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# Wide range of electric vehicles on show at EV EXPO

The South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance's EV EXPO will be held this Saturday in Riverside Park featuring a wide range of vehicles.

Come along and have a chat to local owners of a diverse range of electric vehicles about what it is like to own one in the Eurobodalla.

Local auto dealer AMH will also be there with new vehicles. With the recent oil crisis and spike in fuel prices, there has been a surge in interest in going electric.

Rob Motbey from Coastal Auto Group Moruya says BYD was the second largest selling manufacturer in Australia last month. Locally, 90% of sales over the last two months have been EVs.

The new technology is moving fast and Rob says BYD are bringing 4 minute chargers to Australia.

Interestingly the new tech isn't just for the young ones. Rob says the average age of purchasers locally is 71 years.

Kathryn Maxwell from SHASA says "There is something for everyone, and prices start under \$25,000. You might even be able to trade your combustion engine car for an electric one with very little to pay, and say goodbye to expensive fuel and maintenance, and enjoy a quiet, more relaxing ride."

### The Expo is your chance to:

Engage with local EV distributor Coastal Auto Group Moruya about electric vehicles available for sale right here in Moruya. They will be exhibiting at the expo with a range of electric vehicles including: BYD (Atto 1, Atto 3, Sealion 7, Shark 6), Kia (EV3, EV5) and 2 MGs.

Talk to Betta Batemans Bay about savings from going electric in the home.

Do a test drive in a BYD Atto 3, with Natalie Barnett.

Book a one-on-one chat with SHASA EV owners to assist you with working out which electric car best meets your needs.

Local EVs participating with their owners are:

Skoda Elroq, BYD Atto 1, BYD Atto 2, BYD Atto 3 (and tear drop caravan), BYD Seal, MGS5, Nissan ENV200 electric van, Polestar 2, Kia EV3, Kia EV3, Deepal SO7, Nissan Leaf.

The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance Electric Vehicle Expo at the Moruya Markets on Saturday, 6 June, from 8am to 12.30pm.

The stalls (SHASA, Betta, Coastal Auto Group Moruya) are located within the Moruya Markets (near the Wave Sculpture). All the cars will be on the eastern side of the Wave Sculpture.



Jade Cowan and Rob Motbey at Coastal Auto Group Moruya with an Atto 1 BYD.

## Council to explore options for Batemans Bay Community Centre

At Tuesday's Meeting, Council voted to support the reopening of the Batemans Bay Community Centre.

The facility has been leased to a not-for-profit community service operator since 2021. Following the tenant's departure in September 2025, Council had been seeking a new tenant while considering future options for the site.

Director of community arts and recreation Kathy Arthur said it was important to assess what's required to reopen and operate the facility successfully.

"The building has been used as office space for the past five years, so a thorough condition assessment will be undertaken, along with any essential maintenance and renewal work to ensure it is fit for purpose," Ms Arthur said.

"We'll examine operational requirements such as staffing, security and management arrangements, as well as community demand to make sure future use is both practical and affordable, in line with the Council resolution."

A report outlining the findings will be presented to councillors for consideration later this year.

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## Finalists announced for Eurobodalla Business Awards

Finalists have been revealed from more than 67 nominations to the 2026 Eurobodalla Business Awards. Winners will be announced at the gala night at Bay Pavilions on Saturday 20 June. Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher congratulated finalists and said tickets to the gala awards night are now [available online](#).

"Book a table with your colleagues, family or friends and celebrate businesses of Eurobodalla," Mayor Hatcher said. "This black-tie evening is a highlight on our regional calendar. The event brings together government, industry and community leaders to celebrate the people and organisations driving excellence across Eurobodalla."

### Finalists for this year's awards are:

**Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion:** ·Ness Shannon, Active Art ·Rainbow Club, Batemans Bay ·Renew Animal Assisted Therapy & Counselling Services.

### Excellence in Large Business

·Catalina Club.

### Excellence in Medium Business

·Eurobodalla Health and Fitness ·The Mossy Cafe Group.

### Excellence in Micro Business

·Broulee Psychology ·Lume Chiropractic ·The Shorebirds Design & Styling.

### Excellence in Small Business

·Beach Road Clinical Services ·Leopard Cleaning Services ·Stepz Dance Academy.

### Excellence in Sustainability

·Beach Road Clinical Services ·Plenished ·Tuross Little Lambs Preschool.

### Excellence in the Arts

·Active Art ·River of Art Inc ·Sculpture For Clyde.

### Outstanding Community Organisation

·Eurobodalla Meals on Wheels ·Rotary Club of Batemans Bay ·Yumaro.

### Outstanding Employee

·Katie Tegel, My Agent Team ·Stacey Rossetto, Narooma Law ·William Adams, Narooma Cleaning Supplies.

### Outstanding Indigenous Business

·Joonga Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation ·Minga Aboriginal Cultural Services Pty Ltd ·Walbunja Rangers

### Outstanding New Business

·Foxdog Distillery + Brewery ·South Coast Racquet Club – Pickleball ·Walawaani Way Conservation Burial.

### Outstanding Visitor Experience

·Crank It Up Festival ·Narooma MTB Trail Network ·Sea Otter Australia Festival.

### Outstanding Young Business Leader

·Charlotte Jenkins, Clydes Equine Bodywork ·Robyn Mills, Tuross Little Lambs Preschool.

## Dance floor brings community together



Photo: Eurobodalla Shire Council

There was no shortage of smiles, laughter or air guitar solos at this year's All Abilities Dinner Dance on Thursday 28 May.

Around 60 guests, along with carers, family members and support workers, gathered at Moruya Golf Club for a Chinese feast before hitting the dance floor to tunes spun by DJ Matt Brown.

The Disney-themed dress-ups helped break the ice, but it didn't take long for the room to come alive. From the first song, the dance floor was packed with groovers showing off their best moves.

Eurobodalla Council's community development and youth coordinator Rhonnie South encouraged everyone at the start of the evening to introduce themselves to someone new and enjoy the opportunity to connect.

"We had such great feedback from another fantastic year of the event," Ms South said.

"It was wonderful to see people walking up and dancing with someone they hadn't met before. They all know how to have a good time and we were so happy to be able to facilitate an event like this for our community."

Ms South said it was more than just a night out. The annual dinner dance was about bringing people together, building friendships and creating opportunities for people to connect in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

She thanked the event crew which included two young team members from Roundsquared who gained new skills helping run the event.

"From setting up and serving meals to encouraging people onto the dance floor, the crew helped create a welcoming atmosphere and made sure the evening ran smoothly from start to finish," Ms South said.

# MTA TRAVEL TALK

Susan from Uniworld will be talking all things River Cruising. Uniworld sails across Europe, Asia, Egypt, and South America.

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Celebrating 20 years of joint management at Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks



Celebrating the handback. Photo Anthony Mayne

The Yuin people and other community members have marked 20 years since Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks were formally handed back, celebrating two decades of Aboriginal ownership, joint management and cultural leadership on the NSW Far South Coast.

The milestone has been celebrated during National Reconciliation Week with a cultural festival at Tilba Oval, attended by members of the Biamanga and Gulaga Boards of Management, NPWS staff, school groups, community members and Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland. The festival featured a smoking ceremony, performances by the Yuin Choir and Aboriginal dancers, as well as weaving and panel discussions.

Spanning more than 18,000 hectares, Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks have been jointly managed by the Boards of Management and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) since May 2006.

Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks hold deep cultural and spiritual significance for the Yuin people. Biamanga, also known as Mumbulla Mountain, is a sacred men’s ceremonial place, while Gulaga, known as Mother Mountain, holds particular significance for Aboriginal women. Together, these landscapes embody thousands of years of cultural knowledge, ceremony and story. Over the past 20 years, the formal recognition and joint management have delivered meaningful outcomes for community and conservation, including strengthening decision-making, protecting significant sites and maintaining cultural fire and land management practices.

NPWS and the Gulaga and Biamanga Boards employ Aboriginal rangers, field officers and administrative staff, and create meaningful employment, training and leadership opportunities.

Biamanga and Gulaga are among 35 joint management arrangements across NSW national parks that recognise Aboriginal responsibility for caring for Country and support participation in park planning, protection and decision-making. Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Penny Sharpe said “Joint management is about walking together, respecting the deep cultural knowledge of Yuin people and ensuring it guides how we care for these extraordinary cultural landscapes.

“For 20 years, National Parks has worked in genuine partnership with the Boards of Management to protect what matters most – cultural heritage, natural values and the stories that connect community to Country.

“This anniversary is not just a celebration of a milestone, but a recognition of the strength of shared decision-making and the enduring custodianship of Yuin people.”

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, David Harris said “Twenty years since the handback of Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks is a powerful milestone for the Yuin people and NSW. The Yuin people’s profound connection to the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks cannot be understated.

“This anniversary recognises that enduring connection and the leadership traditional owners continue to show in caring for these deeply significant places.”

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## Celebrating 20 years of joint management at Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said “Biamanga and Gulaga stand as places of profound cultural, spiritual and environmental importance for the Yuin people and communities across the far south coast. Marking 20 years since their return to Aboriginal ownership is a powerful reminder of the strength of partnership, respect and shared responsibility. Today we acknowledge and thank the Traditional Owners, Elders, Board members, rangers and community who have guided the care of these remarkable landscapes, ensuring culture, knowledge and connection to Country continue to be honoured and passed on to future generations.”

Bunja Smith, Chair, Biamanga Board of Management said “The past two decades of joint management at Biamanga show what is possible when Aboriginal owners and NPWS walk together with respect and trust. It has created real opportunities for cultural practice, employment and leadership, while keeping these special places open, cared for and shared with everyone.”

Ros Field, Chair, Gulaga Board of Management said “Reaching 20 years of joint management at Gulaga National Park is a powerful acknowledgement of Yuin people’s responsibility to care for Country. This partnership has strengthened our cultural authority and ensured that decisions are guided by knowledge passed down through generations, for the benefit of Country and the wider community.”



Smoking ceremony by Warren Foster, Koorin Campbell, Bunja Smith, Cameron Ladmore and Jordan Nye.



Alex Graham, Deputy Secretary NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



Gulaga Dancers



Alex Graham, Uncle Bunja Smith, Dr Michael Holland, MP for Bega; Auntie Ros Field, Julie Peterson, Acting Executive Director Park Operations Coastal NPWS and Jo Issaverdis, Eurobodalla Area Manager, South Coast.

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## Fire up the crusher: Illegal e-bike riders on notice over seizures

Illegal e-bikes will be seized and crushed under the Minns Labor Government's tough approach to taking high-powered and doctored bikes off the state's roads and footpaths.

NSW Police and Transport Authorised Officers will be empowered to seize illegal e-bikes and Transport for NSW will be able to pulverise them.

The Road Transport Amendment (Non-registrable Motor Vehicles) Bill 2026 facilitating the new approach passed NSW Parliament on Thursday.

This law is part of the NSW Government drawing a clear line on e-bikes: we want young people outdoors and active, but we will not tolerate illegal, high-powered e-motorbikes putting lives at risk and being part of anti-social behaviour.

As well as introducing the crushing machinery, the Minns Labor Government has invested in a number of 'dyno units' that measure whether the speed of an e-bike is beyond the legal maximum. The portable test units can determine whether the e-bike's power assistance cuts out completely at 25km/h as per the law in NSW.

If an e-bike is found to be non-compliant at the roadside, Police will be empowered to seize it and ultimately crush the bike to ensure it does not return to the road.

## Record temperatures ahead: UN report is a warning Australia cannot ignore

### WWF-Australia

A new [UN climate outlook](#) predicting record global temperatures in the next five years is a warning Australia cannot ignore, said WWF-Australia.

The [report](#) from the UN's weather agency, the World Meteorological Organization, found global average temperatures are likely to continue at or near record levels over the next five years.

It is likely (86% chance) that at least one year between 2026 and 2030 will surpass 2024 as the warmest year on record, according to the report released today.

It is also very likely (91% chance) the global mean near-surface temperature will temporarily exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels for at least one year between 2026 and 2030.

WWF-Australia's Head of Regenerative Climate, Nat Burke said the report highlights the risk and responsibility facing Australia. This report shows the dangers of climate change are arriving even faster than expected," he said.

