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Celebrate 40 years of the Friends of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden



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Friends of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden celebrate turning 40 this year, and there will be talks, garden tours and even a bush dance among the line up of events to celebrate this milestone.

Upcoming events include:

- Guided garden stroll and nature art activity - Wednesday 4 March
- Eucalypt discovery walk - Sunday 22 March
- From the forest festival - Saturday 4th - Sunday 19th April

To view and register for upcoming events, check out: <https://www.erbg.org.au/news-and-events/upcoming-events>

To get involved and enjoy advance access to events, join the Friends at the visitor centre or via the 'Friends of the Garden' page on the ERBG website.

Guided garden stroll and nature art activity

Wednesday 4 March 2026 10am - 12pm
 Where: Banksia Room, Eurobodalla Botanic Garden, Deep Creek Dam Road
 Cost: free
 Enjoy a relaxed morning connecting with nature and each other. Choose a gentle guided stroll through the Garden or try a hands-on nature art activity. Afterward, settle in with a cup of tea, a friendly chat and join St Mary's Primary School Choir for a sing-along.
 Please bring a hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water as both activities are outdoors. To honour the contributions of seniors in our community, this event is designed exclusively for seniors, with aged care service providers and support workers warmly welcomed.
 Bookings required Please let us know you are coming

Eucalypt discovery walk

Sunday 22 March 2026
 10:30am - 12pm
 Where: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Deep Creek Dam Road, Batemans Bay
 Meet at: Visitor Centre
 Cost: Free
 Join us for an engaging eucalypt discovery walk through the arboretum as we celebrate National Eucalypt Day. Discover the remarkable diversity of eucalypts on the South Coast - short and tall, rare and common.
 Learn how the eucalypts provide essential habitat for some of our most endangered animals.
 Bookings are essential Secure your spot and book by Sunday 22 March at 10am.
[Book online for the eucalypt discovery walk](#)

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 Community resilience for the Eurobodalla

HEALTH: Development of the New Regional Plan for South Eastern NSW

COORDINARE, Illawarra Shoalhaven and Southern NSW Local Health Districts are working together to develop a new Regional Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Plan for South Eastern NSW.

The Plan will guide how services are planned, designed, and delivered across the region.

We are inviting community members, people with lived or living experience, carers, and service providers to share their views to help ensure the Plan reflects what matters most to our communities. Learn more about the plan: <https://bit.ly/4tQbs3o>

There are two ways to participate:
 Complete the online survey: <https://bit.ly/4auPeMK>
 Attend one of the workshops in March at Nowra, Batemans Bay 4th March 1-3pm Bay Pavilions, Goulburn or online: <https://bit.ly/4qSBO23> via Teams 9th March 10am-12pm.

Lifeguards wrap up patrols with 36 rescues



Australian Lifeguard Service trained up an energetic bunch of locals to patrol Eurobodalla.

Lifeguard Ned (left) also does shift work for the rescue chopper. Lifeguard Deakin (right).

Australian Lifeguard Service trained up an energetic bunch of locals to patrol Eurobodalla's beaches during the summer school holidays. Eurobodalla Shire Council's lifeguard season has wrapped up with 36 rescues recorded during the summer patrol period.

Australian Lifeguard Service supervisor Dave Perry said beach attendance numbers dipped slightly compared to last season, but lifeguards were still busy managing changing surf and weather conditions.

"We had a great start to the season with warm water and favourable conditions in those first few weeks, which brought plenty of people to our beaches," Mr Perry said.

"The back half of the holidays were tougher, with strong southerly systems, dangerous surf and heavy rain causing some pollution. We closed beaches right across the shire which kept attendance numbers down."

Total attendance across the seven patrolled beaches during the school summer holidays reached over 60,500, with lifeguards treating 19 first aid cases and carrying out 82 law enforcement actions - mostly reminding people dogs are not permitted on patrolled beaches, Mr Perry says.

Despite the quieter period, lifeguards carried out almost the same number of rescues as the previous year.

"Our team performed 36 rescues this season, compared to 38 last season, along with more than 7,000 preventative actions and public interactions, where we step in early and help people avoid getting into trouble in the first place," Mr Perry said.

"About ten percent of our work is simply talking to people about conditions, hazards and the safest places to swim. Those conversations often prevent rescues."

South Broulee again recorded the highest visitation across patrolled beaches, with Surf Beach in the north and Dalmeny in the south also seeing big crowds over summer.

Mr Perry said one of the season's highlights was the introduction of more young lifeguards through the rookie development program.

"This year we had a younger cohort coming through, including three rookies aged 16 who worked short shifts during the busiest parts of the day," he said.

"Running three-person patrol teams during peak times has been a huge asset. It lets lifeguards rotate, stay fresh and run roaming patrols to speak with beachgoers during their eight hours on the job."

"It's also great career development where these younger lifeguards gain experience and confidence, then return next season fully qualified and ready to step up."

Mr Perry said all lifeguards employed this season were locals, patrolling the beaches they know best.

"If you love the ocean and want a great summer job, we'd love to see more locals join next season," Mr Perry said.

While Council's contracted lifeguard service has finished, volunteer lifesavers continue patrolling Eurobodalla's four surf club beaches until the end of April.

For more information on Eurobodalla's beaches visit Council's website.



First year Lifeguards Mitch and Claire with senior Lifeguard Simon.

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Community Picnic Celebrates Three Years of Connection and Belonging



By John Longhurst

The Batemans Bay Community Picnic has celebrated three wonderful years of bringing people together and is now extending its impact beyond the picnic tables to support food relief in the Moruya area.

Founded with the simple aim of reducing social isolation and loneliness, the monthly gathering has grown into a much-loved community tradition. Held on the last Sunday of each month, the picnic continues to welcome both familiar faces and first-time visitors, creating a warm and inclusive space for all.

Founder and organiser Sofia Keady said “What started as a simple idea has grown into something really meaningful. This initiative is run by our incredible volunteers who dedicate their time, energy and hearts. Along the way, we haven’t just become a team - we’ve become friends and family. We share the same vision: to make sure no one feels alone in our community, and everyone who comes to the picnic feels welcome, seen and connected.”

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher attended the recent celebration and praised Sofia and her volunteers for their dedication over the past three years.

The Mayor said, “If you look around this gathering, you can see people from all backgrounds and cultures. There are many grassroots initiatives across the Shire, and it’s wonderful to see an event truly valuing inclusivity and connection.”

Regular attendee Glen Tulip said the picnic has become an important part of her monthly routine.

Glen said “I try not to miss the community picnic for a number of reasons. Although I catch up with people I only see infrequently, there is always a new and interesting person to meet. It is so good to see people like our Mayor taking part. The food is superb, the company so congenial and, of course, the volunteers make it so special. A true community event.”

Over the past year, the Community Picnic has also partnered with the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) to expand its support to those experiencing hardship. Excess food from the picnic is now delivered to residents in Moruya who are doing it tough, ensuring the spirit of the event reaches those unable to attend in person.

The anniversary celebration was made even more memorable with a lively performance from Billy and Dave of the band ‘Driving Sideways.’ Their music had the crowd singing, dancing and celebrating the strong sense of community that has grown over the past three years.

As it enters its fourth year, the Batemans Bay Community Picnic continues to show even the simplest act of sharing food together can build belonging, nurture friendships and make a lasting difference in the lives of many.

The next Community Picnic will be held on Sunday, 29th of March, under the Batemans Bay bridge featuring a special performance by the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Pipe Band, so don’t miss it.

FIONA PHILLIPS MP

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Scan the QR code to keep in touch

Skip the clicks, meet employers direct

Help is at hand for job seekers tired of clicking through all those online job applications, only to see their efforts disappear into the digital abyss. The **Eurobodalla's Community Services Jobs Drive** is back so people looking for jobs can have real conversations about real jobs with employers direct.

From 10am to 12pm on Thursday 19 March at Moruya's Memorial RSL Hall, Eurobodalla Council's Job Shop is running the tenth iteration of the event. Project officer Amy Kovacs says each year keeps building on previous successes.

"Last year our target was 50 job seekers but we had over 100 turn up, leading to seventy-five interviews. Three months later, 56 locals were in work," Ms Kovacs says.

"In a small shire like Eurobodalla, that's a significant number."

The 2026 event will focus on health and social assistance – the second largest employment sector in the shire, after construction.

"Census stats show health and assistance generated more than 2,900 jobs in the 2023-24 reporting period. These are jobs that last, jobs that can take you all the way to retirement," says Ms Kovacs.

"Jobs range from entry-level domestic assistance and hospitality roles, through to nursing, support work and government roles. The health sector has more scope than people realise. Employers from aged care, disability and health will be there, alongside training providers who can chat about career progression.

"What makes this different is you get to talk to the people you could actually end up working alongside."

From its inception, the Community Services Jobs Drive has been about humanising the employment process and removing technological barriers. It also gives employers the chance to meet motivated job seekers, resumes in hand, and ready to start.

Ms Kovacs says the sector is surprisingly accessible, and personal values are more important than direct experience.



Soon after the 2025 Community Services Jobs Drive, 56 locals had new jobs.

"From school leavers to parents returning to work, or older tradies looking to get off the tools, it's life skills that matter in this game," Ms Kovacs says.

And there's flexibility too.

"Home-care roles can start at entry level with part-time hours to suit. For those who want it, progression is built in – from domestic assistance roles, Certificate III qualifications, palliative or facilities-based roles," says Ms Kovacs.

"Our message is simple – if you're ready for work, then turn up. Bring a copy of your resume, in fact, bring 10. And if you need help polishing it up before, pop in to the Job Shop and we'll help you with that for free.

For more information contact Job Shop project officer [Amy Kovacs](#) on 4474 7380 or visit the Job Shop at 7 Mirrabooka Avenue, Moruya.



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Volunteer Grants now open to assist community groups in Gilmore

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips is encouraging local community groups to apply for a Volunteer Grant to help foster community connections.

The Volunteer Grants support the work of community organisations by reducing barriers for volunteers and increasing participation and awareness of volunteering opportunities.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to help community organisations to support the efforts of their volunteers.

Grants can be used to purchase communication or insurance items, provide training, or for items that support volunteer cohorts and volunteer-run activities.

Mrs Phillips said Expressions of Interest were now open to eligible not-for-profit community organisations that rely on volunteers. "During the last round, 24 community organisations across the South Coast shared in more than \$65,000 funding to assist with things like purchasing small equipment items, fuel, training courses and background screening checks," she said.

"Among the 2024-25 recipients were the Batemans Bay Youth Foundation, Callala District Soccer Club, Gerringong & District Historical Society, Kiama Pipe Band, Milton Theatre Committee and the Ulladulla Blessing of the Fleet Festival.

Organisations should contact the office of Fiona Phillips MP on 4423 1782 or email Fiona.Phillips.MP@aph.gov.au for details on how to submit an Expression of Interest.

