



Wild weather on the weekend produced a big swell and brought down powerlines affecting much of the south coast. Photo MM

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## Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives charge alleged gunman following investigation into Narooma hotel armed robbery

Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives have charged a man accused of shooting another man during an armed robbery at a hotel on the state's south coast.

About 10.30pm on Friday 20 March 2026, emergency services were called to a hotel on Campbell Street, Narooma, following reports of a shooting.

On arrival, officers attached to South Coast Police District located a 41-year-old man with a gunshot wound.

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

Police were told an unknown man had entered the hotel, before allegedly shooting at the 31-year-old and stealing an amount of cash.

He then threatened patrons inside the premises and demanded money before leaving the scene.

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

A short time later, the vehicle was located on fire on the Princes Highway, Narooma. The fire was extinguished by Fire and Rescue NSW.

The matter was investigated by local police before it was handed over to State Crime Command's Robbery and Serious Crime Squad under Strike Force Cornto. Following extensive inquiries, about 7.10pm yesterday (Monday 30 March 2026) strike force detectives – with assistance of the Tactical Operations Unit and detectives from South Coast Police District – arrested a 31-year-old man on Bronte Crescent, Sunshine Bay.

A short time later, police executed a search warrant at a home on Billaroy Road, Cobargo, seizing items believed to have been used in the alleged offence.

He was taken to Batemans Bay Police Station, where he was charged with assault with intent to rob armed offensive weapon wound / grievous bodily harm, robbery while armed with dangerous weapon, fire firearm in or near public place and robbery while armed with dangerous weapon.

The 41-year-old man, Deon Rodney Mason, appeared in the Bail Court yesterday. He did not apply for bail and has been remanded in custody until his next court mention in May 25.

Anyone with information that may assist investigations into organised criminal activity is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is managed on a confidential basis.

The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

## Help Thomas & Mercedes – Fund for Narooma Shooting Victim

A GoFundMe account for Thomas and Mercedes from Narooma.

“During an incident that took place 20th of March in Narooma, hotel staff member Thomas received injuries and is now receiving extensive medical treatment in Canberra hospital. Thomas has been working at the hotel since last year as part of a trip around Australia with his girlfriend Mercedes. They hit the road last year on the adventure of a lifetime to travel a lap of Australia with no fixed plans other than just enjoying each other's company and spend time exploring Australia's natural beauty. They both fell in love immediately with Narooma and decided to stay for the summer securing jobs at Narooma Hotel where they have been extremely popular with both customers and their work mates.

It is this popularity that has been the driving force behind setting up this Go Fund Me account – all the staff, customers and Narooma community in general have been looking for a way to assist Thomas in his hour of need.

Whilst Workcover and insurance are now engaged and will go some way to assist financially towards medical costs; there are immediate and ongoing expenses that Thomas and Mercedes will desperately need.

Any donations large or small are appreciated – all money raised will go directly to Thomas and Mercedes and will go a long way to helping them out with medical and living expenses during this period.

Please get behind this cause and help out a lovely young couple who are facing a tremendous challenge – let's get them through this and show them that we are a community that cares.”

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## Council Easter and Union Picnic Day closures

Council's main office, depots and libraries are closed over Easter and on Union Picnic Day on Tuesday 7 April.

- We are closed from Friday 3 to Tuesday 7 April 2026
- We reopening as usual from Wednesday 8 April 2026.

During the closure:

- Council offices, depots, libraries and community centres will be closed.
- Household bin collection will continue as normal.
- Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden is closed on Good Friday 3 April, otherwise open as usual.
- Waste transfer stations will close on Good Friday 3 April and Easter Sunday 5 April, and will open on Saturday 4 April and Monday 6 April from 8am to 3.45pm.
- Out of School Hours Care is closed on Good Friday 3 April and Easter Monday 6 April.

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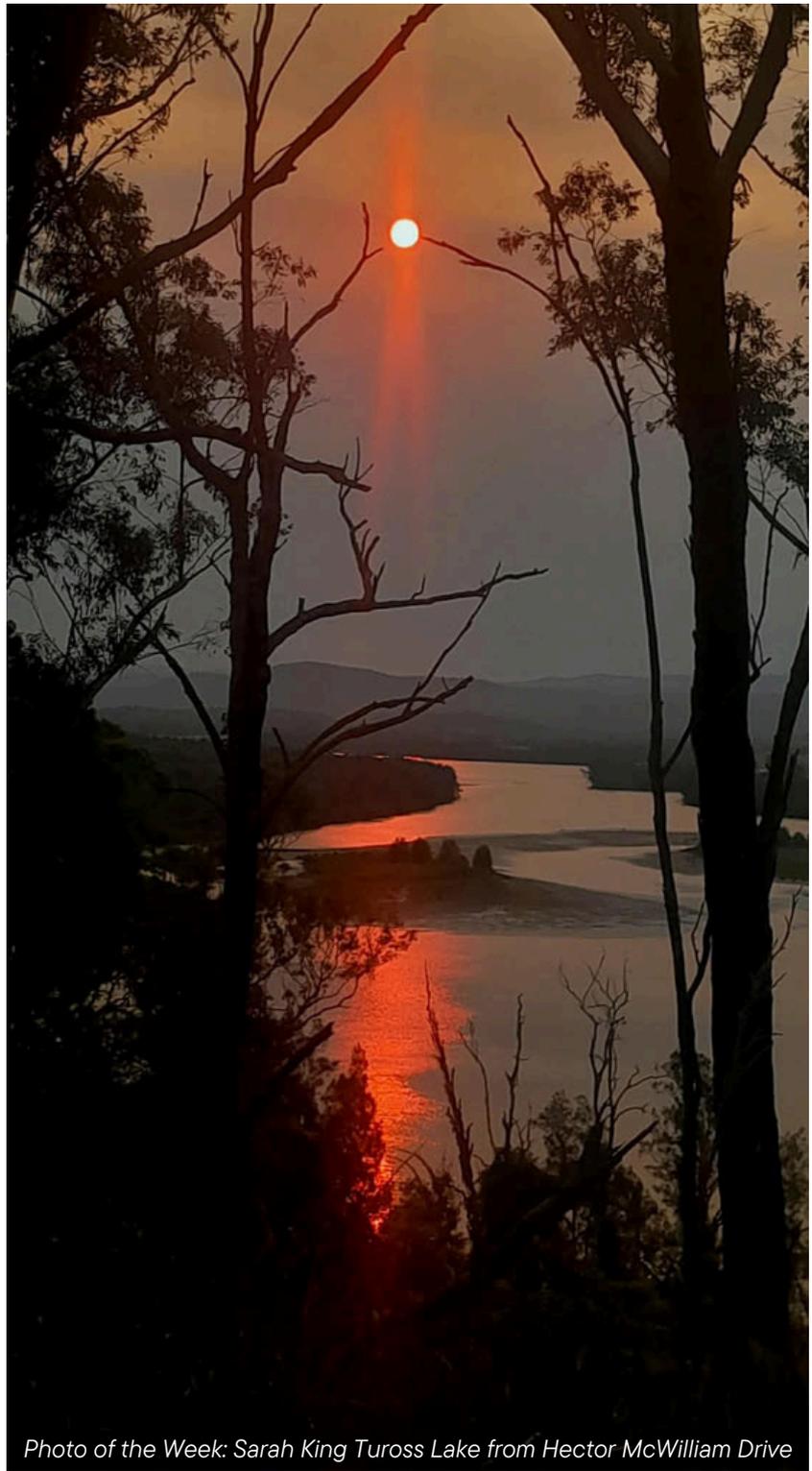


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# IRT lodges State Significant Development Application for Wattleview – a new intergenerational living community in Moruya

IRT has reached a major milestone in its commitment to the Far NSW South Coast, lodging a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for Wattleview in Moruya.

Designed as a vibrant, inclusive place for people at different life stages, Wattleview brings together retirement living, residential aged care, on-site key worker accommodation and a rich mix of shared community spaces. These include a cafe, clubhouse, village green and wellbeing and health facilities that encourage everyday connection between generations and the wider community.

The name Wattleview reflects the natural beauty at the heart of the site, celebrating the surrounding landscape and the strong sense of belonging the masterplan has been designed to foster. At its core, Wattleview is about creating a place where people can connect, contribute and feel part of a thriving community, regardless of age. IRT CEO Ross Gallagher said lodging Wattleview's SSDA represents an important step forward – not just for the project, but for Moruya and the broader Eurobodalla region.

“Wattleview is about much more than housing – it’s about investing in people, place, and long-term community wellbeing,” Mr Gallagher said.

“This development has been intentionally designed to bring generations together, creating opportunities for older Australians, working-age residents, families and essential workers to connect, support one another and live well.”

Mr Gallagher said Wattleview reflects IRT’s role as a community-owned, purpose-led organisation, with a clear focus on delivering lasting social value.

“Our investment in Moruya is driven first and foremost by social outcomes,” he said.

