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Key Health Worker Accommodation boost for Moruya

The Eurobodalla is set to benefit from new Key Health Worker Accommodation, which will help attract and retain essential healthcare staff to the region.

Moruya is just one of more than 20 Key Health Worker Accommodation projects in rural, regional and remote NSW, as part of the Minns Labor Government's \$200.1 million program.

The recently purchased accommodation includes five new three-bedroom dwellings, with the first healthcare workers already enjoying the new accommodation and delivering benefits for local health services. Further worker accommodation will be constructed as part of the \$200.1 million program on site at the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. Planning and design will commence this year to allow for construction to progress soon after the new hospital is completed in 2027.

Communities in Crookwell and Bega are also set to benefit with new Key Health Worker Accommodation projects planned for each town. Southern NSW Local Health District is one of nine local health districts to benefit from the Minns Government's investment to deliver accommodation for health workers under the Key Health Worker Accommodation Program.

Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park said "The Minns Labor Government is committed to strengthening our regional, rural and remote workforce and this accommodation in Moruya is already doing that."

"Access to affordable accommodation is critical to attracting and retaining healthcare workers in regional and rural areas. This is why we have invested \$200.1 million in the Key Health Worker Accommodation Program."

"This new accommodation will make a real difference to the sustainability of local health services, ensuring people can continue accessing the care they need, when they need it."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "The Minns Government understands the significant skills shortages facing regional health services and the challenges our workers face finding safe, affordable housing. This \$200.1 million Key Health Worker Accommodation Program directly addresses these issues, providing dedicated housing to attract and retain skilled healthcare staff, and ensuring our communities throughout the Bega Electorate continue to receive the care they need." The funding includes the building of new accommodation, refurbishment of existing living quarters, and the purchase of suitable properties such as residential units.

The Minns Labor Government's \$200.1 million program builds on the \$45.3 million in accommodation for key healthcare workers in the Murrumbidgee, Southern NSW, and Far West Local Health Districts, which is now complete with all units delivered and now fully operational.

NSW Government announces extra public holiday this year

The NSW Government will ensure Anzac Day is appropriately commemorated in New South Wales, announcing an additional public holiday on the Monday following Anzac Day this year and in 2027. Under the Public Holidays Act 2010, Anzac Day is fixed to 25 April each year regardless of the day on which it falls. In 2026, Anzac Day will fall on a Saturday, and in 2027 it will fall on a Sunday. This will not change, however there will be an additional public holiday this year and in 2027. 25 April will always remain the day of national commemoration. Dawn Services, marches and community ceremonies held on that day will continue to be the central focus of remembrance across NSW.

Anzac Day is not simply a date on the calendar it is a living tradition observed in towns, suburbs and cities right across our state.

The additional holiday on Monday does not replace Anzac Day. Rather it reinforces its importance and significance as well as making it consistent with other major public holidays.

Unlike New Year's Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, there are currently no additional public holiday arrangements in place in NSW when Anzac Day falls on a weekend, which occurs on average twice every seven years.

NSW has fewer public holidays than all other mainland states and territories.

Prior to the addition of the Anzac Day holiday, NSW had 11 public holidays in 2026, compared with 15 in South Australia and the Northern Territory and 14 in Queensland, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory and on par with Tasmania's 11 public holidays this year.

The experience of the additional public holidays will form part of a NSW Government review of the state's public holidays to commence in 2027. The review will be informed by community, business, veteran groups and other stakeholder feedback, as well as the economic and social impacts of the additional public holiday in 2026 and 2027.

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AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

to be held in the Council Chambers, Moruya on Tuesday 24 February 2026 commencing at 2pm (Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 16 December 2025
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

(Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)

6. MAYORAL MINUTES
MM26/001 Australia Day Honours
7. NOTICES OF MOTION Nil
8. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS QON26/001 Vegetation management in the Eurobodalla
9. PETITIONS PET26/001 Request for Vegetation Maintenance Behind Properties on Edward Road, Batehaven.
10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS Nil
11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS PER26/001 Development Application Performance Report - July to December 2025
12. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS FCS26/001 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Quarter ended 31 December 2025
- FCS26/002 Investments made as at 31 December 2025
- FCS26/003 Investments made as at 31 January 2026
- FCS26/004 Part Road Closure - adjacent to Lot 6 DP1269974, 10 Ascension Way, Batehaven
- FCS26/005 Operational Plan 2025-26 Six Month Performance Update July - December 2025
- FCS26/006 2026 Councillor Conferences
13. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS IR26/001 Local Transport Forum No.5 for 2025-26
14. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS CAR26/001 Disability Inclusion Advisory Committee - Representatives
15. DELEGATE REPORT DR26/001 2025 National Local Roads, Transport & Infrastructure Congress - Bendigo
16. URGENT BUSINESS
17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Register, roll-up and win – Clean Up Australia Day 2026



For Narooma local Bob Cave every day is 'clean-up' day as he removes litter from around Mill Bay on his daily walks.

Clean Up Australia Day is almost here, and if you've ever thought to yourself, wouldn't it be great if we all simply picked up our own rubbish as we went along, then here's your moment to shine.

On Sunday 1 March, Eurobodalla Council invites residents and community groups to grab some gloves and join the shire-wide clean-up – with some great prizes up for grabs, including one for the strangest find of the day.

Of course, in the perfect world we wouldn't need days like this. As Narooma local Bob Cave will tell you, a small daily effort has an enormous impact. Not just for the beauty and amenity of Mill Bay where he walks each day but for marine life and the environment they live in.

"It might only be a half dozen pieces but there isn't a day I walk the bay's edge and don't see some rubbish," says Mr Cave.

He's especially wary of plastic, which has a place but not in the environment he says. After seeing the impact of plastic on wildlife at Lord Howe Island it became impossible for him to ignore it.

"They had birds in the museum that died with stomachs full of plastic – they starved to death."

Council's manager of waste services Nathan Ladmore says people like Bob are why days like Clean Up matter; whether you join an existing site or register your own, every pair of hands makes a difference.

"When you register a new site, you'll receive a free clean up kit, including gloves and bags. Each participant should bring along their own hat and sunscreen, wear closed shoes, and carry a water bottle," says Mr Ladmore.

"As a reward for effort, all registered volunteers will go into our draw to win vouchers supplied by some great local businesses. Another fifteen lucky participants will win a \$55 tip voucher. We've also got a special prize for the strangest find – just email waste.admin@esc.nsw.gov.au with a photo, what you found and where, and your contact details."

Eurobodalla's local students will do their bit during Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 27 February. They'll be more prizes up for grabs when Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher visits two of the schools.

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**Mon 23 Feb 9.30am – 4.15pm and Tue 24 Feb 9.30am – 4.15pm
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Men's Health Education Rural Van (mherv) visit to Moruya

"Saving local lives" is the objective of the Rotary Men's Health Education Rural Van (mherv) which thanks to the Rotary (or other) Club of Moruya is coming to our local area - **Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th Feb outside Moruya Mowers & Pumps on Queen St.**

mherv is operated by the Rotary Club of Warners Bay in collaboration with local NSW Rotary clubs and other local community organisations.

The mherv Project has been operating for over 6 years travelling regional and rural NSW offering free health checkups to people who haven't seen the inside of a doctor's room since they don't remember when! In that time, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels may have reached seriously high levels and there are no symptoms... until it's too late and a heart attack or stroke strikes!

The program is focussed on men because unlike the womenfolk, they are not good at caring for their own health!... But nobody is turned away.

The service is offered in a relaxed, confidential and informal setting. The mherv Registered nurse conducts the tests and discusses any health concerns seated in the privacy of the van. mherv screenings have saved many lives and improved health outcomes for many men and women throughout NSW.

You're invited to take the opportunity to have a quick, free health check. Just ten minutes invested with mherv can save your life or the life of someone you love.

New activity accompanying our mherv van this year - Our Rotary team this year are proudly supporting DV Safe Phone.

This is a great chance for mherv to further support the community in a meaningful way. All that's required is for people to drop their used phones into the box when mherv is in town. Rotary will collect them at the end of the tour and send them to DV Phone for refurbishment and distribution. Refurbished phones are then provided to Women's Shelters and similar organisations.

Your old phone could save a life. DV Safe Phone are working toward a future where domestic violence victims are empowered to live safe, connected lives through sustainable technology solutions.

Since 2020, DV Phone box have collected, repaired and distributed free mobile phones to domestic violence (DV) victims through their nationwide network of more than 500 agencies partners (DV agencies, police stations, hospitals and safe houses). With your support, they are transforming lives, promoting sustainability, and uniting communities for real change.

