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# Surfsiders sidelined as dunes continue to be eroded



Resident Jason Ford with Dr Michael Holland inspect the erosion.

Residents of Surfside met with local MP Dr Michael Holland on Friday and expressed frustration over a lack of action to protect the beachfront and homes from coastal inundation.

The late March storms washed away the sand scraping work carried out late last year, including the thousands of plants that were intended to protect the dunes. Looking out across the Bay, residents can see the long granite walls protecting the southern shore and question why they can't have the same.

Indeed one resident wrote to Council to *"formally request immediate intervention regarding the catastrophic land loss currently occurring at Surfside. In just over a year, we have lost over 14 metres of shoreline along sections of the Surfside foreshore, yet we are being told that protection will only be considered once Council infrastructure, such as the road behind our homes, is at risk."*

*I wish to highlight a grave inconsistency in Council's application of the Coastal Hazard Code Rule. While Council maintains it does not provide permanent engineered protection for private land, there are clear local precedents where such protection is actively supported or maintained."*

*"By the time the road behind Myamba Parade is "at threat" under current policy, many families will have already lost everything. This reactive "wait and see" approach is financially negligent. It ignores Council representatives' acknowledgement that a revetment will eventually be required on the very land where our homes currently stand.*

*If the expenditure is inevitable, it would be far more efficient to build the protection now. Doing so avoids a costly "ruin management" phase involving hazardous debris removal and site remediation—costs that will ultimately fall on the community and Council. It would avoid land acquisition and urgency related complications and difficulties. I request that Myamba Parade be afforded the same standard of protection already delivered to commercial and residential assets elsewhere in the Shire."*



Part of the issue is the demarcation of responsibility between the water (NSW Maritime), beach (Council) and private land (residents).

Residents questions who would be at fault if affected trees fell from the dune onto private land.

Dr Holland said that there would be a meeting on Monday between various groups to discuss the matter.

Yesterday Council announced the commencement of a levee at **Surfside West** to protect community infrastructure. The levee will be gently sloped, easy to walk over and stretch 190 metres along the foreshore reserve. It will be covered with sand and low-growing coastal plants to blend into the landscape. The crest will be about a half metre higher than the current reserve – about 2.5 metres above mean sea level in

Council says "Over the next few months beachgoers and dog walkers will see construction work as the levee takes shape. We'll do our best to minimise disruption and keep the area as accessible and tidy as we can. This project forms part of the broader Batemans Bay coastal protection works, funded by the Commonwealth and NSW governments."

Meanwhile, residents of Myaemba Parade, Surfside are stuck, unable to carry out works privately, even if it was affordable.

For some, with their home are their only asset, they await the next storm surge with dread.



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# Paws galore at Dogs Day Out at Quantum Brewery



## RSPCA NSW Eurobodalla Supporter Group

Very happy pups and their people enjoyed great music, food and treats at the inaugural Dog's Big Day Out hosted by Quantum Brewery and the local RSPCA NSW Supporter Group.

Doggos chose their own bandanas. The special Pupper Bar served up Pawgaritas, Dirty Barktinis and Pupsicles. Competition for the Furry Fashions on the Field was intense, with pups in tulle, pearls and Hawaiian shirts. All for a great cause. The local RSPCA NSW volunteer group raises all its funds locally. It spends them here in the Eurobodalla, helping out with pet food, vet bills and desexing for local families finding it hard to meet those costs. It's a credit to the community and to all the sponsors who provided support on the day and throughout the year. And to the intrepid volunteers who work so hard to make it happen.



RSPCA NSW Eurobodalla Supporter Group focus is on helping the local community keep their pets healthy and happy at home. In just the last 9 months they have

- supplied over 800 kilos of quality pet food to local food pantries, and
- provided over \$4000 for desexing and emergency vet care to Eurobodalla households experiencing financial difficulty.

## Community rallies behind mental health with \$8,000 boost



A strong show of community spirit was on display at the Moruya Country Markets, with a generous \$2,000 donation to Beyond Blue in support of local mental health initiatives.

The donation was presented to Team 01 'Shark out of Water', Eurobodalla locals Mark and Siri Wallis, who recently completed the 2026 Beyond Bitumen Rally — a 1,500km backroad adventure raising funds and awareness for mental health across regional NSW.

The rally, held from March 26–30, travelling from Canberra to Cowra via Albury, Yarrowonga and Wagga Wagga brought together teams from across the country, all united by a shared goal: breaking down the stigma around mental health and encouraging meaningful conversations.

For Mark & Siri, the cause is deeply personal.

"Mental health affects everyone in some way — whether it's you, your family, or your mates," Mark said. "The rally isn't just about the drive — it's about starting conversations that people might not otherwise have."

Siri, a registered nurse at Moruya hospital, said the support from the Moruya community had been overwhelming. "To receive this donation from the Moruya Country Markets means a lot to us," she said. "It shows just how much this community cares and how willing people are to support each other."

In addition to the Markets donation, major support has also come from sponsors, including BYD Moruya (\$1,500) and Titanium Dynamic Projects (\$1,500), helping Team 01 push their fundraising total even further.



The Beyond Bitumen Rally has raised more than \$4.5 million for Beyond Blue since it began in 2015, helping fund the organisation's 24/7 Support Service, which provides free mental health support to Australians.

Event organisers Trish and Peter Fehon say the rally was created to provide a safe and supportive environment for people to connect.

"Beyond Bitumen is about bringing people together and creating space for conversations around mental health," Mrs Fehon said.

"If sharing these experiences helps even one person reach out, then it's worth it." Team 01's rally vehicle — a BYD Shark — has become a familiar sight around the Eurobodalla, helping raise awareness and spark conversations wherever it goes.

Despite the rally now complete, fundraising efforts are continuing.

"The rally might be over, but the need for support isn't," Mark said.

"We're encouraging anyone who can to jump online and make a donation — every dollar makes a difference."

Donations via BeyondBlue's fundraising platform remain open until June 30 and can be made at: <https://beyond-bitumen.raiselysite.com/team01sirimark>

All funds raised go directly to Beyond Blue, supporting vital services that help individuals and families in the local community and across Australia. For anyone doing it tough, the Beyond Blue Support Service is available 24/7 on 1300 22 4636 or via [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au).

## Flying-Fox Fly Out Event for International Bat Appreciation Day

### Eurobodalla Landcare Network

- Friday 17 April 2026, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- Art Central, 24 Church St, Moruya NSW 2537

International Bat Appreciation Day is celebrated on the 17th April every year. It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate bats across the world and their importance in ecosystem health including pollination, seed dispersal, insect control, and why we rely on them to keep our forests healthy.

We are fortunate enough in Eurobodalla to share our home with the threatened grey-headed flying-foxes who live seasonally across the shire. To celebrate our 'forest gardeners', we will be gathering at one of their known roosts to watch this species fly out to our forests at dusk in search of flowers, nectar and pollen.

Join WIRES, Eurobodalla Landcare and Council's Flying-Fox Officer from 4:30pm on Friday 17th April at Riverside Park in Moruya for an evening of activities and education suitable for the whole family!

Repurpose for Resilience's food trailer will be catering for an early dinner and other refreshments.

Free face painting for kids to celebrate their favourite native animal

Create your own flying-fox mask.

WIRES will be teaching us about how anyone can help bats at home

Please meet at the amphitheatre at

Moruya Riverside Park - we will be located to the east of Art Central. As we will be outdoors at night, please remember to wear sturdy footwear.

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# South Coast's aquaculture businesses to deliver jobs and economic growth with \$14.3 Million state government funding

The NSW Government together with 10 aquaculture businesses are investing \$14.3 million into boosting the local Bega and South Coast oyster, kelp and seafood sector to expand production and sustainability and to create more jobs and drive economic growth.

The aquaculture sector is a natural fit for NSW's coastal communities and landscape, and the Minns Government is driving new economic opportunities by funding modernisation and productivity gains.

The Minister for Agriculture, Tara Moriarty, launched the NSW Aquaculture Vision Statement in September 2024 in collaboration with the industry to target a doubling of the sector's economic output to \$300 million by 2030.

Moving forward on that vision the Government last year announced a new \$20 million Aquaculture Industry Development Program to turbocharge productivity gains and seafood production. In the first round of funding, the NSW Government is investing \$7.4 million and the proponents are funding \$6.9 million, across the following 10 South Coast projects.

## NSW Government funding for the projects:

- \$1,882,750 – **Ocean2Earth**, expansion of a marine waste recovery
  - o Expand innovative marine waste recovery and biofertilizer manufacturing capability from pilot scale to industrial scale. Enabling the sector to access a cost-free, environmentally compliant outlet to process unavoidable seafood by-products and create new local skilled jobs and value-add capabilities.
- \$1,284,798 – **Wapengo Rocks Wild Organic Oysters**, modernise oyster farming operations
  - o Replacing traditional methods with automated on-water infrastructure with 10,000 additional units, solar power, reduce water fouling and grow premium product.

- \$959,491 – **Tollgate Oysters**, Clyde On-Grower support precinct
  - o Develop collaborative and expansive oyster farming infrastructure on existing leases that are presently under-used and fixed to traditional farming systems.

