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Police still searching for gunman – Narooma

An investigation is underway following a shooting, armed robbery and carjacking on the state's south coast overnight.

About 10.30pm Friday 20 March 2026, emergency services were called to a hotel on Campbell Street, Narooma, following reports of a shooting. On arrival, officers attached to South Coast Police District located a 31-year-old man with a gunshot wound.

He was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Moruya Hospital in a stable condition.

Police were told an unknown man had entered the hotel, before shooting the 31-year-old and stealing an amount of cash. He then threatened patrons inside the premises and demanded money before leaving.

The unknown man then approached a 17-year-old driver of a Toyota Landcruiser in a carpark adjacent to the hotel, where he produced a firearm and demanded the teenager get out of the vehicle.

The man then left the scene in the vehicle.

A short time later, the vehicle was located on fire on the Princes Highway, Narooma. The fire was extinguished by Fire and Rescue NSW. Police established a crime scene and have commenced inquiries into the incident.

As inquiries are ongoing, anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Pedestrian crossing approved for Carroll College Students

At the ESC Monthly meeting on Tuesday, Council resolved to allow for Carroll College students to be able to walk and ride to school with a trial crossing across George Bass Drive near the Broulee Road roundabout.

Carroll College Principal Andrew Keneally and Father Joshua Scott both presented to council on the issue.

A resolution from Council in 1994, resolved to prohibit pupil cycle or pedestrian access to the school. Since then traffic conditions have changed with school zones in place and the new roundabout.

The intention is to run the trial for the duration of terms 2, 3 and 4 of 2026. The College is proposing to mow and maintain a grass pathway along the western side of George Bass Drive from the school to the roundabout at Broulee Road. This is to allow students to walk and ride but exclude e-bikes, scooters or motorized personal transportation devices. The College is also proposing signage at the roundabout notifying road users of pedestrian refuge in combination with pavement marking "Look out before you step out" to support safe vehicle and pedestrian interactions. This, in addition to dedicated staff supervision at the new gate before and after school to assist with student movement ensuring safe entry and exit.

The College said "We're thrilled to announce that Eurobodalla Shire Council has approved a new pedestrian crossing at the corner of George Bass Drive and Broulee Road, starting from Term 2, 2026.

This crossing will make it safer and easier for students to walk or cycle to school, supporting healthy habits and greater independence. Please note: e-bikes, scooters, and other motorised transport won't be permitted."

Help shape the next Road Safety Action Plan

Transport for NSW is developing the next Road Safety Action Plan and is inviting communities across NSW to get involved. The 2026 Road Safety Action Plan is the current plan guiding road safety action in NSW. It sets out evidence-based initiatives to reduce deaths and serious injuries. NSW has a strong road safety track record, with fatalities at historic lows in 8 of the past 10 years. However, the road environment has changed.

Over the past 3 years, road trauma has trended upward, and NSW is currently off the trajectory needed to meet future reduction targets. Trauma is increasing across all road user groups, particularly among older people, with a growing proportion occurring in regional towns and centres.

Community consultation will take place with opportunities to participate in person on Tuesday 31 March, 5.30-8pm at Lincoln Downs Resort, 11683 Princes Highway, Batemans Bay.

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Council forms a Creative Arts Advisory Committee



Hannah Matysek AKA Val Moogz, Bernie O'Neil, Inga Simpson, Mandy Hilson and Mirabel Fitzgerald presented to Council on Tuesday.

Council has unanimously resolved to form a Creative Arts Advisory Committee. A powerful group of talented creatives addressed Council on Tuesday in support of the formation.

Arts administrator and visual artist Mandy Hilson said: "Over the last 15 years, I have observed growth of the creative sector in the Shire, with many artists moving here and an increase in opportunities for participation in the arts. More visual artists have established their studios and built their practice. There are more venues for live music in Tomakin, Broulee, Moruya, and Batemans Bay, new dance studios and classes for young and older people, theatre workshops, writers sessions, book clubs, arts trails, etc initiated by the community either as volunteers or as businesses.

Council as you know has developed a strong arts program through the BAS, Mechanics Institute and the PAV.

Organisations such as the Arts Council of Eurobodalla, CABBI, and Narooma School of Arts are going from strength to strength while other groups are emerging. This growth is making a strong contribution to community life and its vitality.

The energy in this field is so remarkable to observe and be a part of."

Mandy continued, "So, the benefits to the Community are:

having a direct voice to Council, being heard, and understood and being part of the policy making and strategic planning process which develops and supports this sector and the broader community, and having well-informed and relevant arts policies, strategies, and actions supporting a vibrant cultural sector in which there are many opportunities in which to participate." Bernie O'Neil representing A Better Eurobodalla and the Arts Council of Eurobodalla Inc. said "The proposed Creative Arts Advisory Committee fills a gap in the current committee list.

This committee could work collaboratively with other advisory committees, such as the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Visitor Economy Advisory Committee, to consider and advise Council on matters of mutual interest. Creative arts are a foundational element of our community."

Bernie added "Councillors by establishing this committee, you are telling your community that you recognise that creative activities are legitimate and important, that you value the advice from this sector and the benefits that flow to people and groups from these activities."

Visual artist Mirabel Fitzgerald, writer Inga Simpson and musician Hannah Matysek also spoke from the perspectives of their own arts practice.

Council will advertise for representatives to the Creative Arts Advisory Committee.



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Essential Energy Grants - Last chance to apply...

Grant applications close on Tuesday 31 March 2026
Essential Grants help fund local projects that make a real difference - creating social impact, supporting a sustainable future, and building climate resilience. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for eligible charities and not-for-profit organisations in the Essential Energy network area.

Be sure to finalise your submission before the closing date! Funding will support projects that align with one or both of the following focus areas:

Energy transition - Examples include installing solar panels or batteries, improving energy efficiency, running energy literacy programs, or introducing low-emission transport solutions.

Sustainability and climate adaptation - Examples include projects that help organisations and communities prepare for and respond to climate-related events (e.g. bushfires, floods, heatwaves), integrate sustainable materials, reduce waste or promote reuse and recycling.

Applications close at 5pm AEDT, Tuesday 31 March 2026



Aged Care Reform

Eurobodalla Region, NSW

Join Ageing Australia and Eurobodalla Shire Council for a two-hour Community Engagement Forum, including morning tea.

This forum will provide an open and informative discussion on navigating home and community care services.

Older Australians, families and carers are invited to attend and hear directly from the Department of Health and key aged care sector agencies. Presenters will share updates on current aged care reforms and offer practical information to support informed decision-making.

When: Tuesday, 31 March 2026

Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Venue: Moruya Golf Club

To attend, please register:

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2026 Eurobodalla Business Awards, entries open

The Eurobodalla Business Awards are back for a third-year running, following a triumphant return in 2024, with entries open today (Monday 23 March).

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher says it's time businesses started tooting their own horn.

"This fantastic program recognises how hard our business community works and their enormous contribution to the local economy. Let's celebrate that work and acknowledge the impact," says the Mayor.

"Nominating is easy. Just jump online, fill in your business and contact details, then tell us your achievements or challenges you've overcome. Don't be modest, give yourself a decent pat on the back and share the love.

"There's a range of categories to accommodate different businesses. I'm excited to see nominations roll in for the new category excellence in the arts and we're proud to continue the award for local Indigenous businesses."

Award categories for 2026 are:

- Outstanding Employee
- Outstanding Young Business Leader
- Excellence in Sustainability
- Outstanding Community Organisation
- Outstanding New Business
- Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion
- Excellence in Micro Business
- Excellence in Small Business
- Excellence in Medium Business
- Excellence in Large Business
- Outstanding Visitor Experience
- Outstanding Indigenous Business
- Excellence in the Arts
- Business of the Year.

Nominations close on Thursday 30 April. Finalists will be announced on Monday 1 June with the winners announced at the awards gala on Saturday 20 June.

Mayor Hatcher says it will be a huge celebration and party not to be missed: "It's a black-tie celebration for Eurobodalla businesses and a great networking opportunity. Back yourself, get your nomination in and join us for a night celebrating the best of local business."

Finalists in select categories are eligible for regional awards and the chance for state-level recognition. For more information visit the [Eurobodalla Business Awards page](#) on Council's website.

Expressions of interest for sponsorship and partnerships are also open. Contact Council's events team for more information:

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Moruya SES seeks volunteers Food & Knowledge Share 29 March



Local SES and Marine Rescue training together on Saturday morning.



The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) Moruya Unit is actively seeking new volunteers and used the Moruya Riverside Markets on Saturday as an opportunity to encourage community members to join. The unit is calling for local residents, particularly those with daytime availability, to help strengthen its emergency response capability and ensure Moruya is supported when emergencies occur.

SES volunteers provide vital services to the community, including road crash rescue, vertical rescue, general land rescue, and flood and storm response. These roles are essential during severe weather events and accidents, and continued recruitment is critical to maintaining these services locally.

While at the markets, SES members also spoke with local residents about their flood risk and how to prepare for storms, floods and tsunami events. The engagement allowed the community to ask questions, learn about local hazards and gain practical advice on how to be better prepared during emergencies.

During Saturday's event, the Moruya Unit successfully recruited three new volunteers. While this is a positive result, the unit is seeking additional community support to continue growing its membership. The SES is particularly keen to hear from people who live in the Moruya area and can assist during daytime hours, when many emergency responses take place.