"Australia and neighbouring countries across the Pacific and Asia sit right in the heart of a highly climate-sensitive region. "Small shifts in the global climate system, including shifts between El Niño and La Niña conditions, can translate quickly into drought, heatwaves, bushfires, coral bleaching and extreme rainfall here.

"But Australia also has a bigger opportunity to act than most countries.

"We are one of the world's largest exporters of fossil fuel emissions. By accelerating the shift to renewable energy and phasing out fossil fuels, we can help limit how much worse this gets, not just for Australia but our whole region.

"We also know the power of nature-based solutions to climate change. Investing in nature is one of the fastest, most effective ways to build resilience to the impacts we can't avoid.

"Mangroves can protect coastlines from storm surge, reefs support food security and livelihoods, and urban green space can bring down temperatures in our cities.

"This report isn't just a warning. It's a reminder that the choices Australia makes now will shape how exposed we are in the years ahead."



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## Aboriginal community health workers and community members new hospital site visit



Front row L to R: Craig Johnson, Ebony Beetson, Soozie Gillies, Denise Oliver, Darian McLeod, Patricia Ellis, Krystle Foran and Jordan Nye. 2nd row: Maureen Seerson, Maxine Pendergast, Kate Cronen, Gina Brook, Gayle Nolan, Iris White, Kate Gibbs, Cheyenne O'Brien, Rebecca Eldridge. Back row: Dave Higgon, Tane Patchett, Riley Nolan.

By Patricia Ellis

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of May, twenty-two Aboriginal community health workers and community members participated in a site tour of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, followed by conversation and a light lunch. This was initiated by Dave Higgon Employee Relations Manager of Multiplex Australasia in recognition of reconciliation week.

Participants were introduced to the different departments in the facility including the birthing suites, the emergency department, rehabilitation wards, inpatient and intensive care unit by our guide Tane Patchett, Project Manager Construction. Meg Pritchard very generously participated and answered questions appropriate to her role as Work, Health and Safety Co-ordinator.

Community Health Services that were represented included several Case workers from Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Regional Health and Community Services, Elder Care Support, Alcohol and other Drugs and Operational Support, all of whom are studying to become Aboriginal Health Practitioners through University of Wollongong and an Audiologist studying at Macquarie University.

They were joined by a volunteer from Eurobodalla Palliative Care, Grand Pacific Health teams from Medicare Mental Health Centre Moruya, Chronic Care and Tackling Indigenous Smoking. Aboriginal Elders and community who were in attendance came from Ulladulla, Batemans Bay, Mogo, Moruya, Bodalla and Bega. Maureen Seerson kindly represented Fiona Phillips office.

The group enjoyed networking with other Aboriginal Health Services and were pleased to see the progress of the hospital construction. The site tour provided the opportunity to ask questions about the capacity and services that will be available to the public early next year.

The feedback from participants and staff was extremely positive and encouraging. It was obvious that in-depth consultation has been ongoing with the broader Aboriginal community. The hospital environment looks aesthetically pleasing to the eye creating a calm, welcoming and comfortable atmosphere. Everybody was thankful for the opportunity and are looking forward to the official opening of the hospital.



**DR MICHAEL HOLLAND MP**  
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# Open hearts keep children safe

Foster carers Hayley and Laura will soon embrace ten-year-old Casey\* as their adopted son. The journey began for Hayley when Casey, only two years old at the time, was placed in her care. "I've always said to him that he has a birth mum, but that I was his 'heart mum' because my heart said 'yes'."

Over the 12 years that Hayley has fostered with MacKillop Family Services she has opened her heart and home to more than 20 children and young people, providing a range of care from emergency and respite through to short and long-term foster care.

Hayley recalls the very first child she cared for after accreditation and training. "I had a phone call, and within two hours this sixteen-month-old was here, in my home."

The child was only part of her family for a short time, but she still catches up with him and his family. "He says he remembers the fun time we had—even though he was less than two years old at the time. It shows that kids remember feeling safe and loved."

"When we wrap a loving home around children, we model something different: that all people deserve to be treated with respect."

Laura's place in Casey's life began as she started a relationship with Hayley. "I knew from the outset that Hayley was fostering, and welcomed it," she says. "Children are a gift whether they're yours or someone else's."

Hayley has also cared for children who identified as non-binary and gender-fluid. "I learned to listen to the young people and identify with them in the way that they saw themselves," she said.

"Regardless of your sexual leaning, if you are willing to be a support person to a vulnerable child, seek out agencies like MacKillop and see what you are willing to embrace as a carer."

"The MacKillop team will support and work with you regardless of your gender or relationship status," says Hayley. "So long as you have a safe, loving home environment for kids from vulnerable circumstances, that's a start."



Foster carers Hayley (L) and Laura (R)

"You're going to have doubts," Laura chimes in, "but if it's something you're willing to try, just jump in. You're not going to know until you try it."

MacKillop Family Services will be at Pride in the Park this Sunday and invites everyone to chat with them about fostering. It's a great chance to ask all the questions you may have. Meet the team at: **Pride in the Park Riverside Park, Moruya Sunday 7 June 2026 11am-4pm**

You could also visit [mackillop.org.au/fostercare](http://mackillop.org.au/fostercare) to learn more or to sign up for an online information session.

\*Name changed for privacy



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## The Longest Night Feast - SAGE Winter Solstice

Please join us for our annual Winter Solstice Feast  
 Sunday 21 June 2026 at the SAGE Garden, 110 Queen Street Moruya

Gates open at 3.30pm for a 4pm dinner.

As the longest night of the year settles in, gather with us around the fire for an evening of warmth, good food, music and community connection.

Winter Solstice is a time to slow down, share stories, celebrate the season and enjoy the comfort of coming together in the middle of winter. At the SAGE Garden, we'll light the fires, pour the mulled wine and feast on beautiful local food as the sun sets and the stars appear overhead. On arrival, enjoy a warming seasonal soup with freshly baked focaccia from the pizza oven, before settling in for hearty lasagna served with delicious winter salads.

Menu options include beef and vegetarian lasagnas (with a gluten free and vegan option available). The SAGE Bar will be serving locally made mulled wine, and local musicians (to be confirmed) will provide the soundtrack for a cosy winter evening in the garden. Bring your family, friends, neighbours and anyone who could use a little winter cheer. Wear your warm coats, beanies and scarves, and settle in beside the fire for one of SAGE's favourite seasonal gatherings.

As always, please BYO drinks, plates, cutlery, chairs or picnic rugs. The garden can be very cool in the evening, so come rugged up and ready for winter.

Tickets available online only – no sales at the gate.

\$30 per person

\$17.50 children(5–13 years)

\$80 family ticket(2 Adults + 2 Children)

Children under 5 free

We look forward to sharing the longest night with you.

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## New animal shelter plans on exhibition

Plans for Eurobodalla's new \$2.3m animal shelter are now on public exhibition, with the community invited to have their say over the next month.

The development application for the proposed facility is on exhibition until Monday 22 June. Community members can view the plans on Council's website by searching: 'Development proposals on exhibition'.

Submissions can be lodged online through the same webpage or emailed to [council@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@esc.nsw.gov.au) quoting reference DA0509/26.

To manage the conflict of interest involved with Council lodging its own development application while also being the consent authority, an independent consultant planner has been engaged to assess the application.

The application will be reported to a Council Meeting later this year. If approved, the project will move into detailed design with construction drawings, a tender process and ultimately construction of the new facility.

The community can now check out the DA online



## Go Get Healthy

with Sofia Keady

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### PEA For Pain Management

Every now and then I come across a supplement that makes me stop and take notice. PEA is one of those. You may not have heard of PEA before, but it's been used in Europe for many years and has only become more widely available in Australia in recent years.<sup>2</sup> PEA, which stands for palmitoylethanolamide, is a naturally occurring fatty compound made by our bodies and found in small amounts in foods such as egg yolks, peanuts, soybeans and meat.<sup>1</sup>

What makes PEA so interesting is that our body produces it naturally when dealing with pain, inflammation and physical stress. Researchers believe it forms part of the body's natural response system, helping to regulate inflammation and support healthy nerve function.<sup>1,3</sup>

One of the challenges with chronic pain is that the body's own protective mechanisms don't always keep up. Some studies have found that people living with ongoing pain may have lower levels of PEA, leading researchers to investigate whether supplementation may help provide additional support.<sup>2,4</sup>

Unlike some pain medications that simply block pain signals, PEA appears to work by helping to calm inflammatory processes and overactive immune responses that may contribute to pain.<sup>3,5</sup> This is one of the reasons it has attracted so much attention from researchers over the past two decades. Research has looked at PEA's potential role in a range of conditions associated with pain and inflammation, including:<sup>2,5</sup>

- Fibromyalgia
- Osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis
- Sciatica
- Lower back pain
- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Neuropathic pain
- Shingles-related nerve pain
- Chronic pelvic pain, including endometriosis
- Migraines
- Diabetic neuropathy
- Chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy
- Inflammatory bowel conditions

Another aspect of PEA that many people find appealing is that it is generally well tolerated and has shown a favourable safety profile in clinical studies.<sup>2,5</sup> Some research suggests it may be taken alongside conventional pain medications as part of an overall pain management plan. As always, it's important to discuss any new supplement with your healthcare professional, particularly if you are taking prescription medication or have an existing health condition.

Interest in PEA grew significantly following the work of Nobel Prize-winning scientist Rita Levi-Montalcini, whose research helped improve our understanding of the compound's role in regulating inflammation and supporting nerve health.<sup>6</sup> Since then, numerous studies, including randomised controlled trials, have continued to explore its potential benefits.<sup>2,5</sup>

While research is ongoing, the results so far are certainly encouraging. For people living with chronic pain and inflammation, PEA may be worth discussing with their healthcare practitioner as another option to support their health and wellbeing.

For more information about PEA, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at

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

Yours in health,

Sofia Keady - Nutritionist

**Go Vita Batemans Bay**



# Marine Rescue Batemans Bay volunteers save dog swept off rocks

Volunteers from Marine Rescue Batemans Bay have safely rescued a dog after it was swept from rocks at Observation Point and carried into the water shortly after midday today.

Marine Rescue NSW Inspector Glenn Sullivan said radio operators at Marine Rescue Batemans Bay received multiple calls from concerned members of the public reporting a dog in distress offshore.

“Following the reports, a volunteer crew was immediately assembled and rescue vessel Batemans Bay 20 was tasked to investigate, along with one of our rescue watercraft (jet skis),” Inspector Sullivan said.

“Upon arrival in the area, the crew located the dog on Snapper Island.

“One of our volunteers went ashore onto the island, and after almost an hour of coaxing the dog, safely retrieved it. With the assistance of the rescue watercraft operator, the dog was taken to the rescue vessel and put on board.

“The dog was then transported back to the Marine Rescue Batemans Bay base, where our radio operators coordinated with Eurobodalla Shire Council Rangers to ensure it received appropriate care.

“We are hopeful the rangers will be able to reunite the dog with its owner as soon as possible.”

Inspector Sullivan said the outcome could have been very different had conditions been less favourable.



“The dog was fortunate to have reached Snapper Island, and equally fortunate that sea conditions were exceptionally calm at the time of the incident.

“This rescue highlights the vigilance of members of the public who quickly raised the alarm and the dedication of our volunteers, who are always ready to respond when help is needed on and around the water,” Inspector Sullivan said. The dog was handed into the care of a Eurobodalla Shire Council Ranger following the rescue.

Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer-based, not-for-profit professional organisation dedicated to keeping boaters safe across the state. Our 3,500 trained volunteers support communities through search and rescue operations, marine radio monitoring and boating safety education.

## Help shape Eurobodalla’s economic future

Own a business? Thinking about investing? Passionate about our region?

We’re reviewing Eurobodalla’s Economic Development Strategy and want to hear your ideas on how we can support local business, attract investment and create opportunities across the shire.

### Drop-in sessions

- Narooma Library: Tuesday 16 June, 1pm-4pm
- Moruya Library: Wednesday 17 June, 11am-2pm
- Batemans Bay Library: Thursday 18 June, 1pm-4pm

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## Councils faced with Winding Back the Clock on new Code of Conduct

Chairman of the **NSW Country Mayors Association (CMA)**, Mayor Rick Firman OAM has expressed concern that councils across NSW must now wind the clock back on the implementation of the 2025 Local Government Model Code of Conduct as a result of the passing of a Disallowance motion last week.