- o Introducing new on-water floating bag systems, installation of a complete wet storage system and purpose-built processing and holding sheds.

- \$896,805 – **Auskelp Pty Ltd**, enable advanced kelp farming research and production
  - o Purchase, modify and operate a specialised offshore research vessel based at Eden to expand planting, collecting and preparing kelp, plus installing permanent specialist equipment. Vessel will enable large scale seeding of kelp lines and efficient harvesting. Deployment will enable trialling up to 100 one-hectare rigs.

- \$684,435 – **Ritchie Oysters Pty Ltd**, improve productivity through automation
  - o Supporting modernisation, resilience and expansion by replacing traditional methods with automated on-water infrastructure with 10,000 additional floating units and onshore processing to meet growing demand for premium product.

- \$544,465 – **Sandingroove Oysters**, to modernise and upscale facilities
  - o Expanding automation, cold-chain capacity and solar power to better control fouling, improve oyster health and survivability, doubling production from 55,000 dozen to 110,000 dozen oysters per year, and increasing job creation opportunities.

- \$465,188 – **Sapphire Coast Oysters**, upgrade oyster nursery and farm infrastructure
  - o New equipment and upgrading of the oyster nursery will improve outcomes for growing Pacific Oyster spat (oyster larvae) through to a strong juvenile size allowing for the supply and restock of oyster farms. Plus, double production size from 55,000 dozen to 100,000 dozen oysters annually by 2030.



Left to Right\_ MP for Bega Dr Michael Holland, Minister for Agriculture Tara Moriarty, Jason Rutter Sapphire Coast Oysters Wapengo.

- \$348,480 – **OysterLife Unit Trust**, electrifying operations towards NetZero aquaculture
  - o This will support Batemans Bay operations to transition towards net-zero by decommissioning fossil-fuel based operational equipment with electric alternatives and adopting cleaner energy solutions across its operations.

- \$211,000 – **Ballantyne Commercial Fishing**, improve cold chain (refrigeration) management
  - o Upgrade freezing and refrigeration systems to increase bait and catch capacity, to improve fish handling efficiency, storage hygiene, food safety and market outcomes.

- \$139,148 – **Glasshouse Rock Oysters**, implementation of automated and upgraded infrastructure
  - o Upgrade from manual to automated oyster grading equipment to improve processing capacity and increase stock security. Installation of 2,000 new floating oyster basket units will reduce stock losses during weather events and improve product quality.

With these projects, domestic and international customers of NSW seafood will benefit from a reliable, year-round supply of high quality, and carbon reduced food products that taste fantastic.



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## Catalina Club's Charity Golf Day supports two local grassroots initiatives



Photo Catalina Country Club

Community days have a way of bringing out the best in people and last Thursday, April 9th, was a perfect example as Catalina Club's Community Benefits Charity Golf Day made its return.

Run by the club's dedicated Veterans Team, the day was all about giving back, and once again, the community showed up in full. With perfect autumn weather and a full field ready for a shotgun start, it didn't take long for the course to come alive with plenty of laughs, friendly competition, and a shared sense of purpose.

By the end of it all, more than \$4,500 was raised through the event and weekly raffles - an incredible result that went directly towards two local initiatives doing important work: Batemans Bay Community Picnic and South Coast Community Kitchen.

For those behind these grassroots efforts, the support makes a real difference. Sarah O'Riley from South Coast Community Kitchen, who also received funding last year, thanked the veterans for helping her once again. "Thank you for your support again this year. Your donation helps pay for items for our monthly BBQ in Moruya, along with bag supplementation for our weekly food deliveries in the Bay and the occasional emergency assistance," Sarah said.

Sofia Keady and her volunteers were also there on the day to say thanks in person. Their team runs a monthly free lunch for anyone who may be feeling alone or doing it tough, along with food relief for people in need around Moruya.

"Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity," Sofia said. "This donation is a huge help to everyone who are struggling in our community." The Catalina Club's Veteran golfers have once again led the way in bringing people together, supporting one another, and helping ensure no one in the community is left behind.



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**Social Health**

There are multiple ways in which financial advantage helps us live healthier, more sustainable lives, while financial and material disadvantage negatively impacts our health. Rural communities across Australia are intimately acquainted with this deadly equation.

In public-health-speak this is called the Social Determinants of Health, that is, the social and cultural factors that influence a person's and a community's health. These can apply to physical health, mental and emotional health, and environmental health, which of course all interact with each other. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines the Social Determinants of Health as "the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, as well as people's access to wealth, money and resources". Researchers and policy makers talk about the 'social gradient', which shows there is a direct relationship between socioeconomic position and health outcomes. In all countries across the world, the wealthiest 20% of the population have longer life expectancies and higher quality of life (in health terms), while the poorest 20% have the poorest health outcomes. According to WHO, "People who have limited access to quality housing, education, social protection and job opportunities have a higher risk of illness and death."

In order to have a sustainable community that can survive in times of disaster and thrive in periods of recovery and stability, we need to ensure that all of us – including our most vulnerable - have access to the basic necessities. We need to ensure that all of us – ALL of us - have safe, affordable housing, nutritious food to put on the table, reliable transport to get us where we need to be, and high quality education and health care.

Eurobodalla is bustling with community groups, service organisations, businesses and government organisations that are actively engaging with the question of how we can make our community a thriving one for everyone. Proposed solutions are being put forward to address the housing crisis, lack of transport, rising cost of living, food security and more. The more of us who are a constructive part of these conversations, the stronger and more sustainable our solutions will be.

**Social Determinants of Mental Health**

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**Upcoming Events:**

ECSN April Meeting: Health, Housing, Transport. We will hear from Dr Michael Holland MP on State Government Initiatives and he is eager to hear from you! Wednesday, April 22nd, 11:15pm-2:15pm, Rooma Studio, 98A Princes Hwy, Narooma (come in from the carpark).

Under the Wharf, Narooma: Get up close with local saltwater species and learn fascinating facts about these creatures and their habitat from the experts. Friday April 17, 9:00-11:00am, Narooma Town Wharf, Bluewater Drive.

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# Eurobodalla Council Public Access and Workshop 14th April 2026

## Presentation from A Better Eurobodalla on Batemans Bay Master Plan Workshop

Good morning, Thank you for the opportunity to address Council. I am presenting as Co-convenor of A Better Eurobodalla (ABE), a community forum working to achieve open, accountable and responsive government in Eurobodalla. My focus is on today's agenda paper for the Batemans Bay Master Plan (BBMP) Workshop. This workshop is the first step in Council's response to findings of the Batemans Bay Master Plan Probity Report, arising from Council's Extraordinary Meeting on 10 March 2026.

The key matter under consideration today is how the recommendations and findings of the Probity Report will be addressed. The purpose of this workshop is to assist Councillors in carrying out their statutory duties and responsibilities to make decisions in the best interests of the residents, businesses and rate-payers of the Eurobodalla shire.

The fundamental questions to be asked today are no different to any other decisions that Councillors have to make about costs and human resources. They are :

1. the priority, urgency and need for the work compared to other priorities;
2. whether there are other approaches that would achieve the same or better result;
3. the costs to ratepayers for undertaking the BBMP work program outlined in today's agenda paper; and
4. the impacts on staffing resources, and whether council has the capacity to undertake the proposed work program.

Agenda papers for the recent Extraordinary Meeting indicate that the Probity Report was commissioned to assess the:

- Governance and decision-making processes underpinning the Masterplan,
- Alignment of the Masterplan with Council's existing strategies such as the Climate Action Plan, Coastal Management Program and flood studies,
- Integrity and transparency of community and stakeholder engagement,
- Rationale and justification for proposed building height increases and land use changes, and
- Handling of potential conflicts of interest, especially as Council is both a landowner and planning authority.

The Probity Report was compiled by an experienced independent management consultant, and unequivocally validates widespread community concerns of serious governance and information deficiencies in the draft BBMP, as outlined in the following key findings :

- 1) Inception and governance of the Masterplan appears to be informal, without reasons for the need for an updated master plan and clear direction being provided by either the Council or the General Manager;
  - 2) The draft Masterplan horizon of 75 years is extremely long in comparison to typical master planning horizons of 25 – 30 years;
  - 3) Estimated resident population projections are not supported by past experience and nor by general overall trends observed Australia-wide;
  - 4) The supporting studies and other documents reviewed indicate that the proposed height increase did not take into account the associated geotechnical, environmental and climatic risks;
  - 5) The draft Masterplan has not considered any potential future limitations on current infrastructure (water, sewerage, power, telecommunications etc);
  - 6) The draft Masterplan has not taken into account geotechnical feasibility of the plan to assess developability of the site;
  - 7) The draft Masterplan has not considered the impact of climate change and coastal erosion, and the limitations on Masterplan options as a consequence of management actions by the Council, and State and Commonwealth Governments; and
  - 8) The draft Masterplan does not elaborate on or explain variances between expert studies and recommended settings in the plan. These multiple major deficiencies will require significant resources, time and expertise to be rectified. Therefore, a key consideration for today's workshop needs to be the feasibility and timetable for the work program outlined in part 5 of today's workshop agenda papers.
- On the basis of the :
- 1) track record of the draft BBMP to date;
  - 2) the major flaws identified by Probity Report;
  - 3) the problematic and at times conflicting information in source documents used for the current version of the BBMP, and
  - 4) the significant Transport & Traffic, Flood Impact and Risk Assessment, and Ecological studies yet to be finalised and integrated into a revised BBMP,
- It would be fair to say the October/November 2026 deadline for preparation of a coherent and credible revised BBMP based on Council's current resources strains the boundaries of credibility.