The Moruya SES Unit meets every Tuesday at 6.00 pm at 10 Yarragee Road, Moruya. Nationally accredited training is provided to all volunteers, and no prior experience is required.

Community members interested in making a real difference and supporting local emergency response are encouraged to apply via the NSW SES website – www.nsw.ses.gov.au or phone the Zone Volunteer Engagement Officer on 0448 280 441

Our guest for the 29 March SAGE Food & Knowledge Share is Julie Haworth. Julie has lived in Moruya since 2014 and has enjoyed raising her kids here in the most beautiful place on earth. Growing food at home and living sustainably has been a big part of their lives, and an essential part of their weekly budget. With rents skyrocketing, cost of living out of control, food shortages during and after the pandemic, and 1/3 of Australians skipping meals, the heartache became too much, and Julie came up with the idea of a food swapping app as an alternative to relying on big corporations to feed us. After two years of roadblocks, HeartCrops (heartcrops.com.au) was launched in late 2025. Her mission is to address food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, through empowering and encouraging every day people to grow, swap and share food in their local communities. Julie will be chatting about her journey with HeartCrops, and her own little garden that helps feed her family.

The SAGE Food & Knowledge Share is held every Sunday 10 am at Riverside Park in Moruya February through end of April alongside the Nourished Sovereign coffee van. Please bring a blanket or camp chair for your comfort. If it is raining we will move undercover to SAGE Garden at 110 Queen St in Moruya. Everyone is welcome, and you do not need to bring anything. People who can bring items to share can contribute vegetables, fruits, eggs, seedlings/seeds, cookbooks, gardening books, tools, preserves and plants.

The food share will be on holiday Easter weekend, we will see you again on 12 April.



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Further adjustments to get more diesel flowing

The **Federal Government** has temporarily made a minor adjustment to diesel standards, which will help suppliers bring more fuel into the domestic market for farmers, truckers and regional communities.

This six-month adjustment will lower what's known as the flashpoint for diesel, from 61.5 degrees Celsius, to 60.5 degrees Celsius, increasing diesel supply options from refiners and international sources.

In effect, Australian refineries will now have more flexibility for making diesel, and widen the markets from which we source diesel, including from the United States, Canada, and Europe, which allow diesel with lower flashpoints. This will give companies more flexibility and more options to adjust supply chains to manage disruption from the Middle East.

Flashpoint changes have no impact on engines or emissions. Australia typically has a slightly higher temperature flashpoint owing to our hotter climate however when the flashpoint was last lowered in 2020, we saw no adverse impact on engines or emissions.

This flashpoint change does not require any changes to storage or handling protocols.

The National Transport Commission and the Fuel Standards Consultative Committee, which includes Truck Industry Council, Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries and Australian Automobile Association have supported this change.

This builds on a range of work this Government has already delivered to shore up Australia's fuel security.

NSW Government steps up fuel coordination as distribution pressure continues

The **NSW Government** is stepping up coordination across the fuel supply chain as localised petrol and diesel shortages impact parts of NSW.

The latest numbers reported to FuelCheck as of today show that out of around 2,400 stations statewide:

- 32 service stations are without all fuel types, all of which are regional stations.
- 313 service stations are without one fuel type they normally have, approximately half are regional and half are metro.
- Of these, 187 service stations are without any diesel products. Of these, 78 are regional and 109 are metropolitan.

While fuel continues to arrive in Australia and overall supply remains stable at the moment, these figures point to distribution pressures across the network, with availability shifting day-to-day as fuel is replenished.

In response, the NSW Government is announcing two further measures to strengthen coordination and ensure fuel is supplied to where it's needed most.

The Minister for Energy, Penny Sharpe will compel major fuel companies to provide information on their plans for supplying additional fuel, particularly to regional communities.

These companies account for more than 85 per cent of liquid fuels entering Australia, and the NSW Government will use its legislative powers to ensure there is full transparency over how fuel is being allocated across the state.

The NSW Government will also establish a Liquid Fuel Emergency Operations Centre in Parramatta to be operational within 24 hours.

The centre will be led by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (being the Functional Area under established emergency management arrangements) and will:

- Track fuel availability and shortages.
- Identify pressure points and forecast future supply needs including for the agriculture, freight, construction and mining sectors.
- Support coordination with industry to redirect fuel where it is needed most.

Staff from key government agencies will work together at the Liquid Fuel Emergency Operations Centre, including Transport for NSW, NSW Fair Trading, NSW Police, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Infrastructure NSW, Premier's Department and the Cabinet Office.

The NSW Government is particularly focused on ensuring regional communities, industries and independent service stations have access to supply.

Premier of New South Wales Chris Minns said "What we're seeing right now is not a shortage of fuel coming into the country - it's a challenge in how that fuel is being distributed across the state.

"Fuel is still moving through the system, but it's uneven. Some stations are running short while others are being restocked.

"We're taking practical steps today to get a clearer picture of what's happening on the ground and make sure fuel is getting to where it's needed most.

"This is about getting ahead of the problem, particularly if global conditions worsen, and making sure NSW is prepared for any scenario."

Minister for Energy, Penny Sharpe said:

"We know fuel supplies are continuing to arrive in Australia, but we're seeing pressure points as that fuel is distributed.

"That's why we're requiring fuel companies to provide transparent data on supply, stock levels and distribution, particularly to regional communities."



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Visions for a Sustainable Eurobodalla

Welcome to the first edition of the Euro-Visions

column: a space to share ideas, excitements, imaginings and passions for living sustainably in our beautiful Eurobodalla. Each week we will bring you stories, ideas, challenges and inspirations from our spectacular part of the world. You'll meet people and groups working to make our lives richer and more secure.

To live sustainably means living in a way that preserves what we have for future generations. It's about making the world an amazing place to live in, while planning on ways it can be even better for our kids and grandkids. It means being a good Ancestor. It's about living within our means.

There are so many ways to practice sustainable living. We can consume less, re-use and repurpose more, keep objects alive and working for longer before we recycle them. We can also value-add: build up our soils; build our houses from renewable materials; get our energy from the sun and the wind and the water rather than from fossil fuels; and eat as locally as we possibly can. We can teach our children the joy of 'enoughness' so they feel less need to mindlessly consume goods that are unlikely to bring them happiness.

In the coming weeks we'll feature stories on local projects and initiatives. Many of these will be familiar, some may be new to you. We invite you to walk with us, lightly and lovingly, on our precious country, as we explore biodiversity strengthening, community gardens, solar panel re-use, water harvesting, farmers' markets, local businesses, natural building and so much more. We will highlight online communities that dive deeper into these and other topics. We will bring you news of events where you can connect with like-minded in person: talks, gigs, walks, festivals, movie nights and other gatherings.



Upcoming Events:

Movie & Discussion: Thursday, April 9th, Living the Change: Inspiring Stories for a Sustainable Future. Join us at the Red Door Hall, 15 Page St, Moruya, from 6pm

The Biinda Experience: Information has gone out to High Schools inviting nominations for this year's Biinda camp. Biinda (Dhurga for 'Rise Up') is a two-day camp which brings together and nurtures our future sustainability champions. If you have a child in year 9 or 10 with sustainability warrior inclinations, contact your school, or council's sustainability team on 4474 1067.

The Euro-Visions column is co-hosted by the ECSN (Eurobodalla Community Support Network) and the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

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What is the Community & Volunteer Expo?

Eurobodalla is home to many incredible volunteers who contribute their time, energy and skills to make our community a better place, sometimes without notice! The Community and Volunteer Expo is an opportunity to share your stories and showcase what you do. You'll benefit from networking with like-minded people, learning new skills and most of all, talking face to face to people who are genuinely looking for the chance to make a difference and be part of something bigger. Like you are.

We're thrilled to invite you to be an exhibitor in the 2026 Community & Volunteer Expo and to join in on the workshops and training opportunities to build you and your organisations capacity. With the support of a Volunteer NSW grant, we plan to promote the Expo widely to attract a new cohort of volunteers keen to join you in volunteering in our community.

The Expo (in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma) is designed and run by passionate volunteers from multiple community organisations, and supported by the Eurobodalla Community Support Network. The Expo's purpose is twofold: to connect the public to the amazing local community organisations, services & volunteering opportunities, and to connect organisations to each other for a stronger, more resilient & collaborative network.

Dates

- Batemans Bay Sat 13th June 10-2pm at Bunnings
- Moruya Friday 12 June 10-2pm at Memorial RSL Hall
- Narooma Saturday 23 May 10 -2pm Sports & Leisure Centre

Why join in?

