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# The ride buy guy

# Anzac Day ~ Lest We Forget



The MM Social media post of the week came from Gary Smith saying "Just another level of take away service at the Blue Heron Café in Moruya. When asked if the horse likes coffee, the rider said " ...no, prefers beer". Ain't Moruya wonderful." With 62k views, and lots of guesses on the identity of the rider, The Moruya Waterfront solved the mystery posting this photo below. "We can confirm that our Moruya locals Lawrie and Chase do indeed prefer a beer. They were gearing up for last weekends Anzac Day parade!"



Anzac Day was commemorated around the Eurobodalla with the march and service in Moruya including crew from HMAS Creswell. The Moruya RSL Sub-branch say thank you especially to Joel Walters & the Moruya Brass Band, Corey who always sings the NZ and Australian Anthems, the Classic & Vintage Motor Club of Eurobodalla, the Moruya Pony Club, the Light Horsemen re-enactors and the young drummer. The guest speaker was Lieutenant Ryan Cavanagh RAN. Following the service and luncheon, Two Up was played at the Adelaide Hotel and Quantum Brewery.



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# CWA pledges \$170k donation to Carers Accommodation



CAERH Treasurer Steph Carter, Pres. Cr Rob Pollock, Moruya CWA Pres Virginia Eddy and Sec/Treasurer Alison Sledge.

On Thursday, 23rd April, at the CWA Hall, the CWA Moruya Branch presented a formal pledge letter to Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH Inc,) in the presence of community members and guests.

The CWA has pledged \$170,000 to CAERH Inc, which will fund the construction of an entire care unit at the new Moruya hospital site. CWA Moruya Branch would like to express appreciation to the community for their contributions, making this pledge possible. CAERH President Cr Rob Pollock accepted the pledge letter applauding the generosity of the Moruya CWA.

Pres. Virginia Eddy said "I am very proud to be part of an organisation that gives back to the community, and in particular this facility that will be available for use by locals and people from the wider area. We look forward to the Regional Hospital opening."

CAERH is a single purpose charity dedicated to serving our local community by raising funds, designing and building carers accommodation at the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, now under construction and due for opening in 2027.

The accommodation will be located in the hospital grounds and managed by Southern NSW Local Health District, so that these support people will not have to travel.

They may be asked to pay a nominal daily fee which will be set by the hospital to help with laundry and maintenance costs, thus helping to ensure the ongoing viability of the service.



Louise McFadden SNSWLHD Project Director Eurobodalla Hospital Development with CWA member Anne Boardman.

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# Public Forum cut short as ESC Meeting draws a crowd

The Council Chamber was overflowing with residents to hear from the public presenters and a very full Agenda with several contentious matters.

Ironically, when Council was about to hear a Notice of Motion from Cr Mayne about community consultation, the presenters were cut short due to time constraints, given only 4 minutes (from the regular 7) but were only told this a couple of hours before the meeting. Before the Meeting, around 50 people assembled outside to hear from speakers on the 'Climate Compensation to Protect Ratepayers' motion and The Coopers Island Road matter. See pages 5 and 6. There were three speakers against a **14 Lot Torrens Title**

## **Subdivision, public road and earthworks in Annetts Parade, Mossy Point**, which used lot size averaging.

Pamela Green addressed Council saying *"This is not simply a matter of whether the proposal fits within policy. Under Clause 4.1E (lot averaging), it asks something more. It asks whether you are satisfied that this subdivision will retain environmental values and result in no significant adverse environmental impact."*

She added *"The site will still lose around 70% of its native vegetation. It will become fourteen lots - most below the minimum size. It relies on lot averaging. Lot averaging can allow development to step lightly - to gather in one place and leave another intact. But here, the pattern is spread. The pressure is spread. What remains will be irretrievably broken into smaller pieces.*

*The ecological case rests on retention - trees, corridors, canopy. But there is a difference between what remains, and what continues to function. The impact does not stop at what is cleared, it extends outwards beyond the cleared footprint through light, noise, and disturbance into what remains. This has not been fully accounted for in assessing habitat loss.*

*For the Yellow-bellied Glider and other vulnerable species, habitat depends on connection. Movement. Return. Continuity. When that breaks, the pattern changes."*

*"The decision comes back to two questions - Are you satisfied that the development proposal in its current form meets the intent of the C4 zone and are you satisfied that environmental values will be retained and that there will be no significant adverse environmental impact as required under Clause 4.1E?"*

*This application asks you to accept that fragmented habitat, small urban lots, and long-term disturbance can coexist with ecological functionality. The evidence does not support that conclusion.*

*There is still a path through your decision today, where a redesigned development within the intent of the C4 zone, and the land and its life can coexist."*

Council Moved to defer the Matter while more clarification about the C4 zoning (Environmental Living) could be provided.

Several times throughout the meeting, Councillors expressed their frustration at being unable to fully understand some of the information before them.

This has been brought about by the NSW government change in the standard Code of Meeting Practice that no longer allows closed Councillor workshops with staff. While the intention of the State was to improve transparency, it leaves Councillors, especially new councillors, at a disadvantage as they cannot ask questions and get advice about varying matters, especially planning legislation. Council Agendas are only available seven days before the meetings and are often hundreds of pages long. Councillors have little time to digest often complex matters.

Last year LGNSW President Cr Phyllis Miller OAM said *"While acknowledging the new code, LGNSW remained disappointed with the Minister's decision to prohibit briefing sessions for elected council representatives.*

*"Councillors are elected to make informed decisions on behalf of their communities," Cr Miller said. "Briefing sessions are not decision-making forums - they simply ensure councillors are properly equipped with the background and technical information they need before a matter comes to the public chamber.*

*"These briefings lead to better informed representatives and, ultimately, better decision-making outcomes for communities, but decisions are - and always will be - made transparently in council meetings, in full view of the public." Cr Miller said LGNSW would continue to listen to councils, capture their feedback on the code's operation, and share this with the Minister and OLG."*

### **Other matters discussed were:**

- Council Processes for receiving and considering community submissions
- The Rezoning of Land for Residential Purposes Reservoir Road, Malua Bay.
- The Moruya Flood Study and Flood Risk Management Study and Plan
- Exhibition of the 2026-2027 Draft Operational Plan, draft Fees and Charges 2026-27 and 2026-36 Long-Term Financial Plan

### **The five items deferred were:**

- 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
- IR26/004 Post Exhibition Review - Draft Review of Environmental Factors for the Maloneys Beach Reserve Access Upgrade Project
- IR26/006 Local Transport Forum No.7 for 2025-26

All the public presentations from the day will be on the Council website.

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# More questions to ask about Coopers Island Road



Tuesday's council meeting saw a crowd form to protest the potential sale of Coopers Island Road, Bodalla.

The long running saga of Coopers Island Road ownership and recreational access to Bowns Creek drew a large crowd to the Eurobodalla Council meeting on Tuesday.

Council had previously proposed to sell the Crown Land to the owners of Coopers Island who farm cattle there.

The Business Paper concluded that "Whilst it was not Council's decision or assessment that there is no public access to the waterway, members of the community do not accept the Crown Land's assessment.

Closing the road now would effectively render any representation to Crown Lands ineffective.

It is therefore recommended not to proceed with the road closure and sale."

However, community members wanted further clarification about the status of the road.

Four speakers had registered to speak at Public forum, yet with a full house and many speakers, the presentations were cut to four minutes. By the time the last four speakers (on Coopers Island Rd) came around they were rushed through and the last two, Sue Dunks and Max Castle were cut short.

Retired surveyor Peter Cormick told Council. "Disappointingly, I find today's report on Coopers Island Road to be lacking in substance and direction, and to be disjointed.

Recommendation 3 asks "That Council meet with Crown Lands to convey the public interest in this matter". However, for years, Crown Lands has been very aware of the public interest in "this matter", which is extensive and obvious to all. In my view, engagement with Crown Lands must focus on the centrally important legalities of this matter: specifically, as they relate to the status of the causeway.

On 4 September 2018, The Director of Titling and Plan Services at NSW Land Registry Services, provided written advice to council staff in which he referred to a specific Certificate of Title and Deposited Plan and stated that this documentation "clearly shows that the Coopers Island Causeway is not part of Lot 2 in DP12290 and appears to be part of the bed of the Tuross Lake" (emphasis added). I assume that staff have shared this fundamentally important document with councillors. A copy has been attached for convenience.

Council's Registered Surveyor at that time, who had sought this NSWLRS advice just four weeks beforehand, passed it on, up the line, on the day he received it, copying in a further six council staff, stating "As I suspected, any 'land' that forms part of Coopers Island Causeway is Crown Land. NSWLRS confirms this by reference to the plan in certificate of title Vol 7165 Fol 248".

As we know, on 12 September 2024, in apparent ignorance of and in contradiction to the NSWLRS advice to this council, Crown Lands advised council that the causeway is part of Lots 2 and 2A, advice which led to council subsequently proposing to sell the road, believing it then to be a road to 'nowhere' – even though the NSWLRS advice was on file."

Mr Cormick suggested "That, as a matter of urgency, Council meet with Crown Lands to discuss the implications of the 2018 NSW Land Registry Services advice provided to Council on 4 September 2018 for the veracity of the decision by Crown Lands in September 2024 on the status and ownership of the causeway – and report back to Council on the outcome of those discussions immediately after they have concluded."

Mrs Sue Dunk presented some of her speech to Council saying: "From the documentation, Council sought submissions from NSW Crown Lands and NSW Department of Primary Industries Fisheries. Importantly, an email from Bryan van der Walt at Fisheries dated 17 February 2026 confirms that Fisheries withdrew their objection to the proposal. No reasons were provided for this withdrawal in the correspondence.

