



Photo of the Week: Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club enjoying the sunset at training last week.

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— ANZAC DAY —

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APRIL 25
2:30PM – 4PM

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2UP 1PM TILL 5PM

BRISTRO OPEN
LUNCH 12PM TILL 2PM
DINNER 5.30 TILL 8.00



Anzac Day services

The following times and venues have been supplied by various RSL Sub-Branch officials. Care has been taken to ensure as many electorate services as possible have been included and details were correct at the time of publication. For verification of other services please contact your local RSL Sub-Branch.

Batemans Bay

5.45am - Dawn service at the Honour Stone, Clyde Street

10.30am - March from Batemans Bay Soldiers Club to Honour Stone, Clyde Street
11am - Main Service at the Honour Stone, Clyde Street

Moruya

5.45am - Dawn Service at RSL Hall, Page Street

9am - Cenotaph at Princes Highway, Bergalia
10.30am - March from Adelaide Hotel along Vulcan Street and Mirrabooka Avenue to RSL Hall, Page Street
11am - Main Service at RSL Hall, Page Street

Narooma

6am - Dawn Service at Club Narooma
10.50am - March from Old Information Centre, Princes Highway to Club Narooma
11am - Main Service at Club Narooma
Nelligen

11am - March from Braidwood Street to Maisies Lane
12pm - Main Service to commence at the end of the march

Tomakin

No dawn service, just a march.
7am - March from Rivermouth Cafe on Sunpatch Parade to Tomakin Sports & Social Club
7.30am - Commemorative ANZAC Service at Tomakin Sports & Social Club

Tuross Head

5.30am - Dawn Service at the Memorial Gardens
11am - March from Braidwood Circle to Club Tuross
11am - Main Service at Club Tuross

Wimbie Beach

5.30am - Dawn Service at Wimbie Beach



Community BBQ

RUSS MARTIN PARK, MORUYA (NEAR THE ROTUNDA)

12:00-1:30

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-  **LIVE MUSIC** – Across the cricket ground
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-  **FOOD & DRINKS**
Light meals – \$15 Kitchen 12:00pm–6:00pm
Soft drinks – \$2 BYO alcohol
-  **ANZAC TWO-UP** – Afternoon

Enjoy a relaxed day in a beautiful bush setting while supporting our community fundraiser

ALL WELCOME

\$46m plan for major CBD high rise development unveiled



View across the roundabout



View from the Library

At a meeting of the Moruya Business Chamber on Tuesday evening, members were given a presentation on a plan for a \$46 million residential and business development project on the corner of Vulcan and Campbell streets Moruya – the current site of Eurobodalla Toyota.

The detailed proposal for **'Swan Place'** by Alan Rutherford, who owns the 7800sqm site, is estimated to bring a \$100m economic benefit to Moruya over 5 years.

The Proposed development is for:

- 1,500 m² ground-floor business/dining space
- 24 serviced apartments (1–3 bedrooms)
- 66 shop-top housing dwellings (1–3 bedrooms + penthouses)
- 160 car spaces
- Communal open space at the centre of the development
- Building heights stepping from 5 to 9 storeys - up to 33m high.
- Materials and colours selected to reduce visual impact and reflect Moruya's character

Pointing out the desperate need for housing, Mr Rutherford said the development “will support the new hospital for short stay and worker accommodation.”

However, there will be some major hurdles to overcome. The current allowable height limit is only 10m and the site is flood prone.

Mr Rutherford acknowledged that the height will be contentious, although the front corner of the building nearest the roundabout is only 16m. The tallest part of the development would be the penthouse apartments overlooking the golf course edge. The flooding issue has been addressed by raising the communal level of the residences 7m above ground level. (Car parking would be underneath.) The residences are designed to enable shelter in place if it can't be evacuated.

Architect Steve Bayer explained some of the design decisions with the facades broken down in height and surface treatments. Colours, lines and window treatments are broken down to break up the size of the buildings. A visual impact study was completed by Start Scobie.

Trees on the site would be retained and Mr Rutherford said the development shouldn't be visible as you drive over the bridge. Mr Rutherford said the proposal Aligned with Strategic Planning documents such as the Eurobodalla Settlement Strategy (2006–2031), Moruya Structure Plan, and Eurobodalla Housing Strategy 2025.

The developer met with Councillors yesterday and explained that the height was needed to make the project viable. Mr Rutherford said it had taken four and a half years to get to this point.

The next steps for the planning proposal was to amend Height of Buildings Map in the LEP, Refine design, Finalise affordable housing contribution, Prepare Scoping Proposal to commence Planning Proposal Process – amend LEP, conduct Community engagement, and if successful lodge the Development Application.



Site plan with raised communal outdoor areas.

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 7TH NOVEMBER - 2010'S
 5TH DECEMBER - 2000'S

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AGENDA ESC Ordinary Meeting of Council

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2026 COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM
(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla
Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 24 March 2026
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA
(Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. MAYORAL MINUTES Nil
7. NOTICES OF MOTION
- NOM26/002 Climate Compensation to Protect Ratepayers
8. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS
- QON26/003 Council processes for receiving and considering
community submissions
9. PETITIONS Nil
10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS Nil
11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS
 - PER26/007 Representation on the Housing Improvement Advisory
Committee
 - PER26/008 DA0069/26 - Construction of a 40m
telecommunications facility in the road reserve of Link Road, Malua
Bay
 - PER26/010 14 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision, public road and
earthworks - Annetts Parade, Mossy Point, Lot 16 DP 1248291
 - PER26/006 Planning Proposal 25 - Rezoning of Land for Residential
Purposes - Lot 189 DP 1027692; Lot 191 DP 1070903 and Lot 1 DP
1173641 Reservoir Road, Malua Bay
 - PER26/011 Planning Proposal 24 - Amendment to Eurobodalla Local
Environmental Plan 2012 - Lot 401 DP 1192556, 360 Gannons Point
Road, Bodalla
 - PER26/009 Moruya Flood Study and Flood Risk Management Study
and Plan
12. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS
 - GMR26/002 Exhibition of the 2026-2027 Draft Operational Plan,
draft Fees and Charges 2026-27 and 2026-36 Long-Term Financial
Plan
 - FCS26/009 Coopers Island Road
 - FCS26/010 Part Road Closure - Within Lot 4 DP 37552 Mymossa
Road, Wamban
 - FCS26/011 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Meeting
Minutes 3 December 2025
 - FCS26/012 Investments made as at 31 March 2026
13. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS
 - IR26/004 Post Exhibition Review - Draft Review of Environmental
Factors for the Maloneys Beach Reserve Access Upgrade Project
 - IR26/005 Request for Tender (RFT) No. 2526-054 - Moruya Sewage
Treatment Plant UV System Replacement
 - IR26/006 Local Transport Forum No.7 for 2025-26
14. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS
- CAR26/002 Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030
15. DELEGATE REPORT Nil
16. URGENT BUSINESS
17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Securing the future of the NDIS for future generations Media release

The Albanese Government is taking the next steps to restore the NDIS to its original intent of supporting people with permanent and significant disability – and securing the Scheme for future generations.

Over the past 13 years, the NDIS has become an entrenched and beloved national institution.

It has changed lives – and changed our country – for the better. However costs are continuing to rise rapidly, participants are too often not getting quality supports, and the NDIS has become a target for shonks and fraudsters.

Without further reform, the NDIS will cost taxpayers more than Medicare and PBS combined.

Our Government's plan to secure the NDIS rests on four pillars:

- Fighting fraud and stopping rorts
- Slowing rapid cost increases
- Clearer eligibility requirements
- Delivering quality services and support to participants

Under our plan the NDIS will grow every year. But instead of costing more than \$70 billion in 2030, taxpayers will spend \$55 billion.

The Albanese Government has invested over \$550 million in tackling fraud and non-compliance and recently passed the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Integrity and Safeguarding) Bill 2025.

But more needs to be done to protect participants and increase the quality of care delivered in the Scheme.

The Albanese Government will introduce the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for future generations) Bill following the release of the 2026-27 Budget.

Changes announced today include:

- Tighter criteria for unscheduled reassessment and measures to reduce plan cost growth
- Reset participant budgets for social and community participation and capacity building daily activities
- Introduce standardised, evidence-based assessments to determine access to the Scheme.
- Fraud prevention by:
 - Improving the quality of plan managers and support coordinators
 - Expanding categories of mandatory provider registration and enrolling providers in a digital payments system.

These changes build on work underway to implement critical recommendations of the Independent Review into the NDIS and Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

Australians expect the NDIS to support and protect participants permanent and significant disability and their families. Further reform will be done with genuine and respectful consultation with people with disability, the states and territories, and the community.

More information on the plan to secure the NDIS for future generations, can be found [here](#).