- Celebrate the incredible work your organisation has achieved
- Visibility of your organisation to the public and potential volunteers
- Be included in a Community Directory - so you, other organisations, and the public can connect
- Network with other organisations - because sharing knowledge, resources, and collaborating is more impactful than doing it alone

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- Become a stall holder at the Expo in your closest town
- Opportunity to volunteer at an Expo - set up, pack down, welcoming, etc.
- Register your organisation on the Community Directory
- Join in our workshops specifically designed for volunteering organisations:
 - "Who's looking for Volunteers?" Online workshops after work hours (31st March or 1st April) - we will dive into the barriers and needs, and do a health check on volunteering in your organisation!
 - "Get Ready for the Expo" Online workshops after work hours (30th April, 6th May, 12th May) - we will work on communications like crafting your pitch, your why, and practice it!
 - Training specifically for organisations to tackle barriers in volunteering e.g. Digital Literacy

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THE BINGIE POINT

Opinion by Cid Mateo



Excessive tax concessions for the wealthy need to go

While the global emperors check on their oil stocks, the public servants in Canberra would be up late day-after-day punching out policy options to help Australians navigate the oil shock and its short and longer-term impacts on the cost of living. These policy options would be designed to support the Australian economy and help the vulnerable in our society. This is no mean feat when many Australians don't acknowledge let alone appreciate the work these public servants do for them. These are the public servants that design and deliver all of our taxpayer funded assistance including from pensions to hospitals; disaster payments to schools and TAFEs; and, solar panels and batteries. On the second Tuesday in May, the Treasurer, Dr Jim Chalmers, will announce the policy options that the Australian Government considers appropriate to implement in the 2026-27 Budget. The Budget is conceptually similar to our own household budget. Tax revenue is like money coming in, while government spending is money going out, like our cost of living. More spending than revenue must be funded by debt, while more revenue than spending can be saved for a rainy day or used to pay down debt just like paying down the mortgage and credit card.

This Budget is being set up by the Treasurer as one where workers and other income earners will pay less income tax in the future by getting an income tax cut, meaning they keep more income from their own 'blood, sweat and tears' and their investments, like property.

The Australian tax system has a number of very expensive tax concessions that mostly benefit the wealthiest in our society. Many tax experts are calling on the Treasurer to cut tax concessions on capital gains and on superannuation. These are good calls because they improve the fairness of the tax system. They make the wealthy pay more tax to fund our public services compared to the poor and middle income. More tax revenue means we can afford more critical services like psychologists, teachers, doctors, child care, nursing homes, and payments to people who have lost their homes, livelihoods and livestock during natural disasters, like farmers and other people in regional areas. More tax revenue allows governments to pay businesses to build and repairs roads and bridges, revetments and sea walls.

The wealthy, the 'haves', usually have their own labour and a fair amount of wealth or capital to make money and support themselves. Their wealth and capital could be held in property, shares, superannuation and other investments. The poorer, low-to-middle income people, the 'have-nots', usually only have their labour with little or no wealth 'to make a quid'. That's why we help them through the social security safety net.

At present, only about 50 per cent of any capital gains income, like property and investments, is taxed, while 100 per cent of our labour or other income is taxed. Put in place by John Howard in 1999, the capital gains tax (CGT) discount has turbocharged house prices 'like no tomorrow' because housing investors only get taxed on half the capital income they make when they sell a property. It is the single biggest contributor to the "housing crisis" we have today. It's been wreaking havoc on the young, middle-aged and old, trying to get into the housing market for the last 25 years or so.

The CGT discount has got to go. The main beneficiaries of the tax concession are the 'haves'. The 'haves' come in all ages. It is wrong to say the tax system is unfair to the young. It is overly generous to the well off. There are plenty of older people who don't own a home let alone an investment property, shares and superannuation. There are plenty of young people that are wealthy. Further, the offspring of the 'haves' will benefit from their parent's and grandparent's wealth and inheritance. The 'have nots' will not because they'll have nothing to inherit.

It is the 'have nots', who've missed out on house ownership in the past 25 years that will continue to miss out now. When John Howard introduced the CGT discount he was sitting on top of Australia's biggest-ever mining boom. It was never going to last forever and he knew it. That didn't stop him throwing the money at people out of the helicopter while driving up asset and property inflation like we've never seen before. Johnny might have saved the boom for a rainy day, such as the GFC and COVID, saving Australians billions in debt for a long time yet.

So what shall we do now? There's a strong argument to removing the capital gains concession completely so that capital gains income is fully taxed like labour income. This is fair to all income earners, whether they earn their money through their own 'hard yakka' or by sipping margaritas while watching their stocks. This tax reform is fair, simple and efficient, but political dynamite. To appease the noisiest 'haves', on behalf of the so-called 'Mums and Dads', the Treasurer is unlikely to go this far. He may only reduce the concession.

A fundamental tenet of the Australian tax system is that those that have more means contribute a higher proportion of their income and wealth in tax. In our social security system, Australia's long-held principle is that we support ourselves first before asking other taxpayers to support us. We should never forget these two principles. They hold us together as a country. They embody fairness and respect. The 'haves' should feel good about helping those less well off, while the 'have nots' should acknowledge those that fund their services and financial support. A generous spirit, kindness and gratitude go a long way to a great society. On the other hand, we can continue blaming, complaining and being angry. It's up to us.

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“Leave it with me Sharkie. Mind you ... they are a bit upset with The Donald. The pub is half empty with petrol prices spiralling and the cost of living skyrocketing. Remember Timeless Tom? He is on his second set of thongs since all this started and still can't work out what the war is all about.”

Mick nodded his head repeatedly with numerous ‘yeps’ and ‘yeahs’, finally pocketed his phone and took a measured sip of the offered schooner.

“Well, that was Sharkie. We sat next to each other in English at high school ... Greg Norman for those of you who are not up to speed ... anyhow, he is a good mate with The Donald. Now ... bring it in close and listen up.”

“He assures me the war will all be over in a couple of weeks. In fact, it has to be over within a fortnight otherwise The Donald's golf handicap will blow out. Sharkie gave him leave passes for Liberation Day and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) initiative to rid the country of criminal migrants. He excused him without penalty multiple times for the Ukraine War and turned a blind eye to the Venezuelan venture. Fortunately, The Donald was able to tee off in the Miami Open as the invasion of Greenland was abandoned. However, this Iran War is a whole new ball game. If it's not over within a fortnight and he misses the next tournament, his handicap of 2.8 will be under serious threat ... and that is of utmost importance to the President. So, there you have it ... you can trust a Shark!”

Mick chuckled at his own joke, sipped his schooner and licked his lips.

“Now ... Sharkie is after our help. The Donald has run out of insults, threats, ultimatums, exaggerations, superlatives and the like. Terms like ‘bad’, ‘nasty’, ‘horrible’, ‘terrible’ ‘not nice’, ‘ugly’ and ‘awful’ are just not cutting through. He wants to raise the bar and really stick it to these Iranians with a couple of good verbal uppercuts ... so let's brainstorm.”

Mick took out his notebook and pencil as suggestions bounced around the front bar.

“Colossally humongous bad”, “Gigantic low life and really not very nice” and “A tremendously big disappointment” had Mick scribbling away.

“Something with a bit more wit would also be good ... think about a threat.”

Young Simon smiled.

“The next bomb is going to be so big Chuck Norris would need both arms to lift it ... or if you don't open the Strait of Hormuz within 48 hours we will send in Chuck Norris ... and Sylvester Stallone.”

A pause from Simon.

“Or borrow from ‘Crocodile Dundee’ ... you call that a bomb ... this is a bomb!”

Chuckles all round and Mick shook his head.

“Come on ... let's be serious ... What about you Timeless Tom? You are always good for an insight.”

Tom rubbed his chin and raised both eyebrows.

“I don't know, Mick. These Iranians might be outsmarting The Donald. They are Sheikhy buggers.”

Bazza grimaced.

“That's a bit racist or at least very politically incorrect, Tom.”

Mick eyeballed Bazza.

“The Donald loves that kind of stuff.”

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

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NSW News in Brief

NSW welcomes landmark Australia EU Trade Deal

The NSW Government has welcomed the conclusion of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the European Union, a landmark deal that with the potential to unlock new opportunities for NSW exporters and strengthen the state's ability to attract European investment and businesses. From farmers and food producers, to manufacturers, tech start-ups and clean energy firms, the deal creates new opportunities for NSW businesses to reach millions of new customers overseas, while reducing the red tape that make exporting harder. The European Union accounts for almost 16% of global trade, making it a powerful economic partner for NSW. For regional NSW farmers and food producers, this agreement means new pathways to reach European consumers who value quality and sustainability – areas where NSW excels. Many food and beverage producers will have better access than ever.

Next-Gen Tech takes the lead in new Natural Hazard Detection Pilot

The NSW Government is delivering on our election commitment to better protect communities from natural disasters, launching a world-class field trial of seven early warning technologies as part of the \$3.3 million Natural Hazards Detection System Program. The Program is designed to test innovative early-warning technologies and provides a platform for companies to prove to emergency management agencies that their solutions are effective and cost efficient. These systems are now being piloted in the Shoalhaven and Clarence Valley Local Government Areas, marking a direct fulfilment of the NSW Government's pledge to support existing systems with sophisticated, real-time sensors that detect natural

Government launches Year 1 Number Screening Check across NSW

Every Year 1 NSW public school student will be tested on essential mathematics skills as the Minns Labor Government rolls out the nation-leading number screening check from Term 2 this year. The number screening check helps to identify students who are at risk of falling behind in mathematics, allowing teachers to provide targeted teaching and learning interventions for our youngest students. The statewide roll out follows a successful two-year trial which has helped more than 7,000 students ensure they have the best possible chance at succeeding in mathematics.

Reforming law to better protect domestic violence victim survivors

The NSW Government is closing a legal loophole to better protect victim survivors of intimate partner violence and make it easier to prosecute domestic violence perpetrators for certain offences. The reform ensures perpetrators who are intent on harming their current or former partner will not be able to hide behind a lease or joint ownership agreement to avoid break and enter charges. Under legislation being introduced to NSW Parliament today, perpetrators who no longer reside at a premises will be able to be prosecuted for breaking and entering regardless of their legal or equitable interest in it. This will apply in circumstances where a perpetrator who is no longer an occupant commits or intends to commit a personal violence offence against their current or former partner.

