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Letter to the Editor

NEW ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS FAIL ANIMALS AND THE COMMUNITY

The “tough new laws to strengthen animal welfare”, reported in the MM 13 May are indeed welcome, but are nowhere near sufficient to bring our legislative framework into line with both scientific knowledge and community expectations.

The NSW Government has wasted an important opportunity to overhaul a 47-year-old Act by simply tinkering at the edges. What is required is a recognition of animal sentience, and, flowing from that, laws which make an animal’s life worth living, rather than piecemeal prohibition of various cruel practices.

And in some cases, such as rodeos, cruel practices outlawed in the Act, are then exempted from prosecution, showing a breathtaking level of hypocrisy from a government supposedly interested in animal welfare.

The Minns Government has not undertaken any public consultation on these changes, relying instead on work undertaken under the previous government.

And there is still no sign of the promised Independent Office of Animal Welfare, a vital step in ensuring proper oversight of all animal welfare issues.

We urgently need a proper, comprehensive review of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979. I note the amendment proposed to the Act three years ago by Abigail Boyd MLC, and strongly recommend it as a starting point to a serious, long-overdue updating of the main legislation governing animal welfare in NSW. Ms Boyd’s bill included the following:

The object of this Act is to recognise:

- (a) the sentience of animals and their ability to subjectively feel and perceive the world around them;
- (b) that animals have intrinsic value and deserve to be treated with compassion and to have a quality of life that reflects their intrinsic value; and
- (c) that people have a duty of care to ensure the physical and mental welfare of an animal in their charge and to provide opportunities for the animal to feel or experience positive states of comfort, interest or pleasure.

Louise Webb, AWL

The 2026 Narooma Community and Volunteer Expo

The Expo is an opportunity for members of the public to meet and chat to nearly 40 stall holders representing community service organisations and interest groups in the Narooma area.

Attendees at the Expo can explore and match their availability, interests and skills to organisations large and small. Volunteering can take up as little or as much time as you have available. It could be a one off, or a long-term commitment. Volunteering offers friendship, a sense of community and a reason to get out of bed. There are also interest groups to fuel your passion, hobbies or ambitions. Young people can also get involved with an opportunity to explore their community from the safety of organisations that serve the community. Whether it is helping to set up an event or using IT skills for website management or social media posts there are options for everyone. Some groups meet in the evening or at weekends allowing those working or studying to be involved.

Come along to the Narooma Community and Volunteer Expo on Saturday, 23 May between 10am and 2pm to discover what is on offer.

Call for regional voices to help shape healthcare across NSW

People passionate about improving healthcare in regional, rural and remote areas of NSW are invited to apply to join the Regional Health Ministerial Advisory Panel.

Expressions of interest (EOIs) are now open due to the conclusion of the current Panel’s three-year term in July 2026.

The Panel is an independent advisory body that provides strategic advice to the Minister for Health and Regional Health, and the NSW Health Secretary.

Its role is to identify opportunities and solutions that improve healthcare access, outcomes and service delivery across hospitals and health support services in regional, rural and remote NSW.

The Panel also plays an important role in strengthening community engagement and ensuring local perspectives inform the design and delivery of healthcare services.

Applications are encouraged from people who can represent the interests of regional communities, including Aboriginal people, and those who have knowledge, experience, or expertise in one or more of the following areas, aligned with the NSW Government’s priorities for regional, rural and remote health:

- Strengthening and supporting the regional health workforce
- Enabling better access to safe, high-quality, and timely health services
- Keeping people healthy and well through prevention, early intervention and education
- Keeping communities informed, building engagement and seeking feedback
- Expanding integration of primary, community, and hospital care across regional, rural and remote settings
- Harnessing and evaluating innovation, technology, and digital solutions to support a sustainable regional health system.

The Panel members may be appointed for a term of up to three years and will meet at least every three months.

Minister for Health Ryan Park said “The NSW Government is investing in regional health services so communities across the state can get the care they need, closer to home.

“No matter where people live, they deserve access to safe, high-quality healthcare. Listening to our local communities is central to tailoring our health services to what families need.

“That is why the Regional Health Ministerial Advisory Panel is so important. Its members bring the voices of regional, rural and remote communities to the table, helping us deliver safe, sustainable and high-quality healthcare with real outcomes for people who live outside our major cities.”

For more information, including how to apply, visit EOI Regional Health Ministerial Advisory Panel or contact MOH-ODS-Regional@health.nsw.gov.au. Applications close on Friday 29 May 2026.



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Moruya's oldest residence restored



Shannon View in 2026



Kelly Dunn finished the renovation in 12 months

Shannon View Restoration

Over the past year, 'Shannon View' the 1829 residence of Francis Flanagan has been brought back to life with an extensive restoration. The property stands proudly on a knoll above the flood plain on the corner of Larrys Mountain Road and the Princes Highway. Kelly Dunn purchased the 7.97ha property in mid 2024. A keen horsewoman, Kelly was drawn to the area for its rural ambience. The house and sheds were in a dilapidated condition and she soon set about plans to restore it. Contacting Council early in her planning stage, Kelly was in praise of the help offered with the restoration. Peeling back the layers of building Kelly has kept the original layout of the interior, laying polished concrete floors and newly rendered walls. The copper roof tiles on the verandah were recast in gal to keep the same profile. Kelly has reused as much of the original materials as possible in the restoration. Doors and window frames have been restored and rehung. The new iron bark verandah posts are repurposed telegraph poles. Now with all the mod cons, Shannon View retains its heritage through the careful balance of old and new. All of this has been documented from April 2025 to April 2026 by the ABC TV program **'Restoration Australia'** and will be screened in the current series.

Early History of Shannon View

Francis Flanagan had arrived in NSW in 1827 with funds, but was not able to get a land grant, so he sailed to Ulladulla and travelled overland with the help of Aboriginal guides and became the first non-aboriginal resident of the area. According to Stuart Magee (mdhs.org.au) "Flanagan was Eurobodalla's first farmer. In 1829 he selected 1,280 acres at Mullenderee and built his farm Shannon View, the site of which is still identifiable. Within a few years, and using convict labour, he cleared and fenced 400 acres and owned 800 cattle, 12 horses and 200 pigs. His dairy would produce butter and possibly cheese for the growing population of Broulee." "Nevertheless, he performed duty over a number of years as a local magistrate, census taker and distributor of government blankets to the Aboriginal people" says Magee. Flanagan leased farms to Irish migrants and established a Catholic school for their children. Selling Agent James Hamilton from LJ Hooker said "The echoes of the past resonate in every rustling leaf and babbling brook of the property, where the first St. Mary's Catholic School found its roots in 1847. Though the original school building met a tragic fate in a fire, it was reborn and relocated to its current location, marking yet another chapter in the enduring history of this place."

Magee said "The area was referred to by him variously as Nullandarie - today's Mullenderee - or Pergoga - a name he spelled at least three ways and which appeared on the maps of the time but has since disappeared. ...By 1838 he claimed to be running 800 cattle, 12 horses and 200 pigs." "His success was soon outstripped by that of John Hawdon at Kiara, whose land holdings from 1830 onwards, including squattings, covered much of the more arable land in the district" says Magee. Magee said "The area was referred to by him variously as Nullandarie - today's Mullenderee - or Pergoga - a name he spelled at least three ways and which appeared on the maps of the time but has since disappeared. ...By 1838 he claimed to be running 800 cattle, 12 horses and 200 pigs." "His success was soon outstripped by that of John Hawdon at Kiara, whose land holdings from 1830 onwards, including squattings, covered much of the more arable land in the district" says Magee.



Shannon View in 2024: Photos: LJ Hooker



NFPs getting stronger across the region, thanks to South Coast Futures program

FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) and Snow Foundation yesterday revealed the positive impact that the South Coast Futures program they support is having on the region's community sector, as the multi-year program rapidly gains momentum.

The program aims to strengthen the capacity, sustainability and collective impact of grassroots not-for-profit organisations (NFPs) and empower local leaders to advocate for systems-level change. It does this through a combination of grants, capacity building support, networking events, workshops, conferences and storytelling to share examples of good practice and amplify community voices.

The program hosted the first networking event for regional NFP leaders in March, when 42 NFP leaders from across the region came together in Mollymook to connect, reflect and imagine what stronger, more resilient communities could look like, and to decide how systems change might be approached collaboratively.

Carolyn Ardler, FRRR's South Coast Futures Program Manager, says work is already underway on a range of initiatives related to health and wellbeing, social isolation and connection, and discussions have also identified a strong interest in collaborating around youth and youth leadership.

"We've already awarded eight grants, totalling nearly \$90,000. Several of these are what we call quick-response grants, which have enabled organisations to take action on time-sensitive opportunities. For example, we supported Shoalhaven Walking Together Alliance to organise an event on 26 January. This community event helped to boost cultural understanding and acknowledge colonial history, truth-telling and celebrate resilience across the region," Ms Ardler said.

"Other funding has gone toward projects including co-designing a community garden and the governance structure around its management; backing a film that will tell the story of the Booderee National Park Handback; and designing local vocational pathways. We're also proudly supporting **Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) to employ a coordinator to continue the Eurobodalla Bushfire and Heatwave Haven**, among other projects."

SHASA have been funded \$45,000 for a Coordinator, to build local capacity and strengthen networks to enhance community preparedness and resilience during extreme weather events in Eurobodalla.

SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell said "The Haven Coordinator will be the conduit between SHASA's volunteers and the Haven volunteers, ensuring that resources meet the needs of the Havens. During extreme weather events the Haven Coordinator will engage with each Haven to determine their hours of operational so that SHASA can share these details with the community via the media and social media. They will also identify what other assistance they require from SHASA.

The Haven Coordinator will work with the SHASA Communications Team to increase public awareness of the health risks associated with heat and smoke and the existing of the havens as a resources available to the community. They will also assist with developing operational plans for the Havens."

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Dr Michael Holland MP, Graham Brown, ESC GM Mark Ferguson, Tricia Pye, SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell and Pastor Julie Brown at the opening of the Heat Haven at Southlands Church Moruya in 2025.

Ms Ardler also explains that insights from the first leaders' session, as well as from subsequent discussions over recent months, are now feeding into the design of a Regional Roadmap.

"This roadmap will reflect what community members and local leaders have agreed as the priority focus areas of this program over the coming three years. It will set out the key themes, areas of opportunities and what needs to change. The roadmap will be shared with community for review and feedback in the coming weeks to ensure it has the backing of the community," Ms Ardler said.

View the list of grant recipients and their projects on [FRRR's website](#).

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Together in orange: Moruya mum and son lead the way



SES Emily and Archie Chapman

This WOW Day (Wear Orange Wednesday), a Moruya mother and son are highlighting the powerful impact volunteering can have on families and communities alike.

WOW Day, which is on Wednesday 20 May, celebrates the dedication of SES volunteers across the country and recognises the vital role they play in keeping communities safe.

