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Help shape the future of Eurobodalla's economy

Eurobodalla Shire Council is inviting businesses, investors and the broader community to help shape the future of the local economy. Council is reviewing its Economic Development Strategy to make sure it reflects the opportunities and challenges facing businesses today.

Economic development manager Teresa Lever said a revised strategy will provide a clear roadmap for supporting economic growth, employment and investment across Eurobodalla. She said the current strategy was developed before 2019 and no longer reflects the rapidly changing business landscape.

"The way we work, invest and do business has changed significantly over the past few years," Ms Lever said.

"The current strategy doesn't address major shifts like working remotely, the rise of artificial intelligence, housing challenges affecting workforce attraction and retention, or the growing importance of sustainable business practices.

"This review is an opportunity for our business community and residents to help shape a strategy that reflects where Eurobodalla is today and where we want to be in the future."

While detailed economic analysis would inform the review, Ms Lever said local knowledge and experience are equally important.

"We can analyse the data, but only local businesses, investors and community members can tell us what is helping or hindering economic growth on the ground," she said.

Ms Lever said feedback would help Council understand whether it was focusing on the right priorities.

"We're looking at whether we have the right foundations in place to support business growth, from workforce and infrastructure through to the services our community relies on," Ms Lever said.

"We're also exploring how businesses can take advantage of opportunities emerging through sustainability, how we can better support our creative and innovative industries, and how we build stronger connections between businesses, support services and the wider community.

"These aren't ideas Council should develop in isolation. We want to hear directly from businesses, investors and residents about what is working well, what barriers they're facing and where they see opportunities for growth."

Community members can share their feedback by completing an online survey, attending a drop-in session or arranging a meeting with Council's economic development manager Teresa Lever by calling 4474 1271.

Visit the community engagement page for more information and take the survey: www.oureurobodalla.esc.nsw.gov.au

Pride Festival launches

Eurobodalla's Pride Festival Queerobodalla launch last week with the Pride in the Park event attended by 400 people. It was a great winter day as the dykes on bicycles kicked off the day, with lots of local talent on stage, stalls and great food.

One of the highlights of the day was the Pride Pooch Parade with four legged friends dressed to impress. The winner was Roxy paraded by Frank Ross. See pic.



Roxy sporting a fetching sombrero with Frank Ross and Alice Ansara

See page 22 for program of events still to come.

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Community can observe councillor workshop

On Tuesday 16 June, councillors will attend a workshop from 10am to discuss several matters, including:

- the 2026/27 Draft Operational Plan and associated Integrated Planning and Reporting documents
- the project plan for the Batemans Bay Masterplan
- the Pathway Strategy
- the Emissions Reduction Plan.

Community members are invited to attend in person at the Moruya Administration Building's Council Chamber or online using Council's [webcast service](#) (live for the workshop). The workshop is open for observation only and does not include community participation. The workshop agenda will be available on [Council's website](#).



Crowd favourites

Inaugural Possum Prize a showcase of talent

The inaugural Possum Prize Art exhibition was opened at the Moruya Mechanics Hall on Friday evening to an enthusiastic crowd.

After a Welcome to Country by Uncle Bunja Smith, Bernie O'Neil, public officer of the Arts Council of Eurobodalla said "The Possum Exhibition and Prizes have been made possible by a generous donation from SEArts, our regional arts organisation, and the dedicated work of the committee and volunteers of the Arts Council of Eurobodalla, that many of you will know as Art Central, our home here in Moruya. This show arose from a conversation last year between Kate Bradbury the CEO of SEArts, Julie Janson, a local writer and artist and one of our judges tonight, and me.

We talked about how many art makers in our community don't have the opportunity to show their works. In particular, we at Art Central knew that since the fires and Covid we had lost contact with Indigenous art makers and young art makers. This show is a first step in addressing that.

We want to give a big thank you to our artists. This show is yours and we are honoured to be part of it."

Bernie said "I'm really delighted to tell you that thanks to a generous local philanthropist and a commitment to ongoing funding from SEArts we plan to offer the Possum Prizes again in 2027, 2028 & 2029.

A special thank you also to Kate Bradbury from SEArts who is with us tonight, to Uncle Bunja Smith for a moving Welcome to Country, and to the Possum Gang at Art Central, in particular Cathy Laudenbach & Suellen Franklin whose dedicated work made this show happen."

"Thank you to our Possum judges Julie Janson, who as well as being a visual artist, writer & poet is & a member of the Eurobodalla Shire Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee, & Steve Fox, a local artist & art connector!"

"Thank you to Mat Hatcher, our mayor and other councillors for being here tonight and maybe our council can help the Possum Prizes out by donating the use of the Mechanics Institute for the exhibition in future years?"

The first prize in each category is \$1000 and 2nd & 3rd prizes are free art lessons at Art Central.

Local author and artist Julie Janson announced the winners of the Indigenous Possum Prizes awarding Jamara Nye the win for her mesmerising work 'Roo of Fire', 2nd place to Anthony Butler, 'Sting Ray Feeding for Food' and 3rd place to Raymond Kelly, 'Snake Hunting the Waterholes'.

Steve Fox announced the Youth Possum prize winners with first prize going to Mia Kiss for 'The Two Heads', 2nd place to Charlotte Flor for 'Lake Broulee' and 3rd place to Ivy Innes-Nebelung for 'Sweet Song of Self.'

The exhibition will be open 9am to 4pm daily until 13th June



Jamara Nye's Possum Prize Winning work "Roo of Fire"



Judge Steve Fox with Mia Kiss with her winning work 'The Two Heads'

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Next steps for Council's plans and budget

Eurobodalla Shire Council

While the conversation is winding up, the planning is far from over. Public exhibition of Eurobodalla Council's draft Operational Plan 2026–27, draft Fees and Charges and draft Long-Term Financial Plan has ended and now community feedback will be reviewed and plans amended ahead of adoption later this month.

Council's general manager Mark Ferguson says public exhibition of draft plans provides residents with a valuable opportunity to ask questions, challenge assumptions, and help shape the final documents.

"These plans set out Council's annual work program, budget and financial outlook. It's how we turn long-term community aspirations into projects, services and spending for the year ahead," Mr Ferguson says.

"They're our roadmap for delivering on priorities identified in Council's four-year Delivery Program and the longer-term Community Strategic Plan."

All three drafts were available on Council's website for community input, with three briefing sessions – at Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay – during the exhibition period, giving residents the opportunity to speak directly with councillors and staff. Mr Ferguson says discussions like these are important.

"The choices Council makes today affect its ability to deliver services and maintain assets in the future. We've had some thoughtful conversations about service delivery, environmental priorities, infrastructure, waste, financial security and how Council is planning for the future," he says.

Environmental initiatives, waste management, biodiversity projects, electric vehicle infrastructure, wildlife-friendly projects and design, community infrastructure, and – particularly – Council's ongoing work to strengthen its financial sustainability were popular topics of conversation.

Mr Ferguson says part of the discussion centred around balancing community expectations against rising costs and aging assets – a challenge faced by councils across the state.

"Our focus needs to be on delivering what matters most, finding smarter ways to work, and ensuring every dollar goes as far as possible," says Mr Ferguson.

"Our draft budget includes \$159 million in operating expenditure and \$86.5 million in the capital works program. Within this we need to manage cost increases, inflation, infrastructure renewal and resource constraints."

A public councillor workshop will also be held on 16 June, where councillors will receive a summary of submissions and any proposed changes arising from community feedback. Residents still wishing to participate can speak directly to councillors during the Public Forum before the 30 June Council meeting.



Jay from MESA completing install of the solar array at Dr McKay Community Centre

Dr McKay Community Centre has gone all electric

On Thursday 18 June at 2pm, Dr Michael Holland, MP for Bega will officially open the Dr McKay Community Centre Electrification Project.

Last year SHASA secured funding of \$49,977 from the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership 2025 Program to electrify the Eurobodalla Shire Council's Dr McKay Community Centre. This is the first partnership between SHASA and the Eurobodalla Shire Council to upgrade a Council run facility. The works undertaken in this project will assist the Council to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and make significant savings on their electricity bills.

This Project involved a very challenging installation by Micro Energy Systems of a 12.32 kilowatt photovoltaic solar system on an extremely steep rooftop and a 46 kilowatt hour battery. It's estimated that the solar system will produce 20,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year and financial savings of more than \$4,000 a year. This is a significant saving on current bills of \$5,334 per annum.

The project also removed a gas stove and replaced it with an induction stove. This will save money as well as improve the health and well being of users of the kitchen by eliminating the use of gas. SHASA also replaced 2 very old fridges/freezers with new energy efficient models from Betta Batemans Bay. SHASA looks forward to future partnership projects with Council to assist with meeting their Emissions Reduction Targets and realising savings in energy costs.

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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Jason Ford Public Access Presentation– 9 June 2026 Surfside Beach



Residents of Surfside attended Council's Public Access session yesterday to support Jason Ford presenting on coastal inundation.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the presence at this forum of Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega, who has been a strong advocate in support of the issues I will discuss today. The Surfside community appreciates Dr Holland making time to stand here with us as a visible show of that support. I also want to thank the community members in the public gallery (and anyone watching online) for their time and support.

