales' first native Angasi oyster reef. The initiative has delivered tangible ecological outcomes — improving water quality, restoring habitat networks, and strengthening shoreline

protection — while honouring cultural values and empowering local participation.

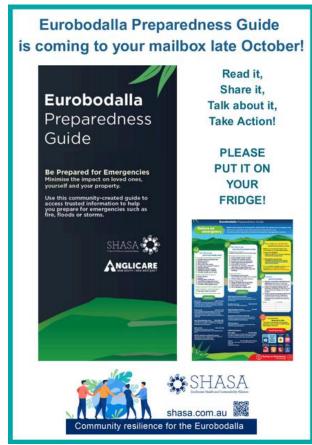
"The Wagonga Inlet Living Foreshore demonstrates how science, design, and respect for Country can come together to protect and enhance our coastal environments," Dr Holland said.

"This project shows what can be achieved when innovation and collaboration lead the way - it's not just about protecting the coastline, but about creating living, thriving ecosystems that will benefit future generations."

Dr Holland congratulated all those involved in the design and delivery of the project, highlighting its importance as a model for future coastal management initiatives across NSW.

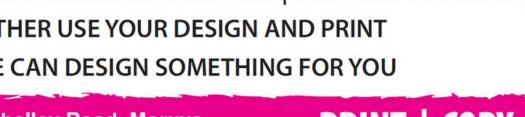
"The Living Foreshore project at Wagonga Inlet is a source of pride for the Narooma community and a benchmark for environmental innovation," Dr Holland said.

"It demonstrates the power of collaboration between local knowledge, government, and design professionals in creating real, lasting impact." Dr Holland visited the Foreshore recently with representatives from Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, NSW Dept Primary Industries and Regional Development- Fisheries and Eurobodalla Shire Council.





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## Let's do coffee with ... Bret House

The sleepy suburb of Surfside, immediately over the Clyde River going north of Batemans Bay, would appear to be the most unlikely location for a tattoo studio. 'Free Spirit Tattoo' is not only a local shop, it is one of the oldest businesses in the area, dating back to 1998. Bret House (BH) is the Manager and the Moruya Mail (MM) caught him for a chat last week.

MM: My late mum would have a seizure if she caught me sitting outside a tattoo shop chatting to a tattoo artist ... but we will get to that. Let's start with your back story. (BH): (Laughs ...) I was born in 1977 in Swan View and lived around Scarborough as a teenager, a coastal suburb of Perth. Mum was a social worker and Dad was into computers. I am the youngest of two boys and attended Swan View Primary School and Churchlands High School. I was not crazy about school except for my passion subjects, art and music.

I have vivid memories of drawing from about 8 years of age ... mainly cartoons and the like. I guess we are all shaped by defining moments in life. One of those moments for me was hearing the Guns N' Roses song 'Sweet Child O'Mine' \* in 1987. The photos of the band members really caught my attention and my fascination

with tattoos began.

By 13 years of age I began buying 'Tattoo Life Magazine' an international magazine that came out every couple of months. Each issue presents interviews, photo reportage, features on street art and urban art, music, up to the minute news and history of tattoos, as well as photo galleries of selected images, flash and background information.

My immediate reaction was 'I wanna do that!' and started drawing with some mates

Unsurprisingly, my mum was not impressed ... remember this is Perth over 35 years ago ... so not the most cosmopolitan of cities. Now ... as far back as colonial days, tattooing was associated with convicts. British prisoners transported to Australia often arrived with crude tattoos - initials, religious symbols and love tokens, usually etched with homemade tools and ink. These marks served as records of identity, loss and resilience.

By the late 1800's, tattooing had spread among sailors, soldiers and the working class. It was a gritty, underground practice that remained on the fringes of mainstream society\*\* ... well up until recent times.

(MM): Well ... our mothers would agree that young Bret is on ... an interesting path to say the least. Anyhow, there must have been some other pursuits that caused a little less parental stress.

(BH): For sure .... Another passion was surfing and cooking. In fact, I would cook a chocolate cake every second weekend to everyone's delight but I guess that positive was countered by the fact my music passion was expressed with me learning the drums. Sadly, no amount of chocolate cake alleviated the neighbours' annoyance.

So by 1996 I had finished Year 12 and began knocking on the 6 or 7 doors of the tattoo studios in Perth but was knocked back unceremoniously each time. Plan B was to start a a Certificate III in <u>Commercial Cookery</u>. I started at an Italian beachside restaurant in Perth and after many moves, finished my training at a Gold Coast restaurant.

My art passion took me back to studying a one year Diploma in Graphic Design on the Gold Coast and I then worked 5 years in

At the age of 28 years I sold everything and embarked on a round the world trip with stints in Western Europe and South America with lots of surfing.

By 2006 I was back in Perth doing graphic design for the 'Cambridge Post', a 48 year old independent newspaper still going strong and edited by Brett Christian. I also played in bands and started playing bass guitar.

(MM): By my calculations, Bret, you are now over 30 years of age and have still not perfected a tattoo. There must be a breakthrough.

(BH): (Smiles ...) Yes ... at the grand old age of 32 years I score a job/ apprenticeship/mentorship at 'Reilly's Tattoo Studio' in Perth.

You do need to understand the industry. To learn the art you are not paid. I spent up to 30 hours a week looking, observing, cleaning, doing coffee runs, asking questions and just soaking up the vibe. For income, I continued to work as a graphic designer for the newspaper for up to 20 hours per week and worked as a cook for up to 15 hours.

I did not have a tattoo machine in my hands for the first 6 months. I was eventually allowed to test my skills on fruits such as oranges.

To move from tattooing fruits to humans is obviously a big jump. It's not like an apprentice barber's first haircut where a mistake grows out in weeks. I had to convince some mates to be my first recipients of my artwork and from then I informed clients I was an apprentice. You slowly build a reputation.

I worked for a couple of years at another tattoo studio in Perth, met my wife and travelled Europe.

On our return to Perth, we looked for opportunities on the East Coast. I am a great nature lover and we found 30 acres of bush at Turlinjah, near Tuross Head. I also contacted Jason Kousal at 'Free Spirit Tattoo'. It was a pretty momentous day 10 years ago. We decided to buy the property and I started work at 'Free Spirit Tattoo'. 7 years ago Jason moved to Manly and after Covid the other Co owner, Mitch Goldsbrough moved to Melbourne and I took over as Manager.

The key to our success has been a focus on customer service. We do not tattoo inebriated clients and customers aged between 16 and 18 years required parental consent. It is a fun work environment with clients travelling from Canberra and beyond for a tattoo.



In fact, we have 3rd generation clients, so we must be doing something right. We can create tattoos across all genres, from Japanese to Geometric and Fine line to Realism to name a few.