NSW State Emergency Service (SES) Moruya Unit Commander Emily Chapman, joined in 2023, driven by a passion for helping others and giving back to her community. A proud First Nations woman and mother of three, Emily balances her leadership role within the NSW SES alongside a career in Diversity and Inclusion in the Banking and Finance industry.

“Being part of the NSW SES means supporting people on what can be one of the hardest days of their lives,” Emily said. “Knowing you’ve made a real difference for someone in your community is incredibly rewarding.”

For Emily, that commitment to service is now inspiring the next generation, with her 17 year old son Archie recently joining the Moruya Unit.

Now in Year 12, Archie decided to volunteer after seeing firsthand the impact SES members have during emergencies and natural disasters.

“He saw joining the SES as a great opportunity to build skills and experience that will support his future, while also giving back to the community,” Emily said.

“It’s been incredible to watch him step into the role.”

For Emily, volunteering is about more than responding to emergencies. It’s about leading by example.

“Knowing my sons are watching pushes me to lead in a way that shows what it really means to step up for others and be part of a community,” she said. “More than anything, I hope they see that community isn’t just something you belong to, it’s something you can and should contribute to.”

Emily said one of the most rewarding parts of volunteering with the NSW SES is the strong sense of connection among members.

“You become part of an orange family that always has each other’s backs,” she said.

“You build skills you never expected and form friendships that last a lifetime.”

This WOW Day, the NSW SES celebrates volunteers like Emily and Archie, who embody the spirit of service, leadership and community resilience.

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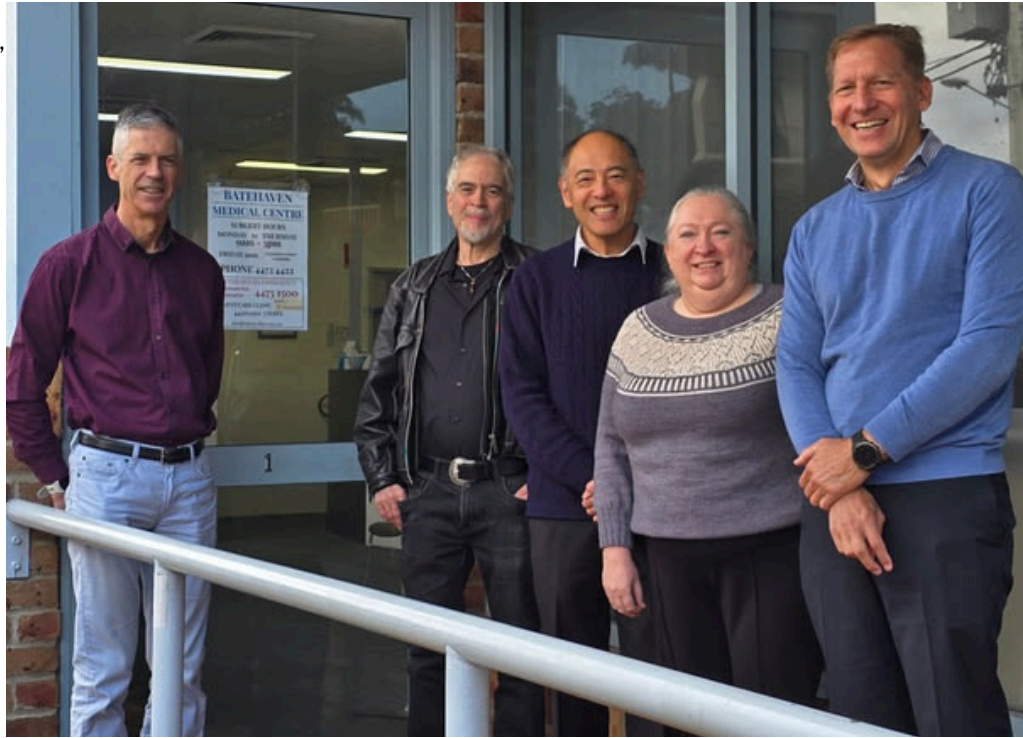
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Bay View Medical Cottage and Batehaven Medical Centre Join Forces

Two long established medical practices in Batemans Bay will be joining at Batehaven, concluding months of uncertainty about the future of Batehaven Medical Centre. Drs Angela Bennett, Yves Brandenburger and Douglas Gock will be moving from the converted house that is the Bay View Medical Cottage to the more spacious, purpose built Batehaven Medical Centre to join Drs Peter Brandson and Lachlan Brown. Front desk and nursing staff will be combined so that all the familiar faces will still be there. The move will be happening in late June.

This will necessitate upgrades in the practice phone and IT systems and a gradual transition to fully electronic medical records. While the move itself does not increase the general practitioner workforce in Batemans Bay, the combined practice will be aiming to take on general practice registrars from 2027 to help create new GPs for the local area. "Peter and I are certainly grateful that such well respected colleagues as Angela, Yves and Doug have chosen to merge their practice with ours. This will ensure the continued viability of our practice" said Batehaven GP Dr. Lachlan Brown.



Drs Brown, Brandson, Gock, Bennet and Brandenburger.

Community BBQ

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WHO DOES THIS CLAW BELONG TO?

U3A Batemans Bay invites interested members of the Community to attend their next Saturday Talk on Saturday 30 May at 10.30 am in the Poppy Room at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club to find out WHO DOES THIS CLAW BELONG TO? The Eurobodalla has an exceptional array of insects including dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies and moths, wasps, beetles, bugs and flies. Some are unique to our area and some revealing scientific studies have been carried out in the Eurobodalla.

Join local entomologist and avid photographer Phil Warburton who will discuss the vital role of insects in the garden for pollination, pest control and nutrient recycling.

U3A members are asked to enrol through UMAS. Guests should enrol with coordinator1.u3a.bbaw@gmail.com U3A (University of the Third Age) Batemans Bay has been offering affordable, volunteer-led educational, creative, and social programs for local semi-retired and retired individuals for almost 30 years.



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Mount Wandera telecommunication works to boost disaster resilience

Recently completed infrastructure resilience works at the Mount Wandera telecommunications site west of Moruya have improved road access, strengthened power supply protection and enhanced the resilience of the Eurobodalla emergency services radio network during natural disasters. A total of \$623,132 was delivered to Eurobodalla Shire Council (\$329,971) and Essential Energy (\$293,161) to improve bushfire resilience at the Mount Wandera Communications Station under the Australian Government's Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience) program administered by National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips and Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher toured the site today (Monday) to inspect upgrades to the Mount Wandera access road.

"This is really important work which has improved vehicular access to the site and will help enable better access to vital communications infrastructure during times of emergency," Mrs Phillips said.

"Having access to reliable communications and emergency information is crucial during times of natural disaster. By building a more resilient telecommunications infrastructure network, we reduce the risk of damage and outages during and after storms and bushfires." Essential Energy has installed resilient power poles from the open farmland to the Mount Wandera summit, and replaced vulnerable above ground electrical turrets and pole mounted transformers with more resilient installations.

Council and Forestry Corporation of NSW collaborated on roadworks and drainage improvements, with Forestry Corporation undertaking grading from the start of Wandera Trig Road to the intersection of K-Ridge Road, and re-sheeting of Wandera Trig Road.



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips and Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher with Forestry Corporation's Batemans Bay Fire and Operations Team Leader Peter Carstairs, Area Manager Trent Froud, and Operations Coordinator Andrew Condie at the Mount Wandera telecommunications site.

Mayor Hatcher said hardening critical council infrastructure and assets at the Mount Wandera included installation of fireproof lagging on cables and new Colorbond fencing around the perimeter of the Council site.

"This is Eurobodalla's primary piece of telecommunications infrastructure, transmitting police, ambulance and fire radio communications. It also serves the ABC and commercial radio and television, and mobile phone services," he said.

"The 2019-20 Bushfires caused extensive damage with the loss of emergency services radio networks, ABC radio broadcasting, and public telecommunications, significantly contributing to community anxiety and placing first responders at high risk.

"This resilience project will better place Eurobodalla to manage in the event of future bushfires."

Mrs Phillips said the \$38.25 million Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience) program had also delivered \$63,085 for the upgrade of NBN fixed wireless infrastructure at South Durras and \$284,783 to replace timber power poles with fire resistant composite poles along Durras Road, north of Batemans Bay.

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Minister visits Bega electorate to support small business and recovery efforts



Dr Holland, Min Saffin at Bay Pavilions for small business roundtable on Monday



Dr Holland, Min Saffin, Dean from Reconstruction Authority and Richard Mogo Chamber of Commerce

NSW Minister for Small Business and Minister for Recovery, the Hon. Janelle Saffin MP, visited the Bega electorate this week to meet with local communities, small businesses and recovery leaders, alongside Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland MP.

Dr Holland said “This visit provided an opportunity to highlight the progress our communities have made while ensuring voices continue to help shape ongoing recovery efforts.”

The visit highlighted the significant progress made through bushfire recovery programs and promoted available support mechanisms and services for small businesses across the region. While our communities have shown incredible resilience through the 2019 bushfires, the COVID-19 pandemic and major flooding events, recovery is a long road and there is still more work to do.

Since 2019, more than \$110 million has been invested across the Bega and Eurobodalla regions in recovery and preparedness measures from repairing essential infrastructure and community facilities to mental health support, clean-up works and employment services.

The NSW government is also investing in long-term disaster preparedness through Australia’s first State Disaster Mitigation Plan, regional Disaster Adaptation Plans and partnerships with the Commonwealth through the Disaster Ready Fund to help build safer, stronger and more resilient communities for the future.

Minister Saffin began her visit at the **Bega Showground**, where she inspected completed works funded through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund, including a \$15 million investment in community infrastructure.

The impressive project delivered:

- Restoration of a heritage-listed pavilion
- Construction of a new two-level community building
- Development of facilities designed to function as an evacuation centre in times of emergency
- Upgrades to campgrounds and on-site caretaker accommodation

The revitalised showground will strengthen Bega’s capacity to host events, support local economic activity, and provide a vital refuge during disasters.

Dr Holland also hosted The Minister for roundtable forums with local chambers of commerce and business leaders from Eden, Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, Bega, Batemans Bay, and Mogo.

Discussions focussed on:

- Ongoing recovery challenges following bushfires
- Opportunities to strengthen regional economies
- Practical support for small business growth and resilience

Small businesses are the backbone of regional communities and we heard firsthand about the pressures created by rising costs and global uncertainty. The NSW Government is focused on practical reforms to help businesses grow and succeed, including workers compensation reforms cutting red tape, improving access to government procurement opportunities and expanding support through a new business advisory service and the Service NSW Business Bureau.

In **Cobargo**, Minister Saffin met with the Cobargo Community Development Corporation Limited to review progress on the \$20 million Rebuild Cobargo Project, also supported through joint NSW and federal funding.