"It is unfortunate that our representatives in the NSW Parliament were unable to negotiate the introduction of an amendment to the Code of Conduct to allow attendance at meetings by audio-visual link. While we understand that talks were underway for this to occur, they had dragged on for some time resulting in the Disallowance motion," he said.

"The CMA has, since the introduction of the new Code, lobbied consistently for a reversion to the previous arrangements whereby councillors who were unable to attend a meeting in person could do so by AVL. Many councillors serving on remote, rural and regional councils live a very long way from their council chambers, in some instances attending a meeting requires travelling hundreds of kilometres. Nevertheless, they commit to doing this and in the main they manage it. However, sometimes due to factors beyond their control they cannot make the journey, and this is why the ability to attend by AVL is so important."

"Many of our members were also deeply dissatisfied with the new Code's requirement that councillors could no longer hold briefings in private. The CMA also lobbied for this to be returned to the Code, our members strongly believe that councillors must have the opportunity to explore, learn and investigate proposals before council without third-party scrutiny. Decision-making by councillors should be informed, and sometimes this must be done by way of private briefings where matters can be aired without fear or favour," Mayor Firman said.

The new Local Government Code of Conduct was introduced last year, it included numerous changes from the previous Code including removing the ability of councillors to attend meetings via AVL, the only exception being natural disaster and banning private briefing for councillors. The removal of both was decried by councils across NSW. The loss of attendance by AVL was seen as restricting councillors' abilities to represent their communities and for the possibility of misuse because council meetings could be deliberated scheduled for times when some councillors would not be able to attend in person. While the loss of private briefings was seen as restricting councillors' opportunities to be better informed about the matters under their consideration.

"In person attendance at every meeting is not realistic for many councillors in remote, rural and regional NSW. The CMA wanted to see an amendment to the Code that recognised this situation. It is very unfortunate that despite on-going discussions with the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig MP, the Greens and the Coalition formed the view that the only way to achieve the amendment was by disallowing the entire Code. Councils across NSW are now in a position of having to undo changes that have been put into place since the introduction of the Code last year. For many, it will be a costly and time-consuming exercise," Mayor Firman said.

Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick, CMA Deputy Chairman and Mayor of Bega Shire echoes concern about the costs associated with the now defunct 2025 Code as well as the time it has taken for amendments that we have lobbied for.

"Councillors and General Managers just want certainty on the process they must follow," Mayor Fitzpatrick said. "We understand that the Government had been examining the feedback received from Dr Cohn MLC, the Country Mayors Association and Local Government NSW on the Model Meeting Code, with quite advanced drafting on an updated code. We are hoping that drafting for the new Code will be completed as soon as possible. We encourage the Government, Coalition, Greens and Cross-Benchers to work as quickly and as collaboratively as possible to remove the current uncertainty. The CMA as a key stakeholder would welcome any opportunity to provide input into the resolution of the issue," he said.

## NSW NEWS IN BRIEF

### More than 25,000 school staff move from uncertain temporary contracts to permanent roles

More than 25,000 teachers and school support staff who were previously on uncertain temporary contracts are now in permanent roles, keeping more teachers in the classroom and delivering better outcomes for students across NSW.

These reforms are attracting more teachers into the classroom and helping to retain those already there, resulting in teacher vacancies falling to a 12-year low and the number of merged and cancelled classes in NSW halving since the election of the Labor Government.

### Local workers and businesses receive priority in NSW government contracts

For the first time in NSW, local workers and businesses will be prioritised for Government tenders, under the Local Jobs First Commission legislation being introduced this week by the Minns Labor Government. The reform puts three priorities at the centre of every government purchase: locally produced goods and services, local jobs and skills, and support for local small and medium sized businesses.

### Green light to build first Aussie-made electric ferry

Sydney Harbour will be the stage for the first trial of an electric ferry, with contracts signed to build the locally-designed, Australian-made vessel. Shipyard Richardson Devine Marine will begin building the trial vessel later this year.

The seven Australian-built Parramatta River Class ferries, representing an investment of \$49.6 million, have been a success after their staged launch since May 2024.

After it's built, the new 24-metre, battery electric ferry will be trialled for 12 months from early 2028 and is likely to service the new Sydney Fish Markets route when it enters passenger service in 2029. Shoreside charging infrastructure will be installed at Barangaroo Wharf to enable the trial.

### More DV offenders than ever being brought before the courts

New data from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) shows NSW Police are bringing more domestic violence offenders than ever before the courts, as the Minns Labor Government continues its crackdown on domestic and family violence. There has been a 17 per cent increase in the number of adults remanded for domestic violence offences in the four months to March. More than 40 per cent of the additional people remanded since December are charged with a domestic violence offence. Over the past year, the proportion of domestic violence incidents resulting in legal action within 30 days rose from 66 to 74 per cent.

People in custody charged with domestic violence offences now represent more than a quarter of the overall prison population.

### Making it easier for women in NSW to access the contraceptive pill

Starting this Friday, women in NSW will have improved access to the oral contraceptive pill thanks to a reform from the NSW Government. The new reform enables community pharmacists to directly prescribe and supply the oral contraceptive pill to low-risk women between the ages of 18 and 39.

From Friday, there are 30 eligible pharmacists who have met approved training requirements to be able to prescribe the pill, with numbers expected to grow significantly as more pharmacists complete training over the coming months.

To boost the number of eligible pharmacists, the Minns Government is today announcing a new partnership with Family Planning Australia to develop a stand-alone training course. This course will be subsidised by the Minns Government for 100 rural and remote pharmacists, and pharmacists in under-served metro areas, including time taken from their working days to attend clinics.

The initial tranche of pharmacists available to prescribe the pill are across metro and regional NSW, including Western Sydney, the Hunter, northern NSW, the Mid North Coast, the Northern Rivers, and the Central West.

More pharmacists are expected to come online as they complete training, with around 250 expected by the end of the year.

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**The transfer of the Federal Parliament to Canberra** has been fixed for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1927.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynch's nine-year-old son** is suffering severely through rheumatics in his legs. The poor little fellow was an inmate of the local hospital for a few days.

**We remember in the early days of the North Shore bridge** agitation that our old friend, George Gordon, was absolutely the first in the field advocating the worth of the Moruya granite for its construction. Now he and his partner, J. C. Edwards, are in the field with a commercial paint manufactured from the red oxide obtained from the old Silver Mine field. Experiments have been so carefully carried out that the General is determined that he will not rest until the bridge when completed will carry a paint, the product of Moruya.

**The annual Golf Tournament** of the Far South Coast and Tablelands Association will take place on Bateman's Bay links at the weekend. The course is in good order, and some good golf is expected.

**It is encouraging to see the lights of the dredge**, which is making marked progress up the river channel, so close to town. It is surely the precursor that the steamer will very soon berth at the town wharf.

**The death of Mrs. Margaret Bishop, of Gundary**, removes another of the fine old pioneer women of the district. Born in Nelligen 76 years ago, she was the last of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Donovan. After her marriage with Mr. John Bishop, who predeceased her 26 years ago, she went on to reside on their Glenduart property, where she reared a highly respected family of three sons and three daughters. After the death of her husband, and with the assistance of her sons, Mrs. Bishop successfully carried out their dairying and farming business until four years ago, when she went to live in retirement at Gundary. Left to mourn her are her sorrowing family, Mesdames P. Hoolahan, H. McIntosh, J. Lynch, and Messrs. Victor, Gregory, and Jack Bishop.

**Respected Nerrigundah townsman**, Mr. W. Grogan, while cutting a sapling had the misfortune to have his leg broken. When falling, the tree caught in another, which caused it to swing off the stump on to Mr. Grogan's leg. The sufferer was for over an hour coo-eeing before he could make anyone hear and come to his assistance. He was carried home and afterwards taken to Moruya hospital. Latest reports are that he is progressing favourably.

**AMUSU THEATRE. NELLIE**, the beautiful cloak model, featuring Clare Windsor, Edmund Lowe, and Hobart Bosworth. Also, Leo Maloney in RIDING DOUBLE, a brilliant western feature, and comedy, DO ME DOCTOR.

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## Tuross Head News

We continue to call on residents to spread the news about 'Moruya Mail' and our town's contribution to it. You may notice red signs going up in shop windows announcing the fact and perhaps have seen a copy in one of the eating or beauty shops. To keep this news open to all please talk about it and SEND IN NEWS ITEMS.

Recently we have heard that kangaroo numbers are causing a problem in town. Hitting one in a car at dusk has always been a danger but with the loss of some of their past feeding grounds they are searching further in town and naturally gathering together in greater numbers. It is a concern that is being looked at.

WHAT! NO HAMBURGERS FOR LUNCH was the sad cry by many patrons of Sales café owing to the recent accident that has caused damage to the shop front. More than the shop owners are looking forward to its reopening.

Singing has resumed downstairs at the Club on Wednesdays 1.30 -4pm and it was great to be able to stretch the vocal cords after bit of a recess. All are welcome and you don't even need to be able to sing in tune. You'll be welcomed either way, its just a sing-a-long with fun.

The need to gather people's stories of how the town was when they arrived and who was involved in doing things has again raised its head as the home of Beverley and the late Harry Wiles home is being cleaned out. Bev is now living up north close to family. Bev was involved particularly with The Smith Family and the 'Stich and Bitch' sewing group. Harry was heavily involved in men's bowls. The family have passed on a lot of craft materials and books to the Caring Group for use by the community. There is a lot of tapestry/cross stich items and patch work materials and templates if anyone is interested, please contact us. 0497 315 534.

With the books, we were hoping that the Men's Shed would have room to house a small library but it was not possible. When Faye Oakley moved north her garage library naturally was dismantled and I do not know what happened to all of her books. While thankfully, there are a number of road side book nooks and we have a wonderful Library in Moruya it would be wonderful to have a regular space to house the books in Tuross. Faye's organisation was to be open two hours, twice a week and there was a roster of helpers. If anyone is interested in looking at this being a possibility again, please contact us.

Services Australia's Survey. Since last week Lisa from Services Australia has been in touch with the creators of the IMPACT OF ISOLATION SURVEY putting the case of people without emails forward and passes on this information:

'The Consultant has suggested that the following areas would be extremely helpful if you wanted to focus the feedback in this way from your members:  
 -Identify the top 3-5 challenges accessing Services Australia  
 -Identify the top 3-5 ways their access could be improved.

...The consultant will also happily accept digital notes, photos, voice recordings etc.'

The unfortunate thing is that there is a deadline 11.59am Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

We feel that this survey is very important and that even if our submission/s are a little late, that they need to be heard. This is an opportunity for those experiencing problems to join voices with others and present them to those who are in a position to instigate changes. This is no time to sit back and wait for others to do something. Let us know and we will forward your responses on with ours.

Contact: 0497 315 534 or email: [turossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com](mailto:turossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com)

A special thanks to Lisa at Services Australia for hearing our concerns and doing something to help us. It is greatly appreciated.

We know that some members and friends in town are having it tuff particularly with health issues. Sometimes 'life issues' get us feeling down also. Our Caring Group has a 'casserole bank' – some frozen soup or a meal that we hand out as gifts in place of flowers or chocolates, so if you know of anyone who might like a little surprise gift, you know who to contact.

**Pat Anderson**

Co-ordinator.



## Working for a climate safe future



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A Beer with Bazz #238

With  
John  
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Bazza limped to the bar table and managed to land two wobbly schooners. He adjusted his bandaged right eye.

Heaving himself onto the bar stool, he let out a long sigh.

Mick finished scrolling on his phone and finally looked up and laughed uproariously.

“Crikey, Bazza! What happened to you? I have to get a photo. You will headline my social media. It best be a good story ... like you jumped in front of a car to save a damsel in distress or better still, wrestled a white pointer ala Mick Fanning off Shark Bay near Broulee. Come to think of it, I never credited sharks being able to read.”

Bazza groaned, shook his head and clutched his back.

“Thanks for caring,, Mick ... there is no Crocodile Dundee tale to match the injuries. I am a victim of technology, AI, algorithms ... or whatever.”

All eyes were trained on Bazza as he raised his eyebrows.

“As you know, I sold the 1979 Holden Ute and bought a new car. There has been somewhat of a change in technology over the past few decades. I used to drive the ute ... you know ... be in charge. I turned the key and it started. I turned the steering wheel and it followed my direction. I put my foot on the accelerator and it moved, put it on the brake and it stopped ... for fresh air I would use the handle to wind down the window.”

