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## Probity Report into Batemans Bay Masterplan confirms planning flaws

The independent probity review into the development of the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan has been made public today revealing flaws in the planning process.

The probity report was commissioned after considerable push back from the community, exposing concerns about the rationale and assumptions of the plan.

Council received a Question on Notice (QON25/001) from Councillor Mayne on 15 May 2025. In their response to the Question on Notice at the 27 May 2025 Ordinary Meeting of the Council, the Council advised that they were “seeking to commission a probity report”. Centium was subsequently engaged on 18 August 2025 to prepare the probity report. The report was due in October 2025.

Eurobodalla Shire general manager Mark Ferguson said “Much of the draft plan did not align with community expectation. There were perceived conflicts of interest between Council’s dual roles as landowner and planning decision maker, challenges to evidence supporting building heights and density and population and dwelling data, and concern about a lack of climate-resilience planning,” Mr Ferguson says. “In these circumstances, commissioning a probity report is best practice. We have that now. It includes a range of recommendations to improve the plan, many of which align with community feedback from the draft’s public exhibition.”

**The probity report is available on Council’s website and will be considered at an extraordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday 10 March.**

Mr Ferguson says Council staff have taken onboard community concerns and suggestions and will combine these with recommendations from the probity report to lay out clear options for the plan before future decisions are made.

“More community workshops, under an independent facilitator, will be held next month and Council’s planners are working with consultants to prepare the technical reports informing the next draft. Maximum building heights will be reduced in response to community feedback,” he says.

### Scope of the Probity Report

The Probity Report has assessed:

- The governance and decision-making processes underpinning the draft Masterplan.
- The alignment of the Masterplan with Council’s existing strategic documents (e.g., Climate Action Plan, Coastal Management Program, flood studies).
- The integrity and transparency of community and stakeholder engagement.
- The rationale and justification for proposed building height increases and land use changes.
- The handling of potential conflicts of interest, especially given Council’s dual role as landowner and planning authority.

The findings of the report included:

1. Inception and governance of the masterplan exercise appears to be informal without reasons for the need for an updated master plan (the Batemans Bay Town Centre Structure Plan – the previous master plan – was adopted by the Council in 2008) and clear direction being provided either by the Council or the General Manager.
2. Information on the outcome of community engagement – vision for Batemans Bay, community concerns and issues – and how these were considered in the development of the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan 2025 was not made available to the Review.
3. The draft Masterplan horizon of 75 years is extremely long in comparison to typical master planning horizons of 25 – 30 years
4. Estimated resident population projections are not supported by past experience and also by general overall trends observed Australia-wide.
5. The studies and other documents reviewed indicate that the proposed height increase (ref: [redacted] Height and density study August 2024) did not take into account the associated geotechnical, environmental and climate risks.
6. The draft masterplan has not considered any potential future limitations on current infrastructure (water, sewerage, power, telecommunications etc).
7. The draft Masterplan has not taken into account geo-technical feasibility of the plan to assess developability of the site.
8. The draft Masterplan has not considered the impact of climate change and coastal erosion, and the limitations on masterplan options as a consequence of management actions by the Council, and State and Commonwealth Governments.

9. The Masterplan does not elaborate on or explain variances between expert studies and recommended settings in the plan.

10. Council’s potential conflict of interest with respect to the former bowling club site at 2 Vesper Street is satisfactorily resolved by excising this lot from the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan and considering it separately under a planning proposal.

### The Review recommends:

After submissions to the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan are considered, a revised Masterplan be exhibited to the community and stakeholders. This revised Masterplan should include:

1. A Council endorsed direction for the preparation of the Masterplan covering reasons for the need to prepare a masterplan, planning time horizon and governance arrangements for the project.
2. An explanation for the adopted increased population growth rate and number of dwellings that the masterplan will need to address.
3. Consideration of climate change impacts including bushfire risk and coastal management (Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study and the risk management study and plan).
4. Infrastructure services limitations (if any) for all utilities (water, sewerage, waste, energy, telecommunications).
5. Geo-technical limitations impacting developability of land (i.e. specified lots can be made suitable for the intended use).
6. Clear description of the approach to be adopted for the development of the former bowling club site at 2 Vesper Street, including consideration of alternative uses for the site.

Mr Ferguson said Council is taking a more structured approach to consultation and coordination of all future planning work, both among its own teams and with relevant stakeholders.

“While long planning horizons help align planning with climate change and coastal studies – these typically look ahead to 2100 – we need to keep and explain shorter-term changes as a priority,” Mr Ferguson said.

“We’re committed to working with the community to refine a clear and achievable long-term masterplan for Batemans Bay.”

As Council-owned land at 2 Vesper Street – the former bowling club site – has been removed from the masterplan, the probity review did not identify any conflicts of interest. Future planning decisions for that site will proceed separately. For more information visit Council’s [Batemans Bay Masterplan: shaping a vibrant future webpage](#).



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# Book Launch : Charlie's Birthday Adventure



It was standing room only for the launch of a new children's book about feeling safe in emergencies at Moruya library last Friday. 'Charlie's Birthday Adventure' written by Michelle Hamrosi and illustrated Courtenay Tooth, is a resource for parents and caregivers of younger children in times of emergency.

The story gently takes Charlie through the preparations for evacuating and going to a bushfire shelter through delicate illustrations and some simple questions to further conversation. There are also helpful resources for parents in the back pages.

Michelle said "In June 2024, with our house packed up and the car pointed west, I was halfway across the Nullarbor on a family adventure when an idea I couldn't shake finally took shape. For the previous two years, I'd been working on the Australian Breastfeeding Association Bushfire Project — listening to families describe evacuations and helping develop resources to improve preparation, planning, evacuation and recovery for families during disasters. But something felt missing. There was no specific resource for children."

"What kept returning to me was the idea of writing a book designed to help young children understand emergencies in an age-appropriate, non-frightening way, and to support the calm, honest conversations families often need, but don't always know how to start. Somewhere along the Nullarbor, Charlie's Birthday Adventure was born. Created with the guidance of parents, educators, psychologists, librarians and community members, and brought to life through the illustrations of Courtenay Tooth, a Moruya-based artist and local mother of two, this book exists because of community support."

The publication was made possible by sponsorship from Rotary Batemans Bay, SHASA, and CWA Moruya and Narooma and is free and in local libraries.

1,000 copies have been printed for distribution to families across the Eurobodalla.



Courtenay Tooth and Michelle Hamrosi



Representative from the community sponsors of the book at the launch.

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## Critical support for saltmarshes



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips at the Clyde River, Batemans Bay with Ryan from OzFish

The Albanese Government is investing \$600,000 to monitor and restore saltmarshes and riparian habitat across three locations on the NSW South Coast.

The commitment, made by the Albanese Government during the 2025 election campaign, will improve the condition of at least 60 hectares of coastal saltmarsh and associated threatened ecological communities on the Clyde River at Batemans Bay, Burrill Lake and Lake Illawarra. Saltmarshes provide important habitat for fish, birds and crustaceans, while acting as a filter for nutrients and sediment to reduce erosion and maintain water quality.

The project will be led by OzFish, and includes weed removal, planting native species, community workshops and events, debris removal and ecosystem health assessments.

It will engage at least 100 local OzFish members and volunteers, allowing the community to contribute to meaningful environmental restoration and fostering community stewardship.

The funding is part of the Albanese Government's Local Environmental Projects Program that is protecting and improving our environment and heritage.

Minister for the Environment and Water, Murray Watt:

"This funding will deliver meaningful action to conserve, protect and sustainably manage saltmarshes along the NSW South Coast.

"The Albanese Government is investing in projects that encourage local communities to connect and care for nature, empowering Australians to achieve improved outcomes for the environment around the country."

Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP said "Being a coastal electorate, our local waterways are so important to our community.

"We have many community groups engaged with keeping our waterways clean, and I am pleased to support OzFish, so that local volunteers can help maintain our important saltmarshes in the Clyde River and Burrill Lake."

## Letters to the Editor

### Council's Bay Masterplan shot down by Probity Report: What can be rescued?

The release of the damning Probity Report into Council's Bateman's Bay Masterplan last week and the Emergency Council meeting next Tuesday should be closely watched by ratepayers.

The Probity Report supports all the major criticisms by ratepayers and others of the Masterplan: ie, that it is not evidence based; lacks credible intellectual and procedural integrity; and is generally farcical in its assertions and conclusions. Our new General Manager Mark Ferguson is to be commended for obtaining an independent assessment of the Plan and making it available without sanitising it. There are a lot of questions that need to be addressed.

The main ones would appear to be:

1. Who could have influenced the previous General Manager to go down the path of allowing for 'Gold Coast' skyscrapers on the Bay foreshore?
2. What can be rescued from the wreckage of this 'Masterplan'?

The first question raises possible serious issues about undue influence by commercial interests and so should be independently reviewed with unrestricted access to Council records.

Answering question 2 would appear to be the first priority since we do have a housing crisis and Council has committed to the NSW Government to have a plan for delivering a grant-funded Plan with LEP amendment for up to 8000 units by 30 June 2026.

At the Council meeting next Tuesday there thus needs to be some prudent and practical steps taken by Council toward resolving short to medium term planning issues in the Bay regarding housing and other matters.

Council will also hopefully resolve to address the other Masterplan deficiencies outlined in the Probity Report. In particular there should be a focus on developing and implementing long term infrastructure to support sustainable development rather than the present focus on the sugar hit of high-rise development (benefitting the tourist businesses at the expense of the wider community and the environment) in the current draft of the Masterplan.

**Frank Ross  
Moruya**

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## Batemans Bay Masterplan crashes and burns under independent scrutiny

The Eurobodalla's 'flagship' town planning document, the Batemans Bay Masterplan 2025 has crumbled under scrutiny. Australian-based governance and integrity specialists, Centium Pty Ltd, have delivered a scathing assessment of the Masterplan in the Batemans Bay Masterplan Final Probity Report, February 2026.

At close of business last Friday, Eurobodalla Shire Council's General Manager, Mark Ferguson, released the Final Probity Report into the governance and decision making of the Batemans Bay Master Plan 2025. Spare a thought for Mr Ferguson. Less than two months into his new job as Interim General Manager, he referred the Masterplan for independent review in May 2025, on the back of widespread community and councillor concerns. Nine months later, he has released the Final Probity Report, a transparent and welcome move, given the Report exposes a trail of incompetence around five years in the making.

The independent review by Centium into the development of the Masterplan has found a litany of poor governance and decision-making inside the Council. Worse still, it would appear the Probity Review has been unable to do its job as well as it might have. The Council did not provide the Probity Review with critical decision-making documentation, such as council resolutions or executive leadership team decisions. Had it done so, these would have provided the reasons for the master planning work and related public spending, and the objectives of the Masterplan itself. Centium found no Project Management Plan among the documents it was handed, and no approval documentation to explain the scope creep of the Masterplan. No milestone updates. No clear direction. No rhyme. No reason. No evidence. For five years from 2020 to 2025. The omission of these records is hard to explain. On the surface, this looks like local government mismanagement and incompetence on a scale I doubt many in the Eurobodalla have seen before. The Final Report states the Council did not provide the documentation to the integrity review. One might ask; did the governing documentation ever exist? Did someone's dog eat the work? Why didn't any of Council's leaders in the last term of Council ask for this material? Or, was our Council just winging it for five years?