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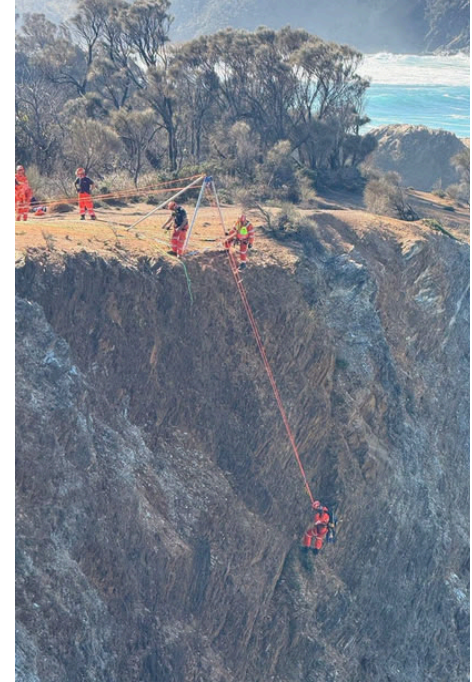
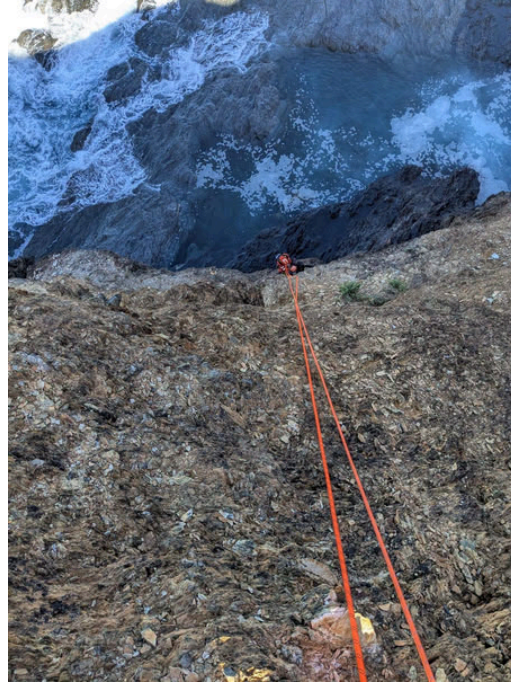
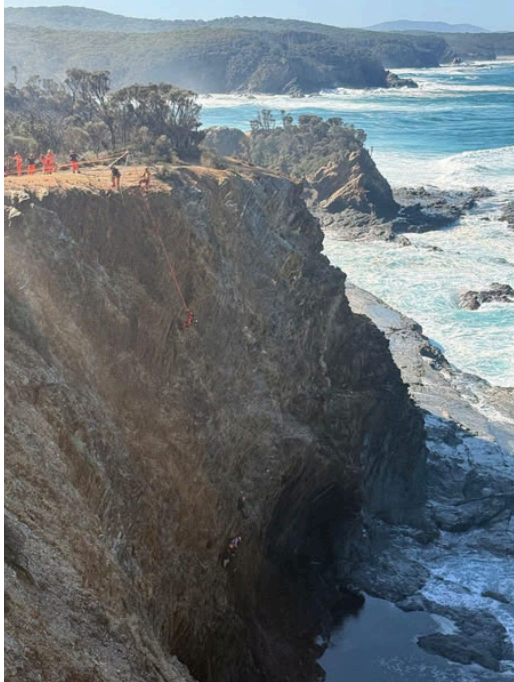
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Local SES units rescue at Durras North Head



At 11.08am on Sunday 19th April, NSW SES Moruya and NSW SES Batemans Bay Units were activated for a Vertical Rescue by the NSW Police Force.

NSW SES Moruya Unit reported : The rescue was for 7 holiday makers stranded in the Rocks near the North Head Camp ground, South of Durras.

The casualties consisted of 3 children and 4 adults.

The casualties were hiking around the waters edge and became trapped by the high tide along with a rather large swell. They managed to climb up to a ledge about 10 metres above the waves to await rescue.

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter was activated, however the operation deemed too dangerous to try and winch the casualties off the cliff face, thus activating the Eurobodalla SES Vertical Rescue team to perform the Rescue.

Upon arrival, it became evident that this was going to be difficult and extracted Rescue. Slowly, 1x1 the casualties were extracted to the top of the cliff by us lowering a NSW SES Team Member, 40 metres down a cliff face to hook up a casualty to then be hauled back up to the top.

The Rescue Operation took us over 3 hrs to perform.

The casualties were tired and cold, but in good spirits and very glad to be back on high ground.

Huge thank you to all NSW SES Batemans Bay and Moruya Teams who performed the Rescue, outstanding job."



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Sustainability Film Nights

The first of the monthly Sustainability Film Nights saw a full house at the Red Door Hall in Moruya watch *Living the Change*, a 2018 film which intersperses experts discussing implications of climate change with vignettes of people, families and communities choosing to live less high-tech, more sustainable lives. Many of these choices are familiar to the Eurobodalla community: downsizing, reducing waste, repair cafe, permaculture food forests, land regeneration, and growers food markets. It introduced other initiatives such as local exchange currencies (variations on LETS – Local Exchange Trading System) and formal CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) schemes. The film was followed with a rich and wide ranging panel discussion which included panellists Trisha Ellis and Graeme Sawyer comparing notes of First Nations knowledge of country in the NT and here on Yuin Country. There was a discussion of ways in which people having totem animals results in greater ecological knowledge and protection of ecosystems, and how introduced animals can become part of First Nations totem systems. Panellist Lisa Cornthwaite from RfR (Repurposing for Resilience) kicked off a vibrant discussion of the need for more education around waste re-purposing and recycling, with discussions around the complexities of, and the importance of, waste recycling. There was discussion that some aspects of the film were outdated: one of the experts interviewed was not optimistic about renewables being able to replace fossil fuels, whereas as both panellists and audience members pointed out, more recent technological innovations meant some of her comments were no longer valid. Conversations continued long after the formal panel was over: *Living the Change* certainly offered enormous amounts of food for thought.

If you missed the film, you can view it here: [Living the Change](#). Sustainability Film Nights are held on the second Thursday of each month, at the Red Door Hall, 15 Page St Moruya, at 6pm.

Upcoming Events:

The next film night (May 14) will focus on Food Security and First Nations Knowledges, with short films from the US, Aotearoa/NZ and Australia. The June film (June 11) will be *Sold! Who broke the Australian dream?* A funny and factual, solutions-led look at Australia's housing crisis and the solutions at our fingertips.

Text: ECSN (Eurobodalla Community Support Network)

The Euro-Visions column is presented by the ECSN (Eurobodalla Community Support Network) with support from the Sustainability Team at Eurobodalla Shire Council



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Upgrades to improve traffic flow on Princes Highway at Batemans Bay



The **NSW Government** is getting on with important upgrades on the Princes Highway at Batemans Bay, with work set to start next week to improve traffic flow and pedestrian and cyclist connectivity.

The NSW Government is investing \$3.78 million in safety and efficiency improvements along the highway between Guy Street and the Old Princes Highway.

The project will deliver an additional southbound lane to improve network efficiency through Batemans Bay, linking with the existing dual southbound lanes to the north and south of the project area.

A new 2.5-metre-wide shared user path will also be built alongside the new lane, delivering the missing link between existing footpaths to improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists.

This work is part of the Minns Labor Government’s \$60 million Princes Highway Corridor safety and efficiency upgrades program, delivering targeted improvements between Sussex Inlet Road and Moruya.

The southbound lane of the Princes Highway between Guy Street and the Old Princes Highway will be closed while work is under way, traffic control will be in place to direct traffic through the worksite under stop/slow arrangements.

Temporary detours via the Old Princes Highway may be implemented intermittently as needed. Transport will communicate these detours ahead of time if required.

Dr Michael Holland MP, Member for Bega said “I’ve heard directly from locals about the pressure on this section of the Princes Highway, particularly during peak periods, and the need to make it safer for everyone who uses it.

“This upgrade will make a real difference—improving traffic flow for drivers while also creating safer, more connected pathways for pedestrians and cyclists.

“Batemans Bay is a growing and its a key gateway for visitors to the Far South Coast, so it’s important our infrastructure keeps pace.

I thank the community for their patience during these works and look forward to seeing these practical improvements in place.”

Celebrate the best in Eurobodalla Business



Nominate your business, community group or outstanding employee.

Entries close on Thursday 30 April.

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SAVE THE DATE Winners announced at Bay Pavilions, Saturday 20 June.

New homes in Eurobodalla to support victim-survivors escaping violence

The **NSW Government** is continuing to build a safer New South Wales for regional women and children escaping domestic and family violence, with a new crisis transitional housing opening in the Eurobodalla LGA this month.

The homes will be managed by South East Women and Children’s Services (SEWACS), a local community housing provider and specialist domestic violence service.

Funded under the NSW Government’s \$6.8 million Core and Cluster Pilot program, the accommodation comprises three modern two-bedroom units. The units are fully self-contained and set within landscaped gardens, with one unit being fully accessible.

The accommodation is designed to provide medium-term housing for women and children leaving SEWACS’s nearby emergency refuge, offering a safe and comfortable environment for those on their journey to recovery and healing.

The Core and Cluster Pilot program tested innovative accommodation models across four sites in regional New South Wales, with the Eurobodalla development being the final pilot site. The other sites which are all operational are in the Orange, Armidale and Griffith LGAs.

The opening of the Eurobodalla site is another crucial step in addressing the ongoing need for domestic and family violence accommodation across regional New South Wales, ensuring women and children have access to the support they need when escaping violence.

This is in addition to the NSW Government’s \$426.6 million investment in the broader Core and Cluster program, which will deliver 49 new refuges across the state to support more than 2,900 additional women and children each year.

Providing safe housing for victim-survivors is a critical part of the work the Minns Labor Government is doing to address domestic and family violence in the state. This includes an historic \$5.1 billion investment for social and affordable housing, of which half of new builds will be prioritised for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence, and an additional \$130 million for more crisis beds.

It is also part of the NSW Government’s wider effort to reduce and eliminate domestic and family violence, including boosting and supporting frontline services, tougher laws to hold perpetrators to account, early intervention and primary prevention.

Minister for Housing and Homelessness Rose Jackson said “This new transitional housing is more than just a roof over someone’s head, it’s a purpose-built sanctuary designed to provide safety and dignity, so they can rebuild their lives.

“The Minns Labor Government is committed to ensuring that no matter where you live in our state, there is a safe place to go when you’re escaping violence.

“This opening represents a significant boost to supported transitional housing in Eurobodalla, delivering a modern, trauma-informed model of crisis transitional housing with support for women and children fleeing violence in our regions.”

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Jodie Harrison said “The new units in Eurobodalla will provide a vital medium-term accommodation option for women and children who need a secure space when they escape abuse.

“We know that women in regional areas face different challenges to those in metropolitan Sydney. These units close a gap where women fleeing violence are supported in their move toward independent living.

“The NSW Government is continuing to build a safer New South Wales for victim-survivors by providing safe housing and crucial support services, as well as strengthening protections and stopping the violence before it starts.”

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland MP said “The opening of this transitional accommodation in the Eurobodalla is a significant step in strengthening safety and support for women and children escaping domestic and family violence in our region.

“Having locally managed, medium-term accommodation means victim-survivors have a choice to remain close to their communities, schools, services and support networks while they recover and rebuild their lives.

“I want to acknowledge the vital role of South East Women and Children’s Services in delivering this housing and providing the support that makes a real difference for families when they are at their most vulnerable.

“This investment demonstrates the Minns Labor Government’s strong commitment to ensuring regional communities like ours in the Eurobodalla have access to safe housing and the support needed to break the cycle of violence and build the safe future everybody deserves.” CEO South East Women and Children’s Services (SEWACS) Gabrielle Jones said “I am very pleased to see the completion of these new units, which will provide comfortable, supported, transitional housing for three families.