“Wattleview will deliver high-quality homes, services and shared spaces that strengthen the community, enable older Australians to age well, support essential local workers, and respond to the real needs of the region – now and into the future.”

Central to the proposal is the integration of on-site accommodation for key workers, responding directly to local workforce housing challenges. By enabling health, aged care and community service workers to live close to where they work, Wattleview supports the sustainability of essential services while fostering stronger connections between workers and the community they serve.

Designed to encourage interaction and participation, Wattleview features generous landscaped open spaces, walkable streets and welcoming social hubs that reflect the character, lifestyle and natural environment of the NSW South Coast.



“We’ve carefully curated state-of-the-art facilities that promote wellbeing, independence and connection across generations,” Mr Gallagher said.

“This includes a dedicated health and wellbeing centre with a hydrotherapy pool, sauna, gym and resident library – creating shared opportunities for people to stay active, engaged and connected close to home.”

The scale and integration of housing, care, amenities and key worker accommodation make Wattleview a defining project for Moruya, reflecting a place-based approach that responds to the regions current and future needs.

The SSDA lodgement follows extensive early planning and community engagement, with local insights helping shape a development that reflects Moruya’s unique character, values and aspirations.

“For more than 50 years, IRT has been part of life on the NSW South Coast,” Mr Gallagher said.

“Wattleview builds on that legacy – delivering a community that aligns with the Eurobodalla region’s long-term strategic vision and is designed to grow with Moruya for generations to come.”

The proposed development forms part of IRT’s broader commitment to deliver more than 1000 new homes for older Australians over the next decade, including approximately 800 independent living units and 200 residential care beds across Greater Western Sydney, the Illawarra and NSW South Coast.

Classified as a State Significant Development due to its scale and regional importance, Wattleview will be assessed by the NSW Government. The SSDA will be placed on the NSW Planning Portal for public exhibition before progressing through the formal planning and assessment process.

For more information visit: <https://www.irt.org.au/retirement-villages/location/wattleview/>

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# How EVAN saved Moruya Food Charities



The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) run a Moruya Food Program where we collect food from Aldi and Coles in Batemans Bay and from Woolworths Moruya. Each Monday we pack the food and distribute to families in need. This was all done by volunteers using their own vehicles. Then two years ago SHASA secured a grant from Fire to Flourish to purchase an electric van we call EVAN. EVAN is a Nissan ENV200 commercial van. It has excellent storage capacity and the boys can easily slide the crates of food in and out. It's an example of a local story of adaptation.

Our van drivers, Glenn and Bryce use the electric van, EVAN, to pick up food from Aldi three times a week. They deliver food on a Monday to SHASA's Moruya Food Program and the Anglican Parish Red Door Cafe. On Wednesday and Thursdays they deliver food to the Southern Life Church Pantry.

EVAN is charged off a residential rooftop solar system which was purchased with the Fire to Flourish Grant. Micro Energy Systems was able to reuse solar panels collected by Repurposing for Resilience. By charging EVAN off the electricity created by the sun, running costs are extremely low.

By thinking ahead and buying EVAN we have insulated these Moruya Food Charities from the crippling costs of rising fuel prices. The 30 March ABC Article [Food charities appeal for federal government help as fuel prices burden volunteers and budgets - ABC News](#) highlights the adverse impact the dependence on petrol and diesel vehicles is having on food charities like SecondBite, OzHarvest, Foodbank and Meals on Wheels.

SHASA's decision to go electric 2 years ago is a nice little local precedent for any other organisations who make regular deliveries that might be considering making the transition to an electric van.

By Kathryn Maxwell

## In Brief

### Ending card surcharges to help with the cost of living

Australians will no longer pay \$1.6 billion a year in surcharges and small businesses will save \$910 million when credit and debit card surcharging ends in October.

These changes will take pressure off consumers and businesses and help with the cost of living.

In late 2024, the Federal Government announced that we were prepared to ban debit card surcharges to help with the cost of living, subject to further work by the Reserve Bank and safeguards to ensure both small businesses and consumers can benefit.

In response to this, the Reserve Bank will today take steps to end credit and debit card surcharging from 1 October.

They will also implement changes that will reduce costs for millions of small businesses and help them get a better deal.

This includes lowering interchange fees and new requirements on card companies and banks to be more transparent about the fees they charge.

### Fire season ends across New South Wales

The 2025–26 bush fire season ended for most of NSW at midnight 31 March, marking the end of the official Bush Fire Danger Period. Four Local Government Areas (LGA), Narrabri, Gwydir, Moree Plains, and Mid-Western, will extend the period until the end of April due to local conditions.

Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), Trent Curtin, said firefighters responded to more than 10,200 bush and grass fires, which burnt approximately 126,000 hectares during the season.

"The past few months have again demonstrated the professionalism and dedication of our volunteers and staff who stand ready to protect their communities," Commissioner Curtin said.



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# Narooma Rotary recognises 6 top employees



Narooma Rotary presented awards to six people nominated by their employers for their pride in their work. They were Tracey Cooper (IRT), left, Hayden Frick (Creed's Lawn Mowing), Julie Hall (Narooma Mitre 10), Bijay Maharjan (Estia), Logan Allison (Merivale) and Brett Kelly (Narooma Auto Electrics), with President Julie Hartley, VP David McInnes and POW organiser PP Laurelle Pacey.

Narooma Rotary presented awards to six people nominated by their employers for their pride in their work at the Club's annual Pride of Workmanship (POW) Awards at Club Dalmeny last Thursday.

"These Awards are a highlight of Narooma Rotary's year," said Narooma Rotary Vice President David McInnes. "They give local business people the opportunity to show their appreciation to someone with outstanding qualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to their job. "Most importantly, Pride of Workmanship is not a competition. It's a recognition of individual achievement and commitment."

Narooma Rotary President Julie Hartley also spoke of the importance of these awards and congratulated all award winners.

Recognised were:

- Hayden Frick (Creed's Lawn Mowing)
- Bijay Maharjan (Estia)
- Tracey Cooper (IRT)
- Logan Allison (Merivale)
- Brett Kelly (Narooma Auto Electrics)
- Julie Hall (Narooma Mitre 10).

Pride of Workmanship is a Narooma Rotary Vocational Service Project.

Check out Narooma Rotary Club's website for more information [www.naroomarotary.org.au](http://www.naroomarotary.org.au).

## Tech giants warned – step up on social media laws

The Federal Government has put social media giants on notice – if you want to do business in Australia, you must obey Australian laws.

As of early March, 5 million under-16 social accounts have been removed, deactivated or restricted as a consequence of Australia's world-leading social media law.

However, serious concerns remain about the number of children still accessing social media.

As the independent regulator, the eSafety Commissioner's first compliance report exposes unacceptable systems being adopted by age-restricted social media platforms, including:

- allowing under-16 users to repeatedly attempt age assurance until they pass
- not doing enough to prevent underage users whose accounts have been deactivated from immediately opening a new one
- ineffective and inaccessible pathways for parents and others to report underage users.

eSafety is actively investigating potential non-compliance in relation to five platforms: Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube.

Systemic breaches will attract penalties of up to \$49.5 million.

Minister for Communications, Anika Wells said "The kinds of tactics we're seeing deployed by social media platforms to undermine Australia's world-leading law are right out of the big tech playbook.

"This new report from eSafety Commissioner shows that social media giants seem to be trying to get away with doing the bare minimum – I have serious concerns about their compliance with the law.

"If eSafety finds these platforms have systemically failed to uphold their legal obligations, I expect the Commissioner to throw the book at them.

"All of the platforms covered by our social media minimum age requirement said they would respect the law. If these social media companies want to do business in Australia, they must obey Australian laws."



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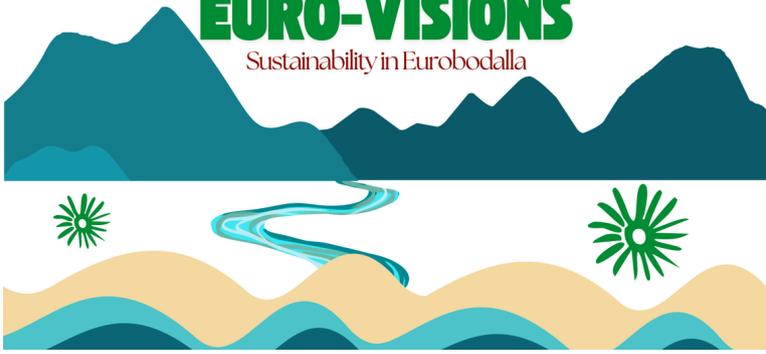
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## EURO-VISIONS

Sustainability in Eurobodalla



### Of Eggs, Bunnies and Chocolate .....

How can we celebrate Easter sustainably? Like many of our festivities, Easter in Australia is a southern hemisphere adaptation of a northern hemisphere tradition. Outside of Christian rituals, Easter in Europe can be a celebration of spring, fertility, twigs bursting with new green growth, and dyed poultry eggs. Meanwhile, Easter in Australia is most often enjoyed with hot cross buns, chocolate eggs, bunnies and bilbies.