This raises an obvious question: what changed, and why was no explanation given for the withdrawal of an objection in relation to a matter of public land?

More critically, I asked in my GIPA whether the Aboriginal Land Council had been consulted at any stage.

There was no consultation. No correspondence. No engagement. This is deeply concerning. Coopers Island and its surrounds are culturally and historically significant. Council itself acknowledges this, with Coopers Island Road specifically referenced in its "Connecting with Country" document. Yet despite that recognition, the Aboriginal Land Council has not been consulted. That is not acceptable. It is inconsistent with Council's own policies, with modern standards of governance, and with basic respect."

When it came to Council debate, Cr Winslade moved that Council go into confidential hearing to discuss legal matter. After an hour Council returned, Cr Windslade moved an Amendment THAT :

1. That Council not the considerable public interest in this matter.
2. That Council note Crown Lands' advice that there is no legal access to the water from Coopers Island Road.
- 3 Council pursue a GIPA request, and meet with Crown Lands to convey the public interest in accessing the waterway.
4. That Council confirm that they will not proceed with the closure and sale of Coopers Island Road.

Only Cr Babbington Voted against the motion.



Over 1500 signatures were collected for a petition to Council to not sell Coopers Island Road.

## Eurobodalla half a step towards Climate Compensation Fund



Eurobodalla Shire Council this week voted to support a Climate Compensation Fund for local governments but declined to join other councils at the Australian Local Government Association Assembly, in advocating that the money for the fund be raised by a levy on gas and coal exports.

‘Only Councillors Turner, Mayne and Winslade voted to keep the original motion calling for a levy on fossil fuel exports to fund climate compensation.’

Councillor Constable moved the amendment to remove “polluter pays” and said it was beyond the council’s remit to suggest tax measures for the federal government.

Eurobodalla’s delegates to the Australian Local Government Association National Assembly in June are directed by Council to move an amendment to delete any ‘polluter pays’ provisions from the Climate Compensation motion which the City of Sydney will move.

Allan Rees for climate action group 350 Eurobodalla said, ‘The Council has only taken half a step. But we don’t know whether Eurobodalla’s delegates to the June Assembly would support a Climate Compensation Fund if Eurobodalla’s push to delete reference to a levy on fossil fuel producers fails. We will be asking council to clarify this.’

‘The Council today made a very disappointing decision to say our shire wants climate compensation funds but not from a levy on fossil fuel exports, the very products causing climate damage.’

‘350 Eurobodalla will continue to press all levels of government to make the big polluters pay for the climate damage they are creating.’

### The Motion **Carried was:**

MOTION Councillor

Constable/Councillor Schutz

1. That Council call on the Australian Government and Parliament to provide ongoing funding to support local government to plan and deliver climate solutions, including supporting appropriate economic and community transition measures in Local Government Areas affected by environmental and industry change, as determined by relevant State and Federal policy frameworks and in consultation with affected communities.
2. That Council write to State and Federal representatives advocating for:
  - a. the establishment of a Climate Compensation Fund to support communities, households and local governments with the costs of climate adaptation, resilience and disaster recovery;
  - b. sustainable, equitable and reliable funding mechanisms to support any Climate Compensation Fund;
  - c. a dedicated local government funding stream within any National Climate Compensation Fund, aligned with the risks identified in the 2025 National Climate Risk Assessment; and
  - d. a Parliamentary Inquiry into the adequacy of the 2025 National Adaptation Plan, particularly the lack of additional funding for local government.
3. That Council support the City of Sydney motion “National Climate Adaptation Funding and Accountability for Australian Cities” for consideration at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in June 2026 as a national advocacy priority, insofar as it aligns with Council’s advocacy for sustainable and reliable funding for local government.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Cr C Turner.

## Insurers call for flood defence funding boost for frontline councils

Local governments need urgent funding to build flood defences against worsening extreme weather, the Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) has told a federal parliamentary inquiry.

The inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability examines the financial sustainability of councils and is an opportunity for the Committee to make a real impact on community resilience and improve insurance affordability in some of the highest risk areas.

The ICA’s submission warns that extreme weather is placing growing fiscal strain on local economies, with councils increasingly unable to meet the demands of disaster preparedness and recovery. Addressing this will require significant Federal Government investment.

The ICA’s submission sets out four priorities to safeguard those most vulnerable to extreme flood risk:

**Cut infrastructure barriers:**

The Federal Government must work with states and councils to cut red tape and fast-track investment in flood infrastructure. More than 60 flood mitigation projects across 17 high-risk catchments in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria have been identified by the ICA, held up by slow approvals, funding gaps, and limited council capacity.

**Extend the Disaster Ready Fund:** Make it a 10-year rolling, indexed program focussed on hard infrastructure that measurably reduces risk rather than smaller initiatives that don’t move the dial on affordability and protection.

**Reform Disaster Recovery Funding**

**Arrangements:** Strengthen coordination between government and insurers to speed up recovery funding and deliver consistent clean-up and debris removal after major disasters.

**Establish a Flood Defence Fund:** A 10-year, \$30.15 billion Fund, cost-shared between the Federal Government and the governments of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, targeting 24 priority east-coast catchments. With approximately 1.2 million properties at flood-risk, councils would be key delivery partners.

Effective flood defences drive down the flood portion of insurance premiums, easing cost pressures for households in high-risk communities.

The ICA will appear before the Committee on Friday 1 May.

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## Sustainability, Disaster Recovery and Community Connection

A recent article in the journal [Sustainable Futures](#) states that “Sustainability has become a fundamental principle in contemporary post-disaster recovery frameworks”. The [Build Back Better](#) approach to natural disasters, championed by the United Nations, centres sustainability in recovery planning. In this model, which has been adopted by the [NSW government](#), community inclusiveness and social preparedness are seen as central to successful natural disaster recovery.

Strong relationships and community cohesion are often the strongest predictors of how well a community will recover after a disaster. In the article [Social Connection and Resilience](#), Dominic Hilbrink writes that “social preparedness involves fostering a sense of collective responsibility and building strong social networks that can support response and recovery efforts. ... By focusing on social preparedness, whole communities can enhance their resilience and ability to recover from disasters by leveraging the strengths of their social connections, support systems and collective resources.”

In the wake of the 2019/2020 bushfires, Eurobodalla locals Vonn Hutcheson and Bryan Smith developed the Eurobodalla Community Support Network (ECSN), providing a space for collaboration, connection and support between grassroots groups, service providers, government agencies, and community-minded individuals. ECSN gatherings are run using [Art of Hosting](#) principles to create inclusive spaces for dialogue, encourage openness and strengthen relationships.

ECSN meetings work like mycelium, with connections being woven across silos, sharing resources, and tending to the wider ecosystem. When people regularly gather and practice sharing time, space and power, their connection muscle strengthens – allowing for deeper conversations on complex issues. This supports our community during times of stability, and equally importantly, means that strong relationships are in place in times of disaster.

Topics that have been workshoped at recent meetings have been housing, transport, mental health and circular economy principles. To follow the work of the ECSN see our [facebook page](#), or email [eurobodalla.csn@gmail.com](mailto:eurobodalla.csn@gmail.com) to join our mailing list.

Steph Chui, ECSN Coordinator



### Upcoming Events:

[Connecting Wildlife Launch](#) Connecting Wildlife is a not-for-profit conservation organisation working with communities to raise funds to purchase land (such as Ned’s Forest) to permanently protect ecologically important areas that provide connectivity across the landscape. Saturday, May 9, 1:30-3:30pm Eurobodalla regional Botanic Gardens

[Circularity for Business Breakfast](#) Join local businesses for a high-impact morning exploring practical circular economy strategies tailored for small to medium enterprises across our region. Monday May 11 8:00-10:00am

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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# Princes Highway, Moruya Safety and efficiency upgrades

Work is resuming on safety and efficiency upgrades on the Princes Highway between Shelley Road and Malabar Drive, Moruya. Work started in September 2025 to deliver \$2.5 million of upgrades on this section of the highway, as part of the Princes Highway corridor safety and efficiency upgrades program.

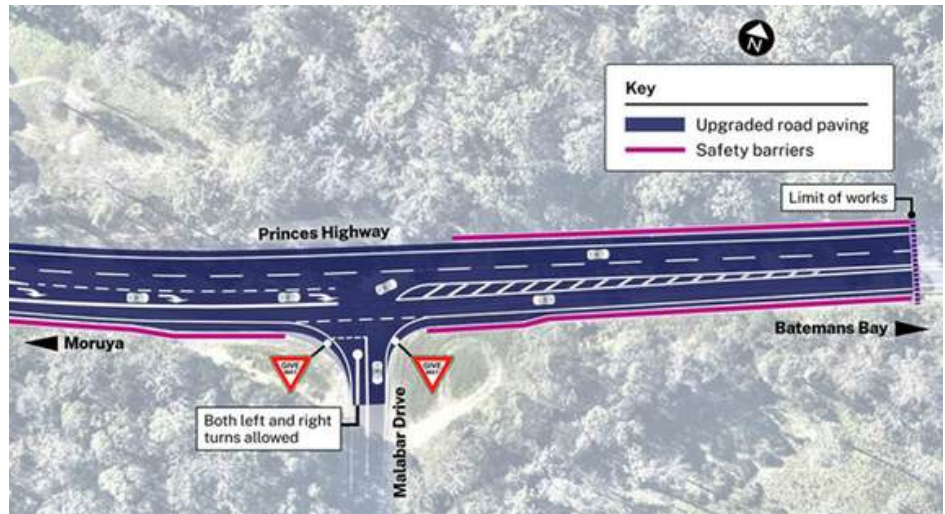
The first phase of work was completed in mid-October 2025 and included widening of the southbound section of the highway, between Malabar Drive and Shelley Road.