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Support for RFS Brigade Volunteers



Photo: Surf Beach Rural Fire Brigade

Work is underway to boost the safety of regional communities across the state with the development of 28 new or upgraded bush fire and emergency facilities, including the new Eurobodalla facility opposite the Moruya Tafe. The **NSW Government** has committed more than \$34.5 million this year to progress work on NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) facilities including six new combined Fire Control and Emergency Operations Centres and 18 new rural fire stations. Construction of new Fire Control and Emergency Operations Centres at Cooma, Clarence Valley and Namoi-Gwydir is well advanced, with planning work progressing for new facilities at **Eurobodalla**, Tumut and the Hawkesbury.

The new centres will be critical in coordinating the response to bush fires and other emergencies such as storms and floods.

To support RFS volunteers, work is underway to build 18 new rural fire brigade stations and upgrade another four. This will give members the modern facilities and amenities they need for their essential roles.

These include facilities at **Surf Beach on the South Coast**, Wilberforce in the Hawkesbury, Dunmore at Shellharbour, Mooney Mooney on the Central Coast and Carabost in the Riverina. These projects are at different stages of the development process, with some already under construction and others in the initial planning phase.

They will be progressively delivered over coming years as planning approval, tenders and building works are finalised.

Work on these RFS facilities builds on significant ongoing investment in new trucks, technology to better communicate on firegrounds, improved aviation support and enhanced equipment for brigades.

Minister for Emergency Service Jihad Dib said "This summer has already served as a reminder of our reliance on our volunteer firefighters, who have tirelessly responded to bush fire emergencies in both NSW, Victoria and beyond.

"We are planning for the future and investing in firefighting facilities so they have the infrastructure they need, both on the fireground and to coordinate effective emergency response operations."

Record firefighter recruitment as campaign starts to further boost emergency services

A campaign to boost the number of on-call firefighters across NSW is set to commence as the NSW Government today announced it will continue to build on a record recruitment of 648 firefighters.

The record intake graduating through the Fire and Rescue NSW training academy last year follows increases in recruitment since 2023 as part of ongoing efforts to restore essential services.

Investment to rebuild Fire and Rescue's training resources has led to 219 permanent firefighters commencing in 2025, almost double the 112 recruited in 2022, along with 429 on-call fire fighters.

The boost in new recruits shows the NSW Government's efforts to attract frontline workers and end 12 years of wage suppression under the former Liberal and Nationals government is working.

The Government has also provided ongoing funding for 286 firefighters – 1 in 12 of the permanent firefighting force – whose jobs were left unfunded by the Liberals and Nationals.

Fire and Rescue's ranks are made up of permanent and on-call firefighters, depending on the firefighting needs of the community they serve.

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New guide to support councils in identifying land for affordable housing

The NSW Government has released a new guide to support councils in undertaking their own land audits to identify vacant operational council land that could be used to deliver affordable housing projects. The Council Led Affordable Housing on Operational Land Guide released by the Office of Local Government provides step-by-step guidance for councils on identifying and managing affordable housing sites utilising operational land – from planning through to construction and delivery.

A major barrier to building more affordable housing is the high cost of acquiring well-located land. Council owned sites such as former depots or unused facilities that are well serviced and close to public transport can be ideal locations for affordable housing to support low-income households.

The guide provides detail on delivery options available to councils to release and manage operational land for affordable housing and how councils can form partnerships with entities such as government agencies and housing providers to maximise the impact of affordable housing.

It also includes case studies showcasing successful affordable housing projects led by councils to meet the needs of their communities. For example, Shoalhaven City Council transformed surplus council land in Bomaderry into 39 affordable housing units, while Lismore City Council is partnering with Landcom, Homes NSW and a community housing provider to construct 56 new affordable housing units.

The NSW Government has set five-year housing completion targets for 43 local government areas in Sydney, the Illawarra-Shoalhaven, the Lower Hunter and Central Coast, and a single housing target for Regional NSW. In the draft Sydney Plan, out on exhibition at the moment, local affordable housing contribution schemes have been mandated for all councils in Sydney to increase the delivery of affordable homes within their communities.

This guide also supports the objectives of the National Housing Accord by encouraging councils to increase housing supply and affordability at the local level. By harnessing under-utilised operational land in partnership with the NSW Government and community housing providers, councils can make a substantial impact in addressing the state's housing crisis and deliver access to homes for people in need.

The guide is available here:

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Guide-for-Council-Led-Affordable-Housing-on-Operational-Land.pdf>

Aussie Broadband acquires Southern Phone

Aussie Broadband is acquiring AGL's telco business, which included Southern Phone, the Moruya-based regional telco formerly owned by 35 local councils.

Southern was acquired by AGL Energy in December 2019 for \$27.5 million and closed its local call centre.

Aussie Broadband Group (ASX:ABB) said "the acquisition will add an estimated combined 350,000 broadband services and mobile connections to Aussie Broadband's customer base together with 46,000 voice services.

The acquisition is expected to complete in June 2026 and the migration is expected to be complete in H1 FY27. Importantly, an agreement has also been signed to establish a long-term exclusive partnership between the two companies to drive continued growth, leveraging Aussie Broadband's network infrastructure and customer service expertise, and AGL's strong brand equity, existing large customer base and energy bundled offers. "

H5 bird flu on sub-Antarctic Heard Island update

Preliminary test results have confirmed H5 avian influenza (H5 bird flu) in additional wildlife species on Australia's sub-Antarctic external territory of Heard Island following confirmation in southern elephant seals in November 2025.

A small number of further samples collected by Australian Antarctic Program scientists from species including the southern elephant seal, Antarctic fur seal and gentoo penguin have now tested positive at the CSIRO's Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness.

These most recent samples were collected as part of the RSV Nuyina's second voyage to Heard Island, which returned to Hobart on 3 February.

Comprehensive biosecurity measures were in place for these samples as well as all returning travellers, cargo, equipment and clothing to ensure any potential biosecurity risks are well managed.

These findings are not unexpected and are consistent with what is known about H5 bird flu spread, including through direct contact or shared environments.

Heard Island is extremely remote, located more than 4000km south-west of Perth and 1700km north of Antarctica in the Southern Ocean. These further detections do not substantially increase the risk to Australia from current elevated levels.

While Australia's H5 bird flu freedom status remains unchanged, the Heard Island detections serve as a reminder of the importance of ongoing vigilance, coordinated biosecurity measures, and preparedness across governments, industry, and conservation partners.

The Albanese Labor Government is investing more than \$100 million to strengthen bird flu preparedness and enhance national response capability – including towards the delivery of rapid response equipment in every state and territory and building resilience in Australia's most at-risk native species.



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Saturday matinee movie - Moruya

Saturday 28 February 2026 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya Cost: free
Join us for a Saturday matinee movie of the Mel Brooks classic The Producers, starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder. A washed-up Broadway producer and a timid accountant hatch a hilarious scheme to make more money with a flop than a hit.
Enjoy the movie and light refreshments. Due to licensing restrictions, we cannot advertise the movie name. Ask our friendly library staff for more information.
Bookings are required - Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance.
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Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 1 March 2026 Where: Different locations across Eurobodalla Cost: Free
Clean Up Australia Day is fun, easy and everyone can get involved. Join in and help clean up Eurobodalla's streets, beaches, parks, and waterways.
You can organise a clean up site for your local group or volunteer at an existing site. Register any location in Eurobodalla for Clean Up Australia Day.
A hat, sunscreen, closed in shoes/boots and a drink bottle are all you need to bring on the day. Clean Up Eurobodalla any day
You don't have to wait until March. Register now to organise clean up activities throughout the year.
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Gen Z leads great urban exodus: Australia's future workforce is heading to the Regions

Regional Australia Institute

Generation Z may be on the march to the regions – now the most likely cohort considering a move out of metro areas, according to new survey results released today by the Regional Australia Institute (the RAI).

Generation Z (18 to 29 years) has overtaken its older counterpart, Millennials (30 to 45 years), in having the greatest desire to leave the city behind, with almost half (49 per cent) contemplating relocating.

Overall, the annual snapshot shows more than 5.3 million or one-in-three (37 per cent) metropolitan Australians have set their sights on regional Australia saying they would consider a future move, with cheaper cost of living, more affordable housing, and getting back to nature the top drivers for the change.

While the younger cohorts are open to a life beyond the city limits, 64 per cent of Baby Boomers surveyed said they are staying put. RAI CEO Liz Ritchie said the regional dream is the new Australian dream and there is a demographic shift on the horizon.