The visit also included a site inspection of the Bushfire Resilience Centre, expected to open in 2026. The centre will play a key role in disaster preparedness, education and community connection.

In **Mogo**, Minister Saffin met with the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council to see their rebuilt home using \$2.9 million of joint funding. We discussed the importance of Indigenous leadership and knowledge in disaster resilience and how to foster relationships between Indigenous groups and the emergency management and resilience sector.

The visit concluded in **Batemans Bay**, where Minister Saffin inspected coastal protection works at Long Beach, currently underway to safeguard local communities from future storm and erosion risks.

Janelle Saffin, Minister for Recovery and Minister for Small Business said “Touring the region with ‘Doc’ Holland has been incredibly valuable. The communities I have visited have shown incredible spirit and resilience.

“I know firsthand that recovery is a long process with its ups and downs. Seeing places like Cobargo, they have done remarkably well given the utter devastation and trauma they’ve been through. They are beautiful, dedicated communities, but they still need a bit of support to finish what they’ve started, and we are here to back them for the long haul.

“Combining the recovery and small business portfolios is about looking at how community rebuilding translates to economic survival.

“Traveling from Merimbula up through Bega, Cobargo, Mogo and to Batemans Bay, I wanted to sit down with local operators at our roundtables to hear how the last few years have actually gone.

“Small businesses on the Far South Coast have faced a relentless run with fires, floods, and COVID. Our job as a government is to listen to those raw insights and ensure our support is practical, flexible, and cuts through red tape to help them thrive.”

Dr Michael Holland MP, Member for Bega said “Small businesses shape the character of our towns and villages. These conversations are vital to making sure our economy remains strong and resilient. We know you can’t govern solely from Macquarie Street—direct engagement matters. The insights Minister Saffin gathered here will help ensure the perspectives of small businesses on the far south coast are heard and taken into account.”

Activities held on public reserves, expressions open

Eurobodalla Council welcomes Expressions of Interest from parties interested in conducting activities – including markets, events or commercial businesses – on Council managed public reserves, for a period of up to five years. Submissions are open until 4pm on 24 June 2026. For more information or to lodge a submission, visit Council’s [Public Exhibition webpage](#).

Applications are now open for IMB Bank Community Foundation grants

IMB Bank Community Foundation grant applications are open until June 14, 2026. We are excited to support local projects that make a real difference across the places where IMB operates. If your not-for-profit organisation has a project that improves wellbeing, inclusion, safety, education or the environment, we’d love to hear from you. Explore the eligibility criteria and the kinds of things not funded, and get your application in today. It could help bring your next initiative to life. The IMB Bank Community Foundation has been empowering communities for 26 years, supporting local heroes who dedicate themselves to projects that make our communities more prosperous, connected and sustainable, improving the lives of those who need it most. Since 1999, we’ve donated over \$13m to over 1,100 transformational grassroots projects and witnessed the remarkable and positive impact on our local communities. IMB are welcoming applications until 14 June 2026. [Apply now](#) or read on for more information about eligibility and criteria.

Safer connections at Malua Bay



Dr Michael Holland offered his congratulations and appreciation to the team at ESC for the completed roundabout project

The Minns Labor Government has delivered a safer and more accessible intersection at Malua Bay, with the completion of the \$3.3 million George Bass Drive and Sylvan Street roundabout project. Funded through the NSW Government’s Fixing Country Roads Program, the project improves safety, traffic flow and connectivity for locals, visitors, pedestrians, cyclists, buses and freight operators. The new roundabout opened to traffic in late 2025, supporting a growing residential area, nearby shops and the popular Malua Bay beachfront reserve. Thanks to savings delivered through the original project, Eurobodalla Shire Council and the NSW Government have also delivered an additional shared pathway link, which was officially opened today by Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland MP and Eurobodalla Mayor Mat Hatcher. The new pathway extends north from the roundabout along George Bass Drive and connects to the existing shared pathway network, making it safer and easier for pedestrians and cyclists to move through the area. The project also includes pedestrian refuges, new lighting and signage, improving visibility and safety for all road users. The upgraded intersection can now accommodate 26-metre B-double Higher Mass Limits vehicles, supporting more efficient freight movements and strengthening connections between Batemans Bay, Moruya and surrounding coastal communities.

The project is part of the Northern Area Transport Network Plan and supports improved movement across the local road network, including for local, school, inter-town and regional bus services. Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega, said “The Minns Labor Government is delivering practical upgrades that make regional roads safer, stronger and more reliable. “This project is a great example of what can be achieved when the NSW Government and councils work together to deliver for local communities. “The new roundabout is already improving safety and traffic flow at a key intersection used by residents, visitors, buses and freight operators. “Because the project was delivered efficiently through the expertise and diligence of the team, savings have been reinvested into a new shared pathway link, giving pedestrians and cyclists safer access through Malua Bay. “This is about making everyday journeys safer, whether you are walking to the beach, riding through town, catching the bus or moving freight along the coast.” Mayor Mathew Hatcher said “This is an important upgrade for Malua Bay and the wider Eurobodalla community. The new roundabout has improved safety and traffic flow at a busy local intersection, while the shared pathway gives pedestrians and cyclists a safer and more connected route. It also supports stronger connections between Batemans Bay, Moruya and surrounding communities, which is important for residents, visitors and local businesses. “Council is pleased to have worked closely with the NSW Government to deliver a project that will benefit the community for years to come.”



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Council Agenda 26th May 2026

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2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 28 April 2026
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. MAYORAL MINUTES Nil
7. NOTICES OF MOTION
- NOM26/004 Reopen the Batemans Bay Community Centre for Community Use
8. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS
 - QON26/004 Post Separation Employment of Council Staff
9. PETITIONS Nil
10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS GMR26/004 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Quarter ended 31 March 2026
 - FCS26/012 Investments made as at 31 March 2026
 - GMR26/003 Investments made as at 30 April 2026
 - FCS26/011 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Meeting Minutes 3 December 2025
11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS
 - PER26/013 Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Risk Management Study and Plan
 - PER26/012 Development Application DA0810/22 - Construction of MultiDwelling Housing and a Residential Flat Building - 13 Noble Parade, Dalmeny
 - PER26/014 Development Application Performance Report - July 2025 to March 2026
12. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS
 - 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
 - IR26/007 Local Transport Forum No.8 for 2025-26
13. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS
 - CAR26/003 Creative Art Strategy
 - CAR26/004 Sale of Council shares in property 6-8 Heffernan Place, Moruya
 - FCS26/010 Part Road Closure - Within Lot 4 DP 37552 Mymossa Road, Wamban.
14. DELEGATE REPORT Nil
15. URGENT BUSINESS
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17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS



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Date, time and location

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Moruya: Saturday 30 May 2026
11.00 am - 2.00 pm

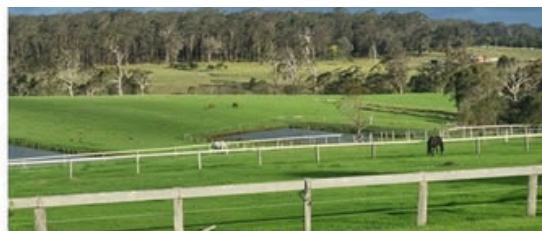
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Natural capital and farm emissions workshop - Moruya

Join South East Local Land Services for a workshop and paddock walk that will:

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- discover how farm emissions data links to production efficiency and sustainability
- hear about the Linking habitat in the south-east coastal ranges project and if your property is eligible for funding
- see successful revegetation projects on the hosting property
- learn about Ned's Forest - how a local landholder is preserving a vital piece of habitat.

This event is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and delivered by Local Land Services, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

Date and time

Tuesday 26 May 2026
9.30 am - 2.00 pm

Location

South Wind Equestrian, Bergalia NSW (south of Moruya). Property address will be provided to attendees prior to the event.

RSVP

[Register online](#) or scan the QR code by Thursday 21 May.



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THE BINGIE POINT

Opinion by Cid Mateo

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



Misinformation and disinformation runs rife in response to the Budget

On Tuesday, 12 May 2026, the Australian Government delivered the Budget 2026. The Budget comprises the Government's public policy proposals, also called budget measures, for the next four years, or until these are updated or changed. These proposals do not become law until they are confirmed by both houses of Parliament and receive Royal Assent by the Governor-General. The Office of Parliamentary Counsel would now be busy finalising the drafting of the legislation, which turns these policies into law so that the legislation can be introduced into the House of Representatives and debated by all our elected representatives in the Reps and the Senate.

Every single policy proposal is detailed in the budget papers, including the financial hit to the Budget, as is the Government's assessment of budget and economic conditions at present and forecast for the coming years. While it's tempting to rely on social media spins and reels for information on the Budget, these are often misleading and wrong, and designed to disinform, confuse and manipulate the public. The media social meme claiming Albo is a 47 per cent stakeholder in businesses is so wrong it's a joke. The stakeholders of Australian taxpayers money are Australians, whose money is collected as revenue and redistributed to them in public services. The proposed rate in the Budget is 30 per cent.

Consequently, to understand what policies really do, it's best to go to Budget Paper 2 (BP2), where every policy proposal is listed, described, and briefly explained. In BP2, there is no BS, no "scare campaign", no misinformation and no disinformation.

Turning to a few of the contentious policies in the Budget 2026, let's take a look at the Government's capital gains, negative gearing and discretionary trust policy proposals. These proposals are fairness measures, designed to strip out the overly generous tax treatment of income and profits from assets (eg capital, trust income), which overwhelmingly go to the wealthy and make their tax treatment similar to the tax treatment of wage and salary income earners (eg labour). The new policy proposals retain exemptions and concessions for special circumstances. It is to be expected that those who have been benefiting from the overly generous tax concessions, and may now pay more tax, similar to the tax paid by wage and salary earners, will complain the loudest. Arguing to keep their tightly held generous tax concessions, at the expense of other taxpayers, is one thing, however, misrepresenting the new policies to seek attention and manipulate others is dumb, doggy and greedy.

The social rationale for much public policy in Australia at present is claimed to be about intergenerational fairness, and in particular, how young people these days have it, and will have it, harder than other generations. This argument, which is fundamentally based on the median house price (eg the price of the house in the middle of all house prices) in our capital cities, is said to be held across generations, not only Generation Y, today aged 30-45 years of age, and Generation Z, aged 15-30 years of age, but also their parents, Generation X, aged 45-60 years of age and their grandparents, Generation Boomer, aged 60-80 years of age. This is understandable but is nowhere near the full story. Life and intergenerational equity is much more than home ownership. Government support to the community is more than public housing and financial assistance to homebuyers and investors. Government financial support covers spending on parents before babies are born, through Paid Parental Leave, right through the life cycle, including child care subsidy, school education subsidies, TAFE and university subsidies right through to payments for children through the Family Tax Benefit, health care through Medicare (MBS) and medication through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), disability support through the National Disability Insurance Scheme, aged care for older people and the plethora of government financial assistance including income support (eg pensions and allowances) and the safety net for the most vulnerable in the community. Then there is the assortment of tax concessions, which flow to many in the community. Sadly, many take this taxpayer assistance, others milk it until the 'cows come home', and many don't acknowledge this support at all.