These units will be an invaluable asset to our service and community and will allow the people we support to transition into permanent housing. As both a community housing provider and a support service the units will provide exit points from our crisis accommodation service. We are very grateful to receive the keys for these dwellings.”

Support:

If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, call the Police on Triple Zero / 000.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic and family violence, call the [NSW Domestic Violence Line](https://www.nsw.gov.au/domestic-violence) on [1800 65 64 63](tel:1800656463) for free counselling and referrals, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For confidential advice, support, and referrals, contact [1800 RESPECT](tel:1800RESPECT) or [13 YARN](tel:13YARN).

For information on Men’s Behaviour Change Programs operating in your local area, contact the [Men’s Referral Service](tel:1300766491) on [1300 766 491](tel:1300766491).

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Have your say on Eurobodalla's pathways



Mill Bay boardwalk, Narooma.

How good is getting some exercise riding to work, walking the kids to school, or cruising home on your mobility scooter with the groceries?

More people are looking for ways to get around without a car, and the infrastructure to support that needs to keep up, says Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher.

Eurobodalla Council is updating its pathways strategy and needs the community's input. Mayor Hatcher said there's a fun and interactive way to comment on your favourite routes.

"There's a [survey and an interactive map](#) where you can drop a pin on a pathway or route and leave a comment," Mayor Hatcher said.

"Please share your feedback on what's working, what's not and where the gaps are.

"If you've raised or lodged requests about pathways in recent years, don't worry - they've been captured and will help inform the strategy."

The current pathways strategy was adopted in 2017. Since then, Mayor Hatcher said new neighbourhoods have emerged and more people are using e-bikes, scooters and mobility aids.

"While newer subdivisions include pathways from developers, older areas were not designed that way, creating gaps in connectivity," Mayor Hatcher said.

"An updated strategy will help create a network that's safe and accessible - connecting people to everyday destinations like shops, schools and community spaces."

Eurobodalla has a network of more than 150 kilometres of pathways. Mayor Hatcher said the updated strategy is key to unlocking additional funding.

"We are heavily reliant on state and federal government funding to build new pathways," he said.

"Having this strategy means we can go after state and federal grants and deliver more of the pathways people are asking for."

Visit [Council's project page](#) to give feedback online before 20 May or talk directly with Council's planning team and complete the survey in person at a pop-up session:

- Batemans Bay - Clyde Street on Tuesday 28 April, 9am to 11.30am.
- Moruya - near the swimming pool on Tuesday 28 April, 2.30pm to 5pm.
- Narooma - Rotary Park on Wednesday 29 April, 9am to 11.30am.

If residents are unable to attend a pop-up session, complete the survey online or comment on the map, there will be another opportunity to provide feedback once the draft strategy is prepared.

Business Breakfast: What does the circular economy mean for your business?

How can it drive efficiency, innovation, and profitability right here in Eurobodalla?

You're invited for a high-impact morning exploring practical circular economy strategies tailored for small to medium enterprises across our region.

•When: Monday 11 May, 8am-10am

•Where: Repurposing for Resilience - Moruya Transfer Station, 21 Yarragee Rd, Moruya NSW 2537

•Cost: Free with breakfast included

•Register on [humanitix](#) For more information, please contact Scott Baker on 0492 476 827.

Hosted by Eurobodalla Shire Council, The Regional Circularity Co Operative and The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

EOIs open for \$41 million community infrastructure grants program

Expressions of interest (EOIs) are officially open for the 2026 Community Building Partnership (CBP) grants program, with more than \$41 million available to transform local community infrastructure.

The CBP program funds practical improvements to the places that bring communities together, including sporting grounds, community halls and other shared spaces. Not-for-profit community organisations and local councils are invited to complete an EOI for grants between \$10,000 and \$100,000 to bring their local projects to life. More information on the [CBP program webpage](#). Interested organisations and councils are encouraged to apply before EOIs close at 5pm on Friday, 8 May.



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The workshop is designed and presented by Robert Gourlay RFD, B.App.Sc, M.App.Sc. Rob is an environmental scientist who draws on more than 40 years' experience in complimentary health measures.

Bookings: [online phion.com.au](http://online.phion.com.au), call 02 4842 8182 (Mon-Thu) or email bookings@phion.com.au

Market gardeners urge consumers to make long-term changes

By Shani Keane (SAGE member and former market gardener)

Eurobodalla small-scale market gardeners are working on a long-term plan to make it easier for more shoppers to access locally grown and produced food, as part of broader efforts to create food security for the region.

The growers' new FRESH cooperative will have a focus on expanding distribution of their organically grown produce, to ensure they can meet the expected increase in demand for fresh food.

They want consumers to play their part by beginning to change their shopping habits to ensure that new growers feel confident to set-up operations and help meet the expected increase in demand.

"There is no better time for all of us to be making long-term changes in how we source and consume our food," said veteran market gardener Kirsti Wilkinson, referring to the current global instability disrupting fuel supplies and the transportation of most of Australia's food supplies.

"As a society, we're being challenged ecologically, financially and geopolitically, but our weekly farmers' market and its committed producers and growers give us a strong foundation to help us manage potential food shortages."

Ms Wilkinson's Old Mill Biofarm at Turlinjah is just one of several established local market gardens supplying tonnes of fresh, organically grown produce to the local community every year. Most of that produce is sold weekly at the SAGE Farmers' Market and as part of subscription boxes or direct ordering from growers. Some of the produce is stocked at Southlands fruit and vegetable store and other small retail outlets or ends up on customers' plates at local cafes and restaurants.

Eurobodalla reliant on long, costly supply chains

Despite the robust levels of local production and popularity of the farmers' market, most fruit and vegetables consumed in the Eurobodalla travel many hundreds of kilometres from industrial-scale farms that rely heavily on imported synthetic fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides.

"That's what the majority of people are consuming, but Moruya is fortunate to have a solid supply of locally grown food that is so much better for our health and that builds and cares for our precious soil – not depletes it," said Ms Wilkinson.

"But we need to find ways for more people to be able to access that nutritionally dense food and to reduce our community's reliance on inferior food that comes via these incredibly long supply chains that are environmentally destructive and extremely vulnerable to global instability."

Pat Carmody of Lillian's Lane Organics agrees and believes there is momentum in the Eurobodalla and surrounding regions to "reimagine food security".

"There's definitely capacity here for increasing the number of people having access to local food," said Mr Carmody. "Our local growers have a huge role to play in re-imagining food security and it's already happening with at least six commercial market gardens banding together to improve supply."

FRESH Cooperative farmers getting ready to launch

One of those growers is Ms Wilkinson's partner, Fraser Bayley, who operates a small-scale mushroom growing enterprise - The Forest Door - and is involved in Moruya's FRESH Cooperative.

The cooperative aims to "increase food supply and make it easier for local shoppers to access that good fresh food," said Mr Bayley.

"We have been working on this FRESH cooperative for the past year and the idea has been around for at least a decade," he said.

"We can all see the fragility of our conventional supply chains which were exposed as dysfunctional during the bushfires and COVID.

"With a couple of new growers and the possibility to attract new growers and produce from within an hour of Moruya, the idea is now feasible."

Mr Bayley said participating growers have identified duplication in key areas of their small business operations. "So, our co-op has been formed to share marketing, sales, communication, distribution, and resources while maintaining autonomy within our own business and practice – an important facet of what we do."

The FRESH Cooperative plans to be up and running in the next financial year for the growing season 2026/2027.

In the meantime, Ms Wilkinson said shoppers have several ways of starting to change their shopping habits:

- Buy direct from growers at the SAGE Farmers' Market every Tuesday between 3pm and 5pm. When travelling buy direct from other farmers' markets and roadside stands.
 - Subscribe to a seasonal veggie box.
 - Order directly from growers. Several growers and producers offer this service. Speak with them at the market about how to order.
 - Buy produce from Southlands in Moruya or any other retail outlet offering locally grown options.
 - Share produce with friends and neighbours. Swap and barter.
 - Attend food share events.
 - Have a go at growing some veggies at home, even in pots or small raised beds.
- "If people can't get to the markets at 3pm they can place pre-orders with a variety of growers and producers, for collection before 5pm," Ms Wilkinson said.
- "The growers are super friendly, so talk to them and find out how and where they sell their produce. Ask them for recipes for all those veggies you've never tried before. Eating seasonally is the most affordable and nutritious way to go."

Ms Wilkinson said supporting local growers also means supporting the local economy. "When someone buys my vegetables, I spend that money in Moruya, buying equipment and inputs for my farm, getting my vehicle serviced or repaired and so on. The money stays local instead of disappearing into the coffers of some distance corporation."

Don't just wait for a crisis to make change

The committee that runs the SAGE Farmers' Market has released the following statement:

"Small scale farming is economically viable, but to increase the number of small farms, the farmers need support every week of the year, not just when a crisis hits. We have the power in our wallets to do this.

"If we have a steadily growing number of farms that are selling their produce locally through retail outlets (fruit and vegetable shops, butchers, restaurants and cafes), as well as farmers markets, our region will be able to demonstrate what local food security looks and feels like."

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla



Our Shire Council is on the hook – and that’s crook



350 Eurobodalla is calling on Eurobodalla Shire Council to support a Climate Compensation Fund for local governments, funded by a levy on gas and coal exports. The motion by Cr Colleen Turner will come to the next council meeting on 28 April, with public forum addresses starting at 12.30pm.

This is part of a nation-wide campaign started by Sydney City Council, with the aim of getting the Australian Local Government Association to lobby the federal government after the June ALGA general assembly. Three councils have already signed on and there are 83 community campaigns in other council areas since the 23rd February Sydney City Council motion.

Seen the recent [beach erosion at Surfside](#)? It would be very concerning to own a property along that stretch of Batemans Bay. The Surfside storm surge erosion, worsened by rising sea levels, comes on top of the damage Eurobodalla shire suffered from the Black Summer fires and the 2021 Mogo flood. And it’s a sign of more to come. Damage and costs will only increase across Eurobodalla Shire as already baked-in global warming wreaks its havoc. Sea levels will continue to rise. Dangerous fire weather days will be more frequent. The chance of flash floods inundating towns will climb as the warming atmosphere holds then drops more water at a time.

Right now, it is communities and individuals who pay the price through loss and damage to homes and businesses, damage to infrastructure and disruption of all sorts. Plus, the costs of insurance, food and other bills are rising for everybody due to climate impacts.