"The cliché is that older metro-dwellers look to the regions when they retire, but in fact the desire for the younger cohort to make the shift from our cities is increasing. The secret is out that regional Australia has a lot to offer younger people – this is why we say the future of Australia is regional.

"This is a wake-up call for employers and policy makers. Young people are not just chasing a tree change, they're looking for career opportunities, lifestyle benefits, and communities where they can thrive. Regional Australia is increasingly seen as a place where you can get ahead and enjoy a balanced life," Ms Ritchie said.

The market research commissioned by the RAI, and undertaken by YouGov, showed 61 per cent of Gen Z city workers said a salary increase was the number one factor that would persuade them to take a job outside metropolitan Australia. A financial incentive, for example, a relocation payment (49 per cent), and faster career progression (45 per cent) rounded out the top three factors this cohort were chasing when considering a regional career.

"Interestingly, Generation Z are also seeking flexible working arrangements, along with help gaining skills and training, suggesting these movers are keen to learn and get ahead, but also achieve a positive work/life balance. RAI first commissioned this market research in December 2020, and it found concern about limited job opportunities (55 per cent) for self or partner was identified by respondents as the biggest barrier to moving to Regional Australia. However, in 2025 only 27 per cent listed it as a barrier, with more than 64,000 roles available in December 2025.

Founder of ViewJobs, Lewis Romano, said regional Australia now represents one of the most significant workforce and economic opportunities in the country.

"Regional markets are actively seeking skilled and motivated workers, and the breadth of roles available today means people can build meaningful careers without compromising on ambition or earning potential."

Regional employers are competing hard for talent, particularly across healthcare, education, trades and community services. We're seeing strong salary growth and faster career progression in many regional markets compared to metropolitan equivalents, which is a powerful drawcard for younger workers considering the move," Mr Romano concluded.

The main barrier to moving for younger people was fear of isolation from family and friends (Gen Z: 44 per cent), while unsurprisingly older generations were concerned about access to health care (Baby Boomers: 71 per cent). Millennials (born 1981 to 1996) buck the trend here. Their concerns reflect their time of life – their biggest worry about leaving the city is limiting their career (40 per cent) and taking a pay cut (equal to concerns about isolation 39 per cent each). Access to healthcare comes in at fourth spot (37 per cent).

And where will these Australians move from? Sydneysiders are among the most likely metro-dweller to make the change, with 41 per cent saying they would consider a life in the regions – Melbournians took second place at 38 per cent.

Additional highlights from the data from all respondents:

- Over 1-in-3 metro-dwellers (37 per cent) surveyed are weighing up a move to regional Australia. This is equivalent to 5.3 million people.
- The timeframes for moving have eased slightly over the last 12 months with just six per cent of all potential movers saying they would be likely to head to the country in the next six months. In 2024, 10 per cent were ready to go.
- More than one third (34 per cent) of potential movers said they would be likely to make the change in the next three to five years. This is up from 25 per cent just 12 months earlier.
- Gender also plays a part. Of respondents, 41 per cent of men were likely to move, while only 33 per cent of women indicated the same.
- Access to healthcare is a significant concern for potential metro-dwellers with 53 per cent citing it as their greatest barrier.
- Almost one third (29 per cent) of Generation Z see the ability to work remotely as a pull factor to regional Australia, compared to just 16 per cent of Generation X (45-61 years).
- A salary increase is the number one factor (53%) that would persuade metro-dweller to take a job in regional Australia.

"This is also important information for policy makers planning for growth in regional Australia. It supports our 40 for the Regions campaign – and in particular our call for 40 per cent of homes built under the National Housing Accord to be built in the regions," Liz Ritchie said.

RAI commissioned this research as an integral component of its Move to More campaign, which aims to highlight and promote the diverse opportunities available for living, working, and investing in regional areas.



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"Now ... it's a good ole cappuccino for Timeless Tom with three sugars, a long black for Know All Ron, a serious espresso for Bella, a soy latte with a touch of inner west oat milk for Young Simon ... and a triple shot flat white for our resident iron man, Mick ... when he joins us. Welcome back to the movie club. It is Mick's choice this month and he has chosen 'Nuremberg' over 'Wuthering Heights'.

Mick pocketed the mobile phone and took a serious sip of his triple shot coffee.

"Yes ... no more chick flicks for me. The real life one in Canberra was enough and has come to a predictable end. Phew ... the lads are back in charge! We need hard men, offering hard policies to toughen this country up ... policies that really cannot be delivered in high heels and semi serious red lippy."

Bella eyeballed Mick.

"It's 'Groundhog Day' Mick. The Liberal Party and its 'mates today ... not sure about tomorrow' National Party are worse than they were when ScoMo lost government. How many election defeats do you need to understand a government should look at least a bit like the people it represents?"

Bella's hand swept across the footpath before them.

"Take five minutes and have a serious look at the people who walk by. At least fifty percent are female. We have migrants going about their business just like the rest of us and young people looking for more than just smashed avocado on toast. It's a mix. It's what Australia looks like and if you go to our major cities it is even more pronounced. Have a look at the just announced Shadow Cabinet. It looks nothing like modern Australia. In fact, the average Australian is a 37-year-old woman but the typical Liberal Party member is a man in his 70s*."

Mick puffed his chest.

"It's about values, Bella ... Australian values. There is a need to 'Make Australia White Again.'"

Bazza shook his head.

"That Australia existed mid last century, Mick and might still reside in some far flung parts of the country, where the National Party is competing with One Nation for attention. It doesn't hold in our cities, as the rise of the Teals and demise of the Liberal Party attests."

Bazza had a sip of his coffee as Mick attempted to counter.

"Hang on, Mick ... just hang on! I just do not see the sense in attacking one third of Australians who were born overseas or indeed, the fifty percent of Australians who have at least one parent who migrated here."

Timeless Tom cleared his throat.

"Now moving on, Mick ... I think you better keep an eye on the new Deputy Leader, Jane Hume. She seems a tad sharper than Angus Taylor. I watched her on the television the other night and she has that Malcolm Turnbull trait of bouncing on her heels when making a point ... danger danger! How about a nickname for Angus to help get the silver spoon out of his mouth ... and make him a bit more matey? That should be a priority."

Mick rubbed his chin and scowled at Bazza and Bella.

"Good point, and ... on message, Tom. We could go for the ScoMo formula and come up with AngTa or perhaps appeal to the younger demographic with Ang Tay Tay."

Know All Ron leaned in.

"A bit clumsy, Mick. Just shorten his first name by a letter."

*. <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/australian-women-turned-their-backs-on-ley-but-they-won-t-forgive-taylor-for-this-assassination-20260217-p5o2zf.html>

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Food & Knowledge Share



Food Share 22 February

Our next guest is **Deb Long**. She is an anthropologist, permaculture practitioner and teacher, and sustainability educator. She is passionate about food security, sustainable building and homegrown vegetables. She is going to chat about pros and cons of growing in rows, bed rotation, and mosaic gardening.

The SAGE Food & Knowledge Share is held every Sunday 10 am at Riverside Park in Moruya February through end of April (except March 1st) alongside the Nourished Sovereign coffee van. Please bring a blanket or camp chair for your comfort. If it is raining we will move undercover to SAGE Garden at 110 Queen St in Moruya.

Everyone is welcome, and you do not need to bring anything. People who can bring items to share can contribute vegetables, fruits, eggs, seedlings/seeds, cookbooks, gardening books, tools, preserves and plants.



Go Get Healthy with Sofia



So... quick reality check. How many of us started the New Year utterly convinced that this was the year we'd stick to our New Year's resolutions? You know the ones: eat better, move more, drink less, sleep more. And now, a few weeks in, how many of us are already thinking, "Wait... what were my resolutions again?"

The upside? The visitors have gone home, the kids are back at school, routines are returning and there are officially no excuses left. This is the perfect time to reset!

One of the easiest ways to kick-start better health is with a sensible detox programme. And no, this isn't about starving yourself. A good detox simply combines a balanced eating plan with a quality detox supplement to support the body's natural detoxification processes.

There are plenty of detox options around, but recently we've been recommending a tasty berry detox powder that's easy to use and thankfully, doesn't involve swallowing a handful of tablets. It mixes easily into water, protein shakes or greens powders, which is probably why it's become such a crowd favourite.

This gentle naturopathic formula includes Vitamins C, Selenium and Zinc to help protect cells from free radical damage, along with B vitamins to support energy levels and reduce fatigue. It also contains five amino acids that support liver detox pathways, plus a blend of superfruit berries, beetroot and traditionally used herbs such as milk thistle, turmeric, and green tea.