**Work to complete the project will start Monday 4 May and will include:**

- finishing the road widening on the southbound and northbound sections of the highway
- restoring the road surface between Shelley Road and Malabar Drive
- installing new line marking across the project, including extending the northbound overtaking lane and improving the Malabar Drive intersection as planned
- installing roadside safety barriers and signage.

Work is expected to take around two months to complete, weather permitting.

The upgrades will increase safety, efficiency and traffic flow, providing road users with a smoother, safer journey along the Princes Highway.



**Overtaking lane extension**

Extending the overtaking lane will help improve traffic flow by increasing capacity on this section of the highway. It will also provide a safe option for motorists to pass slower vehicles, such as heavy vehicles and vehicles towing caravans.

**Shoulder widening**

Road shoulders serve multiple purposes, including providing a space for vehicles to recover or avoid hazards and providing a safe area for broken-down vehicles to stop. They also provide additional space on approach to intersections to allow left-turning vehicles to safely exit the highway.

**Roadside flexible safety barriers**

Flexible steel rail barriers along the roadside help redirect vehicles back into their lane, preventing crashes with roadside hazards. They are designed to absorb impact forces, lowering the risk of serious injury or death in the event of a crash.

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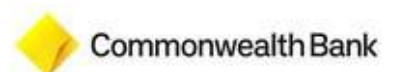
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# Welcome upgrades to Batemans Bay Pontoon



Kristy Dale from the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club with the disability hoist.



Mayor Hatcher and Dr Holland MP with members of the Batemans Bay Chamber of Commerce.



VP of Batemans Bay Business Chamber, Charles Stuart.

The NSW Government is boosting tourism and improving access to Batemans Bay's waterfront with the completion of upgrades to the town's wharf pontoon.

The works mean commercial-sized seaplanes can now service Batemans Bay, following the installation of a modular pontoon extension designed to accommodate larger aircraft.

Delivered as part of a joint funding initiative, including a \$32,000 Local Small Commitments Allocation grant to the Batemans Bay Chamber of Commerce, the project includes new mooring and fender systems to support safe docking, along with a mobility hoist to assist passengers with limited mobility.

These upgrades are expected to increase visitation from Sydney and Canberra, making it easier to access the region and supporting local businesses through increased tourism and spending.

The Batemans Bay Business & Tourism Chamber began advocating for a pontoon wharf that would accommodate seaplanes in 2017.

Unfortunately, access to planning of the design of the wharf was kept restricted and the Chamber was not aware of the seaplane limitations of the pontoon wharf until construction was completed.

The finished wharf was not suitable for any seaplane other than the smallest model that operates on the NSW south coast and the Chamber advocated in 2023 for modifications to the pontoon wharf to take commuter sized seaplanes.

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said "Allowing larger seaplanes to dock at our beautiful waterfront will attract more visitors, with real flow-on benefits for local hospitality, retail and tourism operators.

"With these upgrades, visitors can now make a short 45-minute flight on up to 15-seater planes to experience this incredible part of NSW.

In addition, the Chamber pushed for a disability hoist to be installed so that less mobile locals and visitors could enjoy the excellent boating opportunities in Batemans Bay. The hoist was seen to complement the Chamber's plans to create an inclusive tourism precinct at Corrigans Reserve at Batehaven. In this regard negotiations are on-going with the local council and the NSW Government following an 800-signature supportive petition which has been submitted to the NSW Government courtesy of Dr Michael Holland MP.

A joint grant from Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and Catalina Golf Club has funded the disability hoist. The improvements also enhance accessibility, ensuring more people in the community can enjoy Batemans Bay's waterways.

Dr Holland said "I'm also pleased to see the installation of a mobility hoist. Improving access to our waterways is a priority, and this ensures more people in our community can enjoy what Batemans Bay has to offer.

"I thank the local Chamber, Council and community for their strong advocacy in getting this project delivered." Vice President, Batemans Bay Business Chamber, Charles Stuart said "The Chamber appreciates the ongoing support from Transport for NSW, Dr Michael Holland, the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and Catalina Golf Club in delivering this project. These upgrades will enable commercial seaplane services, and discussions are already underway to establish a route between Batemans Bay and Sydney.

"The disability hoist is a significant addition, giving more people the opportunity to enjoy the water and strengthening inclusive infrastructure in the region."

The Chamber has been in discussions with Sydney Seaplanes' former owner, Aaron Shaw who had plans to establish a commuter service from the Bay to Rose Bay and Canberra, however, Aaron has since sold the business but he has provided a quote from the new owner as follows:

"Sydney Seaplanes very much welcomes the installation of a new seaplane dock at Batemans Bay. Infrastructure like this demonstrates the state's commitment to tourism and transport links from regional New South Wales to Sydney. Our seaplanes can deliver high value tourists to and from Sydney Harbour in 50 minutes, offering both a beautiful scenic flight and a journey time far faster than any other option".

Discussions between the Chamber and the new owners of Sydney Seaplanes will continue for the establishment of a new aerial service to Sydney.

Executive Director, NSW Maritime, Mark Hutchings said "The Batemans Bay pontoon is an important maritime asset, and these upgrades strengthen its role in supporting both the local economy and community access. This is a practical improvement that delivers better connectivity and accessibility for Batemans Bay."

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## Community forums to explore solutions for people experiencing mental illness and homelessness in southern NSW

The NSW Government is bringing together health and housing experts at two community forums to develop practical solutions for people experiencing mental health, housing, and homelessness challenges in Southern NSW. The Southern NSW Mental Health, Housing, and Homelessness Forums, which are a collaborative initiative between Southern NSW Local Health District and Mission Australia, are being held in Bega on 14<sup>th</sup> May and Goulburn on 28 May 2026. The NSW Government provided \$40,000 funding to hold these two forums in Southern NSW, which is part of a \$200,000 investment to deliver these Mental Health, Housing, and Homelessness Forums across NSW.

The forums aim to build greater understanding of the connection between housing, homelessness and mental health and will strengthen partnerships between the agencies and non-government organisations as part of the Housing and Mental Health Agreement 2022.

Southern NSW has a Housing and Mental Health Agreement Implementation Plan and a steering committee to support decision making on local service delivery issues, facilitate joint service and workforce planning, and improve cross agency coordination to enhance service access and outcomes.

The forums build upon the NSW Government's investment of \$826,000 for five new, dedicated Mental Health and Housing Liaison Officer positions as part of the 2024-25 Budget. Since being appointed as Southern NSW Local Health District's Mental Health and Housing Liaison Officer, Donna Campbell has been working on collaborative activities across SNSWLHD to strengthen partnerships across the region.

Donna's expertise as a mental health clinician is supporting Homes NSW, NGOs, and other care partners to understand mental health consumers with complex needs and assisting in securing and sustaining tenancies and mental health care for consumers.

For more information on mental health services available in Southern NSW Local Health District visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/snswlhd/our-services/mental-health-services>

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# The 19th Narooma Oyster Festival set to Rock Oysters!



The Narooma Oyster Festival returns to Wagonga Inlet this weekend, bringing with it a tide of extraordinary South Coast Rock Oysters, seafood, produce, chefs and entertainment.

Rock Oysters are at the heart of the program, with nine estuaries and 10 growers showcasing their harvest in Oyster Farmers Alley, the Betta Cooking Demonstrations, masterclasses, collaborations and series of elevated culinary experiences from May 1 to 3.

“The oysters are in wonderful condition and festival goers will be able to meet the growers and taste the merroir of each estuary in Oyster Farmers Alley,” said Renee Pearce, General Manager of Narooma Rocks. “It’s a rare opportunity to experience that in one place, there’s really nowhere else in Australia like it.”

“We’re thrilled to be showcasing Rock Oysters and growers from Wagonga Inlet, along with Wonboyn, Pambula, Merimbula, Wallaga and Wapengo Lakes, Nelson Lagoon, and the Clyde River,” Renee said.

The festival’s music line-up is headlined by Sarah McLeod of The Superjesus, supported by Sunday Lemonade, Spindrift Saga, Waikama, Howling Mitch Trio and more regional stars and performers.

“The weather across the weekend is looking sensational, and Friday Night’s Warm-up is set to be a great night of live music, food and fireworks around the oyster and liquor bars,” said Renee.

“Saturday’s program has been extended to 6pm, in a full day of flavours and entertainment along the foreshore. Contenders are ready and raring to go for the Australian Oyster Shucking Championships Australia’s Biggest Oyster - two of our most anticipated events.”

More than 25 brewers, vintners and distillers are pouring across the weekend, with more than 40 producers and vendors to fire up the grills and showcase the region’s bounty. The Betta Cooking Demonstration Program will guide foodies through 10 oyster and seafood recipes by five local and visiting chefs including Courtney Roulston (Farm to Fork), Jeff Razon of The Oyster Cove Cocktail Bar and Matteo Ponti of Mimosa Wines at Murrah.

“The chefs are excited to bring their own touch to South Coast oysters and produce, and there are wonderful collaborations to discover too - from oyster stouts, oyster shell gins and an Oyster Red Ale, to oyster po’ boys, lobster rolls and international flavours,” Renee said.

Children aged 17 and under enter free with a ticketed adult, and festival coaches from Merimbula, Bermagui and Batemans Bay make getting there easy.

“With oysters in peak condition and so much happening across the weekend, it’s shaping up to be a really special festival,” Renee said.