When the additional high priority strategic planning activities which also need to be undertaken by Council over the next 12 months are considered, the timeline outlined in today's agenda goes well beyond the boundaries of credibility. Concurrent with the proposed BBMP revision activities, Council planning staff have been tasked to progress work on the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy, which embodies a challenging work program to be "Achieved within Existing Budget" (AWEB). Phase One actions of the Housing Strategy are timetabled for completion by the end of 2026, with further Phase 2 activities beginning in 2027.

In addition, Council has a statutory obligation to prepare a revised shire-wide Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) by 1st July 2027. This will be a significant undertaking, requiring extensive consultation across the Shire.

Today's workshop agenda has produced no new information to justify urgent completion of a revised BBMP at a minimum additional cost of \$458,000. In contrast, focussing current strategic planning activities on the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy and renewed LSPS would assist in delivering a better informed, coherent and feasible BBMP in the near future, to the benefit of Batemans Bay residents and visitors, as well as other residents and ratepayers of the Eurobodalla Shire.

This presentation has identified significant resourcing, information and timetabling issues with the projected work program outlined in today's BBMP workshop agenda. Council's staff, budget and Eurobodalla ratepayers would be best served if Council were to focus its limited strategic planning resources over the next 12 months on getting the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy established on a solid and properly informed basis, together with complementary work on a properly researched and updated shire-wide LSPS. This work would then provide a sound basis for completion of a revised and credible BBMP.

ABE urges Councillors and Council staff to focus their efforts on delivery of realistic and achievable outcomes for strategic planning in the Eurobodalla. The work program proposed in today's workshop agenda needs to be significantly modified to deliver this desirable outcome.

Thank you for your attention,  
**Dr Brett Stevenson, Co-Convenor, A Better Eurobodalla**



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THE BINGIE POINT

Opinion by Cid Mateo



Eurobodalla residents to pay dearly for another Batemans Bay Masterplan

On Tuesday, 14 April 2026, Eurobodalla Shire Council made some tentative steps towards public transparency. General Manager, Mark Ferguson, ran the first briefing session of Councillors by Council staff open for public observation, titled the Batemans Bay Masterplan Workshop. The Workshop, webcast on Council’s website, showed the public a number of slides similar to the Workshop agenda paper. However, the public was unable to access the footage of the Council Chamber and follow who was talking and asking questions at the Workshop. It is critical for Council transparency that the public get to see and hear what their Councillors have to say and how they represent them. Hopefully next time.

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 10 March 2026, Eurobodalla Councillors Phil Constable, Mathew Hatcher, Amber Schutz, Mick Johnson and Rob Pollock voted to continue the development of a Batemans Bay Masterplan following a damning external Probity Review into the work of Eurobodalla Council over the past five years, from 2020 to 2025. In its assessment, published on 28 February 2026, the Probity Review found no formal leadership, documentation, process or governance of the Batemans Bay Masterplan to speak of. It also found the technical knowhow and evidence for the Masterplan was lacking and the capacity of Council staff to prepare and deliver a Masterplan of this scale was found wanting.

The Motion agreed to by the abovementioned Councillors on 10 March 2026 requested a Workshop be held to work through the Probity Review’s recommendations and following the Workshop, a report be brought to the Council by planning staff to outline another Masterplan process. The external Probity Review recommended that Council staff first consider all submissions to the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan before determining whether there is a need for the Masterplan. The Eurobodalla community made over 250 submissions to the public exhibition of the Masterplan from mid April to the end of June 2025. Residents in our community spent hundreds, possibly thousands, of hours, making important contributions for the better of Batemans Bay and the Eurobodalla community. After almost a year with the Planning Directorate of Council, Council staff admitted at the Workshop they are yet to review the submissions and advise Council and the public on their contents. When their voice is ignored, this signals to the Eurobodalla community that public consultation is not genuine. To make matters worse, the Eurobodalla Mayor, Mathew Hatcher, is on the public record for dismissing these submissions and the community members who invested their time and made them in good faith. They deserve encouragement and praise not dismissal.

If that wasn’t a great start to the Workshop, it didn’t get much better. After consideration of submissions, the Probity Review recommended the need to prepare a Masterplan is determined. The General Manager, Mark Ferguson, and the Director of Planning, Gary Bruce provided some general reasons for doing masterplans, however, the Workshop failed to determine the need for another expensive masterplanning process. Batemans Bay already has a Greater Batemans Bay Masterplan, see [Greater Batemans Bay Structure Plan](#), and a Masterplan and Activation Strategy, [Batemans Bay Masterplan and Activation Strategy](#), which were not mentioned or evaluated by Council staff and not presented to Councillors.

Fundamentally, why are Council staff ignoring these current masterplans and why are they recommending spending more residents money on another masterplan for Batemans Bay?

During the Workshop, Mr Bruce highlighted that around \$370,000 had been spent on external consultants to inform the masterplan during the past five years. He did not provide the total spend on consultants for this project, including the Housing Study and the Probity Review itself, and did not make available the spend on Council staff working on the masterplan for the past five years.

Total costs to date are likely to be in the millions of dollars once staff and related costs are included. The Council has very little to show for it. Mr Bruce highlighted another \$503,000 for future consultants and again failed to provide the total future cost of the project including Council staff and other resources.

Fortunately for the Eurobodalla community, Councillors Sharon Winslade, Anthony Mayne and Deputy Mayor, Colleen Turner, highlighted the risks and shortcomings of going down another masterplanning process at this time. They questioned the need for a lengthy and expensive planning process with no guaranteed outcomes. They requested a project budget be presented to the Council to consider its value for money and they questioned the capacity, including the skills and human resources, of a very stretched Council struggling to deliver the basic services to its community, like land for affordable housing, trees, pathways, electrification, asset renewal and public spaces. They were also concerned that another masterplanning process would take money and key staff away from critical services the Council is supposed to deliver, like the upcoming Local Strategic Planning Statement, and specific town planning plans and controls.

With no demonstrated need, no spare money and few skills and people to do the work, the Council appears not to have yet learned the lessons of its recent masterplanning misadventure. Come on Council, we need you to wake up, focus on our priorities and spend our money responsibly.

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# Shoppers express gratitude for local veggies

## By Shani Keane

Customers are flocking to Moruya's weekly farmers' market and attendance has been up at a weekly food share event, as concerns grow about soaring fuel and transportation costs and the longer-term impacts of the war in the Middle East on global food security.

The thriving Tuesday market features fresh seasonal fruit, vegetables, nuts, cheese, bread, eggs, seafood, flowers, mushrooms, cured and fresh meat, oysters, honey and homemade preserves and jams, olive oil, gin, and seaweed condiments, all produced within a 150km radius of the local area.

Run by the not-for-profit SAGE organisation, the market has also become a vibrant community hub where residents and visitors gather regularly to listen to local musicians, sip on a health tonic and catch up with friends in Riverside Park. Other locals have been heading to SAGE's weekly food share events to take advantage of an abundance of free veggies and knowledge sharing from local farmers and gardeners.

The Tuesday market traditionally slows down after Easter, but stallholders are reporting consistent, robust sales and new customers, as well as plenty of buying from holidaymakers and visitors.

Dany Mircheva sources about 80 per cent of her food from the farmers' market every week. She buys vegetables, fish, bread, eggs and sometimes a bunch of flowers from several different stallholders.

"I shop here because it's organic. It can be a bit more expensive but that's okay because it's organic," Ms Mircheva said. Eliza Milenkovic disagrees about the prices. She reckons shopping at the farmers' market is cheaper than mainstream supermarkets and a better option - from an environmental perspective - than buying produce that has been transported long distances, requiring cold storage and high energy inputs.

"It's definitely cheaper, partly because it lasts longer so there is less waste," Ms Milenkovic said.

Ms Milenkovic said family members visiting the area over Easter were in awe of Moruya's access to abundant locally grown organic produce. "They were shocked at the availability and quality of the food and how good everything tasted."

Dean Shirley is another market regular. He has been attending the market since it began in 2013, when he sold his own backyard produce. "Now I'm just trying to support the growers. I would do about 85 per cent of my weekly shop here," he said. "I think the prices here are pretty good, given the nutritional value of the produce and the quality."

On a personal level, Mr Shirley is not concerned about potential food shortages due to the war in the Middle East. "We're fortunate to have the SAGE infrastructure and Southlands is always an option if something isn't available at the markets." Chloe Zelinski moved to the area two years ago and began shopping at the markets straight away.

"The food is amazing and it's good to support our local community. Coming to the markets every week is also a way to make connections and see my friends," she said.