We're often asked, "When should I detox?" The answer is simple: everyone should detox once or twice a year.

We service our cars regularly, yet somehow expect our bodies to run forever without the same TLC.

Between stress, poor diet, low water intake, alcohol and modern food chemicals, toxins build up easily. So don't wait until your body waves the white flag. Give it a tune-up and for once, fine-tune your body instead of your car.

For more information about berry detox, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay.


You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit our website www.govitabatemansbay.com.au. Don't miss our weekly segment on 2EC radio, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.

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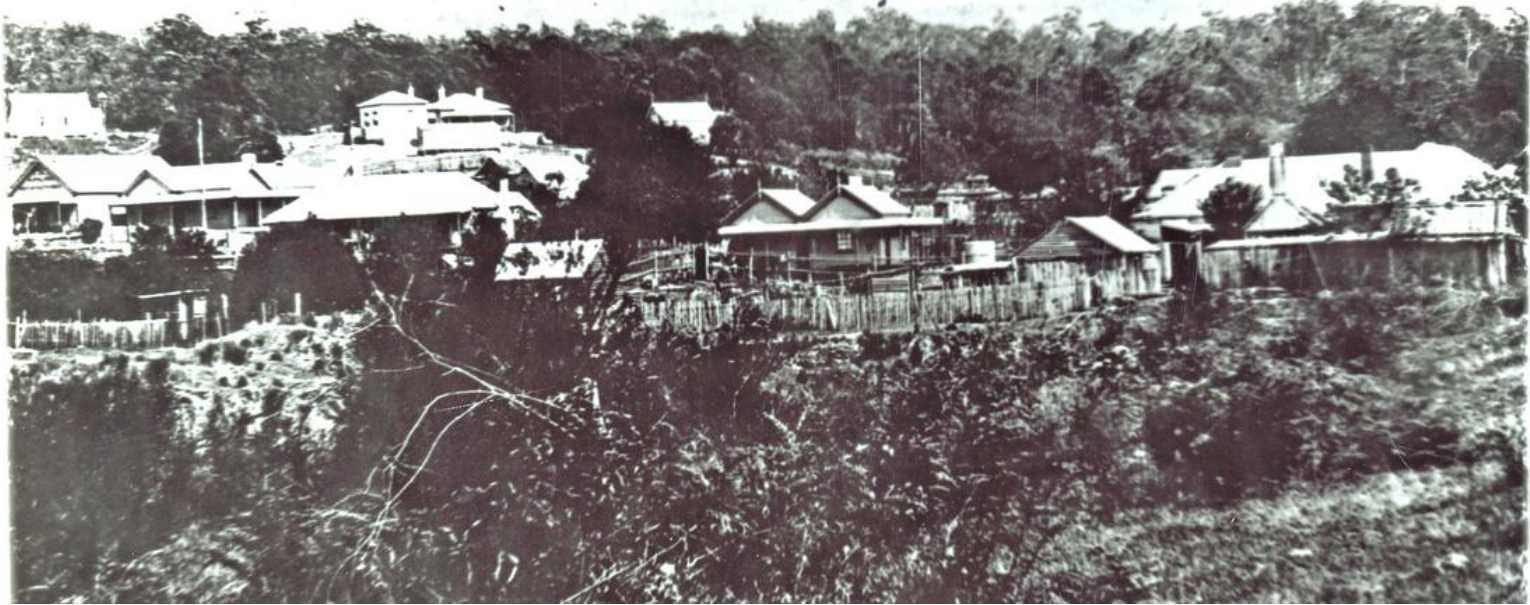


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100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner



Nerrigundah township

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After an enforced rest, Mr. W. Flanagan, who severely bruised his leg at the Quarry Works, is on the improve.

Through missing a dog (which he was hunting away from the door) and striking a post, Mr. C. Donnelly has been confined to his room with a sprained ankle.

During the terrific heat on Monday Mr. H. P. Jeffery's 12 months' old champion Berkshire boar died. The owner gave a high price for this pure-bred pig at the last R. A. Show sales.

To celebrate her coming of age, Miss Gwen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jeffery, of "Summerhill," was on Tuesday evening tendered an enjoyable surprise party by her numerous friends.

On Monday whilst the bush fires were at their worst, the alarm was given that Mr. E. Heffernan's home at Moggendoura was in danger. About 40 townspeople immediately went out and a few hours of strenuous work effected a good save.

Nerrigundah. (From our Correspondent.) Bush fires are raging all around the Gulph. On Sunday night about 20 men were fighting the flames all night and had some difficulty in saving the local battery, and Mr. D. Coe's house. Mr. O'Toole's place had a bad time, all his grass paddocks at Deep Creek being swept clean, and also Mr. C. Wilson's hill paddock. Today the fire was all around Mr. Hattley's property and is still raging in the hills.

About forty-five years ago the Police Station and Warden's Office were removed from Nerrigundah giving miners the trouble and expense of travelling to Wagonga to apply for a claim on the Nerrigundah gold field, and now the unfortunate miner is saddled with the expense of a journey to Bodalla. The Nerrigundah people have petitioned the Government to leave the present buildings at Nerrigundah as they are, so that when the field booms again there will not be the necessity of rebuilding, as was the case on the previous occasion. Nerrigundah is the principal centre of the gold field and the Warden's Office should still remain here.

Bodalla. (From our Correspondent.) The thermometer here as in other portions of the Coast has been creating records - 108 degrees being registered by the Commonwealth Official thermometer on Monday 8th and Monday 15th. Rain is badly needed though the Bodalla Flats are standing the dry spell well.

Messrs. Southam and Sutherland have commenced operations on the bridge over the Tuross. The bridge will be a boon during flood time to the settlers over the river.



Amusu Theatre. THE HEART OF A SIREN, featuring Barbara La Marr and Conway Tearle, in a dramatic story of a women who played with love, also Katherine McDonald in the SCARLET LILY, a big feature with a big cast.

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Next steps for Emergency Services Levy reform

Options to reduce household insurance costs and fix an unfair funding model for emergency services will be put to a NSW parliamentary inquiry.

While emergency services benefit everyone, most of their funding comes from a levy not everyone pays. The Minns Labor Government is committed to removing this Emergency Services Levy (ESL) and replacing it with a simple and transparent levy spread across all properties.

Currently, the burden of paying the ESL is unfairly placed only on those who take out property insurance. The cost of this levy for residential insurance has increased 48% from 2017-18 to 2023-24, adding pressure on household budgets. All mainland states, apart from NSW, have implemented property-based levies to fund their emergency services. In November 2023, the Minns Labor Government committed to reforming the ESL. The parliamentary inquiry will build on extensive public consultation carried out since then, and seeks to develop a consensus and strengthen support for the reform's direction.

To inform the inquiry process, the Government will release an options paper which includes five levy model options. This follows a comprehensive collection of property level insurance policy data and land classifications performed by local councils under legislative amendments.

The Government thanks the insurance industry and local councils for their cooperation with this critical exercise for modelling reform options.

In designing the reform, the Government is also committed to protecting pensioners and vulnerable members of the community and ensuring a revenue-neutral model for sustainably funding emergency services agencies.

\$15 million investment to power NSW's renewable energy workforce

The Federal and State Labor Governments are investing \$15 million over four years to train the skilled workforce needed for the state's renewable energy rollout creating thousands of jobs in regional NSW.

The investment underpins the Renewable Energy Skills Strategy, launched today by Minister for Energy, Penny Sharpe and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Steve Whan at the Transgrid Orange Regional Centre.

The Strategy supports the Government's Energy Roadmap, which is expected to generate around 7,000 jobs during peak construction and about 4,500 ongoing roles. Jointly funded by the Federal and State Labor Governments, the Strategy builds the pipeline of skilled workers needed to design, build and maintain renewable energy generation, storage and transmission projects across the state.

The Strategy includes school-based trade taster programs through to apprenticeships, traineeships and secure long-term employment. It also includes targeted initiatives to increase participation by women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

As part of the investment, the Strategy will expand the Regional Industry Education Partnerships program, strengthening links between schools and renewable energy employers and giving students hands on exposure to local career opportunities. The Strategy will also create Skills Coordinator roles to work closely with renewable energy employers, training providers and local communities to support local students and workers into renewable energy jobs.

Transgrid will play a major role in delivering the Roadmap, including construction of the NSW component of EnergyConnect, Australia's largest energy transmission project, and delivery of the Hunter Transmission Project, which will carry renewable energy from regional NSW to homes and businesses.