Tickets are available at [naroomaoysterfestival.com](http://naroomaoysterfestival.com)

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**The Hon. T. D. Mutch, Minister for Education**, has considered presentations from Messrs. Dorman, Long and Company, who desire the establishment of a Public School in connection with the new quarries recently opened by them at Granitetown, via Moruya. He has decided that a building to accommodate 50 pupils will be erected with as little delay as possible on a site made available for that purpose.

**At a gathering of Returned Soldiers** held after the Memorial Service on Anzac Night, it was decided to form a club called "Moruya and District Returned Soldiers Social Club" the object of which being to foster good fellowship and comradeship existing between all armed services during the Great War. Capt. Lizieri was elected President, Mr. H. H. Kennedy Secretary, and Mr. C. Love Treasurer. It is intended to hold social evenings when the many returned soldiers of the district can meet one another and discuss their many and varied experiences while on active service, and also to hold an Annual Dinner.

**The first auction sale of cattle for a long time** was conducted by H. J. Thomson on Saturday, when he disposed of a large number of Mr. J. Buckley's dairy herd at satisfactory prices. Over 100 head were yarded, and cows brought to £6 10s, and young stock from £2 10s to £3.

**It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. James W. McIntosh**, of Kiora, at the age of 50 years. The late Mr. McIntosh had been in indifferent health for some time, and, as more serious complications intervened, he resolved to go to Sydney. Being admitted to Lewisham Hospital, he received the best of medical treatment, but without avail, and the poor fellow passed away on Wednesday afternoon, the cause of death being internal trouble. Deceased was engaged in share farming on the Hawdon Estate, Kiora. He leaves a widow (a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Taylor, Kiora) and family of five, the oldest being 15 years and the youngest nine months. He is also survived by three brothers, John, (Moruya), David (Mantle Hill), and Charles, and five sisters, Mesdames H. Lavis, sen., J. Colefax (Gundry), J. Turner (Mynora), J. Green (Mantle Hill), and Ransby (Narara). The body was brought from Sydney on Thursday and placed in St. John's Church, Moruya, from whence the funeral left on Friday for interment in the local cemetery.

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## Wagonga LALC settles land claim and works with local community to lease land cost-free to Narooma Golf Club

28 April, 2026

The **NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC)** and the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council (Wagonga LALC) announce Wagonga LALC's recent Land Claim win, which covers a portion of the Narooma Golf Course.

The land claim parcel covers the back half of the 13th hole at the Narooma Golf Course.

NSWALC and Wagonga LALC welcome the decision made on Friday, 10 April, with the Land and Environment Court determining that the parcel of land should be returned to Community ownership.

This settlement is a win for Wagonga LALC, and it does not in any way impact the current and future operations of the Narooma Golf Club. It represents a lease transfer from the NSW Government to Wagonga LALC, with Narooma Golf Club already paying rent for this parcel of land.

NSWALC and Wagonga LALC have been working closely alongside the Narooma Golf Club and acknowledge that inaccurate information has circulated within the local community. All parties involved want to recognise the importance of providing clear, factual information in relation to this Land Claim, to ensure the locals are accurately informed.

NSWALC Chair, Dr Raymond Kelly, said this parcel of land will not be impacted, and the Golf Course will remain untouched both now and into the future.

"Let us be clear – there will be absolutely no impact to the Narooma Golf Course whatsoever," said Chair Kelly.

"This is a community asset, and like all community assets across NSW, NSWALC and Local Aboriginal Land Councils want Land Claims to benefit Communities, not divide us."

"We know Kamper and his office have been spreading misinformation regarding LALCs wanting to take away valuable community assets, and this is a pure example of that not being the case."

In a show of good faith and to acknowledge the transition period of leaseholders, Narooma Golf Club will receive a 12-month free lease on the parcel, with NSWALC covering that cost to Wagonga LALC.

Wagonga LALC Acting CEO Julie-Ann Mason said that the Narooma Golf Course is a flourishing community offering.

"The Narooma Golf Club is a beautiful piece of our local community, and many members of the Wagonga LALC use this golf club daily," said Ms Mason.

"We work closely with the Narooma Golf Club, and we have a great relationship with them; therefore, we have agreed they will not be paying rent for the LALC's portion of the golf course for the next 12 months."

NSWALC and Wagonga LALC look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Narooma Golf Club for the benefit of the Narooma community.



### Saffron Helps Calm Mind and Enhance Mood

When most people think of saffron, they picture a luxurious golden spice used in Middle Eastern, Mediterranean, and Asian dishes. It is famous for its colour and flavour yet its uses reach well beyond cooking.

For centuries, saffron has been valued in traditional healing systems across ancient Greece, the Middle East, and Traditional Chinese Medicine. It was used for everything from low mood and anxiety to digestion, sleep, and even colds<sup>(1)</sup>. Even Hippocrates reportedly turned to saffron for its medicinal properties.

These days, saffron has picked up the nickname "sunshine spice" and not just because of its warm golden hue. Researchers are increasingly interested in how it may support mood and emotional wellbeing.

With increasing awareness of the side effects linked to some antidepressant medications, researchers have been exploring natural alternatives. Saffron has become one of the more fascinating options.

Several studies have explored saffron's effects on mild to moderate depression. A meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials found that saffron significantly reduced depressive symptoms compared to a placebo<sup>(2)</sup>. Even more interesting, in some studies it performed similarly to standard antidepressant medications when it came to improving mood<sup>(3)</sup>.

There's also emerging research around anxiety. While much of this is still based on animal studies, the results are promising. Saffron appears to have calming, anti-anxiety effects and may interact with the brain's serotonin system, the same pathway targeted by many conventional medications<sup>(4)</sup>.

And the research doesn't stop there. Early studies suggest saffron could even have a role in conditions like obsessive-compulsive disorder, although we definitely need more human trials before drawing firm conclusions<sup>(5)</sup>.

Of course, while it's exciting to explore natural options, it's important to keep the bigger picture in mind. Mental health challenges are incredibly common and can affect anyone.

Here in Australia, organisations like Beyond Blue estimate that nearly half of us will experience a mental health condition at some point in our lives. In any given year, around one million Australian adults experience depression, and around two million experience anxiety<sup>(6)</sup>.

While saffron shows promise, it is not a replacement for medical treatment. If you're currently taking antidepressants or managing a mental health condition, it's essential to speak with your healthcare provider before making any changes.

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# Fungi Festival: Join The Great Aussie Fungi Hunt in Eurobodalla



Michael Priest



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Fungi Festival invites the community to step into the fascinating world of fungi this winter, with leading fungi expert Dr Michael Priest visiting the South Coast as part of the Science Program.

Mycologist Michael Priest, President Fungimap, will encourage participation in The Great Aussie Fungi Hunt — a national citizen science project encouraging people to record and learn about Australia’s diverse fungi species.

He will appear at several local events across Eurobodalla and the Sapphire Coast, including a special evening presentation at Narooma Kinema on Friday 12 June, followed by talks at Tura Beach Garden Centre on Saturday morning 13 June, and Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden on Sunday morning 14 June.

These sessions will introduce Fungimap’s work and provide practical guidance on identifying and understanding local fungi, as well as highlighting the important role fungi play in healthy ecosystems.

For those keen to explore further, Michael will also lead two small-group guided fungi forays (limited to 15 participants per walk). The first will be held on Saturday afternoon, 13 June at Kangarutha Farm Kalaru, followed by a second foray on Sunday afternoon 14 June at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden. These guided walks offer a rare opportunity to learn directly from one of Australia’s leading fungi experts while exploring the region’s rich fungal diversity.

Whether you are a gardener, bushwalker, photographer or simply curious about nature, these events provide a hands-on introduction to fungi and an opportunity to contribute to real scientific research.

Bookings are essential. To view all Michael Priest’s events and the full Fungi Festival Science Program, visit [Science | Fungi Feastival](#)

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## A Beer with Bazza # 234

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Bazza gave various nods of recognition and the odd “g’day” as he strolled to the bar table and took up position. He checked the time on his trusty wind-up watch and fixed his gaze on his mates’ full schooners.

Mick cleared his throat.

“Well, Bazza ... you were not here last week and did not even leave an apology with the bar staff. We just assumed you had better things to do and we were not going to waste our scarce diesel dollars on a full schooner. Anyhow, it was good you were away. No Trump, no politics, no woke stuff, no political correctness and no high moral ground. It was wall-to-wall footy and an interesting chat about Young Simon’s new Ram Ute. I bet you did not know it has a 5.7L V8 HEMI eTorque Hurricane engine. It also provides high-end comfort with features like 12-inch touchscreens and active noise cancellation. Now ... I would not be across any of that if you had turned up last week.”

Various “hear hears” as Bella, the publican, landed a schooner in front of Bazza.

“On the house, Bazza. I missed you. Where have you been?”

Envious eyes followed Bazza as he theatrically raised his glass and prolonged the sip.

“Ahh, the premium stuff, Bella. Well ... I have been to Melbourne to catch up with family. I decided to go by train. Now ... I really should not be sharing the secret ... it is a pleasant two-and-a-half-hour drive to Yass Junction for the 11.15 am train. There is safe parking aplenty at the station. There is no internet and phone reception is only available at the various stations along the way but I reckon that is a good thing. I read a book or looked out the window at this broad land we call Australia. The train pulled into the middle of Melbourne a little after 6.00 pm and I felt quite refreshed. Driving would have left me quite tired. Flying from Canberra is certainly an option but it is a minimum two-hour drive from here, the hassle and expense of parking, the need to be there at least an hour beforehand and weight restrictions on luggage. The flight is about an hour and the trip into town can be over half an hour depending on traffic. Do the maths. It is a bit of a no-brainer if you have time on your hands ... which us young blokes have plenty of.”