Trying to find balance for our kids – how to make Easter special and enjoyable without excess sugar – is a challenge for many parents. How do we achieve “Easter Enoughness”? Allana Haines, Sustainability Education Officer with Council, offers her Easter tips. “My kids get a chocolate egg and a couple of small ones, but for the easter egg hunt I have a set of cloth eggs I’ve made from recycled fabric. That way we can hide them over and over again, the kids run around all morning finding and re-finding the eggs, and they don’t have baskets of chocolate to make them sick.” If making ethical chocolate choices is important to you, [this article by Arabella Condon](#), also a member of council’s sustainability team, has useful information.

Council’s Waste Team has put together advice for [Waste-Free Celebrations](#). For Easter, they advise: “Look for products and packaging made from recycled materials or buy second-hand decorations from charity shops. Avoid fancy packaging, unnecessary food waste, and single-use plastic where possible. Opting for reusable alternatives like cloth bags or wooden eggs instead of disposable, single-use items can reduce your footprint.” And remember, if you scrunch up all your foil into one ball, it can go in the recycling bin rather than into landfill. And while bunnies are cute, favouring bilbies over bunnies helps our kids appreciate native wildlife, rather than a cute but invasive and damaging pest species. However you celebrate, we hope you have a joyful and fun Easter break.



### Upcoming Events:

#### Treasure Hunt – Inspired by Alison Lester

If the Easter Egg hunt leaves our kids (or adults!) hungry for more, the Libraries at Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay are offering Treasure Hunts over the school holidays.

#### From the Forest: Children’s Discovery Walk

For those who want to continue the Treasure Hunt experience outside, there’s the discovery walk at the Eurobodalla Botanic gardens, on Sunday, April 5 at 10:00am (bookings essential).

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

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## An Easter Message 2026

By Bishop George Browning

Iran and the war, (not forgetting Lebanon, Ukraine, Palestine and Sudan) are the unwelcome global backdrops to this year's celebration of Easter. The suffering unleashed and gloated over by the Israeli Prime minister, the US President and his 'Christian' Minister for War is immense. What do they know about Iran? The name is derived from 'Aryan' meaning noble. Its ancient religion, Zoroastrianism, reframed our understating of linear time. Every age was considered a continuation of battle between good and evil in which humans must choose which side they are on. Ancient Iranians/Aryans/Nobles considered themselves noble warriors on the side of light. We might strongly disagree, but today, Iran's expression of Shia Islam, shaped by this philosophy, considers America and Israel the domains of darkness and themselves the warriors of light. These views are clearly reciprocated and reinforced, the longer violence continues.

Locking each other into these views provides no space for transformation and makes more violence inevitable. Violence does not dispel darkness, it deepens it.

As Easter 2026 approaches, most of the globe's citizens have very good reason for fear that darkness, not light, is the dominant force in current human history. But this is not the message of Easter. Easter is a celebration of the victory of light and life over darkness and death. How have we arrived at this dark place in human history and wherein does hope lie?

Without Easter there is no Christian faith, so where do we begin?

The Bible begins in Genesis with a picture of nothingness/ darkness into which God speaks. "Let there be light and there was light".

These few words frame our understanding of the energy we call God – the source of light and life. A few verses on we learn that humans are made in this image, all of us (male and female) are Adam, from the earth, with capacity as light bearers.

The New Testament, through the voice of John, begins in similar fashion: "in him was life and the life was the light of the world and the darkness did not/has not/continues not to overcome it". This energy, this life, this light becomes incarnate in human form. In the birth of Jesus, we see what is always true, God, who is light, embraces humanity. In turn, we are to embrace light (God) and embrace both one another and the natural order which nurtures us all.

John goes on to recognize that people "prefer darkness rather than light". In other words, we find it more attractive to hold power than to serve, more profitable to exploit than sustain, more self-serving to condemn than to build up. As Ecclesiastes, the most cynical of all biblical books says: it is all vanity and a striving after wind!

The Easter message is that we strive after the wrong things. We should desire to be rich, not in gold coffers, but in that which enables the human spirit to fly – love of family, enjoyment of beauty, fulfilment in service, restoring what is broken, giving hospitable space for that which is not self. In striving for all the wrong things, why are we so surprised that various forms of mental illness and feelings of isolation (darkness) are the hallmarks of life in a consumer driven world that is full of things, but void of meaningful life.

On the night of his betrayal Jesus said to his disciples: put away your swords. Good Friday and the cross open the heart and mind to the core of Jesus teaching: what you hold on to you lose, what you give away you keep.

On the cross, through his suffering and death he who is Light banishes the darkness. This is such a counter intuitive truth in a world which has come to believe it is only the strong and powerful who win. No, the strong and powerful do not win, they accumulate sand that slips between the fingers necessitating the constant need for more of it. In the process, what endures has been passed by, leaving the holder of the sand stranded.

The Christian faith was born on Easter morning. First Mary, then disciples and other followers were overwhelmed by the sense of presence of that Light which should have been extinguished but was not. Paul was later to say "I am convinced that no power, no experience, no event, can separate us from that light which has shone in the person of Jesus".

This acclamation is made, not denying, but accepting the fact that we prefer darkness rather than light. In other words, the light announced at the dawn of creation will not be denied. Like the hound of heaven, light and goodness will continue to chase us down the meandering paths of life, not even death itself will get in the way, it is not an ending but a transformation.

This is the great hope and joy of Easter. It's belief has been the bedrock of my 60 years of ministry; that no matter the circumstances of life, the embodied light manifest in Jesus can and will transform the reluctance and waywardness of this mortal human being.

The Easter message to Trump, Netanyahu, Hegseth, and Iranian leadership is: put your sword back in its sheath. Embrace kindness and mercy and Easter will embrace you.

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# Fungi Feastival returns to South Coast this winter



Collage Forage Moruya



Ella Curtis - Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens.



Pasta with truffles at Arlo at The Oaks Ranch

From truffle dinners to forest forays, Fungi Feastival returns from 12 June to 12 July, bringing a month of flavour, creativity, and discovery to the Eurobodalla – with a strong line-up of events in and around Moruya.

A highlight this year is the Fungi Art Exhibition at Quantum Brewery, running throughout the festival, alongside workshops including Emma Anna's Collage Forage and Duncan McNab's Recipe for Murder author talk. Art events continue across the region, with a fungi exhibition at Red Rattler Studio, a watercolour workshop with botanist and scientific illustrator Anna Voytsekhovich at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, and relaxed fungi art'n'sip session with Ness at Active Art in Mogo.

For those eager to explore the outdoors, guided fungi forays reveal the hidden world of local bushland. At the Eurobodalla Botanic Garden, Michael Priest of Fungimap will introduce the Great Aussie Fungi Hunt, while additional forays with mycologists Jamie and Danja Derkenne offer even more opportunities to learn. Near Bodalla, artist Kath Fries will host a meditation walk along the Walawaani Way, blending art, nature, and mindful observation.

Food lovers can indulge in a special fungi dinner at Arlo at The Oaks Ranch or lunch at The River Moruya, celebrating one of the region's prized winter ingredients – the black truffle. Locals can also pick up practical skills at a "Grow Your Own Mushrooms" workshop at the Moruya Mechanics Institute.

With something for everyone and plenty more events still to come, Fungi Feastival invites locals and visitors alike to experience the South Coast winter in a whole new way. For full program details, visit [www.fungifeastival.com.au](http://www.fungifeastival.com.au)



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# Inquiry into access and affordability of medical specialists

## House of Representatives

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Disability, today announced a new inquiry into access to and affordability of medical specialists in Australia.

The inquiry will examine the availability, cost and equity of access to medical specialist services across Australia, including in metropolitan, regional and rural communities, and will consider the impacts on patients, families and the broader health system.

Chair of the Committee, Dr Mike Freeland MP, said the inquiry would consider the growing challenges Australians face in accessing timely and affordable specialist care.

“Access to medical specialists is critical to early diagnosis, effective treatment and better health outcomes. However, many Australians are experiencing long waiting times, high out-of-pocket costs and difficulties navigating referral pathways, particularly outside major cities,” Dr Freeland said.

“This inquiry will examine how the system is working in practice, where barriers exist, and what reforms or new models of care could improve access and affordability for patients.”

As part of the inquiry, the Committee will examine:

- current access to medical specialists in cities, regional and rural communities, including workforce distribution, shortages, waiting times, and barriers to recruitment, retention and training;
- the effectiveness, transparency and equity of referral pathways from the perspectives of patients, primary health care practitioners and medical specialists across the public and private health sectors;
- the affordability of specialist services, including out-of-pocket costs for consultations, diagnostics and procedures, access through public health services, and factors influencing fee setting;
- the impacts of delays caused by cost, distance and waiting times on patient outcomes and on the wider health system, including primary care, emergency departments, public hospitals and chronic disease management, as well as impacts on people due to deferred or missed care; and
- innovative and emerging models of care that may improve access to medical specialists.