Meanwhile, big energy corporations make super profits and lock in more climate change because the true cost of their products - the cost of responding to their climate pollution - is being borne by community and government budgets. Bringing this home, local shires are increasingly left carrying the can for rising climate-driven costs. Shires have to cover the costs of disaster response, infrastructure repair and resilience upgrades on top of their usual responsibilities.

So, 350 Eurobodalla is calling Eurobodalla Shire Council to pass a motion to:

- call for a Climate Compensation Fund for local governments;
- raise the Fund by a levy on coal and gas exports;
- support a Parliamentary Inquiry into the costs of climate change to local governments; and
- support City of Sydney’s [overarching campaign](#) for local governments across the nation to collectively advocate to the federal government for the Climate Compensation Fund

Councillor Turner has included these calls in her motion to be moved at Council’s 28 April meeting.

Tallaganda Screening at Tathra

The Far South Coast branch of the National Parks Association NSW is pleased to screen the premiere of Tallaganda at the new Headland Theatre on the occasion of Sir David Attenborough’s 100th birthday.

Tickets at www.headlandtheatre.com.au

Tallaganda features the conservation issues of the endangered greater glider, the academics who work to understand them and the activists seeking to protect their habitat in Tallaganda, Badja and Glenbog State Forests which are still under threat from industrial scale logging. The screening will be followed by a Q&A panel with the filmmaker, David Gallan, glider researcher and videographer, Dr Ana Gracanic and veteran forest campaigner, Scott ‘Sooty’ Daines.

This film uses innovative techniques with conventional and infrared cameras, as well as thermal cameras, to record the natural behaviour of a range of gliders and other nocturnal species. The recordings of glide sequences are memorable. Ana’s groundbreaking recordings from inside a greater glider den tree are also a film highlight. The screening will also include a short featuring the wildlife around Tathra. The featured photo is of two local yellow bellied gliders emerging from their hollow at dusk.



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SAGE Food & Knowledge Share

Sunday 26 April @ 10am



Our guest speaker at the SAGE Food & Knowledge Share on Sunday 26 April will be **Dee Ratcliffe**. Living on a 1-acre block in a semi-rural area south-east of Moruya, Dee has learned that growing anything requires being in harmony with the locals, of the four-legged variety.

With farming and growing in her genes, it took until retirement from city life and making a tree/sea change from Sydney to the south coast for Dee to allow those genes to fully express themselves. She quickly learned that her growing is shaped by these locals as much as it is by the climate, soil and seasons. Dee will reflect on how she and her partner adapt to successfully growing while living alongside goannas, rats, mice, echidnas, foxes, bandicoots, rabbits, snakes, birds, kangaroos and wallabies.

The SAGE Food & Knowledge Share is switching to a discussion style format for the winter months and will be held the last Sunday of the month May through November from 10 am at Riverside Park in Moruya 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. We will resume the weekly guest speaker beginning February 2027. A big thank you to our community for growing our local food share, it has been an amazing three months of knowledge sharing and good vibes!



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Oats: Your Heart-Friendly Staple

Oats might seem simple, but they're one of the most amazing staples you can add to your daily routine. Naturally rich in fibre particularly beta-glucan - oats are well known for supporting heart health. This soluble fibre helps reduce LDL (bad) cholesterol levels, which can lower the risk of cardiovascular disease over time.

Oats offer more than just heart health benefits, they're also excellent for digestion. Their high fibre content supports regularity and nourishes beneficial gut bacteria, promoting overall gut wellbeing. If you find yourself getting hungry not long after eating, oats can help with that too. Because they digest slowly, they help you feel fuller for longer and support more stable blood sugar levels, providing steady energy throughout the day.

Oats also contain important nutrients like magnesium, iron, and B vitamins, all of which play a role in energy production and overall well being. Plus, they're incredibly versatile. Whether you enjoy them as a warm bowl of porridge, overnight oats, or blended into smoothies, they're an easy addition to a balanced diet.

For years, oats were commonly placed on the "avoid" list for anyone with gluten intolerance. But the story isn't quite that simple anymore. Today, there are specially produced oats that are suitable for people avoiding gluten.

The issue has never really been the oat itself - it's how it's handled. Oats are often grown and processed alongside grains like wheat, barley, and rye, which naturally contain gluten. This can lead to cross-contamination, meaning even small traces of gluten can end up in regular oat products. Because of this risk, Australian food labelling laws don't currently allow oats to be officially labelled as gluten free.

However, some Australian producers are going further by closely managing every stage from cultivation and harvesting to processing and testing to ensure their oats stay free from gluten contamination.

It's important to note that oats contain a naturally occurring protein called avenin. While most people with gluten intolerance tolerate this well, some individuals with coeliac disease may still react to it and are generally advised to avoid oats altogether. For those with non-coeliac gluten sensitivity, however, these specially produced oats can often be a suitable option.

With ANZAC Day just around the corner, that's welcome news meaning gluten-free ANZAC biscuits are back on the table. For more information about oats, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at

www.govitabatemansbay.com.au. Don't miss our weekly segment on 2EC radio, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.

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All Abilities Dinner Dance – Moruya’s most inclusive night out

If you’re ready for an evening of sequins, smiles and smooth dancefloor moves then get along to the Moruya Golf Cub on Thursday 28 May. The much-loved All Abilities Dinner Dance is on again.

The celebration of people living with disability – and their support workers, family and friends – has become something of a local must attend, with Eurobodalla Council’s coordinator of community development Rhonnie South saying it’s a great night out.

“The dance-floor action doesn’t stop, the food is great, and there’s plenty of laughs. It gets more popular every year, with many guests returning and new faces joining in. Its connection and reconnection in action,” Ms South says.

“We definitely encourage support workers, family and friends to come along and enjoy the fun. Bookings are essential so mark your diary now – because some of the best nights out are ones where everyone’s on the guest list.”

The free adults-only All Abilities Dinner Dance is at the Moruya Golf Club on Thursday 28 May from 5.30-8.30pm. Bookings required by Wednesday 20 May. For more information contact Council’s community development officer Michael Lawrence-Taylor on 4474 1276.



The All Abilities Dinner Dance is back. The must-attend event for people living with disability, their families, friends and support workers is on again at the Moruya Golf Club in late May – bookings essential.

South Moruya roundabout construction kicks off



ESC - With housing in short supply across Eurobodalla, Council is getting on with work to help unlock more residential development.

Moruya has plenty of suitable land, but in some areas the lack of local infrastructure can slow down development, leaving sites underutilised.

While Council doesn’t build houses, it can deliver the infrastructure and planning to make new housing possible. Over the past few years, we have been working on the Moruya Housing Infrastructure Project – investing in the essentials like roads, drainage, water services and pathways to encourage well-planned development. A roundabout on the highway is the next big project that will support a future emergency services precinct as well as future homes.

Traffic impacts: Site set-up will begin after the Anzac Day weekend and will require three days of traffic control, with delays expected. Please allow extra travel time. After set-up, two lanes will reopen with a 60km/h speed limit.

This new roundabout near Moruya TAFE is separate from the NSW Government roundabout at the new hospital, but both are needed to support a growing community and improve traffic flow and safety. Our roundabout will connect two new roads branching off the highway. A short one will provide a new campus entrance to the TAFE and a longer one in the opposite direction will provide a new entrance to the Essential Energy station and the future emergency services precinct. These new roads will create safer, more direct access to important community facilities while also opening up nearby land with development potential. Building a roundabout of this scale will take most of the year. “Because the highway is already under a reduced speed limit, we don’t expect commuters to notice a big change. The work will be staged and barriers in place to keep traffic flowing wherever possible. We’ll do our best to minimise delays and make sure access to the TAFE is maintained.” The \$4 million roundabout project is fully funded by the Australian Government’s Housing Support Program - Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream, helping Council deliver the infrastructure needed to support future housing and contribute to Australia’s target of 1.2 million new homes by 2029.

100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner



A rather overloaded Mail car - Araluen to Moruya

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A long-felt want in Moruya is being supplied by Mr. Alfred Heideman, who has opened a watchmaking and jewellery repair shop in the premises next door to the Premier Butchery.

On Wednesday last a pretty wedding was celebrated at Mogo by the Rev. E. E. Ashby (Methodist) when Mr. Ormond Sidney Veitch was married to Miss Queenie Francis Stephens.

Mr. J. Wilton has purchased Mrs. H. Flynn's blacksmithing business in Vulcan St., the doors of which will be opened in his own name on Monday next. Mr. Wilton has for a number of years been Mr. Leo Walker's capable assistant.

Mr. T. J. Hagon, representing Hagon Bros., tailors, of Oxford St., Sydney, notifies that he will be in Moruya during the next few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawdon, who have for the past few years been residing at Killara, are returning to Moruya, and will live in the Methodist Parsonage.

On Monday last the Moruya-Bega mail car and a motor lorry collided on a turn the other side of Tilba. By the prompt action of Driver Hapgood in swerving the mail car, a serious accident was averted. As it was, one of the passengers, Mr. C. Keating, had a small bone broken in his hand and a severe knock on the side of his head, and the driver's wife received a few cuts and abrasions. The lorry, which struck the car side on, fared the worst, being badly damaged.

On Saturday night a pretty wedding was celebrated by Rev. G. A. Sanders in St. John's Church when John Heycock and Miss Ada Backhouse, of Nelligen, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride was attired in white silk and braided trimming, with hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of roses and asparagus fern.

At Narooma there was a well-attended meeting of district wireless enthusiasts at the residence of Mr. George Thomson on Thursday evening. Mr. Thomson, who is well-known in radio circles, convened the meeting to discuss the alleged unsatisfactory reception of the new super station of Farmers Ltd (2FG). The interest in radio was instanced by no fewer than 25 licensed holders submitting their views. It was decided to form "The Narooma and Far South Coast Radiolists' Association" to embrace South Coast listeners.

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Zara and Isabell

Fine Chocolate by the slab at Bodalla

By John Longhurst

Bodalla has further cemented its claim as the Dairy Capital of Australia with the opening of Bodalla Country Chocolate.

All the chocolate is made on the premises under the watchful eye of chocolatier, Isabell Jamieson. Isabell has drawn on her more than thirty years' experience as a chef and applied her skills to chocolate making. Her transformation from chef to chocolatier extraordinaire has been guided by an acclaimed chocolatier whose identity must remain confidential for commercial reasons.

