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Council to undertake extra community engagement for Bay Masterplan



Photo: ESC

Eurobodalla Council is taking an extra step in its community engagement on the Draft Batemans Bay Masterplan, with councillors asking staff to go back out and talk directly with groups who made submissions.

Staff will meet with 30 community groups and organisations before the year's out to discuss their submissions, check nothing has been missed and their key issues are explored before finalising the document for consideration by councillors. Fifteen interest groups have already been hosted, along with several property owners who have also met with Council planners. These new community meetings will add another layer of insight to the 246 submissions, 1500 pop-up shopfront conversations and 77 survey responses already gathered during the exhibition period. In February and March, councillors and staff will host further open community sessions. Together, this feedback will shape the next version of the draft masterplan.

Through the engagement process, which predominantly took place via a pop-up shopfront in Batemans Bay between April and June this year, the community highlighted issues such as flooding and sea level rise, population growth, main street renewal, housing diversity, mobility and preserving the town's character.

Eurobodalla General Manager Mark Ferguson said concerns about the proposed heights for some sites were a strong community focus. As a result, he said Council's planners will revisit all elements of the masterplan, so everything is on the table.

"The masterplan will set out how Batemans Bay can grow in a way that supports housing choice, economic activity, climate resilience and protection of the town's coastal identity," Mr Ferguson said.

"It maps out key sites, preferred growth areas and planning tools that will guide sustainable development over the long term."

With increasing development interest particularly along Beach Road and other parts of Batemans Bay, Mr Ferguson said having a masterplan means the planning controls are in place so growth happens in a coordinated and considered way, improving infrastructure and supporting a stronger local economy in line with broader Council strategies.

"It also puts Council and community on the front foot with an outline of what is acceptable rather than reacting to development pressure," Mr Ferguson said.

In response to community requests for greater transparency, Council will also publish all submissions (subject to authors' permission) made to the first draft masterplan on its website with sensitive information redacted.

At the November Council Meeting, councillors also resolved to amend the masterplan boundary to exclude the former bowling club site at 2 Vesper Street. This parcel of land - owned by Council - will now move through its own process so future options for the site can be carefully worked through using an independent consultant.

To view the draft masterplan and sign up for project updates visit Batemans Bay Masterplan: Shaping a vibrant future on Council's website.

To see the Submissions on the Masterplan >

<https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council/major-projects/planning-and-conservation/batemans-bay-masterplan-shaping-a-vibrant-future>

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Eurobodalla Justice For Palestine

expresses our sorrow and distress at the mass shooting at Bondi beach on 14th December.

There can be no excuse for such violence and the taking of innocent lives. We extend our deep sympathy and condolence to all members of the Jewish community and all people affected by the trauma of Sunday evening's events in Bondi.

Whilst we continue to support the call for justice for Palestine, we also call on all people to find non-violent ways of engaging with each other in the face of difference.

We are thankful for the heroic actions of Ahmed al-Ahmed who courageously disarmed one of the gunmen thereby no doubt saving many lives.

We hope for peace. There can be no peace without justice and no justice without truth telling. We remain committed to truth, justice and peace for all.

New Eurobodalla South Coast Monopoly Edition



Charities and business attended the launch of the Eurobodalla Monopoly launch at Mogo Zoon on Friday

Want to get some real estate? Get ready to roll the dice on something truly special! A brand-new Eurobodalla South Coast edition of the world-famous Monopoly board game will be coming to life just in time for the 2026 holiday season.

Sponsored by Community Bank Batemans Bay, this exciting local project will celebrate everything we love about the South Coast. The stunning beaches, unique businesses, natural beauty, and the strong sense of community that makes the region so special.

"We're thrilled to support this initiative that will showcase the heart of Eurobodalla in such a fun and creative way," said Shauna Stolzenhein, Branch Manager – Community Bank Batemans Bay. "Local businesses and community groups can get involved in all sorts of ways, from sponsoring property squares and tokens to appearing on Chance and Community Chest cards. It's a great way to show your South Coast pride."

A portion of proceeds from every game sold will be invested directly back into the community, supporting local organisations including Surf Life Saving clubs, Marine Rescue, The Family Place and Ronald McDonald House Charities ACT & SE NSW.

A local photography competition will also launch in the new year. Residents will be invited to share images that capture the essence of life in the Eurobodalla to feature on the board. Prizes will be awarded to the top three photos.

"The Eurobodalla Monopoly edition will be a keepsake for families, a fantastic souvenir for visitors, and a lasting tribute to the incredible people who make this region what it is," said Ivan Slavich, CEO of SERVICE ONE Mutual (parent company of Community Bank Batemans Bay).

All artwork and sponsorships need to be finalised by Easter 2026.



Business Development Manager Community Bank Batemans Bay Sarah Roberts, Branch Manager Colleen Mcgrory and Service One CEO Ivan Slavich

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Presentation to Council 16.2.25 by Cid Mateo

Cid Mateo on FCS25/072 Policy Review - Code of Meeting Practice; I speak to you as resident of the Eurobodalla community. My views here today are based on observations of Council meetings, presentations by members of the public at Public Access and Public Forum, the scope and quality of information provided to the public as part of Council meeting agenda papers, my professional and lived experience and feedback from a range of community members.

The Eurobodalla Code of Meeting Practice is a key-governing document for our local democracy in the Eurobodalla. The NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) has produced the mandatory provisions in the Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils 2025 (Model Code) to apply from 1 January 2026. These have come about from community consultation by the OLG in early 2025 and prescribe the minimum standard code of practice for Council meetings. The Model Code is designed to uphold the principles of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 by balancing the interests of the three key stakeholders in our local democracy.

In order of importance: (1) The Eurobodalla Public; (2) the Eurobodalla Public's elected representatives (the Councillors); and (3) the servants of the Public (the Council officers). Without the Public, the Council and Council officers would not exist.

The existing Eurobodalla Code of Meeting Practice, and the newly proposed Eurobodalla Code of Meeting Practice appear to be failing our number one stakeholder, the Eurobodalla Public. Members of the Public come to the Council every two weeks or so, and explain their surprise, shock, and disappointment at the way they are treated by the Council. Recent examples of poor practice include, Coopers Island Road, the Eurobodalla Pound, Congo Road, the Batemans Bay Masterplan, the Housing Strategy, the Batemans Bay Pavilions and the grading of unsealed roads, to name a few. The Public's trust in the Council's performance is low.

The Public's lack of confidence in the Council runs across all its key areas of business, Finance and Corporate Services, Planning and Environment Services, Infrastructure Services and Community, Arts and Recreation Services. This tells me that the present system of governance in the Eurobodalla is not working for the Public it is supposed to serve.

The existing Council Meeting practice is unfair and disrespectful to the Public. While Council officers have as much time as they need to do their work, often months or years, Council officers give the Public three business days notice of Council Meeting agenda items and agenda papers. For example, for the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 December 2025, the Public received the agenda papers and attachments, 329 pages in all, after the close of business on 10 December 2025. While Council officers had months to prepare the agenda papers and propose recommendations, and they should be supported and given sufficient resources to do their work, the number one stakeholder of the Eurobodalla, the Public, were given three business days. This is not enough. So what would be reasonable?

Council officers should be encouraged to provide all information relevant to their recommendations to our number one stakeholder, the Public. At present, they are not doing so. The Public knows this because Councillor officers have been providing private briefings on public interest matters to Councillors for months and years. To my knowledge none of these private briefings have ever been made public. Why? What do Council officers, or Councillors for that matter, have to hide from the public? Too much it would seem. The Public pays for Mayoral, Councillor and Council officer expenses, pays for their jobs and their salaries, yet they continue to be treated poorly.

Two reforms would help.

First, Council officers should publish comprehensive agenda papers including all relevant information at least one month before Councillors consider them. This would provide the Public and Councillors the same reasonable amount of time to consider public business that affects them. Operationally, this is a straightforward change.

For example, agenda papers for the February 2026 Council meeting would be published one month before in January 2026. Agenda papers for the March 2026 meeting would be published one month before in February 2026, and so on. This treats the Public, Councillors and Council officers fairly and gives them all more time to make better decisions in the public interest. It improves fairness, transparency and Public engagement. This is one key reform, a 'low hanging fruit', the Council can implement now. I encourage the Council to consider it. Second, Council officers should be encouraged to brief the Public and Councillors about the public business it manages at the same time. This is also easily implemented. Council officers could continue to brief on public interest matters in public. Briefing sessions could be held in the Council Chamber, and webcast in a similar way to Council meetings. The Public would be encouraged to attend in person and online. The Public would be observers or could be encouraged to submit questions on the agenda papers before sessions. With existing technology, and few resources, the Public would be a welcome addition to these sessions. All information provided to Councillors, in writing or otherwise, before, during or after the sessions would be shared at the same time with the Public.

These two straightforward and inexpensive improvements to the proposed Eurobodalla Code of Meeting Practice could do wonders to lift the Public's trust and confidence in its Council and its Council officers. This is a win for all, for the Public, the Councillors and Council officers.

Failure to make these types of reforms is contrary to the public governance principles of the Local Government Act 1993, and will entrench existing poor democratic outcomes in the Eurobodalla, which include: incomplete and piecemeal public information in agenda papers, asymmetric information between the Public, Councillors and Council officers—where the Public has less information than the others—and, unnecessarily limiting time for the Public to respond. These features lead to poorly informed and poorly understood Council decisions.

Mr Mateo also addressed

-CAR25/017 Bay Pavilions Service Review Outcomes and -PER25/026 Formation of the Housing Advisory Group, which can be found on the MM website.

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A Brighter Future for Foster Care in Eurobodalla

A recent national poll gives hope for the future when it identified that Gen Z and Millennials are 25 per cent more likely than Baby Boomers to consider becoming foster carers.

The study, conducted by YouGov in partnership with MacKillop Family Services, reveals that:

·57 per cent of Gen Z and 55 per cent of Millennials say they would consider fostering, compared to just 32 per cent of Baby Boomers.

·This growing interest in providing care for children unable to live with their own families is especially strong among families with children of their own.

·Families with children under 18 are significantly more likely to consider foster care (57%) than those without (36%).

Illawarra foster carers Deearna and Damien are Millennial carers who had started their own family before embarking on their journey as carers. Deearna works as an office manager and Damien is an electrician and they open their home to children who need a safe place to stay.

"We've been carers for over 5 years now—14 months with MacKillop—and it's something our own kids have grown up with," Deearna says. "Most children in out-of-home care have lived through adversity of some form or other. We decided that we could do something to help, as a couple and as a family.