Live life in colour: Seniors Festival

Eurobodalla Council's coordinator of community development Rhonnie South says the NSW Seniors Festival is about bringing together over-60s and celebrating their contribution to the shire.

"We're hosting and supporting a diverse range of events during the festival, which runs from Monday 2 to Sunday 15 March," says Ms South.

"This year's theme is 'Live life in colour', and we've made sure the program reflects that with plenty of art and storytelling, alongside gentle activities and timely conversations."

Technology is a key focus this year, with dedicated workshops designed to help seniors navigate the rapidly changing digital world.

"We're running 'Discover the world of AI' workshops in Narooma, Batemans Bay, and Moruya to demystify artificial intelligence and help residents use it in their daily lives," says Ms South.

The 2026 program also features unique cultural and physical activities, from a dementia-friendly gallery tour at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre to an introduction to stand-up paddleboarding on the stunning Wagonga Inlet.

There's also a 'Gentle movement with sound' session touring the shire's libraries, and a live storytelling event in Batemans Bay called 'Living Memory' showcasing untold stories of local seniors who helped shape our community.

"With everything from aqua mobility and interactive theatre to documentaries and high tea, there really is something for everyone. I encourage everyone to look at the program and get involved," Ms South said.

While all events are free, most require bookings as places are limited. To see the full program or to book your spot, visit the [Seniors Festival page](#) on Council's website.

For more information or to receive an email or print copy of the program, contact Michael Lawrence-Taylor on 4474 1276 or email Michael.Lawrence-Taylor@esc.nsw.gov.au



Guided Garden Stroll and Nature Art Activity

Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens
Wednesday 4 March, 10am - 12pm
bookings required.

Live Life in Colour: Stories from Our Lives

Red Door Hall, Moruya
Thursday 5 March, 12pm - 2pm
bookings required.

Living Memory: Batemans Bay

Batemans Bay Heritage Museum
Saturday 7 March, 12pm - 2pm
bookings required.

Aqua Mobility Class and Morning Tea

Bay Pavilions
Monday 9 March, 10.30am - 12.30pm
bookings required.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding for Seniors - Beginner Session

Bar Beach Car Park - Narooma
Tuesday 10 March, 9.30am - 11.30am
bookings required.

Coastal Catch-Up and Morning Tea

Dalmeny Community Connections Cafe
Tuesday 10 March, 10am - 12pm
bookings required.

Guided Gallery Tour for Seniors

Basil Art Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya
Thursday 12 March, 11am - 12pm
bookings required.

And more events...

For additional seniors festival events, and bookings visit: esc.nsw.gov.au/events

For more information contact Council's Community Development Officer, Michael Lawrence-Taylor: 4474 1276 or Michael.Lawrence-Taylor@esc.nsw.gov.au



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Council Public Forum Presentation: "Significant Tree Register - The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance is speaking in support of Councillor Mayne's QON26/001 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IN THE EUROBODALLA"

1. How is Council's Significant Tree Register administered and maintained, and what governance, monitoring, and compliance processes are in place to ensure that trees listed on the register are actively protected from inappropriate removal or damage?
2. What is Council's policy and timeframe for replacing significant trees that are removed by Council due to safety or risk concerns?
3. What policies, enforcement mechanisms, and penalties does Council have in place to deter the illegal removal of trees, and how does Council assess the effectiveness of these measures in protecting vegetation across the municipality?
4. What processes does Council have in place to ensure that authorised tree removal is not exceeded, including monitoring, compliance checks, and consequences where approved limits are breached?

Over the years we have seen the loss of a number of significant trees in the Eurobodalla. Trees grow old, get blown over, are illegally removed and not replaced. The result is a decline in tree canopy in our urban areas. Losing trees in urban environments has significant, multifaceted consequences that negatively impact the environment, public health, and city infrastructure. Urban tree removal contributes to higher pollution levels, increased heat island effects, and reduced biodiversity. The loss of these green spaces is often driven by urban development, aging tree populations, and climate change, which together reduce the essential ecological, social, and economic services that trees provide.

Environmental and Climate Impacts

- **Urban Heat Island Effect:** Trees offer natural cooling through shade and transpiration. Their removal causes concrete and asphalt to store more heat, increasing local temperatures. A 5% increase in tree cover can reduce nearby daytime temperatures by 2.3°C, so the inverse—losing trees—significantly raises temperatures.
- **Air Pollution:** Trees act as natural filters, trapping particulate matter and absorbing pollutants like nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide. Their removal leads to poorer air quality, which directly contributes to increased respiratory illnesses.
- **Increased Stormwater Runoff:** Tree roots and soil absorb and slow down rainwater. Without them, cities face higher risks of flooding as water rushes into drains rather than soaking into the ground.
- **Reduced Carbon Sequestration:** Urban trees absorb carbon dioxide. Their removal not only stops this process but also reduces the city's ability to combat climate change.

Public Health and Social Consequences

- **Increased Heat-Related Mortality:** The loss of shade and cooling results in higher incidences of heat-related illnesses and deaths. A study noted that a third of heat-related deaths could be avoided by increased tree planting.
- **Mental Health and Well-being:** The presence of green space is linked to reduced stress, lower blood pressure, and better mental health. The loss of trees is associated with lower "life satisfaction" scores and increased feelings of discomfort.
- **Increased Crime Rates:** Research has linked reduced tree cover to higher crime rates in urban areas, with some studies showing that neighbourhoods with more trees have up to 50% lower crime levels.

Economic and Structural Damage

- **Reduced Property Values:** Properties in well-shaded, green areas are often more valuable. The loss of trees can lead to a decrease in property value and attractiveness.
- **Higher Energy Consumption:** The loss of shade from trees means buildings absorb more solar radiation, increasing the need for air conditioning, which in turn raises energy costs.
- **Infrastructure Costs:** While large trees can damage pavements, the absence of trees also prevents natural filtration from occurring which can reduce the burden on expensive storm drains and water treatment systems.

Impact on Biodiversity

- **Habitat Destruction:** Urban trees provide crucial food and shelter for birds, insects, and other wildlife. Their removal destroys these habitats, leading to a decline in urban biodiversity.
- the net loss of large, mature trees is a serious concern, as they provide far more, and more effective, services than young, newly planted trees.

What can be done

1. Council needs to properly resource the enforcement of the Significant Tree Register.
2. Council needs to ensure that if trees are illegally removed the offender is fined and required to cover the costs of replacing the tree with a well-developed alternative tree and maintaining it until it reaches maturity.
3. Ensure trees that die on Council land are replaced within 6 months with suitable shade tree species.
4. Residents are currently not allowed to plant trees on their verges. Council needs to allow residents to plant trees on their verges and develop a list of suitable shade trees that can be planted to increase shade over our roads.
5. Council must require developers to plant shade trees on new residential blocks to ensure we do not end up with streets with no trees. Sadly we have too many examples across our towns.
6. Council must finalise their Tree Plan as soon as possible so that avenues of trees can be planted to improve our urban amenity.



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Grants to back community-led digital initiatives

FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) and Telstra are inviting remote, rural and regional community groups to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 through round 4 of [Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program](#), which is now open. With \$200,000 available, the program will support locally-led initiatives that strengthen digital inclusion, enhance community connection and resilience, and build sustainability and liveability of rural Australia.

Now in its fourth year, the program has already enabled almost 70 not-for-profit organisations nationwide to upgrade digital infrastructure, deliver digital skills training, support disaster readiness and improve service delivery. This has led to more resilient communities, greater digital equity, sustained social connection, more empowered volunteers and staff, as well as environmental and cultural benefits.

Jill Karena, FRRR's Head of Granting, said previous rounds show communities are not just wanting access to technology - they are seeking the capability, confidence and infrastructure to sustain and strengthen their community.

"Digital access is fundamental to community wellbeing and opportunity - whether you're running a local service, volunteering, learning, caring for Country or staying connected in times of crisis," Ms Karena said.

"Rural communities are using digital tools in incredibly creative and practical ways: from First Nations organisations developing digital platforms to share language and culture, to volunteer groups strengthening emergency communication, through to Neighbourhood Centres delivering cyber safety workshops and digital mentoring.

"Grants that support projects like these help bridge the digital divide by enabling community groups to embed technology into local solutions, build long-term capability and ensure no one is left behind."

Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program attracts strong interest from groups seeking to modernise operations, improve cyber security, develop digital learning programs, support remote participation or equip local hubs with accessible digital resources. There is also increasing demand for technology that enhances disaster preparedness and strengthens social connections, especially for older people, young people and isolated residents. Loretta Willaton, Telstra's Regional Australia Executive, said Telstra is proud to back grassroots organisations that are using technology to strengthen the fabric of their communities.

"The organisations applying to this program are tackling very real challenges - distance, limited connectivity, workforce pressures, ageing populations and more," Ms Willaton explained.

"What stands out year after year is how communities are able to innovate when they have the right tools. They are improving emergency response systems, creating safe and inclusive digital learning spaces, preserving environmental and cultural knowledge, and ensuring people can stay connected, informed and supported - no matter where they live.

"Telstra is proud to work with FRRR to support these local solutions and help build a more digitally capable and resilient rural Australia."

Grantseeker Webinar

A free online information session will run from 12pm - 1pm AEDT on Tuesday 3 March, offering guidance on eligibility, project design and the application process. Register via this link: [2026 Telstra's Connected Communities Grantseeker Workshop](#).

To learn more about eligibility criteria and what's required in the application, go to <https://frrr.org.au/funding/telstra-connected-communities-program/>.

Applications close at 5pm AEDT on Thursday, 26 March. Applicants will be notified of outcomes by the end of June 2026.

What communities have achieved so far

Insights from the first three rounds confirm that community-led digital projects are creating practical, lasting change across rural Australia. Projects have had significant impacts, including increased:

- Digital literacy and inclusion: skills training for seniors, CALD communities, young people and people with disability, as well as First Nations communities, supporting language, Culture and education programs;
 - Community resilience: upgraded emergency communications, mobile boosters, satellite equipment and digital alert systems, as well as easier access to training and enhanced operational capacity for volunteers;
 - Education and youth engagement: infrastructure provision and upgrades, including tablets and conferencing equipment, digital learning kits, creative media programs and enhanced online learning environments;
 - Social connection: training and new technology to enable remote access to activities, upgraded community hubs as digital anchors, online programs and community learning spaces;
 - Environmental and cultural innovation: digital storytelling projects, environmental monitoring tools and First Nations-led cultural projects;
- Organisational capability: modernised systems, improved websites, cloud-based tools and volunteer management software.

Together, these impacts demonstrate how technology, when placed in local hands, helps build communities that are more resilient, equitable and connected.

Understanding the future of aged care

The Aged Care reform encompassing the Aged Care Act 2024 was the most significant overhaul of the Australian aged care system in thirty years - and it's had a huge impact across the sector.