The chocolate is presented to the customers in slabs, which is the Swiss method of selling chocolate. It is sold by weight.

Of course, the starting point is the award-winning Bodalla milk. The process requires the removal of all water from the milk, and the business has invested in a high-end freeze dryer for a consistent product.

All Australian ingredients are used in the varieties of chocolate and include chilli and pepperberries (from Tasmania), raspberry and wattleseed, lemon myrtle, and the current bestseller, hazelnut with Murray River pink salt.

The making of the chocolate in temperature-controlled conditions can be observed from the store's front counter.

Sandra McCuaig is the store owner, and trade has been brisk over the past 12 months.

Sandra said "Bodalla Dairy now produces so many multi-award winning products; various Bodalla cheeses and Bodalla ice creams are Gold award winners but I felt we were missing one complementary treat.

Chocolate! With the help of Italian tempering machines we can create top quality products and we are loving the challenge of inventing new combinations of Australian native plants and nuts to enhance the taste experience."

Bodalla Country Chocolate is also making honeycomb, marshmallows, chocolate freckles, freeze-dried fruit, as well as delicious doughnuts made by the store owner's granddaughter, Zara McCuaig.

By the by ... there is no truth to the rumour Willy Wonka is moving to Bodalla.

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Let's do coffee with ... Tony Jagers

He is a one-stop shop for all matters musical in the Eurobodalla Shire, a tireless community volunteer, and a highly acclaimed wood-turning artisan who claims to be retiring. Tony Jagers (TJ) sat down with the Moruya Mail (MM) to share some of the highlights of his 75 years ... well, at least the ones suitable for print.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Tony. Appropriately, it is the year of the recording of what many consider the first rock and roll record, 'Rocket 88', and also the year of groundbreaking technology in electric guitars. Although the term 'rock and roll' was used by journalists in the 1940s, it comes to the fore in your birth year. Take us back.

TJ: (Smiles ...) That is some introduction. Yes, the year is 1951, and I was born in Tumbarumba, on the western edge of the Snowy Mountains. Both my parents were school teachers, and I have one brother. The song 'Yellow Rose of Texas' on the radio swirled in my head when I was about 5 years of age, sparking my lifelong passion for music.

We moved to Balranald in 1957, and I have clear memories of reading 'Chucklers Weekly' with glossy photographs of Pat Boone and Ricky Nelson. My parents bought my first guitar when I was 10 years of age and have always been supportive of my passion.

My favourite memory of Balranald was when a rumour spread that a rock and roll singer was in town. My Dad duly offered to take me to the hotel to meet this rock star.

Outside the pub, leaning on a lamp post, was Col Joye. My Dad introduced himself, and Col Joye instantly recognised him as his teacher ... and I might add, along with his classmate, future Australian cricket captain, Bobby Simpson.

Dad was the headmaster at the local school, and Col Joye offered to perform. It was a magical moment for 11-year-old me as 'Col Joye and the Joy Boys' took to the stage for 2 hours. A musical current surged through my veins.

Graham Stewart, another teacher at the school, further fuelled my interest in music and was a massive influence. I spent my hard-earned pocket money on my first two albums: 'Col Joye and the Joy Boys' (1959) 'Songs That Rocked the Stadium' and 'Jazz Goes to Junior College' by The Dave Brubeck Quartet. My parents' teaching careers next landed us in Uralla. My Mum liked Black American spiritual music, which led to my love of Black American blues music.

Although I hated school with a passion, I quite enjoyed the one-hour travel to and from Armidale each day on the school bus to attend high school. I had a captive audience and was happy to entertain. I managed to blow up my parents' treasured PYE audio system in an attempt to electrify my acoustic guitar. I resorted to building my own electric guitar by following a design from 'Popular Mechanics' magazine.

The sound was terrible, and my ever-forgiving parents purchased an electric guitar and a Maton amplifier. I was now set and, at the grand age of 14, our newly formed band of 3 mates shared the \$10 fee for playing at the school social. Sixty-one years later, I am still chasing gigs.

It was onwards and upwards, with lots of bands and fun times, with schoolwork a distant second.

In 1968, I joined a band called 'Generation', and we entered 'Hoadley's Battle of the Sounds', an annual national rock/pop band competition held in Australia from 1966 to 1972. We got through our heat, only to be knocked out in the regional final by 'Doug Parkinson in Focus'.

We did well the next year, but the competition was fierce as name bands travelled to the regional heats to get into the city finals. As an aside, I am contributing to a book on the 'Hoadley's battles', which should be out soon.

At the end of 1969, my parents were very disappointed in my Higher School Certificate (HSC) results, and it was either repeat or get a job. I opted for the latter and secured a job as a technician with the Department of Science in Canberra. It was a miserable two years, although I managed to get promoted in the public service.

MM: How does the South Coast capture you?

TJ: Ahhh ... I should have added earlier, my parents bought a cottage in South Durras in 1949, where we ended up spending our school holidays, so it was very familiar. The only relief from the tedium of my Canberra 'career' was the weekend trips to the South Coast for parties and lots of surfing, with playing music pretty much on hold. It was often a case of coaxing a mate to call my work on a Monday morning with increasingly improbable excuses for absence.

The surf was calling, and I moved to Moruya and secured a job as a linesman with the local council.

Without any business acumen, I opened an Indian imports and surf shop in Moruya in 1974 called 'TANNE'. In hindsight, it was 10 years too early, as the town was very different to what it is today. It closed in 1978.

The best part of my business venture was meeting my wife, Shirley, who was the shop assistant, and we have been married for the past 43 years. We have two daughters, who were born in 1982 and 1984, and we now enjoy our 5 wonderful grandkids.

The next adventure was to go rural, and we moved to build a mud-brick house and embrace an alternative lifestyle. We had a successful strawberry farm for 2 years, but in the 3rd year the crop was wiped out, and I grew weary of the 'alternate lifestyle'. We moved back into Moruya in the early 80s, and I was regularly playing music in various bands around the shire.



In 1984, I joined 2EAR-FM community radio out of Moruya, which was launched in 1981. It is run by volunteers, and I did every conceivable job. I think I can borrow Charles Dickens' opening line from 'A Tale of Two Cities', "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," to describe my efforts with the station over the next 35 years. However, I do not regret a single moment.

A major highlight was in 1993, when I mentored a different kid each day in all things radio, and a number have gone on to careers with the ABC and commercial radio. Throughout my time with 2EAR-FM, I am proud of my contribution in pushing Australian music. I retired from the station last week.

During my time, I have also been active in volunteering, with roles in the Markets Committee, Narooma Arts, Carols by Candlelight, Moruya Celebrates Committee, Moruya High School music events, and just last week, 'The Big Dog Day Out' for the RSPCA.

MM: Hang on ... hang on ... there is more. Wood turning is another passion.

TJ: (Laughs ...) Yes ... I took up wood turning in the mid-90s and have enjoyed some success with exhibitions in 'The Argyle Centre' in The Rocks, Sydney, and as far away as Texas. I sell my works at the Moruya Riverside Markets on a Saturday morning and at the 'Artisans Nest' in Mogo.

Wood turning is a rewarding and creative outlet for me, and I can spend up to 8 hours a day in the back shed.

MM: I understand more gigs are on the calendar, so it is sounding more and more like a John Farnham retirement. It has been an absolute pleasure, Tony.

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**

NDIS Provider WithNot4 Brings Community Together



On March 26, Epilepsy Awareness Day, NDIS provider WithNot4 brought the community together for a vibrant and meaningful Purple Day event, welcoming the local Moana Acai van to their office for a sweet celebration supporting an important cause. The day was filled with great food, genuine connection, and a strong sense of community. Members of the public were invited to drop in, say hello, and get involved, creating an inclusive and welcoming space for all. More than just enjoying acai, the event focused on raising awareness and understanding of epilepsy. It provided an opportunity for people to connect, start conversations, and learn more in an environment where everyone felt seen, heard, and valued. WithNot4 extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and to Moana Acai for their support and delicious acai bowls. Thanks to the generosity and participation of the community, \$300 was raised and donated to Epilepsy Action Australia. Events like these highlight the power of inclusion, awareness, and community connection, values that sit at the core of WithNot4's work as an NDIS provider.



Learn with the Curators of Wangka Wakanutja

Upcoming webinar for the National Library's newest major exhibition, Wangka Wakanutja: the story of the Papunya Literature Production Centre. Register for the webinar, Learn with the Curators of Wangka Wakanutja to hear from the experts who have brought this exhibition to life. During the 1980s and 1990s an extraordinary collection of literature was produced to teach literacy and culture to children in their own language of Pintupi-Luritja. The webinar will give you the opportunity to hear from members of the community who were involved in the Papunya Literature Production Centre, as well as Director of Indigenous Engagement, Rebecca Bateman, will discuss the Library's process for co-designing and delivering the exhibition for this extraordinary collection, including application of the Library's ICIP Protocol. Learn with the Curators of Wangka Wakanutja Zoom webinar, free - 29 April, 12:30-1:15pm AEST Register to attend and participate in the conversation. The recorded version will be made available to all registrants.

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Moruya Vigil

Remembering Palestinian Prisoners

Two vigils were held last week for Palestinian Prisoners Day to remember all the thousands of Palestinians, men, women and children, held in Israeli gaols, often without charge, and subject to various forms of torture.

The first, in Batemans Bay, outside Fiona Phillips' office, resulted in many people signing our petition to urge federal parliament to sanction the Israeli government for its genocide in Gaza and war crimes in the West Bank. It also urged parliament to end all trade with Israel. Leaflets were handed out, detailing how individuals could contribute to putting pressure on Israel financially by participating in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

The second, a beautiful, candlelight vigil was held at the Red Door Hall in Moruya the following evening and was well attended. We are steadily building more connections and inspiring people to action together.

Please join us at our market stall just outside the Moruya Markets every Saturday morning from 9 am for more information on what you can do to help Palestinians, donate to UNRWA and purchase some of our Palestinian olive oil soaps. Or for just a chat! If you wish to join our supporters list, please contact – eurobodallajusticeforpalestine@gmail.com

Historic pay increase for nurses & midwives

Nurses and midwives will receive their largest pay increase in more than two decades after a ruling from the independent industrial umpire today, with the wage boost being an all-time record-breaker for the lowest paid amongst them. The **Minns Government** welcomes the decision delivered by the Industrial Relations Commission, which was restored to resolve exactly this type of matter. The ruling will see nurses and midwives receive an historic pay rise of between 16 and 28 per cent.