Writing and playing music is also huge part of my creative life - a big source of satisfaction and enjoyment. I love writing lyrics for our band 'Sliptrip' which only plays originals and enjoy doing the posters and videos for them.

(MM): What is the process of being tattooed?

outline on skin.

(BH): The client may come into the studio with a specific design or just an idea. We then work on a design using an iPad and depending on the complexity it could take many hours. It requires much concentration and for me it transforms me into a semi meditative state. It is then transferred to a stencil to provide the

To gain an appreciation of the art of tattooing I recommend a visit to 'Free Spirit Tattoo POWERLINES' exhibition at the Batemans Bay Pavilions which showcases our very talented tattoo artists. It is on until 10th November. We have some highly talented artists working their craft with us.

I even think your mum would be impressed, as it is a celebration of one of the world's oldest known art forms. Preserved human specimens with tattoos date back to around 3000BC.

(MM): (Laughs ...) Maybe so! From Guns and Roses, champion chocolate cake maker, musician to tattoo artist. It's been an interesting chat, Bret. Thank you. \*https://youtu.be/1w7OglMMRc4?si=JRe-NIRQwYGIV1yJ \*\* https://www.greenlotustattoo.com.au/tattoo/about

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

## years ago from the Moruya Examiner

Little Miss Eunice Heffernan, of Yarragee, was the holder of the "Popular Girl" ticket No. 1809, and gained the half guinea prize.

Amongst the list of those who passed the recent theory examination conducted by the State Conservatorium of Music are the names of Lelia Jenner, Florence Bartlett, and Marie Preddy. With their teacher, Mrs. A. H. Preddy, these young girls are to be congratulated on their meritorious achievement.

Queen Street householders have commenced to improve the appearance of that thoroughfare. Mr. M. Keating has had a fine substantial balcony erected in front of the premises in which he resides. His house occupied by Dr. McCredie and Mr. Moir has also been repainted. If the Shire Council would only place the streets and footpaths in decent order, owners might do a little more renovating to their shops and dwellings.

Remarkable escapes from death were experienced on Tuesday night by Mr. Frank Dawson, of Bombala, and Mr. A. Sutherland, of Yourie, when their car toppled over an embankment about three miles this side of Narooma and somersaulted two or three times before it reached the bottom. Balmain's service car was on its way to Moruya when the driver noticed a light down the gully. Thinking that it was the tail light of a car, and that he heard someone calling, the driver investigated and found the two men pinned beneath the car. Just then, Mr. Harry Duncan came along and lent a hand in extricating the victims from their dangerous position. They were immediately brought in to Moruya, where it was found that they had fortunately escaped with only a severe shaking and abrasions. Mr. Sutherland, who was on his way to the Shire Council meeting, returned home on Wednesday. The car was considerably damaged.



Nerrigundah - Cadgee Cricket Team

Nerrigundah. (From our Correspondent) During the week end Narooma entertained the Nerrigundah Cricket Club in the first return match of the season. The meeting of these two clubs always attracts a large crowd at Narooma due to the sporting spirit displayed by both teams. Narooma scored 164 runs and so defeated Nerrigundah 136 runs. Bodalla. (From our Correspondent) Mr. J. Brown and Rev. J. Campbell were supervisors at the High School and Bursary examination held in the local school. There were two candidates from the Eurobodalla school, three from Turlinjah, and five from the local school. Two were Bursary candidates and some were candidates for the West Scholarship; Mr. Burbidge arrived back from Sydney last Sunday morning bringing a new Reo speed truck. He also brought a family from England who will work on his Bodalla Farm. I understand that Mr. Burbidge will shortly take over from the Bodalla Co., the milk delivery to the village.



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A Beer with Bazz #215 With John Longhurst

The front bar of the pub was half full but the absence of chatter had Bazza pulling on his earlobe, fearing another marker for declining years.

Mick strode to the bar table, focusing on his phone screen and nodded a thank you for the offered schooner. He took a decent sip and continued texting.

The silence of the front bar was broken spasmodically with pings, dings, whistles and the odd bird chirp. All eyes were fixed on screens.

The practice warranted an addition to the English language; phubbing (phone snubbing).

Bazza rubbed his chin and closed his eyes and thought back to days before the mobile phone. There was nothing private about a phone conversation, as the landline was always centrally and permanently located in the household; its use strictly regulated. Subscriber Trunk Dialing (STD) was future technology, meaning operator assisted dialing was essential with eavesdropping optional entertainment, for any long distance calls.

He took a sip and smiled at the thought of operators' gossip over morning tea about the 'going ons' in his small coastal town.

The coo of a pigeon on the sill of the open window caught his attention. He gave it a wink as it jogged a memory.

Homing pigeons were a childhood fad. A bloke by the name of Reggie was pigeon royalty and mates would gather in his backyard, bordered with cages. On one side were the show pigeons including the African Owl, Archangel, Modena, Persian Tumbler and of course, the Fantail. Owners would compete with others at shows for 'the look' and Reggie would lecture us on 'the look'.

The other side of the backyard was the real attraction; the homing pigeons. We 'oohed and aahed' as he pointed out the Racing Homer, English Carrier pigeon, Janssen and even a German Beauty Homer. He regaled us with tales about some birds flying thousands of kilometres home to win races. Our jaws dropped. According to Reggie, the trick to training homing pigeons was to feed them at the same time each day and after a few weeks, release them beforehand and 'voila', they would fly home to feed.

I built a cage for my new passion, with the special one way trap door.

I started reading up on homing pigeons with a book from the local library but cost were prohibitive. Some of these beauties sold for thousands of dollars.

Unfortunately, I parted with some precious lawn mowing income and bought a few pigeons at a bargain basement price off a local shonk. The pigeons turned out to be street peckers and showed no interest in returning to the cage after weeks of training.

I eventually saved up enough money to buy some genuine homing pigeons off Reggie and it all worked a treat.

My pigeons would do a few laps of the neighbourhood and return for feed.

Bazza chuckled to himself as memories surged.

I decided to take it to the next level and mimic the feats of messenger pigeons used in WWII.

Back in Year 5, I pedaled my bike home from school for lunch.

I decided to take one of my pigeons to school, cosily concealed in my Globite school port. I sat next to the window and when the teacher was writing on the chalkboard I would write my lunch order in tiny writing on a minuscule piece of paper, fold it tightly and insert it in the claw ring of my genuine homing pigeon and release it out the window.

Even though my mum ran a corner store and raised a family of 8 kids, she would always allow us to indulge in our stupidities. She assured me she would find time to go to the cage between serving customers, negotiating with suppliers, liaising with the various schools, undertaking household duties such as washing, cleaning, ironing, mending, meal preparation and catch the pigeon, get my lunch order and have it sorted by the time I arrived.

I was triumphant. On the table was a banana sandwich and a chocolate milkshake.