For more information please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/renewable-energy-skills-strategy>

Pest and biosecurity roadshow to better equip south east NSW landholders

The NSW Government is taking biosecurity and pest animal management support on the road, delivering a series of workshops across the state's south east through the Feral Pig and Pest Program 2025-26.

Between February and May, landholders can attend one of eight drop-in sessions throughout the Queanbeyan-Palerang region to speak with Local Land Services biosecurity and veterinary staff about feral pig control options, baiting techniques, livestock health, seasonal conditions and more. Eligible landholders can also access subsidised grain to assist with baiting programs.

The workshops are a key part in equipping landholders with the skills and knowledge to manage pest animals on their properties, keeping livestock disease-free and getting the most out of their land.

The pest and biosecurity roadshow is part of the NSW Government's more than \$40 million investment over the past three years in initiatives aimed at supporting landholders to control feral pig and pest animal populations.

The roadshow will stop at:

- Carwoola – Friday 20 February, 3pm – 6pm, Carwoola Community Hall
- Mongarlowe / Charleys Forest – Tuesday 3 March, 9:30am – 1pm, Mongarlowe Community Hall
- Krawarree – Friday 20 March, 9am – 12pm, Gundillion Hall
- Burra – Thursday 26 March, 3pm – 6pm, Burra Community Hall
- Majors Creek – Tuesday 14 April, 1pm – 4pm, Majors Creek Recreation Hall
- Bungendore – Thursday 23 April, 10am – 1pm, Scout Hall
- Royalla – Tuesday 28 April, 3pm – 6pm, Royalla Common
- Nerriga – Friday 15 May, 3pm – 6pm,

The drop-in format allows landholders to choose a time that suits them to discuss management options tailored to their property. Bookings are recommended. [Register online](#). For more information, landholders can contact their nearest Local Land Services office on 1300 795 299.



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Let's do coffee with ... Malcolm Barry

You are a passenger cruising down the highway near Narooma with your dog and a mate. You look down and a five foot tiger snake glides over your bare feet. Who are you going to call? Malcolm Barry (MB) is your man and with more than 450 snake relocations over the past 3 years, is well experienced. The Moruya Mail (MM) talked more than just snakes with Malcolm over a coffee last week.

MM: It was billy carts rather than e-scooters, home for a 'tea' of meat and three veg and, of course, the assassination of President John F Kennedy rocked the world. Take us back, Malcolm.

MB: (Smiles ...) Yes ... it is 1963 and I was born in Laverton, Victoria. I am the middle child with a brother and a sister. Mum had a very 1960's job as a punch card operator and dad was an air frame fitter with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). As you would expect, with dad's job we moved around a fair bit and included stints in Laverton, Woomera, Richmond (NSW), Broadmeadows and before settling down in Melton (outskirts of Melbourne). We lived on air force bases along with other families so there was always plenty of company.

I attended Richmond Primary School and would cycle the 5 kms to school and finished completed sixth grade (Year 6) at Broadmeadows Public School before starting first form (Year 7) at Dallas High School, Broadmeadows. I completed Year 11 at Sunshine North Technical School, Victoria in 1980 and left to begin a Diploma of Civil Engineering at Footscray Technical College for the next 2 years.

I secured a job in civil engineering with Heilderberg (suburb of Melbourne) Council in 1981 and continued my studies.

My love of the outdoors led me to the Scouting movement and I was successful in attaining a Rotary Youth Leadership Award in 1986 and spent a week at Latrobe University where I was very fortunate to meet my wife, Erin. As part of gaining my Queen Scout Award at 16 years of age, I joined the Victorian State Emergency Service (SES) at Melton which sparked an ongoing passion for rescue work.

The next big events in my life were marrying in 1987, at 24 years of age and the birth of our daughter, Sarah, in the same year. In 1988, we moved to Balranald in the far south west of NSW and took up the position of Civil Engineer with Balranald Shire Council. I also became head of the Balranald SES Unit.

In 1991, I became a volunteer ambulance officer. It was a 2 person station and I would drive the ambulance vehicle which did lead to some hands on work. I completed 191 ambulance cases in the last 6 months prior to attending the NSW Ambulance Education Centre in Rozelle, Sydney for intense paramedic training using my leave entitlements from the council to complete my studies..

Our son, Aidan, was born in 1992, who now has settled in Bermagui and operates Elsewhere Café, Deli and Restaurant with his partner Hannah and 2 kids Willow and Eli.

I did my probation as an ambulance officer in Albury and in the year 2000 I resigned from Balranald Council and took up the position of local (Balranald) Ambulance Officer.

In 2002, I was promoted to Ambulance Station Manager at Hilston, western NSW on the Lachlan River.

We always wanted to live on the coast and in 2005, I secured a position as an ambulance officer in Narooma.

In 2010, I resigned from NSW Ambulance Service and started my own business 'Mal's Mobile Computer Repairs & Training Services' with a focus on sales, servicing, training and repairs across a range of technologies from mobile phones, computers through to televisions.

I also joined Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) now known as VRA Rescue NSW and soon become the training officer. It is a leading volunteer-based organisation dedicated to providing emergency rescue services throughout New South Wales 24/7/365. Our organisation is made up of specialist rescue operators working for their communities in over 50 locations across New South Wales and our members are primary responders for Road Crash Rescue, General Land Rescue, Vertical Rescue and just about any type of specialist rescue encountered by Emergency Service personnel. The VRA Rescue NSW also includes Communications, Cave Rescue, Rescue Dogs and Ski Patrols. I became Captain and Peer Support in 2022

MM: Volunteering runs through your veins but let's talk about snakes and, in particular, the one sliding across the bare feet of the passenger in the car.

MB: (Laughs ...) I have enjoyed catching snakes from a young age and back then had no idea they were deadly. Up until 2022, Narooma did not have a snake catcher/relocator. My daughter, Sarah, (who had moved back home with her daughter Brittany from South Australia), and I undertook Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIREs) requisite snake training in 2022. We go as far north as Moruya and to Cuttagee in the south to help people with snake phobias. Obviously, each snake catch and release has its own set of circumstances and risks but the one you are referring to happened last October.

A Tilba Tilba man parked his car in his driveway for 6 weeks whilst visiting family in Victoria. On his return he went shopping in Narooma with a friend and pet dog.

He was the passenger and felt something slither across his bare feet. He initially thought it was plastic but when he looked down it was a very large tiger snake tickling his feet. He got a hell of a fright and yelled 'Stop the car! Get the dog and jump out.'



Sarah and I both responded to the call and we had to dismantle parts of the car to locate the tiger snake

It took some time, but we eventually located the tail. They tend to puff themselves up if they're grabbed by the tail, and they won't come out so you have to wait for them to relax and come out that way. We then used a hook to lift the snake out and put it in a bag for relocation.

Tiger snakes are highly venomous and can be very aggressive.

We have successfully relocated over 450 snakes since 2022 and have not been bitten.

MM: It is an interesting way to bond with your daughter. What are your motivations for volunteering and the challenges of playing such a significant role in our community?

MB: Well ... it is great to be able to help people at their worst possible time in life and I hope the same would happen for me or my family if needed. I think volunteerism has really struggled since Covid and has put more stress on those willing to put their hands up.

On a positive note, VRA Rescue NSW has a great Commissioner in Brenton Charlton formally from NSW Police Rescue who has secured improved funding, a greater focus on training/education, safety and teamwork for the communities 24/7/365.

I want to continue my volunteer work. It was great to be formally recognised for 15 years service with VRA Rescue NSW as well as receiving the 10th Annual Rotary Emergency Services Community Award - Officer of the Year VRA Rescue NSW in 2024.

Last year I was awarded a National Medal for Emergency Services Work over 45 years from the Governor General's Office.

MM: What advice do you have for your younger self?

MB: Get out and help people and I wish I joined the Ambulance Service earlier.

MM: A good chat, Malcolm. I am sure I can speak on behalf of a grateful community ... thank you.

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**

A roadmap and investment for regional arts

Communities across regional NSW will benefit from a strategy to support arts and culture, and grow cultural tourism in regional NSW.

The **NSW Government** is delivering Heartland: A Plan for Regional NSW Arts, Culture and Creative Industries, backed by a \$5.2 million investment, to boost regional creativity and vibrancy.

Regional creativity is already a powerhouse for NSW, employing 52,520 people and contributing over \$6.2 billion in cultural tourism spend.

The first of its kind, the plan came from extensive consultation with communities from Lismore to Bega, Wollongong to Wagga Wagga, the Hunter to Broken Hill, and beyond.

Across the state, regional communities emphasised the role of arts and culture in bringing people together, of keeping young people in their communities, and as an important way to support those struggling with disasters ranging between drought, flood and fire.