Backdated to July 2025, the pay rise will comprise a reset increase of between 10 and 22 per cent. This will be followed by a 3 per cent increase from July 2026 and a further 3 per cent from July 2027.

Labor was elected with a mandate to scrap the Liberals and Nationals' unfair wages cap and restore the independent adjudicator. Since then, we have worked closely with workers and unions to rebuild the industrial relations system, putting fairness back at the centre of workers' pay. This includes:

- Delivering record pay increases to paramedics, police, teachers and other essential workers.
- Making good on our commitment of ensuring a fair, modern and sustainable wages policy.
- Hiring more than 5,000 nurses, who are working in hospitals right now.
- Saving the jobs of 1,100 nurses the Liberals and Nationals would have axed.
- Helping attract and retain the essential workers NSW needs.

All this has been achieved through careful economic management, while putting people at the centre of decisions. Our approach has been in stark contrast to the Liberals and Nationals' reliance on short-sighted privatisation and punitive wages freeze.

The Opposition must now come clean on whether it remains committed to a wages policy that leaves workers going backwards, after it suppressed pay and refused to introduce safe nurse-to-patient ratios while in government.

More beds, more packages and better care for older Australians

The **Federal Government** will invest \$3 billion to deliver more beds, more packages and better care for older Australians in the 2026 Budget.

The Government will build on changes we delivered in our first term to incentivise construction of beds for aged care residents and give providers the certainty they need to build and maintain quality residential accommodation, make Support at Home fairer and more affordable for older Australians, and continue the Government's work to set the system up for generations to come. The Government will invest \$1 billion to change the treatment of personal care services through the Support at Home program, making them free of charge alongside other clinical care.

The Government is also responding to the Independent Review of Residential Aged Care Accommodation Pricing, which was released today. Led by Mr Nigel Ray PSM and Associate Professor Nicole Sutton, the Review provides a considered, evidence-based framework for a sustainable residential care sector that can deliver the accommodation older Australians deserve.

The Budget will respond to the Review's findings with a package that will deliver an additional 5000 beds a year including:

- New targeted capital subsidies for residential aged care, providing additional funding for supported residents for newly built or refurbished homes.
- An increase to the Accommodation Supplement and structural changes to introduce new tiers, and additional payment for homes with more than 60% supported residents

The Review also contains recommendations about capital assistance to aged care providers planning to build new homes, and the Government will consult with the sector about those recommendations.

We'll also invest over \$200 million for 20 additional Specialist Dementia Care Program units and an expansion of the Hospital to Aged Care Dementia Support Program.

As part of this package, the Government will accelerate the release of and expand access to more Support at Home places, with further details to be released in the Budget.

MORUYA

Accessible Neurodiversity Assessments for Regional Families

Now available in Moruya through Quirky Kid and Grand Pacific Health.

Finding high-quality developmental assessments shouldn't require a trip to the city. Quirky Kid and Grand Pacific Health have partnered to deliver expert-led clinical assessments directly to Moruya.

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THIS MONTH'S FILM THE DAY SHALL COME

SCREENING ON SATURDAY 25TH APRIL AT 6.30PM FOR A 7PM SHOWTIME
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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.

DO YOU SEE Art & Sculpture Exhibition

Featured Artists
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Susan McAlister
Corrie Searle
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Judith Wilkins

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Possum Art Exhibition and Prizes 2026

Youth Art Prize: 15-30 yrs
Indigenous Art Prize: all ages
2 x \$1000 prizes

Eurobodalla residents only
Entries close 4pm 14 May
Exhibition opens:
Mechanics Institute 5th June

Download Application Form and Conditions of Entry:
www.artcentral.org.au/possumprizes
More info: possumprizeartcentral@gmail.com

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Booking via the Mogendoura Farm website:
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Limited tickets available

The Possum Art Prizes

The Possum Art Prizes are organised and delivered by Art Central (Arts Council of Eurobodalla Inc) and sponsored in partnership with Southeast Arts Inc. The idea arose in a conversation between Kate Bradbury from Southeast Arts, Julie Janson (Indigenous author and artist, member of SEArts Board and ESC Aboriginal Advisory Committee) and Bernie O'Neil (Arts Council of Eurobodalla) about how to support young artists and Indigenous artists who have few opportunities to show their works or to receive tuition locally. Art Central is keen to work with these groups to provide more opportunities relevant to their needs.

These prizes are the start of that. As well as the two \$1000 prizes, the Possum Prizes include 3 free lessons at Art Central for second and third places in each category.

While the prizes are The Possums, with the name suggested by Julie, the entries can be on any theme and in any medium.

The two prizes are:
·The Possum Youth Prize, open to Eurobodalla residents between 15 and 30 years of age.

·The Possum Indigenous Prize, open to all Yuin and other Indigenous artists, of all ages, including elders, living in Eurobodalla.

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

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

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

Key dates: Entries Open 20th April
Entries Close 4pm 14th May
Artwork delivery dates – see conditions of entry

www.artcentral.org.au/possumprizes
Exhibition Opens 5pm on 5th June
Exhibition closes 2pm on 13th June
All artists, friends and family are invited to the opening and to view the exhibition.

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Montague Visiting Artists 2026



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Music by Brahms & Shostakovich
2:30 pm Saturday April 25
St Paul's Anglican Church, Narooma



'Artists For The Earth' Eurobodalla Interconnections Exhibition Launch

Artists for the Earth Eurobodalla launched its third exhibition at Bay Pavilions last Saturday with over 80 people attending. Brass and percussion band, Mogendoura Swing Ensemble, ensured a successful evening.

It was also a chance for the audience to interact and the crowd made a big circle to show the circumference of one of the tallest trees in Australia, located in North Brooman State Forest and at risk of logging, 'Big Spotty'.

It is the third exhibition by the Artists and is called 'Interconnections' and contains beautiful, thought provoking and inspiring works of art about our interconnections with planet Earth. Artists Clare Knight and Kylie Alicia collaborated to write an opening speech which was presented by Kylie and concluded with the following sentiments; "We are part of the global ecology of the planet, evolved to have the ability to change our environment in a way no other creature can, we have the power to be the protectors and custodians of all the magic this earth provides and on which we depend. We all have many chances in our life to make positive choices and changes, we hope that you leave this exhibition feeling inspired your thoughts provoked into learning and action. What action can you take that might just have a ripple effect in a positive way? There are countless ways we can make our own lives healthier and more fulfilling, which will also have that positive ripple effect that the world needs. Thank you!"

The exhibition is showing at Bay Pavilions for the month of April and will be of great interest to anyone concerned about the future of our planet.
* <https://www.nature.org.au/>
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Early childhood educator Katherine Wagner with Cooper, Tex, Enzo and Corbin Small spaces, big opportunities – ditching day care myths

You don't need a big house with a spare wing and sprawling back yard to start a career in Family Day Care. All it needs is a bit of curiosity and a free evening.

Starting late April, Eurobodalla Council's children's services team will host three information sessions for potential early childhood educators wondering "could I do this?", with practical information showing what's possible even if renting or living in a small home.

Because that's what many Family Day Care local educators already do. They rent. They work with modest space. They find the early education pathway that fits with their lives, and not the other way around. These sessions are for answering anyone questioning the costs, finding confidence, and going it alone without a sales pitch or any pressure. Just the opportunity to see what's possible from your own living room.

Attendees will learn how Family Day Care operates and low-cost, staged setups that don't require financial freefall. The regulatory side of the business can be a put off, so that will be unpacked in clear, achievable steps. The sessions will also explain the opportunities for ongoing support, mentoring and connection.

Importantly, the sessions help potential attendees identify what they bring to the table. Often this is so much more than qualifications. Things like cultural knowledge and lived experience, and community ties that can shape rich and varied learning for children.

Local Family Day Care professionals will be on hand to share how they made it work. For many, it's more than a job. It's flexible and meaningful work growing a small business close at home. For those inspired, start-up funding is currently available for assisting new educators get established.

The three free sessions run from 6-7.30pm at Moruya on Wednesday 29 April, online on Monday 4 May and at Narooma on Tuesday 5 May. For more information visit Council's Children's Services webpage or contact family day care coordinator [Jessica Bourke](#) on 4474 1338.

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- 1 - 3 May **19th Narooma Oyster Festival**
- May 10 - **Mother's Day Classic, Corrigans Beach**
- 17 May - **Sustainable House Day**
- May - June - **2026 Sculpture for Clyde**
- 5-12 July - **NAIDOC Week**
- 11 July - **Mogodha NAIDOC Big Day Out**
- 12 June to 12 July - **Fungi Festival**
- 26 September - **Tilba Festival**
- 21st-25th October - **Sea Otter Australia**
- 13 March 2027 - **NSW State Election**

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Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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

Moruya Community Workshed

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

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Moruya RSL Sub Branch would like to advise our community ANZAC Day badges are being sold on Thursdays & Fridays until Friday 24th April & members can be found selling the badges around the shopping centre. .

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.

Where: **Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre**, Mirrabooka Avenue Moruya 2537 (Building address: 73 Vulcan Street, parking and entry at rear, off Mirrabooka Avenue).

When: Thursday 7th May 2026 10am to 1:30pm

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

Lifeblood Mobile Donor Centre

The Australian Red Cross Lifeblood 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.

ANZAC Day Services 2026

- Bodalla, Sat^(Sun) 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.

EUROBODALLA TOURISM INDUSTRY NETWORKING EVENT

When: Tuesday 5 May, from 5.30pm

Where: Narooma Golf Club, 1 Ballingalla Street, Narooma

Cost: Free - registrations essential

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/eurobodalla-tourism-networking-event-tickets-1985255113486?aff=oddtcreator>

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Animal Welfare League News

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Ava is two and a half years old and of medium size. She is probably not suited to a home with cats, pocket pets or chickens, as she's a great chaser. Her ideal home will be with an active family who will continue her training and keep her busy with walks and games. They will be rewarded with huge bundles of affection from a truly lovely girl. Ava's microchip number is 982000405887554 and AWL's Rehoming Organisation Number is R251000222. To arrange a meeting with Ava, contact Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWL NSW website: www.awlnsw.com.au



There is still time to take advantage of our great desexing discount promotion. Book your cat or dog in for desexing at the Eurobodalla vet of your choice before the end of April, then call us on 0436816718 to secure your discount. Don't miss this opportunity to make a responsible choice for your pet and save money at the same time.