If this sounds like poor governance, it gets worse. Centium found that the integrity and transparency of community consultation was seriously compromised. The Report states, "Information on the outcome of community engagement, community concerns and issues, and how these were considered in the Masterplan was not made available to the Review".

The Probity Review found that fundamental aspects of a town planning process were not considered in the Batemans Bay Masterplan including geotechnical requirements for buildings, infrastructure limitations for water, power, sewerage and telecommunications and the demand for health services, schools, waste management and community services. Environmental and climate risks, such as coastal erosion, were not adequately considered while population projections were overstated and misleading. One can only imagine, had the Masterplan gone ahead, Batemans Bay would have been a "ticking-time bomb" of expensive and potentially life-threatening planning problems waiting to happen.

The Review found that conflicts of interest driven by developers interested in developing real estate in Batemans Bay were not resolved in the Masterplan. Now spare a thought for the Eurobodalla community. For the past year, talented and committed community members with a broad range of expertise and interest have given their time free of charge and favour to call out the very same findings found in the Centium report. These can be found in community submissions to the public exhibition held from April to June 2025, and presentations to Council public forums throughout 2025. The community has been vindicated for calling out this nonsensical Masterplan. Once again, Eurobodalla General Manager, Mark Ferguson, prioritised transparency and the public interest by publishing on the Council's website all the submissions to the Masterplan. Unlike the special interest group consultation supposedly held by Council, and found to be without substance in the Probity Report, the public exhibition drew out community submissions of quality and substance. The outcomes of these two consultations could not be starker.

Turning to the current group of councillors, led by the Deputy Mayor at the time, Councillor Anthony Mayne, and supported by the current Deputy Mayor, Colleen Turner, new Councillors, Mick Johnson, and Sharon Winslade and long term Councillor, Rob Pollock, who together stood up for the community and shined a spotlight on this troubling process. By speaking up in the Council chamber, these Councillors have enabled independent scrutiny, transparency and better governance for our community. Without them, the community would likely be none the wiser. They too deserve "a tip of the hat". We are very lucky to have all these people in our community.

Yet what of our other elected councillors? Mayor Hatcher has been the Masterplan's chief cheerleader.

As the leader of the Council for the past five years, he is responsible for overseeing council operations and is accountable for the Council's performance. A lot of people's time, goodwill, and resident's money—potentially running into the millions of dollars—has been wasted over the past five years.

Many in our community, from residents to business people and investors, have been misled by the failed Masterplan. The Eurobodalla community deserves better and it deserves answers for this wastage.

On 1 April 2025, Mayor Hatcher, told us the "Masterplan was more than click-bait headlines". Now it appears to be making headlines for all the wrong reasons.

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# Carked It! at Tilba Pub



By Anneka Barnes

Do you remember playing The Game of Life as a child - where the twists, turns and choices followed neat social norms and predictable milestones? I loved it. I would nag my siblings endlessly during the holidays to play just one more round. As an adult, I've discovered that real life is far more interesting than any board game. The choices we make can take us on adventures that were never printed on the cardboard path. But what about the choices at the very end of life? That's exactly what we are invited to consider with Carked It!, the irreverent and surprisingly thoughtful card game created by Simon Lowe and Leonie Sanderson from the Ageing Revolution. The game sparks conversation about how our final breaths might be spent, what - if anything - remains on the bucket list, and how we imagine saying goodbye. Inspired by Cards Against Humanity, there is plenty of absurdity. You might find yourself choosing to have your ashes shot into outer space, insisting on attending a bagpipe marathon before you die, or requesting that all your tattoos be photographed and framed as a farewell gift. The laughter comes easily - and then, unexpectedly, so do the meaningful conversations. On 24 February, more than twenty residents from Nelligen to Bega gathered at the Tilba Pub to tear the wrapping off fresh packs of Carked It! and explore these questions together. With Simon and Leonie there to guide us, we quickly moved beyond humour into sharing stories of loved ones who have died, speaking about what matters most, and reflecting on the practical things that are often left unsaid.

It was a reminder that talking about death doesn't hasten it - but it can deepen how we live and how we care for one another. While Simon and Leonie continue their road trip down the south coast, you can purchase Carked It! online. If you'd prefer to gather a group locally with facilitation, you can connect with the Compassionate Care Collective. The Compassionate Care Collective is an inclusive, heart-led network across Eurobodalla and the Bega Valley, strengthening community support around death, dying, caregiving, loss and bereavement. Through gentle, practical events, the Collective helps build confidence and connection in conversations many of us were never taught how to have. The next Compassionate Care Collective event is a Death Conversation Circle, 2-4pm, Sunday 15 March at Roundsquared, 45 Murray Street, Moruya. \$5 cash at the door. For more information, email [thecompassionatecarecollective@gmail.com](mailto:thecompassionatecarecollective@gmail.com)



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## A ONE-OFF SCREENING OF 'PASA FAHO'

Narooma Kinema Film Society is showing a one-off screening of award-winning Australian film Pasa Faho on Thursday March 5, followed by a Q&A session with writer and director Kalu Oji, interviewed by ABC Radio's Alice Ansara.

Melbourne based Kalu has long standing connection with Moruya as the son of Debbi Long.

Pasa Faho is set in Melbourne and follows Azubuiké (legendary Igbo stand-up comedian Okey Bakassi), whose 12-year-old son Obinna (Tyson Palmer) moves across the country to live with him. The estranged pair struggles to find stability at a turbulent time, with Azubuiké trying to understand the Australian side of his African-Australian son, and Obinna attempting to navigate the close-knit Melbourne Igbo community with which he is not fully familiar, and yet to which he belongs.

The film premiered to sold out sessions at the 2025 Melbourne International Film Festival, has played in special screenings at Sydney's Opera House, Canberra's National Film and Sound Archive and Darwin's famous Deckchair Cinema. It has been selected by a number of International Film Festivals, including Chicago, Lagos (where it won the award for best international film at AFRIFF, the African International Film Festival), Dublin and Glasgow.

Drinks, nibbles & a raffle from 6.30pm and a screening beginning at 7pm. All welcome! No joining involved.

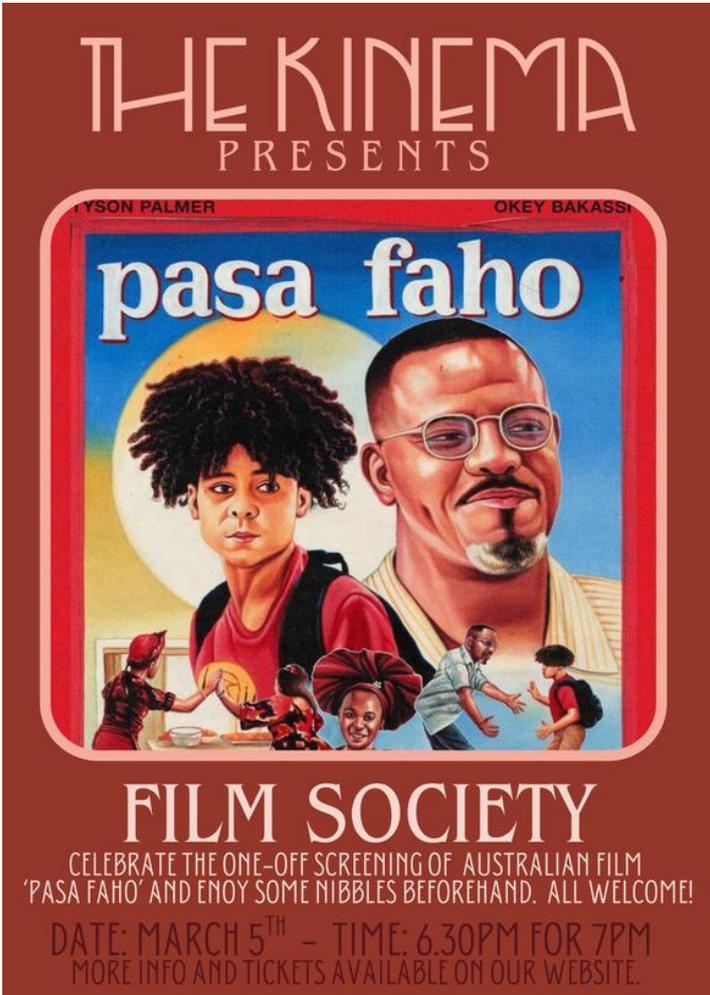
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This workshop will equip you with the vital skills to safely respond to marine mammals in need, becoming part of ORRCA's frontline volunteer rescue network. No experience is needed, just a love for marine life and a commitment to protecting our coastline. Spots are strictly limited and filling fast, so register now to secure your place. Sign up via the link in bio or visit [www.orrca.org.au/workshop](http://www.orrca.org.au/workshop) When: Saturday 21st March at Narooma Golf Club.

## NSW Government releases blueprint for the future of transport in the South East and Tablelands

The **NSW Government** has today delivered a key election commitment, launching a strategic vision for transport in the South East and Tablelands.

The South East and Tablelands Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan provides a 20-year vision of the key transport priorities for the region, which surrounds the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and borders Victoria and other parts of NSW.

The plan, comprising 60 key actions and initiatives, was shaped following extensive consultation with stakeholders and the community. Some of these actions and initiatives include:

- Enhance services within and between strategic centres (Queanbeyan, Goulburn, Bega, Moruya) and to Greater Sydney, Wollongong, and Canberra.
- Introduce new or improved bus and on-demand services, including cross-border links with the ACT.
- Enable High Productivity Vehicle (HPV) access on key freight routes (Hume Hwy, Princes Hwy, Kings Hwy, Snowy Mountains Hwy).
- Improve heavy vehicle rest stops and plan for OSOM movements to support freight and renewable energy projects.
- Upgrade major corridors like Princes Highway, Barton Highway, and alpine routes (Clyde Mountain, Brown Mountain).
- Implement town entry gateway treatments and intersection upgrades to improve safety and resilience.

Over the public consultation period in late 2024 and early 2025, Transport for NSW received more than 1000 pieces of feedback from residents, businesses and transport users via online survey and map pins.

More than 50 submissions were received from individuals and key stakeholders including local councils, peak bodies, community organisations and transport interest groups.

A copy of the final plan and initiatives, consultation summary and engagement report is available on the project webpage at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/south-east-and-tablelands-sritp](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/south-east-and-tablelands-sritp).

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- Planting buffers to protect saltmarsh
- Discovering local native plants
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## State-wide fight against potholes: Half a million fixed with more than 106,500 filled in seven months across regional NSW



Dr Michael Holland MP, Minister Jenny Aitchison at Mogo.

Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison was in the Eurobodalla yesterday to see works on the Princes Highway, highlighting the more than 106,500 potholes repaired on roads in regional NSW this financial year. The repair blitz comes in the wake of persistent and severe weather events.