In response to these changes, **Eurobodalla Council** has organised two pivotal forums in March, designed to equip local providers and seniors with the tools and knowledge to navigate the evolving aged care landscape.

Monday 2nd March will see the Community Industry Group and Council co-host an essential In-Home Aged Care Provider Forum. This forum offers local aged care providers and workers a unique opportunity to connect, share insights, and collaborate on addressing emerging challenges in the sector. It's a must-attend event for anyone involved in the delivery of in-home aged care services.

On Tuesday 31st March, a critical opportunity will arise for seniors at the *Aged Care Reform Forum*.

Ageing Australia, alongside representatives from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, and key sector agencies will unpack the 2025 Aged Care reforms, providing clarity on the rights and supports available to individuals in the sector.

With 42% of residents aged 60 or older, Eurobodalla Council hopes these forums will be instrumental in helping the shire's seniors make informed decisions as they navigate the evolving aged care sector.

Local providers can register for the 'In-Home Aged Care Provider Forum' via Humanitix. <https://events.humanitix.com/in-home-aged-care-provider-forum>

Seniors and carers interested in attending the 'Aged Care Reform Forum' can register via the Ageing Australia website. <https://ageingaustralia.asn.au/>

National Medal honours 15 years of service from Marine Rescue Tuross Moruya stalwart



(L to R) Marine rescue Tuross Moruya Unit Commander Darren Nicholls presents Blaise with the National Medal

Marine Rescue Tuross Moruya stalwart Blaise Madden has been recognised for 15 years of dedicated service with Marine Rescue NSW, receiving the prestigious National Medal. The National Medal acknowledges long and diligent service by members of recognised government and voluntary organisations who risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in times of emergency or natural disaster. Madden began volunteering with Marine Rescue NSW in June 2010, and all 15 years of his recognised service have been with the organisation. Over that time, he has become one of the most experienced and respected members of the Tuross Moruya unit.

A highly skilled seaman, Madden is a rated vessel Master and rescue watercraft (jet ski) operator. His extensive operational knowledge and calm leadership have played a vital role in ensuring the unit remains rescue-ready and capable of responding to emergencies on local waterways. Throughout his service, Madden has twice served as Unit Commander, with his most recent tenure concluding mid-last year. His leadership has strengthened operational capability within the unit and fostered a strong culture of professionalism, training and teamwork.

Marine Rescue NSW Southern Zone Commander Mike Hammond said Madden's contribution to the service and the local community cannot be overstated.

"Blaise is a valued and trusted member," Zone Commander Hammond said. "The local community is privileged to have such a highly skilled and dedicated volunteer ready to assist them in their time of need."

"Blaise is a very energetic and enthusiastic individual. He has trained and mentored numerous volunteers at the unit and continues to do so."

"Blaise is also a member of our State Operations Group, which assists the NSW Government response to weather emergencies. He is a fully endorsed flood rescue and support operator and has previously deployed to other parts of NSW to help communities in need. We congratulate Blaise on his diligent service," Zone Commander Hammond said.

Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer based not-for-profit professional organisation dedicated to keeping boaters safe on the water and supporting local communities.

Tuross Head Petition for fire mitigation works



Peter Williamson, Cathy Milliken, Gary Smith, Lynda Schmedding, Dr Michael Holland MP. On the table is the petition accompanied by bushfire charred leaves as a reminder of the Black Summer Fires.

Members of the Tuross Head Progress Association (THPA) executive committee met with Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega, on 19 February to formally hand over the Bushfire Petition.

The Petition was organised following seven years of failed requests to council for thinning of vegetation on thick bushland along roadsides in Tuross as a buffer to wildfire.

The council owned bushland is on a steep sloping west facing reserve and reaches up to Hector McWilliam Drive and Trafalgar Road in the residential area.

THPA and residents consider this to be a high-risk pathway for wild bushfire into Tuross township. This view is backed up by an independent professional Bushfire Assessment Report.

Gary Smith, THPA Bushfire Sub Committee chair, handed to Dr Holland a package containing charred brown leaves which were collected during the Black Summer bushfires as they fell out of a hot ominous sky all over Tuross.

The petition quickly gathered in excess of 600 signatures over the holiday period, a clear demonstration of the concern from the community over the bushfire risk.

Dr Holland will table the Petition in NSW Parliament.

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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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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.

When you [register](#), you'll receive a free starter kit with everything you need to run your own clean up site.

Please allow 14 days to receive your kit from Clean Up Australia.

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Low-cost online tool 'amica' assists more than 17,000 couples in separation matters

More than 17,000 separation matters have now been supported by **amica** – a low-cost online tool backed by the Albanese Government and designed to help Australians save time, money and additional stress.

Separation is one of the most stressful and challenging times for couples and families, often involving costly fees for legal advice.

This is why the Government continues to support **amica** – a tool operated by the Legal Services Commission of South Australia that provides practical assistance to amicably separating couples to reach an agreement on parenting and property law matters.

The beginning of the year often sees a spike in relationship breakdowns, making **amica** a particularly important tool during this period as separating couples navigate an often complex and unfamiliar legal environment.

amica provides an initially free service so that a separating couple can see what a proposed property split would look like and what a court would likely consider 'just and equitable'.

The online tool draws on 1,300 family law scenarios informed by authoritative family court cases and tested by experienced legal aid family lawyers.

All suggested property divisions are quality assured by a lawyer, after which **amica** can generate a draft consent order that can be filed with a court.

amica charges couples \$297 to generate a parenting agreement or a property agreement and \$990 to generate draft consent orders for property matters, with reduced fees available in some circumstances for low-income parties.

This is vastly cheaper than seeking assistance from a lawyer, with legal advice for property and parenting consent orders costing at least a few thousand dollars, and litigation in the tens of thousands.

While **amica** can help many separating couples, it's not suitable in all situations, including those involving family violence. For more information visit amica.gov.au

Sydney Water required to undertake preventative works on debris balls

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has issued a Pollution Reduction Program to Sydney Water requiring a range of significant works, including fat removal from the Malabar Deep Ocean Outfall bulkhead area, to reduce the likelihood of further debris balls washing up on the state's beaches. This follows the identification of Sydney Water's Malabar Wastewater Treatment System as the likely source of debris balls, that have sporadically washed up on NSW beaches since October 2024.

The requirements on Sydney Water include a range of short, medium and long-term actions including:

- removing the build-up of fats, oils and grease from a hard to access bulkhead area of the Deep Ocean Outfall
- education campaigns for various groups including cafes and restaurants to reduce the amount of fats, oils and grease entering the wastewater system
- long term upgrades at Glenfield and Liverpool treatment plants to take the load off Malabar
- a system to capture debris overflowing from the sewer during severe wet weather events
- a study into the formation and weathering of debris balls to make it easier to track them
- and consideration of AI or other technology to monitor for the formation of debris balls

NSW EPA Executive Director Operations, Steve Beaman, said these changes are a comprehensive response to the issue of debris balls.



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A Beer with Bazz # 226

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Bazza put the schooner to one side and heaved the old photo album onto the bar table.

He adjusted his glasses, took a sip and opened the first page of the album and chuckled.

Bella, the publican, looked up and with curiosity besting bar duties positioned herself beside him.

"It is pretty quiet in here today, Bazza. What are you smiling about?"

Bazza stretched and rubbed his turkey neck.

"Ahhh Bella I am just back from the north coast of NSW after catching up with a couple of university mates ... one of who I have not seen for over three decades. I thought I would revisit a few old photos."

Bella eyes widened at the first page of the album with photos of students at parties, participating in all types of novelty events from car rallies to various sports and all conducted within easy distance to a keg of beer.

Bazza grinned.

"Ah yes Bella ... that was called 'Orientation Week' and it went for the first month or so at the start of university. It was a chance to get to know people and get umm ... orientated." Bella turned the page to various photos of Bazza at the bottom of a rugby scrum with his head under an opposition player's boot. There were various others and one with Bazza's bloodied face being rearranged in a ruck by some giant."

Bazza grimaced at the pain memory.

"Ahhh ... the Grand Final in 1979, Bella. Now the average age of our side was about 19 years of age, so some of us were still growing, and the opposition were all seasoned townies or farmers. It was rumoured one of their second rowers did his scrum practice against his largest fence post and perfected his tackling on his prize bull. Now ... they had about 5 NSW players and at least 2 or 3 Wallabies in their side so we did alright to lose 7 nil."

Bella shook her head and turned the page to action pictures of a food fight in a dining room, students dressed in formal wear and another of the same faces in fancy dress, including plenty of cross dressing. There was even a photograph of some naked males doing some kind of joined ritual walk in the early morning fog. The ever present keg always featured prominently.

Bazza raised an eyebrow. "Ahhh ... we lived in a residential college on campus and every now and then a food fight would erupt. All good fun! We also had an annual ball and a chance to don formal wear as well as a fancy dress gather."

Bazza paused for sip. "Now ... these blokes are doing what was called the 'elephant walk' following the Rugby Ball in the early morning mist."

Bella's eyes widened. "How did you find time to do all this non study 'entertainment/nonsense', Bazza? Surely, it must have impacted on your studies. I mean there is a fair bit of money we pay in HECS debt these days. Why risk results for stupidity? You must have had a pretty good part time job to finance this lifestyle?"

Bazza's face reddened and he paused for a sip.

"Ahh ... no part time job, Bella. I had a teacher's scholarship which was a good earn and supplemented it with holiday work. Other students relied on Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme (TEAS), so it was unusual for anyone to have part time work which freed up a bit of free time for ... ummm ... non study activities. We did not worry about university fees because there were not any."

Bella kept turning the pages of the album and eyeballed Bazza.

"So let me get this straight ... you were actually paid to go to university and there were no ongoing fees!"

Bazza mouth tightened as Bella closed the album.

"There is not one photograph of you actually studying in this album, Bazza. There is not a book I can spot, no computer ... not even a pen and notepad. It looks as though you were at some kind of Club Med for four years."

Bella pulled out her phone and trawled through various photos of herself at her computer.

"Here is me doing online learning at university. I might have broken it up with some social media interaction if I had time, before heading to my hospitality job so I could pay rent and eat."

Bella gritted her teeth. "And years later, here I am still paying for the privilege with my HECS payments."

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Healing Holmes Lookout



South East Local Land Services reports: High above Bhundoo (the Clyde River) lies a site of immense spiritual significance. Holmes Lookout is more than just a view; it is a vital part of the Eel Dreaming story for the Walbunja People of the Yuin Nation, linking the landscape from Didthul in the north to Gulaga in the south. For too long, this sacred site - home to ancient artefacts and traditional carvings was being impacted by foot traffic and parking. But through a powerful collaboration, we've taken big steps to heal the land.

This includes:

Respecting the Dreaming: we've moved the car park, walking track and picnic tables away from the sensitive Eel Dreaming site.

Cultural renewal: after losing the last original Eel tree in 2016, Elders have performed traditional re-scarring on site to restore its cultural heart.