An investment of almost \$3.2 million will build partnerships, strengthen investment, activate networks, and expand creative opportunities:

- \$1 million for a Regional NSW Strategic Partnerships Fund, supporting co-funded initiatives with arts and cultural organisations, councils, universities, philanthropists and business.
- \$500,000 to increase support for regional touring programs, with a focus on activity that contributes to skill development for arts practitioners and the growth of new audiences.
- \$400,000 over two years to work with First Nations creative and cultural communities to explore opportunities to bring arts and cultural practitioners together.
- \$250,000 to fund 16 paid internship positions delivered by regional art and cultural organisations to build skills and career pathways.
- \$250,000 to support the employment of producer and touring brokerage roles in regional NSW to develop and deliver touring programs that support the Regional Touring Fund.
- \$250,000 to establish a Local Government pilot program to encourage place-based philanthropy in regional NSW for arts and cultural activity.
- \$200,000 to deliver an Arts and Cultural Tourism Program for NSW First Nations practitioners and communities.
- \$200,000 for new creative and community hubs through the Creative Heritage Rail program.
- \$100,000 to invest in capacity building for regional touring framework organisations, starting with Music in the Regions.
- \$50,000 for regional community bands to support youth participation and engagement.

A \$2 million investment to deliver the Regional Night-Time Economy Program pilot will support 10 regional town business collectives to develop their local economies from the day into the night.

Additionally, in recognition of the importance of the Regional Arts Development Organisation (RADO) network, establish the RADO sustainability fund to restore funding levels, ensuring the stability of the network and providing a safety net for RADOs going through the process of restructure and revitalisation.

This builds on the NSW Government's ongoing commitment to regional NSW, including \$14 million in 2024-25, through the Arts and Cultural Funding Program.

Read Heartland: A Plan for Regional NSW Arts, Culture and Creative Industries [here](#).

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The new centre has a gallery, two studio spaces and a cafe. It is part of the Narooma School of Arts (NSoA), a volunteer organisation that has been a home for the arts and culture in Narooma for over 100 years.

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Class Schedule (Wednesdays):

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7pm - Progressive Rock 'n' Roll

8pm - Intermediate Rock 'n' Roll

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Location: Lounge Bar, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Cost: \$10 per person, or \$15 if you're doing two classes Ages: 16+

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2026 NAIDOC Week Poster Competition

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are invited to share their creativity, culture and storytelling as part of the 2026 National NAIDOC Poster Competition.

This year marks a powerful milestone, 50 Years of Deadly, celebrating the strength, pride, history and ongoing journey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The National NAIDOC Committee is calling for original artwork that responds to this year's theme and captures what this moment means to you.

If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist, this is an opportunity to have your work recognised nationally as part of NAIDOC Week 2026.

Entries close Sunday 1 March 2026.

Info & submissions here:

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/posters/2026-poster-competition>



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Paper repairs are the basis of all book repairs. Learn how covers are attached to a book, and how you can rejoin them.

The monthly program allows students to work at home and then work on a project with full supervision and advice. Class size is limited to

7. Some materials and tools supplied; other may be purchased.

When: the last Sunday of the month
Where: BRAG studio
Cost: \$70 for members
\$90 non-members
per session
Time: 10am to 2.30pm
includes 30 mins lunch, BYO lunch
Dates: Sunday
February 22
March 29
April 19
May 31

Program (TBC)
1. Paper repairs
2. Perfect binding: pull a book apart and put it back together
3. What's sewing? practise and repeat
4. The cover: to reattach or not
5 onwards: personal project

For further information, registration and material list
Contact: Erika Mordek
Text: 0432687255 (I don't answer unknown numbers)
Email: theboxgirl@gmail.com





THIS MONTH'S FILM BURN AFTER READING

SCREENING ON SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM FOR A 7.30PM SHOWTIME

Synopsis - Burn After Reading is a 2008 black comedy espionage film written, produced, edited and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. It follows a recently jobless CIA analyst, Osborne Cox (John Malkovich), whose misplaced memoirs are found by a pair of dimwitted gym employees (Frances McDormand and Brad Pitt). When they mistake the memoirs for classified government documents, they undergo a series of misadventures in an attempt to profit from their find. The film also stars George Clooney as a womanizing U.S. Marshal; Tilda Swinton as Katie Cox, the wife of Osborne Cox; Richard Jenkins as the gym manager; and J. K. Simmons as a CIA supervisor. The film premiered on August 27, 2008, at the Venice Film Festival.



Moruya Community Film Group is a social club for film lovers. We meet once a month to enjoy wine, nibbles, film quiz and of course, a great film! Join us at the RED DOOR, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page Street, Moruya. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months/\$40 for 6 months. Guests are welcome.



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OFFICIAL BOOK LAUNCH

Michelle Hamrosi and Courtenay Tooth

CHARLIE'S BIRTHDAY ADVENTURE

A children's story
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CLASSES

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Materials included. Please contact the tutors directly to book.

CREATIVE TECHNIQUES

Learn the techniques and principles of drawing, painting, and mixed media.

Tuesdays 10am to 12pm

Nick Summers 0410 774 543

DRAWING EXPLORATIONS

Learn drawing and mark making techniques

Tuesdays fortnightly, 1pm to 3pm

February 10, 24, March 10, 24

Victoria Westwood 0418 488 501

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Wednesdays fortnightly 9am to 12pm

February 4, 18, March 4, 18, April 1

Sonja Skagen 0421 197 358

ANTI-METHOD ART SESSIONS

Use paint, collage, charcoal, pencil and more to follow guided prompts in the spirit of Dada and the surrealists.

Wednesdays monthly 1pm to 3pm

February 4, March 4 & April 1

Diana Keenan - [book online](#)

UNDERSTANDING ACRYLICS

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

Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

February 5, 12, 26, March 5, 12, 26 & April 2

Lesley Whale 0421 331 002

WORKSHOPS

LIFE DRAWING

with Lesley Whale

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

Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm, February 19

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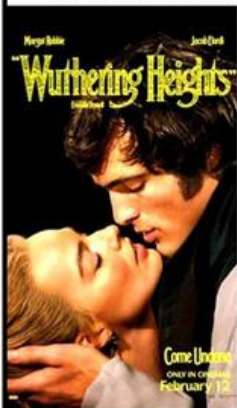
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NUREMBERG M 148 MIN		1:15 PM		1:10 PM		1:15 PM	
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SONG SUNG BLUE M 132 MIN	1:35 PM	1:35 PM	1:35 PM	1:35 PM		1:35 PM	1:35 PM
THE CHORAL M 113 MIN	11:20 AM	11:05 AM				11:05 AM	11:20 AM
THE HOUSEMAID MA15+ 131 MIN	1:30 PM		1:30 PM				1:30 PM
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ZOOTOPA 2 PG 108 MIN			12:55 PM	1:40 PM			

WUTHERING HEIGHTS



M | 2hrs 16min
~ Drama ~ Romance ~
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PG | 1hr 36min
~ Music ~
EPIC features long-
lost footage from
Presley's legendary
Las Vegas residency
in the 1970s, woven
together with rare
16mm footage from
Elvis on Tour.

ALSO SCREENING

SEND HELP



MA | 1hr 53min
~ Horror ~

ZOOTOPA 2



PG | 1hr 48min
~ Family ~

NUREMBERG



M | 2hrs 28min
~ Drama ~
~ Thriller ~
Russell Crowe

THE CHORAL



M | 1hr 53min
~ Drama ~
~ War ~
Ralph Fiennes

SONG SUNG BLUE



M | 2hrs 12min ~ Drama ~
Based on a true story, two
down-on-their-luck musicians
(Hugh Jackman and Kate
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Diamond tribute band, proving
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CRIME 101



M | 2hrs 20min ~ Crime ~ Thriller ~
Set against the sun-bleached grit of
Los Angeles, Crime 101 weaves the
tale of an elusive jewel thief (Chris
Hemsworth) whose string of heists
have mystified police.

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M | 1hr 37min ~ Comedy ~
It follows lovable pick-pocket
Eric Noone as he lands a job at a
unique English manor house. He
embarks on a forbidden romance
But when an unexpected murder
occurs, Eric gets framed.