The Committee encourages all interested individuals, including patients, carers, health professionals, professional bodies, governments, academics and community organisations to make a submission by Friday, 16 October 2026.

Further information about the Committee’s inquiry, including the full terms of reference and specific details on how to lodge a submission are available at the Committee’s website.



## Go Get Healthy

with Sofia

GO VITA

Ageing has a way of quietly making itself known. One day your skin feels firm and bouncy, and the next it’s a little less elastic, a little drier, and showing a few more fine lines than you remember. While this is completely natural, much of it comes down to one key factor: collagen.

Collagen is the protein that gives your skin its structure, strength, and elasticity. As we age, typically from our 30s and more noticeably into our 40s, our natural collagen production begins to slow down. So, the result is a skin that gradually loses its firmness and hydration.

It’s not just time working against us either. Everyday exposure to things like sun damage, pollution, and smoking can speed up collagen breakdown. These factors create oxidative stress in the body, which weakens collagen and contributes to visible signs of ageing.

Hydrolysed collagen, also known as collagen peptides, has become increasingly popular to support your body’s collagen levels. It’s been broken down into smaller amino acids, making it easier for the body to absorb and use. Once in the system, these building blocks can help stimulate your body’s own collagen production.

There’s also growing research behind it. A double-blind, placebo-controlled study involving 69 women aged 35-55 found that after 8 weeks of collagen hydrolysate supplementation, participants experienced improved skin elasticity, hydration, and smoothness <sup>(1)</sup>. Another 12-week study involving 72 healthy women aged 35 + reported improvements in skin protein levels and a visible reduction in signs of ageing with daily collagen intake <sup>(2)</sup>.

Collagen contains amino acids like glycine and proline, which are important for producing keratin - the protein that makes up your hair and nails. This means collagen may also support stronger hair and less brittle nails over time. Some research even suggests it may help reduce oxidative stress around hair follicles, which plays a role in ageing <sup>(3)</sup>.

Of course, no supplement can stop the clock entirely. But supporting your body with the right nutrients can make a noticeable difference in how your skin, hair, and nails look and feel.

At the end of the day, ageing gracefully isn’t about reversing time, it’s about working with your body, not against it. So a simple, foundational things like collagen can be added to your routine to make a difference.

For more information about hydrolysed collagen, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at [www.govitabatemansbay.com.au](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.

Yours in Health,  
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A Beer with Bazz # 231

With  
John  
Longhurst

Mick slammed down the schooners on the bar table and the froth went into recovery mode.

“It’s a bloody crisis, Bazza. A full blown cost of living crisis. Fuel prices through the roof and a surcharge on anything requiring transport. What’s to be done, Bazza?”

Bazza rescued his schooner and eyed the spilt beer on the bar table.

“You can probably start by being a bit more careful with the schooners, Mick. I reckon there is at least a dollar worth of beer doing Pro Hart impressions on the bar table. Anyhow, a good place to start is going local at every opportunity and cutting the need for travel. It is a pity our national leadership has not followed this logic. In fact, Australia stores a portion of its emergency fuel reserves in the USA. In fact, we leased space to the tune of \$94 million in 2020 in the USA Strategic Petroleum Reserve. How safe do you think those reserves are with our mate Donald?”

Bazza took a measured sip.

“You should give the SAGE Markets in Moruya a go on a Tuesday afternoon, Mick. About 70 percent of the produce is grown within 30 kilometres of the market so the transport costs are way lower than the major supermarkets. Obviously, you can only buy what is in season, so you need to adjust your menu accordingly, but that can be quite fun.”

Mick took a sip and rubbed his chin.

“I don’t know about that, Bazza. A lot of bloody hippies seem to gather there, strolling around in bare feet. A bit too much cheesecloth for my liking.”

Mick leaned in and lowered his voice.

“You know ... I have it on good authority there is one bloke selling kava drink and some other herbie stuff at those markets ... you know ... some of those drinks make you go a bit fuzzy. I have a reputation to look after and who I associate with impacts on that ... so say no more, Bazza. I advise you to stay well clear.”

Bazza leaned back and laughed.

“Mick ... kava drink is legal. In fact, it is all legal. Anyhow, the community market is a good catch up and time to find out all the gossip about town. There is often some good music playing and I can definitely say it is a family friendly environment. But let’s get back to the produce. Because it is freshly picked and often that morning, it lasts for a long time. I kid you not ... where fresh salad leaves from the supermarket expire within days of purchase, a bag of leaves from the market will almost last a fortnight. The tomatoes taste ... like actual tomatoes because they can grow varieties that do not have to survive long transportation and refrigeration. It is all good for the local economy.”

Mick shook his head and took a decent sip.

“Not for me, Bazza. I will work on some other strategies.”

A long pause before Bazza leaned in.

“You thinking of buying an electric vehicle, Mick?”

Mick guffawed.

“Come off it, Bazza. People would think I am a shiny bum from Canberra, spending my four or five extra public holidays, sneaking up on our locals in my Tesla.”

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

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# 100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

03-04-1926

**Mr. "Barty" Turner** landed a 37½ lb. "Jewie" near the Moruya bridge the other night. Another large fish of the same species broke the hook and left the dangerous vicinity.

**Australians** should soon be able to speak all languages. Amongst the passengers on the "Kephee," which arrived in Sydney last week were Russians, Greeks, Syrians, Spaniards, Jugo-Slavs, Czecho-Slavokians, Dalmatians, Italians, Indians and Frenchmen.

**The contractor Mr. Mordant** has commenced the work of erecting a fine new garage for our enterprising townsman, Mr. A. H. Weatherby, at the corner of Vulcan and Church Streets. When the building has been completed it should be one of the most up-to-date garages on the Far South Coast.

**Messrs. J. Buckley, snr. and jnr.** have leased their farm at Mullenderree. The former will reside at Gundry and the latter will open a hairdressing saloon in one of Mrs. Flynn's new shops. The lessee, Mr. Payten, with his bride, who came from Victoria, took over the farm on the 1st inst.

**We always note with pleasure** any movement to enhance the appearance of our town and suburbs. Mr. W. J. Stephens of "Redleaf," [19 River St. Moruya] is entering upon vast improvements to his property. On his recent purchase at Mullenderree he intends to make extensive alterations. At the corner of Thomas and River Streets, Gundry, he is having a fine comfortable house erected by Mr. Preddey, and later on contemplates putting up another cottage on his land in Queen St., Gundry.

**Congratulation to Mr. H. J. Parbery**, Manager, Moruya Cheese Factory, on gaining first at the Royal Show for pasteurised cheese.

**The near future** will see the population of Granitetown considerably increased, as it is expected that some 70 new arrivals will shortly be making their appearance in the already well-peopled village on Pompey Point. The contractors are speeding up work in the village and expect to have 24 4-roomed houses completed in time for the new arrivals to assume immediate occupation.

**The Education Department** is at present dealing with the proposed construction of a school at the Quarry and the ultimate enrolment at the new school will be considerable. A Granitetown Progress Association has been formed, and with Mr. A. Gerrard as Secretary, has already done good work towards the advancement of the village. The Shire Council is directing much activity in getting the Quarry road in trafficable order, as the necessity for this has been long felt.

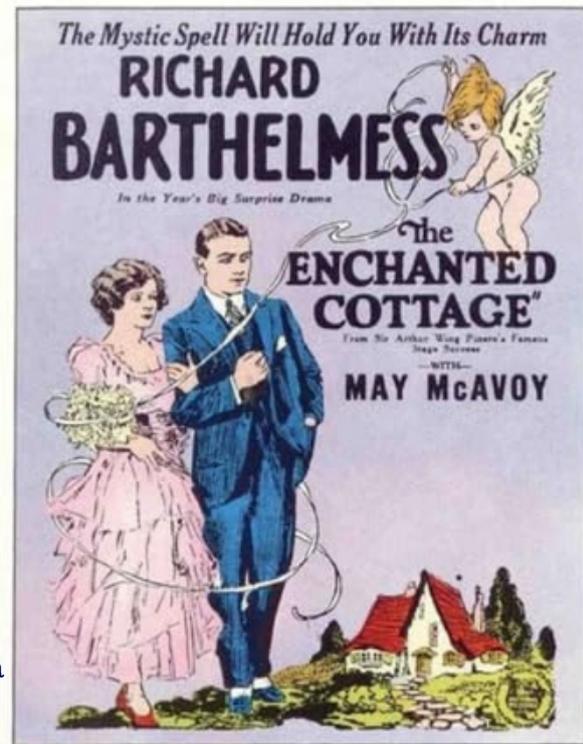
**AMUSU THEATRE.** Richard Barthelmess and May McAvoy in the Enchanted Castle, a beautiful romance. Also, Anna Nilsson, Lewis Stone, and Shirley Mason in The Talker, a big drama. Also, comedy Kick in High Life.