Healing the land: Walbunja and NPWS rangers have replanted bare areas and diverted paths to protect hidden artefacts.

Holmes Lookout is now preserved, offering a space where visitors can enjoy the view while the history and stories of the Walbunja People remain protected for generations to come.

This project was funded through the Saving Native Species Program and delivered by South East Local Land Services, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel. National Parks and Wildlife Service also provided in-kind funding towards the project.

Popular \$250 Washing Machine Program Returns

The NSW Government is bringing back its highly successful Washing Machine Exchange Program, helping thousands of pensioners, veterans, and social housing tenants to cut their water and power bills.

The program is helping households slash their bills by up to \$300 a year and saving hundreds of millions of litres of water. Now in its second year, the program is offering 6,500 new, energy-efficient 8kg front loaders to eligible concession card holders for a heavily discounted \$250 when they trade in their old top-loader.

Delivered in partnership with The Good Guys Commercial, the discounted price includes delivery to any part of NSW, professional installation, removal and recycling of the old top load washing machine, and a two-year warranty.

The first round of the \$11 million program attracted overwhelming demand, with more than 5,000 machines snapped up within days.

The NSW Government's Water Efficiency Program is leading efforts to reduce water use across the state, with water savings from this initiative expected to exceed 230 million litres by the end of this round.

An estimated 107 million litres of water have been saved already, which is enough to run a shower non-stop for 27 years.

The Washing Machine Exchange Program is just one of the ways the Minns Labor Government is delivering real, practical cost-of-living support for people across New South Wales.

To apply and check if you are eligible, please visit: [Washing Machine Exchange Program](#).



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When most of us hear the word "superfood," we picture something exotic, expensive and slightly intimidating. Well, meet chlorella - a bright green freshwater algae recognised for its exceptional nutrient density. Chlorella contains around 50 to 60 percent protein by dry weight, along with fibre, chlorophyll, carotenoids, B-group vitamins, vitamin C, vitamin E, iron, zinc, magnesium and plant-based omega-3s ^(1,2). Because of this rich nutritional profile, researchers have explored its potential benefits for immune, heart and metabolic health. Human studies suggest that short-term supplementation of around five grams daily may help support immune function by increasing natural killer cell activity - those are the body's frontline defence cells responsible for detecting and eliminating pathogens ⁽³⁾. Think of them as your internal security team. Chlorella doesn't give them capes, but it may help them work more efficiently. Several clinical trials have also reported modest improvements in total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol, sometimes referred to as "bad" cholesterol ⁽⁴⁾. Reductions in blood pressure have also been observed in individuals with mild hypertension ⁽⁵⁾.

We also live in a world filled with environmental exposures. Heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury can enter the body through food, water and air pollution. Laboratory and animal studies suggest chlorella's cell wall may bind certain heavy metals and help facilitate their excretion ⁽⁶⁾.

And then there's the liver - the body's silent engine. Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease is increasingly common, affecting an estimated one in three adults in Western countries ⁽⁷⁾. A randomised double-blind clinical trial found that 1,200 milligrams of chlorella daily for 12 weeks significantly improved liver inflammation markers and triglycerides in individuals with NAFLD ⁽⁸⁾.

Now, this isn't a replacement for vegetables, exercise or sensible eating. But as part of a healthy lifestyle, chlorella may offer meaningful nutritional support - just be prepared for a very green smoothie.

For more information about chlorella, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at 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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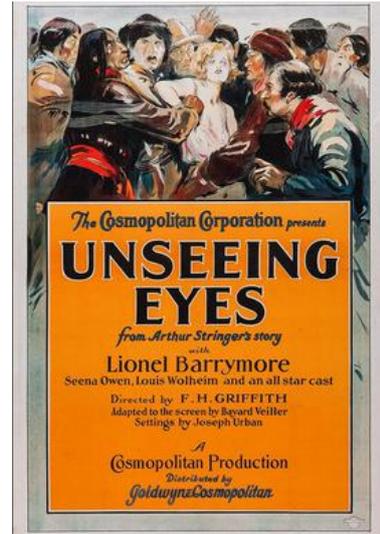
Mr. Michael Quinn, aged 86 years, and an old and respected resident of this district passed peacefully away on Sunday. Deceased, who had been ailing for some time, had, during the past few years, been diligently cared for by his nephew, Mr. T. Flood, and Mrs. Flood. The funeral took place on Monday, the remains being interred in the R. C. portion of the Moruya cemetery.

MORUYA A. & P. SOCIETY – The Committee were fortunate in having ideal weather for their 51st annual show, although the second day's heat kept a large number of people from attending. Owing to the exceptionally dry weather and the heat during the two months just past, the committee realised that most exhibits would suffer in consequence. Household manufacturers, including jams, jellies, pickles and preserves were quite good, while the bread and cakes, sewing and fancy work made a very creditable display.

Poultry judges were Messrs. Beresford and Emmott. Mr. C. Irwin, with 46 points, won the prize for the most successful exhibitor, while Messrs. H. P. Jeffery, D. Irwin, F. Toose, S. Louttit and L. T. Jenner had large and successful entries; The pigs shown were a fine lot, Mr. H. P. Jeffery being the principal exhibitor; The Cattle Dog Section had a fair number and Mr. Milne's slut won the prize.

Fine Arts. Landscape (oils) – Miss C. Ryan 1 and 2; Human figure (pencil) – Frank Toose 1, Miss Bettie DuRoss 2; Animal life (pencil) – Miss Lil Colefax 1, Wm. Cowdroy 2; Human figure (crayon) – Frank Toose 1, Miss Lil Colefax 2.

Educational Section. Composition. Children under 12yrs – Viola Jenner 1, Nellie Gilmore 2; Children under 14yrs – Nancy Gilmore 1; Children under 12yrs, best kept exercise book – L. Irwin 1, Ida McIntosh 2; Child under 15yrs, best kept exercise book – Eunice Heffernan and Garnet Chewing divide; Children under 14yrs, weather chart – Vera Vandenburg 1, Lily Baldwin 2.



AMUSU THEATRE. To Night, Saturday. Special attraction, Milton Stills and Doris Kenyon in I WANT MY MAN. Also Lionel Barrymore and Seena Owen in UNSEEING EYES, a picture of the wild Canadian Rockies, full of action, fights and fists, guns and airplanes, two hours of thrills, do not miss it. Also comedy ROUGH AND READY.

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THANKS. The Committee of the Moruya District Hospital desire to thank the employees of Dorman Long and Co. for the donation of £17, the result of their efforts in connection with the Anniversary Day's sports. R. J. Anderson, Secretary.

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Record renewable generation drives down Australia's emissions

Booming renewables, lower gas use and more motorists driving cheaper to run cars have helped drive an 8.5 million tonne drop in Australia's emissions over the year to September 2025.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen said the report confirmed Australia's emissions are heading in the right direction.

The drop represents a 1.9% reduction, one of the fastest rates outside of the COVID period, as falls in electricity, transport, stationary energy and fugitive emissions drove down Australia's overall emissions. This is the first decline in transport emissions since the pandemic.

This quarterly result is a 27.4% reduction from 2005 levels, the base year of our Paris Agreement commitments, keeping us on track to reach our 2030 climate targets. It reflects updated measurements for previous quarters as data becomes more precise but also confirms the downwards trend in emissions overall.

During this period Australia recorded several key milestones that are reflected in the downwards trend of emissions, with:

- Record highs of renewables in the grid delivering record lows for emissions per megawatt-hour,
- New EV sales more than tripling in three years to 13.1% of new cars sold in 2025,
- And new carbon capture and storage projects cutting emissions in the oil and gas sector.

Minister Bowen said "Our commonsense approach, which includes Cheaper Home Batteries, more cheaper, cleaner energy and more choice of cheaper to run cars, is working to drive down emissions across the economy.

"We are on track to meet our climate targets if we stay the course and continue to lift our efforts.

"But this progress can all be undone if the Coalition get their way to drive up bills and pollution by stopping the renewables roll out and sweating ageing, unreliable coal.

"The Coalition's energy plan will cost Australians more."

Preliminary estimates for the year to December 2025 indicate a 4.3% drop in NEM emissions, with Australia's overall emissions estimated to be 27.6% below 2005 levels.

The quarterly update of Australia's emissions is available at [National Greenhouse Gas Inventory](#).
Quarterly Update: September 2025

Next tranche of new national environment laws delivered

The next tranche of the Albanese Government's landmark national environment laws will come into effect today, delivering stronger environmental protections and faster assessments and approvals.

The reforms passed the Parliament at the end of last year, amending the 25-year-old Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. The reforms delivered on the recommendations of Professor Graeme Samuel in his independent review, aimed at delivering balanced changes that both protect the environment and deliver for business and the community through faster decision-making.

Provisions coming into effect this week include:

- Changes to strategic assessments, including allowing proponents to request variations to an existing strategic assessment, allowing them to be more flexible over time;
- Allowing for conditions to be applied to National Interest Exemptions and for the federal Minister to initiate an exemption, reducing administrative burden during emergency situations;
- New information sharing arrangements that aim to support faster decision making under the EPBC Act and greater availability of environmental information;
- Proponents that have received a 'not controlled action if taken in a particular manner' decision may now request a reconsideration from the Minister to change the manner in which the action is taken;
- Allowing proponents to surrender unused approvals, reducing the compliance burden for projects that are not progressing and ensuring the community has clarity around projects near them;
- Expanding the role of the Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC) to ensure First Nations knowledge is embedded in decision-making, including species listing and Standards; and
- Changes to streamline processes and reduce inefficiencies for wildlife trade permits for example extending the maximum approval timeframes for Wildlife Trade Operations, allowing time for applicants to provide further information and lapsing applications, where requested information is not provided.

These changes follow provisions that have been in place since Royal Assent, including strong new protections against high risk tree clearing and the power for the Minister to make national environmental standards.

Minister for the Environment and Water Murray Watt said "Through this next tranche of changes, we are delivering faster, clearer processes to proponents and communities as quickly as possible. This tranche of reforms is just the beginning, allowing us to 'switch on' elements that are ready while continuing to build the larger reform system.

"It will also pave the way for the establishment of Australia's first National Environmental Protection Agency and head of Environment Information Australia on 1 July 2026."

Good progress has also been made on the National Environmental Standards, with public consultation around the Matters of National Environmental Significance and Environmental Offsets Standards garnering huge interest.

"There's clear interest in this work - my department received approximately 750 submissions from a wide variety of groups and individuals on these two standards alone, which we will take into consideration for the next phase of drafting," Minister Watt said. "Work is also progressing on further standards on First Nations engagement, community engagement and data and information."

More information on the changes is available here:

www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/epbc-act-reform.