AWL NSW Eurobodalla Morning Tea

Looking to be part of a caring volunteer community? Come meet us over a coffee.

Learn how become a volunteer or foster carer with AWL NSW Eurobodalla Branch.



Where: The Farmers Wife Cafe, 57 Vulcan St, Moruya
When: 9-11am, 7 May 2026

For more information call 0410016612

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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY AND DINNER

FRIDAY 1 MAY, 2026



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Limited Numbers

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JOB SPEC

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Funding Awarded to Surf Clubs in the Bega Electorate

Surf Life Saving Clubs in the Bega Electorate have shared in \$5.45 million in funding for new and upgraded facilities through the Minns Labor Government's Surf Club Facility Program. Grants up to \$1 million were available for projects that involve the upgrade, restoration or construction of new surf life saving facilities. This year's Program also included grants for project design and planning, ensuring surf club projects are supported from concept to completion.

Projects that encourage the participation of women and girls, people with disability, First Nations peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and LGBTQIA+ are a priority of the Program.

Two surf life saving clubs in the Bega Electorate received funding in this year's Program for the following projects:

- Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club \$100,500 for Clubhouse Cladding and Gutter Replacement
- Pambula Surf Life Saving Club \$48,000 for Lights and Shelving and Security upgrades

Michael Holland MP said "Our local surf life saving clubs are at the heart of coastal life in the Bega electorate, keeping our beaches safe while bringing communities together.

"This funding is a strong investment in the people who volunteer their time to protect others, ensuring they have modern, fit-for-purpose facilities to support their vital work.

"It's particularly important that these upgrades also make clubs more inclusive and accessible, encouraging greater participation from across the whole community.

"I look forward to seeing these projects delivered and the positive impact they will have for both our volunteers and everyone who enjoys our coastline."

Chief Operating Officer of Surf Life Saving NSW Phil Ayres said:

"Across NSW there are 129 surf clubs that are pillars of safety within their communities, sustained by a growing volunteer membership of over 85,000.

"The NSW Government's support through the Surf Club Facilities Program will assist more than a third of our clubs, through 61 individual projects in 2026, to remain fit for purpose and give our volunteer lifesavers the facilities they need to ensure they can be rescue ready should the worst happen on our coastline.

"Not only this, but the funding from this Program delivers safe, secure, and accessible facilities for members and the communities that they protect."

For further information and the list of recipients visit: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/surf-club-facility-program>



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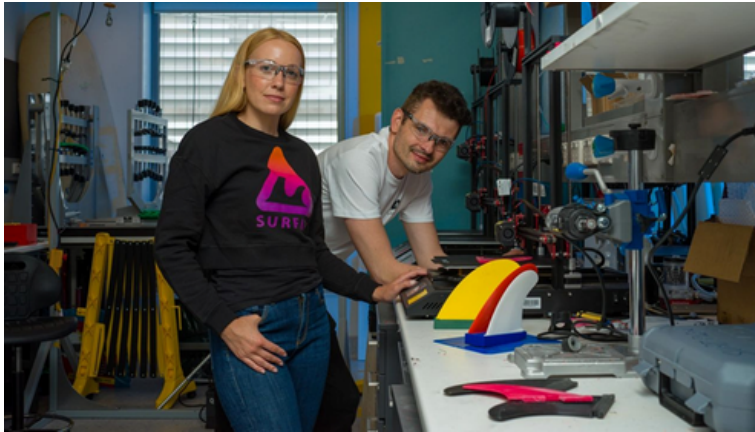


Cleaning up the Clyde



Eurobodalla Greens marine debris clean up on the Clyde River yesterday yielded a very diverse haul mainly from the mangroves behind McKay Park. Thanks to Region X who organises these sorties every 6 months.

Funding for new shark deterrent technology



Team members Magda Krzyzanowska and Pawel Krzyzanowski

Following a summer of increased shark activity along the New South Wales coast, researchers from the **University of Wollongong (UOW)** are key contributors to a recently launched project developing next generation surfboard fins designed to reduce shark encounters and support safer ocean use for both surfers and marine life.

Co-funded by the Australian Composites Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre (ACM CRC) and led by Gowing Bros Ltd, UNSW Sydney, and UOW's Surf Flex Lab, the researchers will use advanced composite manufacturing techniques to create smart composite fins embedded with shark-repellent technologies including miniaturised sensors, electromagnetic systems and illumination features that increase surfer safety while maintaining board performance. Vert Design Studio will be involved in the design and development of the system, contributing its expertise in industrial design, prototyping, and product engineering.

UOW's Surf Flex Lab advances surf and water sports technology to improve performance, enjoyment and sustainability. Director Professor Marc in het Panhuis said the lab will provide specialist insight into surfboard and fin performance and play a key role in designing, building and testing the prototypes.

"Our focus is on ensuring these new fins perform just as well as traditional designs while incorporating advanced shark-deterrent technologies. Surfers won't adopt safety innovations if they come at the expense of flex, responsiveness, and manoeuvrability," Professor in het Panhuis said.

"This is about creating a solution that works in real conditions without compromising on critical board design features. By combining our expertise in surf engineering with advanced manufacturing techniques, we're creating a practical way for surfers and sharks to share the ocean more safely."

In addition to designing the prototype fins and surfboards, UOW's Surf Flex Lab will lead the advanced manufacturing stream, exploring automated and scalable production methods that support future commercial use. They will also run testing and validation, conducting performance assessments and field trials to ensure the technology meets industry standards and the realities of real-world surfing. Broader elements of the project include creating automated processes for fin and fin box production, surfboard shaping to incorporate shark-deterrent fins and sensors and composite material deposition.

"As surfers, we accept the ocean comes with risk but that doesn't mean we shouldn't keep pushing for better solutions," said John Gowing. "If we can build protection directly into something every surfer already uses, like fins, we remove barriers and make safety accessible to everyone."

ACM CRC CEO Luke Preston said the initiative demonstrates the practical impact of advanced manufacturing and has strong commercial potential.

"Innovative composite manufacturing and technology can have life-changing impacts. By embedding functional technologies into lightweight, composite materials we can support both innovation and practical application, delivering the next generation of surfboards at a time when shark attacks are apparently on the rise," Preston said.

"This is a world first that is strengthening the capabilities and resilience of Australian surfboard manufacturing, giving us a competitive edge in a crowded global market."



Prof Marc in het Panhuis

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 17.4.26

Moruya River.

The days are definitely cooling off and getting shorter, winter is only a bit off, but the water temps are the best they will be all year. This is a great time of year to fish, the days are comfortable and the water is warm. Fish activity is still high, and the species count available is as diverse as it will be all year.

The river is fishing well at present, with flathead, bream, whiting Luderick and Trevally all viable options within the Moruya river system.

The lower reaches hold the warmest water at the moment, and will hold the best numbers of fish to be found.

The airport flats, spur wall, Preddy wharf and the back of the hole in the are all producing good numbers of fish. Soft plastics are working on the bream and flathead, while baits both frozen or fresh are taking whiting, bream and flathead. Upstream under the main bridge, the sand flats and channel edges are holding bream, flathead, whiting. While further upstream around the hospital, bream, whiting Luderick and flathead can be encountered in the deeper boulder filled holes.

Tuross River.

The potential in this system is unmatched along the coast, as a recreational only fishing haven, Tuross offers the best chance at finding that elusive 1m flathead or 1m mulloway, along with some solid blue nose bream.

The entire system is firing at the moment, from the mouth all the way up to the border of the fresh. You really are spoiled for choice of where to fish in this system. This can be a double edge sword however, where do I fish today? That and fish have this habit of swimming and are not always where you choose to be.

Rock and Beach.

Salmon, bream and a whiting are all on the cards up and down the coast, with too many great looking beaches to choose from. Find a good looking gutter, deploy some burley, and wait for a school of salmon, bream or whiting to find you.

A keeper nets with some old left over pilchards or fish frames works well, tied to you rod holder and left to wash around in the shallows will help the fish find you.

Offshore.

Bonito, kings fish, snapper and flathead have all been on the cards this week, with several of my regulars finding some holiday fun on kings and bonito on soft plastics.

While the bottom bouncing bait brigade have done well on the snapper and flathead this week.

The bait freezer had a restock this week, with all the usual baits in stock and available.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Ian Miller with Vice President Paul Scholze



Winner: Paul Ferguson with sponsor Ian McManus



Winners: Dianne Brown, Pauline Nash (Medal) and Elsa Shearer



Winner: Chris Wratten

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 16th April 2026

A field of 41 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. There were some very close scores and some fantastic results were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ian Miller (23) with 39 points
- 2nd: Ray Bollard (3) with 37 points (countback)
- 3rd: Paul Scholze (16) with 37 points
- 4th: Wayne Lilley (15) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Bruce Handley 1.73A Grade
- 4th: Bruce Harding 3.17B Grade
- 4th: Ian Kingston 2.75C Grade
- 6th: Michael Brice 0.56A Grade
- 6th: John Phyland 0.44B Grade
- 6th: Peter Garn 10.65C Grade
- 7th: Mark Haberkorn 3.80 A Grade
- 7th: Marie Muriwai 4.23 B Grade

Balls went to: Marie Muriwai 36, Stephen Gardner 36, Brad Doolan 35, Michael Brice 35, Jenny Reilly 35, Terry Milliken 35, Peter Hogan 35, Dianne Brown 35, Beverley Theobald 34 and Bruce Harding 34.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 18th April 2026

A field of 62 players registered for a Stableford Medley event. The event was sponsored by Ian McManus. It was a beautiful day and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Paul Ferguson (12) with 40 points
- 2nd: Bruce Handley (13) with 38 points
- 3rd: Jenny Reilly (43) with 37 points (countback)
- 4th: Troy Kingdom (9) with 37 points
- 5th: Ian Lawson (15) with 35 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Jim Wade 1.51A Grade
- 4th: John Phyland 1.10B Grade
- 4th: Gavan Wheelahan 5.80 C Grade
- 6th: William Steenbergen 1.84 A Grade
- 6th: Simon French 1.88B Grade
- 6th: Paul Medwin 2.95C Grade

Great Score: Greg Booth Eagle Voucher

Balls went to: Mark Cutmore 35, Leigh Coloe 35, John Eglitis 35, Ian Manton 34, John Phyland 34, Nick Brice 34, Ray Bollard 34, Ian McManus 34, Simon French 34, Chelsea Mayes 34, Peter Johnston 33, Jim Madden 33, Michael Coloe 33, Kevin Reilly 32 and Danny Nickson 32.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 21st April 2026

A field of 21 ladies played in the 3rd Medal Round Stroke and Putt event today. The event was sponsored by Kerrie Sands. The weather was cool, the competition fierce and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
- 1st: Pauline Nash (28) with 70 nett (Medal)
- 2nd: Chris Wratten (32) with 72 nett (countback)

B Grade:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (35) with 71 nett
- 2nd: Shirley Quinlan (35) with 72 nett

C Grade:

- 1st: Elsa Shearer (41) with 74 nett
- 2nd: Judy Apps (40) with 77 nett (countback)

Place Getters:

Sandra D'Onofrio 72, Annette Manton 74, Cate O'Brien 74, Gail Rogers 75 and Chelsea Mayes 77.