Ms Zelinski buys about 80 per cent of her vegetables at the weekly markets. She comes from a farming family and is aware of the pressures that have forced many local producers and growers to close down operations in recent decades.

"As a result, a lot of food travels a long way for us to consume and so the demands on the earth are not good. We are very fortunate to have this supply of locally grown, fresh produce in Moruya."

Ms Zelinski is starting her own vegetable garden and believes anyone who has access to even a small amount of space should try to grow something edible.

## Farmers and gardeners share food and knowledge

Interest in home vegetable and fruit growing is rising if attendance at SAGE's food share events is any indicator. Over Summer and early Autumn, between 20 and 30 people have been gathering on Sunday mornings in Riverside Park to share their surplus homegrown fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Others bring jars of pickles, cuttings, or packets of seed saved from finished crops.

Coordinator Lindsay Gates said there is growing interest in the food share event because people are also interested in learning about vegetable growing.

"We've been having a weekly speaker before the food sharing and that's been really popular," said Ms Gates.

Speakers have covered topics such as growing specialty crops like garlic and onions; keeping chickens; and permaculture methods of growing. A recent speaker, Julie Haworth, introduced her new Heartcrops initiative - an online platform that facilitates the bartering of home produce via swapping, sharing and selling.

Ms Gates said there are many experienced commercial and backyard growers in the Eurobodalla, who have a wealth of skills and knowledge.

"The food share is not just about sharing surplus vegetables. It's about sharing all that expertise and helping people build enough confidence to have a go at growing their own food. We also would love to have more non-growers attend to share in all the surplus produce."

## Backyard growers and seed savers essential for food security

Hannah Bath participates in the food share. As one of Moruya's new generation of small-scale market gardeners and an avid backyard grower, she believes that food sharing, home growing and seed saving are critical for future food security.

Despite Moruya having an abundance of locally grown produce, Ms Bath believes all farmers will be affected by the global crisis.

"I'm very concerned about the fuel crisis and its impact on supply chains," said Ms Bath.

"It has the potential to affect our ability to access seed and key inputs like compost and soil mixes."

Ms Bath said the uncertainty presents an opportunity for backyard growers to play a bigger role in the food system, by growing, seed saving, and sharing or selling more produce, whether informally or through local markets.

"For people who wish to start backyard growing there's a wealth of knowledge and a deep history of vegetable growing in this community and lots of generous people who are keen to share that knowledge."

SAGE Farmers' Market manager Tanya Senior said backyard growers are increasingly applying to have occasional and semi-regular stalls, often teaming up with a friend or neighbour who also has surplus homegrown produce.

"We are consistently hosting between 15 and 20 commercial stallholders and two to three backyarders each week, particularly during the peak Spring to Autumn growing period," said Ms Senior.

"Shoppers can get all their essential fresh food cooking ingredients from their favourite farmers but also surprises and treats like chestnuts, bunya nuts or less common varieties of fruit like tamarillos or rare heritage apples from our backyarders. The variety is fantastic and the growers love sharing recipe ideas so that people get to make the most of using seasonal produce."

(The author is a member of SAGE, a former market gardener and a keen backyard grower.)



## SAGE

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Gardening Eurobodalla  
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### SAGE Food & Knowledge Share

Sunday 19 April



Our guest speaker on 19 April will be Patrick Carmody. He is a local market gardener in his third season, juggling the joys of a young family and managing a growing farm. Pat supplies a range of local grocers, cafes and restaurants as well as the Tuesday market. He fell into organic vegetable growing at Stepping Stone Farm after a long career in hospitality and brief forays into journalism and law. He has hopes of becoming a longstanding contributor to the food sovereignty and security of our beautiful community.

Pat has titled his talk "Time poor abundance: growing more food with less time." He will reflect on the techniques which saved a season disrupted by infestation, personal challenges and a second December baby. Weed free growing, beneficial bugs, plant health and organization became key to successfully growing with only three days on farm each week.

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



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As we get older, or when life gets a bit hectic (think stress, environment, lack of sleep), our natural oil production can slow down. That's when skin can start to feel dry, look dull, or lose that healthy glow. Jojoba can help bring things back into balance, leaving your skin feeling more nourished, soft, and refreshed.

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# 100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

17-04-1926

**Last Friday evening news** was circulated that an 11 year old girl of Mr. D. Crapp (who lives on the opposite side of the river from town [Moruya]), had been lost. The child, who is in the habit, when going home from school, of coo-ee-ing for someone to row her across the river, did so that afternoon. No one coming for her, she walked further along the bank and got Mr. Mehl to take her over. In the meantime, Mr. Crapp crossed over and not finding his little girl, came on to Gunday to see if she was with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin. As she was not there, the distracted father concluded she had been drowned.

**A hue and cry then went forth** and very many motor car loads of searchers and the police with grappling irons were on the spot. After scouring the place for some time without result, it was decided to go and break the news to Mrs. Crapp. On reaching the house lo and behold there was the child, quite unconscious of the commotion she had caused, playing the piano. The joy of the father and the relief of his friends can well be imagined.

**In St. John's Church [Moruya]** on Wednesday morning, the marriage of Miss Gladys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Foreman, with Mr. Roy Veitch, late of Mogo, was celebrated by the Rev. G. A. Saunders in the presence of many friends of the bride and bridegroom. The bridal party then adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where the breakfast was partaken and the customary toasts honored.

**The death of Mrs. Robert McCauley**, relict of the late Robert McCauley, of Nelligen, took place Wednesday last. Born 85 years ago Mrs. McCauley was one of the oldest natives of this district, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Heffernan, of Yarragee. She leaves four sons and three daughters. The funeral took place yesterday; the remains being interred in the R.C. portion of the Nelligen cemetery.

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Four little doctors  
Wonder you're alive,  
Another brings the stomach pump,  
Then there are five.

Five little doctors  
Trying fancy tricks  
Order an anaesthetist;  
Then there are six.

Six little doctors  
Preparing you for heaven  
Call in a D.D.;  
Then there are seven.

Seven little doctors  
Decide to operate,  
Call in a surgeon;  
Then there are eight.

Eight little doctors  
Think it is your spine,  
Send for a neurologist;  
Then there are nine.

Nine little doctors,  
All of them men,  
Send for Nurse Williamson,  
Then there are ten.

Ten little doctors  
Standing by your bed,  
Come to a decision;  
Find you are dead.

—B.W.

Ten Little Doctors Rhyme

**An inquiry was held on Thursday by the Coroner, Mr. R. J. Anderson**, in connection with the death of Mr. Harry Waters, when the following evidence was adduced: - Henry Connell was deposed: I am a crane driver employed at Doman Long's quarry near Moruya. Henry Waters was my dogman for the last 12 months. I had my boiler travelling first which gave me more clearance and was also much safer; when almost round I heard Waters cry out; I then immediately reversed my machine. I saw Waters on the ground; he was holding his leg and bleeding. I called for assistance. The coroner found that Henry Waters died from shock consequent on wounds received in an accident whilst engaged at the quarry.....

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## A Beer with Bazz # 233

With  
John  
Longhurst

The silence of the increased pedestrians in Bazza's neighbourhood almost rivalled the decrease in motor vehicle traffic. The hush of electric vehicles only a further reminder of the butterfly effect, whereby small, initial changes in a complex system - like a butterfly flapping its wings - can cause massive consequences elsewhere, such as a tornado.

Bazza shook his head at the concept and mused about the craziness of 12,000 kilometres away impacting his morning walk. 'Butterfly effect' more like 'sledgehammer effect' and his mild chuckle was seriously amplified by the laughter of the neighbourhood kookaburra.

He turned the corner into the street directly behind his house. It was school holidays and the neighbourhood kids were clearly living in the moment, carefree and oblivious to the madness of the world. Bicycles were jammed across gutters, toys were scattered on front lawns and a couple of the more adventurous were shirt and, without doubt sunscreen, free climbing a tree.

Bazza's eyes widened. It was like a scene from his own childhood. There was not an adult in sight and the play area had extended on to the now traffic free road. Down to the cheeky rebuttal for the rare passing car, reluctantly slowing to avoid a barefoot powered scooter ... it was Bazza at ten years of age, including the coke bottle glasses.

The only prop missing from this 1960's re-enactment was a billy cart and Bazza's mind tumbled through the decades. Back then, the first week of a memorable school holidays was spent building a version of a COBB & CO coach.

We had commandeered the pram used for our youngest family member as soon as he took his first steps and had the wheels off with pit stop timing. From numerous trips to the local tip, where we seemed to bring home more than we dumped, we soon had a garishly decorated, fully enclosed billy cart.

For the maiden voyage we convinced our sister to borrow Mum's wedding dress for our version of Queen Elizabeth II. We laboured our coach up the hill, pausing to take in the startled looks of the neighbourhood. The ominous barking of our dog, 'Gundy', should have been fair warning.

A final touch to the billy cart was the addition of an exhaust pipe and a late decision to add some kerosene soaked rope.

With a strike of a match and a good push, the Queen began her descent. By the time the cart had reached Mrs Herbert's house an attractive yellow flame from the burning makeshift wick with accompanying smoke greeted her shaking head. Our sister with one hand on the crown, used the other to wave to the imaginary crowds on either side of the hill.