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Let's do coffee with ... Elise May

Why fly to London, Berlin, New York or Moscow to interview an internationally recognised dancer when you can drive to South Durras and sit down for a coffee with local, Elise May (EM) Despite a career that has taken her around the world, Elise is clearly still a local girl at heart. A curious Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with her for a coffee last week.

MM: Let's go back to the year of big hair, the 'Slip, Slop, Slap' campaign and a certain Royal Wedding.

EM: (Smiles ...) Yes ... I was born in Canberra in 1981. Mum and Dad were both physical education teachers before moving into careers in population health and the environment. I have a younger brother.

In 1986, we moved to South Durras. I went to Batemans Bay Primary School and then Batemans Bay High from 1994.

My love of dance really started when Mum took me to see a performance by Sydney Dance Company when I was very young. I remember being completely fascinated by the idea that you could communicate physically and tell a story, purely through movement. At eight years old, we started searching Batemans Bay for a ballet class. The closest we found were jazz classes run by Elisabetta Faenza, so we convinced her to open a ballet school. I was desperate to learn.

'Dance' as a subject wasn't offered at school back then, so I had to study it externally. There were however some wonderful opportunities. I performed and choreographed for the 'Big Gig', which brought together students from high schools all along the coast including Ulladulla, Batemans Bay, Narooma, Bega and Eden.

Being part of the South Coast Performing Ensemble and the Schools Spectaculars from 1995 to 1999 are some of my favourite memories. It felt so big and exciting to be amongst so many other talented students and is a real tribute to the public education system.

Any doubts I had about pursuing dance were dispelled when I read Ken Robinson's *The Element, How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything*. With very supportive parents, I decided to follow that path. With a little voice in my ear saying, "Do what you are good at," I swapped Mathematics for Dance in Years 11 and 12 and received a CALLBACK award. This is an opportunity to perform with other successful students in the state and the program features exemplary performances and compositions from the HSC dance practical examinations.

Ditching Mathematics was a good move for me, as I ended up with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 96.1, the second highest ATAR in my year, which I was really proud of considering I had taken mostly arts and humanities subjects. I was also School Captain at BBHS, and won 'Best Choreographer' at the Canberra Area Theatre Awards. We performed our Big Gig finale at the award ceremony. What I remember most from that time was the encouragement I received from my teachers and family.

MM: I have a feeling the South Coast was going to lose Elise May.

EM: (Smiles ...) Just for a couple of decades! In 1999, I moved to Brisbane to study dance at the Queensland University of Technology. It was a really exciting time. So many creative people, lots of collaboration and opportunities to work across different art forms.

When I graduated in 2002, I worked as a freelance dancer and choreographer. Like most creative careers it was unpredictable, but I was happy to keep plugging away. At times I worked in hospitality on the side.

(Laughs ...) This will date me. I saw an ad in the Yellow Pages for a dancer at a Brazilian theatre restaurant, so I quickly learned salsa and Brazilian samba. That job didn't promise much long-term, but it did introduce me to my partner, Reece, in 2005, when I was teaching salsa at a cafe in Westfield Mount Gravatt. What he lacked in technique he more than made up for in enthusiasm.

My big break came when I joined Expressions Dance Company as a full-time contemporary dancer. It was such a joy to be doing what I loved every day and being paid for it.

We toured to the US, Switzerland, Singapore, Taiwan, Korea and China. Contemporary dance is very collaborative, so we'd work with companies overseas and then host them here in Australia. It felt like a very rich, creative chapter of life.

I eventually became Assistant to the Artistic Director, Natalie Weir. I stayed with the company for 11 years. During that time, I received an Australian Dance Award (2012) for my role as Juliet in Natalie Weir's 'R&J' and was shortlisted for Helpmann Awards for roles 2015 in 2018. Our company received Helpmann and Australian Dance Awards for several productions at this time. Those moments were very special, but what stayed with me most were the relationships and the creative growth along the way.

As I began thinking about the next stage of life, I undertook a masters degree part-time, researching how moving image and digital media could be used in live performance.

In 2018, at 37, I retired from full-time dancing. In 2019, I became an Associate Lecturer in Dance at Queensland University of Technology.

MM: All smooth sailing to this point, Elise, but teaching dance and COVID surely didn't mix well?

EM: (Grimaces ...) Not at all. It was incredibly hard to teach dance over Zoom. There were staff cuts across the university, and my role was affected. But on a brighter note, our daughter Amelie was born in December 2019, and we decided to move back to South Durras. That felt like a really natural return home.

MM: You haven't exactly had your feet up since coming back.



EM: (Smiles ...) Not really. As we transitioned to living on the South Coast again I continued some choreographic work with Opera Queensland and the West Australian Opera, and was Choreographer-in-Residence with CIRCA in 2021 before finally putting all our roots down here permanently. Our son Jude was born in 2023, so parenting is a big and beautiful part of our lives now. In 2022 I received a NSW Government grant to start Wellbeing In Motion. I offer dance classes for adults aged 50 and over at the Bay Pavilions. They're called Dance it Up! 50+ and it's such a joyful program real creative, physical, cognitive and social benefits for the participants. These classes are the highlight of my week!

My other great love is Yoga, which I teach at the community hall in Durras. I also offer Restorative Yoga workshops. Restorative yoga is a gentle, deeply restful practice that helps calm the nervous system and restore balance. We use props to support the body in it's poses, breath-work and stillness to help people slow down, recharge and reconnect with themselves.

Last year I also connected with a Canberra group called the GOLDs (Growing Old Disgracefully) a 55+ dance group with a long performance history. They came to Batemans Bay for River of Art, and spent a long weekend doing workshops alongside dancers from my Wellbeing in Motion classes. It was a beautiful exchange.

MM: What advice would you give to your younger self?

EM: I think it comes back to trusting yourself... and this idea of rest or just the restorative concept at large. If I had more trust or self-belief as a young dancer I might have taken (what I now recognise as the crucial) time to rest and recover and create safety in my nervous system. Instead of forcing and pushing myself in order to seek external validation and inevitably burning out, I might have been able to create more resilience in my nervous system through active rest and recovery.

MM: It's been an absolute delight, Elise. Thank you so much.

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**

Nature lovers go public with their crushes

Australian Conservation Foundation

Not every love story is about a person. Some of our deepest, most enduring relationships are with places.

As part of the Australian Conservation Foundation's 60th anniversary, the national environment group is celebrating the deep connections Australians have with special places, asking people to write love letters to nature and pinning them on a map.

"We're collecting love letters to the places that have always been there for you: the beach, the creek, the tree, the ambling echidna and bounding kangaroo, the sunset that stopped you in your tracks," said Jane Gardner, ACF's Engagement Director.

"This is a chance for people to say thank you to nature – which has never let them down.

"This project is designed as an antidote to the ugliness in our social media feeds. Go and take a look at the map, read what your fellow nature lovers have written, add your own – I guarantee you'll feel better.

"Since we launched this project on Valentine's Day, 215 people have already written love letters to special natural places."

Here are some snippets from those letters...

"I was at my worst, I did not want to move. Nothing could have brought me back to life the way you did." – T Harris, Airlie Beach, QLD

"Where do I begin with you? You are a tapestry woven from the extremes of my life: youthful excitement and crushing loss, searing heat and the cold wash of sadness. You are not just a coastline to me; you are a keeper of my history. You hold the remnants of two people I loved. You are the resting place for my grandmother's dust and the site of my uncle's departure... But you are not frozen in nostalgia. You meet me wherever I am now." – Declan, Fishermans Beach, Torquay, Vic

"You are my sanctuary. My safe place. Where I met so many birds. Where dusky woodswallows cuddle. And restless flycatchers entertain. Where lorikeets have purple crowns, and should be here. And I saw my first western spinebill. Peace, hope and love reside here. Don't ever change." – Jane, Stirling Range National Park, WA

"This gorgeous tree has witnessed and survived the coming of roads, buildings and power lines... I love her for her quiet dignity, her generosity, still providing shade, nesting hollows and character; as well as her biological links to nearby forest remnants and spiritual connections to the forest that was once here." – Iain, Broulee, NSW

"Dear Raymond Island, you may be small, but you have so much that you give to all who visit or live here. Surrounded by the (mostly) peaceful waters of Gippsland Lakes, you are the quiet little wonderland that gives me peace, and joy when I see the diversity of wildlife living here alongside we humans. I treasure you and pledge to fight for you as a continued place of renewal." – Wendy R, Raymond Island, Vic

"Merimbula, you mean everything to me. You give me a life filled with birdsong, beautiful trees and an ocean where marine animals thrive and play." – Anna D, Merimbula, NSW

"I write this to you, the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges, from a world that moves too fast, in awe of the slow, tectonic pulse that defines you. You are the rugged, sun-drenched soul of South Australia's north, a masterpiece carved from 800 million years of history. Thank you for the silence, the shadowed embrace of gorges, among the ancient mallee and sturdy native pines I have found a peace that exists nowhere else. You teach me patience through the slow crawl of the yellow-footed rock wallaby navigating your craggy, precipitous heights..." – A devoted traveller, Grindells Hut campground, Marree, SA

"Near my parents' house there is a small bay. Two rays live there – one with a short tail. They leave little beds all over the sandy floor when the tide goes out. There are so many crabs in this cove that it is sometimes hard to walk. Lift up a rock and they spill everywhere in a frantic scurry. Large pines edge the beach, providing shade. The opposite cliffs are covered in mussels and oysters..." – K, Saltwater River, Tas

"You are a shelter from the summer heat and water for thirsty tourists. You are home to platypus, eels and fish large and small. You have run through to the sea from the beginning of time. You have had many names and seen many joys and sorrows. I love you." – Kristen, Barham River, Apollo Bay, Vic

Go to <https://loveletters.acf.org.au/>

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 Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm
 Where: TAFE NSW Moruya outside B Block

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2026

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6 AM - 7PM

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FREE ENTRY

Batemans Bay Rock 'n' Roll Classes

kicking off a new year of dancing, with classes at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. Swing into the mix from March. Class Schedule (Wednesdays): 6pm - New Beginners Rock 'n' Roll No experience needed and perfect if you're brand new to dance. No partner required - anyone is welcome to lead or follow.

7pm - Progressive Rock 'n' Roll
8pm - Intermediate Rock 'n' Roll
For dancers who've mastered the basics and are ready to add triple steps, 6 and 8 counts... and pick up the pace. This is a partnered class, so please organise a partner before class begins. Location: Lounge Bar, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Cost: \$10 per person, or \$15 if you're doing two classes Ages: 16+ These are social dance classes, focused on building confidence on the dance floor and meeting new people in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

CONTAINER 1



Reimagine Exhibition Artist Submissions

21 Yarragee Road
Moruya NSW 2537



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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Call for Artists - RfR Reimagine Exhibition

Repurposing for Resilience Eurobodalla Inc RfR is inviting artists to submit works for the Reimagine Exhibition, opening June 6th. The exhibition will be manned by volunteers, Gallery Friends, and will be open to the public.