Bazza smiled and paused for a sip.

“On the train there is a buffet car so you can order a hot meal and even have a beer or a wine. The conductor even yelled out ‘All aboard’ at one station. The only thing missing was getting a little green ticket clipped as in the old days. Oh and by the way ... the Seniors Card is a healthy discount which does explain the shared vintage of the passengers.” Mick rubbed his chin.

“You sound like a walking, talking billboard for State Rail, Bazza ... but at least your chat has expanded beyond the usual lefty stuff.”

Bazza leaned in and raised an eyebrow.

“But!”

Jaws dropped, hands hit foreheads and eyes cast to the floor, as Bazza clicked his tongue.

“I do advise taking noise-cancelling headphones. A woman from Leeton got on at Juneee and was heading to Melbourne for a flight to Perth and an extended stay. Within minutes she was bending my ear about out-of-control immigration. Like all of us, she is most likely on her eventual way to an aged care facility and I suggested she go and have a look at the make-up of the staff. That did not really register. She proudly informed me she would be voting One Nation at the upcoming Farrer by-election.” Mick shook his head.

“Here we go ... I am sure you set her straight, Bazza.”

Bazza half-smiled.

“After she asked me about voting arrangements whilst in Perth, I told her to head to Broome, as it would be the only polling booth in W.A.”

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## Let's do coffee with ... Ben Macpherson OAM

He has only just moved to Narooma, but the Eurobodalla Shire has been quick to claim him as one of its own. Ben Macpherson OAM (BM) is the new conductor for the Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra, and the Moruya Mail (MM) had a coffee with him last week.

MM: Welcome to the Eurobodalla Shire. Collie in Western Australia is 3,801 kilometres away on the other side of Australia ... so take us back, Ben.

BM: (Smiles ... ) Yes ... I was born there, and the smell of coal and steam trains was an ever-present childhood memory. My father was a General Practitioner (GP), and my mother was a stay-at-home mum, as per the times. I have a brother and two sisters.

When I was five years old, we moved to Perth, and I attended Jolimont Primary School. Back then, Perth had a population significantly less than modern-day Canberra, so I have fond memories of actually walking through the bush to attend school.

Perhaps my first brush with musical performance was an enjoyment of singing, to the point where the teacher would invite me to sing to the class, and I would happily belt out a rendition of Bing Crosby's 'Sailor Beware'.

I then went to Hollywood High School. I enjoyed maths and did some occasional singing with a church folk group.

I completed the Leaving Certificate and went on to study Economics at the University of Western Australia (UWA) in the 1970s.

My elder sister recruited me for the Perth University Choral Society (PUCS). At about 18 or 19 years of age, I seem to have just fallen into conducting for gigs at weddings and the like. I would watch conductors from within the choir and would learn through observation.

By the end of my university years, I was in five different singing ensembles as a conductor or bass singer. We formed a barbershop quartet and called ourselves 'The Bartenders'. We were quite successful in Perth in the mid-seventies and were the support act for Kamahl and Harry Secombe.

On one memorable occasion, we were the support act for Gladys Knight and the Pips. Her performance required a brass section who, to our misfortune, did not arrive until very late. It meant our support act was continually extended, which the 5000 strong audience clearly venting their frustration, delivering a good half hour of abuse and booing before the main act came on at 10:00 pm. It was certainly character building!

I joined Westpac as a trainee, which brought me to Sydney and initiated a parallel career in music.

I was the musical director of the Sydney University Musical Society (SUMS) for 23 years, from 1983.

MM: Let's assume I want to be a conductor. It seems pretty straightforward. I just need to purchase a baton and wave it about. Is there anything else to it?

BM: (Laughs ... ) I wish it was that simple. Firstly, you need to prepare and study the score and anticipate where difficulties might lie. With my time at SUMS, we would have up to 200 singers. There is a need to 'learn' the orchestra or choir and get a feel for how they respond. The conductor must clearly establish the tempo of the music. Balance, style, and tone are determined by the conductor. There must be a clear articulation of how the notes are attacked and, of course, the correct pronunciation of language with the singers. The emotional and spiritual content of the music also needs to be drawn out. Obviously, all this detail is covered in rehearsals so that what the audience sees in concert is really just the icing on the cake.

I guess, in short, the conductor needs to know what they want and how to get it as efficiently as possible. Remember you're often conducting highly trained people who don't want their time wasted while you figure out what you're doing..!

MM: (Smiles ...) Ok, point taken. You were awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the community in the field of music in 2002 and made an Honorary Fellow of the University of Sydney in 2009. There must have been some memorable career highlights along the way.

BM: I was the conductor-in-residence of the Sydney University Orchestra and conducted most of Sydney's major youth orchestras, including the Sydney Youth Orchestra, the SBS Youth Orchestra, and orchestras from the Sydney Conservatorium. A highlight was conducting a performance of Berlioz's monumental "Te Deum" with 500 performers in the Sydney Town Hall.

In 1988, it was a privilege to prepare the choir for Isao Tomita, the famous Japanese composer, for a performance of "Sound Cloud in Sydney" on a barge in Sydney Harbour as part of Japan's gift to Australia for the Bicentenary.

I had a long association with Intersvarsity Choral Festivals (IVCF), conducting and chorus mastering at eleven festivals from 1984. One highlight was preparing the 46th IVCF choir for the ABC's performance of Carl Orff's 'Carmina Burana' in 1995, under Sir Charles Mackerras. The recording of this performance was used for promotion of the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

I also conducted and chorus-mastered the Sydney Philharmonia Choirs on many occasions. Another highlight was the preparation of massed choirs for 'Sydney Sings Messiah' performances and chorus mastering Mahler's Eighth Symphony for the SSO in 1993.

I have also conducted and sung with the Sydney Chamber Choir, as well as the Australian Opera Chorus, The Song Company, and Cantillation. I adjudicated many choral competitions, including the ABC Choir of the Year Competition.



Getting back to my 'other' career, I left Westpac Bank in 1997 and established a vineyard in Orange.

I married in 1999, and we have two children: a son who plays the trombone professionally and a daughter who promotes Aussie pop and rock groups, so music has stayed firmly in the family. My passion for conducting followed me to Orange, and I became Director of the Orange Youth Orchestra, the Orange Regional Conservatorium Symphonic Choir, and the Lachlan Region Orchestra. I have also conducted the Orange Symphony Orchestra and the Orange High School Choir.

MM: That is a very stunning résumé, Ben. How did we manage to kidnap you for the Chamber Orchestra?

BM: (Laughs ... ) My wife's family is from Narooma, and we moved here a couple of years ago. An old musical and golfing friend suggested me to the Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra who were in need of a conductor.

There are about 20 musicians, and we rehearse every fortnight. We are working on a range of short pieces.

The next public performance of the Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra is 'Winterlude', to be held on 21st June, in St Peters School Hall, Broulee. Tickets at the door ... Adults \$15 and students free.

The next rehearsal is on 2nd May in the CWA hall, Moruya at 2pm. MM: It has been a most interesting chat, Ben. I am sure you will be a great addition to the creative quilt called the Eurobodalla Shire. Thank you.

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

## Fiona Phillips invites young people to 'bring their voice to the table'

Young people across the region are invited to put their ideas into a speech to be read out in Parliament by Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips.

Anyone aged under 25 can enter the 2026 'Raise Our Voice in Parliament' competition, including school and uni students, apprentices, young workers, sportspeople, job seekers and community volunteers.

Mrs Phillips has read out speeches written by young people for the past two years and is looking forward to receiving this year's entries.

"This is a great initiative and a fantastic way for young people to have their voices heard on the national stage," she said.

"I really encourage young people from all backgrounds and all sectors of our community to put their passions, ideas and concerns on paper.

"It's a really great way for young people interested in improving their communities and to shine a spotlight on things that are important to them." More than 500 young people have had their speeches read out in Federal Parliament and yours could be next. Mrs Phillips said speeches should aim to be around 200 words and address the question: "What is one big issue shaping your future, and what is a meaningful action you want Parliament to take on it?"

"I am excited to see what young people see as the big issues their community, our region and our country," she said.

"And I look forward to amplifying their ideas and their passions in parliament." Speech submissions are open until 7 August 2026 and the winning Gilmore entry will be read out in October.

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# Exit Smiling takes out Battle of the Bands

Currents 2026 saw four finalists Subversion (St Peter's Anglican College), The Long Drive (Moruya High), Midnight Snack Attack (Carroll College) and Exit Smiling (St Peter's) compete for the trophy. Special guest performers included superstar drummer Noah, local DJ legends Swell Records and grunge trip Last Minute from Bega.

Over 300 young people attended the finale concert along with parents, music teachers and supporters, as well as headspace with a glitter bar and chill out space, and Red Frogs volunteers with water and lollies. Free pizza was cooked up by Black Olive Pizza.

Members of Council's Youth Committee designed and executed the event, with volunteers creating the poster, promoting, hosting, taking tickets, managing backstage and getting social media content.

Exit Smiling won the competition this year, with excellent musical skill, crowd engagement and flair that was a cut above the rest. Runners up were Midnight Snack Attack, with an original sound and great technical quality. Now in its 23rd year, this event is the only one of its kind to provide a safe and fun live music experience for young people under 18 in Eurobodalla, all completely free for attendees. The event is proudly delivered by Eurobodalla Council with support from NSW Government.

