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## Palestinian Prisoners Day

Walid Khalid Abdullah Ahmad, 16 - 17 yrs old, died in March 2025 after being held for 6 months without charge or trial.

Walid's autopsy showed that Israeli prison guards had starved and abused him for months before he died.

Osaid Mahfouz is a 16 - 17-year-old Palestinian student. On August 28, 2024, he was seriously injured by explosive devices and grenades that Israeli forces fired at close range. To save his life, his left leg was amputated above the knee. He also suffered second degree burns to his chest, abdomen and underarms. On December 19, 2024, Israeli forces besieged Osaid's family home in Askar Refugee Camp and arrested him without charge. Osaid was beaten many times on his amputated leg, causing the bone to protrude. He suffers from severe back pain and requires treatment for unhealed burns and scabies. It is not known if he has been released.

Since 1967 more than a million Palestinians, including children, have been detained in Israeli prisons. They are subjected to abuse of legal process, dire prison conditions, mistreatment, torture, forced transfer and separation from family. April 17 is Palestinian Prisoners Day. This is a time to pressure the Labor Government to sanction those responsible for the administration of Israeli military detention and prison systems that carry out these serious human rights abuses. Israel's prison system and use of torture is a serious violation of international law. Australia has a clear obligation to act.

### What you can do:

Join our vigil at Fiona Phillips Batemans Bay office, 1/6-8 Orient St, on Thursday 16 April 11am - 12noon.

Send an email or letter to your local federal MP before 17 April demanding that Australia act against Israel's torture of Palestinians.

Further information and a sample letter available from

[eurobodallajusticeforpalestine@gmail.com](mailto:eurobodallajusticeforpalestine@gmail.com)

## New NSW Community Participation Plan for planning

The **NSW Government** is making it easier to have your say on planning proposals and ending confusion by developing a single Community Participation Plan, that will give communities a clearer way to have their say on planning decisions, no matter where they live.

The draft statewide Community Participation Plan is now on public exhibition and once in place will introduce a consistent approach across all of NSW. Currently, there are more than 100 different Community Participation Plans across the state – each with its own approach, timeframes and thresholds for consultation on planning matters.

This has led to inconsistent consultation practices and confusion for proponents, homeowners, community members and other stakeholders trying to engage with and navigate the planning system. For example, right now there can be different approaches on opposite sides of the same street for both community consultation and work notification requirements. Consulting the community is a central part of the NSW planning system and the introduction of a single Community Participation Plan will simplify this and standardise public exhibition and consultation requirements across the state.

The draft plan reframes NSW's approach to community consultation by putting the primary focus on strategic planning and major complex development applications instead of sweating the small stuff.

It proposes longer timeframes for the community to have their say on strategic planning proposals that set out where development should occur and where infrastructure is needed; while reducing the number of low-impact development application types required to be exhibited by councils, speeding up assessment and decision making.

### Key changes include:

- Extending minimum consultation timeframes on significant state-level strategic planning initiatives like the recent draft Sydney Plan and the State Plan from 45 days to 60 days.
- Standardising the process for notification of Complying Development across the state and giving neighbours 7 days' notice before any works begin.
- Making public exhibition requirements clear for different types of local development so that councils do not need to exhibit things like new single or two storey houses or sheds and pools that already meet with planning controls.

Importantly, councils will still be able to tailor their own community engagement strategies to suit local needs and feed into other council plans and policies. This is the next step in implementing the Minns Labor Government's landmark legislative planning reforms which passed through parliament in November 2025 with almost universal support. The reforms make the planning system faster, fairer and more focused on outcomes so it is easier to build homes, attract jobs and enhance the environment.

The reforms include the creation of the Development Coordination Authority which will create a one-stop shop for government agency input on planning matters, streamlined approvals for minor modifications to existing DAs and fairer review and appeal processes.

The draft Community Participation Plan and discussion paper are on exhibition until Wednesday 3 June 2026. To have your say, visit <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/proposed-statewide-cpp>



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SHASA's Eurobodalla Battery Electric Vehicles Group EuroBEV is an informal group.

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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](mailto:shabsalom47@gmail.com)  
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# Emergency Services Surf Beach HQ Opened



Photos: NSW SES

Emergency response, preparedness and training will now be coordinated from a new purpose-built precinct in Batemans Bay, housing both the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS).

The \$5.9 million precinct at Surf Beach provides a modern, shared base for Batemans Bay SES Unit alongside the Surf Beach RFS Brigade volunteers supporting the Eurobodalla community, improving coordination and capability across emergencies including bush fires, storms and floods. Designed for operational needs, the precinct includes vehicle bays, training and operations areas, modern communications and improved volunteer amenities like change rooms and laundry.

The NSW SES facility includes garages to house the new generation of NSW SES rescue vehicles and boats, rescue equipment storage, offices, a training room and kitchen. The RFS facility provides a modern base for the Surf Beach Brigade, with three truck bays, equipment storage, training and meeting areas, supporting frontline firefighting capability and volunteer readiness. The project is an upgrade to the previous RFS station and replaces the Batemans Bay SES headquarters, which was destroyed during the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires. Since then, SES volunteers have operated from a temporary location while continuing to support the community during major weather events.

The Surf Beach Emergency Services Precinct was delivered through a partnership between the Australian Government, NSW Government, the SES, RFS and Eurobodalla Shire Council. Co-location of both agencies will support stronger collaboration through shared training, planning and coordinated operational response across the region. Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Kristy McBain, said: "This new purpose-built facility will be a great asset to the local community and help coordinate emergency response crews during times of natural disaster.

"Communities all along the Far South Coast will benefit from this upgrade during times of bush fires, storms and floods. "The Albanese Government is committed to improving facilities for our first responders so they have the capability they need to respond and keep the community safe."

NSW Minister for Emergency Services, Jihad Dib said: "The Batemans Bay SES Unit and the Surf Beach RFS Brigade always put their community first something they showed in the most extraordinary way during the Black Summer fires. "Co-locating the NSW SES and NSW RFS in a modern, purpose-built facility strengthens coordination between our emergency services and ensures a faster, more effective response when the community needs help most. "This new emergency services precinct represents a significant investment in community safety and will give our dedicated volunteers the facilities and equipment needed to continue protecting communities across the Eurobodalla."

Federal Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips said: "Batemans Bay first responders were there for us to rely on in some of our darkest and hardest times - during the 2019-2020 bushfires - when they stepped up and literally put their lives on the line to save their neighbours. "I'm so proud to see the doors open on this magnificent, modern facility, and to be part of the Albanese Labor Government that continues to support our incredible volunteers and emergency service workers."

NSW SES Commissioner, Mike Wassing AFSM said: "This is a major milestone for our local volunteers who have served their community during flood and storms over the past six years, despite losing their previous headquarters in the Black Summer fires.

NSW RFS Commissioner, Trent Curtin said: "Working alongside the NSW SES enhances coordination and improves how we respond to complex incidents.

"It ensures our volunteers are supported, trained and ready to protect their communities."

State Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said: "This new Emergency Services Precinct at Surf Beach is a significant investment in the safety and resilience of the Eurobodalla community. Bringing the SES and RFS together in a contemporary, purpose-built facility strengthens coordination and ensures fast and effective responses when they are needed. "

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# EVs surge as buyers respond to fuel uncertainty

Electric vehicle sales increased significantly in March, reaching their highest share of the Australian market to date, the latest release of VFACTS sales data shows. A total of 15,839 battery electric vehicles from all sources were sold in March, accounting for 14.6 per cent of total sales. By comparison, battery electric vehicles accounted for 7.5 per cent of sales in March 2025. Overall, 105,058 vehicle sales were recorded by VFACTS in March 2026, which is 3.3 per cent lower than March 2025.

**Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries** chief executive Tony Weber said the March report showed strong growth in EV demand but cautioned that the increase may reflect short-term influences. "It is too early to determine whether this represents a structural shift in the market. More consumers are considering EVs due to the disruption to fuel supply caused by conflict in the Middle East, along with the review into the fringe benefits tax concession for EVs," Mr Weber said.

"The automotive industry would welcome a sustained shift to EVs, given its substantial investment in bringing more than 100 EV models to the Australian market and the industry's efforts to meet ambitious NVES targets. A long-term shift to EVs will require Australian governments to sharpen their focus on public charging infrastructure, particularly in regional areas and locations where home charging is not practical. Ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with consumer demand will be critical to enabling sustainable growth in EV adoption beyond short-term influences."

**National Automotive Leasing and Salary Packaging Association** (NALSPA) CEO Rohan Martin said "Since early March, our members have been inundated with inquiries about novated leasing and the Electric Car Discount. They're telling us that March was their strongest month for battery electric vehicle orders, and for many, BEVs made up the majority of leases, compared to around half in a typical month.

"They are also seeing a sharp rise in customers who are essential workers and employees on average and below incomes looking to make the switch to EVs.

"Our members have witnessed heightened demand for used EVs and from workers living in outer and regional areas. These workers often face longer commutes and are among those hardest hit by rising fuel costs, making the case for an EV, and the savings that come with it, all the more compelling.

"EV drivers generally save \$3,000 every year on running costs and when combined with a novated lease and the Electric Car Discount, total savings rise significantly, making EVs one of the most compelling levers for many households during the sustained cost-of-living crunch.

"Whilst Australia is still well behind global benchmarks and has a long way to go to achieve our emissions targets, EV uptake had been gradually climbing before Australians were hit with fuel shortages and price shocks."

The **NRMA** says "BEV sales were up 88.9 per cent in March (from 8385 to 15,839), but the story doesn't end there. Sales of PHEV models all climbed from 6932 to 8215 (up 15.7 per cent), while already-historically-popular hybrid models grew from 16,830 to 17,953 up 6.3 per cent.

What's important to remember here is this growth comes among an overall market downturn, with a total of 42,007 electrified vehicles sold in March now representing a market share of 38.6 per cent.

**BYD** was the big winner in March, claiming third overall for brands with 7217 vehicles sold (up 50.0 per cent), helped by its Sealion 7 (1970 sold), **Shark 6 ute** (1314 sold), Sealion 8 (836 sold), Atto 2 (572 sold), Sealion 6 (489 sold), Atto 3 (466 sold), Sealion 5 (372 sold), Seal (337 sold).