Saturday's June 6th, June 13th and June 20th. We're seeking wall based and sculptural artworks made from a minimum of 80% waste or reclaimed materials. This exhibition celebrates creativity, sustainability, and fresh perspectives on reuse.

All works need to be exhibition ready and delivered to Container 1 at 21 Yarragee Road, Moruya between 10am and 1pm May 30th. Submissions close May 16th.

A 20% commission applies to all sales, with proceeds going directly towards funding future gallery events and RfR programs.

To submit an Expression of Interest, please email: A photo representing your work, any relevant details you'd like to include and send to rfreurobodalla@gmail.com with the Subject line: Reimagine EOI

We'd love to see how you reimagine waste into art and look forward to your submission.

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Entry: A small plate of something to share

19th of March, 10AM

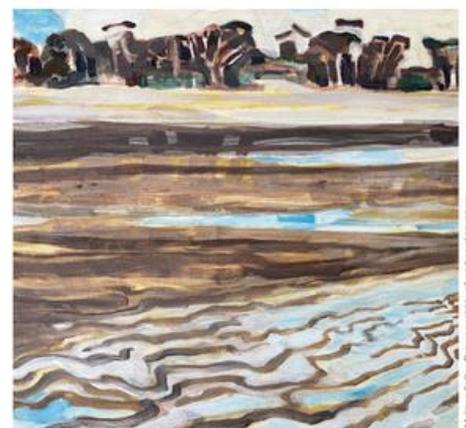
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From the library floor, conversations that matter for International Women's Day

As they do, Eurobodalla Libraries are celebrating International Women's Day with good stories, smart women and rooms full of people keen to hear more. For 2026, three acclaimed authors are heading to the shire to talk adventure, menopause, family secrets and the long tail of history. Different topics but the same thread – women living curious, complicated and interesting lives, then writing about it. Libraries' coordinator Skye Stapleton says the talks are more than entertainment. "We want to open up conversations that matter. To inspire locals navigating everyday challenges with help from three unique perspectives," she says. Karen Viggers will be at the Moruya Library from 2.30pm on Monday 2 March. Ms Viggers is a bestselling novelist but also a vet whose worked from remote Antarctica though to searching for tigers and snow leopards in Bhutan; an intrepid adventurer and life enthusiast.

"Much of Karen's writing draws on nature, exploring how nature encourages people to live to the full. She says being a woman has never held her back, whatever the endeavour," says Ms Stapleton. "There will also be a short presentation by a local advocate standing against domestic and family violence in Eurobodalla."

Narooma Library will host Jody Vassallo from 11am on Wednesday 4 March for a discussion about the physical changes through menopause and the feelings that accompany them.

"Jody's a cookbook author, Ayurvedic practitioner, yoga teacher and counsellor. She also hosts the Changing Seasons podcast," says Ms Stapleton.

"This will be a chat that blends ancient principles and practices with modern advice around food, lifestyle and mindset - but without the fluff. Bring your questions!"

Finally, journalist turned bestselling historical novelist Sue Williams visits Batemans Bay Library at 5.30pm on Friday 6 March to talk about her newest book, *The Duke's Secret*, an intriguing story of family secrets spanning two centuries.

"Based on Sue's own family, the story centres on a young maid in the household of the Duke of Wellington – hailed as a hero after vanquishing Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo – and her child, believed to be sired by the duke. Sue will talk about uncovering family lore and why history's side characters are often the more interesting ones," Ms Stapleton says.



Author and adventurer Karen Viggers will be at Moruya Library on Monday 2 March as one of the International Women's Day talks in Eurobodalla.

All sessions include light refreshments and plenty of time for questions. Signed copies of books are available to purchase. Bookings are essential through the [Eurobodalla Libraries' event webpage](#) or contact Batemans Bay Library on 4472 5850, Moruya Library on 4474 1333, or Narooma Library on 4476 1164.

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MORUYA COMMUNITY FILM GROUP
@ THE RED DOOR

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 dismissed 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.

Follow us on Facebook at [Moruya Community Film Group](#).

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A children's story about staying safe in bushfires

MORUYA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Friday 27th February 10:30am

Tuross gathers history

The number of long-time residents in Tuross Head are decreasing and with them the town's history of how it was and who did what.

Many mums and dads, grandmas and grandpas have helped make Tuross Head what it is today. If we don't record that now, who in 20 or 50 years time will know? Consequently, the Tuross Head Caring Group is asking Tuross groups and residents both present and past to record their stories. An instruction sheet is available upon request email:

turossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com or mobile: 0497 315 534.

Importantly residents are asked to voice record their story as well as write down the basic points and submit it DIGITALLY so that it can be forwarded to the Moruya Historical Society Inc. who will store the digital copies for posterity.

Contact: Pat Anderson. Co-ordinator.

SAGE Autumn Equinox Feast - Sunday 15 March

Colours of Autumn: An equinox feast - Celebrating the change of season
Local Produce Dinner | Local Music | Local Spirits | Autumn Hues
Gates open at 4pm - Dinner served at 5pm

[Book your tickets here](#)

Please join us at the SAGE Garden in Moruya on Sunday 15 March to welcome the new season, as we feast on the last of the summer harvest and feel the crispness of Autumn.

To get into the spirit wear your best Autumn hues to celebrate the Equinox with our local food community.

You can expect to feast on a colourful array of produce from our local growers served alongside mouth watering Branch and Burrow chicken (a vegetarian option is available when requested with your booking), and, for a special Autumn treat, we're throwing in SAGE Rhubarb Cake to finish!

Our friends from Hold Fast Distillery, Braidwood be also be there serving their famous spirits for purchase!

The vibe continues with local music legend Chris O'Connor, known for his old time finger-picking & bottleneck blues. Chris is always well received at major East Coast blues and folk festivals and has represented the Sydney Blues Society at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

As always, (or if this is your first SAGE event), please BYO drinks, crockery, cutlery, chairs or a picnic rug. And remember the Garden can be cool in the evening.

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Live Music Gig Guide

Friday 27th Feb	
Driving Sideways	Bay Soldiers Club
Alex Clark	Steampacket Hotel
Live Music	Lynch's Hotel
Sat 28th Feb	
Driving Sideways	Bay Soldiers Club
Live Music	Lynch's Hotel
Tom Henry	Steampacket Hotel
Abby May	Quantum Brewery 4pm
Andy Dee	Smokey Dans
Sam Fletcher	Tilba Valley Winery
Dust and Echos	Bodalla Pub 3pm
Mac & Glenda	Broulee Brewhouse
Mick Mcgrath	Foxdog Distillery
Solo West	Camel Rock Brewery
Live Music	Breakwall Brewery
Sun 1st March	
Tall Shawn	Steampacket Hotel
TBA	Tilba Valley Winery
Dave Newman	Broulee Brewhouse
Harrison Clynes	Camel Rock Brewery

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

International WOMEN'S DAY

March 9th 11am-2pm
Moruya Riverside Park

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- Poetry Open Mic
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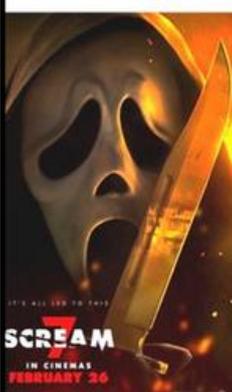
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SCREAM 7 MA | 1hr 54min
 ~ Horror ~ Thriller ~
 Neve Campbell & Courteney Cox
 When a new Ghostface killer emerges in the quiet town where Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) has built a new life, her darkest fears are realized as her daughter (Isabel May) becomes the next target. Determined to protect her family, Sidney must face the horrors of her past to put an end to the bloodshed once and for all.



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ALSO SCREENING

CRIME 101 M | 2hrs 20min
 ~ Thriller ~
 Chris Hemsworth

JIMPA MA | 1hr 52min
 ~ Drama ~
 Olivia Coleman




WUTHERING HEIGHTS M | 2hrs 16min ~ Drama ~
 Margot Robbie & Jacob Elordi
 A passionate and tumultuous love story set against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, exploring the intense and destructive relationship between Heathcliff and Catherin.



EPIC: ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT 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.



NEXT WEEK

THE BRIDE MA | 2hrs 6 min
 ~ Horror ~
 ~ Romance ~
 Christian Bale

MARTY SUPREME M | 2hrs 30min
 ~ Drama ~
 Timothee Chalmet




SONG SUNG BLUE M | 2hrs 12min ~ Drama ~
 Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love.



FACKHAM HALL 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.



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BLUE MOON M, 1H 40M, DRAMA/MUSIC	2.30pm*	2.30pm*	10.40am* 5.25pm*	10.40am* 5.25pm*		2.30pm*	2.30pm*
EPIC: ELVIS PRESELY IN CONCERT PG, 1H 36M, CONCERT DOCUMENTARY	4.15pm	4.15pm	3.40pm	3.40pm		4.45pm	4.15pm
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WUTHERING HEIGHTS M, 2H 16M, ROMANCE	1.30pm 6.15pm	1.30pm 6.15pm	12.55pm 7.30pm	12.55pm 7.30pm		1.30pm 6.40pm	1.30pm 6.15pm
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SONG SUNG BLUE M, 2H 13M, MUSICAL	12pm*	12pm*	2.55pm*	2.55pm*		12pm*	12pm*

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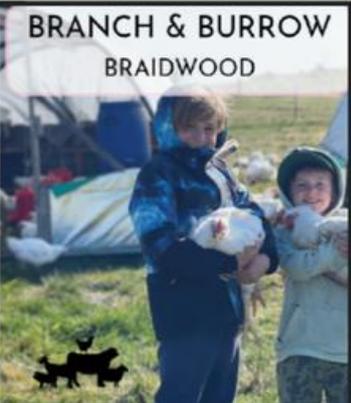



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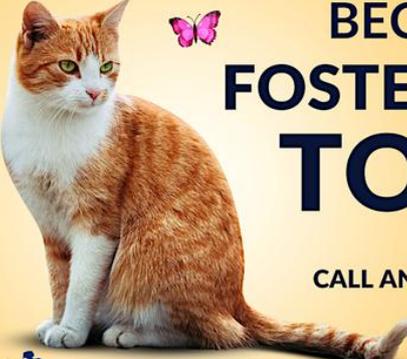
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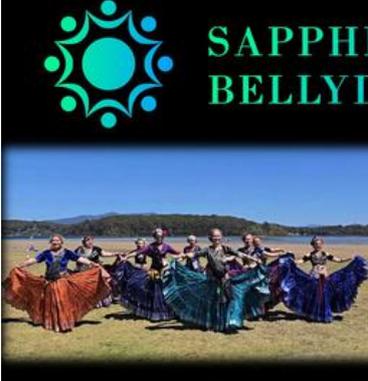
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CARS - \$20
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CALL 0410 016 612 FOR MORE INFO



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Black-market seafood crackdown in Sydney restaurants

The Minns Government is cracking down on the illegal abalone and seafood trade in restaurants and other outlets, completing a three-day compliance blitz across Sydney. Joint covert and overt operations were undertaken over 14-16 February to disrupt the black-market seafood trade, when restaurants and other seafood outlets purchase abalone, fish and other seafood outside the legal supply chain.