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Exit Smiling



Special Guest Noah



Subversion, St Peters



Swell Records djs



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## BOOK LAUNCH : Once We Were Wildlife by Inga Simpson

Once we were Wildlife, the latest release from nationally acclaimed, local author Inga Simpson celebrated its launch hosted by Mogendoura Farm last Friday evening. An evening of in-depth conversation, led by Duncan Laughlin started with celebratory drinks, nibbles, sunset and fire pit. Toscha from Moruya Books was there on hand for any of those who had not yet picked up a copy, for Inga to sign. As Cass Moriarty said Inga, Indisputably one of the top wildlife and environmental writers in Australia, Inga Simpson (also an accomplished photographer) captures Country, land, climate issues, species extinction, habitat and the sheer wonder of individual animals, birds, fish, insects, plants, fungi and all the elements of the natural world with a focussed, pitch-perfect writing lens entangled with stories of humans and their relationship with the earth, always encouraging thoughtful and challenging questions and debate about the world and our place in it. Her collection of short stories ONCE WE WERE WILDLIFE (Hachette Books 2026) is a sublime example of her stunning literary prose, her keen eye for detail and her extraordinary descriptive ability.

The stories are varied, including a verse poem, some with human protagonists and some with wild creatures at the centre, a few with a touch of magical realism, poignancy or whimsy. As always with a collection of writing, some stories will resonate more strongly with some people than others. My favourites are BLUE CRANE (with its unexpected ending), POACHED (with its incredibly tense and devastating ending) and especially THE GREAT WALK (a poignant, haunting, tender and moving tale). But other readers will find their own favourites. Protagonists are young or old, wise or naïve, courageous or sly, furry or winged, predator or prey, alert or dispassionate, ambitious or content, restless or settled. The dialogue is authentic, expressive and meaningful, and the settings are atmospheric, evocative and haunting. A beautiful collection from one of our wisest, deliberate and most beguiling authors.



Author Inga Simpson with Duncan McLachlan at the book launch

## Beyond the Ordinary Kath Unsworth

# Bas

Opening: Saturday 2 May 2026 from 10.30am  
 Followed by an Artist's talk at 11am  
 Exhibition: Saturday 2 May - Saturday 30 May 2026  
 Where: The Bas, corner of Vulcan and Murray streets, Moruya NSW 2537



Kath Unsworth Harmony in Bloom, 2024, Pencil on paper 53 x 73cm (detail)

Beyond the Ordinary celebrates the birdlife of Kath Unsworth's south coast garden through realism and imagination. Intricate pen and ink drawings sit alongside whimsical coloured pencil scenes, celebrating both careful observation and our desire to connect with wildlife.

The exhibition offers a poetic reflection on our relationship with nature.



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## Book launch and author talk with Kim Ulrick

Thursday 30 April 2026 5:15pm - 6:30pm  
 Where: Moruya Library, via Murray Street, Moruya  
 Cost: free

Celebrate the south coast launch of local author Kim Ulrick's newest novel, **Bad People**, an exciting sequel to her gothic thriller **Bad Country**.

Bad People, the second novel from award-winning writer and Tuross Head author, Kim Ulrick, is attracting attention as a page-turning, gritty Australian crime thriller.

Kim's debut novel, **Bad Country**, explored the concept of psychogeography – the connection between people and place – and whether the land, like people, holds memories of horrific events that have occurred and can influence behaviours and actions of the people that call it home.

Bad People, the second instalment in the Bad crime series, examines whether some individuals are born bad and the extraordinary lengths they will go to for vengeance, power and money. It's a classic struggle between organised crime and law enforcement, which follows the protagonist and female main character, Laura Murray, as she forges a career as a canine handler with the New South Wales Police on a special taskforce investigating a spate of missing young women across the state.

Kim has many years of experience working with national law enforcement agencies. This will be a wonderful night to celebrate Kim's work, explore the world of crime and mystery fiction, and learn more about the writing and publication process. Signed copies of Kim's books will be available for purchase.

Library access:

Moruya Library closes at 5pm. Access to this event is via the Council carpark behind the library on Murray Street. There is a ramp from the car park to the entry.

Bookings

Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance.

• T: 4474 1333 E: [Moruya Library](mailto:Moruya Library) W: [Book online](http://Book online)

## North, South and In Between

What draws us to the far edges of the world — and how do those places change the way we see the landscapes closer to home? And why, in one of the most remote places on earth, would there be a Volkswagen sitting on the Antarctic ice plateau?

Marie Lund, Trevor Lund, George Cook and Catherine Ann come together through long-standing creative and personal connections to present a varied and juxtaposed collection of landscape works in their joint exhibition, North, South and In Between, at the Bay Pavilions in May 2026.

The presence of these works is shaped by the artists' direct experience of these environments. Marie and Trevor Lund have travelled extensively through the polar regions, including voyages through the North-West Passage, while George Cook's connection dates back to his time as an expeditioner with the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions, wintering at Mawson Station and Macquarie Island. These are places encountered first-hand, observed over time and brought back through careful and considered image-making. In contrast, Catherine Ann's works turn to more familiar landscapes, capturing water in changing atmospheres and offering a grounded counterpoint to the more extreme environments.

The collection spans mixed media paintings that blend observation with feeling, exploring how light shapes mood and memory, alongside photographic works created through process and precision. Cyanotypes, using one of photography's earliest techniques, sit alongside photographs captured in the Antarctic under conditions where each frame had to count, often taken without the opportunity for review. Both approaches connect to the history of photography, placing emphasis not only on the subject, but on the process behind the image.

North, South and In Between offers the chance to see the extremes of the natural world side by side — from the far northern hemisphere to the southernmost reaches of the Antarctic, and the landscapes in between. Together, the works present a small contrast of the world in which we live, revealing both its vast differences and its quiet connections.

**North, South and In Between can be viewed at the Bay Pavilions from 4 May to 31 May.**

## NORTH, SOUTH AND IN BETWEEN

From the polar regions to the spaces in between  
(photographs, cyanotypes and paintings)



Catherine Ann  
George Cook  
Marie Lund  
Trevor Lund

**4 MAY – 31 MAY 2026**

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## 2026 Diary Dates

- 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.

### Tuross Community Markets

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

### Can Assist Eurobodalla

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### 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: **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

When: Tuesday 12th May 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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

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

### 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](https://humanitix.com) 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.

### SAGE Food & Knowledge Share Dates

The next one is 31 May.

The group has gone to last Sunday of the month through November.

### 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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**Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary**

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



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## Animal Welfare League News

Just like his famous Hollywood namesake, Valentino has a touch of star quality about him. He's a perfect mix of affection, independence and playfulness. His good looks and confident personality ensure he stands out from the crowd. Five year old Valentino is a totally indoor cat who likes to have the run of the house. He loves playing with balls which he hides under the furniture, and he enjoys sitting at the window watching the world go by. Valentino's ideal home will be one where he is the only cat and can soak up all the affection. If you're looking for a handsome furry friend who knows what he wants, Valentino may be just right for you! Valentino's microchip number is 900164002035113 and AWL's Rehoming Organisation Number is R251000222.

To arrange a meeting with Valentino, call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWLNSW website.



Valentino

Fancy a coffee? Come along and have one with us! AWL Eurobodalla is welcoming volunteers for a range of roles, including foster caring. If you love animals, come along to the Farmer's Wife Cafe, 57 Vulcan Street Moruya, on Thursday 7 May, between 9 and 11am, and have morning tea and a chat. We'd love to tell you about how rewarding it is to help animals in need. We're looking forward to meeting you.

## 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

**Can't wait to meet you!!!**

## Rehoming organisations awarded grants to care for vulnerable cats and dogs

58 animal rehoming organisations will receive critical funding to care for vulnerable cats and dogs under the first phase of the NSW Government's \$6 million Companion Animal Welfare and Rehoming Grants program. The Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch received \$42,660.00 among a total of \$1.5 million awarded to 58 organisations in the first round of funding to help support rehoming organisations care for cats and dogs across the state.

The grant funding can be used in a number of ways including to purchase equipment, upgrade facilities for animal rehoming and welfare services, and cover veterinary treatments such as desexing and vaccination.

Rehoming and rescue organisations play an invaluable role in cat and dog welfare in NSW. Their work, largely carried out by volunteers, takes pressure off council pounds, reduces euthanasia rates, and gives vulnerable cats and dogs a second chance at life. The Companion Animal Welfare and Rehoming Grant program has been set up to deliver on the Government's election commitment to improve animal welfare.

The \$6 million program, administered by the NSW Office of Local Government, will allocate \$1.5 million each year to eligible organisations over a 4-year period. Funding is allocated through a competitive grant application process against eligibility and assessment criteria.

## COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER EXP 2026

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

### SAVE THE DATES

Have you ever wanted to **EXPLORE** everything our community has to offer?  
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## MARINE RESCUE NAROOMA

# 2026 ANNUAL GOLF DAY

Friday 22 May 2026 at the spectacular Narooma Golf Club  
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Three Person Ambrose Event  
 \$60 per person - includes all day BBQ from 8:00am.  
 Shotgun Start 9:00am  
 Three Divisions: Men, Women, and Medley.

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

## Eurobodalla Orchid Club

# Winter Orchid Show

Friday July 10th  
9am to 4pm

Saturday July 11th  
9am to 2pm

Free Entry

CWA Hall Moruya  
Queen Street  
Moruya  
Plants for sale.

## Pet Desexing Months

*Prevent Unwanted Litters - Desex your Pet*

**March - Cat/Kitten Desexing**

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

**April - Pet Desexing**

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

To have your pet desexed:

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



## Yoga pose of the week with Christina Carroll



### Head to knee pose - Janu sirshasana

This forward bend provides a great stretch to the shoulders, spine, hamstrings, neck, abdominal muscles and groins. It helps to calm the body and mind, soothing headache, anxiety and reduces fatigue. A pose with many benefits and is known to help relieve the symptoms of menopause and menstrual discomfort.