"What children need most in this situation is structure, safety and love – and our home can provide those. However long a child is with us, they know they are welcome in our home and we can be the support they need," Deearna adds.

"We encourage those who feel they could help a child to just take the first step and find out more; the rest will follow."

Barriers to Foster Care

The poll also reveals key barriers that stop people from becoming carers, even when they are open to the idea:

- Nearly half (48%) say their current home or personal situation isn't suitable.
- One in three (34%) feel they don't have the right skills or experience.
- One in four (26%) say they would find it too emotionally difficult when a child leaves their care.
- One in four (26%) admit they simply don't know enough about how foster care works.

Support Makes a Difference

Encouragingly, the research shows that the right support can significantly increase the likelihood of Australians becoming foster carers by over 20%. Training (55%), a financial allowance (54%), ongoing guidance and support (55%) and access to a mentor program with other carers (53%) were identified in the poll as supports that would make them more likely to foster in the future.

Patricia Maher, MacKillop's NSW Manager of Carer Recruitment, says that often prospective carers don't realise there is a team of professionals ready to support them throughout their carer journey.

"Our training is not a one off – a booklet at the end of a session. It is continuous and accessible, designed to support you at the enquiry stage and throughout your time as a foster carer.

"We build a support system around carers, with case managers, therapeutic specialists and 24/7 telephone support. We have local Carers' Corners where you can chat with other carers, and national Carers' Corners with special guest speakers where you can ask questions and further build your skills. Our online Carer Learning Hub provides access to additional information and training to help carers meet the needs of the children and young people in their care, and financial assistance is also available for carers.

"One of our biggest assets is our pool of existing carers. Through peer-to-peer mentoring, valuable advice and lived experience is passed down to new carers, and it's always lovely for a new carer to chat to someone who knows exactly what is involved," Patricia adds.

Taking the next step

"Australians want to help, but many feel unsure or overwhelmed. What this poll tells us is that with the right support, training and community around them, many more people would open their hearts and homes to children who need them," says Patricia Maher. "The supports asked for are supports we provide. We encourage those interested to take the next step and find out more by visiting mackillop.org.au/fostercare



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Long Beach Fair and new AED unveiling



Michael Holland MP, Jenny McKenzie from Horizon Bank and Fiona Phillips MP.

The Long Beach Community Association has been announced as a successful recipient of a Horizon Bank Community Grant, securing \$2,500 to purchase an alarmed public defibrillator for Long Beach Recreation Park.

The lifesaving device was officially unveiled at the Long Beach Christmas Markets on Sunday 14 December, with Horizon Bank Moruya Branch Manager Jenny McKenzie attending the event to mark the occasion.

Public access defibrillators play a critical role in cardiac emergencies. Research shows that for every minute a person in cardiac arrest does not receive defibrillation; their chance of survival drops by around 10 per cent. (Source: St Johns Ambulance Australia) Having a defibrillator readily available in a well-used community space like Long Beach Recreation Park could be the difference between life and death.

The installation of the defibrillator reflects the community's commitment to improving safety and reducing the risk of heart-related fatalities in the local area, ensuring residents and visitors alike have access to vital emergency equipment when it is needed most.

Ian Gray from the Long Beach Community Assoc., said "This is the first in the area. It will shortly appear on the NSW Ambulance map of Defib locations – <https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/goodsam/locate-an-aed>



Tanya, Matt Hatcher, Fiona Phillips, Michael Holland, Crs Mick Johnson and Sharon Winslade and Ian Gray



"It's recently been registered in the NSW Ambulance system. The 000 operator will provide the PIN code for the locked box. Given it's in an unmonitored area, this gives the highest chance the Defib will work if and when needed.

If people want to become defib trained, typically courses are around \$60, and if they want to help respond, the end user application that Goodsam use is called the Responder app, available in the app stores. This allows people to be notified and help if they are close to any incident.

The main winners of the massive Long Beach community Association Raffle were:

- \$3000 painting by local Olly Goodfellow – C Butler and C Tunnecliffe of Long Beach.
- \$449 Sunbeam coffee machine – Harvey Norman– G KcKechnie, of Dulwich Hill, NSW.
- \$300 Hamper Emporium – Committee Hamper – John M of Long Beach.

Over \$6000 of prizes went on the day.

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Council removes Bowlo Site from Batemans Bay Master Plan

In response to community concerns, the Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC) at its 26 November meeting, has removed the Bowlo site from the Batemans Bay Master Plan citing conflict of interest concerns and acknowledging the activities of the **Eurobodalla Welcome Park Group's** campaign. This followed requests by the Group to do a full assessment of the site and engage comprehensively with the community. This is good for the ESC and good for the community and demonstrates a new willingness by Council to work with community groups to achieve better outcomes for all.

The Group's concern, as publicly expressed by our members over the past few months, is that the site would be sold off for high rise development. We believe that it should be retained by Council and returned to community use as a public recreational parkland.

"We wish to have input into the proposed independent consultant's brief and terms of reference, so that they actually cover the many facets, including environmental and social issues, which need to be considered", said Neil Gow, convener of the Group.

The Group recommends that the 2 Vesper Street site, along with the adjacent Mackay Park football field and the Bay Pavilions facility be removed from the currently proposed "Tourism Quarter" in the draft Master Plan and together form a "Community Recreation Quarter" for both local residents and visitors.

"The consultants should be given sufficient resources, so they can consult meaningfully with a wide range of community stakeholders," said Mr Gow. "This consultation will assist in the development of a Plan of Management for the site when it is reclassified as community land for public recreation."

"By engaging with the community more thoroughly, and working collaboratively to examine options, we believe this process will generate greater trust in the process and deliver a shared vision for the 2 Vesper Street land for the benefit of all of the Eurobodalla Shire," he said.

REFERENCES:

ESC meeting 26 November 2025
MM25/007 COUNCIL OPERATIONAL LAND KNOWN AS THE FORMER BOWLING CLUB SITE AT 2 VESPER STREET BATEMANS BAY File Ref: 25/183

MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Schutz THAT: 1. Council amends the boundary of the Batemans Bay Masterplan to exclude the Council owned land known as the former Batemans Bay Bowling Club Site located at 2 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay.

2. Following the Masterplan decision, Council engages an independent consultant to assess the future potential and optimal use of the site and prepare any necessary planning proposal.

3. That the findings of the independent assessment guide any future negotiations or decisions regarding the site, ensuring appropriate arm's length probity given Council's conflict of roles.

(The Motion on being put was declared CARRIED)

Division : For the Motion: Crs P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

Notes from Tuesday's Council Meeting

It was a very full agenda for Tuesday's Council Meeting. Nine members of the public address Council.

A Mayoral Minute sought a last-minute request to approve a **Telstra tower at Mystery Bay**, although the rent rate was not what Council wanted. However with a deadline from the company, it was approved.

Council received an update on **Advocacy for Oncology and Radiology Services at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital**. Cr Mayne said "We need to be vigilant and persistent in our advocacy for this... This is really important to this community – it not an add on bonus."

A development application for '**Demolish Existing Motel and Construction of a New Motel - 213 Princes Highway Narooma**' was approved, although Cr Johnson objected to Council once again straying from height limits.

Several Speakers addressed the item on the **Animal Shelter Design & Construction**.

It was Carried as recommended THAT:

1. The report concerning the proposed animal shelter be received.
2. Council allocates an amount of \$2.5 million in the 2026-27 Operational Plan for the construction of the animal shelter project and any additional operational expenditure, noting that funding will be determined as part of the annual budget process.

Climate change scenarios for Batemans Bay and Moruya

Council received a report "to seek a Council resolution on the preferred Socio-economic Pathways (SSPs) for rainfall intensity and sea level rise. This will inform the preparation of the Moruya and Batemans Bay flood models and subsequent flood risk management plans (FRMP).

This matter is being reported to Council for two reasons. The first is that the current Council policy in relation to sea level rise is no longer considered appropriate and secondly council has no specific policy position for rainfall intensity."

It was carried that Council:

1. endorses Shared Socioeconomic Pathway 5 (0.9m (at the 2100 planning horizon) to be used for Sea Level Rise across the Moruya and Batemans Bay flood studies and plans.
 2. endorses Shared Socioeconomic Pathway 3 to be used for Rainfall intensity across the Moruya and Batemans Bay flood studies and plans.
 3. prepare a draft climate change policy to set a framework for how Shared Socioeconomic Pathways are used in other flood catchments within the shire. The draft policy could be exhibited at the same time as the Moruya and Batemans Bay flood risk management plans."
- The report said "Setting the relevant Shared Socio-economic Pathways (SSPs) for rainfall intensity and sea level rise will enable flood modelling and Floodplain Rise Management Plans to be finalised for Batemans Bays and Moruya."

Council voted in the **Formation of the Housing Advisory Group** to be chaired by Cr Turner with Cr Johnson Mick as auxiliary.

Policy Review - Code of Meeting Practice

Council was required to adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the new NSW mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code no later than 31 December 2025. There were several speakers on the matter and discussion followed on the timing of meetings and public forums.

After much debate Council adopted the recommendation of public forum will start at 12.30pm with a maximum of 10 speakers and Council meetings start at 2pm.

Bay Pavilions Service Review Outcomes

"The Bay Pavilions was chosen for review as the facility has a significant financial, service delivery and reputational impact on Council and the community."

It was RECOMMENDATION and carried THAT:

1. Council endorse a one year extension of a modified version of the current contract with Aligned Leisure, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, for the management of the Bay Pavilions, Moruya and Narooma pools, with:
 - a) the theatre and meeting rooms removed from the contract;
 - b) responsibility for planned and minor maintenance added to the contract;
 - c) the management fee for 2026-2027 set at the 2025-2026 fee plus CPI;
 - d) the General Manager delegated to finalise the contract extension and associated documentation, including agreed performance indicators and profit share agreement for the 2026-2027 year.
2. Council endorse a Council /contractor management model for the Bay Pavilions, with theatre and meeting room components run in-house by Council from 1 July 2026, and aquatic, gym and café components tendered in 2026 for a 1 July 2027 contract commencement date.
3. Council endorse the development of tender and contract documents for contracts to commence from 1 July 2027, including:
 - a) Bay Pavilions aquatic and fitness (gym) facilities;
 - b) Moruya and Narooma swimming centres;
 - c) Food and beverage services at the Bay Pavilions, including the café;
 - d) That the contracts or agreements include responsibility for operational costs and revenues, with final configuration/inclusions determined during tender development. Council remains responsible for asset renewal and capital works.
4. Council endorse a solar panel installation plan for its aquatic facilities.