Fisheries officers and food inspectors from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) inspected 15 restaurants across the city, from the CBD and inner west to the north shore, western suburbs and southern Sydney.

The inspections were carried out to ensure all seafood for sale in each premises was purchased from legitimate sources, such as commercial fishers, co-ops and fish markets, or other licenced fish receivers, with premise owners required to provide purchase records.

The sale of illegal seafood undermines legitimate operators and commercial fishers who work hard to provide consumers with safe and premium quality seafood.

The three-day compliance operation primarily focused on black market abalone illegally poached from fisheries on the NSW South Coast and sold to restaurants wanting to bypass the legal supply chain because of monetary gain.

During the operation:

- 15 premises were inspected by NSW Fisheries Officers and Food Authority Compliance Officers in locations where abalone is sold in restaurants, including the CBD, Marrickville, Burwood, Hurstville and Eastwood.

- Seven of those premises were found to be selling abalone that was not labelled in accordance with the NSW abalone labelling regulations. The offences will be dealt with by way of formal written caution, and penalty infringement notice.

- A total of 106 abalone were seized from four separate premises, including frozen black lip abalone and a quantity of dried abalone.

- The total weight of abalone seized was approximately 15kg. The average price these abalone were being sold for was \$120/kg for frozen black lip, while dried abalone can retail more than \$1000/kg.

The estimated total illegal, unreported and unregulated catch for abalone in 2025/26 was 30 tonnes.

Due to the impact of illegal poaching of abalone this year the Government had to reduce the total allowable catch for commercial fishers by 12%, based on scientific advice that was concerned by the depletion occurring.

The Government is progressing the introduction of new regulation that will strengthen the requirement of restaurants to only buy from the legal commercial supply chain.

The penalties for involvement in the black-market seafood trade are severe, with fines and possible imprisonment for both sellers and buyers.

In NSW, legally harvested abalone is labelled to show it meets regulatory requirements, while Eastern Rock Lobsters are tagged to prove they have been legally caught.

The public are urged to report illegal or suspected illegal fishing activities to the Fishers Watch Phonenumber on 1800 043 536 or via the online report form here.

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/compliance/report-illegal-activity>

UPCOMING COURSES

MARCH 2026

All events are at 42 Orient St, Batemans Bay unless otherwise stated Enrol:

- Every Monday - Certificate III in Individual Support - 9AM-3:30PM
CNC3021 Certificate III in Individual Support
- Canva Basics - 4-week Course (3hrs/week) - Taking Expressions of Interest for Term 2 2026
Canva Digital Skills - Level 1
- RSA - 17th March at Batemans Bay - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
RSA - SATURDAY 28th March at BOMBALA - 9 AM - 5 PM
SITHFAB021 Provide Responsible Service of Alcohol
- RCG - 18th March - 9AM - 4:30PM
SITHGAM022 Provide Responsible Gambling Services
- White Card - 24th March - 9AM - 4PM
CPCWHS1001 Prepare To Work Safely In The Construction Industry
- HLTAID011 Provide First Aid - 5th March ~~Full~~ - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
HLTAID009 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation - 5th March ~~Full~~ - 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
HLTAID011 Provide First Aid - 19th March - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
HLTAID009 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation - 19th March - 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Traffic Control - 25-27th March - 9AM - 4:30PM
Statement of Attainment – Conduct Traffic Control and Implement Traffic Control Plans
- Taking Expressions of Interest for Term 2 2026 - 16-week course (3hrs/week)
Digital Skills for Life and Work: Reskilling and Upskilling for Adults 55+
- Taking expressions of interest for **BSB30120 Certificate III in Business**, skill sets and foundation skills programs for groups on our campus or at your facility/location (conditions/eligibility applies)
- Taking expressions of interest for non-accredited courses including: Canva Digital Skills - Level 1, Home DIY, Pathway to Community Services, Together We Grow: English and Career Skills, Upholstery for Beginners, and more

TO ENROL: Complete the enrolment form. Please make sure all questions are answered, USI number is provided, and all pages are signed where required. Incomplete enrolment forms will not be accepted.

Please call us on: (02) 4472 9202 or email us at: admin@southcoastcolleges.edu.au

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- Rotary Batemans Bay - Batemans Bay Rotary - Founding partner providing initial setup costs and ongoing experience funding
- TEC EXEC - Technical expertise and IT infrastructure support for platform development
- FRRR Grant - FRRR Grant - Foundation for Rural & Regional Innovation grant for platform planning and structure

2026 Diary Dates

- 27 Feb – 1 Mar – **Cobargo Folk Festival**
- 1 March – **Clean up Australia Day**
- 13–15 February – **Cobargo Show**
- 27 Feb – 1 Mar – **Bega Show**
- 2 – 15 March – **2026 Seniors Festival**
- 8 March – **Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim**
- 7 – 15 March – **Sculpture Bermagui**
- 16– 26 April – **Youth Week**
- 25 – 26 April – **Batemans Bay Sailing Club 2026 d'Albora Batemans Bay Regatta**
- 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**

Food Share is on holiday this weekend,
next one is March 8th.

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
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South Coast & Country Community Law
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**
- 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 12th March 2026 10am to 1:30pm**

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

Death Notice



David Ian MacDonald

16/03/1937 – 17/02/2026

Late of Batemans Bay, formerly of "Millstone Cottage"
Indigo Valley, NE Victoria.

Just shy of his 89th birthday, David passed away peacefully at National Capital Private Hospital, Canberra, devoted and adored husband of Lorraine, dearly loved and loving father of Karen-Lea and father to Grant David (dec), dearly loved and admired brother and brother-in-law of Gillian and Geoffrey Bransgrove, loved uncle of Alison and Lachlan (dec), best big brother of Rodney, loved uncle of Bernie and Steven. Loved and loving brother-in-law of Cheryl and Christopher Neal, loved uncle of Stephanie and Timothy, much loved cousin of the Benalla Crawford Clan and dear friend to so many special people.

A Service to celebrate David's life will be held on Thursday 5th March 2026, 12pm at Broulee Crematorium Chapel, 195 Broulee Road, Broulee. Livestream will be available for all those unable to attend. In lieu of flowers please donate to Batemans Bay Youth Foundation. Visit www.batemansbayfunerals.com.au to access links.

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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
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Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 20.2.26

Moruya River.

The river has been fishing pretty well this week. With numbers of bream, flathead, trevally and the odd whiting all being encountered. The frigates that visited last week have moved on, and holding out down in Bermagui harbour, no doubt following the warm currents that pushing down the coast at moment. The airport flats have been producing flathead and bream, while the wall around Freddy's wharf will hold the usual bream, trevally and Luderick.

Quarry wharf will be holding all the above mention species, with the chance of finding a school sized mulloway around the turn of the tide.

The town bridge will be holding bream, flathead, whiting, trevally and estuary perch on the weed bed edges, flats and drop offs. With baits of live nippers or soft plastics working well to tempt all these species.

Up in the fresh the bass are actively playing ball as we move into the start of the cooler months. The cicadas are on the down turn, but surface presentations will still get a nice surface eat, as well as subsurface lures also getting attention.

Tuross River.

This premier piece of water has been delivering plenty of action for all anglers this week. From salmon around the main boat ramp on a rising tide, to bream, flathead and whiting on all the major sand flats, to mulloway in the deeper holes and bass in the upper reaches, Tuross river certainly earns its reputation as the areas premier stretch of water.

Being a recreational only sanctuary, the fishing in Tuross is unsurpassed.

While we are outside of the holiday period, the attention it gets every weekend is deserved.

All reaches of the river have something to offer both local and visiting anglers, whether they choose to fish baits or artificial presentations. There truly is something for everyone.

The Tuross Heads Bream and Flathead comp is only a few weeks off, so expect to see the system get busy over the weekends as it nears.

Rock and Beach.

All of the local beaches have salmon in the gutters at the moment, as well as bream and whiting. The low light periods of dawn and dusk will also see a few active tailor in the mix as well.

The Moruya breakwall is easily accessible for all anglers, and on its day can be action a plenty.

Broulee headland has some reports of good Drummer on the stones, but this ledge is incredibly swell dependant to fish safely. Being that it is very low to the water, a swell of any size can make it difficult to fish. Never turn your back to the waves, as the there aren't any rouge waves, just inattentive anglers.

Offshore.

With the warm currents continuing to push south, there are myriad of species available to fish for at present. Mahi Mahi, bonito, Marlin, snapper and the humble flathead have all been regular captures this week, and will continue into the weekend.

Saturday looks to have the better wind and swell conditions if you planning on crossing the bars this weekend.

The bait freezer has been restocked, with block pilchards still a no show, everything else is pretty good at the moment.

We have a few new ranges in store for the weekend, with Maglite, BKK hooks and a range of super tough travel mugs being added to the range this week. Come in and check out what we have, also check out our Facebook page to stay informed of all the new stuff to arrive.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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HARMONY WEEK

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Tuross Head Golf



Winners: Greg and Diedre Geelan



Winner: Jim Wade with Committee member Ian McManus



Winner: Troy Kingdom with sponsor Allan Langford



Winners: Leonie Doolan, Gail Rogers and Jeanett Miller

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)

Bradman's: Graham Moore and Des Jackson.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 19th February 2026

A field of 47 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The game was closely contested and there were some fantastic scores achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Jim Wade (12) with 41 points (countback)
2nd: Lars Gaupset (15) with 41 points
3rd: Ian McManus (14) with 40 points
4th: Brad Doolan (6) with 39 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Jim Wade 2.58 A Grade
4th: Wayne Lilley 3.43 B Grade
4th: Tory Puglisi 1.77 C Grade
6th: Ian McManus 1.40 A Grade
6th: Darrell Kildey 3.80 B Grade
6th: Peter Ryan 0.60 C Grade
7th: Ray Bollard 0.18 A Grade
7th: Marie Muriwai 7.80 B Grade

Balls went to: Colin Houghton 39, Nigel Barling 39, Gavan Wheelahan 38, Ray Bollard 38, Ricky Hayes 38, Maree Coffey 37, Nick Brice 37, Leonie Snodgrass 36, Peter Garn 36 and Marie Muriwai 35.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 21st February 2026

A field of 52 players, registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The event was sponsored by Allan Langford. The weather was warm, the course in great condition and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Troy Kingdom (11) with 38 points (countback)
2nd: Brad Doolan (6) with 38 points
3rd: John Eglitis (12) with 37 points (countback)
4th: Peter McRae (20) with 37 points (countback)
5th: Ray Bollard (3) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Colin Houghton 1.61 A Grade
4th: Darrell Kildey 2.83 B Grade
4th: Peter Coffey 1.67 C Grade
6th: Greg Booth 1.10 A Grade
6th: Stephen Swanbury 5.40 B Grade
6th: Paul Medwin 2.14 C Grade
7th: Ray Bollard 16.0 A Grade

Balls went to: Ian McManus 36, Ken Hush 36, Warren Hodder 35, Colin Houghton 35, Matthew Kennedy 35, Graeme Sindel 34, Paul Pereira 33, Shane Gschwend 33, Paul Medwin 32, Ruth Gschwend 32, Steven O'Shea 32, Darrell Kildey 32, Bruce Martin 32, Michael Walsh 32 and Gavan Wheelahan 31.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 24th February 2026

A field of 29 ladies played in a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Tuross Butchery. The weather was warm and windy and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:
1st: Leonie Doolan (30) with 39 points
2nd: Dorothy Madden (20) with 37 points

B Grade:

1st: Gail Rogers (39) with 38 points (countback)
2nd: Pam Alexander (34) with 38 points

C Grade:

1st: Jeanette Miller (40) with 35 points
2nd: Paula Coffey (42) with 32 points

Place Getters:

Cate O'Brien 34, Marie Muriwai 34, Kerry Sands 34, Maree Coffey 33, Dianne Brown 32, and Ruth Gschwend 32.