School day after school day ... every lunchtime, my go to order of a banana sandwich and a chocolate milkshake was on the table. There was the odd drama about close range cooing but the teacher would shake his head and close the window, after I released my pigeon. It was as good as getting Nazi war codes out of Germany.

I was somewhat peeved when I cleaned out the pigeon cage. I found multiple tiny minuscule pieces of tightly folded paper with the words 'A banana sandwich and a chocolate milkshake.'

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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

I think we can agree that active paedophilia in which adults interfere sexually with children causing trauma that can cripple them emotionally for the rest of their lives is a serious crime.

Or can we? Last week's Four Corners raised some engaging questions.

It gained worldwide interest in recent years, not least because some 6,400 cases involving many thousands of children were exposed within the Roman Catholic priesthood.

A five-year Australian inquiry in 2017 found that "tens of thousands of children" were sexually abused in Australian institutions over decades, including churches, schools and sports clubs. And now they had descended upon our poorly regulated childcare industry. However, the issue did not fit easily into our legal system.

Indeed, Australia's most senior Catholic, the late Cardinal George Pell was briefly convicted before being acquitted because the High Court found the jury should have found him 'not guilty' on the evidence presented. That is, the judges disbelieved the victim, though they were not present when he gave his evidence. To the layman, that seems counter to the very essence of our legal system, since we're told, that's the role of a jury of the accused's peers.

Moreover, scientific inquiry since that time has produced new information that contradicts the notion of free will, upon which the legal system also rests, particularly for those individuals blighted by the condition of paedophilia itself. They discover, usually as teenagers, that their sexual preferences have not matured like everyone else's. They're stuck on the same-age boys or girls who first attracted them at the start of puberty, though some retain an interest in far younger children.

As reported by the New York Times, 'People don't choose what arouses them — they discover it,' said Dr. Fred Berlin, director of the Johns Hopkins Sex and Gender Clinic. 'No one grows up wanting to be a paedophile.' According to James Cantor, director of the Toronto Sexuality Centre. 'These [causes] are not genetic; they can be traced to specific periods of development in the womb.'

According to psychiatry's diagnostic manual, 'Over the past generation, psychologists, forensic specialists and others have studied paedophilia, a disorder characterised by 'recurrent, intense arousing fantasies, urges or behaviours involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child'. These experts have interviewed patients in depth, piecing together life histories and performing a variety of psychological and anatomical measures.

A portrait is emerging: A majority of convicted offenders are men who prey on children ages 6 to 17; rough estimates put the rate of paedophilic attraction at 1 to 4 percent in both men and women. Studies suggest that a small subset of male and female paedophiles have an interest in toddlers, or even infants.

Such activities are, of course, revolting. Indeed, the former intelligence officer, Witness J whom I disclosed was secretly jailed with paedophiles at Canberra's Alexander Maconochie Centre, told me it was a harrowing experience, as they claimed to 'love' their victims.

But since their 'crime' does not fit into the system we have created to punish malefactors, perhaps it would be preferable to remove them from the capacity to traumatise their victims until a 'cure' for their condition is developed. The result – imprisonment – would be similar, but at least they should be given the chance to live a productive life behind bars.

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**Mogo Trails** 

### Rotary Business Breakfast hosts Martin Wisata of Sea Otter Australia



By Sofia Keady

The Rotary Club of Batemans Bay hosted a vibrant and inspiring Business Breakfast this morning, welcoming special guest Martin Wisata from Rocky Trail Entertainment, the team behind the internationally renowned Sea Otter Australia cycling festival. Martin shared with local business leaders the incredible journey of bringing a world-class event to Batemans Bay and the many challenges and rewards that came with it.

The Sea Otter Classic, first held in Monterey, California in 1991, has grown into one of the world's premier cycling festivals, with editions now in Spain and, as of 2025, Australia. Thanks to years of careful planning and collaboration, the inaugural Sea Otter Australia was successfully staged in Batemans Bay on October 24–26, marking a major milestone for the region's sporting and tourism industries. Martin reported that the debut event drew an impressive 1,700 athletes competing across a wide range of cycling disciplines and demonstrations, while an estimated 4,000 visitors explored the bustling Sea Otter Expo at the Hanging Rock precinct. He also spoke proudly of the Mogo Trails, a key component in attracting the event to the South Coast, noting the years of development and community support that helped make the world-class trail network a reality.

"Sea Otter Australia wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of the local community and businesses," Martin said. "We're already looking ahead next year will be even bigger and better!"

Rocky Trail Entertainment has secured the rights to run Sea Otter Australia in Batemans Bay for the next ten years, a commitment that promises significant long-term economic and tourism benefits for the region.

Rotary President Neil Simpson thanked Martin for sharing his insights and congratulated him and his team on the success of the event, noting the strong alignment between community engagement, tourism, and business growth that Sea Otter brings to the South Coast.

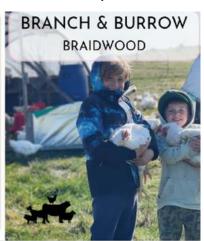
The morning concluded with lively discussion among local business owners about how to continue supporting and building on the momentum of this landmark event for Batemans Bay.



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Yours In Health,

Sofia Keady Nutritionist- Go Vita Batemans Bay



## Ten years celebration: 350 Eurobodalla rings the bell for climate action

Saturday 8 November 11.30 am at St John's Anglican Church Moruya, followed by a lunch to celebrate.

Everyone is invited to take their turn to ring the bell and bring a plate to join us at lunch.

We ring the church bell for every COP (Conference of Parties) when the world's governments get together to try to deal with the climate crisis.

Church bells are rung to call people together in a crisis or to celebrate a great event.

There has never been a bigger crisis so we must get together to urge that Australia and the world take the action needed.

We want the people of our shire to support strong action to reduce emissions and deal with the climate chaos, especially the bushfires and floods we are already experiencing.

In 2015, 350 Eurobodalla led 250 people through the streets of Moruya to ring the bell for the Paris COP.

Governments at the Paris COP took the great step of agreeing to keep global warming below 2 degrees with the aim of trying to keep the limit to 1.5 degrees.

There has been progress and back-sliding since then, with the Australian government supporting renewable energy, but continuing to approve new gas and coal projects.

Since 2015, 350 Eurobodalla has worked to engage the community and push the politicians at every level of government.

Our biggest demos have been 250 people on Congo Beach for a demonstration against the Adani coal mine and 600 in Moruya when we got together with high school students in the School Strike for Climate.

We have held film nights and public meetings and taken part in every federal election, building a bigger coalition of climate and environment groups every time.

South East Climate Alliance now consists of 10 local groups stretching from Cooma to Kiama, informing people of the climate policies of all the candidates.

School children have joined us at two Rock On for Climate Action events organized with young local musician Sam Fletcher.