Big Spotty in spotlight

Conservations have called for the North Brooman State Forest, north of Batemans Bay, to be declared a nature reserve.

The forest is home to Big Spotty the tallest known spotted gum, (*Corymbia Maculata*), standing more than 70m tall and believed to be 500 years old.

The Brooman State Forest Conservation Group says “Big Spotty is in North Brooman State Forest. Logging will start in North Brooman State Forest in March 2026 west of River Road, as well as logging planned east of River Road within 6 months.

There is 10,000 hectares of active or planned logging on both sides of the Clyde River in the next six months - double the usual 5,000 hectares being logged 12 months ago.

“The forests that form the catchment to the Clyde River home of the valuable Batemans Bay Oyster Industry are being smashed! “

NSW Minister for Agriculture Tara Moriarty said “As advised by the Forestry Corporation NSW, the tree known as Big Spotty will continue to be permanently protected well into the future in an area of forest that is not being harvested.”

“The Government does not have any plan to declare North Brooman State Forest a flora reserve” she added.

Earlier this month it was revealed that Forestry Corporation has posted another multi-million-dollar loss in its native forest division, continuing a decade-long trend of unprofitable operations.

Forestry Corporation’s annual report outlines a loss of \$32 million for the 2024–25 financial year. This follows losses of 29 million dollars in 2023–24, 15 million dollars in 2022–23, 9 million dollars in 2021–22 and 20 million dollars in 2020–21.

“Today’s release exposes the growing cost to taxpayers of a financially and ecologically unsustainable industry,”

Clancy Barnard, Senior Forest Campaigner with the Nature Conservation Council, said.

“Forestry Corporation has not recorded a profit from native forest logging in more than ten years - despite receiving over 246.9 million dollars in grants since 2019.



Photo: Brooman State Forest Conservation Group



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South Coast photographers lay their cards on the table

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Best enjoyed laughing with mates around a campfire, displayed decoratively (yes, they are too good looking to pack away!) or pick a card at random and let fate decide your next south coast adventure destination from Jervis Bay to Narooma.

Designed to celebrate our local beaches and natural beauty, showcase our local photographers, support economic growth of our small business through a new retail offering, and ultimately to drive awareness, visitation and tourism of the south coast.

Behind the lens are talented locals Josh Burkinshaw (@josh_burkinshaw), Trent Micallef (@trenny_m) and Chloe Aubin (@chloee_aubin) who capture the essence of the coast in a way words cannot.



A limited edition interactive keepsake, the Playing Cards were created to support the communities we live and work in by Project and Marketing Manager, Amber Hadfield (@southcoastmanna)

Playing Cards are available now at local stockists across the Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven. Visit mannamarketing.com.au to find a stockist or for wholesale enquiries.



PRAYER VIGIL FOR BONDI: SOLIDARITY & HOPE

Thursday 18th December, 9:00am–4:00pm.
ECC Church.

COMMUNITY PRAYER VIGIL

In solidarity with our Jewish neighbours after the Bondi attack.
Open for prayer, reflection, and grief.

ECC CHURCH,
Thursday 18th December,
9:00am–4:00pm.

A quiet space.

Volunteers needed for presence, hospitality,
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"Weep with those who weep."

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A Vigil for Peace



A simple gathering to hold peace together at this time.
All are welcome to join us to light a candle of peace for all.

*"Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves,
more and more peace, and to reflect it towards others.
And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled
world." Etty Hillesum*

Saturday 20th December, 5pm
St John's Anglican Church Moruya

The church will be open from 4.30pm. The gathering will be short.

Renewables lead as Australia's cheapest energy source

The Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change and Energy

Senator the Hon Tim Ayres, Minister for Industry and Innovation, Minister for Science

The Albanese Government is backing the cheapest and cleanest electricity for Australia, with the latest GenCost report confirming that firmed renewables are the lowest-cost option for electricity generation.

The report finds a combination of solar PV, wind, storage and either gas or hydrogen is the least cost technology mix in all cases examined.

The Albanese Government's plan is working. CSIRO's modelling show that in 2030 and 2050 solar and wind outperform alternatives like coal and nuclear as the cheapest form of energy.

Batteries – supported by our programs like Cheaper Home Batteries – are also getting cheaper, including a 15% reduction in capital costs for large-scale batteries.

Black coal-fired power is significantly more expensive, up 13%. While the report recognises a small amount of gas is required to firm renewable energy, the price of gas turbines has increased 32%.

Renewables backed by storage remain the lowest cost way to power Australia. GenCost confirms that recent price increases are not because of renewables, stating: "Price increases in recent years are a combination of lack of supply and fuel price volatility".

Australia needs clear policy and stable investment to deliver affordable, reliable and cleaner energy—which is being delivered by our reliable renewables plan. Other approaches undermine investor confidence while pursuing the most expensive path for energy generation, driving away investment in our country and pushing up prices for Australian consumers. The report also notes that for coal, gas or nuclear technologies to reach the low end of their cost range they would need to operate almost all the time, at an 89 per cent capacity factor, when Australia's current coal baseload has averaged around 60 per cent. As GenCost states: "Higher penetration of renewables, which have a zero fuel cost, could make it difficult for new baseload plant to achieve high capacity factors depending on the scale of demand overall."

Australian households, businesses and industry deserve faster access to abundant low-cost reliable renewable energy. That's how we secure cheaper power and a cleaner future while driving economic growth and energy security.

The GenCost report provides Australia's most comprehensive benchmark on electricity generation costs, updated annually to reflect global trends and stakeholder input. This year's update introduces a new System Levelised Cost of Electricity (SLCOE) methodology, improving transparency and accessibility for industry and policymakers.

Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change & Energy said "GenCost is clear; renewables remain the cheapest new electricity, and firming them with battery storage, transmission, hydro and a small amount of gas peaking is the best way to keep the lights on and put downward pressure on bills.

"Sadly, we are playing catch up after a decade of delay. The failure to build new generation energy supply has left Australians volatile to fossil fuel prices.

"GenCost also confirms ageing coal and expensive nuclear would mean higher costs, higher bills, and decades waiting for a plan that does not stack up."

Senator Tim Ayres, Minister for Industry, Innovation & Minister for Science said "Renewables are not just the cleanest energy option, they're the cheapest. This independent report reinforces the importance of continued investment in wind, solar, and storage to deliver affordable, reliable energy for Australian businesses, homes and industry.

"We need to crack on with the job at hand – building out more renewable energy more quickly to replace retiring coal-fired power generation. The economics are clear, and Australians expect it of us."

For more details, access the full GenCost 2025–26 consultation draft report [here](#).



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NSW residents urged to take care this mosquito season

With the arrival of summer, NSW Health is urging people to protect themselves from mosquito bites after earlier than expected detections of two mosquito borne viruses that can cause brain swelling.

The first detection of Japanese Encephalitis virus in mosquitoes for the 2025-2026 season was detected last week in mosquitoes collected from the Horsham Rural City Council region in Victoria.

Another mosquito borne virus, Kunjin virus, has also been detected in Western NSW at Cowra, through a sentinel chicken blood sample on 20 November 2025 as part of NSW Health's routine surveillance.

NSW Health's Director Health Protection, Dr Stephen Conaty, said these detections so early in the summer season are concerning.

"Mosquito numbers will likely increase with warmer weather, and we remind everyone in NSW to protect themselves against mosquito bites, which can cause diseases such as Japanese Encephalitis and Murray Valley Encephalitis, and infection with Kunjin virus, Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus," Dr Conaty said.

There are now 60 NSW LGAs that are considered to be higher risk of Japanese Encephalitis virus. Residents and travellers to these LGAs should take particular care to avoid mosquito bites.

"There is a safe, effective and free vaccine to protect against Japanese Encephalitis (JE). This vaccine is free to anyone who lives or routinely works in these 60 LGAs west of the dividing range and in northern NSW, and for people who work in some other high-risk occupations."

JE vaccine is available through General Practitioners, Aboriginal health services and pharmacists. People who meet the eligibility criteria should make an appointment ahead of time and let the provider know it is for the JE vaccine. These providers may require a few days' notice so they can order the vaccine and may charge a consultation fee.

A booster dose may be recommended for some people with ongoing risk of exposure, one to two years after completing their primary course. Other than the JE vaccine, there is no vaccination or specific treatment for Kunjin virus or other mosquito borne diseases in Australia. The best way to avoid infection is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes, which are more active between dusk and dawn.

Region X Sustainable Tourism Award



Josh Waterford accepts the award

Region X Unspoilt Experiences Batemans Bay NSW reports: "Proud as Punch here at Region X!

On Tuesday night we were awarded the 'Sustainable Tourism Award' at the Banksia Foundation's 2025 NSW Sustainability Awards!

This was in recognition of our collaboration with The Wray Street Oyster Shed, through the Clyde River Oyster Tasting Kayak Tour.

This tour blends eco-adventure with knowledge-sharing and Indigenous cultural connections, creating accessible, memorable experiences that champion both local economy and environment. That's award speak for "We love sharing the south coast with anyone who will listen and helping protect it along the way!"

Seriously though, we LOVE doing what we do on the South Coast of NSW and are so grateful to our wonderful community and business collaborators like the amazing oyster farmers. Ready now for a big summer of adventures on the Magical Waters of Batemans Bay! "

Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline Project Awarded



NSW Marine Estate reports: "The Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline (WILS) project has won the NSW Banksia Sustainability Award in the Placemaking category! Judges praised the project: "Your work stood out for its impact, clarity and ambition, exactly the kind of leadership Australia needs right now."

This recognition celebrates years of effort under the Oyster Reef Restoration and Research project, funded by the Marine Estate Management Strategy. The WILS initiative was delivered in partnership with Eurobodalla Shire Council and The Nature Conservancy." Eurobodalla Council's Karlee van der Meulen, James Caffery and Heidi Thomson accepted the NSW Placemaking Award.

MORUYA GOLF CLUB

Christmas MEGA RAFFLE

THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER

OVER \$3000 IN PRIZES TO BE WON

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 5PM
PRIZES DRAWN AT 7PM

MORUYA GOLF CLUB

KIDS Christmas PARTY

SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER

10:00am - DISCO (DJ Matt Brown)
12:00pm - TOY RAFFLES
11:00am - 12:00pm - SANTA PHOTOS

MORUYA GOLF CLUB

Christmas CASH GRAB

SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER

5 DRAWS OF \$200
4 DRAWS OF \$250
2 DRAWS OF \$500
DRAWN FROM 7:00PM



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

It feels like the end of an era, or perhaps the start of something new...and terrifying.