If the scene was a movie, the director would no doubt cut from close ups of all our smiling faces on the top of the hill to the comet careering down our street as the yellow flames were now taking on the blueness of burning kerosene.

By the time the coach reached Mrs Smith's house, she had enveloped her daughter into the folds of her skirt. The brother riding shotgun had already bailed and was taking his chances with the bushrangers and the driver was mid flight hoping for a soft landing on the strip of grass on the side of the footpath. The home made crown was a jigsaw puzzle on the footpath and my sister was frantically trying to exit as flames licked the sides of the runaway carriage.

I don't think the bulk of Mr Munch or the versatility of Mr Graham's large potato sack, come shopping bag, were ever a more welcome sight by the time the developing fireball reached our corner store. Mr Munch was able to bring the coach to a standstill and Mr Graham doused the flames with his hessian sack.

A shaken Queen Elizabeth II was pulled from the carriage with a lot more success than the wedding dress.

There was a bounce to Bazza's step and a wide smile, as he stepped over an abandoned scooter, marvelling how the 'butterfly effect' had delivered a childhood memory.

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## Let's do coffee with ... Steve Feletti

Have you ever had nagging doubts about ordering oysters in a restaurant? Chances are if they were listed by their trademark on the menu under Moonlight Flat brands you could relax, assured by quality control practices introduced in 1999 by Batemans local oyster identity, Steve Feletti (SF).

He introduced Farm to Chef overnight direct supply, cutting out the traditional middleman chain much to their horror. These days the direct farm supply model has been imitated in every estuary. Equally disruptive was his introduction in 1999 of oyster brands, drawing on immersive overseas experience with the Aussie global grain player Australian Wheat Board (AWB). The magic of brands drives the most sophisticated food markets including Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and China. Steve's semi retirement gig also led to a second seafood industry groundbreaker, the implant of a new seafood niche French wine variety — named Picpoul Blanc— from the Languedoc seafood coast. He personally “borrowed” some cuttings to grow in Central Ranges NSW from a Languedoc picpoul leader.

The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Steve last week for coffee.

MM: Thanks for joining me Steve, take us on your journey..

SF: I grew up in the Central West NSW grain belt in the 60's with a traditional small town education eventually pointing me to Australian National University (ANU) with studies firstly in Psychology, followed by an Hons. in Asian languages. This led to post graduate study in Chicago with fieldwork in India and the Middle East.

In 1984, I went on to diplomatic postings in Amman and then Cairo using my passion for languages. Egypt at that time was Australia's biggest wheat buyer, a fact not widely known but which beckoned me to dive deeper into market research.

Egypt's grain import chain was my focus in a major study which caught the eye of a few players behind our national economic interests. This quickly led to an Australian Aid silo building program along the Nile which was not only breathtaking but also a privilege to lead negotiations with Egypt's Government. The objective was to save Egypt's hard currency funds by cutting the significant wastage of its archaic grain systems. Aussie grain being white colour was much preferred (but more expensive) than competitor, USA and French wheat. The silos proved effective in countering enormous subsidies given by USA and French governments.

In 1987 I was then invited to join the AWB Middle East marketing team, a linguist's dream job, flogging grain into premium markets like the UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Egypt, Iraq and Yemen.

Under Saddam's regime we once had 3 Aussie silo engineers detained politically, necessitating delicate negotiations for their welfare and eventual release. Luckily, the top two priorities for all populous Arab countries are guns, and grain, the latter gave us some leverage for our team's release.

Later in our journey and by 1991 we moved to Tokyo to head up the luxury markets Japan, Korea and newly wealthy China. We bedded down a joint venture with the giant Kuok Group in Shenzhen, and led another joint venture with Japan's biggest agriculture leader, Zennoh Corp.

MM: I'm not sure how we segue to oysters and wine from here.

SF: Actually it's mind numbing simple. During our Japan days we bought some oyster leases, sight unseen, in the Clyde, with aspirations of going fishing on our return to Oz.

Once back in Australia I thought I might try my marketing hacks to the sluggish oyster industry.

In a “spiritual collab” with Sydney's undisputed leading oyster restaurant named 'The Boathouse' in Glebe, we introduced a program of marketing support at professional level. In the peak year we achieved 7 moonlight brands on their oyster menu. Our relationship lasted 21 years and was only broken by COVID followed by floods.

Our market support program included staff training, storage and handling consultancy, SMH Good Food Month annual masterclasses, lease visits, and wine pairing. It was all new ground between 1999 to 2015. We wanted floor staff to be able to explain to foreign guests the nuances between local oysters and say, French belongs or US pacifics.

MM: Ok, oysters sorted... how about matching wine?

SF. Sure, my next semi-retirement ..... Prior to covid we went to France most years looking at oyster craft and matching wines ( somebody had to do this job). We stumbled upon a hidden wine secret of the Languedoc coast when a waiter splashed something in my glass and promptly vanished. It just blew me away. I called him back and checked the label...Piquepoul de Pinet. ( aka Picpoul Blanc). I had never heard of it but I knew immediately I had to get cuttings to grow in NSW for our oyster clients.

We returned to southern France the following winter (pruning season) and persuaded a picpoul leader to “lend” some cuttings — hence the brand name 'Borrowed Cuttings'.

Long story short, after three years in quarantine plus two years in a cloning lab, we planted the vines on our grain farm near Cowra.



Later we shifted production to a neighbouring vineyard which had unlimited water during a severe drought. They flourished in the heat.

Over the past 5 years the wine won 6 medals at Decanter World Awards, London - the worlds biggest and most influential competition. We even beat a major French Domaine with our first entry!

'Bannisters Restaurant' at Mollymook pours one of our private picpoul blends, a welcome benchmark of validation and great local support by a leading restaurant. Many foodie viewers may recall Rick Stein highlighting picpoul in his French food tours in the seafood South.

Our two main brands are in 80 Dan Murphy sites, the leading store is Batemans Bay, which gives incredible support locally. We sell strongly in liquor stores Bermagui and Tathra, while local oyster legend Gary Rodely of Tathra Oysters - the most medalled champion ever, is our enthusiastic unofficial local Ambassador. We are proud that the wine is a Local Hero on the South Coast where the oyster story began. We are equally proud of our other Local Story around the Orange Canowindra area where it is grown, vinified and stored.

For the fourth year 'Borrowed Cuttings' is the Major Wine Sponsor of the Narooma Oyster Festival on 2nd May and we look forward to the usual enthusiastic crowd clamouring for sparkling picpoul.

The rush starts at 10 am for our Sparkling with crepes, then around noon it moves on to serious oyster/ picpoul matching.

If the sun turns hot the crowd later moves to the lawns listening to the band with a chilled picpoul in hand.

We look forward to seeing Moruya Mail there in Narooma on 2nd May.

We really appreciate local support for our award winning picpouls, the whole range will be available at Narooma.

MM: Thanks Steve.

**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)**

## Tuross Head Bowling Club Easter Market



A great day on the Green at Club Tuross on Easter Sunday. Congratulations to all our raffle winners at our annual Easter Market. Pictured is Alex Ravencroft second place winner with her 'A Summer's Days' prize valued at just under \$500.

Thank you to everyone who supported our market on Easter Sunday as a visitor, stall holder, raffle ticket buyer, entertainer or volunteer. Club Tuross provides us with a fantastic venue to hold our market and the support of their staff in getting everything up and running is amazing. To the Tuross Head Bowling Club members thank you for all your work in the lead up and on the day. We could not run such a fantastic community event without your support. Save the date for next year, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March!

## U3A Batemans Bay

U3A Batemans Bay, which offers a wide range of affordable educational, creative, physical and social activities for retired or semi-retired people in the Eurobodalla region, begins its second term on Monday 20 April. U3A operates on a two semester, four term year which basically follows the NSW school terms. Members can join a wide range of courses fostering mental stimulation, social connection, and community engagement for the annual fee of \$70 plus a \$10 joining fee.

In addition to the 50 plus courses already on offer, quite a few of which still have vacancies, there are several new and returning courses this term.

Term 2 is packed with options-Languages, Art, Yoga, Tai-Chi, Fitness, Writing, Gardening, Discussion Groups, Dinner, Lunch and Wine groups and much more.

Go to the website <https://u3abatemansbay.org.au> and click the Courses tab for information about individual courses. Scroll to the bottom of the entry to see if a particular course has vacancies.

Alternatively, in all the Shire libraries you can find our 'Yellow Pages', containing a full list of courses on offer. Ask at the desk if you can't see them.

Interested in joining? Click the Membership tab or call the U3A phone 0474 483 678 and leave a message with your contact details.

Too late for the start of Term 2, but on the second Thursday of each month U3A runs a Shopfront in the Batemans Bay Library where prospective and current members can obtain more information about the organisation, become a member and enrol in courses. Anything you want to know this is the place to ask.