The purpose of my presentation today is twofold –
 · to announce the establishment of Friends of Surfside Beach Incorporated; and
 · to put community views on the public record and ask Councillors and Council officials to resolve to allocate funding in Council's budget for annual sand scraping at Surfside, beginning as soon as practical; and to actively pursue further funding sources from higher levels of government, toward short term and long term erosion mitigation solutions.

Surfside Beach

The issues facing Surfside Beach have been a topic of concern for many years. There have been numerous representations made by individuals and groups to Council, State and Federal government representatives. The media has reported on the issue from time to time. Sadly, in previous years, there have been more than one well-intended Ministerial funding announcements that have subsequently not unfolded as they were initially described. Possibly that previous sentence reflects the complexities of the situation.

I presented to Council at the 16 July 2024 ordinary Council meeting when the agenda included a Mayoral Minute dealing with how \$12 million in Disaster Ready funds were being allocated to coastal protection works across the Eurobodalla (including Surfside West, but not Surfside Beach) – see pages 9 to 13 at Agenda of Ordinary Meeting – Tuesday, 16 July 2024. From that report, a subsequent Mayoral Minute recorded three advocacy and representational related recommendations. See Ordinary Council – Tuesday, 29 April 2025. Two presentations from members of the public at that meeting are at Public-Forum-16-July-2024.pdf.

Since then, the community has been advised by Council that Council has advocated to the NSW Government for funding and action (including in relation to dredging works), although it is not clear to residents and homeowners what Council's advocacy has involved or influenced in relation to longer term planning.

In September 2025, sand scraping was successfully undertaken, providing a meaningful reduction in overtopping and inundation risk. The sacrificial dune created by that work was appreciated by the community, protecting the foreshore environment and residences through several storm and tidal events. Indeed, with Council and Landcare coordination, many community members took pride in planting out the resulting dune and caring for those plantings. Council has stated that its contribution to that 2025 sand scraping was \$15,000, so the return on investment is significant.

Unfortunately, the Surfside Beach environment is now vulnerable again following recent storm events that almost entirely eroded the protective buffer.

The condition of the beach is the worst it has ever been, as represented by recession of the shoreline and as documented by GeoScience Australia (see note 1). The area needs attention and sand scraping has proven to be an effective non-permanent mitigation activity.

- Sand scraping is consistent with Council's Surfside Beach foreshore reserve plan of management (see note 2).
- It is an action identified in the Coastal Management Plan for this location.
- A Council report states that success of the Surfside West levee, currently under construction, relies on the Surfside Beach dune being maintained to a defined height (see note 3.1 and 3.2, Worley Consulting report and CMP).
- Council has confirmed that sand scraping is the only management option currently available for protecting the dune from coastal erosion in the short term, so funding it should be a priority.

However, sand scraping alone is not the long-term solution. Rather, it is a practical and cost effective management measure that buys time while longer-term planning occurs. That longer term planning needs to start now. Whether the ultimate solution involves ongoing nourishment, a revised Coastal Management Program, engineered protection measures or some combination of approaches, those options will require investigation, consultation, environmental assessment, design development, approvals and funding. All of those processes take time.

Friends of Surfside Beach and the broader community asks Council to:

- fund further sand scraping as a priority, recognising that the foreshore environment and in turn, lower Surfside, is vulnerable. Sand scraping is cheap and effective;
- include a specific funding line for Surfside beach restoration/maintenance in Council's Operational Plan 2026–27 and future years (noting this topic will be considered at the Council meeting scheduled for 30 June 2026) – see note 4;
- resolve to actively pursue external funding opportunities through State and Federal programs as opportunities arise, for money specifically to address the issues facing Surfside Beach. That would include (at the least) making application to the NSW Government under its Coastal and Estuary Grants program; and to the NSW Reconstruction Authority (as the Lead Agency) for funding under round 4 of the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund that opened around 29 May 2026; and
- provide the community with a clear understanding of the pathway forward.

We strongly believe that we are not asking for anything more than what is reasonable in the circumstances.

- Short term – the cost of sand scraping is relatively small with a significant return on investment.
- Short and long term – there are pathways that can be navigated to determine more permanent solutions. We understand Council does not currently have funding for this purpose, but we do expect Council to actively pursue new funding sources.

A full version of this presentation can be found [HERE](#)

Public Access Presentation by Kerri Riches 9th June

“Good morning, Councillors and all present. I would like to begin by first acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of this country: And pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging My name is Kerri Ritches, I am the president of the **Moruya Country Markets** representing the Managing Committee and members.

At the last six markets, many people took the time, often patiently queueing, to show their support for our Moruya Country Markets. Here is the proof: a petition with 183 pages and 1,829 signatures, which has just been formally lodged today with Council’s Customer Service.

I want to thank all the market visitors, a great many regulars not just from Moruya, but from the Far South Coast, Sydney, Canberra, Wagga, and beyond, for showing how much our markets mean to all of them and to you.

I also want to sincerely thank the Councillors who listened, got involved, and stepped in when we needed help. Your willingness to hear our concerns, ask questions, and help us move matters forward was greatly appreciated by the market community across the board. But this raises a question: Why did the Market Committee President have to ask Councillors to help break a deadlock that Council management had created and couldn’t resolve? Even after many attempts by the Committee over a lengthy period to work together and find solutions, our concerns seemed ignored, and the issue stayed unresolved.

The fact that Councillors had to step in to move things forward and get things done makes me think: How can Council do better at listening to the community and responding to concerns before they escalate?



Kerri Riches presents the petition to Cr Mick Johnson

People shouldn’t have to go to their elected representatives just to be heard: Something which should be happening as part of day-to-day operations, and what ratepayers adequately fund a management team for.

I ask Council to think about how all this happened and what can be done to make sure serious community concerns are addressed in a much more timely and helpful way than our Markets have experienced. This way, we can work together and find common-sense solutions without ever needing to escalate.

Thank you again to the Councillors for your time and support, and to everyone in our community who has stood behind this cause.

We look forward with hope to Councillors’ final decision at the next council meeting.”



Learn more about foster care

Visit MacKillop at the Moruya Country Market, Saturday 11 July 7:30am – 12:30pm



Further Rally for Recovery Donation

The Rally for Recovery at Tomakin has made a further \$150,000 to Sydney Children Hospital Foundation. Alex Hyvonen, from the Foundation, (left of photo) gratefully accepted the cheque recently. Mike from the Rally says "This year has been very successful, thanks to the generosity of donors and a consistent level of support from locals and visiting buyers. We now have a good range of all household items at garage sale prices, and also those of a better quality."



Natural capital, real returns

Healthy soils, clean water and native vegetation are more than environmental assets - they are fundamental drivers of farm productivity, profitability and long-term resilience.

Natural capital refers to the stock of natural assets on a property, such as soils, plants, animals and waterways and the ecosystem services they provide. These services include pollination, nutrient cycling, water filtration and carbon storage, all of which underpin agricultural production.

Investing in natural capital can deliver direct economic benefits. Improved groundcover, soil health and vegetation can boost productivity, reduce input costs and protect market access, while emerging environmental markets may provide new income streams. Research across Australian farms shows that stronger natural capital is linked to increased production efficiency, higher gross margins and greater financial resilience.

At the same time, managing natural capital supports biodiversity and ecosystem health. Well-functioning landscapes reduce erosion, improve water quality and create habitat for our native species including the Southern Greater Glider, which in turn support more stable farm systems.

Natural capital accounting is helping landholders better understand these links by measuring and tracking the condition and value of environmental assets over time. This information supports smarter decision-making and helps prioritise actions that sustain both farm performance and natural systems.

To learn how this applies in practice, join the upcoming Natural capital and farm emissions workshop on Monday 22 June, 9:30 am – 2 pm at South Wind Equestrian, Bergalia NSW.



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SHASA EV EXPO well attended

The South Coast Health & Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) Electric Vehicle Expo held on Saturday at the Moruya Country Markets was well attended.

There was a wide variety of both private and new dealer models. There were private 17 cars and 7 from Coastal Auto Group (AMH). Andrew Everaard Vice President of SHASA said "we had six people take test drives."

I found people were asking a lot more detailed questions about owning a EV as awareness level has increased sharply in recent months.

Rob Motbey from Coastal Auto Group there was "a lot of interest and test drives booked in for this week from the weekend."



Go Get Healthy

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P.E.A: A Natural Option for Fibromyalgia, Neuralgia and Shingles

Last week, I wrote about the supplement PEA (Palmitoylethanolamide) and its potential role in pain management. This week, I'd like to explore how PEA may help people living with fibromyalgia, neuralgia and shingles - conditions that are often associated with persistent, challenging and sometimes debilitating nerve pain.

Neuropathic (nerve) pain is notoriously difficult to manage. It doesn't just ache; it shoots, burns, stabs, and tingles. The wildest part about nerve pain is how the brain processes it. Imagine a home alarm system. Normally, if there's a fire (inflammation or injury), the alarm goes off. You put out the fire, and the siren stops. But with nerve pain, the fire is long gone, yet the alarm keeps blaring at 2:00 AM. The nervous system essentially gets stuck in a glitchy, infinite loop of pain signals. When it gets really bad, even the friction of a soft t-shirt against your skin can feel like sandpaper.