**To practice** - Begin sitting on the floor with the legs extended. Bend the right knee and place the sole of the foot on the inside of the left thigh. Square the torso over the extended left leg and rest the hands on the thigh. Lengthen the spine then fold forward from the hips. Extend as far as appropriate without rounding the spine. Allow the breath to be slow and deep. When ready to release return upright and practice to the other side.

## ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY AND DINNER

FRIDAY 1 MAY, 2026

Support our Volunteers

**Limited Numbers**

**GOLF** (registration from 10.00am)

Tee off, shotgun start at 11.00am.  
18 holes, 4 person ambrose: \$35.00 Club members, \$60.00 non-members.  
BBQ sausage sizzle lunch: \$4.00.  
Putting competition: \$2.00 per ball or \$5.00 for 3 balls.

**DINNER** (6.30pm)  
Chinese buffet dinner: \$40.00 per person.  
Huge auction and raffle (great prizes!)

Bookings and payment by 24 April 2026  
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## CLUB NAROOMA

### Autumn/Winter Fashion Parade

Featuring fashions from  
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Fundraiser for Quota - a service club that focuses on assisting the speech and hearing impaired, disadvantaged women and children, and our local community.  
Our Motto is: We share

Where? Club Narooma  
When? **Saturday 9th May**  
Time? 1.30pm to 4.30pm  
Cost? \$25 per person  
This covers entry, afternoon tea wine/soft drink

**Bookings essential: RSVP by 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Please SMS Angela on 0448266774 or call or call in the afternoon leaving your name and details.

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

Our next luncheon will be held on  
**SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026**  
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If you are thinking of coming along or have a question to ask about owning or driving an EV please contact Stuart Absalom at shabsalom47@gmail.com  
Scan the QR Code for more information on SHASA.

**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

## REPAIRERS WANTED!

OUR REPAIR CAFE

SHASA has been running a weekly Repair Cafe for 5 years. We have saved thousands of items from landfill and saved owners thousands of dollars. We have brought a number of family heirlooms back into operation.

WHAT WE DO

The Eurobodalla Repair Cafe operates in air-conditioned comfort every Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Red Door Hall, Anglican Parish, Page St., Moruya.

Repairers are provided with a variety of snacks and other refreshments.

There are four teams:  
• general (electrical, carpentry, etc.)  
• clothing  
• IT support  
• administrative and catering (welcome desk, and catering)

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

JOB SPEC

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

REPAIR CAFE

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

The Eurobodalla Repair Cafe is held at the  
**Red Door Hall**  
St John's Commons  
Page Street Moruya  
The doors will open on a Friday at 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Gather up what you need repairing and repurposing!

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Some of the Dapper Dressers in Narooma's Distinguished Gentleman's Ride in 2025. This year's ride is on Sunday 17 May.

# Narooma Distinguished Gentleman's Ride dresses dapper

Dressing dapper for the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride on Sunday 17 May is a world-wide DGR theme also embraced by men and women riders at Narooma's DGR.

'Dressing up to the nines is an added plus to a wonderful day bringing a timeless elegance to the event,' says the DGR's 2026 Ambassador Joseph Mancinelli.

The DGR focuses on Men's Mental Health and Men's Health Awareness, particularly prostate cancer, attracting over 100,000 participants each year and raising much needed funds for these causes.

'While the causes couldn't be more serious, the way the ride raises funds and creates awareness is by having fun in style,' said Narooma DGR organiser Françoise Cleret.

'Our riders can hold their own in the dapper stakes, but should anyone need further inspiration, here's a few suggestions by the DGR's global organisers.'

- \* Classic suit, patterned tie and pocket square.
- \* Be adventurous. Experiment with different textures, mix and match blazers, pants and waistcoat
- \* Neck scarf or ascot
- \* Open face helmet
- \* Classic cap, trilby, fedora, sun hat
- \* Classy footwear but make sure you can still work the clutch and brake!
- \* Add your favourite badges, broaches, and cufflinks.

All riders must register online before 17<sup>th</sup> May to take part.

[www.gentlemansride.com/rides/australia/narooma](http://www.gentlemansride.com/rides/australia/narooma). Donations can also be made online to support a rider.

Bikes assemble on NATA Oval behind the Hub (former Visitors' Centre) from 9am. The ride departs 11am and returns about 30 minutes later. Women are encouraged to participate in the ride, to frock up and have fun. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased on site.

All funds raised are invested by charity partner Movember in local and global prostate cancer research and men's mental health programmes. Narooma's DGR is organised by Narooma Rotary Club. Narooma inquiries, please phone Françoise Cleret 0402 967 494.



## NAROOMA DGR RIDE Sunday 17 May

Men and Women ride for Men's Health

REGISTRATION: [www.gentlemansride.com/rides/australia/narooma](http://www.gentlemansride.com/rides/australia/narooma)

Full details + map on registration. Assemble NATA Oval from 9am.

SPONSOR A RIDER OR PILLION — go to website and select

## Big Hooves, Big Hearts: Braidwood's Heavy Horses Are Back

Braidwood, NSW – the Braidwood & District Heavy Horse Show 2026 is back into town, and this year it's bringing more horsepower than ever. The Alma Cup with a cash prize of \$1000 courtesy of the Community Bank Braidwood is sure to be hotly contested.

Set against the picturesque backdrop of one of regional NSW's most historic towns, the 2026 show promises a full day of gentle giants, proud traditions, and the occasional moment where a 900-kilo horse decides it knows better than its handler.

Visitors can expect:

- Magnificent Clydesdales, Shires, Percherons and other heavy breeds strutting their stuff
- Harness and cart displays that prove slow and steady doesn't just win the race – it steals the show
- Skill at Arms- a military practice for mounted warriors using weapons such as the bow and arrow, spear, sword and lance.

• Riding with Sticks – demonstration of horseback archery.

- Plenty of family-friendly entertainment, local stalls, and opportunities to get up close to these incredible animals

Event organisers say the show is not just about admiring beautiful horses – it's about celebrating a living connection to the region's agricultural heritage.

"These horses helped shape communities like Braidwood," President Cai Thomas said. "They pulled ploughs, carts, and probably a few stubborn farmers along the way. Today, they remind us of where we've come from – and they do it with style."

And for those wondering - yes, there will be ribbons, yes, there will be proud owners polishing already immaculate harnesses, and yes, there's always at least one horse who refuses to cooperate at exactly the wrong moment. It's tradition.

Whether you're a lifelong horse enthusiast, a curious visitor, or just someone who appreciates animals with truly excellent hair, the Braidwood & District Heavy Horse Show is a must-see event.

So come along, bring the family, and experience a day where the pace is slower, the smiles are wider, and the horsepower is very, very real.

Event Details: Location: Braidwood Showground  
Date: 9 May 2026 Time: Gates open at 8.00am

## Puppy Play Date in the Park

**Big Head Dog Training** says "Puppy parents! Bring your fur-babies to Riverside Park this Saturday for a morning of supervised small-group play with professional trainer Chris Burke (me!) and the Big Head team.

- 9-10 AM: The Nursery (Confidence building)
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- 10-11AM: Junior Social (Learning manners)
- 16 weeks to 7 months | Max 15kg, eg. Spaniels, Staffies, Kelpies.
- 11AM-12PM: Big & Bouncy (Energy management)
- Up to 12 months old | Max 25kg, eg. Labs, GSDs, Retrievers.
- Puppies must be 7 days post-second (C5) vaccination.

Only staff inside the pen to maintain a neutral, safe space. Regular breaks to help young brains and bodies recharge.

No puppy plays with a dog more than double its size.

WHERE: Find our 30 square-metre pen under trees between Church St and Shore St, Riverside Park, Moruya.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/PvFwt9bwJ9CezZgBA>

COST: \$20 per puppy for 1 hour including breaks.

Bookings essential via <https://tinyurl.com/moruyapuppyclub>  
Spots limited so book now to save your place in the pack

## Volunteer for the first statewide Dolphin Census

Communities across NSW are invited to register as a volunteer and help protect dolphins by taking part in the first statewide Dolphin Census on Saturday 30 May.

The one-day census is a collaboration between Dolphin Research Australia and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to create a statewide snapshot of where dolphins are found and what habitat they use.

Volunteers who register will be trained as citizen scientists in the weeks before the NSW Dolphin Census Day, with the project supported by funding from the NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy.

On the day, volunteers will spend at least 15 minutes continuously watching for dolphins from their favourite vantage points along the NSW coast – from beaches and headlands to harbours, bays and river estuaries.

No experience is needed before undertaking the training. People can participate as individuals, with friends or in groups, bringing binoculars or a camera with a zoom lens.

Registered volunteers can choose to attend training in person, join a live webinar or complete a self-paced online course to help identify dolphin species, learn how to collect data and ensure safe observations.

The information collected will help fill key knowledge gaps about NSW's dolphins and support conservation efforts.

Dolphin Research Australia CEO Dr Liz Hawkins said "Most dolphin species rely heavily on coastal habitats, places where people love to work and play, and where our actions can impact them, which makes them highly vulnerable.

"At the moment, we simply don't know enough about many of our dolphin populations. By working together as coastal communities, people across the state can help improve our understanding and contribute to protecting dolphins and their habitats."

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Officer Andy Marshall added

"Every time we look more closely at our coastal dolphins, we uncover new insights – and often realise how much more there is to learn.