Since March 2023, the Minns Government has filled more than 500,000 potholes, lifting the share of pothole-free state-managed roads across regional NSW to 82 per cent – a notable increase to conditions after 12 years of neglect under the previous government.

From local main streets to nationally significant corridors, the fight is on to make journeys smoother, safer and more reliable for regional communities. Across regional NSW, crews are on the ground every day, and they're fixing defects early before small problems become bigger, costlier failures.

The workforce includes some of the 71 new apprentices and trainees recently deployed by Transport for NSW, now getting to work supporting frontline maintenance and fixing roads across the state.

But we aren't stopping here. Work is supported by \$155 million in accelerated funding, boosting the regional road maintenance budget to \$1.25 billion this year.



Tuross Head Progress Association president Cathy Milliken (L) and Secretary Lynda Schmedding (far right) with Dr Michael Holland MP, Minister Jenny Aitchison on Tuesday.

Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison said "Under our watch, we have filled more than half a million potholes across NSW, and 106,500 across regional NSW in the past seven months. This is the biggest crackdown on potholes we've seen in decades."

Minister Aitchison and Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland inspected works on the highway at Mogo and then met with members of the Tuross Head Progress Association who had campaigned for a safer intersection over some years, where the advocacy of the Late John Tilbrook was acknowledged.

Dr Holland said, "Here, on the Far South Coast, our roads are our lifelines. They connect families to school and work and each other, they support freight movements and underpin our vital tourism industry."

"After years of severe weather and heavy use, road maintenance has needed sustained attention. In our region, smoother and safer roads mean fewer accidents, less damage to vehicles and greater confidence for locals and visitors."

### Report a pothole

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## Survey reveals inadequate housing options, health services among main concerns as CWA of NSW looks to state government for answers

The **Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW** has released the findings of its second inaugural Annual Women's Survey, with some clear messages emerging: access to essential health services, secure housing, economic participation, safety, and connection remain stubbornly unequal for women outside metropolitan NSW.

Building on the inaugural 2024 survey, the 2025 survey provides a valuable year-on-year snapshot of women's lived experiences across NSW, highlighting not only what women are worried about, but what they believe would make a real, practical difference in their lives and communities.

The 2025 survey opened in August last year and closed at the end of October, with more than 750 responses from women of all ages, and from all corners of the state.

"Many of the issues that stood out in this latest survey have been painful ongoing realities for rural and regional communities for too long, and we're looking for a response from the NSW Government. We've been asking questions of the relevant ministers around many of these concerns, including healthcare, housing and community safety. It's time for a real commitment to help start improving the likes of specialist wait times and crime rates and we hope to see this reflected in the upcoming State Budget," Tanya said.

"This is more than just a data collection exercise for us, this survey is about visibility and accountability and providing us with real evidence and real stories from women all over NSW to help inform our advocacy efforts on the issues that matter," said Tanya Jolly, President of the CWA of NSW.

The survey focused on women living in regional, rural, and remote areas of NSW with questions on health, safety, housing, finance, infrastructure, education, and empowerment.

Health and housing concerns topped the list for many respondents. On healthcare, respondents said the most significant barriers were limited access to local GPs and closed patient books, long wait times for both primary and specialist care and rising out-of-pocket costs and reduced bulk billing. Women in regional and remote areas reported having to travel regularly to access basic services, compounding cost, time, and stress.

More than 50% of survey participants said access to primary healthcare services like GPs was the greatest barrier to staying healthy in their community, 25% saying access to specialist healthcare services like mental health support was the biggest barrier.

On housing, 48% of respondents said the high cost was the most significant barrier for women in their area accessing affordable, secure, and suitable housing. Many respondents said more availability of affordable housing would make the biggest difference to housing for women in their community. More secure and stable rental options and housing assistance and eligibility settings that better reflected regional cost pressures and employment realities were highlighted as other measures that could make a real difference.

### In other results:

- Almost 30% of respondents said crime and property theft (eg. break-ins) was the biggest barrier to feeling safe in their community, with another 29% identifying gender-based violence.
- Cost of living pressures and employment challenges were highlighted as major barriers to economic participation, with job availability and security (53%), wage inequality and discrimination (16%) and cost and availability of childcare (12%) the biggest challenges for respondents in achieving financial security or stable work.
- On infrastructure, respondents said gaps – poor road conditions and maintenance (35.5%), limited or unreliable public and community transport (20.5%) and patchy mobile and internet coverage (16%) – affected their daily life, safety and independence.
- Social isolation remained an issue for respondents, particularly for older women, new residents and women living alone.

### Some of the comments women were able to make as part of the survey included:

- "If we had regular doctors it would help, doctors come in on contract for say 3 months and then you have to start again with another"
- "Inaction on affordable housing has resulted in a lack of rentals in regional areas"
- "In the wider community, I would say women's safety is still not taken seriously enough, especially in regional towns"
- "I have come through an abusive relationship. My financial situation has been devastating and the lack of affordable housing, childcare and secure work makes recovery almost impossible"
- "Without Starlink wifi we would have NO connectivity at all, mobile and internet services are totally inadequate"
- "I've just gone through full time caring for my husband and afterwards you realise how isolated you have become and how hard it is to reconnect".

"It's comments like these that really underline the pressures many of those who participated in our survey, and their communities, face. It's feedback like this that we'll take forward to argue for targeted, place-based solutions - not one-size-fits-all policies - that recognise the cumulative pressures facing women in regional, rural and remote NSW," Tanya said.

Tanya said the association would continue to release the survey annually in order to build a clear and concise picture of the issues affecting women and their communities and how that changed or evolved as time went on. The 2025 survey retained a consistent set of themes and a core group of quantitative questions to enable robust year-on-year comparison with the inaugural 2024 survey.

Download a copy of the report at: <https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/womenssurvey>



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An old western movie was screening on the front bar television with John Wayne blasting away indiscriminately with his twin Colt .45 'Peacemakers' at all the 'bad' guys.

Bella, the publican, turned the volume down as Young Simon took a sip and leaned in.

"I am not sure Netanyahu or Trump know what they are doing in the Middle East. It's as if they are in comfy chairs leaning back with hand held consoles in their situation rooms blowing stuff up. It is all played out on the big screen and someone probably keeps score ... except it is real life."

Numerous sighs before Know All Ron cleared his throat.

"It is a little more complex than that, Young Simon. Now, to start with we need to visualise the Middle East. There are some 19 countries in the Middle East including Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel ....."

Ron named the other countries as Mick's eyes widened.

"By gee Ron, you are a fount of wisdom. Are you sure you were not a university professor in an earlier life?"

Ron sucked in a deep breath and his chest noticeably puffed.

"Thanks Mick. Now we need to get a handle on the various types of the Islamic faith and include Sunni, Shia, Whabbi, Salafi, Berelvi, Sufi and Deobandi. More than 90 percent of the Middle East is Muslim."

Ron provided details with generous use of terms such as 'Allah', 'Quran', 'Hajj', 'Halal', 'Hadith' and even sayings of Prophet Muhammad.

A small crowd had gathered and he slowed and deepened his voice for effect.

"And then of course, we have Judaism ....."

Ron then took his listeners through terms such as 'Torah', 'Shabbat', Synagogue', 'Halacha' and 'Yom Kippur'.

He paused to finish his schooner as Mick urgently signalled a refill from the bartender.

'Christianity' was explained in a similar manner before Ron paused for a sip of the fresh schooner.

"Thanks, Mick. Ok ... we need to go through some history now before we get to understanding the current conflict."

Young Simon leaned in.

"I don't think the Donald is across any of those details Ron, let alone the history. I just cannot get past the image of him in the situation room frantically playing with his handheld console, his eyes glued to the big screen and cackling widely with aides punching the air around him."

Bazza joined the grouping and Mick passed him a schooner.

"You have just missed a great outline of the goings on in the Middle East, from our very own mastermind Ron. What's your take on the Middle East tensions, Bazza?"

Bazza took a sip and rubbed his chin.

"I think we need a three state solution."

Shaking of heads and Mick furrowed his brow and gritted his teeth.

"Bazza .... They can't even agree on a two state solution so a three state solution is out of the question."

Bazza raised an eyebrow.

"Let's call it for what it is ... a three state solution and name them 'Premium 98', 'Unleaded 91' and 'Diesel'."

Have a beer with Bazza at [john.longhurst59@gmail.com](mailto:john.longhurst59@gmail.com)

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## Boosting opportunities for women-owned businesses in NSW

The **NSW Government** is backing women-led businesses in our state with the launch of Australia's first database to showcase women-owned businesses making it easier for women to connect and explore new business opportunities.

The NSW Government has invested over \$190,000 for Entrepreneurial & Small Businesswomen Australia (EBSWA) to support the development of the Women-Owned Enterprises Australia Supplier Network, a hub for women-led businesses of all sizes to increase their visibility.

The Supplier Network will then match women-owned enterprises on the database with commercial businesses or NSW Government tenders under \$3 million.

The goal is to have 3,000 women on the database in three years to increase visibility and opportunities for their businesses.

Women are currently under-represented in small business, often due to a lack of access to finance and formal networks when compared to men.

The 2021 Census shows approximately 34 per cent of NSW small business owners are women. In comparison, 66 per cent of the state's small business owners are men. Increasing the proportion of small businesses owned by women supports economic growth and social progress.

To support women in seizing the opportunities, EBSWA has also been funded to run industry-specific procurement-readiness workshops to address existing knowledge barriers and a small business summit to help women connect and learn from each other.

This is part of the NSW Government's wider effort to improve women's economic opportunity and advance gender equality.

This includes membership to the WEConnect global women-owned business network so verified women-led businesses can be connected to New South Wales buyers, reaching new markets and customers.

Other work we are doing includes, partnering with organisations in the Supporting Women in Business Grants and Investing in Women Grants.

More information and access to the Women-Owned Enterprise Australia Supplier Network hub is available here:

<https://www.esbwa.com.au/>



## Go Get Healthy with Sofia



This week, we're turning our attention to a humble backyard hero: the simple beetroot. I know it doesn't hail from the Amazon rainforest or arrive with a mystical origin story. It's far less exotic... but surprisingly more impressive than many of its trendier superfood cousins.

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Beetroot's benefits extend beyond sport. Research indicates nitrate-rich beetroot juice can increase blood flow to the frontal lobe of the brain, an area associated with cognitive function <sup>(5)</sup>. It has also been shown to help lower blood pressure, particularly systolic pressure <sup>(3,4)</sup>.

Beetroot also contains betaine, a compound known to support healthy liver function <sup>(8)</sup>. For best results, juicing fresh beetroot or using powder, preserves more active compounds than prolonged cooking. One teaspoon of powder is roughly equivalent to one beetroot.

If you're on medication, it's a good idea to have a quick chat with your doctor before adding any supplements.

Put simply, beetroot supports endurance and exercise performance, healthy blood pressure, circulation to the heart and brain, liver function, recovery, and overall vitality. Not bad for a vegetable that stains your chopping board!