Fibromyalgia is famous for widespread muscle pain, but it likes to bring a whole entourage of other symptoms along for the ride. We're talking chronic fatigue, insomnia, "fibro fog," mood swings, and a bizarre sensitivity to lights, temperature, and smells. Research from Verona University Hospital in Italy investigated the use of PEA in 407 fibromyalgia patients between 2013 and 2016. The study found significant improvements in quality-of-life scores and a significant reduction in pain levels among participants who supplemented with PEA¹. Another study involving 35 fibromyalgia patients who were already taking pain medication found that supplementing with 600mg of PEA daily for 12 weeks significantly reduced overall pain². Diabetic neuropathy is another condition where PEA may offer support. In an eight-week study involving 70 adults aged between 32 and 75 years diagnosed with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes with diabetic-related peripheral neuropathy conducted in Australia, participants taking 600mg of PEA daily experienced reductions in spontaneous burning and pressure pain, stabbing and sharp pain intensity, and pins and needles³.

If you've ever had shingles, you'll know how painful it can be. It affects around one in five people, usually over the age of 50, and often strikes when the immune system is under stress. While the rash eventually heals, the nerve pain can linger for weeks or even months. Research suggests that adding PEA alongside standard treatment may help reduce this persistent burning nerve pain.

Living with chronic pain can feel like a full-time job you never applied for. While it isn't a magical cure-all that works identically for everyone, PEA is proving to be a highly effective, natural option for calming hyperactive nerves and helping people get their quality of life back.

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. 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



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- Chat about EV charging
- Take a drive in an EV with the owner



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Nelligen Boat Ramp - Pontoon replacement

Nelligen Progress Association reports: Eurobodalla Shire Council is replacing the old pontoon at Nelligen's Wharf Road, upgrading the marine facility to a like-new condition. This upgrade will make the area safer, easier and more enjoyable to use. The new pontoon will provide a more stable and secure platform, with improved accessibility for a wider range of users. It's designed to perform well in changing tide conditions, helping make boating safer and easier.

As part of the upgrade, Council will install a new kayak launching platform that steps down from the pontoon and replace the old jet ski dock. These dedicated facilities will help separate different types of recreational craft, reducing congestion and wait times.

The new pontoon will keep its L-shape and feature a modern deck surface made from fibreglass-reinforced plastic mesh. This material provides a durable, non-slip finish that requires minimal maintenance. Edge buffers will also be installed to cushion impacts from boats and reduce wear and tear of the pontoon.



The pontoon has been manufactured off-site but the existing pilings, which are still in good condition, will be reused.

Work is scheduled to start after the long weekend on Tuesday 9 June, and finish by Friday 19 June. The facility will be unavailable while work is underway.

The project is supported through the NSW Government's Boating Infrastructure for Communities program (\$155,027) with a Council contribution of \$50,000.

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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Shark net upgrade planned for Bar Beach Narooma



With the swimming season winding down, Narooma's Bar Beach shark net will be removed for winter. The net's annual removal is familiar to Bar Beach regulars, but this year **Eurobodalla Council** will replace it with a new net rather than the usual refurbishment. Now at the end of its working life, the net will be removed on Tuesday 9 June, with a diver on site to ensure no marine creatures become entangled as the net is lifted from the water.

Before settling on a replacement, Council investigated a range of alternatives, but none proved suitable for the conditions at Bar Beach. If all goes to plan, swimmers can expect the new net in place before the September holidays.

The new net will be installed differently. Instead of relying on concrete block anchors that shift during heavy swell, two new timber piles will be installed – one near the rock wall and another towards the centre of the net.

This setup will hold the net more securely in place and improve its long-term performance in the challenging coastal environment. The timber pile by the shoreline will be positioned further south down the beach to increase the amount of beach in front of the net.

The piles will be installed in late June, with a barge-mounted machine pushing them into the seabed.

While shark nets help reduce risk, they do not eliminate it entirely. Nets do not extend from the seabed to the surface and sharks can potentially enter netted areas by swimming above or below the net. People looking for protected, year-round outdoor swimming can visit the jetty and pontoon near the Narooma pool.

Council's sustainability team is exploring ways to reuse the old net.

A big cheer for Eurobodalla's volunteers

Eurobodalla Council volunteers swapped their usual roles helping others for an afternoon of food, music and a bushwalk at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden on Monday 1 June.

Postponed from National Volunteer Week due to wet weather, the celebration was finally held under blue skies as 150 volunteers from Community Transport, Community Participation, Libraries, Y-Drive, the Bas, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Landcare and the Zero Heroes waste team came together. Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher thanked volunteers for the countless hours they contribute to the community.

"This event is a small way to say thank you and celebrate the amazing work of our volunteers," Mayor Hatcher said.

"Whether it's helping someone get to an appointment, supporting a community program, caring for our environment or sharing knowledge, volunteers remind us that small acts of kindness make a big difference in people's lives."

Long-time botanic garden volunteer Ainslie Morris has been involved in the volunteer program since 1996.

"I was a mad bushwalker until my back had gone which is when I chose to volunteer at the Garden," Ms Morris said.

"I originally volunteered at the herbarium with Jenny Liney when it was back in Moruya - we spent many years collecting and documenting plant species from across the region. Now I volunteer in the garden shop and still enjoy being part of the team."

Community Transport volunteer driver Shaun Monaghan said the event was a great way to catchup with other drivers and meet fellow volunteers.



Ainslie Morris (left) with Botanic Garden staff and a fellow volunteer.

"We're often like ships passing in the night, so to be able to get together like this is awesome," he said.

"I've been volunteering for three years and I love being able to give back."

Mayor Hatcher encouraged anyone interested in volunteering with Council to visit Council's website to find out more or subscribe to the Job Shop's newsletter for more volunteer opportunities across Eurobodalla.

"Volunteering is a great way to meet people, learn new skills, try something different and feel connected," he said.

"You can donate money, goods or services, but giving your time is something truly special. Volunteers do that every day and our community is better for it."

100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner



Workmen at the quarry 1926



Butterick Patterns for Misses Age 15 to 20. Delineator, p. 27, July 1926.

12-06-1926

Dormon Long and Co., contractors for the North Shore bridge, have intimated to their employees that they will pay 44 hours' wages to those who want to work 44 hours and for 48 hours to those who are willing to work the longer hours.

Driven by that reliable chauffeur, Mr. Allan Louttit, Mesdames W. J. Stephens, C. Cheesman, Miss Cheesman, and Messrs. W. J. Stephens, H. J. Thomson, H. J. Parbery and Wally Thomson visited Canberra. Leaving here on Sunday morning the party returned Monday night, having had a delightful trip through Queanbeyan and the Federal City.

"Go to Blazes" – Frederick Stephen Wells wrote to the Eden-Monaro Federal returning officers, "defying your official and political castes, despite your command of gaol hells," and again, "for my part, official and political parasites can go to blazes." Defendant said it was against his conscience to vote. He was fined 5s, with costs, or 48 hours. He will appeal. (He was a farmer from Bungonia)

To be called "talkative" is a reproachable epithet. To be considered a thinker is indeed a compliment. So, think much, and talk little.

The medical officer for London schools warmly praises the disappearance of such devices as corsets and garters, and points out that the health of girls has been immeasurably improved thereby. A Harley-street specialist says: "Short skirts and short hair are the greatest boon to women-hood. Headaches are practically non-existent among shingled women. When they cut their tresses short, they add five years to their lives, and when they reduce clothing, they added another five. Men could do the same if they abolished collars and ties."

A linen tea was organised for Tuesday afternoon at the Centennial Hall to replenish the press at the local hospital. The contributions handed in were of the best, the all-necessary towel predominating. Mesdames Cheesman, Anderson, S. Ryan and Matron Constable received the gifts and Mrs. H. Williams conducted an interesting competition in which each person had to draw an animal. The pictures were then pinned on the wall, and the competitor who correctly named the most was awarded a prize. Mrs. S. Lizieri proving herself the most clever was presented with a box of chocolates.

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Tuross Head News

The Tuross Head Caring Group is responding to the loss of town history from local identities who helped create the town and hope new residents will find it informative but more importantly feel a part of the community and join in the forthcoming history stories.

Our town is segregated by the numerous groups and their email lists with no central place to share news. Further, in caring for our members we have recognised the effects of isolation on a number of residents through the lack of communication – the lack of a town newspaper that is accessible to all both by email and in particular in printed form.

Slowly we are contacting groups in town asking for news to include in this section and this section will only be as good as the contributions we receive. Don't wait to be asked.

Did you know that a Tuross Head Community Directory was produced in 2025 by Gail Page-Davies and Peter Davies? It contained 103 listing under the headings: Emergency Contacts, Accommodation, Business Houses, Community Services, Community Groups, Health & Wellness, Hospitality, Sports, Trades, Tuross Head Annual Events and some Tuross history on the back page. This was a mammoth task but sadly there is nowhere in town now to see or collect a copy. We do not have a local information center and an official 'i' is a dream too far but perhaps there is a spot in a shop that could display town information brochures?

There are a lot of places and sights to see, some already marked but no list to say where they are. There is no local group responsible to keep it stocked. Perhaps this is an idea to be thought on and implemented?