Bazza paused for a sip.

“With the new car I have to locate the button that releases the key from the key fob. It springs out and cuts my hand. Another button to unlock the car. My heart skips a beat as the screen lights up like a fighter jet console with accompanying beeps and reminders. Apparently, I am supposed to reach agreement with the car before I can drive off. Anyhow, I reverse and it skids to a halt with lots of beeps. I look around and it seems all clear to me, but apparently the kids’ next door low flying drone has cast a shadow sparking a ‘Danger, Will Robinson! Danger!’\* reaction from the car.”

Bazza pursed his lips.

“Anyhow ... all ok. On to the open road and the car decides to take on the steering. It’s beeping and correcting my 45 years of precision driving. It has some kind of secret communication with the roadside speed signs and flashes a corresponding and blinking reminder at will. I start to get somewhat paranoid and even think the roadside construction traffic controller on the walkie-talkie is in a conspiracy with the car ... you know ... ‘Got a pensioner on board, eh mate?’. As you can imagine, I arrive home a tad stressed but undefeated.”

Bazza paused for a sip and eyes were trained on the injuries.

“Well ... not only have I purchased a new car. I bought a dishwasher and a new air conditioner. I was wondering why the new dishwasher was coming up short and find out it will not work very hard if the dishes are already clean\*\*. I mean ... how bloody lazy. So, to get it working properly, I dip the crockery in the garbage bin before loading. Presto ... clean dishes and I strike up a win.”

Bazza grimaced as he adjusted his back.

“Now ... the new air conditioner was a whole new challenge. The installer was pretty switched on and set it up so that it would automatically detect if someone was in the room and kick in to gear. Unfortunately, I lost the remote and I did not want the air conditioner to automatically turn on. I climbed through the bedroom window and fell which explains the back pain. Undeterred and in considerable pain, I sneaked along the side wall of the living room like a ninja, keeping an eye on the air conditioner, and when I thought I had outsmarted it, tripped on a pot plant and whacked my eye on the sideboard.”

Laughter all round and Mick leaned in.

“It all sounds like Bear Grylls versus Technology. Why don’t you just YouTube this stuff, Bazza. An easy peasy solution!”

Bazza bit his bottom lip and adjusted his heavily bandaged right eye.

“Yeah ... I thought of that later, Mick but I now need facial recognition to open the computer.”

\* Lost in Space’ [https://youtu.be/RG0ochx16Dg?si=K2kKdj\\_QypvPtI-X](https://youtu.be/RG0ochx16Dg?si=K2kKdj_QypvPtI-X)  
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## Let's do coffee with ... Craig Kentwell

From Wagga Wagga to Denhams Beach, rock climber to educator and humanitarian worker — and if you throw in a regular swim routine, surf lifesaving duties and mountain biking — you get the distinct impression Craig Kentwell (CK) does not like to stand still. The Moruya Mail (MM) tied him down for a coffee last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Craig. It was the year your birth contributed to turning Australia's population from 9,999,999 to 10,000,000 and, I might add, the year Miss Wagga Wagga, Barbara Booth, officially opened the Sturt Drive-In Theatre. Take me back! CK: (Laughs ...) thanks for the introduction. Yes ... I was born in Wagga in 1959.

Mum was from Numeralla and served in the Air Force during World War II before becoming a Trans Australian Airlines (TAA) air hostess.

Dad was a Dentist. He joined the Navy just after WWII and was stationed on Manus Island in PNG. He then had a private practice in Moree before enlisting in the Army. He was posted to Kapooka, and served in the Malayan Emergency and Vietnam War. Kapooka is about 10 km from Wagga and is where general-entry soldiers complete their basic training. In the '60s it was busy with National Servicemen. My schooling began at Kapooka Primary in 1964, along with two teachers and 40 other kids.

Memories? The Murrumbidgee River dominated the town and I have strong recollections of the caked mud and the strong, crisp and slightly minty eucalyptus aroma of the majestic River Red Gums, accentuated after floods. Growing up, Tuross was our annual holiday destination. I loved the trip to the coast, and fishing at Blacker's Boat Shed. My parents built at Malua Bay in the 70's, so the connection to this fantastic place continued long after those early forays from Wagga. It was off to Duntroon in 1968 with Mum and my older sister. Dad returned from Vietnam, and we lived on the base. I loved it! There was a swimming pool, horse riding, lots of outdoor adventures and a great sense of community. I spent three years at Duntroon Primary, then Campbell High and finished schooling at Canberra Grammar in 1977.

In 1978, I enrolled at the Australian National University to study Forestry. After graduating I worked as a logging officer at a sawmill near Grafton. I jumped ship in 1983 to work with the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service, developing education material for Kakadu, Christmas Island and Uluru National Parks, then worked on Norfolk Island eradicating feral rabbits. My rock-climbing skills came in handy accessing rabbit warrens amongst the rugged cliffs. It was a quiet lifestyle, and the scenery, history, and fantastic diving made up for any missing excitement that mainland Australia could offer. By 1984, it was back studying for a Diploma in Education in Canberra.

It was then off to London to work in a mountaineering shop, with lots of climbing in Europe and further afield in Pakistan and the USA.

By 1987, I was back in Canberra, teaching High School science and PE. I met my wife, Karen, in 1988, married in 1990 and we had our first daughter in 1992.

We travelled to Paraparaumu, near Wellington in New Zealand, for a teacher exchange at Kapiti College in 1993. On returning to Canberra, I taught science and PE at Ginninderra High School, and enrolled at Canberra Uni for some more post graduate study.

In 1999, we were blessed with another daughter. I was looking for career challenges and took a position running a youth service for the ACT Government supporting young people with behavioural, drug and alcohol issues. It led to a position with the Commonwealth Education Department managing programs for at-risk youth before joining the Attorney-General's Department, working on community crime prevention.

Whilst still with the Department, I made a shift to international work and travelled to Africa a number of times to help set up programs to support countries in ratifying United Nations conventions on crime. In 2010, I joined the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) managing aid packages in SE Asia. In 2013 we were absorbed into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. I became the Director of Humanitarian Operations. It was a really hands-on role, responding to volcanoes, earthquakes, cyclones and other natural events in neighbouring countries.

MM: I assume it would be a role where rapid decision-making comes to the fore. Take me through an example.

CK: Ok .... Let's go to Ambae Island, Vanuatu, in 2018. It's a lozenge-shaped island some 38 km long and 16 km wide, roughly equivalent in distance to the stretch from Batemans Bay to TurossHead and home to about 10,000 people.

A volcano on the island erupted a number of times between 2017 and 2018. By April 2018, a state of emergency was declared by the Government of Vanuatu as many parts of the island were deemed uninhabitable due to the impact on housing, crops and water sources.

On 26 July, the Government of Vanuatu ordered the immediate evacuation of the entire island and the call went out to Australia for assistance. Four hours later, I was on a plane to Vanuatu.

Obviously, evacuating 10,000 people over water is a massive task, but the resilient people of Vanuatu pulled it off very efficiently. Evacuating people was just the first step. What followed was the coordinated provision of infrastructure to support a displaced population - like emergency accommodation, food, cooking equipment, water, generators and medical assistance. Time was of the essence to limit the spread of disease and try to promote some sense of normality and wellbeing. Coordination is massive, not just across our own emergency response agencies but with other countries, NGOs and the UN.



During the evacuation, Australian and New Zealand militaries flew in relief supplies for evacuees, and the Armed Forces from New Caledonia provided a transport plane to move supplies and expert assessment teams.

The Australian ships HMAS Huon and Choules assisted. Crew from the Huon helped offload supplies and erect tents on Espiritu Santo. The Choules — which was en route to an exercise in New Zealand with Australian and Tongan soldiers was diverted. Fortunately the Choules was designed to undertake amphibious operations, an ideal asset to support the operation. You may recall, she was involved in the evacuation from Mallacoota after the 2019/20 bushfires. Choules helped deliver supplies from the governments of Vanuatu, New Zealand and Australia to displaced people sheltering on Maewo and Pentecost Islands. Whilst that deployment lasted around three weeks, our support for the displaced communities provided through Australia's aid program continued for many more months.

This part of my career was the most enjoyable and rewarding. It was fast-paced, and you knew from the get-go that you were making a real difference to people's lives. I worked with some fantastic people within Australia and neighbouring countries, and built networks with colleagues around the world to ensure responses were coordinated.

It's work Australia should be justly proud of. MM: I assume life has slowed down slightly since retiring and moving to Denhams Beach?

CK: (Smiles ...) Maybe it's changed down a gear, but I still find things to fill the week. I'm a keen patrolling member at Malua Bay with the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club, ocean swim three times a week, regularly lug myself around the world class mountain bike trails at Mogo and Narooma, coordinate the local Landcare group, paddle my kayak and surf ski and support community events such as the 'Rally of the Bay'.

MM: Keep on moving, Craig. It's been an absolute pleasure.

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

## Eurobodalla Draft Creative Arts Strategy 2026 - 2032 open for submissions

Closing date for submissions: Sunday 28 June 2026, 11.59pm

[Draft Creative Arts Strategy 2026 - 2032](#)

The Draft Creative Arts Strategy 2026 - 2032 sets the direction for Council's investment in the creative life of our shire over the next six years.

This strategy:

- sets out four key focus areas: support creative people, activate creative spaces, grow creative participation, and celebrate creative identity
- outlines actions and measures to guide delivery over the next four years
- aligns with Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan, and with national, state and regional creative arts frameworks.

This Strategy has been shaped by a comprehensive community consultation process undertaken between September and December 2025. In total, 341 people and organisations contributed through community surveys, a cultural assets networking event, advisory committee discussions and an internal staff survey.

- [Read more about the consultation undertaken.](#)

How to give your feedback

To make a submission during the exhibition period, you can:

- write a letter addressed to:
- The General Manager, PO Box 99, Moruya NSW 2537,

email [council@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@esc.nsw.gov.au), use [online feedback form](#)

## At Art Central

**Friday 19th June 4.30-6.30pm**

Home is where our stories gather. This informal exhibition brings together drawings by students from Art Central Moruya's Term 3 Drawing Explorations class, guided by tutor Victoria Westwood. Working from familiar objects the artists explore light, texture, to ask what makes a home.

You're invited to enjoy the work, chat with the artists, and celebrate the pleasure of drawing for its own sake. If you're interested in purchasing a piece, please speak directly with the artist. The spirit behind this show is simple: art made close to life, for the joy of it.

## At Eurobodalla Libraries

**Thursday 18 June 2026 10:30am - 11:30am**

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Looking for a warm and inspiring way to spend a winter day? Join us in Moruya for an engaging author talk featuring Julie Janson.

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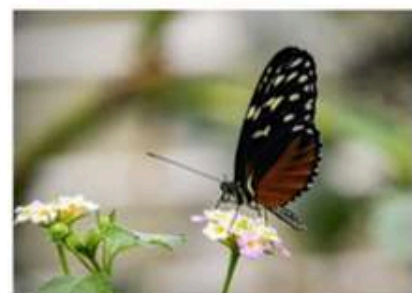
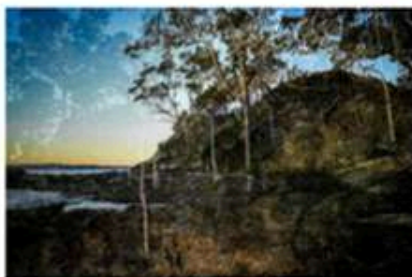
## The May meeting for the Eurobodalla photographic club.

The competition was an "open" image. However there were two twists! They had to be printed and presented in a mat board and then....

The members did the judging! It is a great experience to be the judge of others and your own images.

Afterwards our club member, Ruth Mackay did a very interesting presentation with images from her recent travel to Bhutan.

