



Photo of the Week: Winner of the Fungi Feastival Photo Competition by Sharon Pearson from Narooma.

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Moruya Animal Shelter

As someone who has long pushed for a new animal shelter to replace the outdated and totally inadequate Eurobodalla pound currently in use, I am pleased to note the public exhibition of a DA for the proposed new facility.

Not so pleasing, however, is the fact that the design shows the number of dog kennels actually falling, from 25 currently, to just 16. Other councils are building new shelters and increasing their accommodation, to cope with growing populations and rising demand, so what's going on here?

For example, Wingecarribee's new shelter, which opened last year, can take up to 70 animals, while Orange City Council, with a population of 45,000, compared with Eurobodalla's 41,000, has a shelter that accommodates 32 dogs and 18 cats.

Bathurst Regional Council (population 45,000) opened a new Animal Rehoming Centre in 2024 with accommodation for 42 dogs and 30 cats.

Statistics published by the Office of Local Government show that euthanasia rates at Eurobodalla's pound are way above the NSW average, and climbing. A new shelter, with greater capacity, a welcoming atmosphere, and a commitment to rehoming, provides the opportunity to change that. However, the plans on display, by cutting back on capacity, do not reflect a genuine commitment to rehoming as many animals as possible, and I encourage readers to speak up about this before the end of the exhibition period, on 22 June.

Our companion animals bring us so much joy, and help us in so many ways. It's time to help them. Have your say – go to the ESC website and tell Council we must do better for our friends who cannot speak for themselves. The new shelter will be in place for decades, so the time to be heard is now.

Louise Webb

Animal Welfare League

Open Council Workshops are in the public interest

Recently, the NSW Legislative Council, the NSW Upper House, rejected the NSW Labor Government's reforms governing local council meetings. For different reasons, The Greens sided with the Liberals and the Nationals and Mark Latham to kill off the reforms. For now, Councils can fall back on the previous local council meeting rules until the NSW Government comes back with a set of reforms that will pass the Legislative Council.

Despite the Legislative Council's disallowance of the regulations, Eurobodalla Shire Council has continued to hold workshops that are open to the public. During these, Council staff present information to Councillors about local issues they will need to make decisions on in the future. The public can look on in the Chamber or watch via the webcast. Workshops open to the public are good for transparency. They are in the public interest. The NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption has stated that secret councillor briefings by council officers have a risk of corruption, and has recommended that briefings be open to the public in the same way council meetings are.

A review of Eurobodalla Shire Council Meetings recorded on webcast before and after the reforms were introduced on 1 January 2026 is telling. Since secret briefings were banned, debate in the Chamber during Meetings has increased. Residents can now hear more questions, opinions, and reasons for decisions from Councillors.

Before the reforms, Councillors, who were briefed in secret, once, sometimes twice before monthly Council Meetings, had little incentive to debate Motions. By the time a Council Meeting rolled around, Councillors had usually made up their minds on Motions. At Council Meetings, they were more likely to wave through Motions without explanation or reasoning, leaving the public in the dark.

Open workshops, briefings, or whatever one might call them, are good for democratic debate and decision-making, are good for transparency, and are good to reduce the risk of corruption. Some improvements need to be made, such as publishing all workshop agenda papers and presentations on the website a few days in advance of the workshops.

General Manager, Mark Ferguson, should be commended for recognising the need and benefit to the community and Council of transparent workshops, while Mayor Mathew Hatcher should be commended for supporting this initiative. Council, this is the decent way to treat your constituents. All we need now is for Councillors to take the workshops seriously and attend and participate in the debate.

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Out with the old signs, in with the new

Eurobodalla Council has been gradually rolling out our signature Umbarra Corten village signs across the Eurobodalla – celebrating our region’s unique natural beauty and rich Indigenous heritage. You may have already spotted them at the entrances to several villages.

Council is now taking the next step – replacing the older town and gateway signs with larger versions of the new design.

Two new town entry signs each for Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay, in the same locations as the current signs are being installed.

The gateway entry signs at the western and northern boundaries of the Eurobodalla are also being replaced. These two will match the sign already installed at the southern entrance near Dignams Creek on the Princes Highway.

The Corten signs feature Umbarra, the Black Duck of the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation, created by artist Tereasa Trevor.

- A laser cut design highlights Umbarra with turquoise accents symbolising our beaches and waterways.
- A sweeping curve along the top represents our coastline, rolling hills and mountains.
- The words walawaani njindiwan, meaning safe journey everyone in the local Dhurga language – welcome visitors to Country.

Village signs showcase a single duck in flight, while the town and gateway signs will feature two ducks – an adult and a child – symbolising knowledge, culture and learning shared across generations.

The artwork was selected through an expression of interest process led by the Eurobodalla Shire Council’s Aboriginal Advisory Committee, with input from community members and Elders.

All signs will be complemented by low maintenance native gardens featuring Moruya granite and solar lighting where appropriate.