Tesla moved the needle the right way in March, up 23.2 per cent with 3485 sold. Its wildly popular Model Y was responsible for 2818 of the sales, with its Model 3 lagging at just 667.

**Geely** posted strong numbers at the one-year anniversary of its arrival to Australia, with 1208 vehicles sold. **Zeekr** and **Jaecoo** moved 709 and 1010 respectively.

Despite rising fuel costs, **Polestar** recorded a weak March, with sales falling 12.1 per cent to just 160 units.

Of all vehicles sold, Toyota was the market leader in March with sales of 16,574, followed by Kia (7,320), BYD (7,217), Mazda (7,156) and Ford (7,149). The top models were the Ford Ranger (4,452), Toyota HiLux (4,167), Nissan X-Trail (2,438), Mitsubishi Outlander (2,318) and Hyundai Kona (2,316).

**CONGRATULATIONS AMH MORUYA**

From EuroBEV - Eurobodalla Battery Electric Vehicle Group

SHASA's EuroBEV congratulates AMH MORUYA electric vehicle dealership on the sale of 80 new electric vehicles in the month of March 2026.

SOURCE : AMH Moruya Dealership April 2026

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# Easter Charity Races brings style and support to Moruya



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Sofia Keady with Bambi Doody

The grounds of the Moruya Jockey Club came alive on Easter Sunday, April 4, as locals and visitors gathered for the annual Easter Charity Race, an event that combined community spirit, racing excitement, and a strong commitment to a worthy cause.

This year's event proudly supported the Carers' Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH), a dedicated local charity working to raise funds, design, and build much-needed carers accommodation at the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, currently under construction. The initiative aims to provide a comfortable and supportive place for families caring for loved ones receiving medical treatment, ensuring they can remain close during difficult times.

Following the commencement of Race 2, attention turned from the track to the vibrant and much-anticipated Fashions on the Field. The event showcased a stunning array of colour, creativity, and elegance, with participants of all ages embracing the Easter theme in style. Spectators were treated to a parade of beautifully dressed entrants, each bringing their own flair to the competition.

Judges Chris Watson, Sofia Keady and Lorraine had the difficult task of selecting winners, noting the exceptionally high standard and variety of outfits on display.

Manager Ken Brown from the Moruya Jockey Club extended his sincere thanks to all Fashions on the Field sponsors whose support helped make the event possible. These included the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay, Dan Murphy's Batemans Bay, Squeak Designs, Nutrimetrics, Mogo Zoo, Perry Street Cinemas, Narooma Golf Club, Joycies Florist, Batemans Bay Boatshed Escapade Cruises, Liberte Wellness Centre, Bliss Wellness Spa and Float, Bay Pavilions and Reggie's Ice Cream.

The day was widely praised as a resounding success, not only for the high standard of racing and fashion but also for the generosity shown by attendees in supporting CAERH's vital work.

## Fashions on the Field Winners

### Best Dressed Girl (Under 14)

1. Bambi Doody
2. Zita Tibeca
3. Flora White

### Best Dressed Boy (Under 14)

1. Eddie Lamb
2. William Smith
3. Happy Doody

### Best Dressed Filly

1. Bridget Doody
2. Amanda Knights
3. Chelsea Nickson

### Best Dressed Mare

1. Jackie Porter
2. Leesa Herbert
3. Felicity Henriquez

### Best Dressed Gent

1. Stephen Porter
2. Fin Everding
3. Steve Tangnery

### Best Easter Bonnet

1. Laurie Smith
2. Betty Curtis



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## Blood testing for Alzheimer's to be closer to reality for more Australians under proposed trial

### Australian Dementia Network

More Australians will be a step closer towards earlier and more effective diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease (AD) under a proposed plan by the Australian Dementia Network (ADNeT).

Utilising its established networks of GPs across three states, ADNeT intends on combining digital cognitive tests and blood tests (pTau217 AD) for a large-scale study of people at risk of Alzheimer's Disease. Dementia is one of Australia's greatest public health and economic challenges with more than 400,000 Australians living with dementia and it is estimated to cost Australia about \$18.7 billion in 2025.

It is the leading cause of death in Australia and about three quarters of people with dementia have Alzheimer's disease.

Those showing signs of, or being at risk of, Alzheimer's Disease in the pilot will be directed to Brain Health Clinics or conventional specialist memory clinics for expert diagnosis and early treatment.

The pilot will mean earlier diagnosis, more effective treatment, delaying severe dementia and increasing time at home for people with Alzheimer's Disease. Current testing shows signs of Alzheimer's Disease can be detected in the brain up to 20 years before symptoms emerge.

ADNeT Director, Professor Christopher Rowe MD FRACP, who has more than two decades of experience in dementia research, said the pilot aims to take advantage of new testing becoming available over the coming months.

"There are currently a small number of locations in Australia using blood tests to rule out Alzheimer's with more accurate tests expected to be available later in the year," he said. "This pilot brings forward the opportunity to one day have the combination of cognitive and blood testing available to Australians across the country.

"This would have transformative benefits for our society with earlier diagnosis and intervention leading to people at risk of or with early onset Alzheimer's leading happier, more productive and fulfilling lives.

"It also has the potential to save the Australian Government billions of dollars in healthcare costs."

The proposed cost of the trial, which is included in ADNeT's pre-Budget submission, for the Australian Government is \$6 million over 5 years.

Professor Rowe said the new blood testing has the potential to greatly improve diagnosis level outside of metropolitan areas.

"With current wait times outside of Melbourne and Sydney for dementia diagnosis and treatment exceeding 12 months, there is a desperate need for greater support for patients," he said.

"The impact of Alzheimer's is higher in rural, regional, indigenous and culturally diverse communities due to longer delays in diagnosis and difficulty accessing treatment."

## NSW rolls out free nasal spray influenza vaccine for kids under 5

The NSW Government is rolling out free nasal spray flu vaccines for 2-4 year olds to increase influenza vaccine uptake in young children following the worst flu season on record.

Under the NSW Nasal Spray Influenza Vaccination Program, the free nasal spray flu vaccine will be available for children aged two, three and four years across NSW through GPs, Aboriginal Medical Services and community pharmacies.

The vaccine is sprayed into the nose with one spray into each nostril. It is gentle, painless, and needle-free. About a quarter of children (24.4%) under 5 were vaccinated in NSW in 2025, which is below the 40% target set in the NSW Immunisation Strategy 2024-2028.

Last year's extended flu season saw more than 24,500 cases of influenza (flu) in children under 5 in NSW. In 2025, there were more than 4,600 presentations in children under 5 for influenza-like-illness to emergency departments in NSW and more than 960 admissions in children under 5 to hospitals. Compared to 2024, this is a more than 40 per cent increase in both presentations and admissions.

Across all age groups in 2025, NSW recorded its highest number of influenza cases on record, with 186,768 notifications. This is a 15.8 per cent jump (25,548 more) than in 2024 and a 79 per cent jump (82,439 more) compared with 2023.

The Minns Labor Government is urging the wider community to also book in now for their annual flu vaccination, both to keep themselves and their families healthy, and to help ease pressures on busy emergency departments over the winter period.

The flu vaccine is recommended yearly for everyone six months and over and offers the best protection against serious illness. The community is encouraged to get vaccinated early before cases begin rising again.

The 2026 flu vaccine injection is available for free under the National Immunisation Program for:

- children aged six months to under five years
- pregnant women
- Aboriginal people aged six months and over
- anyone aged 65 and over
- people with serious health conditions.

The community can book their flu vaccine at their GP, community pharmacy, or Aboriginal Medical Service.

The community are reminded there are a few simple steps they can take to protect themselves and others from respiratory illness, including:

- staying up to date with their vaccinations
- staying home if they're sick and wearing a mask if they need to go out
- avoiding crowded spaces and getting together in well-ventilated spaces
- consider doing a rapid antigen test before visiting people at higher risk of severe illness
- making a plan with their doctor if they're at higher risk of severe illness
- practicing good general hygiene, like regular handwashing.

If an illness is not serious or life-threatening, such as a mild case of influenza, the community is encouraged to call Healthdirect on 1800 022 222, for advice 24-hours a day. A nurse will answer your call, ask some questions and connect you with the right care. For more information on respiratory illness, including to book your flu vaccination, visit: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/respiratory/Pages/default.aspx>



# SAGE Farmers Market

## Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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growing the community



## We've been preparing for this ....

As with many places in Australia and around the world, 'resilience' has, since 2020, been a buzzword in Eurobodalla. With the 2019/2020 bushfires and COVID followed by three very wet years, we have been hit with one thing after another. And we have watched while other areas – like flood-stricken Lismore – have been impacted by their disasters. Homelessness. Food shortages. Disruption. The toilet paper jokes that none-the-less feel serious.

The NSW South Coast, while seemingly close to many of the most populated areas of Australia, can sometimes seem strangely isolated. With our closest train station almost exactly 100 miles (160km) away, and limited airline connectivity, we rely on our road transport for pretty much everything that comes from outside the area. And as we have seen in the last few weeks, that makes us incredibly vulnerable to fuel price surges, and to fuel shortages.

But 2026 Eurobodalla is a very different community to where we were in 2019. We understand our vulnerabilities, and there are many people working on keeping the area secure. This week we want to give a shout out to just some of the many organisations that have been working towards Eurobodalla's sustainability.

FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) funds projects that connect communities and services, and connect organisations with each other. In times of crisis, this connectivity is gold. SHASA (Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance) has secured funding and provided project management for a network of bushfire and heatwave havens throughout Eurobodalla. They have championed EV uptake and the availability of EV chargers, and as reported in last week's Moruya Mail, one of SHASA's projects, the electric-powered van nicknamed EVAN, has protected Eurobodalla's food charities during the current fuel crisis. SAGE (Sustainable Gardening Agriculture Australia) supports local food growers. SAGE's intern programs have brought new growers into our community, ensuring that increasing amounts of the food that is consumed in Eurobodalla is locally grown. In a program unique in Australia, MESA (Micro Energy Systems Australia) repairs and repurposes solar panels. Yumaro puts circular economy principles into practice while supporting the NDIS community. These and other organisations support our community to weather the impact of local and global disruptions.