Alas, I am far from alone in the fear that planet Earth is whirling into its last days as its protective atmosphere heats beyond its power to sustain mammalian life-forms; or that some inherent quality in our lizard brain commands us to destroy our own species in a lunatic quest for dominion. Or perhaps you'd prefer the welcome mat of a Christian fervour for Armageddon disguised as some spiritual 'Rapture'.

It is the second occasion in my lifetime that the possibility of human extinction has been widely and seriously contemplated. The first was during my journalistic cadetship in the 1960s with the Kennedy/Khrushchev crisis. But it was over in a flash; so easy to forget.

Today by contrast, the prognosis throughout the sweep of mass media is fearful at best from the NYT to the academic calculus, or the bright sparks of Hollywood projecting their crystal-clear messages of a dystopian future. They too have access to AI.

Trust in the great institutions of the past, from government to industry to communal honesty and pride, where once they powered our hubris, are falling by the wayside. Even the venerable Liberal Party no longer warms the cockles of a windswept generation; Labor is frozen by fear.

The optimists will point to the past when time and again the good guys 'muddled through' and the crises tripped and fell on the banana peels of history. But that was before the entire globe approached boiling point - and only two atomic bombs could end conflict in the Pacific.

Today is different. If we do nothing at all, we're destined for disaster. Even if we double our efforts to cut the hot carbon gases from yesterday's buried forests, we will not escape the consequences. The great climate change migration will itself trigger the wars and the genocide of a craven species: Gaza for one and all. (Netanyahu is a human being too.)

It's no one's fault but our own. Eighty years from the end of World War II we're the victims of what Prime Minister Kevin Rudd called his beloved mother's 'forgettery'. (Only Kevin could have made up such a word.) In his mind, it was a tribute to her wonderful capacity to forget and forgive. Alas, it does equal service to our own inability to heed the lessons of our past.

The ambitious ideals that created the United Nations soon faded into the shadows of adolescent nationalism where they withered and died. Reason gave ground to religion, debate to military power, investment to exploitation.

As a War Baby generation melded into a massive Boomer bell curve, we were spoiled by our Members of Parliament. Vietnam called our younger siblings to a foolish war. In its wake, migration made our modest homes treasure houses; our aging health and racist fears met by taxing the future...until the system revealed the wasteland of our preparations.

Now we know that our children will pay, in a world where each day there will be news of disaster rising - 1000 lost at sea, 2,000 in a city blaze, 100,000 down with heat stroke, 1 million starved to death.

How do we apologise for our forgettery? Kindly Mrs Rudd's was born of generosity. Ours had a lesser parentage, more Nero than hero, we indulged ourselves in good fortune as all around us, the signs cried out their warnings: Corruption rules! (Putin is a human being too.)

Loud, but not loud enough to divert our attention ('No worries') from the glimpse of what's to come. Little wonder half the world is choosing to sniff and snort its way through its last ten-dollar bill. (Trump is a human being too.)

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A Beer with Bazz #220

With
John
Longhurst

Mick slammed the schooner on the bar table, his face was beetroot and, for a moment, it appeared steam would spout from his ears.

“‘Die Hard’ is a Christmas movie ... end of story. It takes place on Christmas Eve. The setting is all Christmassy ... Christmas trees, Christmas music, Christmas decorations and there is even lots of snow. It is a bit family orientated with the action hero, John McClane trying to reconcile with his estranged wife. I mean the things that bloke does to save others ... it’s emotional ... I almost tear up. Now ... it is a dead set Christmas movie ... now wake up to yourselves!”

Young Simon rubbed his chin.

“I reckon you are stretching it a bit, Mick. Sure, there are Christmas trees and stuff but it’s all in the background ... it is not front and centre. There is no Santa Claus or elves to speak of. The snow is not the gentle pitter pat falling on pristine white backyards ... it is more the blizzard kind threatening lives. There is a lot of killing and shooting in the movie so it is not family orientated. I don’t see it as a movie designed to spread peace and goodwill ... in fact, it is bloody violent. It’s an action movie that does not need Christmas to tell the story. In fact, you could set that movie on any day of the year ... and it would not make a difference.”

Mick squared his shoulders and adjusted his red conical hat with white trim.

“I am a bit disappointed in you Young Simon. You’ve gone a bit soft. What’s your idea of a Christmas movie?... Now don’t say ‘Love Actually’ ... that is definitely not a Christmas movie.”

Eyes widened around the bar table and Bella, the publican, dropped a full schooner.

“Come off it, Mick. ‘Love Actually’ is definitely a Christmas movie. I watch it every year with my parents and we all have a good cry. Everyone is looking for love in the movie and Christmas at its heart, is all about love ... you are trying to rewrite my childhood.”

Mick cleared his throat and both hands moved to his hips.

“For a start, Bella, you should not have been watching that movie as a child. It is rated M ... and for good reason. What is so Christmassy about a couple of porn stars getting it off every 20 minutes in the film? Also we have a power imbalance and sexual harassment involving the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the President of the USA and a Downing Street staffer. Same can be said for the writer played by Colin Firth who seduces the maid ... these blokes are appalling.”

Mick paused for a sip and pursed his lips, amidst stunned silence.

“You have got the appropriately name Collin Frissell in bed with four women in the USA. I mean ... Santa would have a heart attack if he climbed down that chimney. Now ... how do you go past the best man’s obsession with the bride, played by Keira Knightley ... it’s outright stalking. Please don’t get me started on Billy Mack (Bill Nighy) ... I mean how many Christmas rules is that character breaking ... he would scare the life out of the elves?”

Mick interpreted the silence as agreement.

“Then there is the worst character. How dare Alan Rickman flirt with adultery when married to a national treasure in Emma Thompson ... simply unforgivable. Nope ... give me ‘Die Hard’ any day!”

Mick’s Christmas hat slid from his perspiring head, landing on the floor.

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



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100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

19-12-1925

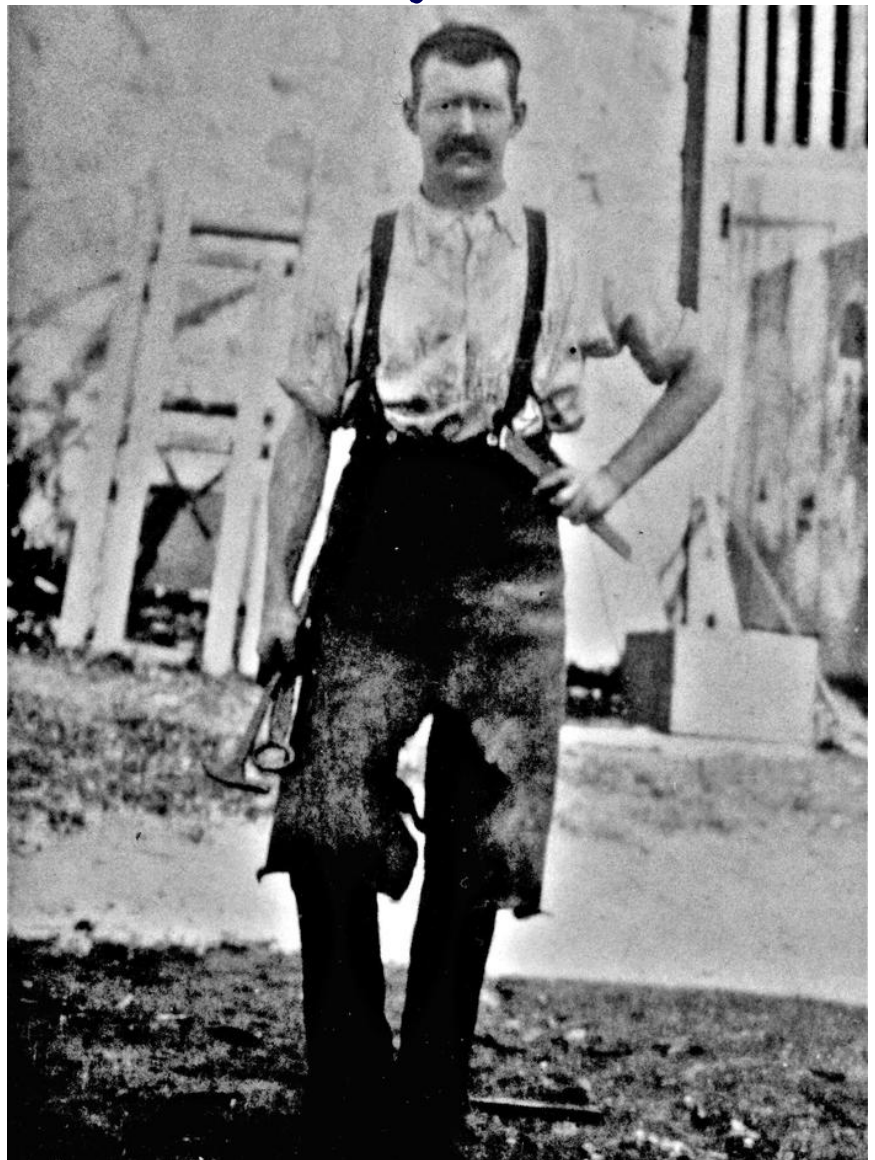
Some of our business premises will look spick and span for Xmas. Messrs. Needham and Martin are painting Emmott's Beehive Store, Mr. Len Turner is brightening up Mylott's shop, and Mr. O'Donnell is enhancing the appearance of Turnbull's Criterion Hotel by a new coat of paint.

To organise a Boy Scout Troop, a committee, under the Presidency of Mr. A. H. Annetts, has been formed at Bateman's Bay. The Secretary is Mr. Spooner, **Mr. C. Carter was unanimously recommended as Scout-master** and a start is to be made immediately with a Patrol of Scouts and a six of Wolf Cubs.

At the local Police Court on Wednesday, a farmer was fined 10/- and costs for not registering his dog within the prescribed time, and a case of bad language at the quarry cost the offender £2 and 18/- costs.

There are more farmers in Federal Parliament than any other occupation. Lawyers come next, and then journalists.