JIMPA



MA | 1hr 52min
~ Drama ~ Olivia Coleman
Hannah, a mother takes her trans
non-binary teenager Frances to
Amsterdam to visit their gay grand-
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THE SECRET AGENT M, 2H 40M, BRAZILIAN CRIME/THRILLER SCREENING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY AS PART OF OUR FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL	11am 5.25pm*	11am 5.25pm*	11am 5.25pm*	11am 5.25pm*		11am 5.25pm*	11am 5.25pm*
EPIC: ELVIS PRESELY IN CONCERT PG, 1H 36M, CONCERT DOCUMENTARY	5pm	5pm	5pm	5pm		5pm	5pm
IS THIS THING ON? M, 2H 4M, DRAMA/COMEDY	12.25pm* 8.15pm*	12.25pm* 8.15pm*	12.25pm* 8.15pm*	12.25pm* 8.15pm*		12.25pm* 8.15pm*	12.25pm* 8.15pm*
WUTHERING HEIGHTS M, 2H 16M, ROMANCE	2.05pm 7.05pm	2.05pm 7.05pm	2.05pm 7.05pm	2.05pm 7.05pm		2.05pm 7.05pm	2.05pm 7.05pm
MARTY SUPREME M, 2H 29M, DRAMA	2.40pm*	2.40pm*	2.40pm*	2.40pm*		2.40pm*	2.40pm*
HAMNET M, 2H 5M, DRAMA		10.05am*		10.05am*			10.05am*
SONG SUNG BLUE M, 2H 13M, MUSICAL	10am*		10am*			10am*	

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Animal Welfare League News

To celebrate February, the Month of Love, we have cut the adoption prices of all our lovely cats and kittens, just waiting to bring love into someone's life. Check out all the pets available for adoption on the Animal Welfare League NSW website www.awlnsw.com.au

We're gearing up for a big couple of months of desexing financial assistance! For cat and kitten owners, make a booking in March with any vet in Eurobodalla Shire, and we will help with the cost of desexing. And throughout April, you can make a booking for your cat or dog at any vet in the shire, and we will provide a discount voucher for the cost.

Once the booking is made, call AWL Eurobodalla on 0436816718 to arrange your discount.

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March – Cat/Kitten Desexing

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April – Pet Desexing

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To have your pet desexed:

1. Call your Eurobodalla Vet in March (cats/kittens) or April (dogs/puppies/cats/kittens/pocket pets) to make an appointment (the appointment does not need to be in March or April, but must be within 3 months of arranging the appointment).
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ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

When: Thursday February 19th, 2026
6.30 for 7pm start

Where: Club Narooma

Cost: \$10 per ticket.
Cash or Card accepted at the door.

Tables of 2 to 8 players
Light supper provided.

Call Steph 0413 229 133, to book a table.

REPAIR CAFE



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SHASA is looking for helpers at the Repair Cafe which is held every Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Red Door Hall, St John's Commons, Moruya.

HELP IS NEEDED WITH

- fixing electrical goods (SHASA will cover the cost of volunteers to undertake tag and test training)
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- 13–15 February – **Cobargo Show**
- 27 Feb – 1 Mar – **Bega Show**
- 8 March – **Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim**
- 7 – 15 March – **Sculpture Bermagui**
- 1 – 3 May **19th Narooma Oyster Festival**
- May – June – **2026 Sculpture for Clyde**
- 5–12 July – **NAIDOC Week**
- 12 June to 12 July – **Fungi Festival**
- 21st–25th October – **Sea Otter Australia**
- 13 March 2027 – **NSW State Election**

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).

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.

Tuross Community Markets

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

Tuross Head Bowling Club Easter Market

Calling all Market Stall Operators. If you are planning your markets for 2026 don't forget to contact us at Tuross Head Bowling Club. With only a few months until our annual Easter Market fundraiser, we are seeking stall holders to come and share their wares. We have just under 20 stalls booked already but have plenty of space for more and only \$20 for a marked site (3m x 3m). Our Easter Market is on Sunday 5 April this year, from 9.00am – 1.00pm. It is a great community day – if anyone would like a stall, please contact the numbers on the flyer. Vickie Wheelahan Tuross Head Bowling Club Secretary
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coming to Moruya to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

Where: Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre, Mirrabooka Avenue Moruya 2537 (Building address: 73 Vulcan Street, parking and entry at rear, off Mirrabooka Avenue).

When: **Thursday 26th February 2026** 10am to 2:30pm

Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay When: **Tuesday 3rd March 2026** 9:30am to 2pm

How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment

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Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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



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Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 6.2.26

Moruya River.

We have had a few surprise visitors in the river this week, with schools of frigate mackerel busting up around the Preddy's wharf area on a rising tide. This is a true indication that water temps are up, as they are only ever a warm current visitor. While the eating quality is not great for a tuna species, they do make great live baits or filleted baits. They don't last very long both out of water or in a live bait bucket without constant clean water flow being replenished. They also don't like being handled, so if you are going to release them, do it quickly, and leave them in the water.

Being a tuna species, they fight hard and are a heap of fun on light tackle.

Along with this warm water visitor, the flathead and bream continue to be readily available both around the shallow sand flats and drop off edges, and the whiting are starting to return after the rains last month.

Try looking around the Garlandtown nipper beds for a few whiting, bream and flathead as well as the flats under the town bridge. Live nippers, soft plastics and hardbody lures can account for several species of fish in these areas.

Up in the fresh reaches of the river, the bass continue to bite both on subsurface and surface presentations. The weekend is looking good for a bit of bass action this weekend for those that are inclined that way.

Tuross River.

The Tuross system has been fishing really well this past week, now that the river has cleared up and the warm currents pushing down the coast have made their way into the system. Flathead, bream, whiting and mulloway are all viable options to chase this weekend.

We can expect the angler numbers to start increasing as we get closer the annual Tuross bream and Flathead completion that runs over the 7th and 8th of March, as they start pre-fishing the area looking for where the fish will be over the comp weekend.

The Tuross system is an extensive system, and has many areas to explore, and with a good weekend on the cards weather wise this weekend, where are you going to explore this weekend?

Rock and Beach.

There are plenty of salmon, bream and whiting to find along the coast's vast array of beaches this weekend, along with some warm water visitors such as Bonito. These fast moving and hard pulling species can be found around the many rock ledges that are spread up and down the coast line. They make a great feed, when bleed quickly, or make a great live bait for a possible kingfish. Quickly retrieved metals around dawn, can get you onto a few Bonnie's this weekend. Let me know how you go.

Offshore.

The Marlin bite continues to keep game crews busy this week. My wife managed her first striped Marlin last weekend to 80kg out of Bermagui, plenty of other fish have also been taken this week, along with a few Mahi Mahi around the local fads. The inshore scene has also been good for those chasing snapper, flathead and the other usual species that are encountered around the local inshore reefs. The weather forecast looks like it will allow some easier inshore action this weekend. The bait freezer has been restocked, unfortunately Beach worms were not available this week, along with the 2kg block pilchards, everything else was restocked however.

We have flare kits back in stock, if you are requiring them for your boat safety kits. Don't forget that we have 30% off RRP on all the Joybees footwear in store at the moment, so if you are after some super comfy footwear from the OG manufacturers of Crocs then these are for you. Get in quick while stocks last. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

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Moruya Ladies Golf



Wednesday 11th February saw the Moruya lady golfers take to the fairways, once again, for a Stableford round. It was a very hot and humid day making the golf very tiring and trying. The winner eventually was Ruth Snowball with a score of 35 pts followed by Jenny Ellis on 34 pts. Balls went to Robyn Hawkins, Shirley Noy, Jan Lumsden, Barbara Roberts, Val Moore and Vicki Goodwin. Let's hope for a somewhat cooler day next week".

< Ruth Snowball



Malua Bay Stingrays Women's Bowls

Di Mac opened proceedings with Birthday greetings to bowling friend Shirley Edwards, also pleased to see so many members using our Stingrays Facebook page.

Before calling cards Bowls Organiser Jay Breust congratulated our Open Gender Pennant teams on their win last weekend and good bowling again this weekend.

Well done to our newest Umpire Julie Knorpp who umpired last weekend, heard you did a great job.

Great to see Lynne Gowans back out on the Green, welcome back. Winners Rink3, Rhonda Adler, Sonia Frey, Gloria Harper and Jenny Blyth. (Photo)

Runners-up Rink 4, Gai Gibson, Sue Morgan, Judy Davis and Margaret Bridges.

Jay noticed some "wrong biases" this morning so bias tin is out again.

Lucky numbers, 36 Nancy White, 34 Di Wotherspoon, 40 Karen Signor, 33 Judy Armstrong.

Money Club, 35 Gai Gibson, 51 Noleen Taylor.

Jackpot, ticket 21 Julie Knorpp who selected 4 of Clubs and a Free game of bowls.

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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls.