Council says “Signage helps shape a consistent welcoming visitor experience – guiding travellers and reflecting the spirit of our region. These new signs will strengthen Eurobodalla’s destination brand through distinctive, meaningful design.”

This project is supported by the NSW Government’s Stronger Country Communities Fund which invests in initiatives that enhance wellbeing in regional areas.



And it's gone!

Community Volunteer Expos draw a crowd



Organiser of the Community Volunteer Expos, Steph Chiu at the Moruya RSL Hall expo last Friday.

The three Community Volunteer Expos held in Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay over the last 10 days were very well attended. In Moruya 38 organisations attended showing the breadth of activity across the shire. The expos were especially helpful for new residents wanting to find a way to contribute to community.

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Fungi Festival 2026 Launches with Art, Science and Celebration



Taisha, fungi artist from Tilba Tattoo with her fungi puppet mask, won prize for best dressed Fungus!

The evening also featured the announcement of the **Fungi Festival Photography Competition** winners, selected by Stephen Axford from a strong field of entries.

Adult Category:

- First Prize – Sharon Pearson (see front page)
- Second Prize – Jeanette Robben
- Third Prize – Craig Allery

Youth Category:

- First Prize – Ella Curtis
- Second Prize – Jeremy Crispe

Adding a touch of whimsy to the evening was artist Taisha's fungi puppet performance in the Kinema foyer. Her colourful fungi-inspired costume earned her the prize for best-dressed fungus of the festival launch.

With the festival now underway, there are still dozens of opportunities to explore fungi through art, science, food and outdoor experiences.

Taisha, Craig Allery-
Bermagui
State Forest
[Third]



The 2026 Fungi Festival has launched in spectacular fashion, bringing together artists, scientists, photographers, filmmakers and fungi enthusiasts for a vibrant opening weekend that set the tone for a month-long celebration of fungi across the Far South Coast.

Festivities began on Friday 12 June with the opening of Sporeadic Gatherings at Quantum Brewery, Moruya. The exhibition, housed in the brewery's cool room, features works inspired by the fascinating world of fungi and attracted artists and visitors from across the region and beyond.

Co-curators Kath Fries from Sydney and Josie Cosgrove from Canberra joined artist and scientist Rachael Robb for the opening. Fries spoke about her decade-long fascination with fungi, which has inspired her foraging adventures, mycelium sculptures and intricate drawings exploring underground fungal networks. One visitor described the exhibition as "superbly unique" and noted the opportunity to experience bioluminescent artworks.

The celebrations continued that evening at Narooma Kinema for the official festival launch. Mycologist Dr Michael Priest introduced audiences to FungiMap and The Great Aussie Fungi Hunt, encouraging community participation in documenting Australia's remarkable fungal diversity through citizen science.

Guests then enjoyed a screening of Nature's Bounty, followed by a Q&A with acclaimed filmmakers and fungi photographers Stephen Axford and Catherine Marciniak. The documentary follows a community in Africa that relies on wild fungi for food and income, while Axford's internationally renowned time-lapse mushroom photography captivated audiences.

Jeanette Robben-
Bodalla
[Second]



Ella Curtis
(Minor)-
Eurobodalla
botanic
garden
[First]



Fungi Festival 2026 Launches with Art, Science and Celebration



Sporeadic Gatherings Exhibition opening at Quantum Brewery.

Art Inspired by Fungi

Art exhibitions continue throughout the month, including Sporeadic Gatherings at Quantum Brewery and botanical artist Anna Voytsekhovich's exhibition of scientific fungi illustrations at Batemans Bay Library. Visitors have praised the exhibition's beauty and attention to detail.

This weekend, Anna Voytsekhovich will lead a two-day watercolour workshop at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden. Participants will discover the hidden world of symbiotic fungi while developing botanical illustration skills through guided demonstrations and hands-on painting sessions. Suitable for beginners through to experienced artists, the workshop combines science, ecology and creativity in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

On Thursday evening, 18 June, artist Emma Anna will host Collage Forage at Quantum Brewery. Combining the magical appeal of mushrooms with collage-making, the event invites participants to create fungi-inspired artworks using a treasure trove of collage materials. As creative Catherine Garrett observed, "A collage workshop is the perfect excuse to switch off and do something a little different with friends – for novices and creative show-offs alike."

Truffles on the Menu

Food lovers are also in for a treat. On Friday 19 June, ARLO Restaurant at The Oaks Ranch in Mossy Point will host the first truffle dinner of the festival season. Chef Simon Whiteman has designed a five-course menu celebrating freshly harvested truffles from Gulaga Gold Truffle Farm, paired with the finest regional produce.

Guests can also choose optional wine pairings selected to complement the rich, earthy flavours of fresh truffle. The evening promises to be a celebration of seasonality, locality and indulgence for truffle lovers and food enthusiasts alike.



Narooma Kinema Full House for Fungi Festival Launch.