### 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

Circularity for Business Breakfast: Monday, May 11th 8am-10am at Repurposing for Resilience – Moruya Transfer Station, 21 Yarragee Rd, Moruya

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
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**Go Get Healthy**  
*with Sofia*



Bone broth is a traditional, slow-cooked stock made from animal bones and connective tissue - usually chicken, beef, or fish. While it's been used in cooking for generations, it's now widely recognised for its nutritional value and potential health benefits, particularly for gut and joint health.

Making bone broth at home is relatively simple. A basic recipe includes around 2kg of bones, 5 litres of water, and about 40ml of apple cider vinegar. This is gently simmered for at least 12 hours, allowing time for nutrients to be released from the bones and connective tissues. Once cooled, the broth is strained to leave a clear, nourishing liquid. You can add herbs, vegetables, and spices during cooking to enhance the flavour. The apple cider vinegar plays an important role in helping extract minerals from the bones.

If time is a factor, there are also convenient options available, including powdered, paste, and ready-made bone broth. These can be easily added to soups, meals, or simply enjoyed on their own as a warm drink.

Nutritionally, bone broth offers a wide range of benefits. It contains important minerals such as calcium, magnesium, and potassium, along with trace minerals that support overall health. When fish bones are used, it may also provide iodine, which is important for thyroid function.

The marrow released during cooking adds further nutrients, including iron, zinc, selenium, boron, and manganese. It also contributes beneficial fats, such as omega-3 and omega-6, along with fat-soluble vitamins like vitamin A and vitamin K2. One of the key components of bone broth is collagen. As it cooks, collagen breaks down into gelatine, which is easy to digest and may help support the gut lining. Gelatine also contains the amino acid glutamine, which plays a role in maintaining the health and function of the intestinal wall. Because of this, bone broth is often considered supportive for people experiencing digestive issues.

Bone broth may also support joint health. It naturally contains compounds like glucosamine and chondroitin, which are commonly associated with cartilage support. In addition, amino acids such as proline and glycine contribute to the maintenance of connective tissues, including ligaments and tendons.

Even without specific health concerns, bone broth can be a beneficial addition to your diet. It's easy to incorporate, gentle on digestion, and provides a concentrated source of nutrients that support overall wellbeing.

For more information about bone broth, 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](http://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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## Healthcare traineeship program offers 45 paid places across south-eastern NSW

The **University of Wollongong (UOW)** and UOW College have secured Australian Government funding through a Department of Health, Disability and Ageing initiative to deliver a regional healthcare traineeship pilot across south-eastern New South Wales. The program addresses critical workforce shortages and will run from 2026 to 2027, with 45 places across the Bega Valley, Eurobodalla and Snowy Monaro.

Building on four years of partnership with aged care providers in the Bega Valley and Southern Highlands, UOW College is expanding its training program into the Snowy Monaro for the first time, with traineeships delivered from Cooma, while extending beyond aged care to include disability and Indigenous healthcare.

“We’re seeing significant workforce shortages across aged care, disability and Indigenous healthcare. This program is designed to bring new people into the sector – from school leavers to career changers – and support them to train and work locally, strengthening care for regional communities,” UOW Regional Campuses Manager Samantha Avitaia said.

After completing a short course and two two-week paid placements, participants may apply for a one-year paid traineeship in disability support, aged care, or Indigenous healthcare. “This program offers flexibility, so participants might complete the short course and gain foundational skills, continue into paid work placements to explore different settings, or progress into a longer traineeship. Each stage includes an earn-and-learn component, which is especially valuable for regional students,” Ms Avitaia said.

UOW Southern Highlands student Dakota Yasso began her healthcare journey through a fee-free traineeship in 2023 while working in aged care. She has since completed the program and is now in her second year of a Bachelor of Nursing at UOW. “It was local, free and directly connected to my career goals, so enrolling was an easy decision,” Dakota said. “The traineeship helped bring theory and practice together in my day-to-day role and opened the pathway towards becoming a registered nurse.”

Open to recent school leavers, healthcare workers seeking to upskill, career changers, and migrants and refugees (including funded places for non-permanent residents) the program also offers employers a free opportunity to train their staff.

Those interested in building a healthcare career through a traineeship, can learn more and apply via the UOW College website: <https://www.uowcollege.edu.au/courses-pathways/short-courses/>. Applications close 19 April 2026.

This program is supported by funding from the NSW Government under the NSW Smart & Skilled program.

## New free mental health therapy for Aussies

Australians for Mental Health has hailed a new initiative unveiled by the Federal Government, which will provide free access to mental health therapy for all Australians over the age of 16.

The second phase of the Medicare Mental Health Check In has been launched, with Australians now able to access free Low-Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy which will be guided by an approved practitioner via Telehealth. The free therapy can be accessed through the Medicare Mental Health Check In service.

The program is designed to provide early support to people needing help before their mental health concerns escalate, freeing up specialist services to care for those with more complex needs.

Australians for Mental Health Executive Director Chris Gambian said “We understand this program is expected to help up around 150,000 people a year by 2029. That will free up other services, and prevent so many Australians from experiencing prolonged mental ill health because they couldn’t get help and their condition deteriorated,”



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# 100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

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**A committee of three** has been appointed to consider a proposal to establish a university at Canberra.

**Many accidents** have been narrowly averted lately through cyclists riding along our footpaths and the sooner this dangerous practice is stopped the better.

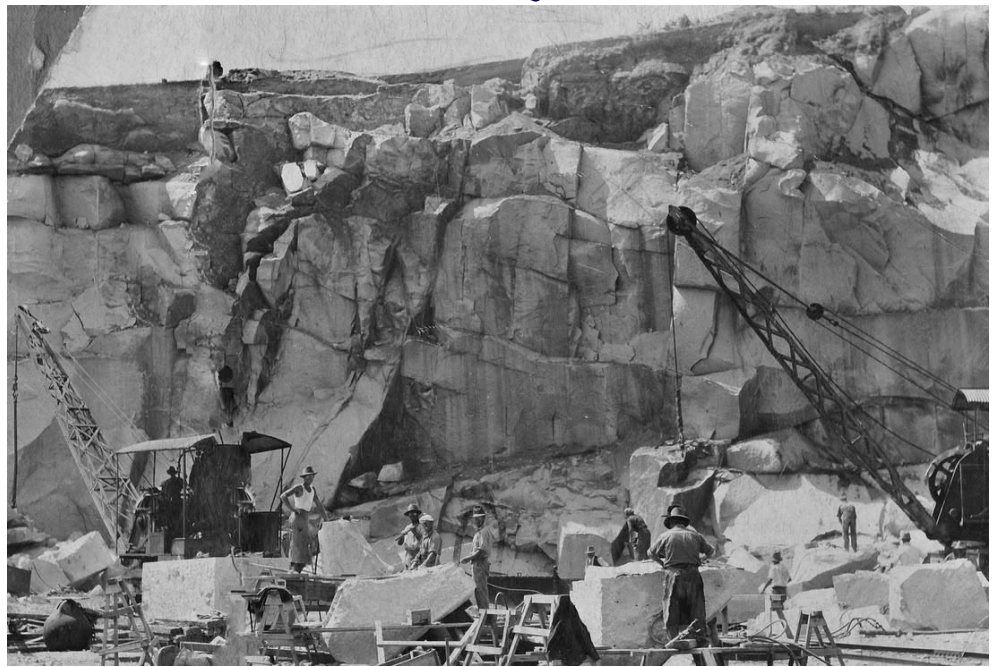
**Mr. P. H. Mills, C.P.S.**, has kindly supplied us with the vital statistics for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1926, as follows: - Births - males 6, females 16, total 22; marriages 3; deaths - males 5, females 1, total 6.

**With a party of seven**, Mesdames G. Constable, H. McIntosh, Misses N. Constable, M. Brogan, M. Egan, M. Mercer, and O'Connor, Mr. J. H. Duncan made a good trip in his attractive motor car to Canberra on Sunday. Returning via Cooma, the party arrived home on Monday night.

**A meeting was held in the Shire Hall** on the 1<sup>st</sup> April to form Moruya Football Club. There was a good attendance. Mr. P. J. Feneley occupied the chair. The following office bearers were appointed: - Mr. J. King, Patron; Mr. C. de Saxe, President; Father Deenihan, Vice President; Mr. C. A. Chesher, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee, Messrs. P. J. Feneley, E. Corbett. It was decided to have the same colors as last year, viz., royal blue and white bars, and dark trousers. It was also decided to get a hall suitable for training two night a week.

**It is pleasing to note that Mr. E.**

**Windley**, who a few months ago purchased Mrs. Lindsay's cottage and land in Campbell Street [No. 44, Moruya], take a pride in the appearance of his home. Around the property he has erected a substantial fence, and by the aid of Messrs. Lex. Johnson's and T. Batt's paint brushes, the house and surrounding now present a "spick and span" aspect.



Cranes working at the Quarry Face



44 Campbell St 2019

**Mr. H. Waters**, who was employed at Dorman Long's granite quarry as "dogman," was engaged at his work on Wednesday afternoon when by some means he was jammed by the crane, his legs and lower part of the body being severely crushed. He was immediately removed to the local Hospital, and the services of Dr. Blue, of Sydney, who was taking part in the cricket match on the Park, were secured. Dr. Quilter was absent in Sydney. Shortly after the victim's admission, Dr. McCredie arrived from Mogo where he had been on duty, followed by Dr. Birmingham, of Narooma. The three medicos anesthetized the patient and found the injuries so serious that little hopes were held for the unfortunate man's recovery. He passed away at the age of 51 years. Mr. Water's was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Waters of Gundry [Moruya], and leaves a sorrowing widow with two young daughters.

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A Beer with Bazz # 232

With  
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Don McLean's 1971 hit song, 'American Pie', played in the background with the lines

*"But February made me shiver  
With every paper I'd deliver  
Bad news on the doorstep  
I couldn't take one more step,"*

capturing the mood of the front bar.

Mick wended his way through forlorn faces, with backs deliberately turned from the ABC News Channel.

He landed the schooners, stepped back, scanned the front bar, rested his hands on his hips and took a deep breath, before raising his voice.

"I've had a gutful. I have had a bloody gutful."

Conversations paused and eyes were trained on Mick.