If you would like to check the club out, please come to our next meeting night. Which is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at Tomakin hall, starting at 7pm



## May Competition Results

### COLOUR

Gold:

*Louise McDonald - Painted Dawn*

Silver:

*Louise McDonald - Echoes of Light*

*Di Clark - Haunted*

*Beth Westra - Butterfly*

*Di Clark - The fallen*

Highly commended:

*Greer Atkinson - Blase*

*Ruth Mackay - Looking Forward*

*Di Clark - The distraction*

### MONO

Gold:

*Ruth Mackay - Old Friends*

Highly commended:

*Anne Brown - After the fires*

Image of the Night:

*Shane Johnston - Guerilla Bay*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
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Twelve-year-old Noah, from Mogo

## Live Music on the South Coast

**THE MUVE-MENT** — By Alex Clark, MUVE Management  
 Winter has arrived! While you may have noticed some of our live music venues shifting their performance times a little earlier to make the most of the warmer part of the day, the South Coast live music scene is still very much in action. The cooler months often bring a slightly different pace, but they also provide the perfect opportunity to discover new artists, support local venues, and enjoy the unique atmosphere that live music creates.

The Eurobodalla region is home to more than 30 active venues and community spaces that regularly present live music. From pubs, clubs and breweries through to wineries, community halls, festivals and cultural events, there is no shortage of opportunities to experience quality live entertainment right here on our doorstep.

If you're looking to immerse yourself in original live music this winter, one standout venue is The Starfish Waterfront Restaurant in Batemans Bay. Their popular Starfish Sessions transform the upstairs space into a dedicated original music venue, providing artists with an intimate setting to share their songs and stories. It's a fantastic opportunity to experience original Australian music and support artists creating and performing their own work.

Each month in The MUVE-MENT, I shine a spotlight on artists helping keep our live music scene thriving. This month we're looking to the future, and if this young musician is anything to go by, the future is looking very bright indeed.

### Artist Spotlight: Noah Pope

We first met Noah Pope at one of MUVE's open mic nights, *Racket at the Packet*. Noah arrived with his mum, a drum kit in the car, and a simple question: "Can I have a play?" Within minutes it was obvious we were witnessing something special. Twelve-year-old Noah, from Mogo on the NSW Far South Coast, first picked up drumsticks after the devastating bushfires. Having lost his family home, he needed a focus and a creative outlet. A visit to Texas Dave's in Moruya saw Noah gifted his first pair of drumsticks, and the journey began. Completely self-taught through countless hours of YouTube videos, Noah now practises for a minimum of two hours every day—often much more if he's allowed. Inspired by bands such as Slipknot, Silverchair, Frenzal Rhomb and NOFX, his dream is simple: to play in a punk band.

That dream is already taking shape. Noah has shared the stage with The Living End, Screaming Jets, Lagwagon and Lindsay McDougall. One of his most memorable moments came at Wanderer Festival, where a simple idea from his mum saw him hold up a sign asking if he could play with The Living End. It was a creative and courageous move that paid off in truly epic fashion. Invited on stage, Noah delivered a performance that left both the audience and band members stunned. Frontman Chris Cheney later described the moment as "euphoric", saying Noah didn't just play the song, he "played the heck out of it". It's a wonderful reminder that sometimes a little encouragement, a willingness to put yourself out there, and the courage to ask can open doors you never imagined possible. The opportunities keep coming for Noah. In the coming months he has several exciting guest appearances lined up, including a backstage soundcheck experience with Descendents, performances with Frenzal Rhomb in Canberra and Jindabyne, and a guest spot at a Weezer tribute show in Wollongong. For a young drummer who dreams of playing in a punk band, these opportunities are invaluable and a testament to both his talent and determination.

Still searching for fellow young musicians to start a band with, Noah continues to be supported by his mum and mentors Lindsay McDougall and Dan Southern, who have helped guide his remarkable journey, and for that he is truly grateful. From advice and encouragement through to helping with sound and video content, their support has played an important role in helping Noah navigate the music world.

At just 12 years old, Noah's story is a reminder that passion, perseverance and a willingness to put yourself out there can take you to incredible places. The South Coast should be very proud to call him one of its own.

Be sure to check out this month's MUVE Gig Guide and continue supporting the venues and artists that keep live music alive on the South Coast.



# MUVE WEEKLY GIG GUIDE

SOUTH COAST & CANBERRA LIVE MUSIC

WEEK OF  
5 - 11 JUNE  
2026



Get out this weekend and support live music and the amazing venues in our area who provide it for you.

| Day        | Venue                           | Artist        | Time           |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| FRI 5 JUN  | STEAMPACKET HOTEL NELLIGEN      | ALEX CLARK    | 5:30 - 8:30PM  |
|            | JJ'S AT THE MARINA BATEMANS BAY | IAN BIRDWHEEL | 6:00 - 9:00PM  |
| SAT 6 JUN  | STEAMPACKET HOTEL NELLIGEN      | DAVEY HILDER  | 6:00 - 9:00PM  |
|            | JJ'S AT THE MARINA BATEMANS BAY | IAN BIRDWHEEL | 6:00 - 9:00PM  |
|            | THE OLD CANBERRA INN LYNEHAM    | KLAUS TIETZ   | 2:00 - 5:00PM  |
| SUN 7 JUN  | STEAMPACKET HOTEL NELLIGEN      | GREG BYNG     | 12:00 - 3:00PM |
|            | THE DICKSON TAPHOUSE DICKSON    | KLAUS TIETZ   | 1:00 - 4:00PM  |
|            | SWORDFISH BREWING SUSSEX INLET  | TOM HENRY     | 1:00 - 4:00PM  |
|            | THE OLD CANBERRA INN LYNEHAM    | BEN DRYSDALE  | 2:00 - 5:00PM  |
| SUN 14 JUN | SALTWOOD CAFE KIOLOA            | TIM THOMSON   | 3:00 - 6:00PM  |

**THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT**

★ IAN BIRDWHEEL  
 LIVE AT JJ'S AT THE MARINA  
 Saturday 6 June  
 6:00 - 9:00PM

★ STEAMPACKET OPEN MIC  
 RACKET AT THE PACKET  
 Last Thursday of the month  
 5:30 - 8:30PM

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## Possum Art Exhibition and Prizes 2026

### INVITATION

**\*Youth Art Prize: 15-30 yrs**  
**\*Indigenous Art Prize**

Exhibition opening & prize announcements:  
**Mechanics Institute**  
 Page Street, Moruya  
 5<sup>th</sup> June 5PM-7PM  
 exhibition open daily  
 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 9AM-4PM

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## CONTAINER 1 Reimagine

### Waste Art Exhibition

21 Yarragee Road  
 Moruya NSW 2537

Saturdays June 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
 10am - 2pm

Featuring  
**Weavers from Waste**  
**Gabrielle Powell**  
**Michelle Petersen**

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## BAY TO BROULEE

OPEN STUDIOS  
 June Long Weekend  
 Sat & Sun 10am-3pm

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Art & Sculpture Exhibition

Featured Artists  
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 Susan McAlister  
 Corrie Searle  
 Natalia Wade  
 Judith Wilkins

Immerse yourself in a creative journey - an exhibition designed to inspire and connect.



**2 - 29 JUNE 2026**

Five artists with diverse visions  
 Opening drinks with the artists  
 Friday 5 June, 5pm - 6.30pm

Bay Pavilions Clyde Gallery,  
 12 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay NSW



### An exhibition on the theme "Home"

by the Drawing Explorations Term 2 Class

Join us for the opening,  
 Art Central, 24 Church St, Moruya

Friday 19 June 2026  
 4:30pm - 6:30pm  
 ALL WELCOME • FREE ENTRY

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Forest Flashes by Joann Cosgrove

## SPOREADIC GATHERINGS


a network of artists for the Fungi Festival

Sally Barnett, Josie Cosgrove, Karyn Fearnside, Kath Fries, Emma Anna, Susan Hey, Belinda Piggott, Rachel Robb, Tika Robinson, Charli Rose Gerry, Rozalie Sherwood

Quantum Brewery Moruya  
 57 Hawdon St, Moruya  
 Thursday to Sunday 12pm to 6pm  
 June 12<sup>th</sup> - July 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

Opening Event  
 12pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

www.fungifestival.com.au



## 1920s MURDER MYSTERY WHODUNNIT GAME

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
 5:30pm for 6pm Start  
 Moruya High School Staff Common Room

**\$25 per person**

Dinner and Dessert Included  
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June Long Weekend  
 Sat/Sun June 6 and 7  
 at  
 Narooma Sports and Leisure Centre  
 Roundabout, Narooma  
 Entry : Adults \$2, kids under 16 free

Exhibition, demonstrations and sales of locally made woodwork, e.g. jewellery boxes, toys, furniture, serving platters, cutting boards, bowls, etc.



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# Recipe for Murder comes to Fungi Festival

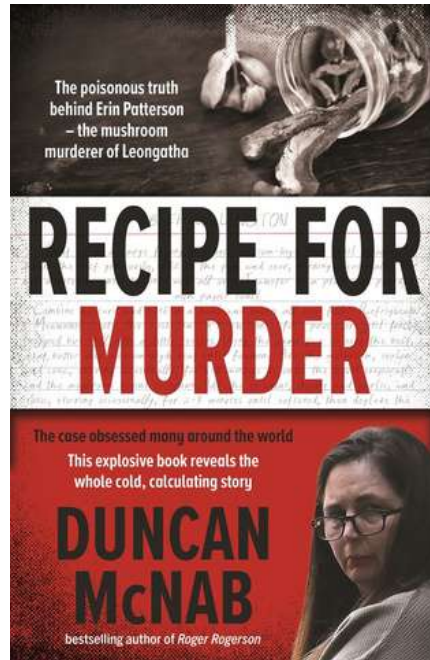
One of Australia's most talked-about criminal cases is coming to this year's Fungi Festival with investigative journalist and former detective Duncan McNab appearing in Moruya to discuss the infamous mushroom murder trial that captivated the world.

Fungi Festival first launched on the NSW South Coast in June 2023, celebrating the science, food, and art of fungi. Just weeks later, Australia was gripped by news of the Leongatha mushroom poisoning case, in which Erin Patterson served Beef Wellington containing death cap mushrooms to members of her estranged husband's family. Three people died following the lunch and Patterson was convicted of murder in July 2025 after one of the country's most closely watched criminal trials.

Festival organisers say mushroom poisonings, death cap mushrooms and the safety of wild mushroom foraging have been frequent topics of discussion at Fungi Festival events over the past two years.

Now audiences will have the opportunity to hear directly from McNab, who attended the nine-week trial and has written the book *Recipe for Murder: The Poisonous Truth Behind Erin Patterson – The Mushroom Murderer of Leongatha*.

The special author talk will be held at Quantum Brewery on Friday 19 June as part of the 2026 festival program.



Duncan McNab

McNab's book examines the case in forensic detail, tracing the events surrounding the deadly lunch served in Leongatha on 29 July 2023. Drawing on court evidence and his experience as a former police detective, he explores how the investigation unfolded and why the case became a global media sensation. Adding a touch of dark humour to the evening, Quantum Brewery owner Sue Melotte is preparing mini sausage roll Beef Wellingtons. Moruya Books will also attend with signed copies of *Recipe for Murder* available for purchase on the night. For tickets and the full festival program [www.fungifeestival.com.au](http://www.fungifeestival.com.au)

# Music Enrichment Program Hits the Right Note at Moruya High School

Students at Moruya High School (MHS) are thriving in a new Music Enrichment Program designed to nurture and extend young musical talent across the school.

The program involves students working in small groups each week, refining their technical skills, building confidence and developing their performance abilities in a supportive learning environment.

Two highly skilled music tutors from the local community are leading the initiative. Dave Tweedie is working with students on guitar and drums, helping them strengthen both their practical musicianship and ensemble skills. Meanwhile, Kayla Spadoni is guiding the school's vocal group and supporting Year 10 Music students to develop stage presence, vocal performance, and confidence in live settings.

Mark English, Principal, said the program is already having a positive impact on students. "This program is providing students with outstanding opportunities to grow their musical talents while learning from experienced musicians within our local community. It's wonderful to see students building confidence, creativity, and performance skills through authentic musical experiences."

The Music Enrichment Program forms part of the school's broader High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) initiative and operates as a targeted talent development strategy within the creative domain. Through this program, students are supported as they progress along a developmental pathway - from developing foundational skills through to increasingly advanced levels of performance and artistry.

The initiative also reflects MHS's ongoing commitment to providing diverse opportunities for students to excel beyond the classroom and engage meaningfully with the arts. With strong student interest and enthusiasm already evident, the program is quickly becoming a valued part of the school community.