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# 100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

06-03-1926

**Mr. H. J. Bate, M.L.A.**, is in receipt of the following from Dept. of Education: - "With reference to your representations regarding the condition of the Public School premises, at Newstead, I have to inform you that the necessary improvements and renovations are classed amongst the specially urgent cases listed for attention. It might also be stated that the teacher has been authorized to make the necessary arrangements for improving the water supply. Your correspondent is Mr. L. T. Jenner, President of the Parents' and Citizens' Association, Newstead, via Moruya."

**Sixteen cases of diptheria** have been reported within this Shire during the past few weeks. Five persons have been proven germ carriers and have been isolated.

**Mr. A. H. Weatherby** has had the old blacksmith's shop in Church St. [Moruya] demolished preparatory to enlarging his garage and erecting new shops on his allotment at the corner of Queen and Church Streets.

**Little Frank, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bettini**, of Mullenderree [Moruya], had passed away after many weeks of suffering. The poor little fellow had his leg amputated in Sydney Hospital a short time ago. The funeral will take place today.

**Nerrigundah.** (From our Correspondent.) Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1926, will long be remembered by all those who fought the fires at Nerrigundah - on that day never in the history of the gold field had there been such raging flames witnessed. On Monday the fire started about Deep Creek and swept through O'Toole's paddocks quickly spreading over the hills towards the town. The residents turned out and fought it back from the battery and kept it on the hills until Wednesday when a strong Westerly wind drove it right into town. It swept down the gully towards the court house and school of Arts, and the police station was soon alight. Luckily there were several tanks of water on the premises and W. Grogan managed to save the building.

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The out houses at the public school were on fire, and the Presbyterian Church was alight in three places. The R. C. Church had a narrow escape, flames from the scrub at the back flew right over the building. W. Guest and J. Camden managed to save them with the water from the school tank. Gildea's blacksmith shop and Grogan's Hut were totally destroyed. It is hard to estimate the total damage done to fencing. The cemeteries were swept bare, and also were many paddocks. Cattle will have a bad time as the fire has made a clean sweep of all scrub and grass for miles around.

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

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**Wednesday 18th March**  
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**Salvos Hall**  
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for more info, contact **steph eurobodalla.csn@gmail.com**



## Tuross Head Bowling Club

### Easter Market

The Tuross Head Bowling Club will be holding their annual Easter Market on Sunday 5th April, on the green, at the Tuross Head Country Club. Funds raised will support green maintenance, help members attend regional and state events, and promote bowls in our community.

The market has now been running for 10 years and has grown into a wonderful community event. So far this year we have over 30 stalls booked, including bric-a-brac, woodwork, jams, plants, fresh produce, handcrafts, woodwork, plants, jewellery, hand-painted artwork, 3D printing, photography and so much more. The market is open from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Whilst meandering through the stalls, you will be entertained with music on the Green, supplied by our local popular guitarist and singer, Rick Bamford. For those looking for something to fill their empty stomachs, the barbecue will be sizzling with egg and bacon rolls and sausages or you can partake in a Devonshire tea with freshly baked scones or a slice of homemade cream sponge.

Leading up to the day, a mega Easter Raffle, with 6 prize bundles, including an inflatable stand-up paddle board, complete with pump and paddle, will be displayed at Club Tuross. Tickets will be sold in the weeks prior to the market, at Club Tuross. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Market at 12.45pm

The market is always a fun day, and we would encourage everyone to come along and join in the day. Whatever the weather the market will still go ahead. We have a wet weather plan, and while we might have to compromise on some space, we will still have a fun day.

If anyone would like a stall it is not too late - please contact Rose Farrington on [roseludwig70@gmail.com](mailto:roseludwig70@gmail.com) or on 0488 043 994 (\$20.00 for a 3m x 3m site).

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## Let's do coffee with ... Clare Lovelace

First up .... try this quick quiz, can you name a place in the Eurobodalla Shire that is open 365 days per year. It is not a hospital nor a police, ambulance or fire station. It offers up an ancient Indian discipline, over 3000 years old, designed to unite the mind, body and spirit through a combination of postures, breathing techniques and meditation every day including Christmas Day. Soul Tribe Studio in Catalina is such a place and at its centre is Clare Lovelace (CL). The Moruya Mail (MM) joined Clare for a blissful chat last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Clare. George Orwell's dystopian speculative fiction novel is supposedly set in the year of your birth and your country is known as 'Airstrip One'. Let's go back.

CL: (Smiles ...) Yes ... I was born in 1984 in Herefordshire, a rural county in England's West Midlands, bordering Wales, known for its scenic rolling hills and agriculture heritage. My mum was a teacher in information technology (IT) and dad was a historian and environmentalist. I have a younger brother, Robin. We lived in a tiny hamlet of about 200 people called Norton Canon. The demographic was quite senior so I have fond memories of being chased by farmers and spending lots of time entertaining myself or playing with my imaginary friend, 'Flora', at the bottom of the garden. I was educated at Weobley Public School, a 15 minute bus ride from home. I did not like school. I hated sitting still but found some pleasure in writing, reading and art. I do have a distinct memory of my Year 7 English teacher threatening to feed me to the plants if I did not do my homework. I had a difficult relationship with most teachers and was invariably the last one to be picked in sporting teams.

Unsurprisingly, I became quite rebellious with truanting and smoking and at 14 years of age, I entered the 'Goth Scene', with all the piercings and makeup to pursue my new boyfriend.

Education was all over by 2002 and I took a job at a garden centre cafe. At the ripe old age of 16 years, I got into a serious relationship with a guy 10 years my senior and we bought a house together when I was 18 years old.

By 2004, I was working in the office at Forest Gardens which is similar to Bunnings. I was not happy with lots of partying and unhealthy living.

I became the office manager for an international development charity in 2007 which involved writing proposals and applying for grants. It was a great boost to my confidence and an opportunity to reevaluate my life.

I broke up with my boyfriend and we sold the house. After reading a novel, 'The Beach' by Alex Garland I purchased an around the world plane ticket and in 2010 at 26 years of age headed to Bangkok to begin 10 months of backpacking adventures in South East Asia.

Even though I was covered in leeches with broken sandals on a trek in Laos, travel boosted my confidence and taught me to trust the universe and everything has a way of working itself out. Most importantly, I worked out who I was beyond a relationship.

2011 rolls around and I am broke and in Cairns. I was not keen on Australia at this stage with its crocodiles, snakes, spiders and the cost of living. It got better as I travelled south and I ended up in Byron Bay where in a share house and teamed up with my new bestie, Rachel, who was also English. We were like sisters and we worked on organic farms to satisfy visa requirements for the next 18 months.

I did my first yoga class at this time and was attracted to the simple philosophy, the ethics, health and focus on breath.

I bought a car with Rachel and we decided to drive and 'see what happens'. We were living in the car, camping in national parks and finally ended up in Mildura to pick grapes which was miserable and depressing. On our travels I had met Jimmy in Woolgoolga. He was a drummer in a punk rock band so I headed back to the north coast by myself only to hit a kangaroo in Coonabarabran. He did come to my rescue and I ended up travelling with him to the USA in 2013.

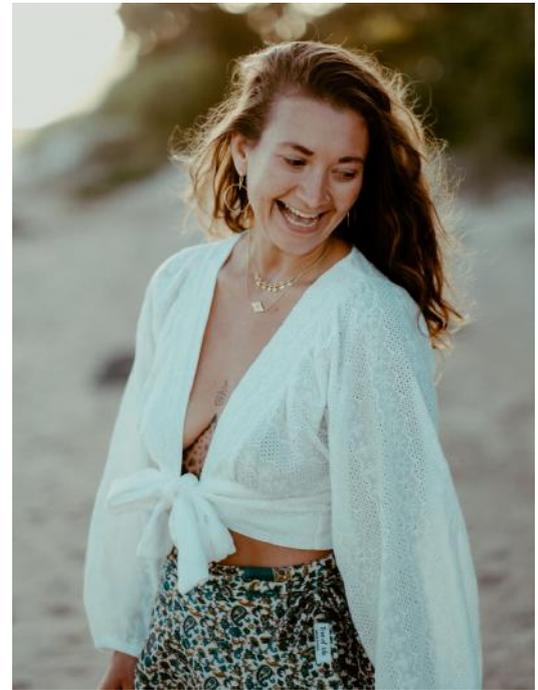
MM: For someone who offers yoga classes every day of the year, it does not seem to figure in your life up until this point.

CL: (Laughs ...) True. Anyhow we ended up in Toronto and I was working in hospitality. Maybe it was the fact it was minus 35 degrees outside and all sensible activities were indoor, but I got really hooked on yoga to the point it made me consider becoming a yoga teacher.

So ... it was back to Australia in 2014 and I was living in Sutherland. I undertook yoga training at St Peter's and talked my way into becoming the studio manager at 'Dancing Warrior Yoga'. I was now doing lots of teaching and further studies in yoga in the Inner West of Sydney. I had found my calling.

By 2018, I was living in Marrickville but at 33 years of age, I was keen on another adventure. I bought a van and threw a mattress in the back and flipped a coin. Heads to go north or tails for south.

On my journey south, I was offered a 3 month house sit at Long Beach for some good friends so, in August 2018, it's 'hello' Batemans Bay. I began teaching yoga at Soul Tribe Studio which was run by Danni Guihot who had a vision for building a wellness hub.



In that same year, I also went for a 3 week trip to Peru for a spiritual healing with ayahuasca plant medicine. It was very therapeutic but, I kid you not, I had a vision of staying in Batemans Bay.

You won't believe this but ..... the first message on my phone when I switched it on after the trip was Danni asking me to take over the studio.

I handed out flyers in the street and blitzed social media to build up the business. I married Rod McInnes in March 2024 and am happy to teach yoga in Batemans Bay until the age of 135 years.

MM: Sounds great! What does an average Clare Lovelace day look like?

CL: I wake up at 3:45am and do my own meditation practice. I make coffee and go to the studio around 4.15am to set up the studio for the day before going to the gym from 5am - 5.45am. I teach yoga 6am - 7am, then 7.30am - 8.30am and sometimes I teach 9.30am until 10.45am.

I conduct mentoring sessions with new teachers who have come through my program from 11am until 2pm.

I always go for a walk and a swim in the afternoon and spend as much time outside as possible.

Depending on the day, sometimes I teach in the evening from 5.30pm until 7pm. It is then home for a quiet dinner with my family and off to bed around 8.30pm.

MM: I have a feeling the younger Clare would be aghast at such a lifestyle. What's is your advice to your younger self?

CL: Go for it! Trust your instincts and intuition.

MM: Thanks Clare. it has been a good chat. I think we are lucky the coin landed on tails.

**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](mailto:John.Longhurst@moruyamail.com)**

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**Guided Garden Stroll and Nature Art Activity**

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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, 10am - 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](http://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](mailto:Michael.Lawrence-Taylor@esc.nsw.gov.au)



## The MUVE-ment!

Live Music on the South Coast



**By Alex Clark, MUVE Management**

If there's one thing that continues to stand out about the South Coast, it's the strength of our live music community. Our venues are more than places to gather, they're cultural spaces where stories are shared, artists are nurtured, and community comes alive. The venues that consistently back live music play a vital role in keeping the arts accessible, vibrant and woven into everyday life here on the coast.