"In fact, many dolphins don't travel as far as people assume, with some female Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins spending their whole lives in the same local coastal area."

Register now to get trained and be ready for the statewide Dolphin Census on **Saturday 30 May**.  
Sign up online here [www.dolphinwatch.org.au](http://www.dolphinwatch.org.au)

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 24.4.26

### Moruya River.

The river has fished well this past week, with good numbers and sizes of both bream and flathead being taken. Ben Caddaye managed a cracking Moruya river blue nosed bream over the 40cm mark last weekend along with a nice sized flathead in his favourite spot. IYKYK! Pics below. The Preddy's wharf area has also been fishing very well, with baits of mullet fillet managing to account for some nice bream, flathead and Trevally. This is a hardy bait, it stays on the hook, and is great for kids for this reason. The town bridge has its usual population of bream, flathead and whiting that are all targetable on the sand flat in the middle of the river. Live nippers or squirt worm will be the gun bait if the whiting are on your list, where the bream and flathead will take most other offering as well. Up around the hospital, the holes in front are hold g bream, flathead and the odd trevally, and lightly weighted baits will work best here, given the snaggy nature of the boulders you are fishing around.

### Tuross River.

Flathead, bream, whiting and Luderick are all around in good numbers at the moment. While the warm currents hang around, make the most of them, as it will only be a few weeks before they start to retreat north, leaving cooler waters to take their place. For those that like to throw soft plastics, start making the move to smaller 2.5" prospecting patterns, that everything will eat. Bream, flathead in particular will really only start to look at smaller presentations as the water temp drops.

Now is as good a time as any to get into that mindset. The Tuross system is a vast network, with a lot of potential. Make the most of the warm temps we have at the current time, and get into some fish.

### Rock and beach.

Swells are sub 2m at the moment, but with the 10 second wave interval, the sets that are coming through are good and solid. The beaches are definitely recovering from the last east coast low fortnight, and the gutters will have moved around, the fish also will have moved. Look for the better gutters that concentrate food and such, fish activity. Baits of beach worms or pipes will tempt the bream and whiting, while pilchards on gang hooks will account for the salmon populations that are moving up and down the coast line.

### Offshore.

There are still good fish to be had offshore this weekend, with moderate wind's forecast, the sea state should be good to get out. Snapper, flathead, bonito and kingfish have all been taken. Given the water temps at the moment, a Mahi Mahi isn't off the cards on the FADs. Bait freezer was restocked this week, and the store has a few new items in it. Check out the new Shimano Hoodies that arrived yesterday and the new Venom V-Braid. The braid is thin for its breaking strain, and slickers than snail snot!! Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every days a good day for fishing..."

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

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**WHERE**  
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**REGISTER & MORE INFO**  
 RUN, JOG OR WALK, PRAM FRIENDLY (no dogs, bikes or scooters)  
 Get your entry here:  
<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/115871/moruya-town-to-surf-fun-run>

Early bird entries before 30 April: \$35 adults, U16 \$25  
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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Nick Brice with President Bruce Harding



Winners: Darrell Kildey, Scott Kildey, Indiana Kildey and Trevor Innes



Winners: Leonie Doolan and Judy Apps



Winners: Gail and Len Rogers & Club Champions: Chris Wratten and Rob McKirdy

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 23rd April 2026

A strong field of 39 players teed off today for a Stableford contest. On a beautiful Autumn morning, the course set the stage for some truly impressive scoring.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Nick Brice (9) with 40 points
- 2nd: Brad Reid (36) with 38 points (countback)
- 3rd: Michael Coloe (14) with 38 points
- 4th: Mark Haberkorn (13) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Martin Booth 1.97A Grade
- 4th: Rex Wood 4.50B Grade
- 4th: Terry Milliken 2.79C Grade
- 6th: Michael Coloe 1.92A Grade
- 6th: Ron Rogers 3.36B Grade
- 6th: Ricky Hayes 3.16C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 5.29 A Grade
- 7th: Paul Scholze 4.65B Grade

Balls went to: Troy Kingdom 37, Lynne McDonell 37, Teri Swanbury 36, Brad Doolan 35, Ruth Gschwend 33, Martin Booth 33, David Schmid 33, Ray Bollard 33, Wayne Lilley 33 and Anthony Mellick 32.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Sunday 26th April 2026

60 players registered for a 4 Person Ambrose Medley event. It was a beautiful Autumn day, the competition was fierce and some brilliant and close scores were achieved. A delicious BBQ lunch was provided following the game, thanks to all those involved. All proceeds from the event will go towards the purchase of a new pump for the course

The Winning Teams were:

- 1st: Darrell Kildey, Scott Kildey, Trevor Innes and Indiana Kildey with 50.75 nett
- 2nd: Ruth and Shane Gschwend and Jane and John Eglitis with 53.75 nett
- 3rd: Lynne and Robert McDonell and Wayne Lilley and Chris Rowe with 55 nett

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Chris Rowe 4.15
- 6th: Chris Rowe 2.19
- 7th: Indiana Kildey 7.60

Balls went to: William Steenbergen, Simon French, Peter Johnston and Matthew Kennedy 55.5, Sandra D'Onofrio, Lars Gaupset, Leonie Doolan and Brad Doolan 56.125, Jim Wade, Andrew Mizzi, Declan Cook and Kirsty Scott 58, Ian Miller, Bruce Harding, Shirley Quinlan and Chris Wratten 58.625 and Elsa Shearer, Cathy Milliken, Terry Milliken and Allan Langford 59.875

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 28th April 2026

A field of 20 ladies played in the Foursomes Championship Round 1 event today. The event was sponsored by Tuross Vets Golf. The weather was perfect and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winning Teams were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Leonie Doolan and Judy Apps with 72 nett
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marie Muriwai and Dorothy Madden with 72.5 nett
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jennifer Gray and Gail Rogers with 75 nett (countback)

Place Getters:

- Maree Coffey and Chris Wratten with 75 nett
- Cate O'Brien and Shirley Quinlan with 81.5 nett (countback)
- Nearest to the Pin: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sandra D'Onofrio Distance 0.33
- 15<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Bingham Distance 2.37

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 29th April 2026

A field of 31 players signed up for a 2 Person Irish Team Stableford event today. Also, the Club Championship results were announced which were run over the last 2 weeks. It was a beautiful Autumn morning and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Gail and Len Rogers with 32 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sandra Hanlon and Paul Green with 31 points (countback)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Peter McRae and Herb Muriwai with 31 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Graham Moore and Des Jackson 29 and Jeanette and Ian Miller 28.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Ian Miller
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)
- Mens: Peter McRae (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Accuracy: Jennifer Gray (5<sup>th</sup> hole)

Bradmans: Derek Hoare and Greg Heywood



# SAGE Farmers Market

## Tuesday 3pm Moruya



## Moruya Ladies Golf

Moruya lady golfers took to the fairways this week to play the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 4BBB Stablefords on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. On what was a very pleasant Autumn day and wonderful playing conditions the winners were Margaret Flynn and Nicola Gallon with a fantastic score of 48pts, followed by Lyn Gibbs and Barbara Roberts with 45pts. Balls went to Christine Britten, Phyllis Reid, Val Moore, Christine Quick, Joan Hosking, Arthean McBride, Angie McMillan and Cindy Becker.

Margaret Flynn & Nicola Gallon

## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls

## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



Another beautiful day of warm sunshine for our social bowlers. Bowls Organiser Jay Breust informed us of upcoming Club events, Open Triples and Fours also don't forget Winter Carnival, 30th July / 2nd August .Thanks Jay and ladies for my Birthday Greetings.

Winners Rink 5, Bev McKague, Joan Rimmer and Sue Beavan. (photo).

Runners-up Rink 6, Gai Gibson, Julie Knorpp and Kim Giannasca.

Lucky numbers, 31 Gloria Harper, 5 Sue Morgan .

Money Club, 27 Sue Beavan , 48 Jan Shalders.

Jackpot has now reached \$378 , number selected 22 Bev McKague who found Queen of Diamonds + \$20 on Club card, well done Bev.

There were 30 Twisties on another beautiful Sunday morning. Robbo welcomed everyone also new bowler Max Evans from McCrae in Victoria. Trish the Dish and Spike said thanks for Birthday wishes on their shared special day.

Congratulations to Lozza in his swimming pursuits for Special Olympics with a 2nd place in 50 metre Freestyle, 3rd in 100 metre.

Accommodation all booked for weekend away in Narooma. Winners with Lowest Winning Margin +3 on a countback.

Sumpy and Scottie (photo)

Runners-up, Suzanne and Robbo.

Scottie selected Rink 4 to try for Jackpot. Robbo cut cards but no luck finding Joker just the King of Spades. High/Low Scores 30/5.

Lucky numbers, 23 Dobbo , 21 Bob the Builder. Other winning teams,

Max and Irish 30/9. Pattycake and Bob the Builder 22/12. K.C. with Bung and Hoges 20/15. Hot Lips & Spike with Bert and Dobbo 26/5.

# Jaylah Hancock-Cameron Smashes Australian Record

By John Longhurst

Broulee running sensation has set the athletics world on fire with blistering one mile run as part of the Ballarat Marathon last Saturday Evening. It was a World Athletics certified race.

In a phenomenal performance through Ballarat's beautiful inner-city streets, Jaylah tore up the competition to claim a new Australian and Oceania record of 4:26.4. She shaved a massive 6 seconds off the record previously held by Olympic champion, Jessica Hull.

The performance cements Jaylah's place as another of the elite Australian female and male runners performing at world performance levels.

The result is a great boost as she prepares for an arduous international race program.



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