By Nick Ward



Emma Hutchinson and Kayla Spadoni working with the Vocal Group (Photo: Glenn Tester)



Dave Tweedie working with one of the music groups (Photo: Glenn Tester)

# Fungi Feastival's Creative Side Flourishing



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This winter, Fungi Feastival invites locals and visitors to discover fungi through art, with a diverse program of free exhibitions and creative workshops across the Eurobodalla. From botanical illustration and collage to sculpture, photography and mixed media, the festival's arts program offers an inspiring way to explore the hidden world beneath our feet.

One of the highlights is a free exhibition by botanical artist and scientist Anna Voytsekhovich at Batemans Bay Library. Anna's detailed watercolours reveal the beauty and complexity of Australian fungi, blending scientific accuracy with artistic expression. Her exhibition provides a perfect introduction to her hands-on Watercolour Workshop at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, where participants will learn to paint fungi while discovering their ecological importance.

In Moruya, Quantum Brewery becomes a hub for fungi-inspired creativity with Sporeadic Gatherings, a free exhibition opening on Friday 12 June. The exhibition brings together more than ten artists working across diverse mediums, all inspired by fungi and mycelial networks.

Co-curator Kath Fries is a Sydney-based artist whose work explores the hidden connections created by fungi beneath the landscape. Visitors can also join Kath's Fungi Meditation Walk at Walawaani Way Bodalla, combining mindfulness, observation and a deeper appreciation of nature.

Among the exhibiting artists is Emma Anna, whose whimsical collage works celebrate the wonder and symbolism of mushrooms. Emma will also present Collage Forage at Quantum Brewery, a creative workshop where participants can make their own fungi-inspired artworks using a wide range of materials.

Another stop on the Fungi Art Trail is local artist Fiona Smith's unique Red Rattler Studio. Housed in a restored railway carriage, her open studio exhibition showcases fungi-inspired photography, digital illustration and stained-glass works celebrating the forests and ecosystems of the South Coast.



Josie Cosgrove, co-curator of Sporeadic Gatherings, with her mushroom spore print, Forest Flushes

In Mogo, artist and art therapist Ness Shannon of Active Art Studio is presenting two fungi-themed workshops. Her Fungi Paint & Sip offers a relaxed and social painting experience, while Textured Fungi explores mixed-media techniques to create richly layered fungal artworks. Both workshops are suitable for beginners and experienced creatives alike.

Fungi Feastival's free exhibitions provide the perfect opportunity to meet artists, discover new perspectives on fungi and find inspiration before booking a workshop or creative experience. Whether you're an artist, nature lover or simply curious about the fungal kingdom, this year's arts program promises to reveal fungi in ways you've never imagined. For the full arts program and bookings visit [www.fungifeastival.com.au](http://www.fungifeastival.com.au).

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Anthony Nelipa with his \$50,000 Sculpture For Clyde Acquisitive Prize he calls "The Grander".  
Photo Barbara Biddle

**Sculpture Walk** will be all "the Grander"  
Local sculptor, welder and amateur engineer, Anthony Nelipa, has won the coveted \$50,000 Sculpture For Clyde Acquisitive Prize with a monumental stainless steel marlin he calls "The Grander".

After 2,500 hours of tig welding, not to mention months of engineering and planning to accommodate the raised structure, he's delighted to win the prize money, but equally thrilled that the sculpture will be in on permanent display on the Batemans Bay Sculpture Walk. Nelipa's enthusiasm was evident as he spoke with visitors to the event, answering their questions and explaining his intricate processes and dedication to his art.

**Major Award 1st Place (\$10,000)**

Megan Waud's 'Fan Coral'  
316 Stainless Steel, 3mm powder coated aluminium, Corten steel base

**Major Award Equal 2nd Place (\$2,500):**

Nicole O'Regan's 'The Surfer'  
Woven steel around naturally found rocks, steel pipe, and welded steel sheet.

**Major Award Equal 2nd Place (\$2,500):**

Donald Blaikie's 'Ghost Net'  
Welded aluminium, Corten steel and glass

**Major Award 3rd Place (\$1,000)**

Jonathan Foley's 'The Drop'  
Hand sculpted Carrara Marble and recycled granite slab

**Next generation of artists at Sculpture For Clyde**

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."

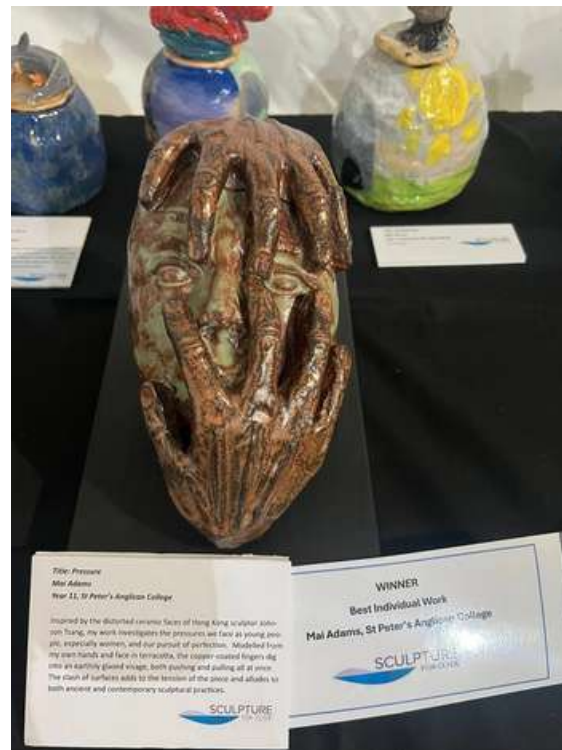
With \$4,000 in prizes on offer (just for students), the exhibition promises to be inspiring and creative. Rotary Batemans Bay has come on board this year in a big way. Esteemed ceramic artist, Susan McAlister, will judge the student exhibition, with winners announced at the Grand Opening celebration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

More See [www.sculptureforclyde.com.au](http://www.sculptureforclyde.com.au)



Best Student Individual Work went to Mai Adams for 'Pressure' (SPAC)

**Winners 2026 Student Sculpture Exhibition and Prize**

- Best Individual Work (\$750) - Mai Adams for 'Pressure' SPAC
- Best Collaborative Work (\$750) - 'Shore Birds of the Eurobodalla Flock" MHS
- Highly Commended (\$100) - for the collaborative work 'The Echoes of Dhurga Country' SPAC
- Highly Commended (\$100) - Sophie Claude's Liberté, Egalité, Sororité SPAC
- Highly Commended (\$100) - Matilda Clynes for 'The Dance' SPAC
- Encouragement Award (\$100) - Liam Fisher for 'Self Portrait' CC



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 pooch pride parade food trucks  
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live music  
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# ACON's Queerobodalla RAINBOW CATCH UP in Moruya

REGISTER VIA LINK  
 LIGHT SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED  
**FREE!**

**Saturday 6 June**  
 4pm - 5.30pm  
 The Red Door Hall  
 15B Page Street, Moruya

Meet other LGBTQA+SB people aged 18+ from the area, learn about our rainbow stories and enjoy some time together.

# PRIDE PLANNER

QUEEROBODALLA PRIDE MONTH 2026

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| SUN 31 MAY<br>BAREFOOT LAWN BOWLS            | JUNE TUESDAYS<br>RAINBOW YOGA WEEKLY           | SAT 6 JUNE<br>ACON COMMUNITY CONNECT             |
| SUN 7 JUNE<br>PRIDE IN THE PARK + AFTERPARTY | WED 10 JUNE<br>GUIDED SPOTLIGHT NIGHT WALK     | FRI 12 JUNE<br>ART IN THE MARGINS W/ ZOE TERAKES |
| SAT 13 JUNE<br>GUIDED BOTANIC GARDEN WALK    | SAT 13 JUNE<br>LIT PANEL W/ ZOE, GARY & MARITA | SUN 14 JUNE<br>HALF COURT BASKETBALL             |
| SUN 21 JUNE<br>PRIDE FOOTBALL ROUND          | THUR 25 JUNE<br>GUERRILLA BAY BIRD WALK        | FRI 26 JUNE<br>WINTER SOULSTICE YOUTH EVENT      |
| SAT 27 JUNE<br>FUNGI WALK W/ MARITA SMITH    | SAT 27 JUNE<br>WRAP UP DANCE PARTY             | SUN 28 JUNE<br>HANDBALL COMPETITION              |

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Featuring:  
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 EUROBODALLA YOUTH STRINGS

ADULTS \$15  
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# Quantum Brewery

## Saturday Live Music 4.30-7.30pm

and Fun-time Events

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| 6 June  | Mac n Glenda |
| 13 June | Greg Byng    |
| 20 June | Steve Benic  |
| 27 June | Dave Newman  |

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

# river art

## ARTS FESTIVAL

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC WEEK 50 YEARS DEADLY 5-12 JULY 2026

## Eurobodalla NAIDOC Award Nominations

- Person of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement
- Female Elder Award
- Male Elder Award
- Female Sportsperson
- Male Sportsperson
- Female Youth
- Male Youth
- Education Award
- Caring for Country and Culture

**Nominate by 30 June 2026**

for more information email  
[boomerangmeetingplace@gmail.com](mailto:boomerangmeetingplace@gmail.com)

# MOGODHA NAIDOC BIG DAY OUT 2026

ALL WELCOME

FREE event  
 10am-2pm  
 Saturday 11th July

**WANTED: COMEDIANS**  
**\$1,000 CASH PRIZE**  
**BAY'S FUNNIEST HUMAN!**  
 (OR THE BRAVEST)  
 DO YOUR MATES THINK YOU'RE HILARIOUS?  
 GOT A TIGHT 7 MINUTES OF MATERIAL?  
 WANNA ROAST THE BOSS (MC JACOB)?  
 NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! JUST GUTS.  
 MONTHLY PRIZES: \$100 CASH. ALL ENTRANCES WIN A PRIZE!  
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 YOUR HOST: MC JACOB (LET HIM HAVE IT!)  
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 Funded by The Eurobodalla Family Network  
**WHEN & WHERE:**  
**Thursday 4th June**  
 From 10am - 11:30am  
**Thursday 18th June**  
 From 10am - 11:30am  
**Bay Pavilions**  
 12 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay 2536  
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 Narooma Public School Hall  
 Tickets at the Door  
 Adults \$10  
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 Bookings at [seastarsdrama.com](http://seastarsdrama.com)  
  
 Sea Stars Drama

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 Moruya Public School is seeking local artists to work with students on collaborative artworks for:  
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**THE GALLERY**  
**Mini Exhibition**  
*A Touch Of Red*  
 June 7<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
  
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## Community group urging voters to "get political" to save Brooman State Forest

Community groups across the South Coast have united against the plan to log the forest around the famous "Big Spotty", the tallest Spotted gum (*Corymbia maculata*) in the world.

The South Coast Action Network (SCAN) have called on the State Labor Member for the South Coast, Liza Butler to "Please step things up" in regards to protecting the iconic tourist attraction.

A spokesperson for the group said "Our group is made up of a very broad demographic, including students in their late teens, working families and retirees, all with the common goal of working together to care for our local area."

"The protection of this site should be a priority of the State Government, not only for obvious conservation reasons, but for the largely untapped tourism potential this spectacular and unique area holds."

"Supporting the growth of sustainable tourism is very much a viable economic trade-off for logging the site. The biggest winners will be our local tour operators, cultural educators, cafes and other shops, restaurants and licensed venues. We can protect all our voiceless plants and animals, while ensuring sustainable economic growth of our region at the same time."

The spokesperson added "If the Labor Government is serious about supporting the long term economic future of our region, now is the time to prove it."

"We are past the point of promises and words of support from our elected leaders, we need urgent action to secure this area as an official reserve or part of the National Park system."

"Our group supports continued free camping at Yadbore Flat Campground currently in state forest. As our community enjoys camping and other activities in the Brooman State forest, we support continuation of existing recreational activities and the conservation of Big Spotty's Forest. We plan on meeting with groups and organisations who utilise the area to develop a mutually beneficial outcome."

"It's worth mentioning that we very much appreciate the support of the Greens and other environmental groups, but it's also important to note that we are very much independent of all of the major parties. We are looking to get a result here well before next years' State election and we will be urging the community to vote accordingly."

"The Shoalhaven City Council's 7-5 decision to allow ongoing logging in Brooman State Forest was driven by CR Brett Steele's motion, which contained unfounded claims about access, gates, and fire safety. SCAN considers this vote out of step with local community sentiment and inappropriate for a local council to determine—a decision that belongs with the state government."