Our next film screening is The Hungry Tide about a Pacific Island woman and her struggle for her homeland of Kiribati. Come along all, ring the bell and celebrate ten years of climate action with the determination to continue





#### **DIVERSITY NIGHT 2025** Saturday 8 November 2025 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start At St Johns Greek Church Hall 1 Clyde Road North Batemans Bay Tickets to be collected at JJJ Oriental Supermarket by Saturday 1 November 2025 \$30 DONATION **Delicious Multicultural Food Provided BYO** alcohol Soft drinks can be purchased at the venue This project is supported by **Batemans Bay Greek Community Eurobodalla Shire Council Eurobodalla Multicultural**

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Poets: Please contact Paddy Naughton 0450742933 wpnaughton@icloud.com or Sue Knight <u>0427007649</u> aandskniaht@biapond.com **NEW EXHIBITION**: 'A Place Held Close' - by TEO (The Everyday Observer)

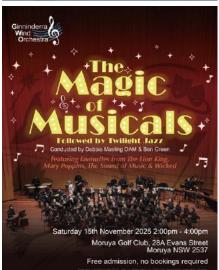
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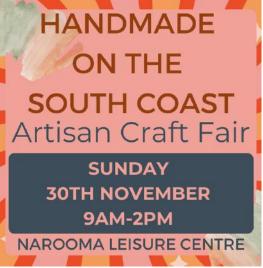


#### St Cecilia 30th Anniversary Finalists Concert

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









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## Crank It Up Batemans Bay Brings Back the Good-Time 50s Vibe!



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"Crank It Up isn't just a festival, it's a weekend of smiles, music and memories," Leisa said. "We love seeing families, car enthusiasts and dancers come together to celebrate the 50s spirit. It's about good music, good company and feeling part of something special in our town." The action kicks off Friday with the Car Cruise from Batemans Bay to Bodalla, followed by ticketed evening gigs. Across the weekend there will be free Show 'n' Shine displays, Best Dressed competitions, face painting, a jumping castle, dancing and live music for all ages. With visitors travelling from across NSW and interstate, the festival continues to shine a spotlight on Batemans Bay's beautiful foreshore and vibrant community spirit.

For the full program, car registration details and ticketed events, visit

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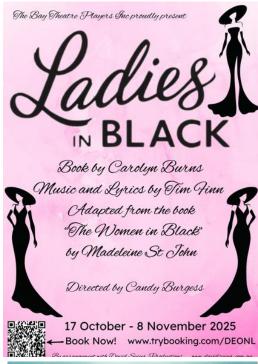
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## Free Spirit Tattoo presents Powerlines at Bay Pavilions



'Powerlines' presents works by Bret House, Mitch Goldsbrough, Joe Innes and Bella McCartney

By John Longhurst

The 'Powerlines' exhibition at Batemans Bay Pavilions is not just for the inked members of the community, it will appeal to any appreciator of fine art.

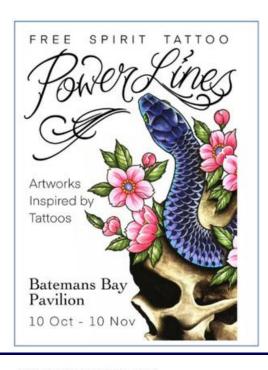
Free Spirit Tattoo has been located at Surfside since 1998 and the exhibition showcases local creatives in the ancient art of tattooing. The Manager of Free Spirit Tattoo is Bret House, who has twenty years' experience in the industry.

Bret said "Tattoos have spanned time and culture. From Ancient Egyptian to Polynesian or Japan - people around the globe have been using tattoos for millennia; to recognise heritage - show social status - for protection or simply as decoration."

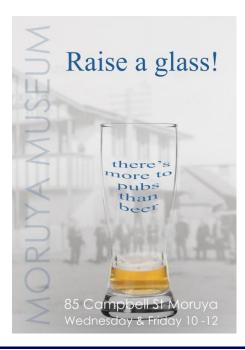
'Powerlines' presents a selection of common images used in modern tattooing.

Bret said "Modern tattooing has evolved to be vast - combining elements from its long history with contemporary innovations and styles. A good tattooist these days is versatile. Any given day may require the skills to produce - a realistic portrait - geometric stippling or a fineline lettering piece."

The 'Powerlines' exhibition is on until the 10th November at Batemans Bay Pavilions.







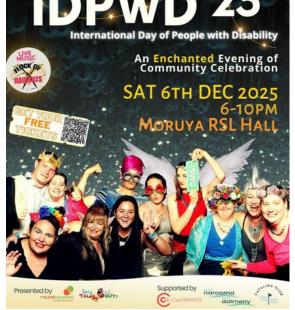
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2015- 2025.

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

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

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## Moruya Mail Notices

#### Animal Welfare League News

- · Kaspa is a playful and loving four year old Mini Fox Terrier. He loves toys, gets on with cats and comes as a package with his friend Squidgee.
- · Squidgee is an older gentleman (12 years) but is still active and up for adventures. As a Jack Russell / Pug mix he's very playful and enjoys hanging out with his friend Kaspa.

Kaspa and Squidgee are looking for a home together, one where they can be valued members of the family. They'll win the heart of anyone who meets them.

Like all AWL pets, Kaspa and Squidgee come microchipped, desexed and vaccinated. Call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410916612 to enquire, or complete the form on the AWL NSW website.

And don't forget, you can help the environment and contribute to our work in rehoming animals by donating your Return and Earn refund to our campaign Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home. Just take your eligible containers to any Return and Earn collection point throughout NSW, and use the Return and Earn app to donate. Every cent helps us to help animals here in Eurobodalla.

#### OUTREACH



South Coast & Country Community Law will have in person appointments available at these locations.

#### **Batemans Bay**

- Moruya Tuesday 11 November
- Thursday 06 November
- Tuesday 25 November Tuesday 09 December
- Thursday 04 December



#### 1800 229 529 scclaw.org.au



#### Mike McClellan on his farewell tour - Braidwood

Braidwood National Theatre - Saturday 8th November 7:30pm

It was late 1965 when Mike McClellan first took to the stage at the Troubadour. It was Sydney's premier folk venue. Few among the audience that night would have been aware that they were witnessing the beginning of a career that would see the young man with the engaging tenor voice and remarkable guitar technique go on to become one of the most acclaimed singer, songwriter, quitarists of his generation.

And it is even less likely that they would have conceived of him still enchanting audiences in 2025. The depth and artistry of his writing, singing and playing has never waned across his long career. Not long before he recently retired from radio ABC broadcaster Richard Glover remarked, "Mike McClellan just gets better and better."