Hole Prize: 2nd Shot

7th Pauline Nash

Golden Shot A

7th Gail Rogers

Golden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin: 2nd Shot

6th Pam Alexander

15th Pam Alexander

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 25th February 2026

A field of 39 players signed up for a Single Stableford event today. The weather was overcast and some light rain fell and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Warren Hodder with 24 points
2nd: Paul Periera with 23 points (countback)
3rd: Ian Manton with 23 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Tory Puglisi 22, Jane Eglitis 20, Sandra Hanlon 19, Bob Coppin 19, Bruce Martin 19 and Tony Crook 19.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Ross Davidson (2nd Shot)
7th: Ladies: Maree Coffey (2nd Shot)
Mens: Rob Nash (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Mike Birks (5th hole)

Bradman's: Deirdre Geelan



Winner: Warren Hodder

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Open Championship and Challenge Bowl



Tuross Open Champion: Colette Blacklock



Challenge Bowl winners: Mollymook Team (D Bower, L Dorsett, S Miller and S Thomson)

The Tuross Head Ladies Golf Open Championship and Challenge Bowl event was held on Sunday 22nd February 2026. The event was sponsored by Driftwood Shores. 44 lady golfers from Sydney, Canberra, Moruya, Mollymook and Tuross competed in the event. The weather was warm and the course in wonderful condition. A fun day was had by all and a delicious lunch and desserts were served following the game. Raffle prizes were drawn and the presentation held.

The Winners were:

Event 1 - Tuross Open Champion:
Colette Blacklock

Event 2 - Stroke Winners x 3 divisions:
Marie Muriwai, Suzy Thomson and Marilyn Bingham.

Event 3 - Stroke Runner- Up x 3 divisions:
Ruth Gschwend, Sandra D'Onofrio and Maree Coffey

Event 4 - Handicap Winner x 3 divisions:
Kym Batt, Pam Alexander and Jennifer Gray

Event 5 - Handicap Runner-Up x 3 divisions:

Linda Dorsett, Kerry Sands and Sue Miller

Event 6 - Ruth Walsh Perpetual Trophy

Shirley Quinlan

Event 7 - Challenge Bowl Mollymook team

Event 8 - Visitor's Award Cheryl Ingold

Nearest to the Pins:

4th Div 2 (2nd shot) Suzy Thomson,

Div 3 (2nd shot) Cheryl Ingold

6th Div 2 (2nd shot) Pam Alexander,

Div 3 (2nd shot) Stacey Davidson

7th Div 1 (1st shot) Leonie Snodgrass,

Div 2 (2nd shot) Cindy-Lou Becker, Div 3 (2nd shot)

Cheryl Ingold

Longest Drive - 9th hole x 3 divisions

Div 1: Karen Christensen, Div 2: Sandra D'Onofrio, Div 3: Maree Coffey

Badminton in the Bay

Batemans Bay Community Badminton Groups are welcoming new players. Whether you are new to badminton, an experienced competitor or looking for new social connections, one of these groups might suit you.

Social badminton runs from 9am to 10.30am Mondays. Suitable for beginners to experienced players, the focus is on fun and social connection rather than serious competition. Coffee at the Catalina Club after each session is optional. The cost to play is \$5 and racquets are available to loan.

Contact Jason on 0400 474 959 or Yvonne on 0499 643 476, or just turn up.

For more experienced and competitive players, sessions run from 5pm to 7pm most Saturdays and Sundays. The cost to play is \$15. Contact Basil on 0421 419 810 for more information.

The venue is Hanging Rock Sports Complex (the basketball and badminton stadium), Batemans Bay.

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Malua Bay Stingrays Women's Bowls

Mac welcomed all our social bowlers, no Birthdays today but a special one on 10th March as well as travelling bowlers. Jay called cards on a very hot day, but the breeze kept us cool whilst playing havoc with our bowls. Winners Rink 6, Judy Armstrong, Noleen Taylor, Gayl Vidgen (photo) >> Runners-up Rink 3, Lynne Gowans, Olga Geshwend and Lyn Hardy. Lucky numbers, 25 Colleen Ashby, 10 Sonia Frey, 9 Raija Johnston. Jackpot now \$ 392, Olga Geshwend's number 20 was called, Olga selected 9 of Diamonds and although no Joker was found she won a free game of bowls. Money Club, 28 Carol Harris, 18 Sonia Frey.



Moruya Ladies Golf

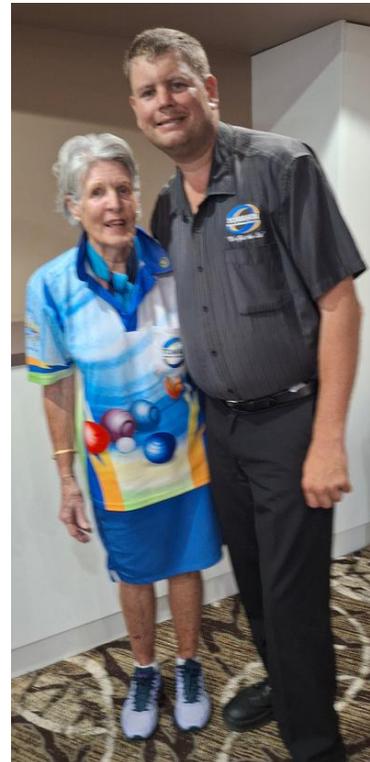
Wednesday 18th February saw the Moruya lady golfers out and about on the fairways playing in wonderful weather with a welcome cool breeze. A relief from all the hot weather we have been experiencing. Jan Lumsden continued her winning golf, yet again, coming in ahead of the pack with 37 Stableford points followed by Cindy Becker with 34 points. Balls went to Lyn Gibbs, Christine Quick, Angie McMillan, Sharon Knight, Phyllis Reid and Vicki Goodwin".



Pic: Jan Lumsden>

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls.

President Pedro welcomed everyone on a very hot morning so all advised to keep hydrated. Welcome back to " Lois & Clark ". Thinking of Smiley this week . Cards were called for 5 Pairs and 2 Triples matches for 33 Twisties. Winners with Least Winning Ends Trish the Dish and Lozza with some very strong opposition. (Photo) >> Runners-up Scottie and Moby Dick. Losing Skip Lozza selected Rink 6 to try for Jackpot. Irish cut cards and found the Joker so 6 lucky Twisties on a Drawn game 17 all to share the winnings . Whizza and Helena 19/18 Pattycake and Magoo 24/12 Spike, HotLips and Mad Max with Smoothie 20/18 Bob the Builder and Witto 27/8 High/Low Scores 35/6 not won Lucky number, 6 Leigh, 31Milka.



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In Sanskrit, this posture is called Utthita Hasta Pādānguṣṭhāsana.

Utthita means extended, hasta means hand, pāda means foot, and aṅguṣṭha means big toe.

This is a powerful standing balance that builds strength, focus and confidence. It challenges the legs, hips and core while asking the mind to stay steady and calm. Balance postures like this are less about flexibility and more about attention. Where the eyes go, the body follows.

Physically, this pose strengthens the standing leg, tones the hip flexors and improves hamstring mobility. Energetically, it connects to Maṇipūra cakra, the centre of personal power and self-belief. When we hold steady in the wobble, we build resilience from the inside out.

To practise, begin in Tādāsana, standing tall. Shift your weight into one foot and draw the opposite knee towards your chest. You can hold behind the thigh, the shin, or reach for the big toe with your first two fingers and thumb. Extend the leg forward only as much as you can while keeping the spine upright and the breath steady. Keep your gaze soft and steady on one point in front of you.

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Batemans Bay local raises thousands in Cholangio Challenge

By John Longhurst

Batemans Bay Local, Luke Edgerton has raised close to \$10,000 in a 24 hour run challenge.

Luke ran 5 kilometres every hour for 24 from 2pm last Friday at Hanging Rock in Batemans Bay.

Luke is determined to raise funds and awareness of Cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer). His fiancé, Catie died 6 months after being diagnosed with the disease in October 2022.

Luke was shocked at the lack of awareness of the cancer, even in the medical sector.

Luke said "Some doctors did not actually know what cholangiocarcinoma is – even oncologists, which just seems crazy."

Cholangiocarcinoma is an aggressive cancer with limited treatment options and the average life expectancy from diagnosis is 6 to 12 months.

Catie's Mother, Jill Brown, teamed with Luke and handled the organisation and running of the challenge.

Jill said "There were no obvious symptoms for the cancer. We originally thought it was linked to Covid or Catie's job as a nurse as she complained of a sore back. We took Catie to a doctor in Wollongong and cancer was dismissed early as a cause. It then took a further four weeks, following extensive tests and biopsy for her to be diagnosed."

Jill became Catie's full time carer for the next six and a half months until she passed away from the disease on 22nd April, 2023.

Jill said "Luke was an outstanding support during Catie's final months. He helped with the care and his ongoing fund raising is testament to his character and love for Catie."

Luke trained for the challenge but was more than aware of the pain involved in 24 hours of running.

Jill said "Luke told me he was going to be sore but there are people waking up with this disease each morning in far more pain. The statement made me very emotional. He is an outstanding young man." Friends and even strangers joined Luke for parts of the challenge.

Jill said "Eurobodalla Mayor, Mathew Hatcher, joined Luke for the first hour and again at midnight.

Members of the Broulee Stingrays Football Club were also out in force accompanying Luke for parts of the challenge. Local runners including total strangers also lent their support."

Luke successfully completed the challenge to much applause at 2pm last Saturday and raised a whopping \$9773.

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Luke and supporters after the run.



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