Since the removal of the big town map at the highway years ago, there has not been a town map available for visitors or residents to look at and the expectation that everyone has to be on the internet to look at maps and not have an alternative is sad to say the least. Currently we are asking a few businesses to display a map of the town showing toilets, parks, services, ATM's and so on. Kirsty at Tuross Hair and Beauty has been a great supporter of this idea and there is now a Town Map in her window situated between her front door and the chemist. A big thank you to her and to Chandu at ULTRA FUEL also for agreeing to put a town map up at the service station. Through the help of Melise at Hallmark the new Driftwood Shores Estate has been included on the map. Hopefully in the future someone will produce a more professional town map.

More about books: Club Tuross has agreed to have more book cases. Annette the General Manager said that the ones already there are well used and it is a beautiful space to have them. The Men's Shed is looking into what assistance they can give and John and Mary[PA1] Mathais have generously donated two new book cases. Soon I will announce the availability of the new stock. The generosity of people's time and money never fails to impress me. Thank you.

Many years ago, Bruce Lidbury also saw the history of Tuross being lost especially concerning the golf course – so he wrote a book about the construction of the golf course and those involved. Earlier photos in the book were supplied by the Gatteys and more modern ones from Case Hengst (now deceased). Apparently when the 8th fairway was all dirt the players had the 'STICK PICK' activity enacted where golfers on the 8th were asked to hill the sticks they came across and throw rocks away to the side. I hear there were some great times held under the big Oak tree. You'd need to read the book 'FROM SCRUB TO CLUB' by Bruce Lidbury. A few copies of the 284 books printed are still available for sale at the Club.

While interviewing Ruth Mount recently she told me there were only 73 people in Tuross Head back in 1961 and they were mostly over in the Jutland Road area. Ruth ran the post office and did the mail run in a Valiant car picking up mail from Tuross, Bodalla, Turlinjah, Bergalia and then Moruya. Her husband John drove the school bus taking children to the school in Turlinjah or onto Moruya.

So many more stories to tell and gather. We need to have a place in town to keep them secure and yet available to residents and visitors. If anyone would like to help gathering news items for 'M.M' or help with the history we would love to hear from you.

We will have a stall at the Volunteers EXPO on Friday 12th June being held in the RSL Hall Moruya so if you are in town, please come and say G'day.

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A Beer with Bazz #239

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Mick was in full flight in the front bar. The tight fitting orange T shirt lifted to expose his sizeable hairy stomach and his belly button contorted in agreement when he raised a finger to emphasise a point. A shimmer of perspiration coated his bald head. Noticeably, peripheral patrons had backs turned to his plumber's crack.

"I told you all weeks ago ... get on board! The 'Had A Gutful' (HAG) Party is the future. It's pretty simple ... you find an issue you have 'had a gutful' with and flick off to HAG Head Office in Queensland. A press release will follow, or if it passes the 'Had A Gutful' Level Ten Test, the HAG Party Leader will fly down in the 'Had A Gutful' corporate jet and stand shoulder to shoulder with the workers. Make no bones about it, she will say 'I have had a gutful too!'. Go on ... name an issue."

Audible murmurs before Young Simon stepped forward.

"The price of diesel just does not make sense, Mick. I have had a gutful of the price differential in our Shire. I kid you not ... it is over \$2.20 per litre in Batemans Bay and sits on \$1.64 in Mogo ... an over 30 percent difference. Last time I looked ... the Strait of Hormuz does not start in Mogo and end in Batemans Bay. Please explain ... I say! If the price of the exact same everyday grocery items such as milk or bread was 30 percent more expensive in Moruya compared to Batemans Bay ... people would have a ... community gutful."

Mick nodded his head.

"Ok ... that is a good one. If you know any service stations owners in Batemans Bay ask them to keep the price up until we get the 'Had A Gutful' jet down here for maximum effect at a press conference. Any other issues?"

Timeless Tom rubbed his chin.

"The price of Jarlsberg Cheese in Woolworths, Mick."

Schooners were frozen in mid air. Eyebrows raised as all eyes trained on Tom.

"You would think buying Jarlsberg Cheese by the slice at Woolworths Batemans Bay Deli would be more expensive than purchasing it by the packet ... given the labour cost. It is not the case. It is about \$38 a kilo by the slice at the deli. Do a half pirouette and it is over \$45 a kilo in a packet on the fridge shelf. Same product two metres apart, one sliced and one in a packet ... \$7.00 price differential. I have had a gutful."

Mick shook his head.

"All very well to dance between cheese prices, Tom but ... Jarlsberg is ... well foreign. It comes in at less than a level one on the 'Had A Gutful' meter. If it was Vegemite ... no worries ... we would flick on the after burners on the HAG jet."

An extended silence before Bazza leaned in.

"Your website is a bit short on solutions, Mick. In fact, it is impossible to get a gutful of your policies*. On another note ... why the colour orange for the party?"

Know All Ron cleared his throat.

"If I could intervene, Bazza. Orange (or saffron) symbolises the flame of the Buddha's teachings, the burning away of ignorance and ego. It also represents energy, cheerfulness, enlightenment as well as wisdom and spiritual awakening. As you also know, the monks shaved or closely cropped haircuts represents simplicity."

Mick's ran a hand over his bald scalp, his eyes widened, brows shot skywards and jaw dropped.

"Exactly, Ron! I could not have said it better. That is what the HAG Party is all about."

* <https://www.smh.com.au/national/i-went-looking-for-one-nation-s-policies-here-s-what-i-didn-t-find-20260601-p602y5.html>

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Sustainability Film Night: "Housing in Crisis" Thursday June 11, 6:00pm, Red Door Hall, 15 Page St, Moruya

RENEW SHD Webinar Series: you can register for any of the RENEW webinars on the RENEW Sustainable House Day website.

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



Retrofitting: bringing sustainability to older homes

As a follow up to last May's Sustainable House Day, Renew are offering "a series of expert-led online workshops exploring affordable retrofits, all-electric homes, PassivHaus design, EVs, wildlife-friendly gardens, biophilic design and future-ready strata living."

The Sustainable Builders Alliance will present a practical online session exploring how Australian homes can be transformed through smarter retrofit strategies. The Retrofit Playbook webinar (Weds June 17, 7:30-8:30pm) will "unpack what makes a successful retrofit, where to prioritise your investment, and how to avoid common retrofit mistakes.

Topics covered include: Why retrofitting is often a better alternative to knockdown rebuilds; The most impactful upgrades for comfort, energy efficiency and resilience; How to approach renovations in stages and work within your budget; What homeowners should know before starting a retrofit project; Common challenges in older homes and how to navigate them; and Balancing performance, aesthetics and practicality."

Retrofitting doesn't have to break the bank: in the session The \$5K Retrofit: Small Budget, Big Impact, Jenny from Fix It Chicks and Light House ArchiScience will explore the smartest low-cost upgrades that deliver real impact. From draught-proofing and insulation to window coverings, heating and cooling improvements, lighting, and simple behavioural changes. Designed for everyday homeowners, renters and renovators, this session will help you prioritise where to spend your money for maximum comfort, lower energy bills and better performance year-round. Jenny will also share common retrofit mistakes to avoid, and how small changes can add up to big results over time." The webinar runs 6:00-&:00pm on both June 16 and June 30.

Meanwhile, the Euro-Visions monthly Film night and discussion will look at Housing in Crisis, exploring issues and solutions in Eurobodalla, with panelists Steph Chui (local architect, community advocate and convener of the Eurobodalla Community Support Network); Katharina Hendell (TAKT Studio for Architecture and member of the regional architecture association); Nina Bowbridge (Coordinator, Strategy and Place, Eurobodalla Shire Council).



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Young Australians on track to be wealthiest generation of financial investors ever

As I rip through my fifties like the batsman that brought Australian men's cricket out of its doldrums in the mid 1980s, Allan Border, my short history flashes before me like a strobe light in a seedy mid-eighties Canberra nightclub.

In the mid 1980s, during one of most fruitful periods of public policy in Australia, the Hawke-Keating years, and on the back of a tumultuous yet necessary social policy revolution lead by Gough Whitlam in the first half of the 1970s, a meeting of Australian political, business, public servants, trade unions, academics and consumer and community power brokers, was held by the Hawke Government. The 3 July 1985 meeting was called the National Taxation Summit. It's outcomes were the introduction of a Capital Gains Tax, and a Fringe Benefits Tax, the streamlining of sales tax, the precursor to the GST, consideration of a GST and personal income tax reform. This list has comprised the full scope of major tax policy decisions since that meeting in 1985. Little outside this list has been implemented in the 40 years since.

Following the 1985 Tax Summit, unions and the Hawke-Keating Governments got cracking on superannuation for all Australian workers. By 1990, the compulsory superannuation system was born, starting with a meagre 1.5 per cent of income, rising to three per cent in 1992, to four per cent in 2000, to nine per cent by 2009, to 12 per cent by 2026 and its on its way to 14 per cent by 2030. This matters. Unlike Boomer and Gen-X workers, whose predominant form of life savings went into their home, Gen-Y and Gen Z's predominant form of life savings will be superannuation. When they retire, they will have a motza of financial assets previous generations never had. In all likelihood, they will be able to afford their dream home, their dream lifestyle and seventh heaven before they die, thanks to their compulsory superannuation. Compulsory super has made them financial market investors instead of property investors. When they realise their good fortune, Paul Keating, compulsory super's father, will be long gone, except for the memorable reels of his sharp turn of phrase and demolition of conservative leaders from Howard to Peacock, and back.