One venue that continues to lead from the front is The Steampacket Hotel, Nelligen. With a clear vision to balance a relaxed country vibe with a modern, family-friendly atmosphere, the owners have built a consistent and quality live music presence over the past few years. Their focus has always been simple, create welcoming spaces where locals and visitors alike can experience accessible, high-calibre live music. And this Easter, they're taking that commitment one step further.

**Spotlight Event: Nelligen Folk Festival**  
On **Easter Saturday, April 4th 3:00pm-9:30pm, The Steampacket** will host the Nelligen Folk Festival; a free celebration of original folk music, storytelling and connection.

While the National Folk Festival takes place in Canberra, The Steampacket is bringing folk to the coastline, offering the perfect riverside alternative for those wanting to immerse themselves in heartfelt, authentic songwriting without leaving the region.

The carefully curated lineup features an impressive mix of South Coast and travelling artists. Kane Calcite opens the afternoon with earthy acoustic textures and ocean-inspired storytelling. From Phillip Island, seasoned troubadour Mark Howard brings cinematic alt-folk shaped by decades of global touring. Sunshine Coast duo JC and the Tree add rich harmonies, violin and intricate folk-rock arrangements, while genre-bending Blue Mallee fuse indie, ambient and traditional roots with poetic grit and warmth. Closing the evening is Jack Raymond, whose rugged "mountain roots" sound carries the raw texture of regional landscapes and blues-tinged folk storytelling.

Free entry, family-friendly early, dinner available, and a riverside pub as the backdrop. It's a reminder of what can happen when venues invest in original music and community connection. Be sure to check out this month's MUVE Gig Guide to see what other live music experiences are happening across the South Coast, and continue supporting the venues that keep our scene thriving.

FREE EVENT

# NELLAGEN FOLK FESTIVAL

Steampacket Hotel



3PM - 9.30PM 4TH APRIL 2026

JACK RAYMOND | BLUE MALLEE  
JC AND THE TREE  
MARK HOWARD | KANE CALCITE

PROUDLY SUPPORTING LIVE MUSIC

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LILIAN MEADE PRESENTS

# Thinking Out Loud

# art

EXHIBITION

# 2026

Opening: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March | 5.30-7.30pm  
Art on display till Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

6 AM - 7PM  
BAY PAVILIONS - BATEMANS BAY

FREE ENTRY

# PHOTO COMPETITION

EUROBODALLA - SOUTH COAST EDITION

Have your photo featured in the new Eurobodalla - South Coast edition of Monopoly!

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Minimum image quality: 300dpi at full size

**Theme: What Eurobodalla means to me?**

**WIN**

- Your photo on the game box or board
- Cash prizes up to \$250
- A Monopoly game to take home

**ENTER BY 17 MARCH 2026**

T&Cs apply - For more information, visit [SERVICEONE.COM.AU/EUROBODALLAMONOPOLY](http://SERVICEONE.COM.AU/EUROBODALLAMONOPOLY)

# CONTAINER 1

Reimagine Exhibition Artist Submissions

21 Yarragee Road  
Moruya NSW 2537

REPURPOSING for RESILIENCE

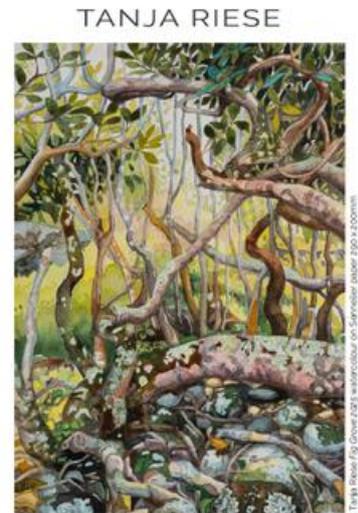
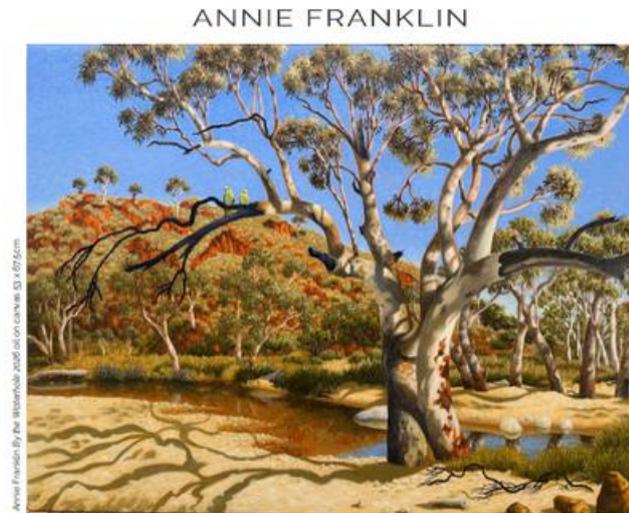
# TUROSS COMMUNITY MARKETS

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9am-1pm

2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

40 MONASH AVE, TUROSS HEAD



red earth | salt water  
thursday 12 march to sunday 12 April 2026  
please join us for opening drinks and artists' talk sat 14 march 3pm

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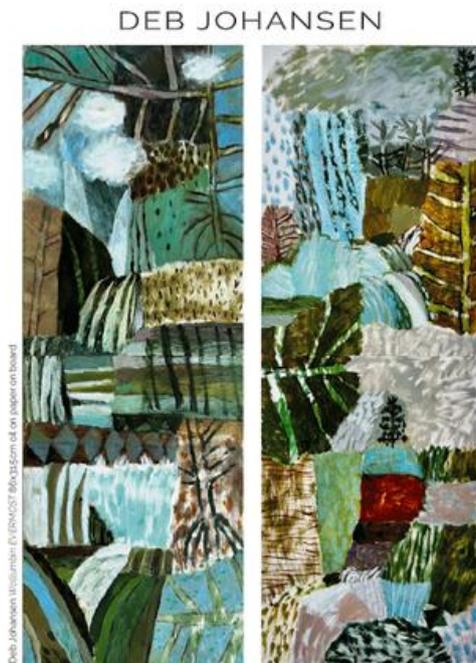
CWA BATEMANS BAY presents

# Sister Act

FREE FILM

Entry: A small plate of something to share

19<sup>th</sup> of March, 10AM  
CWA Hall, Edward Rd, Batehaven  
Come dressed for a nightclub if you can!



MELISSA SELBY-BROWN

'Wollumbin to Wapengo'  
thurs 12 feb to sun 8 mar 2026  
please join us for opening drinks with the artists | sat 14 february 3pm

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post office 66a princes hwy bodalla | valerie faber ph 0421 238 174 | [gallerybodalla@gmail.com](mailto:gallerybodalla@gmail.com)

# The February meeting for the Eurobodalla photographic club

The Competition topic was "Still Life" and the judge, Mel Sinclair made positive comments about each of the images entered as well as suggestions where she thought the images could be improved.

Dave presented an FCC workshop presentation. "What Judges are looking for"

## February Competition Results

### COLOUR

Gold: Shane Johnston – The Passage of Time  
Beth Westra – Pink

Dave Kemp – Hibiscus and Rose

Silver: Phil Morrison – Bowl of Tomatoes

Dave Kemp – Glasslighting

Sue Hartland – Vanuatu Sea Glass Revival

Peter Keogh – Still Life

Highly commended: Debbie Osiecki – Holding Steady

Robert Bednarik – Crystals

Jeanette Robben – Wine Bread and Cheese

Debbie Osiecki – I Can See

### MONO

Gold: Nandini Narayan – In a Row

Dave Kemp – Ken's Camera

Jeanette Robben – Time for Tea

Silver: Robert Bednarik – Forks

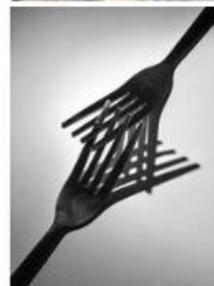
Highly commended: Robert Bednarik – Spoon Circle

Jo Love – Wine Glasses

Peter Keogh – Floating Feather

Image of the Night: Shane Johnston – The Passage of Time

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS



**RUOK?**

Ask RUOK? ANY DAY

Join us in **Moruya**

**R U OK? BBQ lunch**

Date: Tuesday 10 March 2026  
Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm  
Where: TAFE NSW Moruya outside B Block

Drop in for tips, free resources and a chat about how regular, meaningful conversations can make a difference when someone you care about is struggling.

Ask R U OK? Any Day – because a conversation could change a life.

**RUOK?**

Ask RUOK? ANY DAY

Join us in **Batesman Bay**

**R U OK? BBQ lunch**

Date: Monday 9 March 2026  
Time: 12.00pm – 2.00pm

Where: Batemans Bay Forshore

Drop in for tips, free resources and a chat about how regular, meaningful conversations can make a difference when someone you care about is struggling.

Ask R U OK? Any Day – because a conversation could change a life.

**RUOK?**

Ask RUOK? ANY DAY

Join us in **Narooma**

**R U OK? BBQ lunch**

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026  
Time: 12.30pm – 2.00pm

Where: Nata Oval

Drop in for tips, free resources and a chat about how regular, meaningful conversations can make a difference when someone you care about is struggling.

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Saturday Live Music  
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and  
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7 Mar	Steve Jackson
14 Mar	Mac n Glenda
21 Mar	Greg Byng
27 Mar	Trivia Night 6pm
28 Mar	Tommy Steez
4 Apr	Avant Raag
11 Apr	From First Light
12 Apr	Dogs Big Day Out 1-4pm
18 Apr	Steve Jackson
24 Apr	Trivia Night 6pm
25 Apr	Anzac Day Two Up Tutorial 2.30-4pm
25 Apr	Peter Shilling
2 May	Richard Lawson

OPEN: Fri & Sat 12 - 9pm : Thu & Sun 12 - 6pm  
Check Quantum Brewery Moruya website-Events

Got an Event coming up?  
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**Friday 6th March**  
Coastal Fringe  
Lindsay McDougal  
Live Music

Soldier's Club (7.30pm)  
Steampacket Hotel 5pm  
Lynch's Hotel

**Saturday, 7 March**  
Live Music  
Totum  
Roddy Reason  
One Louder  
Howling Mitch  
Full Steam Ahead  
Val Moogz, Waikama plus more  
Blue Mallee  
Jacob Poynor  
Tim McMahon  
Live Music

Lynch's Hotel  
Foxdog Distillery  
Tura Beach Club (7pm)  
Soldiers Club (7.30pm)  
One Tree Inn (5pm)  
Full Steam Ahead  
Broulee Brewhouse 1pm  
Quantum Gallery  
Tilba Valley Winery and Alehouse  
Breakwall brewing Co

**Sunday, 8 March**  
Ricky Bloomfield Duo  
Davey Hilder  
Charlie Lane/Sarah Fallon  
Reece Kaireys  
Ava Kha

Longstocking Brewery (1pm)  
Club Narooma (3pm)  
Steampacket Hotel  
Broulee Brewhouse  
Tilba valley and Winehouse

For weekly listings email [tj@tonyjaggers.com](mailto:tj@tonyjaggers.com) by 5pm Tuesday

**EUROBALLA MULTICULTURAL GROUP**

**Caring Corner Open House**  
Celebrate

**HARMONY DAY 2026**  
When: Sunday 15 March 2026, 4 p.m.  
Where: JJJ Oriental Supermarket  
Orient Street, Batemans Bay

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
Please bring a plate of food to share.  
Delicious multicultural food will be provided.  
Soft drink available for \$2 donation.