Smart Rental Bonds set to give renters cost-of-living relief by allowing the transfer of rental bonds

Renters' first look at the Minns Labor Government's Smart Rental Bonds system is here, as testing kicks off ahead of its launch in mid-2026. Smart Rental Bonds will allow tenants to digitally transfer their bond between properties for a small fee of \$25. This means they will no longer have to find thousands of dollars for a "second" bond while waiting for the previous bond to be refunded. For more information on renting in NSW visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-construction/renting-a-place-to-live>



Go Get Healthy with Sofia



Wellness trends have a habit of reinventing the wheel. Every so often we celebrate a "new" health discovery, only to realise our grandparents were already doing it decades ago. Collagen is a good example.

Some time ago, we started digging into the therapeutic benefits of collagen after a customer shared her story with us. She had been struggling with severe joint pain and was taking around eight painkillers a day just to function. After adding collagen to her daily routine, she later told us she'd reduced that to just two. As you can imagine, that certainly caught our attention. It's quite remarkable when something as simple as a food-based supplement can make such a noticeable difference. Collagen plays a key role in the body, particularly in joints and connective tissue. It's the main structural protein used to build cartilage - the cushioning layer that protects the ends of our bones. When we consume collagen, the body breaks it down into amino acids and peptides that act as building blocks for repairing and maintaining cartilage and other connective tissues.

Now, rebuilding cartilage isn't an overnight job, the body works at its own pace. But many people report that improvements in comfort and flexibility appear sooner, likely due to collagen's naturally occurring amino acids such as glycine, proline and hydroxyproline, which support connective tissue and help calm inflammation. The result? Joints that move a little more freely and feel a lot less like rusty door hinges.

Collagen also happens to be a highly concentrated source of protein. Hydrolysed collagen peptides are roughly 90-96% protein, making them a useful addition for maintaining muscle mass - something that becomes increasingly important as we age.

Bone health may benefit too. Collagen provides the structural framework within bones that minerals such as calcium attach to, helping support strength and resilience.

Interestingly, traditional diets naturally contained far more collagen than most modern ones. In the past, people regularly ate slow-cooked meats, skin, tendons and bone broths. Today we favour lean muscle cuts, we kept the steak, but left behind the parts that quietly supported our joints. Which perhaps explains why bone broth and collagen supplement are making such a strong comeback. Well, that tells us that sometimes, the latest wellness trend is just our grandparents' cooking making a comeback.

For more information about hydrolysed collagen, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at www.govitabatemansbay.com.au. Don't miss our weekly segment on 2EC radio, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.

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100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

27-03-1926

Profound sorrow is felt at the untimely death of the Rev. William McKay Herd (the beloved minister in charge of the Presbyterian circuit here), which occurred at the Moruya Hospital on Saturday night last. When on his way to hold service at Coila on the previous Sunday he met with an accident through his horse becoming frightened at a passing motor lorry and capsizing the sulky over a culvert. On Thursday he roused for a short time from an unconscious state, but pneumonia supervened and he passed away at 11.30 Saturday night surrounded by his grief-stricken wife, her sister (Mrs. Hill), Rev. G. A. Sanders (C.E.), Dr. McCredie, Matron and nurses.

A coincidence in connection with the death of Rev. Mr. Herd was that he was buried on the anniversary of his birthday. Strange to relate the most important events of his life occurred in the month of March, he being born on the 23rd, married on the 27th, and died on the 20th.

The profitable result of placing property for sale in auctioneer's hands and on the open market was fully demonstrated on Saturday last when H. J. Thomson auctioned the land and cottage at Mullenderree [Moruya] in the estate of the late James Donovan. After spirited bidding, the house and two acres of land was knocked down to Mr. W. J. Stephens, of Gundry, for £360.



Presbyterian Church Coila

The best joke ever heard of here occurred on Monday morning, when our local ranger proved that he is no respecter of persons when duty has to be attended to. Having his attention drawn plainly to the fact by a previous offender that a number of his own stock, one with a bell attached, were strolling down the Prince's Highway, the ranger impounded the lot.

One of the quarry men should feel grateful to the police in saving him probably from a fatal accident. On Tuesday night the horse he was driving bolted across the bridge, and Constable Love pluckily stopped the runaway near Flynn's shop, before any damage was done. The driver was thrown onto the horse's neck, his companion having previously fallen out of the sulky on the bridge.

Mr. T. Burbidge writes to say that he was not the driver of the lorry which caused the late regrettable accident. He only arrived on the scene after the Rev. Herd had been extricated.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady de Chair and Miss Elaine de Chair visited the Bodalla school on Wednesday morning. Mr. D. Hutchinson accompanied and introduced them. His Excellency addressed the children and told them that he hoped they would make the best use of their time at school and grow up good citizens of the British Empire.

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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Looking for Eurobodalla's next-gen writers

Young writers are being handed a fresh page and a prompt – and they come with a twist of mystery. The 18th annual Mayor's Writing Competition is now open and Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher is inviting the shire's budding authors to explore the theme 'Lost and found'.

"We want young people to tell their story, their way – whether that's something funny, heartfelt, or completely unexpected," says the Mayor.

"Budding writers need to back themselves, use their own voice, and see where it takes them. There's so much noise out there telling people how they should sound. This is the opposite and I cannot wait to see what they've lost, what they've found, and what they've dreamed up in between."

Administered by Eurobodalla Libraries, the competition has become something of a local institution, drawing a flood of entries each year and attracting short stories, poems, essays, and everything in between including song lyrics or graphic novels. Entries are judged on originality, imagination and a willingness to take the theme and run with it.

Eurobodalla Libraries coordinator Skye Stapleton says the story doesn't end there.

"Thanks to support of Bendigo Bank Batemans Bay, there's a refreshed line-up of prizes and finalists will see their work published in the annual Mayor's Writing Competition Anthology," Ms Stapleton says.

"The overall winner receives the Syd Hayes Creative Writing Award, a beautiful, handcrafted pen by local artist Richard Turvery – what a fitting tool for whatever comes next. Their school also hosts the perpetual shield for a year, so there's bragging rights involved too."

Entries are open to people attending school in Eurobodalla, with age-group categories from kindergarten to Year 12. Submissions must respond to the theme, meet competition guidelines, and adhere to the word limits. Entries close on Thursday 11 June with winners announced in August. For more information visit the [Mayor's Writing Competition webpage](#) or drop in at the libraries in person.

National Rural Health Alliance celebrates rural focus of National Health Reform Agreement 2026-2031

The National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) is excited to welcome the announcement of the 2026-2031 National Health Reform Agreement Addendum. With rural communities identified as areas needing action through a specific schedule to the Agreement is a great win for rural health. The announcement results from consistent advocacy and input by the National Rural Health Alliance and reestablishes the need for a National Rural Health Strategy.

NRHA Chief Executive, Ms Susi Tegen said "The new Addendum will deliver an additional \$24.4 billion to the Australian public health system and hospitals and features the new Better Health Equity for Rural and Remote Communities Schedule, including plans for improved access to services and flexible models and initiatives to support health equity for rural and remote communities.

The Addendum recognises the complex needs of rural communities and the importance of equitable, tailored service delivery models. "We trust and hope that state and territory Governments honour their commitment to, and implement rural specific programs, as city models do not fit and result in chronic underservice and underspending. The federal government must make states accountable – this is after all, taxpayers' money", said Ms Tegen. "We know that rural communities have come up with innovative solutions and models where Medicare alone does not cover the cost and multidisciplinary scope of services needed. This is an opportunity for governments to listen, work with these communities and act".

"We can no longer accept that if you are one of the 7.4 million people or 30% of the Australian population that lives in and contributes to rural Australia, that you deserve and receive less than those in the city. It is un-Australian – indeed, it is a human rights issue."



What's on April 2026

From the Forest

A celebration of the resilience, beauty and bounty of our south coast forests. Events are held in the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden. Most events require bookings, visit [eventbrite.com.au](#)

Sunday 5 April

Children's Discovery Walk
11am - 12pm
Ramble through the forest seeking creatures big and small and learning about fascinating plants.

Wednesday 8 April

Breakfast with the Birds
8.30am - 10am
How many birds you can spot or hear? Enjoy a tasty breakfast afterwards.

Australian Native Bonsai Workshop
10am - 11.30am
Learn how to select plants, pots and soil and techniques for transforming a native tree into your own unique bonsai.



From the forest: Art exhibition
Saturday 4 - Sunday 19 April, 9am - 4pm
Banksia room
Free, no bookings required.

Wednesday 8 April

Propagation Workshop
1pm - 3.30pm
You will soon have a bounty of your favourite plants to plant out or share!

Literary Walk
1pm - 2.30pm
Hear how authors have conveyed Australian flora and landscape in their writing.

Thursday 9 April

Naturescape Gardens Walk
9.30am - 10.30am
Explore our showcase gardens with a horticulturalist. You may get a few ideas for home!



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Friday 10 April

Botanical Blueprints
9.30am - 12pm
1.30pm - 4pm
Explore the diversity of native plants through art and science with a cyanotype workshop.

Saturday 11 April

Giants of the Forest guided walk
10.30am - 12pm
Discover more about some of our majestic trees.