It is understandable that grandparents and parents today want more for their kids and grandkids. They need to acknowledge that the taxpayer support most have received to build their wealth will flow to their kids and grandkids through their inheritances, homes and other assets. Gen Y and Gen Z need to realise that their parents and grandparents have received a lot of taxpayer support to raise them. Gen Y for instance, grew up during the biggest mining boom, and the biggest expansion in taxpayer spending in the 2000s, Australia has ever had. In this respect we could call them Boomers 2.0.

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Call for amendments to the News Bargaining Incentive

Joint statement:

As organisations committed to keeping communities informed through reliable, relevant and trusted news services, we support the actions of successive governments to support the news media industry in Australia.

We welcome the News Bargaining Incentive as a mechanism to address disruption in the information ecosystem caused by digital platforms. The news industry needs this revenue, without delay.

The news media industry is facing concurrent challenges, and small, independent, multicultural and regional news publishers are among the most vulnerable to market changes and economic pressures. However, we are concerned about the risk of unintended consequences of the legislation design that could further entrench media concentration and give global digital platforms undue influence in Australia’s democracy.

We call on the Government to make the following minor amendments to the draft legislation at a minimum:

The incentive structure: under the current draft, a platform could satisfy its entire obligation by striking deals with as few as four major media players. This risks large media outlets receiving funding to the exclusion of small and medium sized competitors. Instead, the Incentive must require that at least 25% of all deals be made with small and medium publishers (revenue under \$50M) to ensure a diverse media ecosystem.

Bargaining power: the current draft includes an offset rate of 170% for deals made with small and medium publishers, only 20% more than the offset provided for all publishers. This offset difference is not enough to overcome the administrative burden platforms face when negotiating multiple small-scale contracts. Instead, the offset rate should be materially increased for small and medium publishers (eg. 200-300%)

These changes do not change the structure of the proposed legislation, nor the quantum of obligation required from the digital platforms. They create greater opportunity for small and medium sized publishers to engage with the Incentive and improve the efficacy of the scheme and outcomes for media competition and diversity.

The Government is also consulting on a proposed distribution mechanism to return any levy funds collected to the news industry.

Levy distribution: We support a simple and direct distribution of levy funds, but the proposed model based on employment of full-time equivalent journalists incumbents and further reinforces concentration in the media industry. We ask that a portion of these funds (15%) be set aside for a supplementary grant program or alternative distribution means for smaller and independent publishers to support news production activities addressing news deserts and underrepresented voices.

These priorities accord with the Government’s rationale for policy intervention to support the news industry through the News Media Assistance Policy Framework adopted in December 2024.

Australia’s small, independent and regional publishers are pivotal to a thriving democracy. These tweaks and amendments to the draft legislation will ensure this important sector survives and thrives into the future.

Signed



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With Our Own Eyes Eurobodalla

WOEE is a community project supported by bushfire survivors, wildlife carers, nature lovers and 350Eurobodalla. We feature nature observations, sightings, recollections, photographs, art, haiku, poetry and projects that inspire on our website, Facebook page and art installations, including the local River of Art. With Our Own Eyes Eurobodalla is a website (withourowneyeseurobodalla.org) for locals to record the changes they're seeing in Eurobodalla's forests, waterways, ocean and backyards. WOEE is about building a deeper appreciation of the importance of nature and a wider appreciation for the role of climate change in our wellbeing – as well as for a safer and more resilient Eurobodalla.

We want to hear from people who have local stories or with examples of changes in our forests and the ocean – changes which could be due to climate change? People such as:

Farmers, fishers, surfers, walkers, twitchers, bird feeders, sailors, orchid lovers, photographers, swimmers, foresters, scientists, writers, skiers, gardeners, botanists, entomologists etc.

We would like people to be part of the WOEE team collecting, collating, blogging and preparing media articles for our With Our Own Eyes Eurobodalla Facebook page and our webpage.

If you would like to be part of the WOEE team, contact

Allan Rees on 0417400 892, email

euro350.org@gmail.com.

Link: [350 Australia Website](#)

Text: Lynn Smith and the 350Eurobodalla Team

Upcoming Events:

ECSN Community and Volunteer Expo 2026

Narooma: Saturday May 23, 10:00am-2:00pm, Narooma Sports and Leisure Centre

Moruya: Friday June 12, 11:00am-2:00pm, Memorial RSL Hall

Batemans Bay: Saturday June 13, 10:00am-2:00pm, Bunnings Warehouse

Jade Miles: Creating a Tomorrow of Togetherness Sunday May 31, 2:00pm-4:00pm SAGE Gardens, 110 Queen St, Moruya

Author Talk with Jade Miles Monday June 1, 1:30pm-2:30pm Moruya Library, Vulcan St, Moruya

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



\$3 million funding to develop the Braidwood Renewable Microgrid Project.

EDP('Energias de Portugal'), through EDP Renewables Australia, has been awarded AUD\$3 million in funding from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) to develop the Braidwood Renewable Microgrid Project. The Braidwood Renewable Microgrid Project in New South Wales is a community-focused microgrid pilot designed to strengthen long-term energy resilience for Australia. This project provides energy security for local communities located on a vulnerable section of the national electricity network, where damage to distribution lines can cause prolonged power outages.

Initiated in response to the 2019-20 "Black Summer" bushfire crisis, the project addresses the critical energy resilience challenges exposed during extreme weather events. Developed in collaboration with local community group Braidwood Clean Energy, the facility comprises a town scale 5MWac of solar capacity and a 5MW/10MWh battery energy storage system (BESS).

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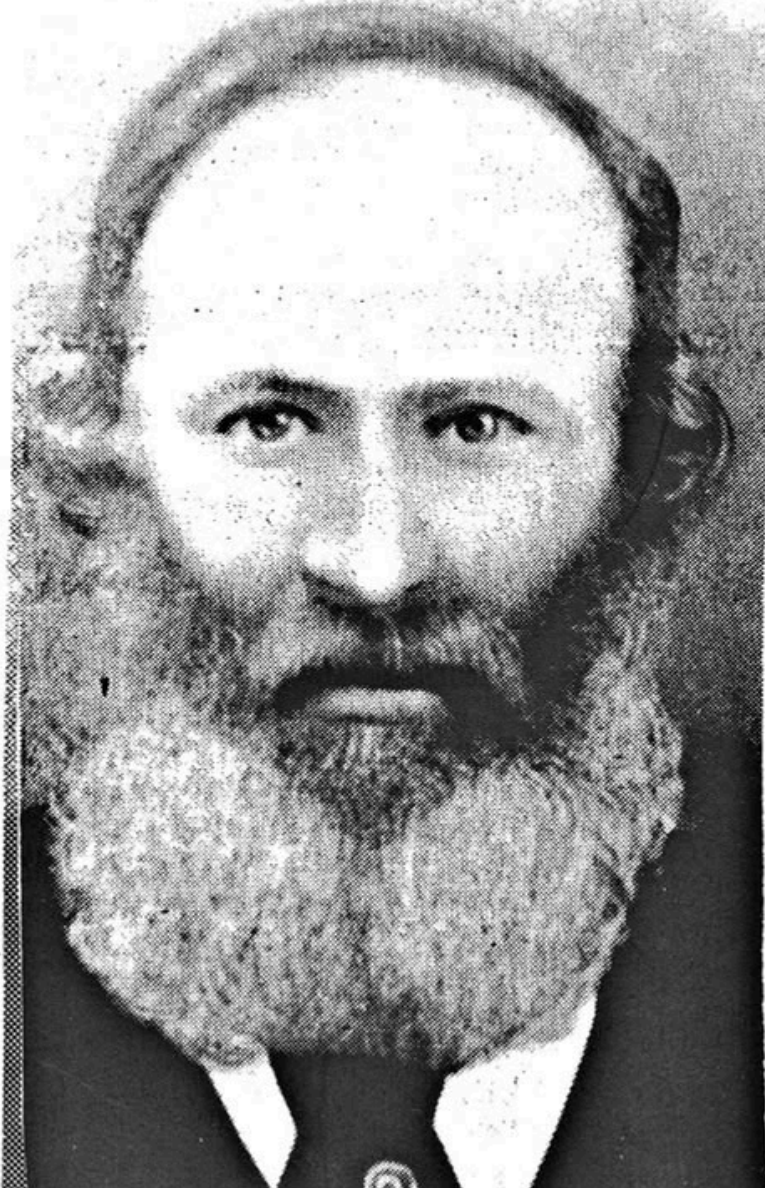
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Elijah Bown

22-05-1926

Owing to the coal strike, the dredge Ballina has been forced to stop operations in our river. Her crew has been transferred to the dredge Neptune, which is now making rapid progress up the channel.

Mr. C. H. Welsh, butcher, of Tilba Tilba, is investing in a Ford chassis body for a light delivery truck to be built by W. W. Fong, of Tilba Tilba.

The whole of the village of Bodalla is to be sold by auction on October 6th, including hotel, store, all the cottages and vacant allotments.

The Postal Director has announced that new postal notes of denominations of 6s and 11s are to be introduced. Sixpenny and 10s 6d notes are to be discontinued.

The drivers of Bartlett's big service cars have had a trying time during the week owing to the greasy state of parts of the road between here and Nowra. However, they reach Moruya each night very little behind time, except on Tuesday night, when a rim flew off one of the wheels and disappeared into the bush, causing a delay of a few hours. The driver walked into Termeil, a distance of two miles, and phoned Milton for another car.

The death took place at Tuross on Sunday of Mr. Elijah Bown at the patriarchal age of 96 years. He was one of the oldest residents of this district having lived here for 75 years. Born in Somersetshire, England, in 1830, he came with his wife (a sister of the late Mr. Anthony White of Turlinjah), to Australia in 1851. The first ten years were spent at Kiora where he worked for the late Mr. Jacob Luck, grandfather of Mr. George Luck, of Yarragee. It was here his first wife died, and afterwards he married Miss Catherine Calligan. In 1861 he took up land at Turlinjah, where he built a comfortable home and engaged in farming pursuits.

Some few years after his second wife died and he then wedded Miss Nellie Gibbons (a sister of the late Mrs. W. Coman, of the Burra), the issue of each marriage being three children. He was a hard working and industrious citizen. For his many years of valuable work, Mr. Bown was made a life-member of the A. & P. Society. He leaves five sons and two daughters, Messrs. Joseph (Quaama), Elija (Turlinjah), Henry (Bergalia), Cletus (Tuross), and Etherington (Bermagui), Mrs. (Mary) Graham and Miss Bessie Bown. Mrs. Bown and two children by a former marriage predeceased him.