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.

If you are interested in history why not join us and become a volunteer at the Museum or our library. Check us out at <https://www.mdhs.org.au>



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# Let's do coffee with ... Skye Falzon

There must be something in the water at South Durras. Renowned and celebrated Australian Historian Manning Clark AC and poet, novelist, critic and academic R.F. Brissenden AO, frequented and were inspired by this natural coastal village on the South Coast, surrounded by Murrarang National Park.

These days, with a population of only 319 recorded in the last census, it still manages to claim as its own; an internationally acclaimed dancer, an Olympic snowboarder and, believe it or not, a highly ranked female World Boxing Association (WBA) champion in Skye Falzon (SF). The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Skye last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Skye. Let me get this right ... you are the current WBA Oceania Female Featherweight Champion as well as the WBA Asia Female Featherweight Champion, ranked number 2 in the WBA Female Featherweight Division and number 11 in the world and you live in South Durras! Skye Falzon ... please explain!

SF: (Laughs ...) Yes, I was born in 1988 at Batemans Bay Hospital. Dad was a professional fisher and also a stonemason. Mum was a hairdresser and I have a younger brother Claye, who is a local builder in town.

I have very pleasant childhood memories, spending time at the beach, watching my dad with my dog and going out on the fishing trawler, 'Predator', as well as great times hanging out with my Mum and visiting my Grandparents in Seven Hills and Mount Druitt.

I went to Batemans Bay Primary School up until 1999. I loved primary school and my favourite teacher was Mr Williams who was always 'checking in'.

Sport was a big part of my youth. I was age champion in athletics each year of my schooling and represented NSW in the 200 metre sprint. I was scouted by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) when I was 17 years of age, but gave running away due to the travel and lack of local facilities.

I went to Batemans Bay High School (BBHS) in 2000. I found high school difficult and high school found me even more difficult. My school reports were shockers. I was opinionated, talked back and undisciplined. I remember one comment quite clearly; 'Skye is not able to conform or comply with school rules'. I was suspended many times and by Year 11, I was on the verge of expulsion.

I tested the patience of my parents but, I must say, they always supported me. My other attribute is stubbornness. I stayed at school only because the school wanted me to leave.

Nonetheless, I formed great friendships in school and we still hang out today. It was goodbye BBHS after the HSC in 2005 and onto the Australian Institute of Fitness and the completion of Certificate III in Group Fitness and Certificate IV in Personal Training. I secured work with 'Step Into Life', a local outdoor group fitness business until the owners moved to France in 2008.

It was on 'Work for the Dole' for a short while in 2008 working for something called 'GreenCorp'. They had us decked out in green uniforms, resembling prisoners on day release, before ending up working at 'Barbara's Boarding Kennels', looking after pets.

MM: Skye ... you have not thrown a punch so far. How does boxing become your passion? SK: (Smiles ...) Okay, I should have added earlier, Dad was a boxer. In fact, he had 9 undefeated fights as a professional heavyweight, but gave it away for family reasons. Anyhow, from 4 years of age, I would train with Dad and just loved boxing as a fitness exercise.

By 2014, I was still working at 'Barbara's Boarding Kennels' but started 'Skye's The Limit', a boxing gym in Batemans Bay. I rented a space, sourced some second hand gear and with lots of family and friends' support, got it up and running.

My boxing training stepped up under the watchful eye of my Father as well as local legend, Ken Bradley. Ken won the Australian Featherweight Boxing Championship in 1970, seven years after retiring in 1963. He fought 197 amateur and professional fights from 1957 to 1971.

I kept turning up at Kenny's place at 11.00am each day to spend an hour on the punching bag for a couple of months. My stubbornness won through and, even though he had not trained a female before, he took me on for gratis, for which I am eternally grateful.

I had my first fight in 2014 and although I lost, I was hooked on the adrenaline charge. I lost my next 6 fights and logic would say 'give it away', but that stubborn streak won through again.

I had my first win in Sydney and was now fully committed to the sport. My family decided to book a holiday back to Malta as my dad hadn't been back since he left at 2yrs of age. While we were in Malta Dad and I ended up training in a gym called 'Lords Gym' in St Julians where I came across a trainer, Haithem Laamouz, and we became friends.

A few years, later he came to Australia and moved in with us and worked in the gym with my Dad training him for his professional debut.

In 2017, it was decision time in terms of 'Skye's the Limit Gym' and I sold it to pursue my boxing career.

Another Maltese contact lined me up to train with Arnaldo Mieli ('Nudge'), in Wollongong.

I have been with 'Nudge' since 2014 which means travel to Wollongong Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. I do two sessions a day, running strength and conditioning. I was beginning to enjoy some success and won the NSW State Amateur Title and on to represent NSW in the Australian Championships multiple times.

I also represented Malta at the European Games in 2019 as I have a Maltese passport. In fact, I met my partner, Ameir on one of my return trips to Malta and he moved to Australia 9 years ago. We married last year and he is also a professional boxer with 7 wins.



I turned professional in 2021 and hence the titles you refer to in the introduction, which I hope to defend in the coming months. I have had 70 amateur fights and am 11 wins and 2 defeats as a professional boxer and haven't been knocked out yet ... touchwood ... so I am feeling pretty confident about the future.

The ultimate aim is a shot at a world title but it is a complicated and political process. Because I'm not signed with a promoter or have many sponsors, it is a very expensive personal exercise, unless someone picks me to be the opponent ... so I live in hope.

MM: Outside the ring, your new venture 'The Ditch Gym' in Batemans Bay is literally changing lives.\*

SF: Yes ... not by any great design but the gym has become somewhat of a gathering place for people with some varied lives. Everyone comes with their own story and boxing unites us. There is one gym member who used to be an addict but through training has been clean for 3 years. Another uses boxing to alleviate the trauma of domestic violence. We even have a member who has lost 60 kilograms over 4 years and is aiming to go the Olympics.

Boxing is a great way to release aggression and gain fitness.

MM: Well Skye there is definitely something in the water where you grew up ... my ambition is to be famous so I am moving to South Durras. Thanks for a great chat ... see you around!

\*<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/nitv-radio/en/podcast-episode/changing-lives-through-the-power-of-boxing/5q8lxg1hg>

**LET'S DO COFFEE WITH ...** is a column exploring the interesting personalities of the Eurobodalla Shire. Feel free to nominate a personality by emailing **John Longhurst at [john.longhurst59@gmail.com](mailto:john.longhurst59@gmail.com)**

# Celebrate our forests at the Botanic Garden this April

From towering gums to tiny bonsai, the forest takes centre stage this April at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden.

From the Forest Festival is back from Saturday 4 April to Sunday 19 April. Garden manager Michael Anlezark invites everyone to slow down and celebrate everything that makes our forests special.

“There are some beautiful guided walks planned with our fantastic garden and wildlife experts, including some a little different to the usual, along with hands-on workshops, live music and crafts for kids,” Mr Anlezark said.

“The garden is nestled in Mogo State Forest so each year we love to celebrate that fact and give thanks to all the other forests we’re so lucky to have in our region. They’re the lungs of the nation and this festival is our way of honouring them.”

This year, something brand new is quietly stealing the spotlight – the art of bonsai.

Two of the Garden’s volunteers, Ernie Moules and Jill Atterbury, are experienced bonsai growers ready to share their secrets to shaping your own masterpiece.

“Starting with a tree propagated right here in the garden nursery, people can begin something that evolves over years – bonsai is amazing living art,” Mr Anlezark said.



Ernie Moules and Jill Atterbury

Art lovers can also step inside the From the Forest exhibition, running from Saturday 4 to Sunday 19 April.

Featuring more than 100 works from some of the region’s best artists, the exhibition explores the relationship between people and the natural world through raw, nature-inspired materials.

“Whether you come to learn something new or simply enjoy the surrounds, From the Forest Festival is a chance to reconnect with nature, creativity and community,” Mr Anlezark said.

Explore the full program and book your spot at [www.erbg.org.au](http://www.erbg.org.au)



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)

### Sunday 5 April

#### Children's Discovery Walk 11am - 12pm

Ramble through the forest seeking creatures big and small and learning about fascinating plants.

### Wednesday 8 April

#### Breakfast with the Birds 8.30am - 10am

How many birds you can spot or hear? Enjoy a tasty breakfast afterwards.

#### Australian Native Bonsai Workshop 10am - 11.30am

Learn how to select plants, pots and soil and techniques for transforming a native tree into your own unique bonsai.



### From the forest: Art exhibition

Saturday 4 - Sunday 19 April, 9am - 4pm  
Banksia room

Over 100 works from the region's best artists, showcasing resourceful creativity and beautiful natural materials.  
Free, no bookings required.

### Wednesday 8 April

#### Propagation Workshop 1pm - 3.30pm

You will soon have a bounty of your favourite plants to plant out or share!