Questions?  
Please contact Grazyna 0422 735 998

**HARMONY WEEK**

**MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Japanese Trivia Night**

Join us for an evening of fun, facts & prizes!  
\$25 per head  
Includes dinner, dessert & trivia!  
Non-alcoholic drinks sold separately  
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5:30PM FOR A 6PM START  
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A maximum of 6 people per table  
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**entries open now!**

**CURRENTS BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

sat 18 april

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\* RSL Hall Moruya  
\* Entry info + free tix at link in bio

Euroballa Council's Youth Services team

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MARCH	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7	SUN 8	MON 9	TUE 10	WED 11
<b>CRIME 101</b> M 140 MIN	4:20 PM	4:20 PM	4:20 PM	3:50 PM	CLOSED	4:20 PM	4:20 PM
<b>EPIC: ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT</b> PG 96 MIN	1:55 PM	1:55 PM	1:55 PM	1:55 PM		1:55 PM	1:55 PM
<b>FACKHAM HALL</b> M 97 MIN	2:25 PM	2:25 PM				2:25 PM	2:25 PM
 <b>GOAT</b> PG 100 MIN			2:15 PM	2:00 PM			
 <b>HAMNET</b> M 126 MIN	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	1:20 PM		2:00 PM	2:00 PM
<b>JIMPA</b> MA15+ 112 MIN		12:15 PM	11:55 AM			12:15 PM	
 <b>MARTY SUPREME</b> M 150 MIN	4:25 PM	4:25 PM	4:25 PM	3:45 PM		4:25 PM	4:25 PM
 <b>SCREAM 7</b> MA 115 MIN	4:35 PM 6:15 PM 7:15 PM	4:35 PM 6:15 PM 7:15 PM	2:05 PM 6:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:55 PM		4:35 PM 6:15 PM 7:15 PM	4:35 PM 6:15 PM 7:15 PM
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<b>SONG SUNG BLUE</b> M 132 MIN	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:25 AM		11:30 AM	11:30 AM
 <b>THE BRIDE!</b> MA15+ 126 MIN	11:30 AM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM	11:30 AM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM	11:30 AM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM	11:30 AM 4:10 PM		11:30 AM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM	11:30 AM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM
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**THE BRIDE!** MA | 2hrs 6min  
~ Horror ~ Romance ~  
*Jessie Buckley & Christian Bale*  
A lonely Frankenstein travels to 1930s Chicago to ask groundbreaking scientist Dr. Euphronious to create a companion for him. The two revive a murdered young woman and The Bride is born. What ensues is beyond what either of them imagined: Murder! Possession! Outlaw lovers in a wild and combustible romance!



**GOAT** ADVANCED WEEKEND SCREENINGS  
PG | 1hr 40min  
~ Animation ~ Family ~  
From Sony Pictures Animation, the studio behind Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse and the artists that made KPop Demon Hunters, comes GOAT, an original action-comedy set in an all-animal world. The story follows Will, a small goat with big dreams who gets a once-in-a-lifetime shot to join the pros and play roarball.



**ALSO SCREENING**

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



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



**SONG SUNG BLUE**  
M | 2hrs 12min  
~ Drama ~



**SOLO MIO**  
PG | 1hr 36min  
~ Romance ~



**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.



**SCREAM 7** MA | 1hr 54min ~ Horror ~  
*Neve Campbell & Courtney Cox*  
When a new Ghostface killer emerges in the quiet town where Sidney Prescott has built a new life, her darkest fears are realized as her daughter becomes the next target.



**MARTY SUPREME**  
M | 2hrs 30min ~ Drama ~  
*Timothée Chalamet*  
Marty Mauser, a young man with a dream no one respects, goes to hell and back in pursuit of greatness.



**HAMNET**  
M | 2hrs 6min  
~ Drama ~  
The powerful love story that inspired the creation of Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet.



**ALSO SCREENING - FACKHAM HALL - NEXT WEEK - REMINDERS OF HIM**

# Clean up Eurobodalla Day bags the trash



Community groups were out and about last Sunday for Clean Up Australia Day. Among them were **Wagonga Landcare Group**: Jay Bird reported “A big thank you to everyone who turned out for this year’s Clean Up Australia Day at Bar Beach. It was awesome to see everyone getting stuck in — we really appreciate the time and effort you all put in. This year, we collected four bags of recyclables and five bags of litter, along with some very unique finds: old terracotta pipes, a child’s bike, a tent, a car window visor, building materials, a Woolworths trolley, and even a winning scratchy! **EuroGreens** walked the talk cleaning up the Batemans Bay Water Gardens. “We found far less rubbish this year compared to last year, and only 5 shopping trolleys. Money from the Return and Earn items collected will be donated to the Moruya Women’s Refuge. Deputy Mayor Colleen Turner got right in amongst it (see photo). **At Surfside**: Geoff Isaac said “Huge thanks to the dozen volunteers that turned up at Surfside this am and cleaned up the beach, creek and area around the school. The record-breaking haul included: 4 tyres, 8 shopping trolleys, 4 bikes, 4 heavy wooden posts, 2 wooden sun loungers and 8 large sacks of general rubbish. All done within a couple of hours - a great effort. Thanks, Emma from Eurobodalla Landcare Network, for the refreshments.”

## March in for compost and worm-farm fun

Autumn is the perfect time to dig into your very own home compost or worm farm project, with Eurobodalla Council offering free workshops through March, giving residents practical tips to start or improve their home setup.

With a free starter kit also supplied, Council’s waste services manager Nathan Ladmore says it’s never been easier to turn food scraps into fertiliser.

“Recent decent recent rain means plants will thrive when you add your very own nutrient-rich fertiliser, whether that’s compost or worm castings,” Mr Ladmore says. “If gardening is not your thing, you home compost or worm farm means you still win thanks to that big reduction in food waste going to your red bin.”

Mr Ladmore said organic waste releases methane as it breaks down in landfill, adding greenhouse gases to the environment, so recycling organic waste also helps the environment. “The kids love it, especially the worms and - best of all - it’s free,” he says.

### Composting workshops run at Moruya’s waste transfer station on:

- Friday 13 March, 9.30am – 11am.
- Saturday 14 March, 9.30am – 11am
- Saturday 21 September, 9.30am – 11am.

### Worm farming workshops run at Moruya’s waste transfer station on:

- Friday 13 March, 12pm – 1.30pm
- Saturday 14 March, 12pm – 1.30pm
- Saturday 21 March, 12pm – 1.30pm.

For more information or to book contact Council’s waste management team on 4474 1024 or visit Council’s composting and worm farming webpage.



Cleaning up at MOGO

At Moruya Nippers



Cleaning up at Surfside



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**Walk for wellbeing**

THURSDAYS @ 10AM  
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A weekly walk for wellbeing, community, and calm. Come walk your way to better health—physically, mentally, and emotionally. All abilities welcome

Questions? call us on 4474 8500  
This is a FREE event

Scan QR or call us to register: 4474 8500

SAT 21ST MARCH

MORUYA Adelaide HOTEL

**RESET**

**REPAIR CAFE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

**HELP IS NEEDED WITH**

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

**Interested?**

Please contact Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email [contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com)

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla



# Animal Welfare League News

It's arrived! Our big DESEXING PROMOTION has begun! All cat owners, book your pet in to the Eurobodalla vet of your choice for desexing, then call us on 0436816718 to secure your discount voucher. Don't let your cat surprise you with a litter of kittens! NSW law requires all cats to be desexed by four months of age, or an annual fee is payable, so don't miss this opportunity to have your feline friend desexed at a discounted rate.

**Volunteers** - Animal Welfare League is on the lookout for people to volunteer for a range of roles. Whatever your skills, if you love animals, contact us either by phone (0410016612) or via the AWL NSW website ([www.awlnsw.com.au](http://www.awlnsw.com.au)) and have a chat.

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4 Week Course  
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[sapphirebd@gmail.com](mailto:sapphirebd@gmail.com)



EUROBODALLA BRANCH  
**ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE NSW**

### Pet Desexing Months

*Prevent Unwanted Litters - Desex your Pet*

**March - Cat/Kitten Desexing**

We are offering financial assistance to all cat and kitten owners living in the Eurobodalla Shire who wish to have their pets desexed.

**April - Pet Desexing**

We are offering financial assistance to all pet owners living in the Eurobodalla Shire who wish to have their pets desexed.



To have your pet desexed:

1. Call your Eurobodalla Vet in March (cats/kittens) or April (dogs/puppies/cats/kittens/pocket pets) to make an appointment (the appointment does not need to be in March or April, but must be within 3 months of arranging the appointment).
2. Call us on **0436 816 718** to have the subsidised voucher actioned.

EUROBODALLA BRANCH  
**ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE NSW**

### MONTH OF LOVE SPECIAL ADOPTION PRICES FOR CATS AND KITTENS!



**Bonded Pairs — \$200**  
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- Crystal & Pearl - gentle, sweet, 10 month old sisters looking for a quiet home
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**Adult Cats — \$175**  
Perfect for those wanting a calmer, settled companion.

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Pearl: 991003002410364  
Polly: 993010064927797  
Kitty: 990079001422683  
Yoki: 991003002520880  
Leo: 991003002724617  
Mimi: 991003002410321  
Yoshi: 991003002410323  
Zorro: 991003002410310

Let love find you this February!

To meet any of these gorgeous felines:

- call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on **0410016612** or
- apply online at the AWLNSW website
- [www.awlnsw.com.au](http://www.awlnsw.com.au)

Returning Organisation Number: 9251000222

EUROBODALLA BRANCH  
**ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE NSW**

## Car Boot Sale



**Sunday 8 March 2026**  
**NATA Oval Narooma**

CARS - \$20  
UTES/TRUCKS - \$30

SELLERS - ARRIVE FROM 7AM FOR 8.30 START  
BUYERS - ARRIVE FROM 8.30

CALL 0410 016 612 FOR MORE INFO



# SAGE Farmers Market

## Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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## NSW Government takes major step forward for recreational fishing

The **NSW Government** has announced a significant milestone in recreational fishing by releasing the draft Enhancing Recreational Fishing in NSW Action Plan 2026–2031 for consultation and opening Expressions of Interest for the board of a new independent recreational fishing peak body.

Together, the draft Action Plan and the establishment of the peak body will lay the foundation for a vibrant and representative recreational fishing sector in NSW. The Minns Government is committed to giving the wide and varied group of recreational fishers a voice to government, healthier waterways, and more opportunities to enjoy the state's salt and freshwater landscapes and fishing opportunities.