Hole Prize: 2nd Shot

- 7th Pauline Nash Golden Shot A Distance 1.69
- 7th Elsa Shearer Golden Shot B Distance 2.52

Nearest to the Pin: 2nd Shot

- 6th Jeanette Miller Distance 0.82
- 15th Cate O'Brien Distance 0.15

Putting Comp: Leonie Doolan with 27 putts.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 22nd April 2026

A field of 30 players signed up for a Stableford event today which was the 2nd Round of the Club Championship. It was a beautiful Autumn morning and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Chris Wratten with 23 points
- 2nd: Jennifer Gray with 20 points
- 3rd: Derek Hoare with 20 points

Balls or Chocolates went to:

Ken Hush 19, Des Jackson 19, Ross Hendy 19 and Ian Manton 18.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Ross Hendy, Steve Gardner, Herb Muriwai In the Hole! (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Frank Pomfret (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan (2nd Shot)
- Mens: Herb Muriwai (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Stacey Davidson (5th hole)

Bradman's: Len Rogers



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Tuesday 3pm Moruya



Esther Lam

Moruya Ladies Golf

Wednesday 15th April saw the Moruya lady golfers out on the fairways again with a beautiful Autumn day. Sunny and not too hot to get around. The ladies played a Stableford event and the winner was Esther Lam with a fantastic score of 48 pts followed by Margaret Flynn with 36 pts. Great to see the new ladies in the winners circle. Balls went to Lyn Gibbs, Leonie Doolan, Sharon Knight, Noelene Cowdroy, Vicki Goodwin, Jan Lumsden, Nicola Gallon and Pauline Nash. Nearest the pins went to Val Moore (Div 1) and Christine Quick (Div 2)."

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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



There were only 23 ladies at Social Bowls on Tuesday as some of our members were taking part in carnival in Ulladulla. Robyn Butcher opened proceedings with Happy Birthday greetings to yours truly, thank you to everyone. List is up for those interested in taking part in Winter Carnival. Jay called cards for 3 Pairs and a Triples game on a cool windy morning with occasional glimpses of sunshine. Winners, Patricia Weekes and Chrissy Keler. (Photo) Lucky numbers, 24 Gai Gibson, 18 Michelle Adler, 20 Gayl Vidgen, 10 Sonia Frey, 17 Robyn Butcher, 23 Marlou Rollinson. Money Club, 34 Staff, 4 Rhonda Adler. There is a new Jackpot this week after the previous one was shared last week by two ladies teams. The number called was 33 and card selected by Julie Knorpp found 3 of Clubs + a Free game of bowls. Wednesday morning we will all have morning tea together to say farewell to Karen and John Signor as they move closer to family.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



Robbo took over proceedings welcoming 22 Twisties on a warm sunny and windy morning. There was a discussion about weekend away accommodation in Narooma for 26 Twisties 23rd May. Noisy is doing well after his first treatment, great to hear. Happy 70th Birthday to Smiley McGregor on Wednesday 22nd. Chanty passed out sticks for 5 Rinks of 3 bowl Triples all good fun. Winners on Highest Losing Margin Clark and Gilligan - 11 (Photo) Runners-up, Bert and Foxy -9 High /Low Scores, 29/11 not won. Lucky numbers, 16 Foxy, 4 Megoo. Winners, Dobbo and Scottie 21/18 Pattycake & Bob the Builder 21/14 Mad Max and Megoo 23/11 Hot Lips & Spike with Whizza 29/21 Chocolate and Artie 20/ 11

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Jayla Hancock- Cameron On Track for Commonwealth Games



Jayla Hancock- Cameron in action. Photos: supplied

By John Longhurst

Broulee running sensation, Jayla Hancock-Cameron is set to take on a hectic international running itinerary which she hopes will culminate in qualification for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The middle distance champion has just returned from competing in the Australian Athletics Championships in Sydney. In the 1500 metres, Jaylah qualified for the finals with third place and a time of 4:16:11.

In a sensational final, 2000 metres world record holder and Olympic champion,

Jessica Hull, was leading on the final straight when Claudia Hollingsworth clipped her legs when trying to cross behind her, going on to win the race. Her disqualification was later overturned which meant Jaylah finished fifth in the final with a time of 4:18:39.

In the 800 metres, Jaylah finished second in her heats with a time of 2:03:64. She turned on the power in the final, coming fourth, but with a personal best (PB) of 2:01:11.

Next up is the Australian Athletics Road Mile Championships on 25th April in Ballarat.

Jaylah then heads to Japan to compete in the 800 metres in Shizuoka and Osaka. These elite athletic events are part of the world-renowned World Athletics label road races series.

It is then onto Manchester, England, for 1500 and 800 metres races where she will play the role of a race pacer and then on to Belgium for a 1500 metre race.

After that she will go to Germany to compete in the 1500m race.

All of these races register as qualifying attempts for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, from 23rd July -2nd August.

Her final event in a busy 6 week tour is a 5000 metre race in Germany.

On any given day, the very humble Jaylah can be found pounding the pavements of Broulee, so give her a thumbs up as she prepares for international success.

Don't let your next trip be your worst: Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner issues long weekend boating safety warning

Boaters across New South Wales are being urged to prioritise safety on the water this ANZAC long weekend, as the boating season draws to a close.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Todd Andrews said while the season officially ends on ANZAC Day, the risks associated with boating remain year-round.

"The risk on our waterways never goes away, don't let your next trip be your worst," Commissioner Andrews said. "Always check and monitor the weather, changes in conditions can lead to life-threatening emergencies.

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers remain rescue ready 24/7, having completed 313 search and rescue missions in March, including 105 emergency responses, safely returning 618 people to shore.

"Our vessel crews and radio operators have done a huge amount of work this season. The current fuel situation is impacting boating activity but there are still plenty of boaters requiring assistance," Commissioner Andrews said. "If conditions are favorable this long weekend and boaters are out on the water, we want them to know Marine Rescue NSW volunteers are ready to respond day or night.

The boating season, which commenced on 1 October last year, concludes on ANZAC Day following a particularly busy summer period.

"Marine Rescue NSW crews had a demanding summer, performing just under 1,700 rescues between December and February, almost 450 of those were life-threatening emergencies," the Commissioner said. "We are on track to exceed 3,000 rescue missions this boating season."

Marine Rescue NSW is reminding boaters that preparation and communication are key to staying safe, regardless of whether they are on enclosed or offshore waters.

Boaters are strongly encouraged to always Log On using the free Marine Rescue NSW app or via VHF Channel 16 before heading out.

During March, Marine Rescue NSW volunteer radio operators maintained watch over almost 20,000 people on board Logged On vessels and managed more than 16,000 radio calls, including six MAYDAY distress calls and one Pan Pan.

"Logging On is a must. It provides vital information such as your planned route and expected return time, details that become critical if something goes wrong," Commissioner Andrews said. "Incidents can occur close to shore, even in calm conditions, which is why logging on is essential for every trip.

"All boaters using the Marine Rescue NSW app are encouraged to enable location services for faster, more accurate assistance when it is needed most, it could save your life."

Commissioner Andrews also reminded users of the state's waterways to wear a lifejacket and ensure they carry the appropriate safety equipment.

Breakdown of March 2026 search and rescue missions for MONARO:

21 search & rescue missions including 14 emergency responses with 37 people safely returned to shore across all 8 Monaro units – Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula, Eden, Alpine Lakes & Moama. Locations of highest demand: Batemans Bay 8, Bermagui 5, Eden 4

Region X Hosts Inclusive “Come and Try” Kayaking Day, Paving the Way for Ongoing Accessible Adventures in Mossy Point



Region X, a leading kayak experience provider, has successfully delivered an inclusive “Come and Try” kayaking day for people living with disabilities on the south coast of NSW, marking an important step toward expanding accessible outdoor experiences across the community.

Delivered in partnership with VIP Private Tours and Roundsquared, an NDIS-registered service provider, the day was designed to introduce participants to kayaking in a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment. The initiative forms part of Region X’s broader vision to create more inclusive, ongoing opportunities both on and off the water.

The day was supported by a team of volunteer “paddle buddies” from the Region X community. The paddle buddies themselves got a lot out of the day “I was really moved by it, they were all really nice people, experiencing what we can take for granted at times.” said Stewart from Region X’s Social Paddle Group.

Both VIP Private Tours and Round Squared ensured all participants could attend comfortably- providing transport and tailored support, helping individuals feel confident and engaged every step of the way.

“Our ‘Come and Try’ day was about opening the door,” said Andrew Stock spokesperson for Region X. “We want people living with disabilities to know that kayaking — and outdoor adventure more broadly — is something they can be part of. This is just the beginning, and we’re committed to building more inclusive experiences into the future.”

Participants were supported by experienced guides who adapted equipment and instruction to suit a wide range of abilities, creating an environment where everyone could take part at their own pace.

The success of the day has reinforced Region X’s commitment to accessibility and inclusion, with plans underway to develop more tailored programs and experiences that cater to diverse needs. Region X is encouraging anyone living with a disability, as well as carers and support providers, to reach out and explore available options — whether on the water through kayaking experiences or through other accessible outdoor activities currently in development.

“This initiative shows what’s possible when organisations collaborate with a shared goal of inclusion,” said Andrew. “We’re excited to see how this grows and creates lasting opportunities for the community.”



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