A sad death occurred on Monday morning when Miss Eva Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith, formerly of Araluen, passed to her eternal reward. On the previous evening she was on her way to attend service in the Methodist Church when she was taken ill. Dr. McCredie was sent for and the patient was removed to the Methodist Parsonage. Mrs. Cashin and Miss Wiseman, both former nurses, cared for her throughout the night, but she never awakened and passed away. She had attended to her aged parents throughout their long and trying illnesses, her own health being considerably impaired thereby. The funeral took place on Tuesday at the local cemetery where the remains were laid to rest beside those of her father, who had passed away only the previous Sunday. Hardly had the community recovered from the shock of Miss Smith's death on Monday morning, when the news flashed around before breakfast the following day that Mr. Patrick Flynn had been found dead in his garden.



Patrick Flynn Jnr son of Patrick & Mary E. Flynn (nee Keating)

He arose as usual a little after six o'clock, had a cup of tea, and went into his garden to do some digging. About 7.45 he was found lying on his back with part of the cigarette, which he had been smoking, in his mouth. The dreadful shock his wife sustained on thus finding her husband can only be imagined. Drs. Quilter and McCredie attended and pronounced life extinct, the cause of death being heart failure. Born at Deua River 54 years ago, Mr. Flynn was the second eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flynn, of that locality. He married Miss Hannah, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Connors, of Moruya, and built a comfortable cottage, and also a blacksmith's shop in the main part of town in which he carried on a successful business.

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If you are interested in history why not join us and become a volunteer at the Museum or our library. Check us out at <https://www.mdhs.org.au>

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Let's do coffee with ... Greg Robson

As kids, most of us, of a certain vintage, have done it ... cut out the side of a large cardboard box, turn it upside down and place it over the head of the yet to be discovered backyard television personality to commentate away. It might be news, sport or whatever, but very few of us got to fulfil the dream. Greg Robson (GR) from Sunshine Bay is one of the few who did and the Moruya Mail (MM) tracked him down for a coffee last week.

MM: 'I love youse all' ... Jeff Fenech, former Australian Cricket Captain Bobby Simpson and even our Prime Minister hail from Marrickville. Illustrious company, Greg ... take us back.

GR: (Laughs ...) Yes ... but hardly the trendy inner west in 1959. Born in Marrickville and grew up at Peakhurst in Sydney South West. My dad was an insurance underwriter and smart ... in fact, Mensa smart. Mum was 'stay at home' until it was safe to leave the house in my culpable hands! I am the youngest of 5 boys so spent the first 8 years of my life in a headlock or whatever wrestling hold, Killer Karl Kox or Mark Lewin were perfecting on 'World Championship Wrestling'.

I had a very happy childhood with lots of sports and annual holidays to Geroa, near Gerringong. Mum and dad were very much hands on parents.

I was educated at Peakhurst Primary School and on to Narwee Boys High School.

As per your introduction a pivotal moment was in Year 3, when the teacher, Ms Broad put a cardboard box over my head and transformed me into a newsreader. From that moment, I was hooked.

After finishing school in 1976, I did a range of odd jobs from beer deliveries to sticky taping change on cigarette packets for vending machines.

Mum was keen to give me some direction and got in touch with the one and only Max Rowley (Great Temptation). I joined the Max Rowley Media Academy in mid 1977 for voice projection and critiques, attending one evening each week for 18 months.

Endless audition tapes were made and sent off all over Australia Roma, Toowoomba, Port Augusta you name it to every possible regional radio station.

I had just about given up when Max Rowley informed me I had an interview with Radio 2LF and so ... at 19 years of age I was off to be the night presenter on Young, NSW radio ... thanks mum.

I then moved to the breakfast show which meant a 4.00am wake up 5 days a week for 12 months. It was then a quick stint on 2LT Lithgow and then to Station 200 in Wollongong for a midnight to dawn 'lonely hearts' gig.

By Christmas 1979 I was at 2CC Canberra and teamed with Donna Lynch to capture 55 percent of the Canberra audience with our breakfast show. There were 55 staff working on the program so there was a lot of energy. To give you an idea of the changes in the industry, about 5 staff run a radio station today.

Anyhow, by 1983 I was off to 2CA with Barry Casey from Melbourne joining us.

Barry was sacked in 1984 and I struggled on my own and quit in 1985. I saw an advertisement in the Canberra Times for a weather presenter on Channel 10. My mum bought me a book on weather when I was young and it fascinated me. I prepared for the audition by practising the previous evening's weather report. As luck would have it, I was asked to present last night's weather at the interview and nailed it ... thanks again, mum.

It was the start of 17 years in television. It would begin with a 3pm briefing, I would have to draw my own weather maps, there was no auto cue and I would rely on my own notes. There was plenty of ad-libbing.

After 2 years I moved to sports and had my own sports show for a few years. We covered every sport in Canberra. To some extent, I was winging it as I was an untrained journalist.

I was also back on morning radio 2CC so at 31 years of age, I was up at 4.30am and finished after the 7.00pm news and (smiles ...) in my spare time, I was a partner in 2 video stores.

By 1994, I guess I was at my peak. I was the news anchor with Capital T.V. and part of the Morning Crew on 104.7 where we managed to "knock off" ABC Breakfast to become the No.1 breakfast show in Canberra.

Capital Television commissioned a survey conducted by Richard Farmer which confirmed me as the most well-known Canberran at the time. I used the result as leverage to double my pay with the radio station and double it with Capital Television. It changed my life. The accountants and cost cutters of Southern Cross Broadcasters took control of Capital Television and in 2001 whole scale sackings followed. I was back on 2CA for the breakfast program for a few stints and got financially involved with 2 marketing firms with advertisement placements, creative, TV commercials, jingles and the like.

In 2015 I moved into real estate and teamed with my son Alex at Luton Properties & then Instyle Real Estate for 5 years before moving to Broulee in 2021 and now Sunshine Bay to join the @realty network of agents to market and sell properties.

I have been coming to the South Coast for over 40 years so I am very familiar with it and love it.

I still love sports and am active with golf and pickleball and am a Director of the Moruya Jockey Club.

I have returned to Radio as a volunteer and my program "Robbo's Retro" 7-9am Monday mornings gives me the opportunity to create the Radio show I could never have, because I was always restricted by Program Managers who called the shots on the music and format. It's great and it is fun because I have no reputation to make....and ... I don't have a Program Manager!



MM: A long career in the media. What were some of the big moments?

GR: I was on air in December 1980 when John Lennon was assassinated. It was frantic and emotional and we were literally paying unscripted tributes to him all afternoon as the story unfolded.

On a brighter note, it was great to be able to report on the Canberra Raiders 1989 first Premiership win.

The scariest moment was the Jolimont Centre Siege in 1993.

We were broadcasting live from the Jolimont Centre in Canberra when a man crashed his utility rigged with petrol and gas canisters into the six story building in an apparent revenge attack on his estranged wife.

During the resulting two-hour siege, the man shot at police and rescue workers using his 12-gauge shotgun before setting fire to the building and killing himself*.

We were caught up broadcasting in this mayhem and I smashed windows trying to facilitate our escape. At one stage, the police had their weapons trained on me, thinking I was the gunman.

I read the news that evening with the lead story featuring ... me.

MM: To think it all started with a cardboard box over your head! Any advice you would give the young Robbo?

GR: Ahhh Work on your emotional intelligence and pause before deciding at those 'sliding door moments' in life.

*1993 Jolimont Centre siege - Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1993_Jolimont_Centre_siege

*Acknowledge: <https://region.com.au/ex-newsreader-robbo-on-1980s-fame-jolimont-siege-raiders-heyday-and-post-celebrity-life/811191/>

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

HeartCrops App - swaps for local backyard growers



HeartCrops is a brand new, Moruya based startup, that has big dreams to introduce a new (but old) way for Aussie's to access food. Born out of the frustration of rising costs of living, increased financial pressures on families, and the hope for a better future for food security, HeartCrops is an online platform where everyday people and backyard growers can sell, swap and share their home made and home grown produce. With an emphasis on swapping and sharing,

HeartCrops hopes to see people encouraged to get back to simpler times, when people shared what they grew, leveraging each other's strengths, passions and abilities when accessing food.

After only a few weeks live, HeartCrops has already seen over 60 sign-ups across the country, with 15 stores popping up across 3 States.

"We're so excited to see where this goes! We hope that HeartCrops can really help people, and provide an avenue to community and food security" says Julie Haworth, Moruya resident and HeartCrops Founder.

You can find the platform at heartcrops.com.au or download the app from Apple App Store.



Go Get Healthy

with Sofia



As we head into the Christmas and New Year celebrations, many of us are gearing up for holidays, parties and long-overdue relaxation. But while we may be slowing down, one crucial part of the body definitely isn't...our liver.

Liver is one of the real unsung heroes of the body that deserves recognition. Truly. If organs had résumé, the liver's skills list would be a mile long. It detoxifies, it helps you digest food, it processes fats, it supports immunity and it does all this quietly, without complaint, even while you're loading up on ham, pavlova, and "just one more" Christmas cocktail.

When your liver struggles, the rest of your body tends to stage a group protest. You may feel tired, bloated, sluggish, run-down or more prone to picking up every bug going around. And it's no surprise the festive season hits it hard. The liver produces bile to break down fats, so when we suddenly switch to cheese platters, rich meals and celebratory drinks, it's pushed into overdrive. The result? Weight gain creeping in, slower digestion, low energy and general "ugh" vibes. That's why giving your liver a little extra love right now makes perfect sense. Think of a liver tonic as your liver's personal assistant - helping it detox, digest and keep on top of the Christmas chaos.

One of my favourite formulas includes herbs traditionally used for liver support, starting with St Mary's Thistle (or Milk Thistle). It's well-known for helping maintain healthy liver cells and easing digestive discomfort like bloating and indigestion. This particular tonic also uses a high-strength dose, which is why I rate it so highly.

You'll also find Globe Artichoke in the mix - fantastic for both the liver and gallbladder. Since these two work closely together, Globe Artichoke is especially helpful for sluggish digestion, something many of us battle when rich food and extra drinks become part of the weekly routine.

And then there's Taurine, included for its potential to protect liver cells from oxidative damage and support efficient detoxification.

So be kind to your liver this festive season. Just one tablet a day may help it bounce back from holiday indulgences. And if you're gearing up for a big night, take one before heading out and another before bed... your tomorrow self may just thank you.

For more information about liver support or any other health concerns, come and see the team at Go Vita, North St, Batemans Bay, or give us a call on 02 4472 9737. To read the full article, visit our website www.govitabatemansbay.com.au. Don't forget to tune in to our weekly 2EC radio segment, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.