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Tuross Head News



I write on behalf of the Tuross Head Caring Group in response and support of a free independent press. We believe that the communication of local town news is essential for a number of reasons including town pride and the sense of belonging. Currently no newspapers are sold in Tuross Head. We have a Facebook page but it does not equate with a newspaper. Consequently our little group has decided to submit some Tuross Head news to this valuable e-newspaper and invite other residents or groups in T.H. to do the same or contact us email: turossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com

Local newspapers in the past carried birth, death and marriage notices, social events along with district news. This was also keeping town history – people’s history. A number of long-term residents have died and their history of the town gone with them. We are asking all residents to record their story so we can send it into the Moruya Historical Society for safe keeping.

The new left hand turn out of Tuross Head onto the highway is now completed providing not only a safe entry onto the highway but with other works, helps Tuross Head look like a good destination.

We are very pleased to have two doctors working in Evans Rd now. Dr Mandeep Paul MBBS AMC has started practice in the Tuross surgery. He is there Monday to Saturday. Dr Milan Walia now works Friday, Saturday and Monday. No Sunday and they no longer do blood tests. Phone: 3822 3232.

Most of our members are involved in other groups and activities. A few of them attended the recent Floral Arts day and were full of praise for the organization and presentation. Our ‘Bee’ lady Shayne, is off to Narooma Library soon to speak on her love and care of bees.

We have had notice of a free zoom & face to face health education. seniors and volunteer opportunities for seniors in NSW. Topics include Falls prevention, Oral health, Diabetes awareness, Managing your medication and others. This is offered by Health Promotion service for Older People. CPSA 0404 548 063. Email: health@cpsa.org.au Please contact our group if you are interested in this.

While only women gather for a chat and laugh every Thursday morning at 10am in Club Tuross with some staying on for lunch, some of our men folk attend the Men’s Shed at the same time. Those interested in attending either will be warmly welcomed.
TUROSS HEAD RESIDENTS – PLEASE SEND IN TOWN NEWS.

Pat Anderson.
Co-ordinator. Tuross Head Caring Group.



Go Get Healthy with Sofia

NMN: Supports Energy and Healthy Ageing

We all want to stay healthier for longer, and that is one reason why NMN, short for nicotinamide mononucleotide, is becoming so popular in conversations around health and longevity. What makes NMN interesting is the way it works deep inside the body at a cellular level. Rather than giving a quick temporary boost like caffeine, NMN helps support the body’s natural energy-producing systems in the first place. It does this by helping the body produce a molecule called NAD⁺ (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide), which is essential for keeping our cells functioning properly and efficiently. NAD⁺ is involved in hundreds of important processes throughout the body, but one of its biggest roles is helping turn the food we eat into usable energy. It also plays a major part in repairing damaged DNA, supporting healthy brain function, and helping cells respond to physical and mental stress. The challenge is that NAD⁺ levels naturally decline as we age. Researchers now believe this drop may contribute to why many people start to feel more fatigued, recover more slowly, and notice gradual changes in metabolism, stamina, and overall vitality as they get older.

This is where NMN comes in. NMN acts as a building block that the body can convert into NAD⁺. By supplying more NMN, the idea is that we may help restore NAD⁺ levels and support healthier cellular function. Think of it less like adding fuel to the tank and more like improving the engine so it can run more efficiently.

Early research on NMN has been carried out in animals, where the results have been quite promising. Studies have shown improvements in energy metabolism, insulin sensitivity, physical activity, and in some cases even lifespan ⁽¹⁾.

In human research, clinical trials have shown that NMN can reliably increase NAD⁺ levels in the body, which is considered an important first step ⁽²⁾. Some studies have also reported improvements in muscle function, walking speed, and certain metabolic markers in middle-aged and older adults ⁽³⁾.

Another reason for NMN’s popularity is because of how it supports proteins called sirtuins. These are sometimes referred to as “longevity proteins” because they help regulate inflammation, repair cells, and protect the body against stress. Sirtuins rely on NAD⁺ to work properly, so when NAD⁺ levels decline with age, their activity can also decline. By helping restore NAD⁺, NMN may indirectly support these protective systems, which is why it is often linked not just to energy production, but also to brain health and healthy ageing overall. For more information about NMN, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at www.govitabatemansbay.com.au. Don’t miss our weekly segment on 2EC radio, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.

Yours in Health,
Sofia Keady
Nutritionist- Go Vita Batemans Bay



A Beer with Bazz #236

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Mick called a halt at the entrance of the Broulee Brewhouse, turned and raised a finger.

"I want you blokes to be on your best behaviour today. I thought a trip up north would get you out of your comfort zone ... something different. I reckon an excursion to a craft brewery will open your eyes."

Timeless Tom shook his head.

"It's a long way from Bodalla, Mick and it looks like some kind of industrial factory, with all these pipes and stainless steel vats."

Tom nodded at a freshly poured schooner on the bar.

"And all that to produce that! Goodness knows what is in it. What is wrong with a beer on tap at our local. Crikey ... I gave the home brew away years ago when it nearly blew my head off. All this equipment could send us all to outer space."

Young Simon weighed in.

"I am a bit worried as well, Mick. I have heard on good authority the side effects of drinking craft brews are developing a burly physique, growth of a long beard or moustache, compulsive wearing of flannel button-ups, denim or canvas aprons and tee shirts with some odd messages. I've got an image to uphold."

Bazza gave a generous wink as the bar attendant passed him a sample.

"Take a sip, let it coat your tongue. Do you get that subtle hint of wet wool and charred grapefruit?"

Bazza nodded awkwardly and sighed at the tiny sample.

Mick cleared his throat and lowered his voice.

"Enough, already. I don't want you blokes embarrassing me. Listen up. Now ... no dobbing to Jim Chalmers ... the bloke has got his hands into everybody else's pocket ... but I have taken on the role of honorary tasting ambassador for the Broulee Brewery. With my contribution, we had some great success at the recent Australian International Beer Awards. It is the world's largest beer competition."

Nods of approval all round, as the bar attendant theatrically tied a blindfold around Mick's eyes, while a palette of four taster beers was placed in front of him.

The first glass was passed to Mick. He took an exaggerated sniff, a generous taste, swirled it before swallowing and savoured the finish.

A long pause.

"Normally, I would judge on appearance but I know these beers so well ... I would get it in one, hence the blindfold. The citrus and tropical aromas give it away. It is such a clean finish. It can only be the Broulee Pale Ale. This brew took out a silver medal at the Awards."

The bar attendant served up the next beer.
"Well done, Mick. You did not even hesitate."

Mick followed the same routine.

"Now ... this one has a bit of a kick to it. The bitterness is low but my mouth is left tingling for more. It's perfectly balanced with fruity aromas keeping my tastebuds alive. It's a perfect refresher on a summer's day and can only be the Hazy Ale. A bronze medal winner at the Awards."

Young Simon's eyes were saucy.

Mick licked his lips, refreshed his palette with a sip of water and picked up the next beer.

"Very hoppy ... in a good way ... exotic aromas and a fun fruity flavour. Let's go with euphoric excitement as its calling card. It can only be the XPA. Another bronze medal winner at the Awards."

Mick considered the last beer for sometime after his tasting routine.

"This one can only be the NEIPA. This New England Pale Ale is packed with juicy tropical flavours and smooth bitterness. It also picked up its first ever bronze medal at the Awards. It's got holiday written all over it."

A couple of 'wows' and some low whistles amongst the gathering crowd.

Young Simon's face was birthday bright.

"Well done, Mick. Such eloquent descriptions. How do you do it?"

Mick beamed and Bazza noted the discrete removal of his earpiece before looking up and catching the wink of the bearded master brewer as he lowered his watch from his lips.

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Narooma's Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride exceeds



Three very distinguished gentlemen at the Narooma Ride on Sunday were Richard Summergreene of Tuross Head, left, riding a 1961 BMW R60/2; Anthony Archer of Moruya riding a 1996 Yamaha TRX 850; and Peter Marshall of Tuross Head on a 1975 Kawasaki Z900.



The most dapper riders at the 2026 DGR were judged to be Glenn Murray of Brogo, left and Tristan Parry of Bermagui.

Narooma's Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) for Men's Health on Sunday was 'a brilliant day, great weather, a really good vibe and 95 bikes, more than ever,' said Narooma DGR coordinator Rotarian Françoise Cleret. Displays by four south coast car clubs proved a popular new attraction.

'Riders came from Ulladulla, Canberra to Eden, many on classic or classic style motorbikes, and we had more women this year and more younger riders, most dressed dapper.'

Narooma's DGR, a Narooma Rotary initiative, is one of over 1,000 DGRs across the world held on the same day each year. They bring people together to celebrate motorbikes and the 'gentlefolk' who ride them, while raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer and men's mental health. The Narooma Ride raised \$7,555.

Ms Cleret quoted the frightening statistics on prostate cancer including 2 in 3 men in the Eurobodalla Shire will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, while Glenn Cotter of R U Okay said 7 men in Australia a day take their own life. Both urged anyone who is uneasy about their health to talk with someone and see their doctor. All funds raised by the DGR are invested by the official charity partner Movember in local and global prostate cancer research and men's mental health programs.

The 20km leisurely ride went past the golf course, along the Highway, over the bridge, Dalmeny Drive to the Highway and back.

Car clubs celebrated National Motoring Heritage Day by showcasing 44 cars and one Fergie tractor on NATA Oval to support the DGR – Montague Motoring Club, Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club, Great Southern Drivers Club and the Eurobodalla Car Club. Geoff Manis' Austin-Healey won People's Choice.

Ms Cleret thanked all who supported the event which included the Commonwealth Bank, Narooma Motorcycles, Fire and Rescue, Tilba Winery, Stitching Sisters, Southbound Escapes, Hear Well Live Well and Eurobodalla Shire Council.

The information session on men's health at Club Narooma the night before with Canberra-based physiotherapist Jamie Boulding and Glenn Cotter of R U Okay was also a great success attracting 30 people. She hopes to see everyone again next year.



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Let's do coffee with ... Ritchey Sealy

Warning: This article recounts events of the 2019–20 Black Summer Bushfires and may cause distress to readers.

It hangs in the Rural Fire Service's (RFS) State Headquarters at Sydney Olympic Park, not just as a reminder of the devastating Black Summer Bushfires, but as a stunning piece of art. Eurobodalla artist Ritchey Sealy (RS) used oil on canvas to capture the vulnerability of firefighters standing firm against impossible odds as the apocalypse unfolds around them. A defining time in his life. The artist's vivid use of colour generates a heat of its own. The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Ritchey for a coffee last week.