#### Literary Walk 1pm - 2.30pm

Hear how authors have conveyed Australian flora and landscape in their writing.

### Thursday 9 April

#### Naturescape Gardens Walk 9.30am - 10.30am

Explore our showcase gardens with a horticulturalist. You may get a few ideas for home!

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### Friday 10 April

#### Botanical Blueprints 9.30am - 12pm 1.30pm - 4pm

Explore the diversity of native plants through art and science with a cyanotype workshop.

### Saturday 11 April

#### Giants of the Forest guided walk 10.30am - 12pm

Discover more about some of our majestic trees.

#### Little Landscapes 10am - 12pm 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Create your own native terrarium while learning about ecosystems and history of this living artform.

#### Sing Australia 12.30pm

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

### Sunday 12 April

#### Fungi and Lichens 10am - 12pm

Walk and lab session in the Herbarium.

#### Children's Discovery Walk 11am - 12pm

Seek creatures big and small and learning about fascinating plants.

### Monday 13 April

#### Spotlight Wildlife Walk 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Visit the Garden after dark with an ecologist, and learn about a range of creatures who call it home.

### Tuesday 14 April

#### Kids Craft: Fungi Fun 10am - 12pm

Learn some fun facts while you create a range of fungi and make a fungi garden. Ages 7 - 12 years.

### Wednesday 15 April

#### Australian Native Bonsai Workshop 10am - 11.30am

Learn how to select plants, pots and soil and techniques for transforming a native tree into your own unique bonsai.

#### Propagation Workshop 1.30pm - 3pm

You will soon have a bounty of your favourite plants to plant out or share!

### Sunday 19 April

#### Children's Discovery Walk 11am - 12pm

Ramble through the forest seeking creatures big and small and learning about fascinating plants.

#### Deep River Choir 11am

Pause for a while to enjoy the harmony and diverse repertoire of this popular local choir.



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc. (MACS)  
**Art Exhibition 2026**

Easter Weekend at Club Narooma

Exhibition Official Opening 4 - 6pm Friday 3 April  
 (all welcome)

Easter Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 10am – 4pm



## 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)

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**SAT 11 PETER SHILLING**  
 BLUES, JAZZ + FOLK | FREE ENTRY | FROM NOON

**FRI 17 THE STRIDES**  
 WITH PAUL JOHNSON + PIPER ALLEN | TIX \$40 VIA HERMANTIX | DOORS FROM 5PM

**SAT 18 RICHARD LAWSON**  
 FOLK & ROCK | FREE ENTRY | FROM NOON

**FRI 24 ARCHIE**  
 WITH GRACE FALETTESE + EXIT SMILING | TIX \$29 VIA HERMANTIX | DOORS FROM 5PM

## 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  
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### 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 Rudzic  
 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).  
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## 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.**



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*"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**  
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APRIL 4TH - EASTER SATURDAY

### Bodalla Arts Factory - Coastal Contours

“Coastal Contours” invites locals to enjoy the art of Leah Ann Early and Cat Leach - they explore the meeting of tide and tone on the south coast in a chromatic collaboration of collage, paintings and digital art.

Exhibition opens Good Friday, launch event 3pm Saturday 4 April - open 10am-2pm - last day Tues 7 April.



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**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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### At Four Winds this Easter

With the first concert this Friday April 03, tickets across our Easter series ‘Grigoryan Brothers & Friends’ are moving quickly, with several sessions close to capacity! Across three days:

- Jazz, classical, tango and contemporary new works
  - World premieres composed by Ralph Towner
  - Music by Pat Metheny and Lyle Mays
  - An extraordinary lineup led by the Grigoryan Brothers
- Five completely different concerts. One weekend.

Only once. If you’ve been thinking about coming, now is the time to book.

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**2026  
PHOTO COMPETITION  
FOR THE TCA'S 2027 CALENDAR**

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# The MUVE-ment!

Live Music on the South Coast



By Alex Clark, MUVE Management

If there's one thing that continues to stand out about the South Coast, it's the strength of our live music community. As we move into the cooler months, we naturally see a slower pace across our social scene, but one thing that doesn't slow down is the dedication of our local venues and musicians. Week in, week out, they continue to show up; creating spaces for connection, creativity and live performance.

The quality and variety of live music on offer across our region really is something special. From intimate acoustic sets to full-scale band performances, there's a depth of talent here that rivals anywhere. And with a bit of uncertainty in the air more broadly, now feels like the perfect time to lean into what we have right here on our doorstep; supporting local venues, local artists, and the experiences that bring us together.

Each month in The MUVE-ment, I shine a spotlight on an artist or event helping keep this scene thriving. This month's feature is a duo who are continuing to make serious waves across the South Coast and beyond.

### Artist Spotlight: Blue Mallee

Blue Mallee are a genre-bending duo blending indie rock, ambient textures and traditional folk roots into something entirely their own. Made up of Evan and Niev, the pair push the boundaries of contemporary folk music with powerful vocals, evocative storytelling and a live show that is equal parts concert and conversation; often humorous, sometimes reflective, and always engaging.

Based in the Shoalhaven, with roots in Sydney, Blue Mallee have built a loyal and growing following through years of consistent touring and standout performances. Over the past five years, they've appeared at festivals including Bundanoon Folk Festival, Yass Irish & Celtic Festival, Tilba Festival, Culburra Beach Festival and Spirit of the Land, while also sharing stages with artists such as Joe Camilleri & The Black Sorrows, Conrad Sewell, Ash Grunwald and Boo Seeka.



Blue Mallee

Their sound creates cinematic, alt-folk landscapes, blending dreamy ambient rock with poetic grit. Offstage, their passion for music continues to evolve, with both artists drawing inspiration from boundary-pushing musicians and even teaching themselves new instruments along the way.

Following the release of their debut record *Shout That Whisper // Questions Of Fear* to strong acclaim, Blue Mallee are currently working on their second and third albums, with new music on the horizon for 2026.

You can catch Blue Mallee this weekend at the Nelligen Folk Festival at The Steampacket Hotel, taking the stage at 6:45pm; a perfect chance to experience their unique sound live.

Be sure to check out this month's MUVE Gig Guide to see what else is happening across the South Coast and continue supporting the venues that keep live music alive.

	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			 • Kane Calcite • Mark Howard • JC & The Tree • Blue Mallee • Jack Raymond	
	9		 	 
	16		 	  
	23		 Dog House 6:00-9:00pm 	 
	30			  

FREE EVENT

## NELLAGEN FOLK FESTIVAL

Steampacket Hotel

3PM - 9.30PM 4TH APRIL 2026

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

PROUDLY SUPPORTING LIVE MUSIC

# The March meeting for the Eurobodalla photographic club

The Competition topic was "Open" and the Judge, Roy Killen, obviously spent a lot of time judging each of the entries. He made extensive comments suggesting ways he thought images could be improved both at the time the images were taken and also in post-processing.

## March Competition Results

### COLOUR

**Gold:** Jeanette Robben – Bee on Water Lily  
 Debbie Osiecki – Stand Your Ground  
 Jeanette Robben – Butcher Bird Feeding Chick

**Silver:** Ken Foster - Crossing the Clyde  
 Ken Foster – Nearing Bodalla  
 Peter Keogh – Searching for Lunch

Anne Brown – Ride Him Cowboy  
 Beth Westra – Obstacle Course

**Highly commended:** Robert Bednarik – Two's Company  
 Sue Hartland – You Looking at Me  
 Yvonne Matthews – Kudu Mates  
 Fungus Weevil – Phil Warburton  
 Dale Evans – China Doll

### MONO

**Gold:** Jeanette Robben – Frozen Citiscape  
**Silver:** Nandini Narayan – King of the Sky  
**Highly commended:** Sue Hartland – Glass Handbag Vase  
 Anne Brown – Elegance

*Image of the Night* Jeanette Robben – Bee on Water Lily

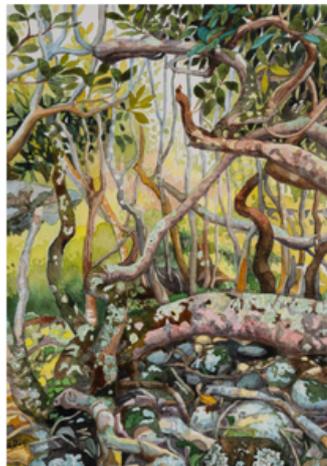
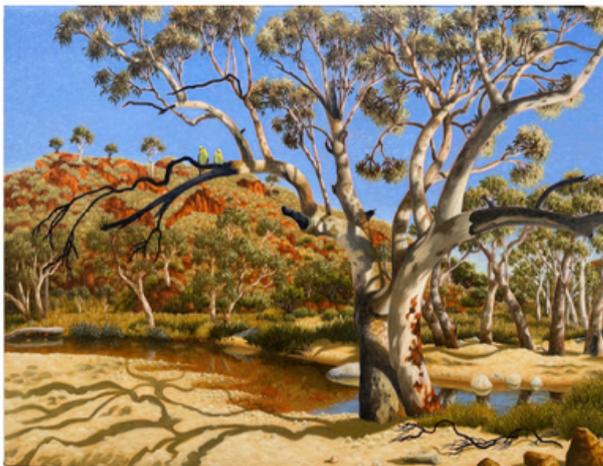