Little Landscapes
10am - 12pm
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Create your own native terrarium while learning about ecosystems and history of this living artform.

Sing Australia
12.30pm
Enjoy popular songs performed by our local branch of Sing Australia.

Sunday 12 April

Fungi and Lichens
10am - 12pm
Walk and lab session in the Herbarium.

Children's Discovery Walk
11am - 12pm
Seek creatures big and small and learning about fascinating plants.

Monday 13 April

Spotlight Wildlife Walk
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Visit the Garden after dark with an ecologist, and learn about a range of creatures who call it home.

Tuesday 14 April

Kids Craft: Fungi Fun
10am - 12pm
Learn some fun facts while you create a range of fungi and make a fungi garden. Ages 7 - 12 years.

Wednesday 15 April

Australian Native Bonsai Workshop
10am - 11.30am
Learn how to select plants, pots and soil and techniques for transforming a native tree into your own unique bonsai.

Propagation Workshop
1.30pm - 3pm
You will soon have a bounty of your favourite plants to plant out or share!

Sunday 19 April

Children's Discovery Walk
11am - 12pm
Ramble through the forest seeking creatures big and small and learning about fascinating plants.

Deep River Choir
11am
Pause for a while to enjoy the harmony and diverse repertoire of this popular local choir.



Let's do coffee with ... Mansimer Singh

The aerial distance between Batemans Bay and New Delhi is about 10,700 kilometres. The population of New Delhi is close to 35,000,000 compared to just over 9,000 in Batemans Bay. Language and cultural separation are even more pronounced, yet Mansimer Singh (MS) is happy to call, Surfside, home these days. The Moruya Mail (MM) had a coffee with Mansimer last week.

MM: Sachin Tendulkar captained his first One Day International (ODI) tournament victory in the Titan Cup, defeating Australia and South Africa and it was the year that the population of India increased from 979,677,999 to 979,678,000. Take us back to New Delhi.

MS: (Laughs ...) Ahh yes it is 1996, the year of my birth but also the year my other cricket hero, 19 year old Brett Lee, was emerging as a rising fast bowler, playing for Mosman in Sydney grade cricket. My Mum worked as clerk for the state owned Indian Railways which meant we had discounted rail tickets so travel was a big part of growing up. It gave me an early appreciation of the journey being just as important as the destination.

My Dad worked as a senior supervisor for Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) which is kind of the 'Telstra' for India.

I have an elder sister, Jasveen. My uncle's family lived next door and we were in and out of each other's house so often I see my upbringing as part of a joined family with an older brother, three elder sisters and two mothers. From 2000 until 2014 I attended Sardar Sahib Mota Singh Model School and enjoyed Maths, Chemistry and History as subjects. There were over 2,000 students but I managed to captain the cricket team as well as my sporting house, Ajit Singh, and also played hockey for the school. I was the youngest and most spoiled child. I do have vivid memories of playing cricket on the street, trying my best to mimic the bowling action of Brett Lee.

After finishing school in 2014, I applied to join the armed forces as an officer. Joining the Indian Armed Forces is highly competitive, with a final selection rate estimated at less than 1% of the total applicant pool for officer-level entries. To start, there is a written National Defence Academy (NDA) examination with less than 10 percent of candidates qualifying for the next stage which is the Services Selection Board (SSB) Interview where once again the numbers are culled to less than 10 percent. After passing the SSB and medical examinations, candidates are ranked in a merit list. Depending on the available vacancies only the top-ranking individuals are commissioned.

I was fortunate enough to get through and it was off to the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune, Maharashtra and close to Mumbai. Two and a half year later whilst undertaking night navigation exercises I fell off a cliff and exacerbated an old spinal injury that left me paralysed for two months. I feared I would not walk again, but fortunately the surgery was successful.

Nonetheless, I had to leave the military academy for medical reasons in 2017.

MM: That must have been quite shattering given the arduous entry requirements to make it to the Academy. With that background, it is quite the segue to end up as Manager of Kohli's Indian Restaurant in Batemans Bay.

MS: (Laughs ...) To be honest, I was one of those people who never wanted to leave my country. I needed to start afresh and I began studying for some graduation entrance exams and undertook some teaching for income.

My sister Jasveen motivated me to travel to Australia and in 2019, I landed in Perth to begin studies in a Bachelor of Data Science at the University of Western Australia (UWA).

I only lasted one year as the fees were \$AU27,000 per semester which translates to about 1.4 million Indian Rupees. With my parents earning a combined annual income of 1.2 million Rupees, it was not financially viable.

I began working in a pizza restaurant and living with friends in Belmont, a vibrant suburb, close to the city along the Swan River. It was a fun time and an opportunity to travel about.

In 2020, I started studying Hospitality at Macallan College Pty Ltd Perth and by 2023, I was a qualified chef.

Friends suggested Alice Springs would be an easy place to find work and, after an online search, I was offered a job as Chef at Southern Spice Authentic Asian Cuisine, the next day.

I had no idea of what to expect and flew into Alice Springs and spent the first few weeks living with the owners.

I loved the landscape and the sunsets but found the isolation a real challenge with Darwin and Adelaide both 1500 kilometres (kms) north and south respectively. Even a trip to Uluru was close to 500 kms.

However, I did find my Aussie family in Codie, Violet, Callum, Aliya and Kristina in a share house with the loveable dogs, Jackson and Choco.

It was very much a party house and strong and lasting friendships bloomed.

2024 rolls around and one fine day I am sitting in the bath and my Mum phones.

I remember the conversation so well. It starts with 'Mansimer, there is no pressure' which, of course, translates to the exact opposite.

'We have found a girl for you ... but there is no pressure, son. We do think it is time you settled down and married but ... there is no pressure. As I said we have found a girl for you but ... there is no pressure.'

MM: An arranged marriage? What is your view on arranged marriages?

MS: I do not have a problem with the concept and it is a deeply ingrained in our culture. I sometimes think parents are capable of making better choices than their children.

So my first sighting of my wife to be is on a screen and I showed my housemate, Codie, the photograph and her advice was to 'Sit down, relax and think about it.' I did.



Her name is Sejal and she is also Sikh and was an accountant in New Delhi but visiting Adelaide at the time of my Mum's call. Sejal was also 5 years my junior at the school I attended, but we never met.

I quickly formed the view that Sejal would always be there for me.

After lots of video calls, my parents insisted I visit India for an engagement ceremony in 2024. 500 people attended the ceremony and two days later we had a court marriage which is a legal solemnised union under the Special Marriage Act.

It was then back to Alice Springs in September 2024 as the preparations for the marriage religious ceremonies got underway in New Delhi.

Eight months later, my Aussie housemates accompanied me back to India for the 5 day wedding ceremony where we were officially married in a Sikh Temple in New Delhi.

On return to Australia, it was time to explore new opportunities and through a friend I was put in touch with the owners of Kohli's Indian Restaurant in Batemans Bay and offered the position of Manager.

It is a fantastic workplace. The owners have given me a great opportunity to put my own mark on the menu and the location is breathtaking.

We love the Eurobodalla Shire, the lifestyle and the attractions.

MM: What advice would you give to your younger self and what are the future plans?

MS: I would tell my younger self to keep exploring and stay focused. I aim to continue working in hospitality but would like to buy a caravan one day and explore more of Australia.

MM: Many thanks, Mansimer. It has been an interesting chat.

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**

New manager to steer Yuin Theatre's next chapter

The curtain is rising on a new chapter for the Yuin Theatre, with arts leader and long-time creative Indi Carmichael stepping in to guide its next phase.

A visual artist and graduate of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), Ms Carmichael has spent the past 11 years helping shape Eurobodalla's creative spaces, including the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre and Art Prize and programming at the Mechanics Institute.

Ms Carmichael is Eurobodalla Council's new manager of creative arts services. She has been tasked with supporting the transition of the Yuin Theatre and community rooms to Council's in-house management from 1 July 2026.

Ms Carmichael says her mission is to grow local theatre culture and activate the centre's community spaces, all while keeping a close eye on finances.

"It's an extraordinary piece of architecture right in the centre of town - we're incredibly lucky to have it," she said.

"The Clyde gallery is a great hireable space, as well as the wet and dry workshop rooms and beautiful sprung floor in the dance rehearsal room. We need to see local drama groups and artists fill up these spaces with vibrant activity."

"By building on Aligned Leisure's good work, this can be a place where people gather, enjoy workshops, see performances and connect with creativity."

Another key focus for Ms Carmichael was to see kids involved from a young age: "Whether it's drama clubs, workshops, dance or movement classes, these spaces give young people a chance to explore creativity and see career opportunities the arts can offer."

Eurobodalla Council's manager of community development and participation Kim Bush said moving to an in-house model was important to grow the region's arts offering and reduce the facility's operating costs over time.

"Indi and the team will keep costs down, making the most of the facilities through programming, partnerships and community use," Ms Bush said.

Ms Bush said the Yuin Theatre and community rooms will operate under Council from July, like most regional performing arts centres around Australia. It will join Council's other cultural assets including the Bas, libraries and Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden.



Eurobodalla Council's new manager of creative arts services, Indi Carmichael, is determined to grow theatre culture within the community and see creative arts spaces vibrant and full.

"Strong financial management means we can invest in these facilities, strengthening community life and making sure they remain accessible, valued and sustainable into the future," Ms Bush said.

Ms Bush said Council was also exploring regional partnerships with other venues to support touring productions.