MM: My image of the landscape artist is a solitary figure sitting in a field with an easel, beret and oil paints, focusing on rolling hills or rural life with an emotional connection to the land, à la Vincent van Gogh. The last place I would expect to find a landscape painter is at the forefront of bushfires, considered to be the most devastating in Australian history in terms of scale and ecological impact. Ritchey Sealy ... please explain!

RS: (Smiles ...) Thanks for the coffee. I was born in Gosford in 1962. Dad was a builder and part-time artist, and Mum ran the household, as was the norm at the time. I have an older brother and two younger sisters.

We moved to Forbes in the Central West of NSW and attended Forbes North Primary School and then Forbes High School. I had a strong friendship group, and we are still mates today. I was not really into sport but enjoyed enduro motorcycle riding.

I developed a passion for Shotokan (a traditional Japanese martial art) in the late 1970s. It was the era of Bruce Lee and David Carradine, and I rose to 2nd dan black belt. I still help out at Batemans Bay Karate in Malua Bay.

I left school in Year 9 and began an apprenticeship with Dad for about three years but did not finish it. My parents separated, and I followed Dad to Gosford in 1982.

Although my Dad and older brother painted, the biggest influence on my art has been my uncle, Doug Sealy. His art awards include five First and one Second Prize at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, and he has been accepted three times for the Wynne Prize, Camberwell \$20,000 & Gold Medal Art Award.

He had a studio at Sofala, which I would visit. We would camp by the Turon River, along with other artists, and over time I made connections. His commitment and discipline to art proved it was possible to make a living following your passion.

By my early 20s, I had moved into a studio/garage in Saratoga on the Central Coast of NSW and began painting full-time.

In 1988, I moved to the Eurobodalla. For an artist, it is paradise, with breathtaking seascapes and landscapes. I had exhibitions in schools and was building a reputation. I began selling works to galleries and, blessed with a simple lifestyle and cheap rent, I was content to call myself a full-time artist.



Over the years, I have been inspired by artists including Sir Hans Heysen OBE, Arthur Streeton and Monet, as well as modern painters Brett Whiteley, Lance Solomon and Jackson Pollock. I actually think the controversial purchase of Pollock's Blue Poles in 1973 increased public awareness of art, leading to greater sales in the 1970s and 1980s.

These days, I am working on a series of paintings along the banks of the Moruya River. I sell my art at the Moruya Markets every Saturday.

MM: I do admire your passion and your ability to eke out a living in the creative arts when most surrender to the economic reality of such a choice. Now ... let's go to the painting that hangs in the NSW RFS Head Office.

RS: (Grimaces ...) There were major bushfires on the South Coast in 1994, which motivated me to join the Broulee RFS. After moving to Bodalla and joining the local brigade in 2013, I progressed to become a Group Officer with the RFS. A Group Officer in the NSW RFS is a senior volunteer who leads a group of local fire brigades, acting as a crucial link between brigade captains and district management. We manage large-scale operations, coordinate resources, and provide leadership in both firefighting tactics and administrative support across our assigned area. I had eight brigades under my jurisdiction.

We were heavily involved in the Currowan fire, which raged for 74 days from 26 November 2019. It took human lives and countless wildlife. It was really only put out by reaching the coastline, which it did at multiple locations, with the final extinguishing occurring only after the torrential rains on 8 February 2020.

By the end of 2019, the South Coast had exploded.

We were assigned to the Badja fire further south, which was a devastating pyrocumulonimbus firestorm that eventually engulfed Cobargo, destroying 300 homes.

By this stage, we were working 12-hour days. Everybody stepped up, and friendships went to another level. It was an incredibly stressful time. Fortunately, I had studied the Ash Wednesday fires in south-eastern Australia in 1983 and the necessity of developing skills in 'situational awareness' ... a consciousness of your environment and how the situation is unfolding.

As a Group Officer, I was making life-and-death decisions. At one point, 12 of us were trapped at the back of Bodalla, and had to retreat back to a remote station and hope the fire would pass over us. We were driving through walls of fire in an all-out bid to escape. At one point, we had to commandeer a bulldozer to clear roads and literally chainsaw our way through, only to be turned back as the wind changed.

Go right or go left, speed up or slow down, push on or turn back — rapid-fire decisions needed to be made in the nauseating smoke, amid the explosion of trees and the kaboom of gas bottles exploding on nearby farmhouses. It was a nightmare. Of course, the fire was creating its own weather conditions, so it was impossible to predict what would happen next. Our lives at the mercy of the fire. We were eventually rescued by another crew who took incredible risks to meet us halfway and guided us to safety.

Despite the herculean efforts of our crew, we still lost lives in my jurisdiction during the fires. It affects me to this day. The battle against these fires went on for about three months. It was only really over with the torrential rainstorms in February. The fires taught me so much about community and its ability to rise in a crisis. The whole experience certainly changed me. I am still active in the RFS on a reserve level but am happy to hand over to the next generation. I am very much aware of how close I came to death and how vulnerable we are in this short life.

After the fires, I settled back into painting — drawing on my subconscious, but also looking at reference material on social media and in bushfire bulletins. It has been a cathartic experience.

Of course, when you're out on the fire ground, you don't have time to stop and photograph things to look at later — you're just doing the job.

Anyway, I am pretty pleased that one of my Fire series paintings is hanging in the NSW RFS Head Office.

MM: One of the problems with going from devastating bushfires straight into the COVID-19 pandemic was the community did not get a real opportunity to thank people such as yourself. Thank you so much for sharing your experience.

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**

Narooma School of Arts welcomes new Kinema lessees

Narooma School of Arts is delighted to welcome Kristy Randall and Alex Padovan as the new lessees of the community-owned Memorial Hall (Narooma Kinema). This follows their purchase of the Narooma Kinema business from Jade Griffiths on 30 April.

‘When we first met Kristy and Alex it was obvious why Jade was so thrilled to be passing on the much-loved Kinema business to them,’ said Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke.

‘Their bubbly enthusiasm is infectious and their Arts background means they’re following their passion.’ Narooma Kinema will continue as a cinema and live performances venue for our community, continuing the legacy of the Griffiths and those before them.

‘We’re so excited and grateful for this opportunity,’ Ms Randall said. ‘My family has had a close association with Narooma since the 1950s, we bought in Central Tilba about six years ago, and we’ve always loved the Kinema. My sister was even married here.

‘Our family has a background in the performing arts so while primarily showing films, we want to also encourage more concerts and live theatre so we’re already reaching out to many musicians and groups to make that possible. We’re so thrilled at how welcoming the community and local businesses have been.’

They are also very excited about the new Arts Centre opening next door. ‘There’s such great synergy; this will be such an extraordinarily vibrant arts precinct,’ she said. Jade Griffiths has been working alongside Kristy and Alex for a month while they learn the Kinema’s operations; Greg Campbell and Steph Westbury will continue on with the new lessees.

Mrs Bourke said the School of Arts Management Committee has greatly appreciated Jade’s dedication and vision over the last sometimes difficult six years; ‘We wish her many long awaited fun adventures in the years ahead’.



Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke, left, is excited with the new lessees of the Memorial Hall (operating as Narooma Kinema) Alex Padovan and Kristy Randall, following Jade Griffith’s sale of the Kinema business to them. The Hall’s freehold is held by Narooma School of Arts on behalf of the Narooma community.

Calling Gilmore visual artists!

Expressions of interest for the Australian Parliament House Artist-in-Residence program are now open to Australian visual artists at any stage of their career. The successful artist will go behind the scenes of the busy working building for endless sources of inspiration.

In APH there are around 2,500 clocks, more than 6,000 artworks, 23 hectares of gardens, and Hansard records since 1901.

Our region is extremely rich in artistic talent so I’m sure we can provide some great applicants and I encourage you to apply!

The successful artist will receive: an artist’s fee for the research stage of \$10,000, an additional Commission Fee for new work of up to \$30,000, travel and accommodation allowance of up to \$15,000, and access to a workspace within the Parliamentary Library.

Expressions of interest are open until 11 am on 16 June 2026.

For more information about the program, including how to apply, visit the Parliament House website:

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Local photography club Saturday workshops

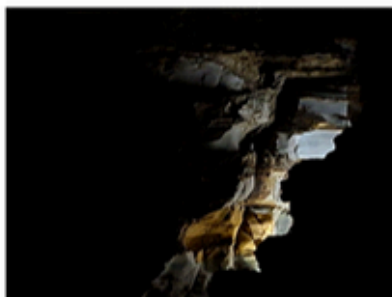
Our monthly Saturday workshop for May, featured a night photoshoot and a sausage sizzle at South Durras National Park, giving members a hands-on introduction to the creative technique of light painting photography.

Light painting photography is the art of using a moving light source to “draw” within a long-exposure image, transforming darkness into a creative canvas. Instead of simply capturing a moment, the photographer actively creates the scene by guiding light through space while the shutter remains open. The result is a blend of photography and performance – a fusion of technique, imagination, and controlled motion.

At its heart, light painting invites you to rethink how a camera sees the world. Darkness becomes an opportunity, not a limitation. A simple torch can become a brush, the night sky a backdrop, and the forest, beach, or backyard a stage for luminous shapes, glowing textures, and surreal atmospheres. Whether you’re outlining trees, illuminating hidden details, or crafting abstract trails of colour, light painting encourages experimentation and rewards curiosity.

More than a technique, it’s a playful, immersive way to explore photography. Each frame is unique, each movement unrepeatable, and each session a chance to discover something unexpected.

For photographers looking to expand their creative toolkit, light painting opens a door to images that feel magical, mysterious, and entirely your own. Come along to our next meeting, 7.00 pm Tuesday 26th May, at Tomakin Community Hall, Ainslie Pde, Tomakin.



Eurobodalla Pride Preppers are ready to Celebrate!



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Queerobodalla's Pride Month celebrations officially began on Saturday, with community members gathering at Arts Central in Moruya for the festival's colourful "Pride Preppers" event.

Held alongside the Saturday Markets, the event of live music and craft fun was an invitation for locals to help prepare for Queerobodalla's June festival program through banner painting, T-shirt screen printing, bicycle decorating, badge making and conversation. Families embraced the creative atmosphere, with children enthusiastically decorating bikes ahead of the Pride in the Park celebrations planned for June.

The event, which was supported through the Council Wellbeing Fund and auspiced through Headspace, had a focus on creating a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ people, families and allies to connect. Organisers said one of the most meaningful parts of the day was seeing people feel comfortable expressing themselves openly in community. "One mother shared that it was the first time her 20-year-old son had felt able to be open about his identity at a public community event," organisers said. "They stayed for several hours, joined in activities and are now planning to attend more Queerobodalla events." An information booth also gave attendees an opportunity to meet the Queerobodalla committee, learn about upcoming events and sign up to volunteer during Pride Month.