But Australian Gen Y and Gen Z are not the patient type. Waiting for their financial El Dorado is not good enough for them. They want their cake on the table by 8.00 am and they want to scoff it down by morning tea, without raisin a sweat. And tomorrow, they want another one. It's hard not to blame their parents and grandparents for their sense of entitlement. Their kids didn't know any better and their maladaptive behaviours will be all the harder to break in adult life.

THE BINGIE POINT Opinion by Cid Mateo



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

Turning to immigration, when I grew up in the 1970s, kids like me were called "wogs". We were the 'personas non-grata' in Australia, the Mediterranean immigrants from Greece, Croatia, Italy and Spain of the 1950s and 1960s, like my folks and their kids. By the late 1970s and 1980s, the 'unwelcomed' had shifted to the Southeast Asian first and second-generation immigrants, such as the Vietnamese. Since the 2000s, the overwhelming targets of immigrant racism in Australia were people of middle-eastern decent, and more recently they are those South Asian and Chinese descent. Ironically, it is Australia that jumped on the Uncle Sam wagon and participated in the destruction of many of their neighbourhoods and livelihoods from Beirut to Baghdad, and from Hanoi to Gaza City, which forced them to find refuge elsewhere. So when they got to Australia we kicked them in the guts, again. So who will Australians kick in the guts next? The Palestinians? The Iranians? Maybe our South Pacific Melanesian neighbours who are already doing the care economy and agricultural and meat processing jobs Australians won't touch with a barge pole. Australians are already more likely to abuse them than value them. First Nations Australians know how deadly these bigoted and xenophobic Australian values can be. They have been massacred and traumatised for 250 years by these so-called Australian white-fella values. If these are the values Hanson, Joyce, Taylor and Hastie want for us, then I say no thanks! I want to meet people and buy food from every civilisation when I go to the SAGE Moruya Markets or walk into the Air Raid Tavern.

When I grew up in 1970s Australia, I kept hearing the biggest whingers were the "whinging Poms", though I never met one. By the 2020s, the whinging title is exclusively with the whinging entitled Australians, from the whinging Hansonites to the whinging Aussie business owners and the whinging Gen Yippers and Gen Zippers, who complain the 2026 Budget doesn't give them enough cakes, and can't hide sense of entitlement, while they all sip on their "wog"-inspired coffees, eat their Asian-inspired noodles, or hoe into their Lebanese kebabs and Indian tandoor. Dear immigrant, I don't care where you come from, only that you respect human rights for all. If you can manage that, you are always welcome in my backyard.



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Let's do coffee with ... Murray van der Veer

For Narooma filmmaker Murray van der Veer, place and memory are never just background. They are the foundations of belonging.

Before starting a project, he often returns to two central questions: "What does this place remember, and why does it still matter?"

A succinct thesis develops: "Place and memory are the foundations of belonging. Place gives us somewhere to stand. Memory tells us what we are standing inside."

Consequently, Murray is not interested in memory as nostalgia. For him, memory is a form of responsibility. It helps communities understand where they stand, what they share, and what they must care for.

The Moruya Mail (MM) chatted with Murray last week.

MM: A chai for you and a double shot latte with a dash of philosophy for me. I usually conduct these interviews chronologically, but I'm willing to freewheel today. You are throwing me out of my comfort zone! Take me where you like.

MV: (Laughs ...) Thanks for the introduction. I am sure you will keep me on track.

A strong community does not mean everyone agrees. It means people find ways to belong to each other - to listen, to care, and to move forward together, even when history is difficult or opinions differ.

Moving forward together is something I have repeatedly heard from Aboriginal leaders. It is not about pretending the past did not happen. It is not about getting trapped in blame. It is about facing history truthfully, so responsibility is shared.

It is an overarching philosophy in my work. Hopefully, it shines through in my filmmaking.

Let's start with the Narooma Memorial Hall. It opened in 1925 and was built as a living memorial to the district's First World War soldiers. Today, it is best known as the Narooma Kinema.

I was commissioned to make a short film, 'Narooma Celebrates Hall Centenary', with Florence Mitchell's story helping carry the opening. Compressing more than 100 years of history into three and a half minutes was obviously a challenge.

The real task is not simply deciding what to cut, it's finding the emotional truth to carry the story.

Love was that truth - the love the community had for a building which held its public life and private memories for generations.

The hall was where the community gathered, celebrated, grieved, argued, danced, watched films, held meetings and renewed itself over generations. It is still very much the heartbeat of Narooma.

Once we found that centre, the film could move through time without becoming a history lecture.

Hopefully, this sense of love and community shines through.

(Pauses ...)

Another thread is my environmental work with West Gippsland CMA. A few years ago I made a film about the Latrobe River, and am currently working on a new film about 40 years of Landcare in West Gippsland.

Mention "Latrobe Valley" and the connotations are coal, power stations and perhaps agriculture. In reality, the valley also carries a long history of environmental damage - from coal and industry to river modification, agriculture and loss of wetlands. The Latrobe River runs along the valley floor and has been largely shaped by industry, agriculture and water use. In some places, wetlands were modified in the name of efficiency. Billabongs, floodplains and natural river processes were damaged or lost.

West Gippsland CMA has done extensive work with communities, landholders and partner organisations to restore parts of that landscape. Again, it comes back to moving forward - not by forgetting what happened, but by taking responsibility for what can still be cared for.

Through this work, and over time, I have come to see memory and environment are not separate. A place carries ecological memory, Aboriginal memory, settler memory, family memory and community memory.

In some ways, Landcare is non-Aboriginal Australia learning to care for Country - hopefully with humility, and with respect for the much older Aboriginal knowledge. This central theme of memory should not make us nostalgic - it should make us responsible.

Closer to home, and even closer to my heart, is the film I've been making with the Mogo Men's Shed community.

It is a melting pot of shared experience, knowledge, history, resilience and humility. I have learned so much from the generosity of these men - their skills, stories, humour, time and practical care.

For me, each visit is a lesson in humility. It shows me that community is not an abstract idea. It is something people practise.

Once again, moving forward together is not just a phrase. It is something people do.

Hopefully, the film captures that spirit.

MM: Now ... there is always a back story.

MV: My pathway into filmmaking was not a straight line. I began as a photographer, and photography underpins everything I do. It taught me to observe closely, to wait, and understand a person is never separate from the world around them.

Portraiture grounds me. My portraits are often of people photographed in the landscape; they are also stories of people in place. A face, a body, a landscape, the light, the weather - together begin to say something about belonging, identity and memory.

A major turning point was meeting and working with filmmaker Dr Alec Morgan at Macquarie University. Alec became an important mentor and collaborator, and through working extensively with him I gained a much deeper understanding of narrative structure, documentary storytelling and the responsibility that comes with telling other people's stories.

Alec's landmark film Lousy Little Sixpence was an important influence. However, the film I worked on extensively with him was Ablaze, now available on SBS On Demand. This collaboration informed me how film can bring buried or neglected histories to light. Further, it deepened my understanding documentary is not simply about recording events. It is about listening carefully, building trust and finding the human story connecting people to place, history and memory.



Those lessons resonated and shaped the way I approach local history, Aboriginal history, environmental stories and community work. Whether I am making a film about a memorial hall, a river system, a men's shed or a local community, I am always looking for the emotional truth allowing people to feel why the story matters.

MM: You succeed. Narooma Celebrates Hall Centenary avoids a dry haul through 100 years of history and your film, Welcome to Delegate Station, uses limited available moving footage, but still excels as a very engaging and touching visual yarn spanning 200 years. Are there any other strings to Murray van der Veer's bow? And what does the future hold?

MV: Photography remains an important part of my life and my way of seeing. I have been fortunate to have portrait work hung in major portrait prizes, including at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and in national portrait prizes, which was encouraging and humbling. However, the relationship between person and place is paramount.

Portraiture is not just about a face. It is about the story around the person - the landscape they stand in, the life they carry, and the sense of belonging or displacement held in an image.

It has carried through into my filmmaking. I would like to keep making films that help communities understand their own stories - projects that bring together history, memory, environment and belonging. There are still many stories waiting to be told, and my ambition is to keep learning, keep listening and keep finding ways to tell them with honesty and respect.

Ultimately, I am interested in work that helps break down division by helping people see what connects them - to each other, to Country, and to places they share.

MM: Well Murray ... a cup of coffee I truly enjoyed! Thanks for sharing.

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Fungi Festival Launches Month-Long Celebration of Science, Food and Art

The Far South Coast will become Australia's fungi capital this Friday, 12 June, when the 2026 Fungi Festival launches a month-long program featuring more than 90 events stretching from Batemans Bay to Eden.

The celebrations begin at 12 noon at Quantum Brewery, Moruya, with the opening of Sporeadic Gatherings, a major fungi-inspired art exhibition featuring artists from Sydney, Canberra and the Far South Coast.