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**THIS MONTH'S FILM  
THE DAY SHALL COME**

SCREENING ON **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL AT 6.30PM FOR A 7PM SHOWTIME**  
**PLEASE NOTE NEW SCREENING TIME TO REFLECT THE SEASON**

**Synopsis** - The Day Shall Come is a 2019 dark comedy film directed by Chris Morris. A co-production between the United Kingdom, the United States, and Australia, the film was secretly shot in the Dominican Republic from 2017 to 2018. The film satirises a number of real-life FBI sting operations including the Liberty City Seven. A dysfunctional FBI agent targets and tricks an idealistic leader of a small religious commune into plotting terror so that the FBI can play the hero. Drawing on real events, the film proclaims itself as "based on 100 true stories" – but it is neither documentary nor mockumentary. Through the comic lens of a fictitious plot, the film aims to bring wider public attention to the FBI's reported practice of grooming, then aiding and abetting potential "terrorists".



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

## Book Launch at Mogendoura Farm

Local author Inga Simpson will launch her new book. - 'Once we were wildlife.'

Visit the farm and receive insight through engaging conversation with Inga. Books will be available to purchase. Complimentary refreshments available.

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

Booking via the Mogendoura Farm website:

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

Limited tickets available



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## 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

**Possum Art Exhibition and Prizes 2026**

5 - 13 June 2026

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Presents a play Exploration of

**I'M WITH HER**

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
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- World champion surfer PAM BURRIDGE
- Bartender NIKKI KEATING
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- Anthropologist & indigenous leader MARCIA LANGTON and
- Australia's first female prime minister JULIA GILLARD.

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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

Battle of the Bands has local teens amped



Izzy Nagel on guitar at a previous Currents: Battle of the Bands event.

Find a hall, stack in the amps, invite several hundred people, then up the volume with competitive energy. The result is Currents: Battle of the Bands.

From 4 to 9pm this Saturday 18 April, students from St Peters Anglican College, Carroll College, and Moruya High School will get to feel what happens when the lights hit and the crowd ignites for the annual high-school competition, at the Moruya RSL Hall.

Eurobodalla Council's youth officer Ashley Darby says the rivalry, trophy and bragging rights are just a hook.

"Really, this is about youth-led events, and giving young people a stage. About saying – here you are, now go show the world," she says.

Currents is an event for young people driven by young people, with the Eurobodalla Youth Committee leading the planning and delivery of this and other Youth Week 2026 events. Ms Darby says the level of leadership on display has been inspiring.

"They are very aware of their individual strengths, putting their hands up for specific roles and responsibilities. It makes them a strong team that can confidently pull off a big event like Battle of the Bands – which brings together more than 400 young people," Ms Darby says.

"From designing the event poster, selecting the performers, and assigning roles for the day, they're growing a gig people will vibe with." As the amps cool, there's still plenty of Youth Week 2026 hands-on action to be had; from creative workshops and music-making to yoga and pottery.

"This year's Youth Week theme is 'Dream. Dare. Do.' and these other events give young people aged 12 to 24 ways to connect while trying something new. It's a program that ties neatly with Council's Youth Action Plan 2023-28, prioritising youth participation and wellbeing by providing support so they have a voice and can create their own thriving local culture," says Ms Darby.

For more information visit Council's [Youth webpage](#). People aged over 16 can follow [Eurobodalla Youth](#) on Instagram.

## Quantum Brewery

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

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



## Julie Mia Holmes

### 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**  
2 days, May 23rd & 30th, 10am-1pm  
\$345  
The relief print.....carve out some time for yourself. Students will develop and print lino plates using diverse cutting techniques and experimental mark making. Lino is great for the minimalist and first time printmaker, a lot can be achieved with very little.

#### June 2026

**Monotype & Collage**  
2 days, June 6th & 13th, 10am-2pm  
\$420  
Monotype is a wonderfully free and fast printmaking technique where artists have the opportunity to explore drawing, colour, collage and experimental play. Students will learn how to make direct contact monotypes on to Japanese papers which will be then hand coloured using coloured pencil, pigments and glue. Collage elements may be explored as the Japanese papers are adhered to heavier, cotton rag printmaking papers for backing.

**Intaglio Intro, Drypoint**  
2 days, June 20th & 27th, 10am-2pm  
\$420  
Scratch about in the burr-illiant art of intaglio printmaking! Students will create drypoint prints using plastic plates and alternative recycled materials like tetra pack. We'll explore different tools for mark making and learn to incorporate print techniques like chine colle (collage) and relief roll up on a drypoint plate.

@ Moruya Heads, address supplied on booking  
Limited to 3 participants per class  
Booking confirmed on payment  
Price includes all materials

Bookings & Enquiries  
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## Far South Coast Gig Guide APRIL

### Bermagui Ukelele Muster

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th April

14 groups playing non-stop for the whole weekend. Players from Canberra, Victoria, Sydney, Wollongong, Merimbula, Dalmeny and Eden and of course the local Bermagui Ukalips!

The Ukulele Muster – Bermagui Country Club Meet and Greet afternoon tea on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm  
Muster Dinner and Dance on Saturday Night with entertainment, be strum-a-longs and open mic/ jam session on the Sunday afternoon.

Official bookings have closed but locals are invited to come along for a \$5.00 donation at the door (all funds go to Bega Valley Can Assist).

BATEMANS BAY HERITAGE MUSEUM

Batemans Bay Heritage Museum Presents

## Mogo to The Battlefield WW1

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South Coast PASTEL SOCIETY

## 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

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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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## 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**

## ANZAC Day Services 2026

- Bodalla, Sat<sup>10:00</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).

## Moruya Community Workshed

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

## Tuross Community Markets

held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

## Can Assist Eurobodalla

Support country cancer patients and enjoy tax benefits while you do it. Set up a regular donation and help ensure those in rural NSW get the support they need, when they need it, to get to their cancer treatment.

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**Moruya RSL Sub Branch** would like to advise our community ANZAC Day badges are being sold on Thursdays & Fridays from Thursday, 9th April until Friday 24th April & members can be found selling the badges around the shopping centre. The next general meeting takes place on the third Tuesday of the month, 21st April at 2pm, at the RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St. Moruya. The arrangements for ANZAC Day will be finalised and all members are asked to attend. We welcome any visiting ADF personnel to meet the members at this meeting.

## COUNCILLOR CATCH UP

Edward Road Market Place, Batehaven Wed 22 April, 10.30am-12pm - Drop-in for a casual chat with your elected representatives. Got a question, idea or concern? Come and chat about anything on your mind

## Palestinian Prisoners Day

Join our vigil at Fiona Phillips Batemans Bay office, 1/6-8 Orient St, on Thursday 16 April 11.30am - 12.30.

Further information available from

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

## Lifblood Mobile Donor Centre

The Australian Red Cross Lifblood Mobile Donor Centre will be at Corrigans Playground from 28 April - 1 May.

If you've been thinking about donating blood, now's the perfect time. Corrigans Playground, Beach Rd, Batehaven. Multiple sessions available across 4 days. Book now: Every donation can help save lives.

## Free Legal Advice - Batemans Bay Media

South Coast & Country Community Law is coming to Batemans Bay to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay.

When: Tuesday 28th April 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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

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For info and forms go to TeenSafe link at - [baybeginnersdrivingschool.com.au](http://baybeginnersdrivingschool.com.au)

or phone Sean 0412446568

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 **Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary**

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm To find out more email [mdha@y7mail.com](mailto:mdha@y7mail.com) or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537





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## Animal Welfare League News

Gorgeous Medusa is still available! This lovely five-year-old pedigreed Staffy is smart, affectionate, obedient and ready to fit into an active and loving family. Medusa ("Dusa")'s ideal home will be one where she is the only pet and can soak up all the attention going. She is good with children and loves the water. Dusa comes desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. Her microchip number is 953010004366373 and AWL's Rehoming Organisation Number is R251000222. To arrange a meeting with Dusa, call AWL on 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWL NSW website: [www.awlnsw.com.au](http://www.awlnsw.com.au)

There is still time to take advantage of our big DESEXING PROMOTION. Until 30 April, book your pet into the Eurobodalla vet of your choice, then call us on 0436816718 to secure your discount voucher. Animal rescue organisations and shelters are full to bursting with puppies and kittens born because their parents were not desexed, so do the right thing, and let us help you with the cost.



Medusa



### Pet Desexing Months

*Prevent Unwanted Litters - Desex your Pet*

**March – Cat/Kitten Desexing**

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

**April – Pet Desexing**

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



To have your pet desexed:

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



### MARINE RESCUE NAROOMA

## 2026 ANNUAL GOLF DAY

Friday 22 May 2026 at the  
spectacular Narooma Golf Club  
Ranked one of Australia's top Public Access Golf Courses

Three Person Ambrose Event

\$60 per person - includes all day BBQ from 8:00am.

Shotgun Start 9:00am

Three Divisions: Men, Women, and Medley.

All funds raised will go to support local Volunteers saving lives on the water.



### Eurobodalla Orchid Club

## Winter Orchid Show

Friday July 10th  
9am to 4pm

Saturday July 11th  
9am to 2pm

Free Entry

CWA Hall Moruya  
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Moruya

Plants for sale,





### Mums and bubs

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**Where:** Batemans Bay Child & Family Centre  
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**When:** Weekly from Thursday 23 April 10-11am

**Who:** For Mums and Bubs 0-6 months

Places limited  
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# COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER EXPO 2026

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Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June    Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June    Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May

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## REGISTER YOUR ORGANISATION

- Become a **stall holder** and connect with potential volunteers
- Be included on the **Community Directory** for increased visibility
- Join in our **workshops** specifically designed for your volunteering organisations and building your capacity!