"By working with other regional theatres, we can make it easier for promoters to include Eurobodalla on touring schedules," she said.

"It allows venues to share costs and bring high-quality performances to regional audiences."

The transition to Council management will continue over the coming months as Council staff work alongside Aligned Leisure to ensure a smooth handover of the theatre, bar, gallery and community room operations.



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See you there!

26 March 2026

The Acai van will be at WithNot4 from **10am - 3pm**

14 Page Street, Moruya




What's On at the libraries

Celebrating the legacy of Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter - Moruya Thursday 26 March 2026 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya
 Cost: free Join us at Moruya Library to celebrate the music and stories of indigenous Australian musicians Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter. This award-winning film tells Archie and Ruby's love story, explores their trauma as members of the stolen generations, centering on their 2004 concert Kura Tungar: Songs from the River. Places are limited, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance. T: 4474 1333 E: Moruya Library W: [Book online](#)

Poetry workshop with Dakota Feirer - Moruya Saturday 28 March 2026 10am - 12pm Cost: \$10 per person.

Join black&write! Writing Fellowship winner Dakota Feirer for a reflective and inspiring poetry workshop. This two-hour workshop will include opportunities to reflect, strengthen and expand your understanding of culture, Country, healing and custodianship as well as: connect to Country through poetry work collaboratively in a safe and supported LGBTQ+ and ally-friendly space learn, develop and refine a range of creative writing and poetic techniques listen and share poetry.

Please bring along your preferred writing materials. Light refreshments will be served. If you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, this workshop is free. However, you still need to book a ticket as spaces are limited. Places are limited, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance. T: 4474 1333 E: Moruya Library W: [Book online](#)

Saturday matinee movie - Moruya

Saturday 28 March 2026 1:30pm - 3:30pm
 Cost: free Join us for our Saturday matinee screening of this classy murder mystery, starring Joan Crawford and Jack Carson.

Enjoy the film, light refreshments, and a chat afterwards. Due to licensing restrictions, we cannot advertise the movie name. Ask our friendly library staff for more information. Moruya Library closes at 12.30pm on Saturdays. Access to the Moruya Library & Arts Centre (BAS) is via the public car park at the back of the library, off Murray Street. There is ramp access from the car park to the entry. Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance. T: 4474 1333 E: Moruya Library W: [Book online](#)

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 1 - 2.30 pm, Thursday March 26
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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.

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SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

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MusicNSW is looking for tour-ready acts based in regional NSW to join five Regional Tours.

This opportunity is best suited to artists that have played shows in their hometown and developed a local following, and who are ready to take their live show to new venues and audiences.

Selected artists will participate in one of five tours taking place in regional NSW and have the chance to build hands-on touring experience with support from MusicNSW's Regional Coordinators. You'll also get an album of professional photos from one of your shows and a financial subsidy to contribute to artist fees and marketing costs.

This program aims to develop new touring routes, connect artists and industry and build touring skills across regional NSW.

WHO CAN APPLY

This opportunity is for artists who are:

- Based in regional NSW*
- Performing new and original contemporary music - all genres welcome
- Can be solo, duo or band of up to 6 members
- Ready to perform at least 45 minutes of original songs

*For the purposes of this application, applicants must have been based in Regional NSW for a minimum of 12 months. Regional NSW includes all local government areas outside of Sydney, Western Sydney, Newcastle LGA and Wollongong LGA or regional cities with a population less than 100,000. If your band includes members that do not live in the same town, at least 50% of the band members must reside in regional NSW.

KEY DATES

The five tours will take place across September - October 2026 (tour dates and locations to be confirmed with selected artists).

Applications close: at 11:59pm (AEST) on 7 April 2026

Applicants will be notified by: early May 2026

HOW TO APPLY

We are accepting one application per act/band. You will need to complete [this form](#) where you can provide links to your act's music, a live performance video, bio & social media links before 11:59PM on 7 April 2026.

Announcing two exciting new art prizes and exhibitions for artists in the Eurobodalla

The Possum Art Prizes are organised and delivered by Art Central (Arts Council of Eurobodalla Inc) and sponsored in partnership with Southeast Arts Inc.

The two prizes are:

- The Possum Youth Prize, open to Eurobodalla residents between 15 and 30 years of age.
- The Possum Indigenous Prize, open to all Yuin and other Indigenous artists, of all ages, including elders, living in Eurobodalla.

Each first prize winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$1000. Second and third prize winners in each category will receive three free art lessons each at Art Central in Moruya.

All successful entries will be invited to exhibit their work and be eligible to win a prize in their category. Download Application form and Conditions of Entry at www.artcentral.org.au

The winners will be announced at the public opening at 5pm on Friday 5 June 2026 at the Mechanics Institute, Page Street, Moruya. The judges are Julie Janson and Steve Fox.

Key dates: Entries Open 20th April

Entries Close 4pm 14th May

Artwork delivery dates – see conditions of entry

www.artcentral.org.au/possumprizes

Exhibition Opens 5pm on 5th June

Exhibition closes 2pm on 13th June

All artists, friends and family are invited to the opening and to view the exhibition.

For more information contact:

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Sunday 5th April 2026

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Possum Art Exhibition and Prizes 2026



5 - 13 June 2026

\$1000 cash prize in each category

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2 MAJOR PRIZES

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For information and entry form go to:
www.artcentral.org.au/possumprizes

- YOUTH ART PRIZE
Open to artists under 30
- INDIGENOUS ART PRIZE
Open to all ages

Or email:
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Art Exhibition 11 to 19 April 2026



South Coast Pastel Society's judged exhibition is the society's premier exhibition of paintings completed primarily in pastels. Experience the colour and vibrancy of these paintings created by some of the best local and regional artists. All the paintings are available for purchase. There is also a selection of greeting cards available for sale featuring original artwork of the exhibiting artists

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April 2026
OPENING NIGHT
4TH APRIL
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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

mm MOJOS/MORUYA MAIL Live Music Gig Guide

Friday 27th
Drive Time Bay Soldiers Club (7.30pm)

Saturday 28th
Tommy Steez Quantum Brewery
Live Music Lynch's Hotel
Andie Dee Smokey Dans
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Drive Time Bay Soldiers Club

Sunday 29th
BLACK SORROWS plus Sunday Lemonade, and
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For weekly listings email
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River of Art focuses on flagship Art Prize as Festival evolves for the future

River of Art is once again looking forward to connecting artists and audiences across the region with a scaled back creative program for 2026, while commencing community consultation to shape the Festival's future.

After more than two decades as a key feature of the annual program, the much-loved Arts Trail will pause for the 2026 Festival while the organisation reviews the model and considers how it can best serve artists, audiences and the broader arts community going forward. The volunteer-led committee will use 2026 as an opportunity to reflect, consult and strengthen the framework that supports future festivals and ensures its long-term sustainability. While River of Art has always been powered by extraordinary community goodwill, the scale and expectations of the event now require structures and resources that extend beyond volunteer enthusiasm alone. Like many regional arts events, River of Art is also navigating a changing funding landscape, making this an important moment to review how the Festival can remain viable into the future.

As part of the review process, River of Art will undertake independent research through a sector-wide survey designed to gather insights from artists, venues, businesses, audiences and supporters. The findings will inform an open community forum to follow, where Art Trail participants will be invited to contribute ideas and perspectives on the Festival's direction.

Together, this process will help shape a more sustainable framework that responds to the contemporary needs of the South Coast arts community and considers the role River of Art can continue to play within the region's cultural landscape.

The first River of Art activation for 2026 will take place at the Narooma Oyster Festival this May, presenting a curated showcase of local artists from the most recent River of Art Prize. This exhibition continues River of Art's commitment to celebrating outstanding contemporary practice while connecting art with the region's vibrant cultural and tourism events.

The 2026 Festival program will centre on the highly regarded River of Art Prize, the Festival's flagship exhibition 25 September - 5 October, to be hosted by the Narooma School of Arts in what will be the newly completed Narooma Arts Centre (NAC). This purpose-built contemporary arts space will provide a professional gallery setting and an inspiring environment in which to showcase outstanding works. River of Art is delighted to collaborate with Narooma School of Arts on this exciting opportunity and warmly invites artists to be part of the exhibition, with entries opening in June 2026.

Additional curated activations will be presented as funding and opportunity allow, ensuring artists and audiences remain connected through the Festival's creative program.

River of Art remains dedicated to supporting artists, fostering creative exchange and contributing to the cultural and economic vitality of the region.

Further details regarding the survey and forum dates will be announced in the coming months.



YOUTH WEEK @eurobodalla_youth

Autumn SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

* Free events for youth aged 12-24 * Book online at www.eventbrite.com.au

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12noon

If you are thinking of coming along or have a question to ask about owning or driving an EV please contact Stuart Absalom at shabsalom47@gmail.com
Scan the QR Code for more information on SHASA.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!



2026 Wombat Care Course for Beginners- online ZOOM course
Sunday 12 April 2026 10am - 4pm AEST (approx.)

Any prospective wombat carers need to complete a wombat carer course for licensing purposes, and to be a good carer for the wombats entrusted to you. This is not a pinky wombat care course.