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**5 - 13 June 2026**

**\$1000 cash prize in each category**

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**EUROBODALLA RESIDENTS ONLY**

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Open to artists under 30
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Exhibition @  
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For information and entry form go to:  
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## Quantum Brewery

Saturday Live Music  
4.30-7.30pm  
and

### Fun-time Events

28 Mar	Tommy Steez
4 Apr	Avant Raag
11 Apr	From First Light
12 Apr	Dogs Big Day Out 1-4pm
18 Apr	Steve Jackson
24 Apr	Trivia Night 6pm
25 Apr	Anzac Day Two Up Tutorial 2.30-4pm
25 Apr	Peter Shilling
2 May	Richard Lawson

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



## 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:



## mm MOJOS/MORUYA MAIL Live Music Gig Guide

Thursday, 2 Apr:

Avant Raag Riverrock Café Bermi (Tix \$20)  
Reset Club Narooma (6pm)

Saturday, 4 Apr:

Live Music Lynch's Hotel 7.30pm  
Inez Hargedén Tilba Valley Winery  
Avant Raag Quantum Brewery 4.30pm  
Robz Simpson Broulee Brewhouse

Sunday, 5 Apr:

Rick Bamford Club Tuross (10am)  
Whiskey'n'Whiskers Soldiers Club (7pm)  
From First Light Tilba Valley Winery  
Inez Broulee Brewhouse

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

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

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## ARTISTS FOR THE EARTH EUROBODALLA INTERCONNECTIONS

HIGHLIGHTING CONNECTIONS WITH HUMANS, ANIMALS,  
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Art Exhibition  
at Bay Pavilions

April 2026

OPENING

NIGHT

4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

4PM - 7PM

Live music, vegan nibbles and drinks



## THE GALLERY Featured Artist

March 29<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Nina Poulton**

Featured  
Craft Artisan

March 29<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Melissa Perryman**



### Sunday 17 May

EuroBEV Luncheon  
Ellens At Tilba  
4 Bate St, Central Tilba  
12 noon

### Saturday 23 May

Narooma Volunteer & Community Expo  
Narooma Leisure Centre, 10am-2pm

### Saturday 6 June

SHASA Electric Vehicle Expo  
Moruya Country Markets  
Riverside Park Moruya  
8am-12.30pm

### Friday 12 June

Moruya Volunteer & Community Expo  
Moruya RSL Hall, 11am-2pm

### Saturday 13 June

Batemans Bay Volunteer & Community Expo  
Bunnings Batemans Bay, 10am-2pm

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**HELLO EV OWNER AND WELCOME TO EuroBEV!**

SHASA's Eurobodalla Battery Electric Vehicles Group EuroBEV is an informal group. We have luncheons every 6-8 weeks at chosen venues across our beautiful Eurobodalla Shire. The aim is to meet with fellow EV drivers and those interested in purchasing an Electric Vehicle.

Our next luncheon will be held on **SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026**  
Ellens At Tilba  
4 Bate St  
CENTRAL TILBA  
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)

Scan the QR Code for more information on SHASA.

**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

**YOUTH WEEK**

**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: 16-24	<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 Ages: 12-16	<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 10-2PM</b> Mogo Sports Field	<b>MUSIC MAKING 10-11.30AM</b> Moruya Library	<b>Dream. Dare. Do.</b>		

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Presented by: Camelle Denny, CRI

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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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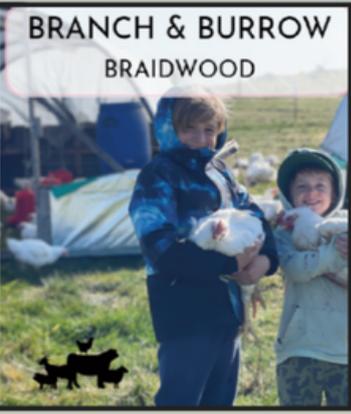
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## Animal Welfare League News

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Frost



Rusty

Frost and his three siblings are three-month-old Staffy mixes. This little guy is playful, and good at relaxing afterwards. He's a gentle and slightly reserved boy, ready to move into a loving forever home. Frost is available on a Foster to Adopt basis, whereby he can go to his new home immediately, but he remains an AWL dog until he is desexed (AWL pays for this). Frost's microchip number is 991003003039110 and AWL's Rehoming Organisation Number is R251000222.

To meet Rusty, Frost or any of our available pets, contact AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWL NSW website: [www.awlnsw.com.au](http://www.awlnsw.com.au) And don't forget about our big Desexing Promotion. Throughout April, book your cat or dog into the Eurobodalla vet of your choice then call AWL on 0436816718 to arrange a discount voucher.



### Pet Desexing Months

*Prevent Unwanted Litters – Desex your Pet*

**March – Cat/Kitten Desexing**

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

**April – Pet Desexing**

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



To have your pet desexed:

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

Quantum Brewery Moruya  
and the  
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## Dogs' Big Day Out



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  - Dirty Barkinis, and
  - Frozen Pupicles

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### GRANT OPPORTUNITY

A new grant fund is now open which aims to increase liveability and social cohesion of communities through greater participation in community activities. Grants between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 are available to

The aim of the project funding is to: increased access to diversion activities, reduction in youth crime, Improved amenity of local activities lifts community engagement, Health and well-being improvements, and increased opportunities to develop skills and connections within the local community particularly for young people and families, Attract and retain the residents and workers needed to ensure the economic success and ongoing sustainability of regional communities.

Communities have the amenities and social cohesion needed to build and maintain resilience from economic or environmental shocks

Get those applications in, for more info visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and.../community-participation>.

Applications close on 1 May 2026.

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BATEMANS BAY - MORUYA - NAROOMA

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## REGISTER YOUR ORGANISATION

- Become a **stall holder** and connect with potential volunteers
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- Join in our **workshops** specifically designed for your volunteering organisations and building your capacity!



## 2026 Diary Dates

- 16- 26 April - **Youth Week**
- 25 - 26 April - **Batemans Bay Sailing Club 2026 d'Albora Batemans Bay Regatta**
- 1 - 3 May **19th Narooma Oyster Festival**
- May 10 - **Mother's Day Classic, Corrigans Beach**
- May - June - **2026 Sculpture for Clyde**
- 5-12 July - **NAIDOC Week**
- 12 June to 12 July - **Fungi Festival**
- 26 September - **Tilba Festival**
- 21st-25th October - **Sea Otter Australia**
- 13 March 2027 - **NSW State Election**

Tell them you saw it  
in the Moruya Mail

### Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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

### Moruya Community Workshed

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

### Tuross Community Markets

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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Marilyn Bingham with Committee member Ian McManus



Winner: Kevin Reilly with Secretary Michael Coloe



Winners: Maree Coffey, Annette Manton and Judy Apps



Winner: Ian Miller

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

A field of 46 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. There were some close scores and the weather was 4 seasons in one day with rain at the end, but some fabulous results were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Marilyn Bingham (36) with 40 points
  - 2nd: Michael Coloe (13) with 39 points (countback)
  - 3rd: Lynne McDonell (43) with 39 points
  - 4th: John Phyland (18) with 38 points
- Nearest to the Pins
- 4th: Matthew Kennedy 2.90 A Grade
  - 4th: John Phyland 5.14B Grade
  - 4th: Lynne McDonell 7.20 C Grade
  - 6th: Nick Brice 4.07A Grade
  - 6th: Bruce Harding 1.86B Grade
  - 7th: Ruth Gschwend 1.37 A Grade

Balls went to: Wayne Lilley 37, Pam Alexander 37, Leonie Snodgrass 36, Bruce Handley 36, Michael Elfar 35, Ian McManus 35, Wayne Fullerton 35, Teri Swanbury 35, Jim Wade 34 and Nigel Barling 34.

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

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford Medley event. It was a sunny day after the recent rain and some fantastic and close scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Kevin Reilly (17) with 37 points
  - 2nd: Peter Johnston (19) with 36 points (countback)
  - 3rd: Peter Engelbrecht (14) with 36 points (countback)
  - 4th: Ruth Gschwend (16) with 36 points (countback)
  - 5th: Teri Swanbury (30) with 36 points (countback)
- Nearest to the Pins
- 4th: Colin Houghton 3.80 A Grade
  - 4th: Ian Lawson 9.00B Grade
  - 6th: Michael Coloe 4.49A Grade
  - 6th: Stephen Gardner 1.76 B Grade
  - 7th: Ruth Gschwend 1.17 A Grade

Balls went to: Allan Langford 36, Colin Houghton 36, Mark Haberkorn 35, Dianne Brown 34, John Phyland 34, Ray Bollard 33, Stephen Swanbury 32, Ian Miller 32, Peter Hogan 32, Peter Garn 32, William Steenbergen 31, Michael Walsh 31, Nick Brice 31, Cathy Milliken 31 and Stephen Gardner 31.