"We want to send a clear message that if we don't see action here, we will be calling on our ever-growing networks to only support independents or small parties who support our cause and who won't be preferencing Labor or the Liberals."

The spokesperson concluded "We urge the community to join the South Coast Action Network (SCAN) on facebook to support our ongoing efforts."



Photo: Andrew Kaineder - Big Spotty

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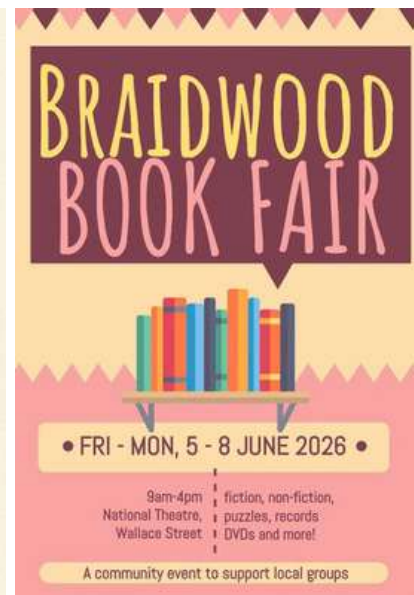
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- **3 June - Sorry Day Bridge Walk Batemans Bay**
- June 7<sup>th</sup> - **Pride in the Park Day**
- 5-12 July - **NAIDOC Week**
- 12th June - **Community & Volunteer Expo - Moruya**
- 13th June - **Community & Volunteer Expo - B Bay**
- 11 July - **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**

### Double demerits

start Fri 5 'til Mon 8 June 2026. Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone, not wearing a seatbelt & you'll face double the points.

### Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra

Concert 21 June 2pm St Peter's Anglican College Broulee

### Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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

### Moruya Community Workshed

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

### Tuross Community Markets

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**When: Thursday 4th June 2026 10am to 1:30pm**

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

**When: Tuesday 9th June 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm**

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

**When: Thursday 18th June 2026 10am to 1:30pm**

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

How: Appointments are required.

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### The Services Australia Mobile Service Centre 'Blue Gum'

will be visiting Bermagui, Wallaga Lake, Tuross Head & Moruya from 2 to 5 June. Staff can assist you and your family with accessing Medicare and Centrelink services, as well as provide information about Department of Veterans' Affairs and the National Disability Insurance Scheme programs and services.

| Where  | When                        |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Bermagui, Dickinson Park car park, Lamont Street             | 2 June, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm  |
| Wallaga Lake, near the land council building, Umbarra Road   | 3 June, 9 am to 4 pm        |
| Tuross Head, One Tree Point car park, Tuross Boulevard       | 4 June, 9 am to 4 pm        |
| Moruya, car park opposite Riverside Park, Shore Street       | 5 June, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm  |
| Braidwood, near Ryrie Park, Wilson Street                    | 9 June, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm  |
| Malua Bay, Surf Life Saving Club car park, George Bass Drive | 10 June, 9 am to 4 pm       |
| Bawley Point, Bawley Point IGA car park, Voyager Crescent    | 11 June, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm |

### Book & Bake Sale at the Gardens

Come along to the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden for the book sale of the year and find yourself a bargain. Hunt out the perfect read, there is always room for more on your to-be-read pile.

When: Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June, 10am - 3pm

Where: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden

Our bake sale will be available on Saturday only, so treat yourself to something sweet from our homemade and delicious cake stall.

There will also be Friends t-shirts and tea towels for sale. Funds raised support the Botanic Garden and the work they do in Conservation, Recreation & Education.

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### Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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

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Whiskers



Gracie

Five-month-old Whiskers is a sweet, affectionate boy who loves to play with his toys and with other friendly cats and kittens. He can be a little shy when meeting new people, but soon warms up to show his wonderfully affectionate and loving side. Whiskers really enjoys human company, snuggling up close whenever he can. He is looking for an indoors-only home where people will be around most of the time. Whiskers has a mountain of love ready to bring to his forever home. Whiskers' microchip number is 991003003350050.

Beautiful and delicate Gracie is nine months old and ready to be your loving companion. Gracie is looking for a quiet home where her gentle and affectionate nature can blossom. She is open to meeting other calm, friendly cats, but most of all she wants to share human company. When you sit down, she'll be by your side, with her purr motor running hot. A delicate sweetheart, Gracie will be a joyful addition to her forever home. Gracie's microchip number is 982000363238579.

All AWL pets come desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. To arrange a meeting with Whiskers or Gracie, call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWL NSW website: [www.awlnsw.com.au](http://www.awlnsw.com.au)

## ASK BIG HEAD

Humans! I'm back. I missed last week due to a funny tummy but I've since eaten and vomited up a bunch of grass - so, feeling great! As per usual, I'm here to demystify your best friend's dubious decision-making with VIP access to my colossal cranium. This week's dog dilemma comes from Mark B who wants to adopt a canine companion for his 8 year old male staffy.

### Q. How do I choose the right dog to add to my current dog?

If you have an existing dog, it's usually wise to adopt a new dog of the opposite gender. While we might be man and woman's best friend, same-sex conflict in us dogs is real and can create initial challenges to pack cohesion.

Even if your eight year old Staffy is young at heart, you'll want your new pack member to be out of their high-energy puppy phase (i.e. over 1 year). Older dogs are more frail and can lack the strength to give a boisterous puppy the balanced corrections they need. Please don't stress us out.

On the other side of the coin, if your existing dog was a puppy or adolescent, I would advise against a similar-aged newbie. While it might seem like a fun idea at the time, immature energy can be a multiplier and make it hard for the youngsters to chill out when together.

Is your male Staffy desexed? If so, you'll absolutely want to avoid bringing an in-tact male into your pack, unless they are a young puppy. Desexed male dogs smell a rush of testosterone whenever near an in-tact male. We can't help it! The desexed male feels the need to submit this perceived social challenge which can result in constant heavy corrections and accidental barneys. When you do bring your new dog home, please take them for a long walk around the block with your existing dog. By allowing the soon-to-be-housemates to meet in neutral territory, you'll be removing their natural resource guarding instincts that can pop up near the den. Meeting in motion over a period of at least 15 minutes allows us dogs to get out of our heads and into our senses!

Got a question for Big Head? You can email [bigheaddogtraining@gmail.com](mailto:bigheaddogtraining@gmail.com)

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## Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll



### Crocodile - Makrasana

A pose to reduce tension accumulated in the lower back and open the chest and shoulders. Beneficial for posture and renown to give relief from stress and tension.

**To practice** - Lie on the stomach. Straighten the legs and position the big toes together with the heels falling out to the sides. Raise the head and shoulders and rest the chin in the palms of the hands with the elbows on the floor. Adjust the position of the elbows to a comfortable position - for a more pronounced arch in the spine bring the elbows together, or separate them wider apart to relieve pressure on the neck. . Close the eyes and relax the whole body.

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FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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## Coastrek to Launch First-Ever South Coast NSW Event, Showcasing New Munjip Trail Coastal Walk on August 14



Australia's iconic team hiking and fundraising challenge, **Coastrek**, is heading to the NSW South Coast for the very first time, bringing hundreds of trekkers to experience one of the state's newest and most spectacular coastal walking tracks - the Munjip Trail.

Set to take place on 14 August, Coastrek South Coast NSW will invite teams of two or more to take on a 20km or 30km coastal hike from Corrigans Beach or Malua Bay through Surf Beach to Batemans Bay, finishing in Batehaven. The event marks a major milestone for Coastrek as it expands into one of Australia's most untouched and breathtaking hiking regions.

The event will shine a national spotlight on the award winning Munjip Trail, officially opened last year - a 15km Grade 3 coastal headland walk through Eurobodalla on the NSW South Coast. The trail name means "walking together, let's go" in local dhurga language. Winding through hidden bays, bushland tracks and rugged headlands, walkers are often joined by whales and dolphins offshore.

The Munjip Trail is not only a natural showcase of the South Coast's beauty, but also a powerful cultural journey through Walbunja Yuin Country. Along the trail, walkers will encounter Indigenous art, interpretive signage, audio posts, murals and carved timber message poles that share stories of Country, culture and connection. The installations feature works from Walbunja artists and Batemans Bay High School students.

The South Coast event will support mental health charity Beyond Blue, reinforcing Coastrek's mission to promote wellbeing through movement, nature and connection.

A high number of participants are expected to take part, raising vital funds and awareness for mental health support services while experiencing the physical and mental benefits of hiking in nature.

Coastrek founder Di Westaway OAM said the expansion into the South Coast represents an exciting new chapter for the movement.

"This is one of the most untouched and breathtaking coastal environments in Australia, and we are incredibly excited to bring Coastrek participants here for the first time," she said.

She said the South Coast expansion reflects a growing movement of women seeking connection through nature and shared experience.

"We're seeing more women realise that getting outdoors and moving in nature isn't just good for you, it's transformative. Time in nature, walking with others, is one of the most powerful ways to reset mentally and physically. It really is the best medicine." Di said.

Why join Coastrek in 2026? Beyond the stunning views of rugged cliffs and secluded bays, participants receive the 12-week Coastrek Training Program and access to a supportive community hosted by the Wild Women Coastrek team. It's not a race; it's a shared experience out in nature where the only thing that matters is crossing the finish line together.

●WHAT: Coastrek South Coast NSW

●REGISTER BY: Sunday, 05 July 2026

<https://www.coastrek.com.au/events-south-coast-nsw>

●EVENT DAY: Friday, 14 August, 2026

●WHERE: Choose to hike 30km starting 7am Corrigans Beach and finishing at Batemans Bay

20km starting 11:30am from Malua Bay and finishing at Batemans Bay

●TEAMS: Groups of 2 or more

●CHARITY PARTNER: Beyond Blue - funds raised and every step taken helps ensure Beyond Blue's 24/7 Support Service is there for people across Australia whenever they need it.

Since the first event was held in 2009, over 90,000 trekkers have trained and completed a Coastrek challenge, improving their own health and wellbeing and raising over \$58 million for charity.

Registrations for Coastrek South Coast NSW start from \$125 per person and Registration is now open, closing on July 5, 2026 unless sold out sooner.



# SAGE Farmers Market

## Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Dianne Brown with President Bruce Harding

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 28th May 2026

A field of 21 players competed in a Medley Stableford event. It was an overcast day with some drizzle and some fabulous scores were achieved.

The Winners were:  
1st: Dianne Brown (34) with 39 points  
2nd: Ray Bollard (3) with 38 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins  
4th: Justin Buckby 1.47 A Grade  
4th: Mark Forrest 3.95 B Grade  
4th: Herb Muriwai 4.54 C Grade  
6th: Troy Kingdom 2.22 A Grade  
7th: Michael Coloe 13.00 A Grade

Balls went to: Troy Kingdom 38, Colin Houghton 37, Rob Green 34, Herb Muriwai 33 and Justin Buckby 33.



Winners: Leigh Coloe, Wayne Lilley and Runner Up Rodney Bowron with President Bruce Harding

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 30th May 2026

A field of 57 players took to the course to compete in Round 1 of the Men's Club Championship Stroke event. The competition was fierce and there were some fantastic scores.

The Winners were:  
A Grade:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Leigh Coloe (2) with 70 nett (Medal)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Coloe (13) with 71 nett (countback)  
B Grade:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Wayne Lilley (15) with 70 nett (countback) (Medal)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Steven O'Shea (15) with 70 nett

C Grade:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Graeme Sindel (29) with 70 nett (Medal)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Rodney Bowron (22) with 71 nett

Nearest to the Pins  
4th: Malcolm Gilbertson 1.93 A Grade  
4th: Kevin Reilly 2.06 B Grade  
4th: Rodney Bowron 2.37 C Grade  
6th: Leigh Coloe 1.30 A Grade  
6th: Ian Lawson 1.62 B Grade  
6th: Rodney Bowron 8.33 C Grade  
7th: Brad Doolan 0.62 A Grade  
7th: Rodney Bowron 6.00 C Grade

Balls went to: Greg Booth 71, Jim Wade 71, Ron Rogers 72, Wayne Fullerton 72, Bruce Handley 72, Ben Hewison 73, Mark Forrest 73, Martin Booth 73, Brad Doolan 74, Bruce Harding 74, Herb Muriwai 74, Mark Haberkorn 74, Chris Rowe 75, John Eglitis 75 and John Harb 76.