"Petrol prices, cost of living, supermarket service, floods, droughts, wars, crime, immigration, housing affordability, budget deficits, Covid, flu."

Various nods around the bar.

"Aged care, cyclones, potholes, shark attacks, pollution, corruption, stock market crashes, St George in the NRL ... the list goes on. I tell you! I've had a gutful."

The odd smile and a chorus of 'hear, hears' as Mick paused for effect.

"Albo is not up to speed to tackle these problems. Far too timid. Some of these policies they float like changes to make the tax system fairer are put out there to tickle us and then withdrawn as soon as a major lobby group steps in. Moreover, he should just tell Trump to pull his head in and listen to the rest of the world cheer. He is too easily spooked ... so I have had a gutful of him."

Mick took a generous sip of his schooner.

"Angus Taylor is no alternative. I reckon he gets his riding instructions from Tony Abbott, a Prime Minister who crashed and burned big time. I've had a gutful of him already."

Various nods of approval.

"The National Party ... well the National Party. They suck up to the big miners who are set to lose if we took climate change more seriously so ... I've had a gutful of them as well."

Bazza leaned back and raised an eyebrow.

"A pretty comprehensive appraisal of our political leadership, Mick. What's to be done?"

Mick sucked in a deep breath with his attention focused on the wider audience.

"I thought you might ask that, Bazza. I am forming a new political party. A party that is devoted to venting our dismay at our current leadership. A party that is not afraid to call a spade a shovel. A party that delivers political uppercuts across the board. A party that has traction with the voters. A no nonsense party that steers away from political cliches."

More 'hear hears'.

"A party that listens to the butcher, the shopkeeper, the farmer, the fisher, the tradie, the small business owner, the humble worker and even the housewife at the end of the street hanging out the washing. A political party of ears so to speak."

Multiple positive interjections 'about time!', 'good on you, Mick!', 'what a visionary!', 'now that's leadership!' had Mick beaming.

Bazza screwed his eyes and leaned in.

"What policies are you offering up for these big issues, Mick? How are you going to do it differently?"

Mick shook his head repeatedly.

"Bazza, Bazza ... Bazza. Our Party is all about sticking it up the major parties. It's about belting them out of the park. It's about setting off political tuppenny bungers. It's letting them know we've had a gutful."

An extended pause.

"The name of the new political party is 'HAD A GUTFUL' or the 'HAG PARTY' for short.

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## Let's do coffee with ... Geri Taylor

The chance of spinning a globe and landing on a country Geri Taylor (GT) hasn't visited is slim. From studying at UCLA to design work, global adventures, and now teaching Pilates and practising Bowen Therapy, her life has been anything but ordinary. These days, Geri calls Tuross Head home. The Moruya Mail (MM) sat down with her for coffee last week.

MM: You're part of the baby boomer generation that came of age in the 1960s—free love, counterculture and all of that. I have a feeling you might have embraced it. Thanks for joining me, Geri.

GT: (Laughs) I'm aware the Moruya Mail has a very respectable readership, so I'll try to keep it that way! I was born in Los Angeles in 1947. Dad was an accountant and Mum was a housewife, as was typical then—she later became a bookkeeper after Dad passed away. I have a younger brother.

I started school in 1952 and was a complete bookworm. One summer, I read 40 books in six weeks to win a library competition. We were also one of the first families on our street to own a television. Dad pulled it apart and put it back together, becoming the local repair expert. As he was the accountant for the LA Lakers, we had players coming to the house for TV repairs—which did wonders for my popularity!

I went through Orville Wright Junior High and finished at Westchester High in 1964, with a strong love of art—drawing and painting in particular.

At 16, I met my first boyfriend. He was studying aerospace engineering at UCLA, and by age 19 I was married to Chuck, who was 21. By 1968, I had a degree in Art with a minor in English from UCLA and was working for Sears in downtown LA designing store displays. Life was good—but adventure was calling.

By 1970, Chuck was working for Wang Computers. A colleague suggested investing in silver. His \$1,000 turned into \$20,000 in six months, so we quit our jobs, bought a VW Kombi, and spent a year traveling the western United States.

Spontaneity became our way of life. In San Francisco, we put the Kombi on a freighter bound for Naples, stopping in Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Colombia along the way with just 12 other passengers. From there we traveled through Sweden, Norway, Finland, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Austria—living on about \$5 a day.

It was the early 1970s, and we even ventured into communist Yugoslavia—lots of spam and cabbage! Then on to Greece, Portugal, Spain and Morocco, where Chuck pursued his love of surfing. We made it to Munich for Oktoberfest and then England in early 1972 before heading home.

Chuck took a job with an aircraft company, and I worked designing shelving systems. But by late 1972, I set off solo to Guatemala. There, I met a pilot who used his plane as a camper—we even visited a volcano. I ended up in Panajachel, in the Guatemalan Highlands. It was full of hippies, and I loved it.

I returned briefly to LA to tell Chuck we were moving to Guatemala. We drove through northern Mexico and down the coast back to Panajachel, where we met another couple from LA. Susan became my best friend.

Eventually, our husbands returned to LA, leaving Susan and I to create our own lives. We rented a building and set up a kind of trading post—selling brownies, running a book exchange, and even having a volleyball court out the back. I was also creating artwork and collecting textiles. That's where my interest in mandalas began.

In Guatemala in 1973, at age 25, I met Bruce from Warilla, NSW, and we headed to El Salvador for more surfing.

MM: (Phew!) That's quite the journey—exotic locations, big adventures, and a few broken hearts. Let's get you to Australia!

GT: (Laughs) I was a free spirit through much of the 1970s, though I did return home occasionally at Mum's request. By 1979, Bruce and I were back together and headed to Australia via California and Hawaii. I stayed for a time in Warilla, then we travelled up the coast in a van.

We visited Bruce's friend Eric, who asked us to house-sit his place at Avoca Beach while he went to Bali. We both found work in Gosford, with me doing design work in the housing sector.

Things didn't work out with Bruce, but Eric and I became good friends—and in 1981 we moved in together. (Spoiler alert...) We're still married! At age 38, I had our son Sean in 1985.

In 1982, Eric and I started Flash T-Shirts. The idea was to have shirts batiked in Bali using my designs and sell them in Australia. When that proved difficult to scale, we started screen printing ourselves. It was a fun time—we travelled across Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, selling to surf shops.



The late 1980s brought challenges: recession, high interest rates, vandalism, even the pilots' strike. We adapted by printing Year 6 farewell shirts and custom business apparel. Alongside this, I continued oil painting and creating screen-printed artworks on paper.

In 2000, I discovered Pilates. I had previously taught Jazzercise in California and loved fitness instruction. I began studying Pilates, eventually earning an Advanced Diploma, and I've been teaching ever since.

Pilates has taken me around the world again—to the US, London, Paris and Turin for training and teaching. In 2008, we moved to Tuross Head, bringing the businesses with us. I set up a home studio and began teaching mat classes. What started as a small client base has grown into around 20 classes a week.

Each year I travel to connect with other Pilates instructors, visiting places like Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hawaii and Prague. I've also continued my art practice, exhibiting in local shows including Basil Sellers and River of Art.

In 2014, I discovered Bowen Therapy and completed both Certificate IV and Diploma. It's a gentle, holistic treatment that works with the body's connective tissue to help address pain, injury and imbalance. It's been a rewarding addition to my work.

MM: Any advice for your younger self?

GT: Enjoy life. Be happy—and choose happiness. And maybe... be a little more considerate of others along the way.

MM: A wonderful chat, Geri. A mutual friend described you as professional, passionate and fun—and that seems spot on. Thank you.

**LET'S DO COFFEE WITH ...** is a column exploring the interesting personalities of the Eurobodalla Shire.

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# THE BINGIE POINT

Opinion by Cid Mateo



## Peace is the only way

These days, I often pop down to my local beach for an ocean swim. At this time of year the water is so mild I can still swim in my cossies. I like popping down to the ocean, as it's always different, the wind, the tide, the waves, the roar, the swells, the smells, the currents, the sand, the seaweed and the sky. It's a sensory feast. The ocean always gives me perspective. It gives me a sense of awe, makes me feel unimportant, insignificant and temporary, just like everyone else on the planet. I think how we are all mere specks of transitory dust in the passage of time. I laugh that some of us feel so self-important, constantly seeking attention from others, for kicks or money, usually through cyber clicks, reels, selfies and self-promotion.

The ocean where I swim is much more interesting. It doesn't seek attention. It inspires. When a camouflaged eagle ray glides calmly beneath me while I swim over the top, I stop and marvel. When I swim headfirst into a school of hundreds, maybe thousands, of Aussie Salmon, I stop while they circle me and we check each other out before they circle off to something more interesting. After all, I'm only a human. Almost every swim, I spot camouflaged wobbegongs chilling out around the rocky bommies as sea kelp swooshes over them in the current. Sometimes, solitary electric rays put on a mesmerising multi-coloured light show on the sandy floor, telling me in no uncertain terms to keep my distance and watch the show. At times I feel fear, especially if visibility is not so good. I wonder whether a big shark is on the other side of the school, or lurking in the darker water as I swim over kelp and seaweed turning the sandy bottom into a dark green seabed.

I always look back at my landmarks on the beach, two super cool gunyahs people have built from driftwood, and I wonder how magnificent our coast must have looked like before us white fellas arrived and trashed the place and killed the First Peoples here. I spare a thought for the ancestors of our First Peoples who were massacred not far from where I swim. I think about them gathering, laughing and enjoying fish and seafood around their middens like we enjoy our food and company today.

Like our First Peoples experienced not so long ago, there are peoples around the world today being massacred. According to conflict.sbs, there are currently at least eight major wars, 11 minor wars, 17 conflicts and 10 skirmishes going on in the world. That's 46 active conflicts in 76 countries, or in about 40 per cent of countries worldwide. That's so sad.

In the Eurobodalla and Australia today, most of us have relatively little to worry about these far away wars. We have not experienced genocide like our First Peoples, and most of us aren't related to people suffering from the wars and conflicts of today. However, some of us are related to people living through these conflicts, while some of us are related to people who have lived through previous wars and conflicts in the 20<sup>th</sup> century or earlier, including Australians and New Zealanders, who honour their soldiers on ANZAC Day.