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 31st March 2026

A field of 18 ladies played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Medal Round Stroke and Putt event today. The event was sponsored by Gail Rogers. The weather was warm and the competition fierce and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Annette Manton (28) with 64 nett (Medal)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dorothy Madden (21) with 70 nett
- B Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Maree Coffey (36) with 68 nett
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shirley Quinlan (35) with 79 nett
- C Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Judy Apps (40) with 80 nett
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer Gray (45) with 82 nett

Place Getters:  
 Leonie Snodgrass (16) with 76 nett, Dianne Brown (36) with 81 nett and Chris Wratten (32) with 82 nett.

Hole Prize: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot  
 7<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Madden Golden Shot A Distance 1.59  
 7<sup>th</sup> Gail Rogers Golden Shot B Distance 0.66  
 Nearest to the Pin: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot  
 6<sup>th</sup> Jane Eglitis Distance 1.12  
 15<sup>th</sup> Annette Manton Distance 0.45  
 Putting Comp: Leonie Snodgrass with 24 putts.

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 1st April 2026

A field of 34 players signed up for a Stableford event today. It was a beautiful Autumn day and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Ian Miller with 22 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Leonie Snodgrass with 21 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dorothy Madden with 19 points (countback)

Balls or Chocolates went to:  
 Greg Smith 19, Ken Hush 19, Tony Crook 18, Tory Puglisi 18, Frank Pomfret 18 and Bruce Martin 17.

Nearest to the Pins:  
 4<sup>th</sup>: Ross Davidson (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)  
 6<sup>th</sup>: Dorothy Madden (1<sup>st</sup> Shot)  
 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)  
 Mens: Ken Hush (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Accuracy: Jane Eglitis (5<sup>th</sup> hole)

Bradmans: Bruce Ware

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 27.3.26

### Moruya River.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lack of fishing reports over the last few weeks, regular in store customers will know that I was on leave for 3 weeks, and it was very needed.

This weekend is looking interesting to say the least, with a big east coast low being the driving influence. There will be a bit of rain tomorrow, but the sea state and winds will be the major factor, tomorrow in particular. Seas are forecast to be up to 7m with a 10-15 second interval, and winds potentially up to 60kph. Strap on the big wave surfboards and tighten down your hats. But by Sunday the winds and seas will ease right back, so it should only be a short sharp spike in weather activity. The south head cemetery will be a great vantage point for ocean watching, if we do indeed get the forecast wave heights.

The river itself is full of a lot on small flathead at the moment, in 3 weeks chasing a feed of flathead, I released a lot of sub 40cm fish and only managed 1 42cm fish for the table. While it was fun catching and releasing, sometimes getting a feed is the aim of the game.

There have been good reports of solid bream around the Preddy's wharf and hole in the wall area over the last few weeks. With several 40+cm fish being reported.

Whiting are also available over the sand flats, with squirt worms and nippers working well as baits, and surface lures taking a few good fish as well.

### Tuross River.

This system continues to be our premier stretch of water, with bream, whiting, flathead, mulloway, estuary perch and Luderick all available at the moment. A mix of lures and bait has been working to tempt a fish or two. Use what you have confidence in, as will positively affect your outcome.

The lower reaches have seen whiting, bream and flathead on surface and bait, from the southern flats areas up past the boat shed area and up around to fourways.

While the snag lines banks upstream are holding good numbers of bream along with the oyster rack for bream under them and flathead along side. Hard body and soft plastic lures are my favourite way to fish, but bait does and will always be a viable option as well.

### Rock and beach.

With the potentially large swells forecast tomorrow, the beaches and rock ledges will better fished after the sea state has settled. Once that swell has eased off however, the rock ledges can fire for drummer and even snapper as they look for dislodged food sources.

Please don't be tempted to fish any rock ledge if the seas are going to be as large as forecast, no fish is worth your life.

### Offshore.

Boaters have been warned off trying this weekend, due to the conditions predicted. Also as I haven't been in the loop the last few weeks, I'm not sure as to what has been caught recently.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, with block pilchards still a no show, they have been unavailable for over a month now, fingers crossed we see some soon.

There are a few new lines in store, check our Facebook posts to see what they are, or even better, pop in and see for yourself.

There are still a few days left in the month to get your junior angler of the month entries in, there are some great entries this month.

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

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**



## ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY AND DINNER

FRIDAY 1 MAY, 2026



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**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)!

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## moruya slsc 8KM TOWN to SURF FUN RUN

# SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

7am registrations | 8.45am briefing | 9am race start

## WHERE

START: Riverside Park  
FINISH: Moruya Surf Life Saving Club

## REGISTER & MORE INFO

RUN, JOG OR WALK, PRAM FRIENDLY  
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## Moruya Ladies Golf

Moruya lady golfers were back out there on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March playing the 1<sup>st</sup> round of their 4BBB x 5 competition. A very humid day provided a challenge but the eventual winners were Lyn Gibbs and Jenny Ellis with a great score of 44pts, followed by Joan Hosking and Robyn Hawkins with 42pts ocb. Balls went to Val Moore, Barbara Roberts, Margaret Douglas, Vicki Goodwin, Nicola Gallon, Phyllis Reid, Angie McMillan and Noelene Cowdroy. Nearest the pins were won by Margaret Douglas (Div 1) and Lyn Gibbs (Div 2).

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



Di Mac opened proceedings with Birthday Greetings to Sonia Frey, also to Patricia Weekes and Judy Armstrong on their 85th, they both also passed driving test as well. Get well message to Sue Palmer who is in The Bay hospital after a nasty fall. Before calling cards Jay mentioned Sue Beavan who is in Sydney bowling in State Singles Champion of Champions, good bowling Sue. Social bowls teams were called using sticks for 2 bowl Triples. Winners Rink 3, Tricia Wheeler as Swinging Lead, Julie Knorp and Kim Giannasca. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 2, Bev Keatley, Sonia Frey and Rajia Johnston. Lucky numbers, 16 Colleen Ashby, 4 Gayl Vidgen, 32 Olga Geshwend. Jackpot of \$1,258, number 54 was called which was yours truly but I could only come up with 3 of Hearts but did receive a free game of bowls for next week. Money Club, 5 Margaret Bridges, 15 Lisa Grice.



Committee members Dobbo and Chanty took over proceedings welcoming Twisties, also new members Lorraine and Arthur Humphries. Birthday Greetings to Hot Lips on her 80th Birthday. Winners on Lowest Winning Margin +1 Clark and Chanty 19/18 (photo) Runners-up, "Road Runner" aka Lorraine & Megoo 4/13 (photo) both on countbacks. Winning Skip Chanty selected Rink 2 to try for Jackpot of \$163.50. Leigh aka "Porker" cut cards and found Joker so two happy teams to share in the winnings. High/Low Scores 36/5 not won but Whizza was close with 35/5. Lucky numbers, 10 Hoges, 35 Porker. Other winning teams, Spike & Hot Lips, Artie and Scottie.13/12 Mad Max and Porker 25/5 Bob the Builder and Princess 36/14 Matilda and Irish 17/14

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Delivering an outstanding score of 13.84, Finn didn't just win, he made a statement, being the youngest competitor in both competitions> "It feels amazing to be the Australian Champion. This is my first time here, and my first time ever competing in the Australian Para Surfing Championships. I can't believe I'll be representing Australia as an Irukandji!" - Finn Banks.

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SOUTH REGION	SUBURB	DATE	START	FINISH
Quarantine Bay Boat Ramp, Quarantine Bay Road, Eden	Eden	Friday, 3 April 2026	7:30	10:00
Merimbula South Boat Ramp, Arthur Kaine Drive, Merimbula	Merimbula	Friday, 3 April 2026	11:00	13:30
Kianinny Bay Boat Ramp, Off Kianinny Street, Tathra	Tathra	Friday, 3 April 2026	14:30	16:00
Bermagui Boat Harbour Boat Ramp, Off Lamont Street, Bermagui	Bermagui	Saturday, 4 April 2026	7:30	10:00
Apex Park Boat Ramp, Centenary Drive, Narooma	Narooma	Saturday, 4 April 2026	11:00	13:30
Preddys Wharf, Preddesys Wharf Road (Off South Head Road), Moruya	Moruya	Saturday, 4 April 2026	15:00	17:00
Hanging Rock Boat Ramp, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay	Sunday, 5 April 2026	7:30	11:00
South Harbour Boat Ramp, Via Watson Street, Ulladulla	Ulladulla	Sunday, 5 April 2026	12:30	16:00

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