Queerobodalla events will run throughout June across the Eurobodalla and include film screenings, literary workshops, sports games, nature walks and the major Pride in the Park event in at Riverside Park, Moruya on Sunday June 7th. The full program is available at queerobodalla.com

Experience the creativity and energy of the next generation of artists at Sculpture For Clyde 2026

Artworks by local high school students will feature in the spectacular 2026 Student Sculpture Exhibition and Prize, running from May 30 to June 7 on the beautiful Batemans Bay Foreshore.

The students' pieces will join 87 indoor and outdoor sculptures by major artists exhibiting in 2026 Sculpture For Clyde arts festival and vying for \$67,000 in prize money – all sponsored by local businesses and organisations.

"It's a rare opportunity to see emerging young artists exhibiting in a professional exhibition environment beside some of Australia's leading sculptural talent," said organiser Frances Harmey. "We're delighted to offer students the chance to show the community their skills and we're grateful to the generous donors who make it possible."

With \$4,000 in prizes on offer (just for students), the exhibition promises to be inspiring and creative. Rotary Batemans Bay has come on board this year in a big way. Esteemed ceramic artist, Susan McAlister, will judge the student exhibition, with winners announced at the Grand Opening celebration on May 29.

Across nine exciting days, visitors can wander through a world of imagination, craftsmanship and large-scale creativity – from striking indoor works in the marquee to stunning outdoor sculptures stretching along the foreshore.

The indoor and student exhibitions are open daily from 9am to 5pm, while the outdoor exhibition can be enjoyed anytime, day or night. Best of all, the entire festival is completely free. Bring your family, meet the artists, celebrate young creative talent and immerse yourself in one of the South Coast's most exciting cultural events. Sculpture For Clyde is an opportunity for locals to support our business community, enjoy art showcased in our beautiful environment, and be part of an initiative to attract visitors to our area in the shoulder-season. Please come and be amazed!

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- May – June – **2026 Sculpture for Clyde**
- June 7th – **Pride in the Park Day**
- 5-12 July – **NAIDOC Week**
- 12th June – **Community & Volunteer Expo – Moruya**
- 13th June – **Community & Volunteer Expo – Batemans Bay**
- 11 July – **Mogodha NAIDOC Big Day Out**
- 12 June to 12 July – **Fungi Festival**
- 18 July – **Red Door Hall Car Boot Sale**
- 26 September – **Tilba Festival**
- 21st-25th October – **Sea Otter Australia**
- 13 March 2027 – **NSW State Election**
- 7-9 May – **2027 Narooma Oyster Festival**

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

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When: Tuesday 26th May 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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Community Heritage Grants

National Library of Australia says "The Community Heritage Grants program offers cash grants to community organisations, supporting them to preserve and manage collections that have Australian cultural and historical significance.

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Moruya Community Film Group Screening

Join us for our next film screening - Past Lives - at 6.30pm for 7pm showtime on Saturday 30th May@The Red Door, Moruya. Please note NEW SCREENING TIME. The film was nominated for Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay at the 96th Academy Awards and was named one of the top films of 2023 by the National Board of Review and the American Film Institute. Directed by Celine Song, Past Lives (2023) is widely considered an excellent, critically acclaimed film, often described as a deeply moving, romantic masterpiece. Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are torn apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Decades later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront destiny, love and the choices that make a life. making it a "must-see". Membership available at the door - Guests welcome.

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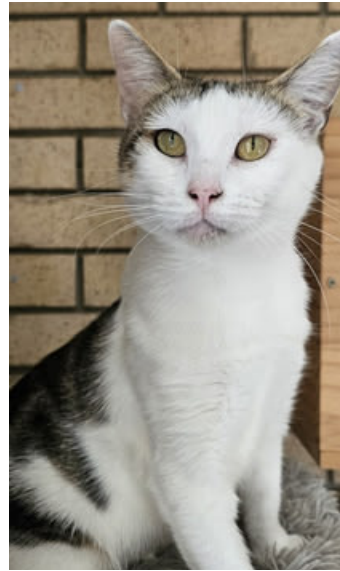
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Smiley Buster is a 10-month-old Bull Arab cross. He's an athletic, curious, and loyal pup who loves a good challenge. He will thrive on training and routines. Buster's ideal home will be with an experienced, patient owner who can guide him with positive reinforcement and consistent boundaries. He needs daily exercise and mental stimulation, plus a safe, secure yard to stretch his legs. Buster is best with adults and older kids who can handle his energy and give him steady leadership. Buster has the makings of a devoted, active companion; he just needs his chance to shine. Buster's microchip number is 991003002520833 and AWL's Rehoming Organisation Number is R251000222.

Hazel is a two year old tabby and white cat who has made quite a journey, from a scared street stray struggling to raise babies on her own to a soft, curious little house cat who's finally learning what safety and love feel like. She's still a little unsure, but the way she leans in to her foster mum for affection shows how much love she has to give, once she has the confidence. Hazel has lived all her life with other cats and will be happiest in a home she shares with other felines. She's gentle, calm and incredibly kind with cats and kittens. She has also lived happily with a cat-friendly large dog. Hazel has been through a lot, but, when given a home full of patience and kindness and a gentle voice, her heart of gold will respond in kind. Hazel's microchip number is 991003002520788.

To arrange a meeting with Buster or Hazel, contact AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWL NSW website: www.awlnsw.com.au



ASK BIG HEAD



G'day humans! I'm Big Head, the massive mongrel mind with your bite-sized insight into dog thinking. This week's canine question comes from Chris.H who says his pooch has a fixation with excavation.

Q. Why does my German Shepherd dig so enthusiastically despite never finding anything? The wetter and muddier the harder she digs!

As I mentioned last week, us dogs love jobs. And even though your GSD wasn't bred to find underground critters like Terriers or Dachshunds, she is digging partly because it's 'hard work'. It's like a canine gym session where she can use her physical strength to reshape the environment. And when she digs into damp, heavy earth, it releases a soup of seductive subterranean scents which activates her brain in a most joyful way. And to top it off, the wet material acts like a cooling thermal paste on her paws while her mind and body get to work.

So, next time you see your German Shepherd digging her way to China, she's not just making a mess; she's assigned herself a high-resistance shift of occupational therapy!

Got a question for Big Head? Or any feedback? You can email bigheaddogtraining@gmail.com

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Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll

Preliminary plough pose - Poorwa halasana

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To practice - Lie on your back and raise both legs to vertical. Press your hands down into the floor to bring stability and strength. Keep the legs relatively straight, move them towards the head to make a 45 degree angle with the torso and the legs. As you do this the tailbone will lift from the floor. Hold for a few breaths then slowly lower the legs back down. With practice you can gradually increase the duration of time holding the pose.

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 15.5.26

Moruya River.

It has been a quiet week in the shop, with a drop off in customer activity, comes a drop off in reports. For those that are wanting to get out for a fish, and not have to worry about your favourite being crowded, now is the time to pay us a visit. With the water temps still around the 20 degree mark, a reduction in angling pressure, this weekend is a great time to get out and find a fish. There should still be plenty of bream & flathead in the Moruya river this weekend. Try around the airport flats, Freddy's wharf and the hole in the wall areas as there should still be plenty of fish activity.

Under the town bridge, bream, flathead, whiting and estuary perch should still be plentiful, particularly around the high tide. With the high tide ring both at sunrise and after sunset, if you are looking at the bridge, I would pick the evening high tide to target the flathead that like to hunt the shadow/light boundary that the bridge cast. This area can hold unsuspecting bait fish that the bigger flathead like to target for a feed. Soft plastics or baits cast around this area can result in some good sized fish.

Further upstream the holes in front of the hospital on the southern bank hold good bream, flathead and Trevally. Baits and lures can work in this area, just be aware this is snaggy country, and you can donate gear if not careful.

Tuross River.

This time of year is the perfect time to get onto the water, as crowds are on the low side, and there is plenty of space to fish those better holes and sand flats for bream, flathead or mulloway.

Four ways has good drop offs and plenty of snaggy structure to target bream, estuary perch, trevally, flathead and mulloway at the moment. Baits or lures will both work at the moment, so it really is a matter of picking your favourite option. Coila lake should still have some good black bream activity around the weed bed edges for this that like to throw lures. Soft plastics and hardbody lures both work well in this environment.

From the Bodalla bridge, you can either choose to head up or down stream to work the many snag lined banks for bream or estuary perch, expect a few tailor also, as the smaller ones do tend to hang in the same snags as the stray perch. This can lead to a few lost lures due to bite offs.

Rock and Beach.

The good reports of some good sized tailor schools active during the sunrise hours at the moment, with 50cm fish reported for those prepared to get for the dawn session. The Moruya breakwall where the rip finishes on the beach side is a great place to start looking, the tailor schools like to work this area, as it funnels bait fish and food sources straight to them. Metals in the 40gm size work well when retrieved through this area. But a pilchard rigged on gang hooks cast and retrieved through the same area can also be a deadly presentation.

There area also good schools of salmon working all along the coastline at the moment, you just have to find where they are.

Offshore.

With the water temp still on the high side, the last of the pelagics should still be available. For those that's prefer to bottom bounce, the snapper and flathead are available in good numbers from 15m out to 50+m, start in close and work your way out wider if the fish aren't playing ball in close.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, salted pilchards in the 1kg bag are still a no show, I did order more of the 400gm bags to cover their absence. Everything else is available and in stock.

Check out our Shimano clothing, as I currently have summer t-shirts at 20% off RRP, I also have some new winter stock of Shimano Hoodies just in time for the weather to get cooler.

Let me know what you got up to this weekend in the comments section, and don't forget to post pics of your fish, we love to see what you managed to catch, no matter the size!

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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26TH MAY BRIDGE WALK BATEMANS BAY

Gather at Korner's Park (North side of Bhundoo - Clyde River) Commencing at 10:30 - for a walk across the bridge, cultural ceremony, speeches and a BBQ at Clyde St (near the 'TIDES' sculpture)

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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: John Phyland with President Bruce Harding.