President Pedro looking very smart with his new hair cut welcomed everyone including visitors Alan and Kel from Sanctuary Point whilst their mates were out fishing for their dinner tonight. Pedro congratulated Jamesy, K.C. and Sumpy on completing the CPR course during the week. Robbo gave his welfare Report welcoming back Kaz and Doc who are both now on the mend.

It has been decided to make our visit to Narooma an overnight stay in late May early June when Open Gender Pennants has finished. Brett Megee mentioned the passing of bowling friend Sally Malone whose Funeral will be held 10am Friday 20th at Broulee.

Winners with Most Winning Ends +12 Sumpy, Kel, McGooley (photo) Runners-up +11 on a countback Bert, Alan and Kaz.

Kel selected Rink 11 his own Rink to try for Jackpot of \$235 but could only come up with 3 of Diamonds.

Lucky number winners, 27 Smoothie, 26 Trish the Dish.

Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Cate O'Brien with Vice President Paul Scholze



Winner: Ruth Gschwend with sponsor Herb Muriwai



Winners: Lynne McDonell, Sandra D'Onofrio and Samantha Dryden



Winners: Greg and Diedre Geelan

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 12th February 2026

A smaller field of 28 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. It was a rainy start to the day and there were some brilliant scores achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Cate O'Brien (34) with 40 points
2nd: Stephen Gardner (20) with 38 points

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Chris Rowe 6.50 A Grade
4th: Cate O'Brien 4.25 B Grade
4th: Mark Jackson 4.10 C Grade
6th: Chris Rowe 2.08 A Grade
6th: Paul Scholze 3.55 B Grade
6th: Mark Jackson 6.93 C Grade
7th: Colin Houghton 2.17 A Grade
7th: Teri Swanbury 6.10 B Grade

Balls went to: Chris Rowe 37, Lars Gaupset 37, Bruce Harding 37, Troy Kingdom 37, Bruce Magilton 37, Anthony Mellick 35, Ian McManus 35, Paul Scholze 32, Dianne Brown 32 and Michael Coloe 31.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 14th February 2026

A field of 59 players, registered for a Stableford Medley event on Valentine's Day. The weather was lovely, the course in great condition and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Ruth Gschwend (17) with 43 points
2nd: Robert McDonell (21) with 40 points (countback)
3rd: Ken Hush (13) with 40 points
4th: Chelsea Mayes (34) with 39 points
5th: Michael Walsh (11) with 38 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Brad Doolan 2.41 A Grade
4th: Lars Gaupset 1.07 B Grade
4th: Terry Milliken 1.80 C Grade
6th: Brad Doolan 2.51 A Grade
6th: John Harb 2.82 B Grade
7th: Ruth Gschwend 3.00 A Grade
7th: Lars Gaupset 7.56 B Grade
7th: Anthony Mellick 5.20 C Grade

Balls went to: Anthony Mellick 38, Paul Medwin 36, Malcolm Gilbertson 36, Lars Gaupset 36, Frank Pomfret 36, Stephen Gardner 36, Jim Wade 35, Steven O'Shea 35, Brad Reid 34, Peter Garn 34, Tony Brown 34, Paul Scholze 34, John Harb 34, Nick Brice 33 and Greg Booth 33.

Great Score:

Ruth Gschwend Eagle Voucher

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 17th February 2026

A field of 26 ladies played in a Par event today. The event was sponsored by Jeanette Miller. The weather was warm and windy and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

1st: Sandra D'Onofrio (33) with +5
2nd: Shelley Pritchett (24) with +2

B Grade:

1st: Samantha Dryden (37) with -3 (countback)
2nd: Marilyn Bingham (35) with -3 (countback)

C Grade:

1st: Lynne McDonell (43) with -5 (countback)
2nd: Jeanette Miller (40) with -5 (countback)

Place Getters:

Cate O'Brien 0, Chris Wratten -2, Marie Muriwai -3, Gail Rogers -3 and Kerry Sands -3.

Hole Prize: 2nd Shot

7th Leonie Snodgrass Golden Shot A

7th Jane Eglitis Golden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin: 2nd Shot

6th Shelley Pritchett
15th Sandra D'Onofrio

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 18th February 2026

A field of 42 players, including some new players and visitors, signed up for a 2 Player Irish Team Stableford event today. The weather was warm and windy and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Diedre and Greg Geelan with 33 points
2nd: Gail and Len Rogers with 31 points
3rd: Ken Hush and Bruce Harding with 30 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Jeanette and Ian Miller 29, Sandra Hanlon and Paul Green 28 and Frank Pomfret and Paul Pereira 27.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Frank Pomfret (2nd Shot)
6th: Ken Hush (1st Shot)
7th: Ladies: Diedre Geelan (2nd Shot)
Mens: Bruce Harding (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Ian Miller (5th hole)

Bradsmans: Graham Moore and Des Jackson.



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YOGA Pose of the Week



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

This week's Pose of the Week is **Wild Thing**, known in Sanskrit as Camatkārasana.

Camatkāra translates to something like miracle, astonishment, or the ecstatic unfolding of the heart. It is a pose that invites courage, expansion and a little bit of play.

From a strong foundation, often entering from Downward Dog, the body flips open. One hand and both feet ground into the earth as the hips lift and the top arm arcs overhead. The chest opens wide and the gaze can soften back into space.

Physically, Camatkārasana strengthens the shoulders, arms and legs while deeply opening the front body, particularly the chest, hip flexors and side waist. It builds confidence in weight bearing through the upper body and challenges balance and coordination.

Emotionally and energetically, this is a heart opening posture. It asks us to trust. To step, or flip, into the unknown. To take up space. There is vulnerability here, but also freedom. When we allow ourselves to open fully, without holding back, something shifts.

Off the mat, Wild Thing reminds us that life is not always linear. Sometimes we have to turn things upside down to see clearly. Sometimes the most powerful thing we can do is open our hearts and let ourselves be seen.

If you would like to explore Camatkārasana and many other postures in a supportive environment, we are open every day at Soul Tribe Studio with over 40 classes a week. Follow us on Instagram and YouTube @soultribestudio and book classes at www.soultribestudio.com.au.

Free webinar to help clubs grow their cash flow

Volunteers are the backbone of our clubs and community groups, but fundraising and generating income can be tough. Eurobodalla Council has teamed up with CLUBMAP to present a free online webinar on modern fundraising and revenue ideas to help clubs and groups build sustainable income streams.

Listen in online Monday 23 February, 7pm.

This session is perfect for sports clubs, community groups and anyone involved in running local organisations. Topics include:

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- online, repeatable fundraising initiatives
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Moruya Waterfront Hotel for sale by HTL Property



Moruya Waterfront Hotel : Photo supplied

Hot on the heels of the recent successful Narooma Hotel sale to maverick publican Ned Kelly, HTL to announce the upcoming sale of another outstanding hotel asset on the NSW Sapphire Coast; in the form of the Moruya Waterfront Hotel.

Moruya is a picturesque coastal town located between Bateman's Bay and Narooma, on the banks of the fertile Moruya River. The popular venue is a freehold going concern hotel and motel featuring a bar, bistro, gaming room, 22 motel rooms, bottle shop, and a sprawling riverside beer garden. Perched upon a 5,422m2 allotment with expansive views up and down the Moruya River, the community meeting point also enjoys a vista over the nearby hinterland. The venue is favoured by a 2am liquor licence Monday to Saturday, and operates 8 valuable gaming machine entitlements attached to the hotel licence.

"There are not very many truly waterside hotels for sale, ever; especially ones with such amazing views and complemented by a broad trading platform" commented HTL Property Director, Blake Edwards.

Elsewhere, construction has now begun on the new \$330m Eurobodalla Hospital, which is located in Moruya and due to be completed in 2027. Located only a very short drive from the hotel, the state of the art facility will undoubtedly generate huge demand for proximate accommodation both during its construction stage and once completed.

"With volumes of raw potential, and consequent clear upside; the property enjoys great intrinsic value and is underwritten by its premium location in an idyllic part of the state" Edwards concluded.

The rapid recovery in the value of NSW gaming entitlements, and robust value of the hotel's accommodation facility and commercial property allotment; will mean that the economics of this opportunity should also suit buyers looking to secure a future supply of gaming machine entitlements.

"For a myriad of reasons, this unique waterfront asset will represent excellent buying to whoever is successful in securing it" Edwards continued.

The sale is being exclusively managed by HTL's Blake Edwards and Ben Kennedy, and is to be sold via an on market Expression of Interest sale program concluding at 12pm on 17 March, 2026 - if not sold prior.

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