The draft Enhancing Recreational Fishing in NSW Action Plan 2026–2031 aims to deliver greater

participation in fishing, promote environmental stewardship of our waterways, promote the benefits of fishing to wellbeing and social lifestyles, and fast track the recovery of depleted species.

Recreational fishing is seeing a rise of interest among young people as demonstrated by the significant content about the activity in social media and the engagement for the plan and the EOI aims to attract the next generation of fishers.

The Government invites feedback and consultation with people across the state to consider the Plan. Some highlights include:

- Boost participation of women and kids, and people with disabilities by 10 percent, with more fishing workshops, promotion, accessible fishing platforms and facilities.
- Make “Gone Fishing Day” a bigger and better event across NSW to celebrate fishing, our iconic coastal and inland locations, and our seafood through deeper and wider partnerships.
- Stock 30 million fish into NSW waterways with improved hatchery infrastructure and focus on sportfish like Mulloway and Dusky Flathead, and iconic natives like Murray Cod.
- Create 50 new fishing sites in regional and metropolitan areas to provide more places for people to fish by improving access, infrastructure and habitat.
- Boost sustainable fishing through responsible practices, reducing wildlife impacts and waste, and empower fishers to be citizen stewards of fisheries and aquatic environments.

Public consultation on the draft action plan is now open and will close on 24 April 2026 giving people the opportunity to provide feedback and contribute to the final plan.

To view the draft Enhancing Recreational Fishing in NSW Action Plan 2026–2031 and provide feedback, head to -- <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/rec-fishing-ap>

The Government is also opening Expressions of Interest for the board of a new independent recreational fishing peak body comprising of a chair and up to nine other board members, made up of dedicated recreational fishers, professionals and talented individuals.

People with a broad knowledge of recreational fishing and a range of experiences and skills such as effective leadership, communications and innovation can submit their EOI via [fisheries.info@dpird.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fisheries.info@dpird.nsw.gov.au) by 30 March 2026.

## AUSALERT to start national testing this year

The Albanese Government's new cell-broadcast national messaging system will be known as 'AusAlert' and will begin testing this year through community-based trials and a national test.

AusAlert is expected to be operational by October 2026, ahead of the 2026–27 high risk weather season.

AusAlert will use the latest technology to enable authorities (including States and Territories) to send geographically targeted emergency messages to all compatible mobile devices within a 160-metre accuracy.

The system will not be impacted by telecommunication network congestion, helping communities to understand the risks and make appropriate decisions about their personal safety.

AusAlert will be supported by a dedicated website. This forms part of a wider public awareness campaign that will ensure all Australian people clearly understand how the system works and what to do if they receive an alert.

Ahead of the launch, community-based trials are expected to take place across urban, regional, and remote areas in all states and territories in June 2026.

A national test of AusAlert will take place at 2:00PM AEST on Monday 27 July 2026 following the community testing to validate the system's full capability and support awareness of the new system.

During the national test, everyone with a compatible mobile device will receive an alert.

## Increased bull shark activity expected around beaches and waterways following heavy rainfall

The NSW Government is urging caution to beach and waterway swimmers and surfers because of the recent heavy rain potentially creating murky conditions that increase bull shark activity in Sydney Harbour, other estuaries and along the NSW coast.

Heavy rain can change beach and waterway conditions quickly. Freshwater and nutrient rich run-off can reduce the water visibility, affecting water quality and it attracts baitfish.

The community is encouraged to download the SharkSmart app, which provides up to date information about shark sightings and risk mitigation measures. The SharkSmart app has been downloaded more than 430,000 times, including 68,000 over January and February this year.

### Before getting back in the water swimmers and surfers are reminded to:

- avoid swimming or surfing in murky or dirty waters
- take extra care within 1km of rivers, river mouths or - harbours, especially after rain or flooding
- avoid getting in the water during dawn and dusk
- be cautious if you see baitfish, diving birds or dolphins
- avoid areas where there is recreational or commercial fishing activities
- swim between the red and yellow flags
- buddy up when swimming, surfing or diving
- stay informed, be SharkSmart and download the app today.

The Minns Government recently increased funding for the Shark Mitigation Program by \$6.7 million, bringing it to more than \$30 million this summer. This increased investment is delivering more drones in the air, over more beaches, and more research and tagging of sharks to gain an even better understanding of their numbers and movement along our coastline and in Sydney Harbour.

Drones have significantly strengthened beach safety by enabling earlier shark detection, faster species verification, and highly targeted local responses. Operating at low altitude with high-resolution vision, drones allow lifesavers to issue immediate warnings, reduce unnecessary beach closures, and keep more beaches open safely.

NSW's network of 37 Tagged Shark Listening Stations continues to provide valuable real-time detection information to support beach safety, and 305 SMART Drumlins continue to be deployed daily along the NSW coast from Tweed to Bega, weather permitting.

## 2026 Diary Dates

- 2 - 15 March - **2026 Seniors Festival**
- 7 March - **Braidwood Show**
- 7 - 15 March - **Sculpture Bermagui**
- 8 March - **International Women's Day**
- 8 March - **Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim**
- 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**

**SAGE Food & Knowledge Share - Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10am, Riverside Park. Guest Speaker Greg Summerhayes.

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

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

**Tuross Community Markets**  
held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

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**South Coast & Country Community Law**  
coming to Moruya to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

- When: **Thursday 12th March 2026** 10am to 1:30pm Where: Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre, Mirrabooka Avenue Moruya 2537 (Building address: 73 Vulcan Street, parking and entry at rear, off Mirrabooka Avenue).
- When: **Tuesday 17 March 2026** 10am to 2:30pm Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay

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

**Eurobodalla's Community Services Jobs Drive**  
Real conversations about real jobs with employers direct.  
From 10am to 12pm on Thursday 19 March at Moruya's Memorial RSL Hall.

**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](#)

**Celebrate National Eucalypt Day 2026**  
Sunday 22 March. 10.30am-2.30pm  
Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden Arboretum  
Join the Friends of the Gardens under the gum trees as we celebrate National Eucalypt Day in the Garden's 40th year!

- 10.30am - Guided Walks  
Discover the beauty and diversity of our regional eucalypts.
- 11.30am & 1.30pm - Kids' Storytime  
Little ones can enjoy delightful picture-book readings celebrating life among the eucalypts.
- 12 noon - Community BBQ  
Hosted by the Friends of the ERBG Committee. Sausages and drinks available for purchase (cash at the BBQ or grab a voucher at the Visitors Centre on arrival). Reserve your free spot for Guided Walks or Storytime on Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/national-eucalypt-day-2026-4821046>

**2026 Community Heritage Grants**  
[National Library of Australia](#) reports: Applications are now open for the 2026 Community Heritage Grants (CHG) program. CHG offers cash grants of up to \$20,000 to community organisations, supporting them to preserve and manage collections that have Australian cultural and historical significance.  
Applications close for first time applicants on Thursday 7 May. Previous CHG recipients and proposals for training projects have an extended deadline, with applications closing on Tuesday 2 June.  
The CHG program is funded by the AusGov Office for the Arts, National Library of Australia; National Archives of Australia, NFSA - National Film and Sound Archive of Australia and National Museum of Australia  
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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 27.2.26

### Moruya River.

The warm water continues to influence fish activity in the river this week, with schools on bonito being seen and taken on an incoming tide around the Preddy's wharf area this week. While not large, they are a lot of fun on light gear, and if bled quickly, eat really nicely with a firm white flesh not typical for a tuna species.

Bream and flathead have also been readily available around the same areas this week also.

Try the airport flats with live nippers or squirt worms if you are looking for a whiting or two.

Further upstream the flats under the town bridge are holding good numbers of bream, whiting and flathead. I managed 5 last Saturday on 4" Zman Diezel Minnow soft plastics, but released all 5, as they were all under my self prescribed 40cm minimum size. I did witness several over the 45-50cm mark, but they were unable to beat the smaller fish to the lures. Fun to watch, but frustrating when all you want is a fresh feed of flatty fillets.

Expect the quarry wharf and the holes in front of the hospital to be holding bream, flathead, whiting and trevally also.

### Tuross River.

Tuross has been on fire this week, with reports aplenty. Bream, flathead and whiting have all been on the radar this week. Bo, one of our weekend staff, managed several nice whiting on surface last weekend fishing in holes around the 3-4m mark. The fish ranged from 30-40cm, he is on this weekend, so if you want to know what he was using come in and ask him.

Plenty of flathead are being caught over the flats and adjacent drop offs, and the fishing activity will increase this week, as the Tuross Bream & Flathead comp is on next weekend. Good luck to all those who are entered.

Up in the fresh reaches of the river, the bass continue to bite. The overall size of the fish has started to drop, as the smaller fish start to dominate the snags this time of year.

### Rock and Beach.

Bream, whiting and salmon have been readily available this past week, with no particular beach fishing any better than the next. It really is a matter of finding where the fish are on any chosen day, or waiting for them to cross paths with where you are located. Fish on the beaches tend to prefer good structure in the form of prominent gutters, so find these features on your chosen beach, and hopefully you will find the fish.

### Offshore.

Bonito, Mahi Mahi, Marlin, Snapper and Flathead have all been available this past week.

I have it on good report that the bonito have been favouring small metals with white lures being the preference.

Snapper are available on the reefs starting in 15-20m of water all the way out past 60m of water. Start in close then work your out until you find schooled fish. The bait freezer has been restock this week, block Pilchards are still not available, everything is however, so we should be good for the weekends fishing pursuits.

We still have 30% off all Joybee's foot wear, so if you are looking some comfy kicks, come in and check out what is available.

I start 3 weeks leave this weekend, and I will be doing a heap of fishing, Graham will be instore during the week, with our usual weekend staff providing you with all the good oil as usual.

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

### Team Tackle World Moruya.



**Hotondo Homes**

## Hotondo Homes Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim

**Sunday 8 March 2026 from 9am**

Our 15th Annual and most beautiful ocean swim from Broulee Island's Bay around the headland to Broulee Surf Beach. 1.4km for Open and Age divisions, an all age 1.4km flipper swim and a 500m swim for under 12s, under 14s and novice ocean swimmers. The Broulee Brewhouse Dash for Cash over 200m in surf.

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BBQ sausage sizzle lunch: \$4.00.  
Putting competition: \$2.00 per ball or \$5.00 for 3 balls.

**DINNER (6.30pm)**  
Chinese buffet dinner: \$40.00 per person.  
Huge auction and raffle (great prizes)!

Bookings and payment by 24 April 2026

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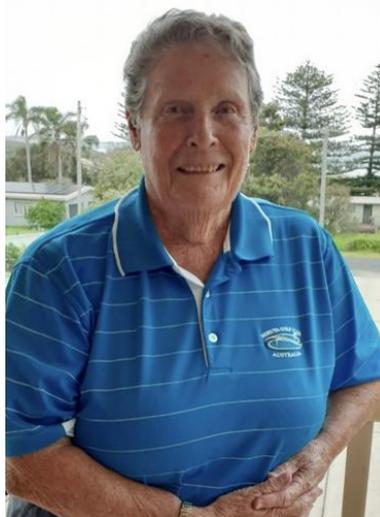
## Moruya Ladies Golf

"So, another week goes by and Jan Lumsden continues in her purple patch. Playing on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February in a Stableford event with the Moruya lady golfers, Jan managed a great score of 37 pts OCB from Christine Quick on 37 pts.