In war, kids and civilians, like you and me, around the world, are blown to smithereens, whether we see them on the television, on other media, or not. While Australian kids were on Easter egg hunts and are now enjoying the school holidays, many kids around the world were listening for drones, missiles, and stealth bombers and running and hiding from deafening and frightening explosions. Instead of playing 'hide and seek', these kids were running and hiding to stay alive.

Some kids made it, some never had a chance. While adults here worry about the price of petrol and household budgets, adults in the thick of war, are trying to keep their kids safe and alive in highly stressful and traumatic circumstances. We are fortunate. We are not living in the war zones. Yet, war does not pay for us either, unless one is a weapons manufacturer making a killing at others expense. De-escalation of war and a return to peace is the only way anyone can live a decent life. We should grant this wish to all others as we wish peace for ourselves.

On ANZAC Day, spare a thought for all the people that have lived and died from all the wars before us. We should not forget them. We should speak up for those killed through no fault of their own, just as we help and speak up for the most vulnerable in our society. The day the bombs come for us, we may wish others around the world to care about us.

Fortunately, the Bingie wobbegongs, rays, cormorants, sea eagles, terns and shore birds are safe from war for now. The kangaroos and wallabies can scratch and munch to their hearts content and the other critters can chirp, squawk and sing. I can go for a swim and marvel at the wonders of nature in peace. As I swim, I have a dream, a dream of peace for all.

Cid Mateo is a demographer, governance and public policy specialist, who has advised the Australian and Solomon Islands governments and their parliaments on economic, tax, budget, fiscal and social security policy.



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## A celebration of Italian culinary excellence comes to Willinga Park

Experience the magic of Italian cuisine as acclaimed two-hatted chef Giovanni Pilu brings his signature Sardinian flair to Willinga Park for a spectacular long lunch, part of the Autumn Celebration of Food presented by the Shoalhaven Food Network.

Renowned for his celebrated Sydney restaurants, Pilu at Freshwater and Flaminia, Giovanni Pilu is widely regarded as one of Australia's leading ambassadors of authentic Italian cuisine. Drawing on his deep Sardinian heritage, he will collaborate with the Shoalhaven Food Networks, Chefs Of The Shoalhaven, to present a specially curated menu showcasing seasonal local produce and authentic Italian flavours with a contemporary twist.

Alongside Giovanni is renowned Chef Eugenio Maiale, whose career has been dedicated to the craft of handmade pasta. Eugenio's culinary philosophy is rooted in the Abruzzese tradition: high quality ingredients and handmade techniques. Eugenio has a long history in restaurants and now from Italia Pasta Fresca in Torrensville (Adelaide), transforming the 1975 institution into a modern neighbourhood pasta shop and weekend dining destination.

Supporting the next generation of culinary talent, the Shoalhaven Food Network's Gaining Through Training program will see four hospitality graduates working alongside Chefs Giovanni and Eugenio and their team in the lead-up to and during the event. This unique opportunity gives emerging chefs real-world experience at a premium culinary event while strengthening collaboration within the Shoalhaven hospitality community.

"Events like this are exactly what the Shoalhaven Food Network is passionate about - bringing world class culinary talent to the region while creating meaningful pathways for our emerging hospitality professionals," said Di Laver. "Through our Gaining Through Training program, we're proud to provide hands-on opportunities that connect our local graduates and chefs with industry leaders like Giovanni, fostering skills, confidence and long-term career growth within the Shoalhaven."

"Willinga Park is proud to host an event of this calibre, bringing together exceptional food, talent and community in such a unique setting," said Nick McDonald Crowley of Willinga Park. "It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase not only our venue, but the incredible produce and culinary expertise of the Shoalhaven region."

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Willinga Park, guests will dine within the contemporary event centre before exploring the estate's stunning botanic gardens, striking sculptures, and sweeping coastal landscapes. This elegant long lunch offers a truly immersive experience, where world-class cuisine is seamlessly paired with the natural beauty and warm hospitality of Willinga Park and the NSW South Coast.

As a signature event within the Autumn Celebration of Food program, this exclusive dining experience offers a rare opportunity to enjoy exceptional food in one of the region's most remarkable destinations.

Guests are encouraged to extend their visit and make a true destination weekend of the occasion. Willinga Park's luxurious Pavilions provide the perfect retreat, offering a blend of privacy, comfort and refined country elegance.

Staying on-site elevates the entire experience, allowing guests to seamlessly transition from an extraordinary long lunch into a relaxed and indulgent escape. Wake to the tranquillity of the surrounding landscape, enjoy exclusive access to the property's stunning grounds, and fully immerse yourself in the atmosphere that makes Willinga Park so unique. From sunset drinks overlooking the gardens to a leisurely morning after the event, there is something truly special about experiencing both the event and accommodation in one remarkable destination.

Event Details: Event Name: Pilu@Willinga Park - An Italian Long Lunch with

Giovanni Pilu Location: Willinga Park, Bawley Point NSW

Date: Sunday, 31 May 2026 Event Bookings:

<https://shoalhavenfoodnetwork.com.au/our-directory/event/pilu-willinga-park-2>

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“Extreme Weather” art competition

Climate Action Monaro (CAM) is urging artists and photographers to submit their entry forms by 16 April for its forthcoming art competition on the theme “Extreme Weather”. Artwork is due the following week on 23 April. The art competition/exhibition will be held at the Raglan Gallery in Cooma from 29 April until 14 June. Entry forms are available from the gallery or by emailing [info@raglangallerycooma.com](mailto:info@raglangallerycooma.com)

Accepted art styles are painting, drawing and photography with a maximum length of one metre, including frame, on the longest side. Entries are limited to two per person. CAM President Jenny Goldie says CAM is calling on artists and photographers to express what they feel through their art about the increasing number and intensity of extreme weather events.

“From droughts to floods to cyclones, there is plenty of local and national material to draw upon,” says Ms Goldie. The “Extreme Weather” art competition offers prizes in three categories: Open, Secondary school and Primary school with the winning prizes in each being \$1500, \$200 and \$150 respectively. CAM is particularly keen to see school students enter as their future is most affected by climate change and extreme weather.

“Whether you have witnessed extreme weather first-hand or just experienced it through media reports, you are more than welcome to enter,” says Ms Goldie.

Calling all 18-35 year olds who are passionate about Eurobodalla’s stunning natural environment!

Eurobodalla Landcare Network report: “We have an awesome opportunity for Eurobodalla Intrepid Landcare to collaborate with ANU (Australian National University) Intrepid Landcare in Narooma on the 11th + 12th April (THIS WEEKEND)! Check out the 2 day event plan below and let us know via [EurobodallaLandcare@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:EurobodallaLandcare@esc.nsw.gov.au) or DM which day/s you’re coming along to (all events are free!).

**Saturday 11th April:** saltmarsh planting, lunch, WILS site visit, rubbish clean-up

11am-12:30pm - meet for an 11am start along Riverside Drive in Narooma (approx. location -36.212910, 150.121930) where we will be planting saltmarsh species along the edge of the Wagonga Inlet

12:30pm-1:30pm - lunch provided by us

1:30pm-2pm - walk along the Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline

2pm-3pm - rubbish clean-up through the mangroves

**Sunday 12th April:** weed control, morning tea, rubbish clean-up

9am-11am - weed control at Bill Smyth Oval (meet at the Netball/Tennis carpark)

11am-11:30am - morning tea provided by us

11:30-1pm - rubbish clean-up through the mangroves

Intrepid will be camping out at Brou Lake campground on the 11th April - if you’d like to camp with us, please book a site via the National Parks website.

Please note the plan above (except the start time each day!) is a guide only Bring water, boots/enclosed shoes, hat and long sleeves.

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2 MAJOR PRIZES EUROBODALLA RESIDENTS ONLY

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

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Or email: [possumprizeartcentral@gmail.com](mailto:possumprizeartcentral@gmail.com)

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## From the Forest



4-19 April 2026

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden  
Deep Creek Dam Rd Batemans Bay



Join us –

In celebrating the resilience, beauty and bounty of our South Coast Forests.

Over 2 weeks the Botanic Garden, nestled within Mogo State Forest, will host art, music, workshops and storytelling that pay homage to the forests, the lungs of our nation, places that play an important role in the lives of countless generations, past, present & future.

To find out more go to [www.erbg.org.au](http://www.erbg.org.au)

## Montague Visiting Artists 2026



Rachel Johnston & Edward Neeman  
**Sonatas for Cello & Piano**  
Music by Brahms & Shostakovich  
2:30 pm Saturday April 25  
St Paul's Anglican Church, Narooma

**EFTAG**  
Eurobodalla Fibre & Textile Artists Group

FREE PARKING • DISABLED ACCESS • RAFFLE  
DOOR PRIZES • MORNING TEA

# MARKET DAY

2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2026  
10AM - 3PM

FREE ENTRY

KYLA PARK HALL, MYLOTT CLOSE, TUROSS HEAD

NEW BIGGER VENUE!

This year discover the Wonderful World of Weaving with an interactive display and A FREE SAKIORI COASTER WEAVING WORKSHOP!



# artcentral TERM 2 PROGRAM

22 APRIL - 2 JULY 2026

## CLASSES

Price per class: \$25 members, \$30 non-members and \$15 concession to be paid by cash at the beginning of each class. Materials included. Please contact the tutors directly to book.