Yours in Health,

Sofia Keady

Nutritionist - Go Vita Batemans Bay

Australian Antarctic Arts Fellowship



Australian Antarctic Arts Fellow and sound artist Philip Samartzis recording near Casey station. Photo: Philip Samartzis

Something to think about over a long hot summer?

The Australian Antarctic Arts Fellowship aims to support the production of significant works of art and interpretation by professionals in the creative arts, humanities and social sciences.

- The Australian Antarctic Arts Fellowship takes artists and creative professionals to Antarctica to develop creative work that engages diverse audiences.
- Artists and creative professionals apply through a competitive selection process.
- A fellowship trip to Antarctica could be 2-4 weeks duration.
- Travel to and from Antarctica, and meals and accommodation while in Antarctica are covered by the fellowship.

Objectives

The Arts Fellowship aims to increase awareness and appreciation of Antarctica, the sub-Antarctic, Southern Ocean and the Australian Antarctic Program through creative outputs that engage national and international audiences in:

- activities of the Australian Antarctic Program
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Communicating through (but not limited to) visual arts, screen and digital, performance, sound, literature and music, Fellows share valuable insight to deepen understanding of the Antarctic region with audiences.

See more information about how and when to apply, including registering for the EOI online information session below.

<https://www.antarctica.gov.au/about-us/australian-antarctic-program/>

Carols on the Coast

By Penny Cook

Broulee Surf Club was the place to be last Thursday night when Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra presented their inaugural Carols on the Coast.

The orchestra hosted a rollicking evening of Christmas carols and singing, with lots of eating and drinking on the side. They were joined by the Sing Australia Choir who presented a number of Christmas songs as well as helping a capacity crowd raise the roof with their singing of all the old favourites. Musical Director Kathie Harris kept the energy up throughout with her infectious enthusiasm.



The orchestra plans to present this event each year and to include as many people as possible in a big Christmas sing. Judging by the terrific response from the audience, the main challenge for repeat performances will be extra seating or maybe Santa arriving on a surf ski!

They are always ready to hear from musicians who would like to play with the orchestra. You can find details on the Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra Facebook page.

Sing Australia is open for audition-free singing again next year at the Uniting Church in Batemans Bay on Tuesday afternoons.

Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide

Delivery Week Success! Pick up an extra copy at Eurobodalla Shire Council or The Repair Cafe - Red Door, Page St Moruya - Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm



Eurobodalla Theatre Shines in CAT Award Nominations



Candy Burgess



Sam Aspinall

By John Longhurst

The vibrant theatre scene in the Eurobodalla Shire has once again been recognised with numerous nominations in the annual Combined Area Theatre (CAT) Awards. The Combined (formerly Canberra) Area Theatre Awards have been part of the theatre, dance and musical scene in Canberra and the surrounding districts since 1994.

They provide recognition for the enormous contribution made by non-professional groups to the artistic life in Canberra and the region, and they encourage individuals in the performing arts.

After attending the show, judges assess the production's worthiness for nomination against each of the categories for which it is eligible, using a set of [assessment guidelines](#) and a [twenty-point rating system](#).*.

Eurobodalla theatres were nominated in the following categories:

BEST SET DESIGN FOR A MUSICAL, VARIETY OR DANCE PRODUCTION

Sam Aspinall and Candy Burgess, Ladies in Black, Bay Theatre Players, Batemans Bay

BEST COSTUME DESIGN FOR A PLAY

Nichola Creighton, Move Over Mrs Markham, Moruya Red Door Theatre, Moruya,

Robyn Whitby, Steel Magnolias, Spectrum Theatre Group, Merimbula.

BEST COSTUME DESIGN FOR A MUSICAL OR VARIETY SHOW

Sam Haslam and Candy Burgess Ladies in Black, Bay Theatre Players, Batemans Bay

BEST LIGHTING DESIGN

Sam Aspinall, Ladies in Black, Bay Theatre Players, Batemans Bay.

BEST ACTRESS IN A FEATURED ROLE IN A PLAY

Stefanie Foster as Harriet Smythe in Move Over Mrs Markham, Moruya Red Door Theatre, Moruya

BEST DIRECTION OF A MUSICAL OR VARIETY SHOW

Candy Burgess, Ladies in Black, Bay Theatre Players, Batemans Bay

Jen Aspinall from Bay Theatre Players is thrilled with the recognition for the theatre, and for the individuals nominated.

Jen said "Candy Burgess, Sam Haslam and Sam Aspinall have all been involved in the Bay Theatre Players for many years, and it's wonderful they have again been recognised for their work and dedication to the theatre and the community. Ladies in Black ran for 18 performances and entertained over 1500 patrons, a fantastic achievement for a small community theatre in Batemans Bay."

Jen said "Bay Theatre Players are delighted to be recognised amongst peers and friends from Eurobodalla theatres as well as other talented groups further a field. It's wonderful to be part of such a great theatre scene on the south coast"

The Awards presentation is held in February. It is a gala function and features a number of excerpts from productions seen through the year.



Sam Haslam nomination for Costume Design



The cast of Move over Mrs Markham from the Moruya Red Door Theatre Co.



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Where to find Santa

Bodalla RFS - Christmas carols at Bodalla RFS fire station on Saturday the 20th of December, come and support the local RFS and buy and sausage sandwich and enjoy the entertainment. Even a visit from Santa.
Surf Beach Rural Fire Brigade - SATURDAY AFTERNOON these fire trucks will be out and about delivering lollies in Surf Beach and Denhams Beach so keep a lookout for Santa. Kids of all ages up to 100 years old can grab a bag of lollies.

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Batemans Bay RFS Christmas Santa Run - Batemans Bay RFS along with Fire and Rescue NSW Station 217 Batemans Bay will be coming around with Santa on Christmas Eve this year - Wednesday 24 December from 4:30pm!
Potato Point RFS - Santas will drop into Beachcomber Holiday Park on Xmas Eve. A big thanks to the Potato Point Rural Fire Brigade

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Mada's Magic Marvels coming to the Bay Pavilions



Photos Tanya Willey



The hilarious and fast-paced interactive family show, Mada's Magic Marvels, featuring Australia's own Mr Magic is coming to the Bay Pavilions in January. You'll be spellbound as objects materialise, vanish and morph right before your eyes in a series of mind-boggling magic moments that frequently involve the entire audience. Accompanied by legendary live pianist Peter Dasent (Playschool), Madawill be scouting for a young apprentice from the audience to assist him with a jaw-dropping illusion on stage. Master performer, illusion designer and magic coach, Mada is known for his work on Australia's Got Talent, Possum Magic and Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Parts 1 & 2. The Sydney-based magician / Illusion coach and consultant has local family connections. Adam Brindley known professionally as Adam Mada and The Wizard of Oz is an Australian magician, entertainer and magic consultant.

Mada is the magic and illusion consultant for the National Institute of Dramatic Art, Australia's Got Talent, The Metaverse of Magic and previously served as The Australian Magic & Illusion Associate for the Melbourne premiere of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. Mada became interested in magic in his youth performing for family, friends and private functions before deciding to pursue magic full-time when he was 21. He attended the Jeff McBride Magic Masterclass in Las Vegas, USA with Eugene Burger and has studied conjuring theory with mentors from South Africa, Venezuela, France, Singapore and Australia.[2] Mada is a scholar of magic interested in the social dynamics of performance magic, often advising academics and artists on magic theory and practice. Sunday 18 January 10am and 12.30pm <https://bpav.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/157922>

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MADA'S MAGIC MARVELS
 Sunday 18 Jan 10:00 AM/12:30PM

PINK FLOYD GREAT GIG IN THE SKY
 Saturday 21 Feb 8:00PM

Creative Options for Kids Over Upcoming Holidays



By John Longhurst

Narooma based Sea Stars Drama is conducting special full-day creative experiences for primary school aged kids over the Christmas holidays.

Activities include fun group warm ups, improvisation games and crafting shadow puppets to use in mini performances.

The workshops will be conducted by Narooma local, Sally Christiansen.

Sally completed a Bachelor of Arts Honours Acting for Screen and Stage in 2009 at Charles Sturt University.

She has many years' experience performing, devising and directing.

Sally said "I began performing as a child right here in Narooma and I am really enjoying passing on my knowledge to a new generation of Sea Stars".

Drama play provides many benefits for children including self regulation, language development, communication skills, conflict resolution, problem solving, abstract thinking, experimenting, social skills, empathy as well as practice fine and gross motor skills*.

Sally said "The Shadow Puppetry Workshop is for primary school aged kids. Over a full day, participants will learn about the art of shadow puppetry, make their own puppets and learn how to operate them in front of a screen and light set-up. Students will work together to make original mini performances! We provide all materials. The aim is to discover the joy of story telling and performance in a fun and inclusive setting.

We accept NSW Creative Kids Vouchers - so use them before they expire on December 31st! The workshops are a sure way of delivering all the benefits of drama play and boosting child confidence going into a new school year in a fun and safe way."

Sally has a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and Police Check.

The workshops are on 5th January, 2026 at Narooma Public School Hall, Montague Street, Narooma and 7th and 14th January at Bermagui Community Hall.

Sea Stars Drama is also offering an after-school program in 2026 for primary and high school students which focuses on honing performance skills, confidence and creative thinking. Sally said "Students are guided through an age appropriate course teaching the fundamentals of voice, movement, stage craft, creating a character, improvisation games, scene work, script analysis and play building."

More details at the web address below;

* The many benefits of dramatic play | CareforKids.com.au@ <https://www.careforkids.com.au/newsletter/2017/july/12/dramatic-play.html>

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Sunday, 21 Dec:

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'Daisy Diver visits SummerCloud Bay'



'Daisy Diver visits SummerCloud Bay' is a gorgeously colourful new children's book, written by local emerging author, Trent Carn. Inspired by his adventures travelling around Australia with his children, the book is based on their own underwater experiences. It is the first in an upcoming series of six books, one of which features our local and sacred Baranguba.

Trent hopes that Daisy will be a brave, kind and strong role model, guiding kids to respect traditional culture, the ocean and its inhabitants.

"Daisy Diver is a fearless, ocean-loving teen who explores the magic of Australia's coastal waters. As a proud Indigenous Australian girl, Daisy's connection to the sea runs deep — it's where she feels most at home, guided by the stories and traditions passed down through generations. She wears a special shell necklace, a treasured gift from her father, who taught Daisy to respect the ocean, its creatures, and the ancient knowledge of Country. The necklace isn't just beautiful — it's a symbol of her culture, strength, and the wisdom she carries on every underwater adventure. The vibrant images and rhythmic, rhyming poetry make the book a delight to read, both for kids and the grownups reading to them!