This wombat care course will give you a good overview of:

- Basic wombat rescues and assessment of rescued wombat
 - Equipment for rescues
 - Equipment/ infrastructure needed as carer
 - Feeding a wombat
 - General care, housing and husbandry
 - Diseases / illnesses/ General problems

This training workshop is jointly offered by NARG (Native Animal Rescue Group) and Wombat Rescue and presented by Les and Bill Waterhouse- Majors Creek Wombat Refuge

Certificate and extensive course notes are provided after course completion.

Enrolment via Humanitix: \$20 donation (Link below)

To be a carer in NSW and ACT, you need to be affiliated to, or a member of a licensed wildlife group in your area. This course is aimed at anyone in any state who needs wombat care training to join a shelter or wildlife group and would like to become a carer.

If you are going to become a wildlife carer, it is advisable that you familiarise yourself with the current Code of Practice (or similar) for the State/Territory you reside in:
The Code of Practice for Wildlife - ACT
The Code of Practice for Wildlife - NSW
Code of Practice for injured, sick and orphaned wombats (under review)
The Code of Practice for Wildlife - VIC



QR code with your phone or click on this link [2026 Wombat Carer Course](https://www.humanitix.com.au/2026-Wombat-Carer-Course)

2026 Wombat Pinky Care Course
Sunday 19 Apr 2026 11am - 3pm AEST

ZOOM Online Event: book through *Humanitix* \$15 donation (plus small fee)

Enrolment link below

Any prospective wombat carers need to complete a wombat carer course for licensing purposes, and to be a good carer for the wombats entrusted to you.

But once you start gaining experience, you might want to start caring for the very little ones, pinkies (unfurred marsupials).

This is a **more advanced course** than the Wombat Care Course for Beginners and you may like to consider doing both. The Pinky Care Course will cover:

- What equipment you will need to raise a pinky
 - How to do a pinky rescue
 - Assessment of a pinky after rescue
 - Equipment/infrastructure needed as carer
- What pinkies need from you to thrive, Feeding, general care, housing, husbandry and hygiene
- Diseases / illnesses pinkies may suffer from and general problems

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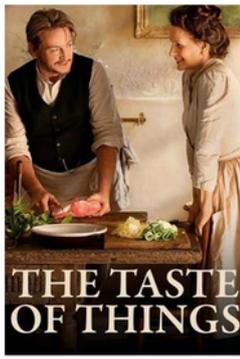
QR code for your phone or click here [2026 Wombat Pinky Course](https://www.humanitix.com.au/2026-Wombat-Pinky-Course)

MORUYA COMMUNITY FILM GROUP
@ THE RED DOOR

THIS MONTH'S FILM
THE TASTE OF THINGS

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

Synopsis - The Taste of Things is a 2023 Romance - 2h 15m starring Binoche as Eugenie, the long-term professional and romantic counterpart to culinary artist Dodin (Benoit Magimel at the tail end of the 19th century. Despite their mutual admiration, forged from decades of chasing gastronomic innovation together, Eugenie remains resistant to Dodin's proposals of marriage. Not only is Dodin (who bears the objectively hilarious moniker of "the Napoleon of culinary arts") tasked with winning Eugenie over, another challenge comes his way when he agrees to prepare a meal for a visiting prince with extravagant tastes, whose appetite can extend across a single 8-hour meal. The pair's wordless choreography in the kitchen is expressed with a gentle yet confident physicality.



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



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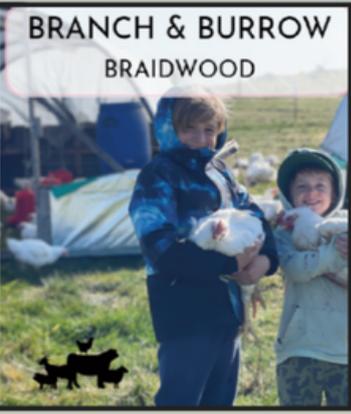



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Animal Welfare League News

AWL Eurobodalla is having kittens! If you would like a feline friend in your life, check out these three-month-old cuties:

- Midnight - female - confident and outgoing - microchip 991003003350049
- Milo - male - sweet natured, good with other cats - 991003003350047
- Oreo - male - a real smoocher - 991003003350054
- Storm - female - purr machine - 991003003350048
- Whiskers - loves people, other cats and toys - 991003003350050

Full information about these kittens, and about all our lovely pets available for adoption, is shown on the AWL NSW website: www.awlnsw.com.au. You can arrange a meeting with any of our animals by calling AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612 or completing the form in the adoption section of the website. AWL's Rehoming Organisation Number is R251000222.

Our big **Desexing Promotion** rolls on. If you own a cat and would like help with the cost of desexing, we've got good news! Throughout March and April, cat owners can book their pet in to the Eurobodalla vet of their choice for desexing over the next three months, then contact AWL on 0436 816 718 to secure a discount voucher. NSW law requires all cats to be desexed by four months of age, or owners must pay a substantial annual fee, so this is a great opportunity to have your feline desexed at a reduced cost.



Midnight



Milo



Oreo



Whiskers



Storm

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.

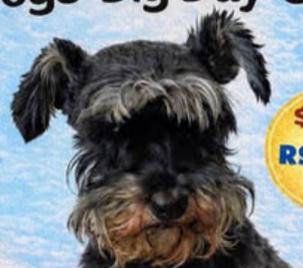


To have your pet desexed:

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.

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\$20 RSPCA

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 - Pawgaritas
 - Dirty Barkinis, and
 - Frozen Puppsicles

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COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER EXP 2026



BATEMANS BAY	MORUYA	NAROOMA
Saturday 13 th June 10am - 2pm Bunnings Warehouse	Friday 12 th June 11am - 2pm Memorial RSL Hall	Saturday 23 rd May 10am - 2pm Sports & Leisure Centre

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SAGE Farmers Market

Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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growing the community

2026 Diary Dates

- 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**

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 Food & Knowledge Share - Sunday March 29th at 10am, Riverside Park. Guest Speaker -

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.

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Moruya Landcare Planting Day postponed

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South Coast & Country Community Law

coming to Moruya to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

When: **Thursday 26th 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 31st March 2026** 10:00am to 1:30pm Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay

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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Brad Doolan with Secretary Michael Coloe



Winner: Paul Ferguson with Secretary Michael Coloe



Winners: Dianne Brown, Pauline Nash and Jane Eglitis



Winners: John Cox and Tony Crook

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 19th March 2026

A field of 37 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The game was closely contested and there were some wonderful scores achieved, including a Hole in One!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Brad Doolan (5) with 38 points (countback)
- 2nd: Wayne Fullerton (19) with 38 points
- 3rd: Terry Milliken (24) with 37 points (countback)
- 4th: Lynne McDonell (43) with 37 points

Great Score:

- Wayne Fullerton Hole in One Prize! 6/15th hole
- Nearest to the Pins
- 4th: Ray Bollard 3.37 A Grade
- 4th: Wayne Fullerton 1.86 B Grade
- 4th: Nigel Barling 0.59C Grade
- 6th: Ian McManus 1.68A Grade
- 6th: Wayne Fullerton 0.00 B Grade
- 7th: Matthew Kennedy 1.00 A Grade
- 7th: Stephen Swanbury 1.98 B Grade
- Balls went to: Gavan Wheelahan 36, Bruce Harding 35, Ray Bollard 35, Ian McManus 35, Shane Gschwend 35, Ian Manton 35, Anthony Mellick 35, Kevin Reilly 34, Mark O'Connor 33 and Herb Muriwai 32.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 21st March 2026

A field of 57 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. It was an overcast day with a bit of rain and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Paul Ferguson (12) with 41 points (countback)
- 2nd: Peter Engelbrecht (15) with 41 points
- 3rd: Ruth Gschwend (16) with 40 points (countback)
- 4th: David Gray (17) with 40 points (countback)
- 5th: Bruce Martin (19) with 40 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Martin Booth 2.21A Grade
- 4th: David Gray 3.40B Grade
- 4th: Tony Brown 7.20C Grade
- 6th: Ray Bollard 1.10A Grade
- 6th: David Gray 5.55B Grade
- 6th: Gavan Wheelahan 4.10 C Grade
- 7th: William Steenbergen 6.30 A Grade
- Balls went to: Shane Gschwend 36, Bruce Harding 36, Ken Hush 36, Stephen Gardner 36, Tony Brown 36, John Phyland 35, Jim Wade 34, Paul Medwin 34, Wayne Fullerton 34, Stephen Swanbury 34, Bruce Cleeve 34, Matthew Kennedy 34, Paul Pereira 34, Gavan Wheelahan 33 and William Steenbergen 33.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 24th March 2026

A field of 22 ladies played in a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Harry and Rouge. The weather was sunny and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
- 1st: Pauline Nash (30) with 38 points
- 2nd: Pam Alexander (33) with 35 points

B Grade:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (36) with 34 points
- 2nd: Maree Coffey (36) with 32 points

C Grade:

- 1st: Jane Eglitis (40) with 33 points
- 2nd: Lynne McDonell (43) with 28 points

Place Getters

Gail Rogers 31, Dorothy Madden 28, Leonie Doolan 28, Judy Apps 27 and Cate O'Brien 27.