Though seemingly ageless, and with no desire to stop performing, Mike has suggested that this tour will be the last long one he will undertake. The concerts will feature songs from his entire career: his classic 1974 hit Song and Dance Man, his second hit, the Vanda and Young produced The One I Love, I Wonder Who You're Waiting For, a new song from a wonderful series of late career albums, to his powerful Letter To America from his 12th album for which Bob Dylan gave him permission to use one of his lines.

Website: www.mikemcclellan.com.au

https://circlemusic.iwannaticket.com.au/event/mike-mcclellan-the-last-song-dance-MzM1NTU











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#### NOW SHOWING

NOVEMBER	THU 6	FRI 7	SAT 8	SUN 9	MON 10	TUE 11	WED 12
A PAW PATROL CHRISTMAS  G 55 MIN	11:05 AM	11:05 AM	11:05 AM	11:00 AM	CLOSED	11:05 AM	11:05 AM
BLACK PHONE 2 MA15+ 114 MIN	5:05 PM	5:05 PM	5:05 PM	3:35 PM		5:05 PM	5:05 PM
GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIE G	4:35 PM	4:35 PM	10:40 AM	11:15 AM		4:35 PM	4:35 PM
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REGRETTING YOU  M 117 MIN	12:35 PM 4:45 PM	12:35 PM 4:45 PM	12:35 PM 4:45 PM	1:10 PM		12:35 PM 4:45 PM	12:35 PM 4:45 PM
RISE OF THE UNDERDOG  M 85 MIN	12:25 PM	12:25 PM	4:30 PM	4:25 PM		12:25 PM	12:25 PM
SHELL MA15+ 100 MIN	2:10 PM	2:10 PM	2:30 PM	2:25 PM		2:10 PM	2:10 PM
SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE M 119 MIN	12:45 PM 7:00 PM	12:45 PM 7:00 PM	12:45 PM 7:00 PM	1:20 PM		12:45 PM 7:00 PM	12:45 PM 7:00 PM
THE BAD GUYS 2 PG 104 MIN	4:10 PM	4:10 PM	12:25 PM	12:20 PM		4:10 PM	4:10 PM
THE TRAVELLERS M 97 MIN	10:40 AM 2:40 PM	10:40 AM 2:40 PM	2:40 PM 4:35 PM	3:15 PM		10:40 AM 2:40 PM	10:40 AM 2:40 PM

#### DATOR: BADLANDS RISE OF THE UNDERDOG



M | 1hr 47min ~ Sci Fi ~ Set in the future on a remote planet, a young Predator, outcast from his clan embarks on a treacherous journey.

## UNDERDOG

M | 1hr 25min ~ Drama ~ Rise of the Underdog tells the captivating true story of a filmmaker's unbreakable spirit, born from unjust imprisonment.

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#### 13TH NOW YOU SEE ME NOW YOU DON'T &

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#### A PAW PATROL CHRISTMAS



G | 1hr 6min ~ Family ~ When Santa gets ill, Christmas is cancelled and Mayor Humdinger goes to the North Pole to take all the gifts for himself.



Bruce Springsteen's journey crafting his 1982 album.



#### REGRETTING YOU

M | 1hr 17min

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

13TH NOVEMBER-RUNNING MAN



## MA | 1hr 54min ~ Horror ~

Four years ago, 13-year-old Finn killed his abductor and escaped, becoming the sole survivor of The Grabber.



#### THE TRAVELLERS

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



#### KANGAROO G | 1hr 47min ~ Australian ~ Family ~ A wonderful story of a man who is stranded in an Outback town.



#### **MORUYA MAIL**

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#### **2025 Diary Dates**

- 14-16 Nov Crank it Up Batemans Bay
- 8-9 & 15-16 Nov **GARAGE SALE TRAIL**
- 22 Nov Giiyong Festival
- 7-21 Dec. Congo Crafts 40th Exhibition.
- 13<sup>th</sup> December Long Beach Christmas Markets
- 27 Feb 1 Mar 2026 Cobargo Folk Festival
- 8 March 2026 Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim
- 7 15 March 2026 Sculpture Bermagui
- 13 March 2027 NSW State Election
- May June 2026 Sculpture for Clyde
- 21st-25th October 2026 Sea Otter Australia

#### **Tuross Community Markets**

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

#### Moruya Community Workshed

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

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

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

Webinar for local community groups and charities supporting regional health.

Local community groups and charities play a vital role in supporting NSW Health and improving health outcomes for people living in rural, regional, and remote areas. To recognise and strengthen this contribution, you're invited to join a informative webinar designed to connect and inspire. The session will provide practical insights, system updates, and real-world examples to support your work and help you navigate opportunities for collaboration and funding.

When Tuesday, 25 November, 1:00 to 2:30pm
Where Online webinar Cost FREE Register to secure your spot now and be part of a conversation that shapes better health for rural communities <a href="https://bit.ly/3L1Gxzm">https://bit.ly/3L1Gxzm</a> Regos close 19 November, for more info email <a href="mailto:mohered">mohered</a> regional@health payages as a secure of the payages and the payages are secured as a secure of the payages are secured as a secured as a secure of the payages are secured as a secure of the payages are secured as a secure of the payages are secured as a secured as ods-regional@health.nsw.gov.au

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).



#### South Coast & Country Community Law

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

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street

When: Thursday 6th November 2025 10am to 2pm

Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay When: Tuesday 11th November 2025 9:30am to 2pm How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529

Moruya RSL Sub Branch welcomes all to the Remembrance Day Service to be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at Moruya RSL Memorial 11 Page St Moruya at 10.30am for the 11am Service. The Guest Speaker is Brigadier John J Mackenzie AM, Assistant Inspector General ADF. He was deployed to many areas overseas after becoming full-time in 1984. Brigadier John J Mackenzie AM still serves part-time, in support of the

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath in memory is welcome.

Inspector General's mission, to ensure the ADF remains

#### Do you own a caravan or camper trailer?

**Eurobodalla Council advises "**Get ready for summer with our free caravan weigh and safety day!

Where: Hanging Rock sports complex, Batemans Bay When: Saturday 8 November, from 8.30am

Only 8 spots left so register now by searching 'caravan safety and weigh day' on our website or by clicking the link in the first comment below. What are you waiting for?

You'll get a free check of your caravan's weight Expert advice on safe loading and towing Learn how to calculate ATM, GVM, and GCM

And drive away feeling caravan-confident!

Here are some pics from last year's successful event. It's the most fun you can have in a carpark with your clothes on! Thanks to our partners who helped make this day possible TAFE NSW Sutton Road Training Centre Transport for NSW

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



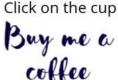
#### Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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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## Trivia and Games Night

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

\$30 per person

This includes a complimentary champagne/orange juice with nibbles on arrival, Pinger foods and cake/slice with bea/coffer 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.





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#### Government supporting Air T's bid to acquire Rex

The Albanese Government is delivering on its commitment to support a successful sale of Rex.