Co-curators Kath Fries and Josie Cosgrove will be attending the opening and will spend the afternoon discussing the artworks and the fascinating ways fungi connect people, landscapes, ecosystems and creative practice. The exhibition explores the hidden networks, relationships and remarkable forms of fungi that underpin life on Earth.

The focus then shifts to science and photography at 6pm at Narooma Kinema for the official Fungi Festival launch. Guests will enjoy a screening of the internationally acclaimed documentary Nature's Bounty – Mushrooms of the Zambian Miombo, followed by a Q&A with renowned fungi filmmakers Stephen Axford and Catherine Marciniak.

Mycologist Michael Priest of Fungimap will present a special talk on the Great Aussie Fungi Hunt, Australia's largest citizen science project dedicated to documenting fungi. The evening will also feature the announcement of the Top 20 finalists and overall winners of the 2026 Fungi Festival Photography Competition.

Festival-goers are encouraged to dress up in their best fungi-inspired costumes, with prizes for best dressed including a truffle hunt experience donated by Gulaga Gold at Dignams Creek.

The launch weekend offers a packed program of events. Stephen Axford and Catherine Marciniak will continue their Nature's Bounty screenings and Q&A sessions at Headland Theatre, Tathra, on Saturday 13 June and Perry Street Cinema, Batemans Bay, on Sunday 14 June.

Michael Priest will also appear live on ABC South East Radio from Tura Beach Garden Centre on Saturday morning to discuss Fungimap and the upcoming Great Aussie Fungi Hunt. Visitors can also meet fungi sculptor Tika Robinson, whose striking fungal sculptures will be displayed at Tura Marrang Library throughout the festival.

On Saturday afternoon, Michael Priest will lead a fungi discovery walk at Kangarutha Farm, while on Sunday he will present a fungi talk at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden before leading an afternoon fungi walk through the gardens' renowned winter fungi habitat.

Art lovers can visit the Red Rattler Art Studio open day on Saturday, while mycelium artist Kath Fries will facilitate a Fungi Meditation Walk along Walawaani Way at Bodalla, encouraging participants to slow down and connect with nature through the lens of fungi.

The festival's first truffle hunt of the season at Gulaga Gold, Dignams Creek, is expected to sell out quickly, highlighting the growing popularity of truffle experiences. Visitors who miss the opening weekend hunt are encouraged to book one of the many later dates available throughout the truffle season.

Across the four weeks of Fungi Festival, visitors can explore fungi walks, photography workshops, cooking classes, art exhibitions, truffle hunts, mushroom-growing workshops, scientific presentations, family activities, fungi-inspired dining experiences and a fungi food and art trail connecting communities throughout the region.

Running from 12 June to 12 July, Fungi Festival celebrates the extraordinary science, food, culture and creativity of fungi while showcasing the natural beauty and unique experiences of the Far South Coast.

For tickets, the full program and festival updates, visit the Fungi Festival website.



Fiona Kotvojs



Planet Fungi Book with Stephen Axford & Catherine Marciniak



Red Rattler Studio Fungi image

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Forest Flashes by Joze Casgrove

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bundjala djinama, meaning 'think and make' in the Dhurga language of the local Yuin people, brings together powerful works from Council's collection alongside loans from Christina Kennedy, honouring culture, Country and continuing stories. Artists include: Emily Kam Kngwarray, Elizabeth Nungarrayi Nyumi, George Tjungarrayi, Josephine Napurrula, Judy Napangardi Watson, Maggie Napangardi Watson, Mick Namarrari Tjapaltjarri, Naata Nungurrayi, Natalie Bateman, Nigel Stewart, Nina Puruntatameri, Owen Yaladja, Roy Underwood, Sherrie Nye and Adam McCarron, Susan Wanji Wanji, Timo Hogan, Tracey Puruntatameri and Watjinbuy Marawili.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10am - 4pm. Access from Murray Street after 12.30pm on Saturdays.

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.

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A Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra - Why Not?

By John Longhurst

It was a simple question local cellist, Rima Bos asked back in 2018 which sparked an advertisement in the local newspaper for interested musicians to unite and play some music together.

Displaying the typical personality traits of high levels of conscientiousness, perfectionism, a tad of introversion and emotional sensitivity, six string players responded and shuffled into a small Batemans Bay hall on a promising Spring day back in 2018.

A move to Moruya sparked more interest in 2019 and not to be outdone by the string instrument players, some almost always shy and introverted flute and clarinet players joined.

The ECO was off and harmonising and despite the interruptions of COVID became fully incorporated in 2021. The party really started pumping in 2025 when two oboes, a bassoon and a double bass joined and provided the 'coda' to any charade of a minimalist local orchestra.

Today, the ECO is a 25 piece orchestra with an age range from 40 years all the way through to Jeff Holley in his nineties (profiled in the Moruya Mail edition 125, p. 17*).

Penny Cook is the President of ECO.

She said, "The orchestra members have varied experiences including adult learners, those returning to music after a long break, together with some highly skilled musicians. All levels of competency are welcome. We are supported by some excellent local music teachers. We give to the community through performances in aged care facilities, children's concerts and carols at Christmas time. Our repertoire is mainly classical with some movie themes and traditional music.

There's a wonderful circularity about it - teachers need pupils, pupils need somewhere to play, orchestra needs players and players want to improve so go to local teachers.

Over the years we have been led by some wonderful local musicians including Phil Cullen, Amanda Grahame and Kathy Harris.

We rehearse fortnightly in the Red Door in Moruya and anyone who is interested in joining can do so through our Facebook page or just turn up."

In 2026 the orchestra welcomed the highly acclaimed conductor, Ben Macpherson OAM (profiled in the Moruya Mail edition 124, p.16**).

The orchestra has been in rehearsals for the past few months and will headline 'Winterlude an Afternoon of Music' at 2pm on Sunday 21st June at St Peter's Anglican College, Broulee.

At \$15 per ticket with students free (at door) it is a must listen for any Eurobodalla music lover.

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Saturday 11th July

Arts team prepares for Bay Pavilions transition

Eurobodalla Shire Council

It's a new era for arts and culture in Eurobodalla, with Council set to take over management of the Bay Pavilions' arts and community facilities from 1 July. The transition will see Council manage the Yuin Theatre, Clyde Gallery, arts reception area and community rooms, while leisure services including the pool, gym and café will continue to be managed by Aligned Leisure. Eurobodalla Council's creative arts manager Indi Carmichael said visitors could expect a smooth transition, with familiar faces remaining at the heart of the venue.

"You'll still see all the same theatre and arts faces greeting you at the door and working behind the scenes, plus a few new ones joining the team," Ms Carmichael said. "We've retained all 18 existing casual arts staff and expanded the team with three new full-time positions focused on promotions and publicity, programming, and visual and public art."

Visitors may have already noticed some physical changes underway in the building, with construction work taking place in the foyer.

"We're installing a new entrance to the arts reception area and creating some additional office space to support the growing team," Ms Carmichael said.

"The aim is to keep the transition as seamless as possible for our community, artists and visitors."

People wanting to purchase tickets to shows can continue using the Bay Pavilions website as usual, with no changes to the booking process.

Council is also working closely with existing hirers, exhibitors and community groups to make sure current bookings and programs continue without disruption.

Ms Carmichael said the team would spend the next six months delivering the existing program of performances, exhibitions and events before taking the lead on future programming from 2027.



Theatre technical lead Len Glasser, creative arts manager Indi Carmichael and theatre and hospitality team leader Sharon Halliday.

It's Recent changes to Council's fees and charges have also reduced hire costs for the community rooms, with discounts available for eligible groups. From 1 July, community room bookings will be managed through Council's booking office and online booking platform, making them easier to access alongside other Council venues for hire. New contact details and opening hours will be shared prior to July 1.

Ms Carmichael said the transition presents an exciting opportunity to grow arts and cultural services across the shire.

"Performing and visual arts are burgeoning in Eurobodalla, and we were delighted by the calibre of applicants attracted to these new roles," she said.

"It's a very exciting time for arts in Eurobodalla. Between the Bay Pavilions, our galleries and creative spaces, and the new Narooma School of Arts development, there are more opportunities than ever for people to create, learn, perform and connect."

Ms Carmichael said the team would work across Council's creative venues and programs.

"We're looking at how our venues can complement each other, how programming can work together across the shire and how we can build new partnerships," she said.

"We want to bring the community along with us. Whether it's attending a show, volunteering, learning new skills, joining a workshop or exploring a creative career pathway, we want more opportunities for people to engage with the arts."

The direction is also being shaped through Council's draft Creative Arts Strategy, currently on public exhibition.

"We're building on the great foundations already in place and looking at what comes next," Ms Carmichael said.

"We're well positioned to continue growing Eurobodalla's reputation as a cultural destination and creative leader for the South East region."

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- 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**

UPCOMING MOBILE OFFICE DATES

Dr Michael Holland MP

18th June

- Mossy Point Café, Broulee 9am - 10am
- Tomakin Sports Club, Tomakin 10.15am - 11.15am
- Tuross Boat Shed, Tuross Head 12.30pm - 1.30pm

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 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).

When: Tuesday 23 June 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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

How: Appointments are required.

Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment

Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra . .

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

The Longest Night Feast - SAGE Winter Solstice

Sunday 21 June 2026 at the SAGE Garden, 110 Queen Street Moruya. Gates open at 3.30pm for a 4pm dinner.

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.

Councillor Catch Up at Mogo

The next monthly Councillor Catch Up is at Mogo on Wednesday 17 June if you'd like to come along or share with your networks.

When: Wednesday 17 June, 10.30am-12pm

Where: Mogo Brew Crew, 8 Tomakin Road

Details: Drop-in any time between 10.30am and 12pm for a casual chat with elected representatives. Got a question, idea or concern? Chat about anything on your mind. See other

Councillor Catch Up locations on Council's website:

<https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council/have-your-say/councillor-catch-ups>

Moruya RSL Sub Branch

reminds all members the general meeting is on next Tuesday 16th June at 2pm at the RSL Memorial Hall, 11 Page St Moruya.

The RSL would like as many members as possible to attend as after the meeting how to use the new fibrillator in the hall will be demonstrated

Eurobodalla Draft Creative Arts Strategy 2026 - 2032

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.

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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 or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



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Valentino

Five year old chocolate and white Kelpie x Labrador Locky has so many great qualities, it's hard to list them all! He's great with children, other dogs, chickens and rabbits. He's house-trained, walks well on a lead, and has good recall. Locky came into care because his owner's circumstances changed. As a Kelpie cross, Locky needs an active home, where his energy and intelligence will be appreciated. He's a really terrific dog and whoever adopts him will think they've won Lotto! Locky's microchip number is 991003000615846 and AWL's Rehoming Organisation Number is R251000222.

Big, handsome ginger and white cat Valentino is also five years old. He's a perfect mix of affection, independence and playfulness. His good looks and confident personality ensure he stands out from the crowd. Valentino is a totally indoor cat who has lived with two small dogs and is open to meeting other friendly cats. His current playmate is a six-month-old kitten who shares Valentino's love of rough-and-tumble games. A little aloof to begin with, Valentino is at heart a smoocher, who will rub against your legs and cuddle up next to you. Handsome, confident, playful and affectionate - that's Valentino, and he's ready to become your best friend! Valentino's microchip number is 900164002035113. To meet Locky, Valentino, or any of our available pets, call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWL NSW website: www.awlnsw.com.au



July 2026
National Desexing Month

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ASK BIG HEAD

I had a great week guys. Thanks for asking! I did some sunbaking, sniffed a dead fish and even caught a sky raisin! I think you call them 'flies'. Anyway, time for this week's pooch puzzler from Sarah L. While Sarah has heard good things about crate training, she worries her dog is going to feel like a prisoner in her own home.

Q. Is crate training literal dog jail or will it help calm my canine's mind?

I get it, a crate looks like a cage. But when introduced gradually with calm energy, your dog will soon see it as a self-soothing sanctuary. Us dogs are den animals by DNA. The den is where we go to switch off and stop thinking. Think of it like a flotation tank or most Netflix shows. But a human den is way more chaotic than what we're used to. Vacuum cleaners, kids, visitors, television, ahhh - it can get full on. And don't even get me started on an empty human house! Having our own dedicated 'mini-den' gives us a psychological reset button. Over time, we only have to look at the crate to start thinking sleepy thoughts. It removes any perceived job we might give ourselves of managing the comings and goings in your big house. And it teaches us the valuable life skill of self-soothing and recharging. Like any training aid, if used improperly, a crate can have the opposite effect of calming an overwhelmed dog. That's why you need to go in with a plan. Take your time, over several months, building a positive calm association with the crate in your dog's mind. Start with an open-door system before closing the crate for one minute, then two minutes, then 5 minutes at a time. Make it comfy, throw a blanket over the top for mood lighting, and give us gentle praise when we're in there. Mmmmm I'm feeling pretty sleepy now actually... Importantly, never force us into a crate as a punishment or when we're clearly full of energy. Otherwise we'll start to view the crate negatively and resist relaxing in there. And please be conscious of when we need to wee or poo - we hate going to the toilet where we sleep!

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with Christina Carroll



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To practice - Lie on your back with the legs extended along the floor. Take the arms out to the sides, shoulder level with the palms turned down. Bend the right leg and place the sole of the foot beside the left knee. Take the left hand to rest on top of the right knee. Gently bring the right knee to the left side of the body, keeping the leg bent and foot in contact with the knee. Turn the head to the right to gaze along the straight arm. Hold the position as long as comfortable then return back to the centre and practice to the other side.

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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Mark Forrest with Secretary Michael Coloe



Winners: Leigh Coloe, Lars Gaupset and Rodney Bowron with Vice Captain Paul Ferguson



Winners: Pam Alexander, Gail Rogers and Samantha Dryden

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 4th June 2026

A field of 53 players competed in a Medley Stableford event. It was a sunny day and some fabulous scores were achieved including a hole in one.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Mark Forrest (17) with 42 points
- 2nd: Terry Milliken (24) with 38 points
- 3rd: John Phyland (17) with 37 points
- 4th: Nick Brice (8) with 36 points (countback)
- 5th: Bruce Harding (18) with 36 points (countback)

Great Score:

Troy Kingdom Hole in One on the 4th!
Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Troy Kingdom 0.00 A Grade
- 4th: John Phyland 6.18 B Grade
- 4th: Gavan Wheelahan 7.90 C Grade
- 6th: Brad Doolan 3.40 A Grade
- 6th: John Phyland 2.40 B Grade
- 7th: Mark Haberkorn 6.30 A Grade

Balls went to: Janet Furnell 36, Jenny Reilly 36, David Schmid 31, Troy Kingdom 31, Michael Elfar 31, Robert McDonnell 31, Jim Wade 31, Ian McManus 31, Colin Houghton 31, Gavan Wheelahan 30, Wayne Kaye 30, Steve Johnston 29, Anthony Mellick 29, Pam Alexander 29 and Ricky Hayes 29.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 6th June 2026

A field of 65 players took to the course to compete in Round 2 of the Men's Club Championships and Men's Stroke Monthly Medal event. The sponsor was Rosie Downs. The competition was fierce and there were some brilliant scores.

The Overall Club Champions after 2 rounds were:

- 1st: Leigh Coloe (2) Gross score:150 A Grade
- 2nd: Lars Gaupset (14) Nett score:143 B Grade
- 3rd: Rodney Bowron (22) Gross score: 193 C Grade

The Monthly Medal Winners on the day were:

- A Grade:
 - 1st: Ian McManus (13) with 69 nett (countback) (Medal)
 - 2nd: Michael Walsh (10) with 69 nett
- B Grade:
 - 1st: Lars Gaupset (15) with 66 nett (Medal)
 - 2nd: Trevor Gribble (20) with 71 nett (countback)
- C Grade:
 - 1st: Danny Nickson (21) with 76 nett (countback) (Medal)
 - 2nd: Greg Smith (28) with 76 nett

Great Score: Malcolm Gilbertson Eagle Voucher

Hole Prize: 2nd Hole Malcolm Gilbertson Distance: 0.00 Golden Shot Moruya Jockey Club

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Chris Rowe 1.30A Grade
- 4th: Trevor Gribble 5.40B Grade
- 4th: Danny Nickson 4.72C Grade
- 6th: Wayne Lilley 2.30B Grade
- 6th: Tony Brown 0.87C Grade
- 7th: Scott Kildey 0.43A Grade
- 7th: Wayne Lilley 3.42B Grade

Putting Comp: Ian McManus 24 putts

Balls went to: Bruce Harding 71, Ben Hewison 72, Mark Forrest 72, Darrell Kildey 72, Scott Kildey 72, Jim Wade 73, Kevin Reilly 73, Steven O'Shea 73, Ray Bollard 74, Simon French 74, Wayne Lilley 74, William Steenbergen 75, Leigh Coloe 75, Brad Doolan 75 and Allan Langford 75.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 9th June 2026

A field of 20 ladies played in a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Cate O'Brien. The weather was cool then sunny and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

- A Grade:
 - 1st: Pam Alexander (33) with 35
 - 2nd: Marie Muriwai (22) with 31 (countback)
 - B Grade:
 - 1st: Gail Rogers (39) with 35
 - 2nd: Kerrie Sands (36) with 30
 - C Grade:
 - 1st: Samantha Dryden (42) with 41
 - 2nd: Jenny Reilly (43) with 39
- Place Getters: Dorothy Madden 31, Leonie Doolan 29, Teri Swanbury 28, Maree Coffey 28, Chris Wratten 27, and Jane Eglitis 27.
- Hole Prize:
- 7th: Leonie Doolan Golden Shot A 1.66
 - 7th: Jane Eglitis Golden Shot B 2.60
- Nearest to the Pin: 2nd Shot
6th Pauline Nash Distance 1.86
15th Pam Alexander Distance 2.55



Winner: John Harb

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 10th June 2026

28 players braved the cool morning to compete in a Par event today and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: John Harb with +4
- 2nd: Sandra Hanlon +4 (countback)
- 3rd: Stacey Davidson +2 (countback)

Balls or Chocolates went to: Neal Watson +2, Steve Lymbery +2, Lisa Gray +1, Paul Pereira +1 and Ian Manton +1.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Tory Puglisi (2nd Shot)
- 6th: John Harb (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Jane Eglitis (2nd Shot)
- Mens: John Harb (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Bruce Harding (5th hole)
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Moruya Ladies Golf

Moruya lady golfers were back on the course on Wednesday 3rd June to play their Monthly Medal Stroke round on what was a perfect, sunny day. The winner on the day was Jo Kennedy with a score of 73 nett (her second medal so far) with Robyn Hawkins a close second on 75 nett ocb. Balls went to Vicki Goodwin, Angie McMillan, Phyllis Reid, Lyn Gibbs, Margaret Flynn, Val Moore and Leonie Doolan. Nearest the pins were won by Robyn Hawkins (Div 1) and Leonie Doolan (Div 2).