You can purchase the book locally from Bliss and the Trove in Broulee, or bundle up and save for last minute stocking stuffers including the book, jewellery and t-shirts at daisydiver.com



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ELLA McCAY

M | 1hr 55min ~ Comedy ~
A young woman juggles her family and work life in a comedy about the people you love.



PETS ON A TRAIN

PG | 1hr 27min
~ Family ~ Animation ~
A train unexpectedly starts up, taking only pets with it.



FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S 2

M | 1hr 44min ~ Horror ~
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Animal Welfare League News



Medusa: 953010004366373

Gorgeous Medusa is a five year old pedigreed American Staffordshire Terrier. Her owners surrendered her with regret because she enjoys hunting ducks and similar prey. Medusa is a friendly, well behaved dog who loves people and having fun in the water. She has lots of energy and walks well on a lead. Medusa is good with children but needs managed introductions to other dogs, as she can be choosy about canine friends. She's a smart girl who can sit, stay and drop, but her recall needs some work. Medusa would do well in a home with an experienced owner who can continue her training and ensure she is a loved and valued member of the family. Microchip number Medusa: 953010004366373

If a super-friendly feline companion is more in your line, then meet Miss Kitty! This pretty, three year old white and tabby girl just adores people and is an all-round sweetheart. Miss Kitty came to AWL after her owner sadly died. She was obviously very loved and has a heap of love to give back, greeting new people with an affectionate rub around the legs. She is relaxed with other cats and appears calm and adaptable. Miss Kitty's ideal home will be one where she has company most of the time. Miss Kitty: 991003002520508 Microchip number.



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Like all AWL pets, Medusa and Miss Kitty come desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. To arrange a meeting, call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWL NSW website.

Ticks are out and about in large numbers throughout Eurobodalla. A run-in with a paralysis tick could be the end of your furry friend, or cost you several hundred dollars - or both. Don't take any risks with your beloved pet - make sure they have sound tick protection and keep it up to date.

Animal Welfare League NSW reports:

Our final Animal Care Truck trip for 2025 took us to Moruya this month, and what a way to wrap up an incredible year on the road! In Moruya, our clinic team provided free veterinary care to 48 dogs and 14 cats, delivering 19 microchips and 55 vaccinations to help keep local pets healthy and protected. Thank you to the Eurobodalla Shire Council for welcoming us and capturing the day, and to our fantastic AWL NSW Eurobodalla Branch volunteers who assisted on the ground. This visit marked the end of a huge year for the Animal Care Truck, with our team reaching 38 towns across NSW in 2025, bringing essential veterinary services directly to communities that need them most. We're proud of what we've achieved and look forward to continuing Animal Care Truck services in 2026, reaching even more pets and families across NSW. Thank you to the NSW Government for their support and making this possible!



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growing the community

2025 Diary Dates

- 7-21 Dec. **Congo Crafts 40th Exhibition.**
- Sat 20th December – **Carols by Candlelight.**
Riverside Park, Moruya
- Sunday 21st Dec – **Narooma Cup 2025**
- 22 Dec-4 Jan **41st Annual Art and Craft Exhibition**
- 28 December – **Narooma Rotary Summer Markets**
- 25 Jan – **Narooma Rotary Summer Markets**
- 26 Jan – **Narooma's Great Australia Day Duck Race**
- 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**

SAGE SUMMER SOLSTICE

Sunday, 21 December 2025 [Tickets on sale now](#)

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.

Santa will be visiting Moruya CWA Hall

Sat 13th December, grab your children and your camera and come join in the fun of kids activities and our Christmas Craft Stall. Open 9.30 till 1.30

Tuross Community Markets

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

Soul Tribe Studio 7th birthday

Saturday 6 December in Soul Tribe Courtyard 6pm – 10pm, all proceeds to Open Harts Charity.

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).

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- Moruya Airport will open as normal.
- The Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden will open as normal except Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.
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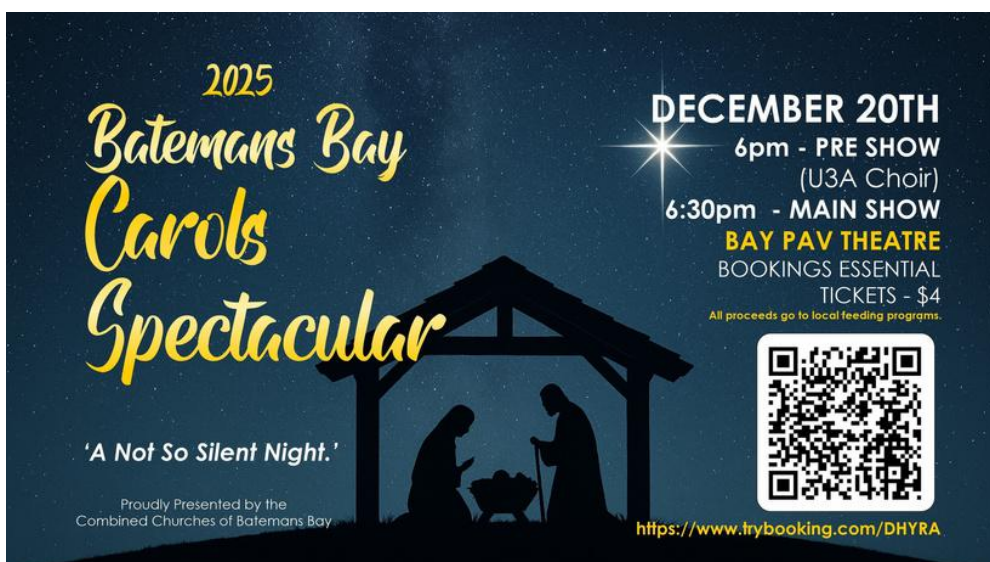
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Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 12.12.25

Moruya River.

Is it really only 2 weeks until Xmas?? Where has the year gone, and why was it so short?!

We have a mixed weekend forecast this weekend, with the promised rain now only playing with us. We are in for a mixed bag of temperature changes also, 31 on Sunday and 19 on Monday! Good luck predicting what Huey's is going to give us this weekend.

The river continues to fish well, with water temps continuing to climb, the fishing activity also is climbing. There have been flathead, bream, whiting, trevally and Luderick all taken this week from throughout the system.

Live nippers have been a gun bait when chasing whiting and bream over the warm shallow sand flats that the Moruya system has plenty of. The deeper stretches of river are fished well with soft plastics and vibe style lures as well as baits, all of which we have in stock, with plenty of options available to you.

Tuross River.

There have been solid reports from Tuross this week, with many anglers easily getting a feed of Luderick, flathead, whiting and bream. There are still good numbers of mulloway being taken on both baits or lures, you just need to know where to start looking. Make the most of this super system over the next few weeks, because as soon as the holiday crowds come to enjoy our slice of heaven, the fishing pressure will increase, and make finding a quiet spot a little harder.

There is plenty of water to go around for everyone to enjoy.

Rock and Beach.

Salmon continue to offer plenty of line pulling fun this past week, while the overall size has dropped, they are still around in good numbers. The bream and whiting are also readily available along the beaches at the moment, live beach worms are the go to bait, along with pipis. If you can't catch or find them, we do have both in the bait freezer at the moment. If you want to try and catch your own, we have all the tools required to do just that. Come in and we can get you set up with everything you need.

Offshore.

Snapper have been holding wide and deep this week, while there are plenty of flathead and reef species in close as well. Try in and around the 40-50m mark for the snapper, and around the 15-20m mark for the flathead. Baits of pilchard, squid or freshly caught yakkas or slimeys will make great strip baits for all the above mentioned species.

The shop is well stocked, with only 1 or 2 more shipments about to arrive before the true work of the Xmas holidays starts.

We are still running the gift voucher competition until the 21st of December, where every voucher bought gets you into the draw for the chance to win a \$2500 voucher from head office. So if you don't know what to get someone, why not get them a gift voucher.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, and will now be restocked every week from now on. We still have hawksbury prawns, and we managed to get some beach worms this week.

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

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Yoga Pose of the Week with Clare Lovelace

Hi, it's Clare from Soul Tribe Studio, your local yoga home in Batemans Bay since 2018.

My Pose of the Week is **Supported Side Bend**, known in Sanskrit as **Pārśva Sukhasana**. This is a beautiful posture for creating space through the side body, easing tension in the ribs and shoulders, and supporting fuller, freer breathing.

It's a gentle pose that can feel surprisingly nourishing, especially if you spend time sitting, driving, or holding stress through your upper body.

How to practise Supported Side Bend

Begin seated on the floor in a comfortable cross-legged position. Sit up tall through your spine. Place a yoga block or cushion beside your right hip. Bring your right forearm or hand to rest on the support.

On an inhale, sweep your left arm up towards the ceiling. As you exhale, gently lean to the right, creating a soft arc through the left side of your body. Keep both sitting bones grounded and avoid collapsing into the shoulder.

Let your head rest comfortably, either supported by your arm or staying upright, and breathe into the open side of your ribs.

Stay for five to ten slow breaths, then gently come back to centre and repeat on the other side.

Benefits of Supported Side Bend

- Creates space through the ribs and side body
- Supports deeper, more expansive breathing
- Releases tension from the shoulders, neck, and upper back
- Gently stretches the spine without compression
- Aids digestion by stimulating the abdominal organs
- Encourages a sense of ease and openness
- Helps counteract long periods of sitting or slouching
- Calms the nervous system through slow, steady breath

This is a wonderful pose to pause with during the day, especially when you're feeling tight, tired, or a little closed in.

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Disaster Preparedness Presentations

SHASA is working with other organisations to present to community group meetings on how to be better prepared for future emergencies/disasters.

So far, we have presented to CWA Tilba, the Labor Party local branches, Rotary Moruya, Mogo Village Business Chamber, Turoos Head Progress Garden, Narooma Community Men's Shed, Turoos Head Progress Association, Durras Progress Association and RFS, Turoos Head Men's Shed, Lions Moruya/Lions Batemans Bay and CWA Moruya.

Presentations have been scheduled for Congo Community Association, Quota Narooma, Rotary Batemans Bay, and CWA Narooma.

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Wishing our wonderful, hard-working volunteers a happy holiday!

SEE YOU IN 2026!