### CREATIVE TECHNIQUES

Learn the techniques and principles of drawing, painting, and mixed media.  
Tuesdays 10am to 12pm  
Nick Summers 0410 774 543

### DRAWING EXPLORATIONS

Learn drawing and mark making techniques  
Tuesdays 1pm to 3pm  
Victoria Westwood 0418 488 501

### EXPLORING SCREEN PRINTING

Learn screen printing while exploring different stencils and materials.  
Wednesdays fortnightly 9am to 12pm  
April 22, May 20, June 3, 17 & July 1  
Sonja Skagen 0421 197 358

### UNDERSTANDING PAINTING

Learn to use acrylic and oil paint, mix colours, master composition, tone, and shade.  
Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm  
April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 28, June 4, 11, 18 & 28  
Lesley Whale 0421 331 002

### SIDE DOOR - VIRTUAL STUDIO

Join a WhatsApp group of members and follow fun and unconventional fortnightly prompts. Share your creative responses and be inspired. Facilitated by Diana Keenan. Free for members [www.bit.ly/ACside-door](http://www.bit.ly/ACside-door)

## WORKSHOPS

### WRITING WORKSHOP

with Paul Cullen  
Explore memoir and narrative writing through a range of examples and techniques. Learn how to compose stories or non-fiction based on your own experiences.  
Wednesday 1pm to 3pm, April 22 & 29  
\$25 members/concession, \$30 non-members per workshop  
[Book online](#)

### LIFE DRAWING

with Lesley Whale  
Capture the form of the human body from a live model. No experience necessary. Materials supplied.  
Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm, May 21  
\$50 members/concession, \$65 non-members  
[Book online](#)

## COURSES

### LINO BLOCK PRINTING FOR BEGINNERS

with Alda Rudzis  
Be guided through a design process, learn how to carve a lino block and print your block using various inks and techniques.  
Thursday 9:30am to 11:30am  
April 30, May 7, 14, 21 & 28  
\$180 (includes materials)  
[Book online](#)

### CLAY TO CUP, BOWL, PLATE, PLATTER

with Sarah Ludowici  
A six-week ceramics course where you'll learn hand-building and glazing techniques to create your own unique, handcrafted tableware. Perfect for beginners and beyond.  
Sunday 1.30pm to 3.30pm  
April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, then June 14  
\$360 (includes all materials and firing).  
[Book online](#)

[WWW.ARTCENTRAL.ORG.AU](http://WWW.ARTCENTRAL.ORG.AU)

## Bay Theatre Players Inc Presents a play Exploration of

A theatre show by Walkley Award winner Victoria Midwinter Pitt from frank and intimate conversations with eight extraordinary Australian women:

- Counter-terrorism expert ANNE ALY MP
- Sex worker JULIE BATES
- Botanist MARION BLACKWELL
- World champion surfer PAM BURRIDGE
- Bartender NIKKI KEATING
- Catholic nun PATRICIA MADIGAN
- Anthropologist & indigenous leader MARCIA LANGTON and
- Australia's first female prime minister JULIA GILLARD.

# I'M WITH HER

VICTORIA MIDWINTER PITT

A thrilling real-life demonstration, of the power of women to outlast, outwit and out-muscle the great ugly beast of sexism. Guts. Defiance. Wit. Acute emotional intelligence. Genius instincts for strategy and timing. And a healthy appetite for counter-attack.

*"This play burns with the generational energy of its characters, young and old. It reminds us-all women-of how much power we have in being ourselves."*  
June Oscar AO, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Social Justice Commissioner

Tuesday 21st April 2026  
6pm at The Bay Playhouse  
33 Gregory Street Batemans Bay  
Supper provided

# Local Book Launch



Inga Simpson

## Book Launch

In conjunction with [Moruya Books](#), Mogendoura Farm will host local author Inga Simpson to launch her new book. 'Once we were wildlife' is hitting the shelves now. Publisher Hachett Books says of the book, "A tender, luminous collection of interconnected tales that explore love, longing and the wilderness - both within and around us.

In this compulsive compilation of eleven stories and one poem - set against scorched landscapes, wild oceans, and rocky terrain - Simpson follows people on the edge of desire, heartbreak and change.

In 'Poached', an ex-soldier finds himself between a poacher and a Bengal tiger. In 'The Wash', a woman's reckless ocean swim reveals the instinct to survive and the end of a passionate love.

From the aching intensity of romantic love to the quiet devastations of motherhood and ageing, Simpson's literary prowess keeps us riveted by the power of nature to shape human relationships and worlds. Melancholic and joyful, masterful and inspiring, this is contemporary fiction at its finest by Australia's foremost writer of the natural world, Inga Simpson."

Visit the farm and receive insight through engaging conversation with Inga.

Books will be available to purchase and Inga always has pen at the ready to sign for you.

Complimentary refreshments available.

**Friday 24th April from 5pm. \$25**

Booking via the Mogendoura Farm website as per bio.

<https://www.mogendoura.com.au/event-details/book-launch-inga-simpsons-latest-once-we-were-wildlife>

Limited tickets available!

**IMAGINE Live**  
Tuesday 14th April

Shows  
10:00AM & 1:00PM

Workshops and  
Small World Play  
11:15AM & 2:15PM

**BAY PAVILIONS ARTS+ AQUATIC**

**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](http://eventbrite.com.au)

**Don't miss out!**  
Scan to book online or visit [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)

**From the forest: Art exhibition**

Saturday 4 - Sunday 19 April  
9am - 4pm  
Banksia room  
Free, no bookings required.

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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.

**Don't miss out!**  
Scan to book online or visit [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)

## Quantum Brewery

Saturday Live Music  
4.30-7.30pm  
and  
Fun-time Events

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

## MOJOS/MORUYA MAIL Live Music Gig Guide

Friday 10 Apr:  
Driving Sideways  
Gedupndans

Club Narooma (6pm)  
Bay Soldiers Club

Saturday, 11 Apr:  
From First Light  
Southern Impact  
Garry Carson Jones  
Robbie  
Beach Bar Swing  
Totum  
Gedupndans

Quantum Brewery 4.30  
Club Narooma (6pm)  
Tura Beach Club (7pm)  
Broulee Brewhouse  
Tilba Valley Winery 11am  
Foxdog Distillery  
Bay Soldiers Club

Sunday 12th April  
Dogs Big day Out  
Peter Schilling  
Steve Benic  
Mick McGrath

Quantum Brewery  
Broulee Brewhouse  
Tilba valley Winery 11am  
Foxdog Distillery

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

ARTISTS FOR THE EARTH EUROBODALLA

## INTERCONNECTIONS

HIGHLIGHTING CONNECTIONS WITH HUMANS, ANIMALS, THE OCEAN AND THE EARTH

Art Exhibition  
at Bay Pavilions  
April 2026  
OPENING NIGHT  
4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
4PM - 7PM

Live music, vegan nibbles and drinks



## 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

10am to 4pm each day

Hanging Rock Sports and Function Centre  
Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay (Opposite Tennis Courts)

South Coast Pastel Society thanks the following sponsors for their support:



## Support the Queerobodalla Pride Month Festival 2026 CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & BUILDING COMMUNITY

We are thrilled to invite YOU to become a vital part of the Queerobodalla Pride Month Festival 2026. A month-long festival dedicated to celebrating LGBTQIA+ community in the Eurobodalla Shire. This is an opportunity to help build LGBTQIA+ community, identity and visibility through a wide range of events, right across our shire.

### ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Queerobodalla Festival 2026 is run by a passionate group of volunteers dedicated to creating a vibrant space for celebration, connection, and support of LGBTQIA+ community. Queerobodalla aims to tackle the unique challenges faced by queer community, particularly among youth. From promoting mental health and wellbeing to fostering inclusive networks and tackling isolation, this festival is a catalyst for positive change. Not to mention a big, ol' celebration!

After the raging success of our inaugural Queerobodalla Festival in 2024 – thanks to the generous support of local organisations and businesses – this year, we're keen to build on what we've achieved, and make sure that the Queerobodalla's Pride Month Festival is an annual event marked in everyone's calendar.



### WHY SPONSOR QUEEROBODALLA?

- Be part of the celebration! Everyone knows that the gays put on the best parties!
- Contribute to the lives of LGBTQIA+ people by helping to build networks, break isolation and support vital resources and services
- Build community connections and show your support as a proud ally
- Get a kick out of contributing to a people-powered event
- Fresh visibility for your business through dedicated social media posts with your logo, highlighting your sponsorship & support

Check out our 2024 events at [www.queerobodalla.com](http://www.queerobodalla.com)



## Turross "Blue Door" Singers

Do you have a song in your heart?  
Would you like to join our fun group of guys and gals for 90 minutes of well known songs and laughter? Sing along and let the music weave its magic. Happiness guaranteed!

St Andrew's Anglican Church,  
Craddock Road  
Turross Head. (The little church with the blue door.)  
Parking at rear.  
\$10 per session, visitors free.  
1.30 pm Wednesdays  
Phone 4473.8703

**Eurobodalla youth**

**YOUTH AGED 12+**

**APRIL 18 20 26**  
4PM-9PM MORUYA RSL HALL

**CURRENTS: BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

Free \* Live music \* Food \* Strictly drug & alcohol free

Book now! [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

YOUTH WEEK NSW

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council@esc.nsw.gov.au  
4474 1000

**Julie Macpholmes**

**Printmaking Workshops**  
May 2026

**Intro to Monotype**  
Saturday 2nd May, 10am-2pm  
\$250

Printmaking for people who love drawing and experimentation. Students will learn how to make direct contact and reduction monotypes through this swift and flexible technique.

**Monotype, The Painterly Print**  
Saturday 9th May, 10am-2pm  
\$250

Explore colour, form and texture through additive monotype, a technique where ink and paint are applied to a plate to create a unique print. Perfect for painters and people who love mark making.

**Laissez-faire Linocut**  
7 days, May 23rd & 30th, 10am-1pm  
\$345

The relief print... carve out some time for yourself. Students will develop and print line plates using diverse cutting techniques and experimental mark making. Lots of fun for the minimalist and first time printmaker, a lot can be achieved with very little.