The cooler weather certainly helped everyone to get around the course more comfortably than in recent weeks.

Balls went to Robyn Hawkins, Vicki Goodwin, Angie McMillan, Jo Dixon, Lyn Gibbs, Cindy Becker, Shirley Noy, Nicola Gallon and Noelene Cowdroy. Nearest the pin was Sharon Knight.

Pic: Jan Lumsden>



## Volunteers Needed

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## 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.

[www.ce.org.au](http://www.ce.org.au)



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FRRR Grant  
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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Kevin Reilly with Secretary Michael Coloe



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: Martin Booth with Sponsor Dave Schmid



Winners: Shirley Quinlan, Cate O'Brien (Medal) and Paula Coffey

### COME & MEET SHERIDAN GALLAGHER – MARCH 7!

Moruya Tuross Junior Rugby League Club reports: "We are beyond excited to announce that Canberra Raiders NRLW star Sheridan Gallagher will be joining us at our Open Day!

Sheridan is a new signing with the Raiders, contracted for the next two seasons — and she brings some serious talent with her! Three seasons with the Newcastle Knights Leading try-scorer each season

25 tries in 32 NRLW games  
2023 NRLW Premiership winner  
Named on the wing in the 2025 Dally M Team of the Year

And that's not all... Former captain of the Young Matildas at the 2022 FIFA U20 Women's World Cup  
Played A-League Women for Western Sydney Wanderers & Newcastle Jets  
Also part of the Raiders Community team

At just 24 years old, Sheridan has already achieved so much — and now you'll have the chance to meet her in person!

Come along, meet Sheridan, grab a photo and be inspired!

This is one you won't want to miss!

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 26th February 2026

A field of 35 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The weather was drizzly and there were some fantastic scores achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Kevin Reilly (17) with 39 points
- 2nd: Mark Haberkorn (16) with 38 points
- 3rd: Peter Coffey (22) with 37 points (countback)
- 4th: Ruth Gschwend (16) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ruth Gschwend 1.98 A Grade

- 4th: John Harb 2.80 B Grade

- 4th: Peter Garn 1.56 C Grade

- 6th: Ray Bollard 2.10 A Grade

- 6th: Gavan Wheelahan 8.30 C Grade

Balls went to: Gavan

Wheelahan 36, Ian McManus 36, Troy Kingdom 36, Nigel Barling 35, Peter Garn 35, Colin Houghton 35, Graeme Bell 35, Wayne Fullerton 34, John Harb 34 and Ray Bollard 34.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 28th February 2026

A field of 60 players, including some visitors, registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The event was sponsored by David Schmid. The weather was overcast, the course in great condition and some wonderful scores were achieved. Well done to the young Winner!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Johannes Ganderton (12) with 42 points
- 2nd: Martin Booth (13) with 38 points
- 3rd: Shelley Pritchett (24) with 37 points
- 4th: Ian McManus (12) with 36 points (countback)
- 5th: Brad Doolan (5) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ray Bollard 1.90 A Grade

- 4th: Frank Pomfret 2.20 B Grade

- 4th: Craig Duncan 0.43 C Grade

- 6th: Martin Booth 1.17 A Grade

- 6th: John Harb 4.60 B Grade

- 6th: Callum Duncan 7.90 C Grade

- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 2.27 A Grade

- 7th: Shelley Pritchett 5.64 B Grade

Balls went to: Troy Kingdom 36, Terry Milliken 35, Peter Coffey 35, Tim Hussey 34, Wayne Fullerton 34, Frank Pomfret 34, John Phyland 34, Michael Walsh 34, Ray Bollard 33, Mark Haberkorn 33, Paul Ferguson 32, Wayne Lilley 32, John Harb 32, Tullio Lazzarini 32 and Mark Schenk 31.

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results – Tuesday 3rd March 2026

A field of 20 ladies played in the 1<sup>st</sup> Medal Round Stroke and Putt Event today. The event was sponsored by Leonie Doolan. The weather was overcast, drizzly and humid and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Cate O'Brien (33) with 72 nett (Medal)

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dorothy Madden (20) with 73 nett

B Grade:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Shirley Quinlan (35) with 80 nett (countback)

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marilyn Bingham (35) with 80 nett

C Grade:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Paula Coffey (43) with 78 nett

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Eglitis (40) with 82 nett

Hole Prize: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot

- 7<sup>th</sup> Teri Swanbury Distance: 1.30

Golden Shot A

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jane Eglitis Distance: 1.24

Golden Shot B

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

- 6<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Madden Distance: 0.51

- 15<sup>th</sup> Jenny Reilly Distance: 1.70

Putts Winner: Pam Alexander 26

putts



## UPCOMING Race Meetings

<b>APRIL 2026</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Charity Race Day
<b>MAY 2026</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Ulladulla Cup Day
<b>JUNE 2026</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Tradies Race Day
<b>JULY 2026</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Asahi Pubs Race Day
<b>AUGUST 2026</b>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Registered Clubs Race Day
<b>SEPTEMBER 2026</b>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Race Day
<b>OCTOBER 2026</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Legend of the South Race Day
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Tuross / Bodalla Race Day
<b>NOVEMBER 2026</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Big Dance / Melbourne Cup Day



## Malua Bay Stingrays Women's Bowls

Di Mac welcomed all our social bowlers with a good morning greeting. Welcome back to Gay Biggs and Happy Birthday greetings to Sue Beavan.

Before calling cards for a Pairs, Four's and three Triples matches Jay informed us how our Open Gender Pennant teams are faring. The 6's won against Narooma, the 2's lost against Berry but face them again this coming weekend so good bowling everyone.

Winners Rink 2, Chrissy Keler, Gloria Harper and Kim Giannasca (photo)

Runners-up Rink 1, Di Wotherspoon, Patricia Weekes and Colleen Ashby.

Jackpot is now \$550, number 79 was called and 4 of Diamonds was selected by Chrissy Keler who also receives a free game of bowls.

Lucky numbers, 18 Lyn Hardy, 30 Di MacPherson, 32 Gay Biggs.

Money Club, 31 Joan Rimmer, 25 Patricia Bill.

Don't forget next Tuesday 10th March we will be hosting Travelling Bowlers also a morning tea will be held for a special 80th Birthday.



## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls

There were 33 bowlers on the Green all welcomed by President Pedro as well as visitors Leisa from East Maitland, Tracey and John Silk from Dubbo. Pedro mentioned our weekend away bowling at Narooma and Dalmeny will be 23rd/24th May

Robbo gave his Welfare Report and all doing well, Smiley is back home from hospital and still smiling, J.H. and Hoges are back bowling a half game along with a few others.

Lovely to have Henry Butler with us for the morning. Winners on Least Winning Ends.

K.C. and Witto (photo)

Runners-up, Mad Max and Whizza, High/Low Scores 40/4 not won. No Jackpot, it was won last week. Lucky numbers, 8 K.C. 21 Dobbo.

Some close scores this week as well as some very big ones. Sumpy & Scottie had a 14 all Draw with Robbo, Dobbo & Pedro. Thank you Scottie for your score card you always do a great job!

Bob the Builder & Gilligan 20/16, Silky & Lozza 16/15, Trish the Dish, J.H. & Hoges 15/14, Lois Lane & Suzanne 35/6, Leisa & Irish 35/4, Tracey & Chocolate 40/4.

It was great to bowl against Sadie aka Joan Colefax celebrating her 93rd Birthday yesterday.

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## YOGA Pose of the Week

Hi it's Clare from Soul Tribe Studio, your local yoga studio in Batemans Bay, established in 2018. This week's **Pose of the Week is Sphinx Pose**, known in Sanskrit as Salamba Bhujangāsana. Salamba means supported, bhujanga means serpent or cobra. This is a gentle, supported backbend that invites length through the spine and a steady, grounded opening through the heart. In Sphinx, the forearms press into the earth beneath the shoulders, the chest draws forward and up, and the legs extend long behind. The pelvis remains grounded as the spine gently arches. The gaze is soft and neutral. Physically, Salamba Bhujangāsana strengthens the lower back, opens the chest and shoulders, and creates space across the front body. It can help counteract long hours of sitting and encourages healthy spinal extension without the intensity of deeper backbends. Energetically, this posture is subtle yet powerful. It stimulates the heart space and can gently awaken energy along the spine. There is steadiness here. A quiet confidence. The sphinx does not rush. It observes. It waits. It trusts. Off the mat, Sphinx Pose reminds us that we do not always need to push to feel strong. Sometimes support is strength. Sometimes staying low and steady is more powerful than striving for more. If you would like to explore Sphinx Pose and many other grounding and strengthening postures, we are open every day at Soul Tribe Studio with over 40 classes a week. Follow us on Instagram and YouTube @soultribestudio and book classes at [www.soultribestudio.com.au](http://www.soultribestudio.com.au). See you on the mat.



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# Olympic Snowboarder Valentino returns to the coast



Guseli Family - Guido, Glenda, Ali, Rick, Valentino and Kristen.



Valentino with Heidi and Calvin Maher.

Olympic Snowboarder Valentino Guseli took some time out of his few days at home on the south coast to meet friends and fans at the Guseli family business 'Nonno's Garden' in Bodalla. Calvin Maher from St Mary's School Moruya and mum Heidi Maher were among the many to chat with 'Val from Dal' and get a signature on his MSLSC sun visor. Valentino is now on his way to Japan for more competition.

## Batemans Bay Sailing 8<sup>th</sup> Bay Cup Race



Accolade



Moonmist



Sail la Vie

Photos: Fred Tromp.

It was a great day for sailing last Saturday when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the 8th Bay Cup race of the 2025/26 sailing season. Despite the near perfect conditions only three yachts went out along with race officer Terry Paton and his trusty team of Fred Tromp and Andrew Bain aboard the committee boat "Dave Magill".

"Sail La Vie" (John Drummond) was given a 30 minute head start which achieved the desired effect of a close finish with the two other faster yachts on the course, "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) and "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown). "Moonmist" was a little early at the start line and ended up starting at the less favoured pin end. "Accolade" grabbed the boat end. The course for the 10 to 15 knot SE breeze was triangle, windward return, triangle.

Drummond and his crew were fired up to be leading the race. It took until the last work for "Accolade" to get past them. "Accolade" was then looking good, hitting 11 knots on the last spinnaker reach until things nearly went pear shaped on the spinnaker drop. The spinnaker filled with breeze and started pulling the boat backwards when it was half way down before falling into the water. The crew were able to pull the kite in before it went fully under the water, retrieving a few prawns for dinner in the process. Despite this "Accolade" maintained a gap of 4 minutes over "Moonmist" at the finish which was enough to win the race on AMS. "Sail La Vie" won on PHS. The next BBSC keelboat race is a Bay Cup on March 9th.

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