Today, (4<sup>th</sup> Nov) the Government is announcing the details of the financing that it will provide to support the proposal put forward by Air T, Inc. (Air T) to the Administrators of Rex in connection with their bid to acquire Rex.

The Government will restructure Rex's existing debt to the Australian Government. Approximately \$90 million of existing debt will be carried forward and a new commercial loan of \$60 million will be provided to Rex.

This will supplement the \$50 million being contributed by Air T towards the recapitalisation of the business.

In exchange for this financing and to ensure value for taxpayer money, Air T has agreed to a range of commitments aimed at preserving essential regional aviation connectivity and improving governance arrangements.

This will include returning more aircraft to service and increasing the frequency of profitable flights across the Rex network.

To safeguard this public investment, the Government will retain its security over all Rex's aircraft and simulator. This will ensure Rex's Saab fleet cannot be sold without the Government's permission and will continue to service communities across regional and remote Australia.

Separately, the Government is also announcing today that it will establish a new program capped at \$5 million for local government and regional and remote airports that supported Rex through the voluntary administration process.

This new program will mitigate financial barriers to these organisations continuing to provide essential services to their communities. Eligibility will be based on the amount owed to the organisation by the Rex regional business when it entered voluntary administration.

This program is a separate Australian Government initiative and is not part of the negotiations with Air T for its acquisition of Rex.

This builds on the vision outlined in the Aviation White Paper for the benefits of aviation to be shared across regional and remote Australia, and the extension of Regional Airports Program in the 2024-25 Budget with an additional \$40 million for two further funding rounds.

For more information visit: Support for Air T Factsheet







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## Willinga Park For Sale

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"Spanning over 2,400 acres of pristine coastal hinterland, this extraordinary property represents one of the most significant and unique lifestyle and investment opportunities in the global property market. Established by the late Terry Snow — one of Australia's most visionary entrepreneurs — Willinga Park has been meticulously developed over two decades into a \$300 million+ integrated destination combining elite equine infrastructure, architectural excellence, botanic and agricultural splendour, hospitality, and private luxury living. At the heart of Willinga Park is an Olympic-grade equestrian precinct, including award-winning arenas, stadium seating, state-of-the-art stabling for 250 horses, a high-tech broadcast centre, and a globally recognised equine veterinary hospital offering MRI diagnostics, IVF services, and surgical capabilities. It is home to the Gold Buckle Campdraft, Australia's richest competition in the sport, drawing thousands of spectators annually.

Beyond its equine credentials, Willinga is also a premier events and hospitality venue. The property includes a 2,200 sqm conference centre, a 300-seat ballroom, six commercial kitchens, and multiple luxury accommodation pavilions. Its resort-style amenities and sculpted botanical grounds offer a fivestar experience for weddings, corporate retreats, board meetings, and private functions.

The property also features significant agricultural capacity, currently supporting 200 head of prime beef cattle with the potential to expand, backed by over 8 million litres of water storage and powered by the largest private solar and Tesla battery installation in the country.

Willinga Park is not only a legacy of passion and vision — it is a fully operational commercial enterprise with deep infrastructure, income-generating assets, and an exceptional lifestyle offering. For Australian taxpayers, the acquisition may also be accompanied by a significant tax depreciation schedule.

Now offered for sale for the first time, Willinga Park stands as a rare convergence of luxury, functionality, scale and natural beauty — a once-in-a-generation asset ready to be taken into its next extraordinary chapter."

Source https://www.ppglobal.com.au/properties/willinga-park



#### Workshops for Care Organisations, **Businesses. and Service Providers**

Three workshops will be held across Snowy Monaro, Bega Valley, and Eurobodalla shires, focusing on strategies for organisations, businesses, and service providers to sustain client services at home before, during, and after emergencies.

Tracy Compton of Snowy Monaro Family Services stated, "We are pleased to collaborate with Eden Community Access Services and Facilitator David Newell in delivering these workshops. This initiative forms a key component of our Community Organisation Disaster Adaptation (CODA) Project, which aims to promote emergency preparedness and provide essential training within our communities.'

The CODA project is supported by funding from the Australian and NSW governments via the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

These interactive and collaborative workshops will enable organisations to improve service delivery and support their staff during emergency situations. Both NDIS and Aged Care service providers are required to maintain emergency plans for their operations and for each individual client. The workshops will assist organisations in developing emergency protocols, enhancing collaboration with other services, and strengthening preparedness for future emergencies.

Deb Richardson from the Eden Community Access Centre stated, "Comprehensive emergency planning should be conducted in advance to ensure that both businesses and home-based clients understand procedures and individual responsibilities." She encourages all organisations. service providers, and any company that work with vulnerable populations in the community to participate and seek opportunities to establish or update their emergency plans.

#### The workshops are being held:

Moruya - Tues, 11th November at Moruya Golf Club Bega - Thurs 13th November at Bega Golf Club Cooma - Wed, 26<sup>th</sup> November at Cooma Car Club Times: 9am - 1pm. Morning Tea will be provided.

An interactive workshop to gain practical tools and ideas for services and their clients to be ready for anything.

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Tue, 11th November

MORUYA GOLF CLUB 28A EVANS ST, MORUYA

#### Thu, 13th November



BEGA GOLF CLUB

**9AM - 1PM** 

Morning Tea provided



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







## Moruya Mail Sport

#### Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 31.10.25

#### Moruya River.

We have a mixed bag of weather forecast for this weekend, with the ground dry and dusty, a bit of precipitation will appreciated by a heap of people and live stock. Not that there is a lot of rain forecast however.

The temps in the river continue to climb, as the warm currents have now pushed down below Green Cape, and they continue to rise.

This will bring the bream and whiting into a more active phase over the flats. I can't wait for the whiting to start looking to the surface for a feed. They will be more active over the new moon phase, as the prawns run during this time, and they are one of the favourite food stuffs for a lot of predators, whiting included. Any surface lure from 50-90mm in size worked with a quick skittering retrieve, will tempt a hungry pack of whiting. Constant motion is the key for whiting, as the second it stops, they loose

Back of the hole in the wall, the airport flats, the flats under the town bridge and the flats opposite the hospital are all good areas to explore on a rising tide.

Up in the fresh the bass have been very active. Good fish above 40cm have been reported on the surface after dark. Jointed Aborgast Jitterbugs have been working well, but honestly, anything on the surface when the bass are in the mood, will work.

#### Tuross River.

Flathead have well and truly been on the cards this past week, with the shallow flats sections this system has in spades, being the best areas to start looking. Soft plastics, hardbody lures and even surface presentations in super shallow water will all work. The mulloway are still on the chew in all the deeper holes throughout the system, with artificials and baits all working. Fresh or live baits will always be preferred as an offering over frozen, but the bait freezer can provide good alternatives, if time to collect bait is not on your side.