Hole Prize: 2nd Shot

- 7th Marie Muriwai Distance: 1.05 Golden Shot A
- 7th Gail Rogers Distance: 2.66 Golden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin: 2nd Shot

- 6th Shirley Quinlan Distance: 1.58
- 15th Maree Coffey Distance: 0.29

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 25th March 2026

A field of 35 players signed up for a 2 Player Team Stableford Multiplier event today. The weather was sunny and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winning Teams were:

- 1st: Tony Crook and John Cox with 54 points
- 2nd: Paul Green and Sandra Hanlon with 52 points
- 3rd: Linda Puglisi and Tony Puglisi with 36 points (countback)

Balls or Chocolates went to: Gail and Len Rogers 36 and Derek Hoare and Stacey Davidson 35.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Jane Eglitis (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Neal Watson (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd Shot) In the Hole!
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Accuracy: Shirley Quinlan (5th hole)

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Waves, wipeouts and collisions: when surfers injure others

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As surfing grows in popularity, crowded lineups are creating more opportunities for collisions – and in some cases, conflict between surfers in the water. More than one in 10 Australian surfers say they have injured someone else while surfing, according to new research from UNSW's [Beach Safety Research Group](#) that sheds light on an under-recognised risk in crowded surf breaks.

The study, published today in the journal [Injury Prevention](#), found that 93 out of 815 Australian surfers surveyed – or 11.4% – said they had injured another person in the water at some point while surfing.

Most injuries were accidental, but a small minority involved deliberate or retaliatory behaviour linked to breaches of surf etiquette. Lead author [Dr Michael Tran](#), from UNSW's School of Clinical Medicine, said the research examined an aspect of surfing injuries that has rarely been studied.

"Most research has focused on injuries surfers sustain themselves," Dr Tran said. "What we asked instead was whether surfers had ever injured someone else while they were surfing."

Cuts, collisions and concussions

Among surfers who reported injuring someone else, nearly half of the incidents – 48% – were linked to collisions caused by crowding or difficulty seeing others in the water.

Fin-related cuts – or "fin chops" in surfers' parlance – were the most frequently reported injury, accounting for 28% of responses among surfers who said they'd injured someone, ranging from minor cuts to deeper wounds requiring stitches.

Other incidents involved the surfboard striking someone during a wipeout or manoeuvre, accounting for 15% of responses. A further 14% described head injuries or concussions caused by a surfboard striking another person. "If someone is knocked unconscious in the water, the risk changes straight away," Dr Tran said. "A head injury in the surf can quickly become a drowning risk."

Still on their L-plates

Dr Tran said the findings reflect the realities of an increasingly popular sport.

"Participation in surfing has been growing, particularly since the pandemic," he said. "As more people enter the water at popular breaks, with varying levels of experience, the chances of collisions and other incidents can increase."

Surfing is one of Australia's most popular coastal activities, with more than 490,000 Australians aged over 15 taking part.

Co-author [Dr Amy Peden](#), from UNSW's School of Population Health, said more people taking up the sport increases the chances of accidental collisions.

"Inexperience is likely a factor in some cases, so we need to balance participation, and the positives of that, with ensuring safety," she said.

Surf rage

Perhaps encouraged by the anonymity of the survey, some respondents admitted to retaliatory behaviour that caused injury to others.

"For the most part the collisions were accidental and often due to crowding or visibility issues," Dr Peden said. "Although rare, disputes over surf etiquette were reported to sometimes escalate into deliberate acts of violence."

"While the survey data doesn't differentiate whether these incidents involved other surfers or swimmers, conflicts in the surf can, and do, occur between surfers competing for the same wave."

Back to surf-school

The researchers say education around surf safety and etiquette could help reduce injuries to others in the water, such as guidance on spatial awareness and understanding who has priority on a wave.

While many surf schools already teach these principles, the researchers say broader awareness campaigns could help reach recreational surfers who learn informally or surf outside organised programs.

"These incidents are preventable, particularly with better awareness of surf etiquette and how to manage your board in busy conditions," Dr Peden said.

Injury reporting

The study also highlights a gap in injury reporting systems.

While injuries to surfers themselves are sometimes captured in hospital or emergency department data, incidents where surfers injure other people are rarely recorded in official statistics.

As a result, the true frequency of these events is difficult to estimate.

The researchers say improving injury reporting could help coastal safety organisations better understand the risks in surf zones and develop targeted prevention strategies.

Understanding how and why these incidents occur may also help beach managers consider how surf zones are managed at busy beaches where multiple water users share the same space.

"Injuries happen because the surf can be crowded, chaotic, and fast-moving," Dr Tran says. "A split second of inattention can cause a concussion or a deep fin cut. As more Australians take up surfing, we need clear messaging about how to keep yourself, and others, safe in the surf."

The findings are drawn from the [Global Surfer Survey](#), an international study exploring surfers' experiences, safety behaviours and views on coastal safety.

Read the study at: <https://doi.org/10.1136/ip-2025-045890>

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Moruya Ladies Golf



It was a small contingent of ladies playing at Moruya Ladies golf on Wednesday 18th March as quite a few ladies went to Coolamatong to play in the Annual FSC&TGA Tournament. Ladies at Moruya played a Stableford round with Jan Lumsden winning with a score of 30pts OCB.

The ladies participating at Coolamatong did very well in the awards department: Snowy Mountains Cup and RD Bridges Champion of Champion was won by Colette Blacklock, Runner up in the Enid Jeffreys Div 2 36 Hole nett was Noelene Cowdroy, the Moruya team of Colette Blacklock, Margaret Douglas and Sharon Knight won the 36 Hole Gross team event. In the daily 18 hole events Colette Blacklock won the Div 1 Gross event (Day 1) and Sharon Knight won the Div 1 Nett event (day 1). Day 2 saw both ladies being Runner up in the same events again. The final day was the Foursomes Championships and Val Moore and Christine Quick were runners up in the Div 3 Nett event. Not a bad haul. Well done ladies. Let's hope it continues when we play at Eden next year."

< Pic: Jan Lumsden

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Bowls Organiser Jay Breust congratulated Jenny Blyth and Sue Beavan on winning Major Pairs Club Championship on the (photo) weekend, also to Wendy Geary and Lisa Grice who played some really good Bowls. Spectators had some great Bowls to watch in both men's and women's games. Thanks to Umpire Julie Knorpp and Robyn Butcher for photos . Social Bowls we bowled 2 bowl Triples two games of 12 Ends each.

Winners with 2 wins + 27, Di Wotherspoon, Michelle Adler and Margaret Bridges. (Photo).

Runners-up, Lynda Franks, Sue Morgan and Yvonne Huddleston.

Lucky numbers, 1 Gayl Vidgen, 36 Bev Keatley, 27 Gloria Harper.

Money Club, 45 Judy Davis, 30 Bev McKague.

Jackpot number selected was Di Wotherspoon on 47 but no Joker found just 2 of Diamonds.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



President Pedro welcomed 27 Twisties on another very hot morning bowling in 6 Pairs games in 2-4-2 format. Pedro mentioned our weekend away in Narooma so don't forget to put names down on list.

Welcome back to Smiley after recent surgery, great to have him back out on the Green. Well done to Lozza winning his basketball in Special Olympics.

Happy 80th Birthday this coming Friday to " Hot Lips " Carney.

We all thanked Pedro for the terrific job he has done as President of Twist Tops as he leaves the area this week. He will return when possible until elections. (photo)

Winners on Highest Winning Margin 37/6, Bob the Builder & Chocolate. (Photo)

Runners-up 28/7, Chrissy & Smiley with Scottie.

Chocolate selected Rink 11 to try for Jackpot of \$138.50. Scottie cut cards but no Joker just Ace of Diamonds. High/Low Scores 37/6 was not won but now \$80 to win.

Lucky numbers, 15 Smiley, 24 Pattycake.

Other winners, Bert & Whizza 21/13, Pattycake & Chanty 18/13, K.C.& Pedro 19/13. Trish the Dish with Dobbo and Robbo 23/11.

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More lifesaving equipment at community sport facilities across NSW

The NSW Government is backing safer community sport by delivering new lifesaving equipment to clubs in the Bega Electorate among 190 sporting organisations across NSW to have received new defibrillators. The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program provides up to \$3,000 to eligible sport and active recreation organisations for the purchase of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at sports facilities.

Since the Program commenced, more than 2,500 defibrillators have been awarded for use at sport and recreation facilities across NSW.

Bega Electorate recipients include:

- Wolumla Football Club
- Pambula-Merimbula Golf Club Limited
- Dalmeny Boardriders Inc
- South Coast Speedway Kart Club
- ParkRun Australia Ltd (Bega)
- Tathra Minor Rugby League Club
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- Narira Sporting Ground and Parklands
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- Pambula Pony Club
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The Program is part of a major investment by the NSW Government to improve safety at NSW sport and recreation facilities which includes a \$150,000 grant to the Heartbeat of Football Foundation to conduct research to identify which sports facilities have AEDs installed.

The findings of the research, which commenced in September 2025, will provide vital insight and guide future government investment in the equipment.

Minister for Sport Steve Kamper said “More than 190 clubs across NSW are now better equipped with defibrillators, building on over 2,400 delivered with investment by the Minns Government backing safer community sport.

“When every second counts, this equipment saves lives, ensuring players, volunteers and spectators can step onto the field with confidence and get home safely.”

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said “As a clinician, I know that in a cardiac emergency every second matters- in fact, if an AED is used within the first 3 to 5 minutes of a cardiac arrest survival rates increase by up to 60-70 per cent.

“Early access to a defibrillator can absolutely be the difference between life and death.

“This program is ensuring our local sporting communities are better prepared to respond and keep people safe.”

For further information on the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program, including the list of recipients, visit:

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program>

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