@ Moruya Heads, address supplied on booking

Limited to 3 participants per class  
Booking confirmed on payment  
Price includes all materials

Bookings & Enquiries  
E: [juliemacpholmes@gmail.com](mailto:juliemacpholmes@gmail.com)  
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**PRIDE PREPPERS**

**SAT, 16 MAY** **FREE**  
**ART CENTRAL MORUYA 11AM-2PM**

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP COMMUNITY PICNIC  
COSTUME MAKING STALLHOLDER INFO  
SCREEN PRINTING BIKE DECORATING  
LIVE MUSIC BANNER MAKING

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QUEERODALLA

**YOUTH WEEK** @eurobodalla\_youth

**Autumn SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Free events for youth aged 12-24 \* Book online at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)

<b>8 APRIL</b> POTTERY CLASS 6-8PM Made of Mogo Studio, Mogo Ages: 16-24	<b>10 APRIL</b> YOGA 1-2PM Soul Tribe Studio Batemans Bay Ages: 12-16	<b>14 APRIL</b> ART WORKSHOP 2-3.30PM Art will be displayed at Currents: Battle of the Bands, Batemans Bay Library Ages: 12-20	<b>16 APRIL</b> POP ART WORKSHOP 2-4PM Active Art Studio Mogo	<b>17 APRIL</b> YOGA 1-2PM Soul Tribe Studio Batemans Bay	<b>18 APRIL</b> CURRENTS: BATTLE OF THE BANDS 4-9PM Moruya RSL Hall
	<b>23 APRIL</b> TEXTURED ART WORKSHOP 5.30-7.30PM Active Art Studio Mogo Ages: 16-24	<b>DEADLY YOUTH DAY</b> 10-2PM Mogo Sports Field	<b>MUSIC MAKING</b> 10-11.30AM Moruya Library		

**Dream. Dare. Do.**

**YOUTH WEEK FREE WORKSHOPS & EVENTS**

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**cabbi** CREATIVE ARTS BATEMANS BAY INC

**'Misty Autumn Glow'**

In the Bob Ross Style of wet in wet oil painting

Presented by: Camelle Denny, CRI

Only 8 positions available for this workshop

Date: **Sunday 12th April, 2026**  
Time: 11am to 4pm  
Venue: **The Mogo Community Hub, Park Street, Mogo**  
Cost: **Members: \$150. Non Members: \$175**  
Bookings: email your name and phone number to [workshops@cabbi.com.au](mailto:workshops@cabbi.com.au)  
Materials: Camelle will supply materials such as: Canvas, palette and solvent, Oil Paint, and some Bob Ross brushes and knives.

You will need to supply the following: Bob Ross 2" and 1" brushes. A number 6 fan brush and a number 2 script liner brush. A Bob Ross knife. Also, your own cleaning up materials including solvent, baby wipes, paper towel and latex gloves. There will be coffee or tea available at this workshop if required.

We will send you an online Invoice to be paid in full to secure your booking.

**Workshop Overview:**  
This workshop is designed for beginners or those interested in painting landscape techniques. Using oil paint mediums, you will be encouraged to explore techniques, methods and concepts of making good landscape compositions.

Using this photo as inspiration we will explore how to paint a landscape. Please be aware there is no food available at this location, however Mogo town is a couple of minutes away. All your Art supplies can be obtained at **Amandas of Mogo**.

Please read the Cabbi Refund Policy before booking at <https://cabbi.com.au/cabbi-workshops>  
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**Our Partnership & Support**

- Rotary** Batemans Bay Rotary: Founding partner providing initial setup costs and ongoing maintenance funding.
- THE TEC EXEC**: Tec Exec Support: Technical expertise and IT infrastructure support for platform development.
- FRRR**: FRRR Grant: Foundation for Rural & Regional Remoteness grant for platform planning and structure.

**river of ART**

**ARTS FESTIVAL**  
25 Sept-5 Oct 2026  
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## Survive the ride motorcycle workshop - Dalmeny

Saturday 18 April 2026 10am - 12:30pm

Where: Dalmeny Kianga Fire Station, 33-35 Mort Avenue, Dalmeny

Cost: Free

Join David Tynan, a motorcyclist and committee member of the NSW Survive the Ride Association, for a free workshop exploring issues that matter to riders. This workshop is suitable for both new and experienced riders and will include:

- Key decisions for seeing what is around the next corner, riding in groups, being seen in traffic and staying alert.
- How to manage stressful situations that cause you to tense up.
- How to connect properly with your machine – cruisers, sports, scooters, etc.
- Recognising the little mistakes you make and how to avoid them.
- Identifying what you do well and learning to repeat those good decisions.

Beverages and a light lunch will be provided.

Bookings are required

Visit the Survive the Ride website to register.

- [Register online with Survive the Ride](#)

More information

For more information, contact our Road Safety Officer Katherine Buttsworth: T: 02 4474

1242 E: [Katherine Buttsworth](#)



### ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY AND DINNER

FRIDAY 1 MAY, 2026



Support our Volunteers

**GOLF** (registration from 10.00am)

Tee off, shotgun start at 11.00am.

18 holes, 4 person ambrose: \$35.00 Club members, \$60.00 non-members.

BBQ sausage sizzle lunch: \$4.00.

Putting competition: \$2.00 per ball or \$5.00 for 3 balls.

**DINNER** (6.30pm)

Chinese buffet dinner: \$40.00 per person.

Huge auction and raffle (great prizes!)

Limited Numbers

Bookings and payment by  
24 April 2026

Call the MGC on  
4474 2300 (also booking  
golf cart if required).



Moruya Golf Club  
Evans Street, Moruya, NSW



## Come Learn To Snorkel!

### Batemans Bay Pavillions

Learn to explore the wonderful world below the surface



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of April**

Time - 1.30pm - 3pm

Cost - Pool Admission

Equipment - Please bring mask, snorkel & fins  
(Equipment can be borrowed)

Learn about our oceans  
Marine life that call our coast home

Snorkel Skills & Ocean Safety

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## Ride bikes with us!

Are you a student in School Years 5-12? Come and

# GIVE IT A GO!

Join coaches and riders from the Mogo Trailblazers MTB team to learn the basics of mountain biking!

**WHEN:** Wednesday 8 April - 4-5:30 pm  
Thursday 9 April - 9-10:30 am  
Saturday 11 April - 2-4 pm

**WHERE:** Mogo Sports Oval, Queen St, Mogo

**What to bring:** A bike suitable for mountain bike trails, a properly fitted helmet, water and closed-toe shoes



**NICA** NATIONAL INTERSCHOOLISTIC CYCLING ASSOCIATION




### COME ALONG AND VISIT SHASA'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

**SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026**

**Moruya Country Markets**  
**Riverside Park Moruya**  
**8am- 12.30pm**

Learn about EV models available in Australia today

Discuss savings, costs and advantages of an EV

Meet local owners with a selection of models on display

Chat about EV charging

Chat about use of home solar plus battery power

Community resilience for the Eurobodalla




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## REPAIRERS WANTED!

OUR REPAIR CAFE	JOB SPEC
<p>SHASA has been running a weekly Repair Cafe for 5 years. We have saved thousands of items from landfill and saved owners thousands of dollars. We have brought a number of family heirlooms back into operation.</p> <p><b>WHAT WE DO</b></p> <p>The Eurobodalla Repair Cafe operates in air-conditioned comfort every Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Red Door Hall, Anglican Parish, Page St., Moruya.</p> <p>Repairers are provided with a variety snacks and other refreshments.</p> <p>There are four teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general (electrical, carpentry, etc.)</li> <li>• clothing</li> <li>• IT support</li> <li>• administrative and catering (welcome desk, and catering)</li> </ul> <p>The Repair Cafe has a 7-8 week shut-down over the summer holiday.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend the Repair Cafe on a reasonably regular basis, at a minimum once a month.</li> <li>Be keen to share your skills in repairing and learn from other repairers.</li> <li>Write articles and/or take photos for the SHASA Spark Newsletter and Facebook page to inform the community about the Repair Cafe (optional).</li> <li>Participate in Repair Cafe lunches.</li> </ol>




### WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING TO THE EUROBODALLA REPAIR CAFE ?

The Repair Cafe is held at the Red Door Hall, Page St Moruya. The doors will open on a Friday at 9.30am until 12.30pm. Gather up what you need repairing and repurposing!

**PLEASE NOTE: The Repair Cafe will be taking a break on Good Friday 3 April 2026.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Repair Cafe will not be taking on any electrical repairs until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience.**



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Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla




**SHASA**  
Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance

The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) is an alliance of Eurobodalla community members. Formed in 2014 one of SHASA's key focuses is to deliver climate resilient projects for our region.

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## Animal Welfare League News

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- 5-12 July - **NAIDOC Week**
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- 21st-25th October - **Sea Otter Australia**
- 13 March 2027 - **NSW State Election**

## ANZAC Day Services 2026

- Bodalla, Sat<sup>10am</sup> 18th , 1100 hrs.
- Bergalia, 25th April. 0900 hrs
- Moruya , Dawn Service, 0545 hrs. Main March, Behind the Adelaide Hotel. 1030 hrs. Form up. Old Cars first.
- Main ANZAC Service 1100 hrs.
- Bunker Service, 1700 hrs.

## Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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

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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Ruth Gschwend with Vice President Paul Scholze



Medal Winners: Michael Walsh, David Gray and Tony Brown.



Winners: Pauline Nash, Shirley Quinlan and Jane Eglitis



Winner: Stacey Davidson

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 2nd April 2026

A field of 37 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. There were some close scores, the weather was fine and some wonderful results were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ruth Gschwend (15) with 38 points
- 2nd: Lynne McDonell (42) with 37 points (countback)
- 3rd: Dianne Brown (36) with 37 points
- 4th: Graeme Sindel (29) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ray Bollard 2.56 A Grade
- 4th: Bruce Harding 0.64 B Grade
- 4th: Lynne McDonell 9.50 C Grade
- 6th: Brad Doolan 0.93 A Grade
- 6th: Steve Swanbury 6.23 B Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 3.53 A Grade
- 7th: Shelley Pritchett 2.95 B Grade

Balls went to: Shelley Pritchett 36, Ian Miller 34, Bruce Harding 34, Shane Gschwend 33, Kevin Reilly 32, Nigel Barling 32, Ray Bollard 32, Brad Doolan 31, Anthony Mellick 31 and Colin Houghton 31.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 4th April 2026

A field of 51 players registered for the Men's Stroke Monthly Medal event today. The weather was overcast, the competition fierce and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
    - 1st: Michael Walsh (11) with 65 nett (medal)
    - 2nd: Reece Brown (14) with 70 nett
  - B Grade:
    - 1st: David Gray (16) with 73 nett (countback) (medal)
    - 2nd: Peter Hogan (16) with 73 nett (countback)
  - C Grade:
    - 1st: Tony Brown (21) with 73 nett (medal)
    - 2nd: Terry Milliken (24) with 74 nett (countback)
- Hole Prize  
2nd Hole Ian McManus Distance: 1.32  
Golden Shot Moruya Jockey Club  
Nearest to the Pins  
4th: Reece Brown 0.45A Grade  
4th: Ian Manton 2.23B Grade  
4th: Ross Hendy 5.49C Grade  
6th: Stuart McKell 0.90A Grade  
6th: John Phyland 6.59B Grade  
6th: Tony Brown 4.25C Grade  
7th: Ray Bollard 5.71A Grade

Putting Comp: Michael Elfar

Balls went to: Peter Engelbrecht 71, Stuart McKell 73, Anthony Lore 73, Steven O'Shea 73, Frank Pomfret 74, Ray Bollard 74, Peter Johnston 74, Ken Hush 74, Peter McRae 74, Ross Hendy 74, Simon French 74, John Harb 75, Stephen Swanbury 75, Chris Rowe 75 and Colin Houghton 75.