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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Another beautiful winter's day for Social Bowls, a little breeze but plenty of sunshine. Mac started proceedings with Birthday greetings to Olga Geshwend and Rosie Rayner, also Pat Bill is doing well and Sue Palmer is definitely home today. Jay gave information on Winter Carnival which is filling up but more bowlers needed in this event. Don't forget Saturday 20th June is Bring a Friend Day even those who haven't had a chance to bowl as yet, lots of fun and friendship. Tuesday 23rd June Christmas in June to help Jan Shalders and Carmel Price celebrate their 80th Birthdays. Brooke Wilson and Kayne Carmichael down to last 32 in Australian Open Pairs, bowling this evening so good bowling to them. Winners Rink 4, Gai Gibson and Margaret Bridges. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 2, Tricia Wheeler and Rajja Johnston. Lucky numbers, 5 Sue Morgan, 16 Colleen Ashby, 17 Jan Shalders. Money Club, 33 Jan Shalders. Jackpot now \$184. Di Wotherspoon selected on 18 but found only 3 of Spades + plus a Free game of bowls for her.

Dalmeny Narooma Bushwalkers turns 40



In May 1986, a group of friends gathered in Dalmeny on the south coast of NSW to form a local bushwalking club. Forty years on, the club is still going strong, enjoying nature, friendship and the great outdoors. To celebrate this anniversary, members recently revisited the inaugural walk along Bell Ridge fire trail in Bodalla State Forest. This was followed by lunch where many past and present members gathered to reflect on all the wonderful adventures that had been enjoyed since 1986. Run entirely by volunteers, Dalmeny Narooma Bushwalkers offers weekly walks and other outdoor based activities, such as kayaking and cycling. The club continues to pride itself on offering walks for all abilities in a safe and friendly manner. New members and visitors are always welcome. Details of the club and its activities are on the website <https://dalmenynaroomabushwalkers.org.au>

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 6.6.26

Moruya River.

River temps have, as a result of last weeks rains dropped a fair bit. Ocean temps however, are still warm. A few tide cycles will see the river temps increase, as the warm ocean currents replace cold run off from last weeks rain. Ocean currents are starting to swirl around, and the warm water we have been experiencing, is starting to retreat north, allowing the colder southern currents to start to take over. We can expect this to start happening fairly quickly, as we move further into June.

Fish activity in the river is going to start to decrease, and a more winter mind set is going to be needed to find and tempt fish. Fish slow, fish deep. Burley will definitely be your friend.

If lure fishing is your go to technique, scale your offerings down. 2.5" soft plastic grubs or minnows and metal or soft vibe style lures, should be starting to make their way to the top levels of your tackle box.

As the water temps drop, fish will retreat from the cooler exposed sand flats, to the relatively warmer deeper holes, hence the metal vibes. Fish slow because a fishes activity has a lot to do with its metabolism. Cold water slows the metabolism, making them less active. You are starting to look for a reactive bite, rather than the active aggression we see over summer.

Winter can still produce fish, if you are able to pivot, and fish the prevailing conditions.

Look for the deeper holes, make the most of the relatively warmer water coming into a system, particularly after rain. Slow your retrieve rates down, so fish can react to your presentation, and keep casting in the same areas more than you would during the warmer months as fish need to be annoyed into biting when they are shut down.

Tuross river.

I have reports that some parts of Tuross have dropped to 14 deg as a result of last weeks rains. A big difference of the 19-20 deg waters we had before the rains. We can expect this trend to continue as the warmer summer currents retreat north, and the the cooler water from down south take over.

The cool change does from time to time bring cool water species to the fore, salmon for one, are a lot fun to target on light gear when the enter a system like Tuross.

The change from summer to winter fish activity is not all doom and gloom, pivot your expectations, expect to work a little harder for your catches, and celebrate a hard earned capture when it does come your way.

Rock and Beach.

I personally, am waiting for those cold currents to push-up the coast and bring my favourite rock species, the drummer, back to the plate. This hard fighting species is very high on my favourite land based targets, and cold waters are their preferred time of the year. Some bread burley and a good packet of Hawksbury prawns are my go to when I'm chasing a feed of drummer. Soak the bread in 1/3 to a 1/4 bucket of water, peel your prawn baits, add the shells to the bread and water mix and start to slowly and sparingly throw a hand full into the wash zone you are fishing every few minutes. I like to add my bait to the mix just as I add another bit of burley. Hang on, as drummer hit hard and fast, and will try to get home before you have a chance to react. Once you have them turned, don't relax, as they will take any opportunity to brick you, if you given the chance. Bust offs are par for the course, so make sure you are well stocked on solid hooks, small ball sinkers and good leader material. I tend to fish pretty light, 15-20lb fluoro carbon leader is my preference and a 9' med light action rod for the fun of it.

You can of course fish heavier, this can slow the bite down a bit however.

Salmon on the beaches will become the main stay of any winter beach or breakwall session. Pilchard on gang hooks, or any metal cast and retrieved through a school will see some love. Keep an eye out for suspicious black masses moving up and down the beach, these will be salmon schools, and they bring a smile to those that like some no stop beach action.

Offshore.

Snapper will be returning to the top of the target list, as water temps drop. Winter brings in some big reds every year, as the move into the shallows to chase the cuttlefish spawn run. Once the cuttlefish spawn they die, leaving a free for all feeding feeding event as snapper openly feed on dead and floating cuttlefish on the surface, often within casting range of many local rock platforms. The ledges north of the bay have a better reputation with the snapper fishos, as the cuttlefish prefer the terrain these areas offer.

They will also be readily available over the shallow reefs in as little as 5-10m of water.

The bait freezer has been restocked, both Hawksbury prawns and 1kg salted pilchards are back in stock, just in time for the long weekend. Remember, we are offering 20% off all Shimano reels as standard now, so if you are chasing something in particular, come and have a chat with us.

Do you know we have an upstairs section? Soo many people regularly remark, that after 21 years they didn't know we did. We have a good range of camping and marine gear upstairs, so next time you are in, go upstairs and check out what we have available.

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!

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Aspiring Athlete Pathway helping Moruya High students reach their potential

By Nick Ward

Students at Moruya High School are taking part in an exciting new Aspiring Athlete Pathway program designed to support and extend students demonstrating high potential in the physical domain.

The program provides targeted opportunities for identified Year 9 and 10 students to further develop their athletic abilities through specialised training, education and coaching experiences. Participating students meet weekly during their allocated sport time and engage in a range of activities aimed at improving performance, knowledge and overall athletic development.

The program began with students undertaking a series of fitness assessments to establish baseline data and identify individual strengths and areas for growth. This information has been used to tailor activities and training opportunities to support each student's development.

Since then, students have participated in a comprehensive training program during sport time, targeting key fitness components essential for athletic performance. Under the guidance of Aspiring Athlete Pathway Leader Mr Roberts, students have undertaken speed and agility sessions, strength and conditioning training in the school gym, specialised workouts at The Quarry CrossFit, yoga for flexibility and recovery, and sport-specific skill development designed to enhance performance across a range of disciplines.

A highlight of the program was a full-day Power and Sprint Coaching workshop in Ulladulla. Students trained with coaches at CrossFit Ulladulla, participating in weightlifting and sprint sessions focused on improving strength, power and running technique. They also received nutrition advice for young athletes. The day finished at The Heal Zone in Milton, where students experienced recovery methods including ice baths and sauna therapy, gaining insight into the importance of recovery in high-performance sport.



Aspiring Athletes attending a Power and Sprint Coaching Workshop (Photo: Luke Roberts)

Tyra, a student involved in the program enjoys the program, saying "the program has really helped build my fitness for sport, and I've enjoyed learning about nutrition and how it supports my performance".

The Aspiring Athlete Pathway forms part of Moruya High School's broader High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) initiative and operates as a targeted talent development strategy within the physical domain. Through the program, students are supported along a developmental pathway that nurtures their talents and provides opportunities to progress from foundational skill development to increasingly advanced levels of performance.

The initiative is also building staff capacity, with teachers undertaking professional learning and coaching development opportunities to enhance their ability to identify, support and extend talented young athletes within the school setting.

Principal Mark English is a strong advocate for the program. "Our Aspiring Athlete Pathway provides students with access to experiences and expertise that help them realise their potential both on and off the sporting field. The program develops not only athletic performance but also the knowledge, discipline and resilience required for long-term success. We are proud to offer opportunities that allow our students to pursue excellence and explore pathways in sport and physical performance."

As the program continues to grow, Moruya High School remains committed to providing opportunities that challenge, inspire and support students to achieve their personal best.

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