## Yoga pose of the week with Christina Carroll

### Seated Spinal Twist - Meru Wakrasana

A great yoga pose to stretch the back muscles and stimulate the spinal nerves. Twisting poses stimulate the digestive system and can help to relieve back pain.

#### To practice -

Begin sitting on the floor with the legs extended. Bend the right knee and place the sole of the right foot on the floor to the outside of the left thigh. Begin to rotate the torso to the left, placing the left hand on the floor behind the body towards the right buttock. Place the right hand as far over to the left as comfortable rotating from the torso and turning the head. On an inhale lengthen the spine and as you exhale soften into the twist. When ready, release the pose, re-centre and practice on the other side.



**ANNUAL CHARITY  
GOLF DAY AND DINNER**  
FRIDAY 1 MAY, 2026




Support our Volunteers

Limited Numbers

Bookings and payment by 24 April 2026  
Call the MGC on 4474 2300 (also booking golf cart if required).

**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!)

Moruya Golf Club  
Evans Street, Moruya, NSW





# Moruya Market



**Seedlings  
Herbs  
Salvias  
Berries**

### 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.

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](#)



**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

Scan the QR Code for more information on SHASA.

**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**



## REPAIRERS WANTED!

**OUR REPAIR CAFE**

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.

**WHAT WE DO**

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.

Repairers are provided with a variety snacks and other refreshments.

There are four teams:

- general (electrical, carpentry, etc.)
- clothing
- IT support
- administrative and catering (welcome desk, and catering)

The Repair Cafe has a 7-8 week shut-down over the summer holiday.

**JOB SPEC**

1. Attend the Repair Cafe on a reasonably regular basis, at a minimum once a month.
2. Be keen to share your skills in repairing and learn from other repairers.
3. Write articles and/or take photos for the SHASA Spark Newsletter and Facebook page to inform the community about the Repair Cafe (optional).
4. Participate in Repair Cafe lunches.




**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 reupposing!

**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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**Funding available for innovative women’s sport projects**

NSW sporting organisations can apply for their share of \$500,000 funding for innovative initiatives that will increase participation in sport by women and girls, both on and off the field as part of the Minns Labor Governments Play Her Way Innovation Program. The Play Her Way women’s sport strategy is a four-year plan to facilitate opportunities for NSW women and girls to get involved and stay involved in sport. The Innovation Program will provide funding to recognised NSW State Sporting Organisations and State Sporting Organisations for People with Disability for initiatives that enhance career pathways, build cultures of diversity and inclusion, and increase participation. Sporting organisations can partner with sporting academies or organisations that work with women and girls or under-represented communities to deliver the initiatives. The Program features four streams:

- Career Activations: Projects that promote information on roles and careers in sport
  - Career Offerings: Projects that build or enhance career offerings and support sport career pathways for young women
  - Participation: Projects that reduce barriers to participation for women and girls and create innovative, inclusive sport experiences
  - Capability: Projects that build the capability of organisations to increase participation of women and girls on and off the field, and projects that build gender inclusive sporting cultures and environments.
- Grants of \$3,000 - \$45,000 are available across the four streams. Sporting organisations can apply for multiple grants with the maximum funding available to an organisation capped at \$50,000. Applications close Thursday, 30 April. For further information visit: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/play-her-way-innovation-program>

**SURF LIFESAVING NSW FEMALE JUNIOR SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR**

Surf Life Saving Far South Coast reports: The Far South Coast has done it again with our incredible **Emma Dawson from Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club** named Surf Life Saving NSW Junior Lifesaver of the year at the state camp last week. Emma is just the third Far South Coast lifesaver, and first from Broulee Surfers to receive this honour, following in the footsteps of Tathra Surf Life Saving Club Michelle Bouvett in 1993, and Moruya Surf Life Saving Club Zara Hall in 2024.

After a whirlwind three days in Collaroy where they built new connections and developed their skills as lifesavers. From the whole Far South Coast Branch, congratulations Emma we are all so proud of you!



A big shoutout to our male **Junior Lifesaver of the Year, Harry Leach, from Broulee Surfers** for making the most of the amazing opportunity at state camp this week. The future of our clubs and branch are in safe hands with this next generation, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for you both.”

**The East Coast Whale migration season 2026 is here already**

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW reports: “We all need to know the right rules when it comes to observing or the potential to interact with marine mammals Whales and Dolphins. It’s best not to rely on AI or Goggle to provide the correct information all the time, infographics simply show what the rules are, however there is always more details in any deeper dive into such Rules, Codes of Conducts, boating or fishing tips at a State and Commonwealth level. For Fishers and Boaters offshore or close inshore, the Whale Migration Highway along the east coast will vary each year depending on how the Eastern Australian Current is operating and its water temperature breaks.

**Some tips are;**

- not to anchor when fishing offshore unless it’s necessary, as anchor lines may entangle a curious adult or younger whale wanting to eyeball you or your boat off,
- if using an anchor always remain on watch for approaching whales, have a knife nearby in the anchor well to cut an entangled anchor rope quickly to reduce chance of vessel capsize,
- the use of electric outboards with spot lock/holding position technology provides a greater benefit to boaters and fishers reducing entanglement and anchor damage to reefy areas,
- the use of in water electronic fish finding equipment may impact or cause a confused situation for whales and dolphins senses, its best to turn such equipment off if such mammals are nearby, however your safety must be consider first,

- always maintain a lookout for any whales when travelling during the day, change your direction and reduce speed when encountering whales to minimise whale strikes while they surface to breathe,
  - at night slowdown and watch for a whales steamy breath blow and alter your direction away, if anchored or holding spot listen for the surface breathe blow sounds,
  - keep an on any nearby whale activity, whales day and night, they are bigger and when at play unpredictable beaching, fin or tail slaps, or curiously eyeballing you off, which could still upset your vessels stability,
  - don’t you get too curious or close, give them space,
  - don’t radically change direction or speed if they approach you,
  - turn off your engine or electric motor if they get too close to avoid hitting the prop,
  - don’t try to touch them if they surface near the boat or rub against the boat.
- We all know the aim of the Whale Migration is to travel from the cold Antarctic southern waters and feeding grounds, to warmer temperate waters in the north to birth their young. Many young marine animals are encoded with a geomagnetic location marker at their birth which imprints where they will birth their young in the future. Need to know more then hit the link below. <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/.../approach-distances...>



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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Shane Gschwend with President Bruce Harding (Two Coila Rats)



Winner: Dianne Brown with President Bruce Harding



Winners: Elsa Shearer, Marilyn Bingham and Dorothy Madden.



Winner: Rob McKirdy

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 9th April 2026

A field of 43 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. There were some very close scores, the weather was fine and some amazing results were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Shane Gschwend (15) with 39 points (countback)
- 2nd: Kevin Reilly (16) with 39 points (countback)
- 3rd: Ray Bollard (4) with 39 points
- 4th: Jenny Reilly (43) with 38 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 3.09 A Grade
- 4th: Phillip Coorey 2.51 B Grade
- 4th: Bruce Lidbury 3.27 C Grade
- 6th: Colin Houghton 0.17 A Grade
- 6th: John Phyland 2.94 B Grade
- 6th: Peter Garn 7.88 C Grade
- 7th: Maree Coffey 8.14 B Grade

Balls went to: Nigel Barling 38, Maree Coffey 37, Michael Walsh 36, Ruth Gschwend 36, Bruce Lidbury 36, John Harb 35, John Phyland 35, Brad Doolan 35, Jennifer Gray 35 and Teri Swanbury 35.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 11th April 2026

A field of 62 players registered for a Stableford Medley event. It was a sunny day and some fantastic and close scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (36) with 42 points
- 2nd: Marilyn Bingham (36) with 41 points
- 3rd: Michael Walsh (10) with 38 points
- 4th: Ray Bollard (3) with 36 points (countback)
- 5th: Shane Gschwend (15) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ian McManus 1.76A Grade
- 4th: Stephen Gardner 4.50 B Grade
- 4th: Jenny Reilly 5.32C Grade
- 6th: Grant Kiely 2.93A Grade
- 6th: Allan Langford 5.05B Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 0.98 A Grade
- 7th: Marilyn Bingham 3.91 B Grade

Balls went to: John Harb 35, Gavan Wheelahan 35, David Schmid 34, Bruce Handley 34, Nick Brice 34, Graeme Sindel 34, Kevin Reilly 33, Ian McManus 33, Michael Coloe 33, Teri Swanbury 33, Paul Pereira 32, Grant Kiely 32, Ian Miller 32, David Gray 32 and Cate O'Brien 32.

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 14th April 2026

A field of 25 ladies played in a Team coloured ball/Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Maree Coffey. The weather was beautiful and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Dorothy Madden (20) with 38 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sandra D'Onofrio (32) with 36 points

B Grade:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Marilyn Bingham (35) with 39 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Brown (35) with 33 points

C Grade:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Elsa Shearer (41) with 37 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jenny Reilly (43) with 33 points

Place Getters: Pauline Nash 35, Gail Rogers 32, Chris Wratten 31, Leonie Doolan 31, Pam Alexander 31 and Jeanette Miller 29.