Winners: Gail Rogers, Dorothy Madden and Samantha Dryden

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 2nd June 2026

A field of 17 ladies played in the 4<sup>th</sup> Medal Round Stroke and Putt event today. The event was sponsored by Marilyn Bingham. The weather was cool and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:  
Overall Winner:  
Gail Rogers (39) with 71 nett (Medal)

A Grade:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Dorothy Madden (19) with 75 nett  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Pauline Nash (27) with 76 nett

B Grade:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Gail Rogers (39) with 71 nett  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Maree Coffey (34) with 76 nett

C Grade:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Samantha Dryden (42) with 72 nett  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer Gray (45) with 74 nett

Place Getters:  
Marie Muriwai 77, Leonie Doolan 78 and Gail Page 80.

Hole Prize:  
7th: Leonie Doolan Golden Shot A 1.68  
7th: Samantha Dryden Golden Shot B 2.37

Nearest to the Pin: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot  
6<sup>th</sup> Pauline Nash Distance 0.57  
15<sup>th</sup> Marie Muriwai Distance 1.01  
Lowest number of Putts Gail Rogers 29



Winner: Jane Eglitis

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 3rd June 2026

25 players signed up for a Stableford event today. It was a beautiful sunny Winter morning and some brilliant scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Jane Eglitis with 25 points  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Derek Hoare with 24 points  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Robert McKirdy with 22 points

Nearest to the Pins:  
4<sup>th</sup>: Bruce Harding (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) In the Hole!  
7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) In the Hole!  
Mens: Herb Muriwai (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

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

Bradman's: Forrest Craig

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## Moruya Ladies Golf

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May was a challenge for the Moruya Lady golfers after overnight rain but they managed to play a Single Stableford and record some good scores. The winner on the day was Cindy Becker with 38pts, followed by Jo Kennedy with 37pts. Balls went to Jan Lumsden, Nicola Gallon, Art McBride, Robyn Hawkins, Val Moore, Leonie Doolan, Joan Hosking and Margaret Douglas.

Pic: Cindy Becker >



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## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Everyone at Social Bowls was rugged up on a cold and windy day.  
Sincere condolences to Bernie Basevi and family on the passing of dear Liz a Club Malua life member, thinking of you all.  
Sue Palmer home at last, she will be very pleased, take care Sue.  
Ladies don't forget Bring a Friend day on Saturday 20th June, 2 games of Four's then a barbecue lunch together, list is up for names.  
Tuesday 22nd June we will be hosting a Christmas in June luncheon to celebrate 80th Birthdays to Jan Shalders and Carmel Price.  
Winners Rink 3 on a Drawn card.  
Robyn Butcher, Judy Davis and Sue Beavan, Di Mac , Raija Johnston and Kim Giannasca. (Photo)  
Runners-up Rink 4, Gloria Harper, Di Wotherspoon and Gwen Ware.  
Jackpot won last week so the start of a new one today.  
Robyn Butcher selected 85 which was her own number but no luck finding Joker just 10 of Spades + free game of Bowls.  
Money Club, 26 Judy Davis, 35 Gayl Vidgen.

## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



What a beautiful morning of warm sunshine for Twisties on the Green  
Today is the last day President Pedro will be with us after his move to Victoria. Robbo thanked Pedro for the great job he has done in this position. Welcome to Dave and Jim from Belconnen who joined us.  
Great to hear Rols is home from his knee surgery and all hope he has a good recovery and will be out on the Green again soon.  
Congratulations to Scottie and Ian who won the Tomakin Plate yesterday, well done guys. (Photo)  
Good bowling this afternoon to all taking part in Minor Singles.  
Winners on Lowest Winning Margin, Artie and Jamesy .(photo)  
Runners-up, Trish the Dish & Chanty  
Jamesy selected Rink 3 to try for Jackpot of \$214. Trish the Dish cut cards as Skip Chanty was on the Green and found the Joker, so four happy Twisties with their win.  
High/Low Scores 38/7 not won.  
Lucky numbers, 2 Dave from Belconnen , 27 Smoothie.

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 29.5.26

### Moruya River.

We had a good bit of rain this week, so we can expect that the river will have some degree of colour to it for the weekend. The fresh coming out of the hills will drop the water temps up the river, and slow activity a bit.

I would be looking towards the lower front sections of the river this weekend. Try around Preddy's Wharf the back of the hole in the wall, the spur wall and the airport flats when looking for warmer waters. The incoming tide will tip the temps in your favour, as the ocean temps are still around 20deg. If you are going to be trying up around the town bridge, start to look at the deeper drop offs, the fish will tend to be hanging around deep, under the fresh layer that will be on top. Deep diving hard body lures, metal vibes or soft plastics with a bit of head weight will be the better artificial options. You can't go past a well presented bait also. Mullet fillet is a great hardy bait with a high oil content, that will attract most estuary species.

### Tuross River.

I have been getting good reports of visiting salmon within the Tuross system this week, so if you want to have a bit of light tackle fun, some small metals and a 2-4kg rod with give you those reels screaming runs we all look forward to hearing this weekend. Try down towards the front of the system on an incoming tide. Fingers crossed they will still be there for the weekend.

Tuross will have had the same amount of rain that Moruya had earlier in the week, and as such there will be a bit of colour running out as a result. If the run out tide coincides with your session, then fish the deeper holes to try and find a bream or flathead.

The further upstream you go, the higher the chance of encountering dirtier waters. So the lower sections will be the best place to look.

Again, mullet fillet baits, will be the better option with a bit of colour in the river.

### Rock and Beach.

Dyquon, his brother Arlonzo, mum and weekend manager Bo had a great session on the beach a few nights ago, landing many good sized trevally, some salmon and tailor.

The salmon are around in good numbers, along with some good tailor. The bus swells we had earlier in the week, have moved a lot of sand around, so finding a good deep clean gutter, may require a bit more work than usual. Reports of a mulloway or two from the Moruya breakwall have also come into the shop late this week. No massive fish, with 75cm being the reported size, still a lot of fun.

With the swell dropping this weekend, it could be a good place to look for a salmon, tailor or even a mulloway if you are really lucky.

### Offshore.

The swell this week, has kept the offshore reports to a minimum, but the weekend is not looking too bad. After a big swell the local reefs have a bit of a stir up, which can trigger the snapper to bite. Keep an eye on the forecast and conditions if you are planning on getting out this weekend.

We had a restock of the bait freezer this week, Hawksbury Prawns and 1kg Salted Pilchards are both no shows unfortunately. Fingers crossed they will be available next time the bait truck comes through.

If you are looking at a new reel for your range, we are now offering a standard 20% discount on all reels from Shimano. Do if there is something you are after, come in and have a chat with us.

I would just like to wish boss lady Gaye, the happiest of birthdays this week. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

### Team Tackle World Moruya.

## COME OUT FOR THE COUNT

ORRCA's 27th Annual Whale Census Day is happening on Sunday 28th June, and we need whale watchers right along Australia's east coast to help us create a real-time snapshot of one of the world's greatest wildlife migrations.

Whether you're joining us at one of our official Census sites or counting whales from your favourite coastal lookout, every sighting contributes valuable data that supports whale research, conservation and rescue efforts.

Last year, together we recorded a record-breaking 5,995 whale sightings across 159 coastal locations. Let's see what we can achieve in 2026!

Check the map to find your nearest official Census site

Register your location at [www.orrca.org.au/census](http://www.orrca.org.au/census)



### Open day new Surf Beach emergency precinct

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### Visit our precinct

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# Girls Can Surf Competition at Broulee



Treena Hermansen in action.



Lucy Bain, Pearl Eaton, Rose Waterson and Keira Atkin. Photos Louise McDonald

63 competitors took part in the Malua Bay Boardriders and Surf Sisters 'Girls Can Surf Competition' held on Saturday at Broulee. Made possible with a grant from Surfing NSW 'Play Her Way', competitors came from Wollongong to the Sapphire Coast.

A mild Autumn day turned on some perfect waves for the women aged from 4-5 year olds to 60s. Progressing surfers competed at Broulee Bay St and the more experienced at South Broulee. The event started at 6.30am and finished up at 9pm at the Broulee Brewhouse.

Organiser Lauren Hare said it was "great for girls to be together and support each other and build confidence. We hope to run it again next year" said Lauren.

The volunteers who helped were all from the Malua Bay Boardriders and also Shane Wehner was the judge for the Progressive & Cadets division held at Bay Street – North Broulee. Lauren thanked Wayne 'Mooza' Carberry from The Surfrider Foundation Yuin Country who provided our welcome to country.

"The Girls Can Surf, Far South Coast event was about far more than first, second and third place. The day focused on building confidence, encouraging participation, and creating a supportive environment for female surfers of all ages and abilities. From first-time competitors to experienced surfers, participants cheered each other on, shared waves, and celebrated one another's achievements both in and out of the water. The event demonstrated that surfing is not just about performance, but about connection, personal growth, friendship, and empowering women and girls to feel confident and supported in the surf, regardless of their skill level" said Lauren.

"The event also provided an opportunity to reflect on the importance of respecting and caring for the land and waters on which we gathered. We were honoured to learn about the Walbunja people's deep connection to Country, founded on love, respect, balance, and responsibility. Their culture teaches us that the land, ocean, animals, and all living things are connected, with each person having a role as a caretaker for future generations. Through storytelling, song, dance, art, and the sharing of knowledge, the Walbunja people continue to preserve one of the oldest living cultures on Earth. Their message encourages us all to walk together with understanding and respect, learning from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives, and appreciating the beauty and significance of the Country we are privileged to enjoy."

**The results were:**

- Cadet (assisted push in)
- 1 Winter Wilson
- 2 Luna Thomas
- 3 Scarlett Sutor

- Junior Girls (U14)
- 1 Amarlie Watson
- 2 Charlotte Campbell
- 3 Elani van der Meulen

- Junior Girls (U16)
- 1 Pearl Eaton
- 2 Eve Campbell
- 3 Amarlie Watson

- Junior Girls (U18)
- 1 Mabel Carr
- 2 Pearl Eaton
- 3 Elina Wood

- Women's 18+
- 1 Eva Davis
- 2 Treena Hermansen
- 3 Georgia Dawson

- Woman's progressive all boards
- 1 Hymne Truter
- 2 Maia Decool
- 3 Piper Risstrom



Here's looking at you! Photo Alex Rea

# Moruya Town to Surf Fun Run



340 runners participated in the Town to Surf Fun Run on Sunday



1.Simon McCool, 3.Brendan Gorzalka 2.James Minto



Overall Female: 1<sup>st</sup> Pippa Saltlet



Running and pushing for the Same Wave inclusive program.

Moruya Surf Life Saving Club says  
**THANK YOU, MORUYA!**

“Today saw the return of the Moruya Town to Surf for the first time since 2019, and what an incredible community effort it was. On behalf of the organising committee and Moruya Surf Life Saving Club, thank you to every single person who entered, volunteered, sponsored, donated, supported and cheered from the sidelines.

Firstly, thank you to all of our participants. Without you, there would not have been an event. Whether you ran, jogged, walked, pushed a pram, or just came along for the atmosphere, you helped bring this community event back to life.”

### Town 2 Surf Fastest for 2026

- Overall Male: Simon McCool - 28:04 James Minto - 28:28 Brendan Gorzalka - 28:37
- Overall Female: Pippa Saltlet - 32:23 Lauren Evans - 33:13 Melissa Jefferis - 33:29
- Age groups: Under 13 Jemma Schwarz - 43:43 Tommy Dullard - 34:31
- 13 - 17 Pippa Saltlet - 32:23 Evan Minto - 30:49
- 18 - 29 Monique Marsh 38:08 Luke Edgerton - 31:09
- 30-39 Lauren Evans - 33:13 Simon McCool - 28:04
- 40-49 Crackenthorpe trophy Kavita Dufour - 39:16 James Minto - 28:28
- 50-59 Collette Blacklock - 39:31 Nicholas Thorne - 33:
- 42 60 + Alison Coles - 45:14 Paul Woodhouse - 30:33

Shoutout to our oldest entrant, Robyn Kennedy, who tackled the course at 83 years young.

Check out all the results via the link <https://tinyurl.com/4wk9n55d>

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