Moruya Ladies Golf



Shirley Noy

Moruya lady golfers were out and about playing a Stableford round on Wednesday 10th December. In very pleasant conditions and with the course playing well Shirley Noy captured the win with a great score of 41 points followed by runner up Margaret Douglas on 40 points. Balls went to Jo Dixon, Sharon Knight, Cindy Becker, Ruth Snowball, Christine Quick, Nicola Gallon, Arthean McBride and Vicki Goodwin. Nearest the pins went to Jenny Ellis and Vicki Goodwin.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls

President Pedro welcomed 35 Twisties on a hot and windy day reminding us that next Sunday 21st is the last day for 2025 returning on Sunday 4th January 2026. Welfare Report from Robbo was that Karen is still in hospital in Canberra after surgery also Alison and Jo will not make Christmas party celebration, take care girls. There was lots of fun on the Green with everyone selecting their own sticks for positions which really somehow worked!

Pedro, Tracey, Witto & Megoo 14/13

Hot Lips & Spike, Lois & Clarke with Matt son of Irish 16/11.

Clive's team, "The Bad" 17/13

Smiley, Bert & Bung 14/11

Mad Max, Kane & PowerPoint Drew with Smoothie, Foxy & Scottie 12 all

A delicious three course Christmas lunch was served in "Jessica's Room". Committee member Robbo thanked the catering staff for their great service.

Past Twisties Secretary Jennie Hogan congratulated the new committee on the fantastic job they have done since taking over in July.

Tomakin Board Member Brett Megee presented the "Red Baron Encouragement Award" to Allen Chant for all the work he has done as a Club and committee member.

Allen replied as to how welcomed and how helpful everyone was to him as a new bowler.

The inaugural "President's Award" a beautifully decorated bowl by club member Janet Smith was presented to yours truly for my weekly reports. I would like to thank Alexandra Rae for publishing reports and photos in Moruya Mail it is very much appreciated.

Wishing all a Joyful Christmas, Best Wishes in 2026.



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Plan, Prepare, Proceed: Marine Rescue NSW warns boaters of holiday risks on South Coast bars

The seven coastal bars across the South Coast are as beautiful as they are treacherous — gateways to adventure that demand respect from every skipper attempting to cross them.

Marine Rescue NSW Monaro Inspector Glenn Sullivan has seen first-hand how quickly conditions can turn dangerous on the region's coastal bars — the Batemans Bay Bar, Tomaga River Bar, Tuross Inlet Bar, Moruya River Bar, Narooma Bar, Merimbula Bar, and Pambula River Bar — and is urging local and visiting boaters to think twice before crossing this holiday season.

"Boaters looking to cross coastal bars should stand off, check the conditions and then decide whether it is safe to proceed," Inspector Sullivan said. "It is best to cross on a run-in tide because there are fewer compression waves."

Every coastal bar is different, and Sullivan said local knowledge is key. "Marine Rescue NSW encourages boaters to always seek advice from their local unit on the best options for going in or out in that particular area and what navigation aids are available. The decision and responsibility to proceed always remain with the skipper of the vessel intending to cross the bar."

"If you're holidaying at another coastal location and plan to cross a bar, please do your homework and never put yours or your passengers' lives in danger," he said.

The risks of misjudging a crossing are severe. Capsized vessels can quickly turn a day on the water into a life-threatening emergency. Inspector Sullivan's advice is simple but lifesaving: "Boaters should always wear a lifejacket, stay with the vessel and grab hold of anything floating."

Preparation, he said, is everything. "Engine and battery issues, and running out of fuel, account for more than half of the incidents Marine Rescue NSW responds to across the South Coast, from Batemans Bay to Eden. These are preventable issues. Boaters can easily reduce these types of incidents with better planning. Every safe trip starts before you hit the water."

Skippers are urged to check their safety equipment and ensure it is in working order. "Conditions can change quickly," Sullivan said. "Assess, prepare and monitor — every time you go out."

The message comes from experience. This summer, more than 350 dedicated Marine Rescue NSW volunteers will serve the South Coast on rescue vessels and in radio rooms across six units — Marine Rescue Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula and Eden. Dedicated Marine Rescue NSW radio operators manage communications during missions while highly skilled vessel crews perform the rescues.



Last summer (1 December to 28 February), volunteers across the region performed 107 search and rescue missions, including 63 emergency responses, safely returning 238 people to shore and keeping watch over more than 3,800 Logged On vessels.

Marine Rescue NSW Acting Commissioner Todd Andrews said the simplest safety step any boater can take is to Log On before heading out. "When a boater Logs On, they share details of their trip and expected return time. If they don't return as planned, a search will be initiated. Logging On saves vital time in an emergency and can be done via the free Marine Rescue NSW app or on VHF channel 16. It only takes a minute to Log On to protect a lifetime.

"We want people to have an enjoyable time on the water and get home safely. A skipper who chooses to cancel or adjust a trip in poor conditions shows good leadership. If you're unsure, don't go out," Acting Commissioner Andrews said.

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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Matthew Kennedy



Winner: Bruce Harding with Vice President Paul Scholze



Winner: Frank Pomfret

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 11th December 2025

42 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. There were some fantastic scores achieved, the Winner getting 7 pars and 3 Birdies and 2nd place getting 12 pars and 3 Birdies.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Matthew Kennedy (16) with 43 points
- 2nd: Ray Bollard (4) with 39 points
- 3rd: Herb Muriwai (26) with 38 points
- 4th: Marilyn Bingham (36) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Paul Scholze 3.98 A Grade
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- 6th: Paul Scholze 3.16 A Grade
- 6th: Matthew Kennedy 2.15 B Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 0.67 A Grade
- 7th: Dorothy Madden 2.58 B Grade

Balls went to: Paula Coffey 36, Shane Gschwend 35, Lynne McDonnell 35, Robert McDonnell 34, Dorothy Madden 34, Jim Madden 34, Brad Reid 34, Kevin Reilly 34, Jenny Reilly 34 And Wayne Lilley 34.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 13th December 2025

A field of 53 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was warm and the course in great condition and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Bruce Harding (19) with 42 points
- 2nd: Greg Booth (16) with 41 points
- 3rd: Steve Collins (15) with 40 points (countback)
- 4th: Mark Forrest (16) with 40 points
- 5th: Malcolm Gilbertson (1) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Shane Gschwend 1.10 A Grade
- 4th: Steve Collins 1.52 B Grade
- 6th: Chris Rowe 3.40 A Grade
- 6th: Peter McRae 2.53 B Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 1.17 A Grade
- 7th: Steve Collins 7.90 B Grade

Balls went to: Greg Smith 37, John Eglitis 37, Shane Gschwend 36, Herb Muriwai 36, Ray Bollard 36, Danny Nickson 36, Kevin Reilly 36, Peter Hogan 35, Troy Kingdom 35, Martin Booth 35, Ruth Gschwend 35, Tony Brown 35, Jim Wade 34, Nigel de Voogd 34 and Paul Medwin 34.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 17th December 2025

A field of 36 players signed up for a Stableford event today, including a visitor. The weather was sunny and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Frank Pomfret with 21 points.
- 2nd: Jane Eglitis with 20 points (countback)
- 3rd: Herb Muriwai with 20 points (countback)

Balls or Chocolates went to: Robert McKirdy 20, Steve Gardner 19, John Eglitis 19, Len Rogers 18 and Steve Collins 18.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Jeanette Miller (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Mike Birks (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Jeanette Miller (2nd Shot)
- Mens: Peter McRae (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Tony Crook (5th hole)

Bradmans: Ian Miller

Country to Coast Initiative all about Saving Lives



By John Longhurst

Moruya Life Saving Club (MLSC) champion, Zara Hall, is promoting her initiative, 'Country to Coast Program' which is running this **Sunday 21st December, from 10.00am to 2.00pm at MLSC.**

In 2024, Zara was named Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year and competed at the World Surf Life Saving Championships on the Gold Coast. She finished 6th in Under 18 Beach Flags at just 14 years old.

As Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year, Zara was invited to come up with an initiative and the 'Country to Coast Program' is the result. Zara said "The program is designed to help country kids better understand beach safety and ocean awareness, particularly during the busy summer holiday period, which is when beaches are more crowded and risks are higher. It aims to build confidence, knowledge, and safe behaviours around the water in a fun and inclusive way.

The event is free and includes a colour run, beach and water activities, flags workshops (which I'll be helping run), a slip-and-slide, educational activities, and a visit from Santa. The program is open to children aged 4-14, lunch is provided, and each participant receives a goodie bag. Registrations are free and can be found via the link in the bio on the @country2coastprogram Instagram page."

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Driving Change

Batemans Bay Sailing Saturday 13/3/25



photos: "Attitude" and "Moonmist" taken by Terry Paton.

By Lachlan Brown

It was a great day for sailing when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the annual John Boyes Memorial Race from Batemans Bay to North Broulee and back last Saturday.

Three yachts went out together with race officer Terry Paton and his trusty team of Andrew Bain and James Anderson aboard the committee boat "Dave Magill". The Canberra based crew aboard "Attitude" were making a welcome return to BBSC sailing after a hiatus.

The committee boat engaged in some anchor dragging at the start, making the start line longer and more pin end biased than intended. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) started on port tack at the pin end on the short leg to the Marine Park middle mark and took the lead from there. From the middle mark it was a broad reach to Burrewarra Head and hence a run to the rounding mark off North Broulee. The boats set spinnakers half way to Black Rock and then gybed onto starboard off Burrewarra. The sea breeze built to 20 knots on the way making for a fast run across Broulee Bay, "Accolade" hitting 14 knots in one gust.

"Accolade" rounded the North Broulee mark a few minutes ahead of "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) with "Attitude" (Greg Taylor) close behind. Sutton took his usual rock hopping route up the coast to stay out of the southerly set and within striking distance. Black Rock effectively became a windward mark. From there it was a starboard tack reach to the finish line off Caseys Beach. "Accolade" looked to have the race under control but ran out of breeze close to the finish line, allowing "Moonmist" to catch up. Moreover the "Moonmist" crew spotted that what breeze remained had veered sufficiently to enable a spinnaker to be set for the last half a nautical mile of the course. "Accolade" finished just under four minutes ahead of the smaller "Moonmist" which achieved a close but well deserved victory on PHS and AMS. "Attitude" finished 13 minutes behind "Moonmist".

The BBSC keelboats crews will be having a break until the next race on January 10th, except for Tony Sutton who will be sailing the Sydney Hobart aboard the Sun Fast 36 "Gizmo".

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