Luderick should be on the chew, for those that like to drift suspended baits under floats for some chunky hard pulling fish. Green weed or peeled prawns will work a treat, once drifted in front of a likely snag or section of river. Luderick tend to school up, so once you find where they are, you can expect to catch multiple fish.

Up in the fresh the bass continue to keep anglers happy, but just like the paddocks, the river needs some rain to push water levels up a bit to help the fish to move upstream.

#### Rock and Beach.

Salmon continue to be the main protagonists along the coast this week, but as the water temps climb, bream and whiting will join the fight as well. Fresh beach worms or pipis are the best baits for both these species, with the chance a mulloway might also come across your presentation.

#### Offshore.

There have been plenty of snapper encountered this week in and around the 30m marks, along with the tasty gummy shark. Sand and tiger flathead are also an ever present catch, as the water temps continue to rise. The game crews have started looking for the warmer temps that herald the arrival of both the billfish and Mahi Mahi season, any day now.

The bait freezer has been restocked, and I do have limited numbers of small tubs of beach worms, if catching your own is something you struggle with. The lure wall has had the addition of the Samaki Redic range, with more sizes to come. These will be joined by the Duo range from Wilson Tackle in the first week of November.

As a result of these fresh additions, slow moving stock has had to make way, and has found itself in the reduced bins. Time to stock up for the summer season!! Come in store and check both the new and old stock for your collections.

Speaking of worming earlier, we now have a super quality set of brass worming pliers in stock from Samaki. These are a quality bit of gear, and something that will last for decades in your tacklebox.

We would also like to welcome Noah to our team, as our newest staff member. Noah is a keen angler and welcome addition to the Tackle World Moruya family. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."
Team Tackle World Moruya.

#### NSW Maritime Expired Flare Collection

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

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

- **Bermagui** Bermagui Boat Harbour Boat Ramp, Off Lamont Street, Friday, 7 November 2025 15:30 17:30 **Narooma** Apex Park Boat Ramp, Centenary Drive,
- Saturday, 8 November 2025 07:00 08:30

  Moruya Preddys Wharf, Preddys Wharf Road (Off South Head Road), Saturday, 8 November 2025 10:00 - 11:30
- Batemans Bay Hanging Rock Boat Ramp, Hanging Rock Place, Saturday, 8 November 2025 13:00 - 14:30







## THIS WAS SEA OTTER AUSTRALIA 2025! Narooma Rescue Squad Secures IMB Grant

## OTTER AUSTRALIA

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all the action - 9,000 people came through the gates at Hanging Rock! From all over Australia, NZ, South East Asia, Europe & North America!



**РНОТОS** 10,000

We had a media team of 12 out there taking over 10,000 photos and 25 hours worth of video footage, AMB Magazine and Flow MTB Crews were on-site too!



Engagement

More than 81,000 people visited our website all year, checking out our content 1.2 mio times. In the Festival week, you were on fire -you connected with info & resources over 362,000 times!



**VIEWS** 

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Narooma Rescue Squad - VRA Rescue NSW reports: VRA Rescue NSW - Narooma is thrilled to announce they have been named a recipient of the prestigious IMB Bank Community Foundation Grant for 2025.

This vital funding will be dedicated entirely to the completion of the squad's essential Light Rescue 4x4 Vehicle. This new asset will significantly enhance the Narooma squad's capability to access remote, rugged, and difficult terrains, ensuring a faster and more effective response to critical incidents across the Eurobodalla region. The acquisition of the Light Rescue 4x4 vehicle is a crucial step in maintaining the highest standard of emergency services provided by the dedicated volunteers of the Squad.

VRA Rescue NSW - Narooma would like to extend its deepest gratitude to the IMB Bank Community Foundation for their generous support and commitment to enhancing community safety and resilience in regional NSW. "We are incredibly grateful to the IMB Community Foundation for this significant grant," "This funding is not just about a vehicle; it's about giving our volunteers the tools they need to save lives and protect property, especially in hard-to-reach areas. It ensures we can continue to deliver world-class rescue services to our community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

VRA Rescue NSW - Narooma is a volunteer unit of VRA Rescue NSW, providing primary response for Road Crash Rescue, General Land Rescue, and specialist rescue operations in the Narooma and surrounding areas. Our volunteers are dedicated, highly trained professionals committed to community safety.

#### Civil Aviation Safety Authority Seminar

Making the right calls when flying is critical and poor decision-making continues to be a leading cause of aircraft accidents worldwide. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is targeting decision-making in its latest aviation safety seminar to help pilots make the right call at the right time for a safer flight.

Aviation safety advisor, Tim Penney, says the free seminars explore how humans make decisions, as well as key considerations pre-flight and in-flight.

'When flying, a pilot makes decisions in every action before and during a flight, including pre-flight planning and go/nogo decisions,' Tim says. 'Different types of decision-making have different impacts in the cockpit, plus there are a range of factors that affect a pilot's thinking and actions."

'At the end of an informative session, you'll get practical tips to improve your decision-making skills and be safer every time you fly.

A Bureau of Meteorology forecaster will be a special guest at the session to present on forecasting and local weather conditions and to answer any questions.

Each year, CASA's aviation safety advisors host free seminars across Australia to help pilots refresh their skills. enhance their knowledge, and improve flight safety. Everyone is welcome, from novices to experienced pilots, and refreshments are provided. Book your spot online now. Moruya 'Time to decide' seminar

**Date: Tuesday 11 November 2025** Time: 6-8pm at Moruya Golf Club

#### Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

There were 34 Twisties on the Green on a lovely warm sunny morning some sharing a half game.

Robbo took over proceedings once McGooley arrived a little late!! He welcomed back President Pedro after his wonderful holiday. There is also nobody on sick list at present which is always good. Pedro thanked his committee for the great job they all did whilst he was away. Welcome to Steve from Orbost in Victoria who spent the morning with us also Birthday greetings to Robbo on his 73rd

Winners with Lowest Losing Margin - 4 Sandy and Irish . (Photo)>

Runners-up -5, Witto & Clark "Kent" Irish selected his own Rink 7 to try for Jackpot of \$180, then he found the Joker so four happy Twisties.

High/Low Scores 26/13 no winners. Lucky Numbers 17 Irish,

27 Smoothie.

Winning teams, Lois "Lane" and McGooley 24/12. Bung, Moby and Rolls 17/11. Trish the Dish and Steve 25/11. Ruth and Ute with Smoothie 19/12. "Bert", Chanty and Dave 26/11. Chrissy and Smiley 20/16

### **Cutlery Call Out**

Repurposing for Resilience Eurobodalla Inc have a cutlery callout!

The Plate Forward Project is Repurposing for Resilience's latest mission to take the bite out of single-use packaging at community events.