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 7th April 2026

A field of 22 ladies played in a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Stacey Davidson. The weather was beautiful and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
  - 1st: Pauline Nash (30) with 35 points
  - 2nd: Annette Manton (26) with 34 points
- B Grade:
  - 1st: Shirley Quinlan (36) with 38 points
  - 2nd: Gail Rogers (39) with 33 points
- C Grade:
  - 1st: Jane Eglitis (40) with 33 points
  - 2nd: Jennifer Gray (45) with 30 points (countback)

Place Getters:

Cate O'Brien 31, Samantha Dryden 30, Pam Alexander 30, Chris Wratten 30, Sandra D'Onofrio 30 and Maree Coffey 29.

Hole Prize: 2nd Shot

7th Pam Alexander Golden Shot  
A Distance 1.20  
7th Elsa Shearer Golden Shot B  
Distance 1.62  
Nearest to the Pin: 2nd Shot  
6th Jane Eglitis Distance 0.97  
15th Elsa Shearer Distance 0.40

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 8th April 2026

A smaller field of 27 players signed up for a Stableford event today. It was an overcast morning and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Stacey Davidson with 21 points (countback)
- 2nd: Robert McKirdy with 21 points (countback)
- 3rd: Chris Wratten with 21 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Greg Smith 20, Ross Hendy 19, Des Jackson 19 and Herb Muriwai 18.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Ross Hendy (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Des Jackson (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Jennifer Gray (2nd Shot)
- Mens: Rob McKirdy (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Derek Hoare (5th hole)

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Sunday 16th - Registered Clubs Race Day

SEPTEMBER 2026  
Tuesday 15th - Race Day

OCTOBER 2026  
Friday 2nd - Legend of the South Race Day  
Sunday 11th - Tuross / Bodalla Race Day

NOVEMBER 2026  
Tuesday 3rd - Big Dance / Melbourne Cup Day

## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 3.4.26

### Moruya River.

Happy Easter guys.

Town will be busy this weekend, if the state of Woolworths was anything to go by last night! Fuel price don't seem to have deterred people from travelling, which for a tourist town during Easter, is a god send.

The weather doesn't look like it's going to be too bad this weekend also, with only a little rain forecast.

The Moruya river is continuing to produce bream, flathead, Luderick & whiting on both baits, live and frozen, and artificial presentations both soft and hard.

This time of year really is my favourite, with stable comfortable days and cooler nights, and warm water temps.

All of the local wharfs will be popular destinations for holiday families this weekend, with Preddy's, quarry and the town wharf all offering safe fishing options. Not to mention the chance at catching a fish or three.

I strongly suggest the use of burley and baits when fishing these land based areas. Baits such as mullet fillet, is picker resistant and allow the chance for that bigger fish to find your offering before it gets picked off like softer baits can.

This can save mum or dad's sanity also, as you will spend less time rebaiting rigs.

### Tuross River.

There still is a little dirty water from last weekend's rain working its way out of the system, making an incoming tide the better option to throw a lure or drown a bait this weekend.

The lower areas around the boat sheds and the main boat ramp will offer plenty of opportunity for bream, flathead, whiting, mulloway or Luderick for everyone this weekend.

If you are fishing the sand flat areas use worms or pipes to try and tempt the local bream, whiting and flathead population. Work the drops off and channel edges as these provide cover and ambush locations for all manner of species.

Further up the system, four ways will offer the chance at bream, Luderick and maybe even a mulloway if you are really lucky.

### Rock and Beach.

There have been some solid black backed salmon around the last few weeks, with fish into the 3kg+ range. A lot of fun for visiting anglers. The Moruya breakwall can see plenty of action. The local headlands can also see some good action, with salmon, bonito, bream and Trevally all on the cards this time of year. The shallow gutters in close have been holding good numbers of flathead, bream and whiting, all of which will take a lightly weighted bait of beach worms, pipes or flesh baits.

There were reports of Longtail Tuna off the local land based ledges this week, along with a kingfish or two. Be prepared to put some time and effort in if this is your thing.

Broulee should be popular this weekend, just keep an eye out for what the SE swell is doing to this low platform. It might make the area a bit dicey to fish.

### Offshore.

Snapper, flathead will all be viable options for those looking to head out and chase some offshore fun. With warm water temps still around, the chance at finding bonito, dolphinfish or even a marlin is on the cards.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, with 2kg block pilchards finally back in stock after a month long absence, just in time for Easter. All other available baits are in stock and in the freezer.

If you haven't seen our previous Facebook post, we would like to welcome Dyquon Edwards as our Tackle World Young Gun store ambassador. He is a keen young fisho, and you can expect to see a bit from him on our social pages. We are looking forward to seeing what he gets up to.

Remember that double demerits are in full force this long weekend, so drive safe and we look forward to seeing you in store this weekend.

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

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## Moruya Ladies Golf

Moruya lady golfers played the April Monthly Medal round on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. It was a lovely Autumn day with pleasant playing conditions and the winner on the day and recipient of the Monthly Medal was Phyllis Reid with a score of 72Nett, followed by Barbara Roberts on 75Nett. Balls went to Robyn Hawkins, Angie McMillan, Sharon Knight, Shirley Noy, Margaret Douglas, Noelene Cowdroy, Lyn Gibbs and Vicki Goodwin. Nearest the pin was won in Div 2 by Christine Britten."

Pic: Phyllis Reid >



## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



A great effort to Sue Beavan and Tim Kovacs in State Singles Champion of Champions last week. Mac announced Birthday greetings to Bev Keatley also welcome back to Jan Shalders and Karen Signor. Robyn Butcher called cards for Social bowls in the format of 2 bowl Triples. Winners Rink 5, Jan Shalders, Di Wotherspoon and Judy Davis (photo) Runners-up Rink 4, Marlou Rollinson, Bev Keatley and Margaret Bridges. Lucky Losers Rink 4, Tricia Wheeler, Raija Johnston, Patricia Weekes. Jackpot ticket selected was Lynda Franks on 50 but no Joker found just Jack of Diamonds & \$20 bonus Lucky number 22 Noleen Taylor. Money Club 40 Sue Beavan, 19 Judy Davis. Called in to see Sue P on way home now in Ward 114, still in lots of pain with her broken bones but she has put on some weight which is good.

There were 28 bowlers on Easter Sunday including visitors. President Pedro welcomed everyone wishing all a Happy Easter. He also thanked committee for their support during his time as President as today will be his last day at Twist Tops until a new President will be nominated. We will all catch up at Narooma on our weekend away bowling there. Chanty has visited Noisy in Moruya hospital so thinking of him and Pat. Winners with Most Winning Ends +12, Trish the Dish with Moby and Hoges (photo) Runners-up +11 MadMax and Leigh High/Low Scores 29/9 not won. Lucky numbers, 6 Ruthless, 10 Pattycake. Other Winning teams, Dale, Steve and McGooley 12/11. Sumpy and Pattycake 19/16 Jayden & Chanty, K.C. & Scottie 16 all Draw. Mad Max & Leigh 29/14 Trish the Dish, Moby & Hoges 26/9 Bert & Suzanne 22/10.

# Fuel prices fail to curb turnout for Moruya Easter pairs

Moruya Bowling Club's Easter Saturday Open Pairs has again drawn a strong field, with 28 teams contesting the event. Players travelled from Warilla, Fig Tree and Braidwood, joining strong representation from Bodalla, Malua Bay, Tuross Head, Tomakin and the host club, highlighting the event's standing as a favourite on the local bowls calendar.

Played over four games of 11 ends, the format rewarded both winning form and overall shot margin, ensuring every end carried weight across the day's 44-end schedule. The leaderboard remained tightly contested throughout, with no clear breakaway across the opening rounds.

After Games 1 and 2, several teams had positioned themselves as early contenders, with Chris Murray and Robbie Strahan among the leaders on 6 points with a margin of plus 16. Guy Smith and Paul Vander were alongside them on 6 points and plus 16, while Staffy and Russell Burke remained close behind on 6 points with plus 12.

The contest remained tight through the afternoon rounds, with the leading teams continuing to match each other result for result. By the end of play, the top four teams were locked together on 9 points, leaving the title to be decided on shot margin.

Murray and Strahan produced the most consistent performance across the day, finishing with a commanding plus 33 to secure first place and the \$700 winners prize.

Jeff Rankin and Shane Quinlivan surged late to claim second with plus 27, narrowly ahead of Guy Smith and Paul Vander in third on plus 26. Wayne and Daniel Thurlow rounded out the top four with plus 18.

With \$1,800 in prizemoney on offer, the final standings underlined the strength of the field, with four teams unable to be separated on points after 44 ends of bowls.

"Over Easter, Moruya was busy right across the weekend, and events like this play their part in that," Moruya Bowling Club management committee representative Brett Vickers said.

"People come for the bowls, but they also stay locally, eat in town and spend in local businesses. To still have a full field travelling in from places like Warilla, Fig Tree and Braidwood, particularly with the cost of fuel, is something we're really pleased with.

"It was a high quality field, the competition was tight all day, and with the top four teams all finishing on nine points, it showed just how strong the standard was."

"It is one of those events people are happy to travel for because you know you are going to get a good field and a good contest," one competitor said.

"There was not much separating the leading teams all day, so every end mattered. That is what makes it such a good tournament."

The Easter Open Pairs continues to be one of Moruya's most well supported events, combining strong regional participation with a competitive and social day of bowls.

### Results

- First: Chris Murray and Robbie Strahan, 9 points (+33)
- Second: Jeff Rankin and Shane Quinlivan, 9 points (+27)
- Third: Guy Smith and Paul Vander, 9 points (+26)
- Fourth: Wayne Thurlow and Daniel Thurlow, 9 points (+18)

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