Nearest to the Pin: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot  
6<sup>th</sup> Pam Alexander Distance 0.09  
15<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Madden Distance 0.22

Winners of the Team coloured ball event:  
Elsa Shearer, Beverley Theobald, Jennifer Gray and Gail Rogers.

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 15th April 2026

A field of 36 players signed up for a Stableford event today which was the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Club Championship. It was a beautiful Autumn morning and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Rob McKirdy with 27 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Puglisi with 23 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ken Hush with 21 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Stacey Davidson 20, Greg Geelan 19, Ross Davidson 18, Dorothy Madden 18 and Jennifer Gray 17.

Nearest to the Pins:  
4<sup>th</sup>: Herb Muriwai (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)  
6<sup>th</sup>: Tony Crook (1<sup>st</sup> Shot)  
7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Chris Wratten (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)  
Mens: Ian Manton (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Accuracy: Len Rogers (5<sup>th</sup> hole)

Bradman's: Steve Lymbery



# SAGE Farmers Market

## Tuesday 3pm Moruya

## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 10.4.26

### Moruya River.

It's great to see a lot of kids, out spending their school holidays, doing the right things. Fishing, fishing and more fishing. There are also plenty of active parents making sure they are getting the opportunity to just this. Now that Easter is out of the way, town has settled to a more manageable and comfortable level of activity. While numbers on the roads have dropped, there still seems to be a few around despite the ridiculous price of fuel at the moment. The river continues to fish well, with the warm currents that are literally swirling off the coast, pushing warm water into the estuaries, keeping fish actively looking for a feed.

Flathead, bream, estuary perch, whiting and trevally are species to target at the moment in the local Moruya system.

Down towards the front or lower part of the system, look at the airport flats on a rising tide, the spur wall and the Preddy's wharf areas for a shot at getting into a flathead, bream, trevally or Luderick.

The Quarry wharf is always a good place to look for a flathead, bream, tailor or even a mulloway either on baits or lures.

As you move upstream, the town bridge has an incredibly active sand flat, that holds good numbers of bream, flathead and whiting, all that can be tempted with a well presented live nipper, frozen bait offering and artificial lure. The choice is up to you.

Up in the fresh the bass action will be starting to wind down as we get closer to the start of the spawn run during the colder months of the year. There will still be a few big fish around if a late season bass is your thing.

### Tuross River.

The Tuross system, as always, is fishing really well, with plenty of fish being reported this week. Flathead are the main target throughout the Tuross system, and can be taken from the mouth all the way up to edge of the salt water limit along way upstream.

Luderick, bream and estuary perch are all very viable options in and around the snag lined river edges, of which there are thousands of to try. Baits or lures will both work here, and can be a great way to spend a few hours.

Around the boat sheds in the lower section of the river, bream, flathead, Luderick, tailor and maybe a mulloway are potential captures, as well as being a good area to get a feed from one of the local eateries.

### Rock and Beach.

After the big seas the previous fortnight, the bream and whiting did get a little dispersed, but they seem to be starting to congregate back in the close gutters along most beaches this week. Pipes or worms as always being the preferred baits for both species. For those chasing something with a bit more pull, they are still plenty of big salmon working their up and down the coastline, you just need to find where they are, or be prepared to wait for them to come your way.

Pilchards on gang hooks or metals cast and retrieved, will be the two preferred methods for these often maligned fish.

### Offshore.

Snapper, flathead are still readily available on the inshore reefs and reef edges, while there are still a few bonito and Mahi Mahi hanging around with the warm currents for now. We can expect these to turn north and start receding as we move into the cooler months of the year, but for now, get out and enjoy the bounty available while it is here.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, with block pilchards back in stock again, along with all other usual baits.

We still have all Nomad Live Ops plastics on sale as well as the Joybees foot wear reduced to clear out.

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

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## Moruya Ladies Golf

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April saw the Moruya lady golfers take to the fairways with great Autumn golfing weather. Pauline Nash, returning to the winners circle, played a brilliant round scoring 39 Stableford points. Runner up was Phyllis Reid with 36 points ocb. Balls went to Nicola Gallon, Shirley Noy, Cindy Becker, Noelene Cowdroy, Jan Lumsden, Margaret Douglas, Robyn Hawkins and Margaret Flynn. Nearest the pins were won by Margaret Douglas (Div 1) and Margaret Flynn in (Div 2)". Pic: Pauline Nash >



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



Di Mac welcomed everyone to social bowls on a perfect sunny day with a little breeze thrown in. Happy Birthday greetings to Bev McKague.

Mac gave a Welfare Report on Alex Scorrano who is doing well after surgery, Janet McKay hoping to be back next week and Sue Palmer may be going to Moruya Hospital for rehab soon . Sue Beavan let us know of the passing of bowlers, Mal Cummings, Frank Zendelight and Irene Sutton, condolences to their families.

Pat Bill called cards for 6 Rinks of Triples and a Pairs match. Winners Rink 8, Di Mac as Swinging Lead, Sonia Frey and Yvonne Huddleston. (Photo)

Runners-up Rink 11, Di Wotherspoon, Joan Rimmer and Patricia Weekes.

Lucky Losers Rink 13, Tricia Wheeler and Lisa Grice.

Lucky numbers, 35 Gay Biggs, 22 Margaret Bridges, 2 Judy Armstrong, 32 Wendy Geary, 11 Lynda Franks. Money Club, 40 Rhonda Adler, 5 Joan Rimmer.

Jackpot , 31 was called , Sonia Frey selected card and found the Joker so five very happy bowlers to share in the winnings. ( photo) Mac asked me to let everyone know there will be bowls on ANZAC Day, 25th April @ 10 am also there will be a special lunch provided to purchase , any up dates next week.

Robbo took over proceedings welcoming 26 Twisties . He also had some print outs showing design of new Twisties shirt. Trip away bowling in Narooma and Dalmeny is almost finalised. Chanty gave a welfare Report on Noisy who is home from hospital and has put on some weight which is good to hear, he will soon start his treatment.

Winners on Highest Losing Margin, -22 Road Runner & Dobbo (Photo)

Runners-up, -16 Spike and Hot Lips with McGooley . High/Low Score of 30/8 was won by SuzyQ + \$95 so well done Suzy.

Lucky numbers, 22 Magpie, 24 Rolls. Winning teams, Matilda and Gilligan 30/8 . Artie & Megoo 25/9

Rolls and Kaz 23/9. Ute and Ruth with Suzy Q 23/16. Bert & Magpie , Doc & The Friendly Fin 16 all Draw.

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# Moruya Bowls Club Makes History



Moruya pennant players.

Moruya Bowling Club has reached a proud milestone in the 2025-26 South East Region Open Pennants, with all three grades securing qualification for the Regional Playoffs. With two rounds still remaining, Moruya's Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 7 sides are now mathematically unbeatable in their respective sections. It marks the first time the club has had all three grades progress to the Regional Playoffs since the introduction of Open Gender Pennants.

For a community club, it is a result that goes beyond the scoreboard. Results from Saturday 11 April reinforced that momentum.

In Grade 5, Moruya recorded a strong win over Bodalla, finishing 63 shots to 48 and securing 8.5 points to 1.5. The result included a dominant 29 to 8 win on one rink, a closely contested match on another and a draw that added valuable points to the overall result.

In Grade 7, Moruya delivered a commanding performance against Tomakin, claiming all three rinks in a clean sweep. The side finished 83 shots to 49 and secured the maximum 10 points. Moruya Bowling Club Management Committee President Peter Davies said the milestone reflects the strength and direction of the club.

"This is a terrific achievement for Moruya and something everyone involved should be very proud of," Davies said.

"To have all three grades qualify, and to do it with rounds still to play, shows the depth we are building across the club. It is a reflection of the effort from our players, the support around the club and the culture we are continuing to grow."

"It is also particularly meaningful in the Open Gender Pennants format. It highlights the strength of our playing group across all grades and the depth the club has built."

For players, the result is just as much about the club environment as it is about competition.

"There is a really good feeling around the club at the moment," one Moruya bowler said. "People are enjoying their bowls, supporting each other and taking pride in representing Moruya. There is a great mix of experienced players and newer players, and that is making a big difference."

Beyond the immediate success, the milestone highlights the role of the club within the local community.

With strong participation across both competitive and social bowls, Moruya Bowling Club continues to provide a welcoming environment for players of all ages and experience levels.

Club representatives say the current momentum presents a great opportunity for new members to get involved.

"This is a great time to join the club," Davies said.

"We are seeing strong participation, a positive culture and plenty of activity across the week. Whether you are looking to play competitively or just enjoy social bowls, there is a place for you here."

Moruya will now turn its attention to the Regional Playoffs on 16 and 17 May, carrying forward the confidence built throughout the season.

For Moruya Bowling Club, it is a proud result and one that reflects the strength of the club across all grades.

**Contributed by Christa Poulter**



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