We've already collected mugs — now it's time to round up your knives, forks, and spoons for a second serving! Give your old silverware a new life and help make local festivals taste even better.

Drop them off at:

- Fridays 9.30am–12.30pm Eurobodalla Repair Café, Red Door Hall, Moruya
- Saturdays 9.30am–2.30pm Repurposing for Resilience Centre, Moruya Waste Transfer Station
- 7 days 9.30am–4.30pm JJJ Oriental Supermarket, Batemans Bay

Let's fork single-use — together!



## Moruya Ladies Golf



It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Xmas hamper event on Wednesday 29th October and the Moruya lady golfers were out an playing in wonderful conditions. The golf course is getting to the point where it is looking its best and it reflected in the scores. Val Moore had a terrific round with 48 points to win the day followed by Noelene Cowdroy with 40 points ocb. Balls went to Jan Lumsden, Jenny Ellis, Margaret Flynn, Shirley Noy and Christine Quick. << Val Moore





Community Solar reuse centre - Moruya Transfer Station:
 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
 Substantial Supermarket - Orient St Batemans Bay 10am-5pm 7 days a week!

### Tuross Head Golf



Secretary Michael Coloe with Winner Dorothy Madden

#### **Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 30th October** 2025

A field of 35 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. It was a nail biting finish with some very high scores today, the first place winner way out in front, well done!

The Winners were: 1st: Dorothy Madden (26) with 46 points 2nd: Nick Brice (12) with 44 points 3rd: Troy Kingdom (11) with 39 points (countback)

4th: Leonie Snodgrass (20)

with 39 points

Nearest to the Pins 4th: Nick Brice 0.44 A Grade 4th: Stephen Swanbury 4.04 B Grade

4th: Bruce Lidbury 11.5C Grade 6th: Troy Kingdom 1.62 A

Grade 6th: Ian McManus 3.12 B

Grade 7th: Leonie Snodgrass 5.84 A Grade

7th: Dorothy Madden 7.74 B Grade

Balls went to: Ron Rogers 38, Ray Bollard 38, Paul Scholze 38, Bruce Martin 37, Terry Milliken 36, Bruce Lidbury 36, Sandra D'Onofrio 34, Ian Manton 34, Robert McDonell 34 and Anthony Mellick 34.



Medal of Medals Winner Peter Engelbrecht with Sponsor Bruce

Winners: Dorothy Madden, Jenny Reilly and Jane Eglitis

#### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday Tuross Head Ladies Golf 1st November 2025 Results - Tuesday 4th

A field of 47 players registered for the Men's Stroke Monthly Medal/Medal of Medals event today. The event was sponsored by Bruce Brawn and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were: Medal of Medals Winner was Peter Engelbrecht.

#### A Grade:

1st: Colin Houghton (2) with 66 nett (medal) 2nd: John Eglitis (13) with 67 nett

#### B Grade:

1st: Peter Engelbrecht (16) with 67 nett (medal) 2nd: Ron Rogers (18) with 69 nett

#### C Grade:

1st: Daniel Nickson (26) with 66 nett 2nd: Tony Brown (24) with 71 nett (countback) (medal)

Hole Prize: 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole David Gray Distance: 0.86 Golden Shot Moruya Jockey Club

#### Nearest to the Pins

4th: Colin Houghton 2.38 A Grade 4th: Simon French 0.36B Grade 4th: Bruce Martin 4.58C Grade 6th: John Eglitis 2.69A Grade 6th: John Harb 7.66B Grade 6th: Adam Husband 6.17 C Grade 7th: Colin Houghton 3.38 A Grade 7th: Jim Wade 4.50B Grade

Putting Comp: Greg Booth Balls went to: William Steenbergen 69, Ian Manton 70, Greg Booth 70, Jim Wade 71, Robert McDonell 71, Martin Booth 71, Mark Cutmore 71, Steve Collins 72, Bruce Martin 73 and Malcolm Gilbertson 73.

## November 2025

A field of 21 ladies played in a 3 Person Ambrose Team event today. It was an overcast Spring morning and some wonderful scores were achieved on Melbourne Cup Day!

The Winning Teams were: 1st: Dorothy Madden, Jenny Reilly and Jane Eglitis with 60.667 nett 2nd: Sandra D'Onofrio, Dianne Brown and Marilyn Bingham with 64.167 nett 3rd: Shirley Quinlan, Leonie Snodgrass and Jennifer Gray with 66 nett

Hole Prize: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot 7<sup>th</sup> Kerrie Sands Golden Shot A In the Hole! 7<sup>th</sup> Jenny Reilly Golden Shot B 0.18

Nearest to the Pin: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot

6th Wendy Schmid 0.99 15<sup>th</sup> Gail Rogers



Winner: Shirley Quinlan

#### **Tuross Head Vets Golf Results** Wednesday 5th November 2025

A field of 42 players signed up for a Stableford 3 Club event today. The weather was perfect, the game challenging and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were: 1st: Greg Bush with 22 points 2<sup>nd</sup>: Neal Watson with 20 points 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sandra Hanlon with 19 points (countback)

Balls or Chocolates went to: Greg Smith 19, Henry Anderson 17, Leonie Snodgrass 17, Chris Wratten 17, Dorothy Madden 16, John Cox 16, Greg Thornton 16, Annette Manton 16 and

Nearest to the Pins: 4th: Steve Collins (2nd Shot) 6<sup>th</sup>: Steve Swanbury (1<sup>st</sup> Shot) 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Tori Puglisi 15.

Mens: Frank Pomfret (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Accuracy: Jane Eglitis (5<sup>th</sup> hole) Bradmans: Mike Birks







## Tuross Head Ladies Golf Club Fundraiser Event - Sunday 2nd November 2025



1st Place: Shane, Ruth, Matthew and Wayne

A 4 Person Ambrose Fundraiser event was held by the Tuross Head Ladies Golf Club to raise money to contribute towards the golf course improvements. There were 60 entrants in the event, a raffle and games held and nibblies provided after the game. The course was challenging with some extra obstacles and difficult pin placements to navigate and a fun day was had by all.

#### The Winners were:

1<sup>st</sup>: Ruth and Shane Gschwend, Wayne Burgess and Matthew Kennedy with 54.87 nett 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cody, Karina, Paul and Greg Bush with 55.75 nett

3<sup>rd</sup>: Jane and John Eglitis, Marilyn Bingham and Beverley Theobald with 56.25 nett

#### Hole Prize:

9<sup>th</sup> Paul Scholze Accuracy

#### Nearest to the Pin:

4<sup>th</sup> Robert McDonell 7<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Madden

Photos all with Sponsor: Jim Wade



2<sup>nd</sup>: Team Bush



3<sup>rd</sup>: Beverley, Marilyn, Jane and John