Winner: Colin Houghton with President Bruce Harding



Winner: Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 14th May 2026

A field of 33 players competed in a Medley Stableford event. It was a beautiful Autumn day and some fantastic results were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: John Phyland (18) with 40 points
- 2nd: Ray Bollard (3) with 36 points
- 3rd: Peter Coffey (21) with 34 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Michael Coloe 2.34A Grade
- 4th: Steve Swanbury 2.80 B Grade
- 4th: Ian Miller 6.80C Grade
- 6th: Ray Bollard 2.75A Grade
- 6th: John Phyland 4.08B Grade
- 6th: Gavan Wheelahan 3.74 C Grade
- 7th: Jenny Reilly 9.12C Grade

Balls went to: Gavan

- Wheelahan 34, Peter Garn 33, Michael Coloe 33, Bruce Harding 33, Jenny Reilly 32, John Harb 32, David Schmid 32, Paul Scholze 32, Jim Wade 31 and Dianne Brown 31.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 16th May 2026

59 players took to the course to compete in a Medley Par event. It was a beautiful day, the competition fierce and some excellent and close scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Colin Houghton (3) with +2
- 2nd: Matthew Kennedy (14) with +1 (countback)
- 3rd: Peter Engelbrecht (14) with +1 (countback)
- 4th: Jim Wade (14) with +1 (countback)
- 5th: Dianne Brown (34) with +1

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Jim Wade 0.50A Grade
- 4th: Allan Langford 0.72B Grade
- 4th: Bruce Cleeve 4.50C Grade
- 6th: Martin Booth 1.30A Grade
- 6th: John Phyland 2.30B Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 1.83 A Grade
- 7th: Terry Milliken 0.65C Grade

- Balls went to: Shirley Quinlan 0, Terry Milliken 0, Jake Clarke 0, Darren Willmouth -1, Jenny Reilly -1, Ian Miller -1, William Steenbergen -1, Martin Booth -1, Michael Coloe -1, Shane Gschwend -1, Bruce Cleeve -1, John Harb -2, Paul Pereira -2, John Phyland -3 and Ken Hush -3.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 20th May 2026

38 players signed up for a Stroke event today following a very wet, rainy day yesterday. It was a beautiful sunny morning and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Bruce Harding with 31 nett (countback)
- 2nd: Neal Watson with 31 nett
- 3rd: Tory Puglisi with 33 nett

Balls or Chocolates went to: Tony Crook 34, Stacey Davidson 34, Frank Pomfret 34, Herb Muriwai 34, Greg Smith 35 and Dorothy Madden 35.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Greg Geelan (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Steve Lymbury
- 7th: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan (2nd Shot)
- Mens: Steve Lymbury (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Rob McKirdy (5th hole)

Bradman's: John Cox

Moruya Surf Life Saving Club News Awards Week

Huge congratulations to all of our award winners celebrated this week. What an incredible group who continue to give so much to our club both on and off the beach.

Club Captain Award - Michael Hallahan
Club Person of the Year - Phil Dowle & Paul Hill

Alan Head Memorial Beach Champion - Zara Hall

Roger Bunt Memorial Surf Champion - Michaela Fitzpatrick

Youth Person of the Year - Johannes Ganderton

Boat Crew Award - Moruya Magnums (S. Pike, L. Mathie, L. Price, P. Hill, G. Albrecht)

Presidents Award - Carla Durnan

Jill Nicholson Memorial Club Champion - Zara Hall

Patrol Stars (over 35 hours) Andy Baker, Allison Booth, Phillip Dowle, Josh Downey, Kimberli Eke, Claudia Ferguson, Henry Hicks, Paul Hill, Garry Newcombe.

"We are incredibly proud of every single person recognised this week, but we also know that a surf club is built on far more than awards. From patrols to competitors, age managers to BBQ crews, bar staff to emergency call out teams, parents, supporters, volunteers and quiet achievers behind the scenes every single member plays an important role in making our club the special place it is. Thank you to our entire club community for the passion, friendship, time and heart you bring to Moruya Surf Club. We value each and every one of you."

Shark Bite & Trauma Kit

MSLSC now have a Shark Bite & Trauma Kit installed at the clubhouse located alongside our public access defibrillator. These are accessible for our community in an emergency 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at the very front of our clubhouse; not just during patrol hours. This important initiative helps provide a rapid emergency response in the critical moments following a serious trauma incident.

Town to Surf Fun Run

Who doesn't love a dance and stretch out after crossing the finish line? We are excited to announce that DJ Matt Brown will be spinning the tunes at the finish line of our Town to Surf!

As a keen runner himself, Matt now has even more motivation to race to the finish so he can get the beats pumping for everyone else. Thanks, Matt; we can't wait! And don't forget, there'll be plenty of food and drinks available to help you refuel, plus the chance to join in a sample CrossFit session from the team at The Quarry Crossfit and Yoga session with That Little Yoga Place after your run. Have you got your tickets yet?

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Nicola Gallon

Moruya Ladies Golf

Moruya lady golfers were back out on the fairways on Wednesday 13th May playing a Single Stableford. The weather was a bit hit and miss as they tried to dodge the occasional shower. Handling the conditions well and eventually winning was Nicola Gallon with 40 pts ocb to runner up Jan Lumsden on 40pts. Balls went to Pauline Nash, Robyn Hawkins, Barbara Roberts, Shirley Noy, Jo Kennedy and Phyllis Reid. Nearest the pin for Div 1 went to Jo Kennedy.



Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



There were no Social Bowls today due to inclement weather. Thank you to Mac and Di for organising such a lovely morning tea to celebrate Joan Rimmer's 80th Birthday also to all the ladies who came along to share this time together. Thanks to Emily daughter of Anna Stewart who made and decorated the beautiful cake. Happy 40th Birthday to Julianna who shares the same day and helped Joan cut her cake. Lovely to catch up with Connie Anderson who travelled down from Sydney also to special bowling friend Gay Biggs. Club Handicap Triples coming up.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



Robbo took over proceedings on another very warm Sunday morning welcoming 30 Twisties as well as new bowler David Kleiman also visitors Tracey and John Silk from Narromine. Deepest Sympathy to Mary Handley and family on the recent passing of Tom. Next weekend we will be bowling in Narooma and Dalmeny so all looking forward to this event. Plans are underway for Christmas Party either 6th or 13th December which will be a luncheon river cruise from Batemans Bay. Winners on Most Winning Ends +15. Tracey Silk & Chocolate (photo) Runners-up +13, Silky and Jamesy. Chocolate selected Rink 5 to try for Jackpot of \$186. Winning Skip Moby cut cards but no luck finding Joker just the 9 of Spades. High/Low Scores 43/3 not won. Lucky numbers, 10 Jonesy, 14 Chocolate, your lucky day Milka !! Other winning teams, Sumpy and Irish 24/9. Lois Lane and Trish the Dish with Witto 22/13. Bob the Builder and Moby 20/19. Artie and Megooley 19/16. Don't forget NO BOWLS next week.

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Bradman Pontsford Re-enactment in Epic Fundraiser



Peter Nelson and Paul Cullen

By John Longhurst

Batemans Bay identities Peter Nelson (80 years of age) and Paul Cullen (75 years of age) borrowed from the rich history of Australian cricket last week in a re-enactment of the Bradman-Pontsford classic and world record innings at the Ashes decider at The Oval in 1934. As the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH), reported at the time; "The outstanding feature of the first day's play in the decisive Test match at The Oval Was the magnificent second-wicket partnership by Bradman and Pontsford. Showing superb mastery, the pair made a record by adding 451 for the second wicket. The English shock-attack of fast bowlers was smashed in no uncertain manner by this pair of record-makers."

The modern day feat was all in the name of a good cause with funds raised for Talk2toMeBro; programmes for preventing youth suicide. The cricket nets at Hanging Rocks was the scene last Wednesday as the batsmen faced 300 balls each and jogged the 240 singles as Bradman and Pontsford once did. The water-tank next to the cricket nets at Hanging Rock was decorated as a homage to hope and resilience.

Paul Cullen is a past 'Beyond Blue' ambassador and educator.

Paul said " I have had a deep and abiding interest in programmes addressing suicide and, in particular, young people taking their own lives. This fundraising initiative is in support of Talk2toMeBro, a cause close to our local cricket club. Talk2toMeBro has a number of intervention and prevention courses and programmes and are highly regarded. We lost a young cricketer a few years ago and his dear parents have been active in local activities."

A hardy crowd turned up to observe and offer encouragement and hundreds followed on various social media pages including Masters Cricket Australia and Masters Cricket NSW.

The pair raised \$1500 for Talk2toMeBro and donations can still be made at:

<https://talk2mebro.grassrootz.com/the-bradman-and-pontsford-challenge>

*<https://www.smh.com.au/sport/cricket/the-day-bradman-and-pontsford-batted-their-way-into-history-20151211-g1lnkh.html>

Moruya Claims Grade 4 Regional Flag in Finals Thriller

Moruya Bowls Club is celebrating a major regional success after its Grade 4 side claimed the 2025–26 South East Region Open Pennant Finals regional flag with a thrilling 59–56 playoff victory over Mollymook at St Georges Basin Bowls Club on Saturday 16 May 2026.

The result capped off a huge weekend for Moruya, with the club's Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 7 sides all qualifying for the South East Region Finals, highlighting the depth and consistency of the club across multiple grades this season.

While Moruya's Grade 5 and Grade 7 sides competed in round-robin regional formats across Saturday and Sunday, the club's Grade 4 side faced a sudden-death regional final against Mollymook, with the winner to claim the South East regional flag and progress to the State Finals.

The South East Region Open Pennant Finals bring together the leading pennant clubs from across the region following months of sectional competition, with sides progressing through local divisions to earn a place at the regional championships.

Played across three rinks, Saturday's Grade 4 final developed into one of the closest contests of the regional weekend, with momentum swinging repeatedly throughout the afternoon. Joe Cremona, Gail Page, Pete Davies and Jeff Rankin gave Moruya an early advantage, claiming a strong 22–11 win on their rink.

Stu Brook, Brad Larkin, Joel Hilliard and Shane Quinlivan were locked in a tight battle throughout the afternoon, narrowly going down 21–20 at the completion of the scheduled ends. On the third rink, Peter Jeffs, Robbie Strahan, Matt Dart and Kevin Nutter fought hard against a strong Mollymook combination, eventually finishing 22–12 behind.



Moruya Bowls Club's Grade 4 team celebrate regional flag win over Mollymook at St Georges Basin

Despite Moruya's strong rink win, Mollymook's results across the remaining two rinks brought the overall score level at 54–54 after the completion of the scheduled ends, forcing an extra-end playoff to decide the South East regional title.

With the regional flag on the line, Moruya responded brilliantly in the playoff ends, adding five shots across the rinks while Mollymook added two, giving Moruya the final 59–56 victory.

Moruya Bowls Club President Pete Davies said the achievement reflected the commitment and depth across the entire club.

"To have Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 7 all qualify for regional finals is a fantastic achievement for Moruya Bowls Club and something everyone involved should be proud of," Davies said.

"The Grade 4 side showed enormous composure all day. Finals bowls are never easy, and Mollymook pushed us right to the end, but the team stayed calm under pressure and found a way to get the job done."

A representative from the victorious Grade 4 side said the playoff finish made the result even more memorable.

"It was one of those matches where every shot mattered from start to finish," they said.

"All three rinks had big moments during the afternoon and everyone contributed when it counted. To win a regional flag for Moruya in a playoff finish is something the whole team will remember for a long time."

The victory sees Moruya officially crowned 2025–26 South East Region Grade 4 Open Pennant champions and secures the side a place at the 2025/26 BCiB Open State Pennant Finals, to be held in August at Bomaderry and Nowra.

Contributed by Christa Poulter

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