Discover Fungi in the Forest

For those keen to experience fungi in their natural habitat, Jamie and Danja Derkenne will lead guided fungi walks at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 June. For more than 35 years, the pair have been introducing people to the extraordinary kingdom of fungi through walks in forests and national parks.

Combining science, ecology, art and storytelling, their walks encourage participants to slow down, observe closely and discover the astonishing fungal diversity.

The Mushroom Murder Case

For something a little different, investigative journalist and former detective Duncan McNab will appear at Quantum Brewery on Friday evening to discuss his new book, Recipe for Murder: The Poisonous Truth Behind Erin Patterson – the Mushroom Murderer of Leongatha. McNab attended the nine-week trial and has examined the evidence in detail. His talk will explore one of Australia's most widely followed criminal cases and the extraordinary events that captured international attention.

A Festival for Everyone

From art exhibitions and creative workshops to truffle feasts, fungi forays, scientific talks and author events, Fungi Festival continues to showcase the remarkable role fungi play in our environment, culture and community. With events running from Batemans Bay to Eden throughout June and July, there are opportunities for everyone to discover the wonder of fungi. For the full program and tickets, visit www.fungifeestival.com.au

Contributed by Annette Kennewell

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

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Batemans Bay's flood risk in focus

Eurobodalla Council is inviting community comment on the draft Batemans Bay Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, with the documents on public exhibition until Wednesday 8 July 2026.

The study assesses flood behaviour and flood risk across Batemans Bay's urban catchments, identifying practical measures to assist with flood management into the future. The study area includes key communities such as Surfside, Catalina, Batehaven and the Batemans Bay CBD, where flooding is influenced by a complex mix of coastal storms, tidal conditions and intense rainfall.

Eurobodalla Council's director of planning and environment Gary Bruce says the exhibition period is a key part of the planning process, giving residents, businesses and landowners an opportunity to see the modelling before the study and plan are finalised.

"We're not adopting these documents yet. Public exhibition is the community's formal opportunity to look at the work completed to date, ask questions and provide feedback to help shape the final documents," Mr Bruce says.

The study confirms flooding remains a significant and complex challenge for Batemans Bay, where coastal storms, tides, heavy rainfall and river interactions can combine, increasing flood impacts.

"We also identify possible risk-management measures including improved emergency planning, enhanced flood warning systems, community education, drainage improvements and planning controls that help guide safer future development," says Mr Bruce.

The modelling shows flood risk is expected to increase over time as climate change drives sea-level rise and more intense rainfall events.

"While the actual costs vary from year to year and flood to flood, the economic impact of flooding on Batemans Bay averages out around \$16 million a year, highlighting the need to fully understand risks and plan carefully for the future," Mr Bruce says.

The draft plan identifies a range of possible actions, from local drainage and maintenance improvements through to longer-term infrastructure options and targeted coastal protection measures. While some major infrastructure projects are explored, they are not funded commitments and require further assessment, design and – importantly – funding before proceeding.

"We know people will be interested in what the study means for their properties and for future development. The draft plan recommends updated flood planning controls that incorporate climate change projections, supporting informed decision-making into the future," Mr Bruce says.

"No combination of measures can eliminate flood risk entirely. What we can do is understand the risks, be better prepared, and make sensible decisions to strengthen community resilience."

The draft plan aligns closely with Council's Coastal Management Program, ensuring flood and coastal hazards are considered together and managed in an integrated way. Mr Bruce says community feedback will help refine the final documents before they are presented to Council for adoption.

"These documents provide a roadmap for managing flood risk across Batemans Bay. They will help guide future planning, strengthen Council's ability to seek state and federal funding, and support more consistent decision-making as our community continues to grow and adapt to changing conditions," he says.

"As well as an online survey, we'll have two drop-in sessions, allowing opportunity to ask questions of Council staff and specialist flood experts."

The sessions are at the Bay Pavilions on 22 June from 3-7pm and 23 June from 9am-1pm.

The [draft Batemans Bay Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan](#) is available on Council's website, with hardcopies available at the Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma libraries, and at Council's administration building in Moruya. Submissions can be made online, by email or in writing during the exhibition period.

ESC PUBLIC WORKSHOP 16 JUNE 2026

ON THE AGENDA for yesterday's Council workshop was :

- 2026/27 Draft Operational Plan and associated Integrated Planning and Reporting documents
- Project Plan for the Batemans Bay Master Plan (BBMP)
- Pathway Strategy
- Emissions Reduction Plan Discussion and questions

Councillors received updates from staff and asked questions.

There was a clear explanation of the planning for the next version of the Batemans Bay Masterplan and the work program moving forward.

Revitalisation of the Bay will continue. Planner Nina Bowbridge noted that in the State mechanism Batemans Bay the identified as a hub and there hasn't been much development along beach road for some time.

Objectives include providing housing diversity and revitalisation but also about activating the place and making it a place to shop and live.

Proposed changes noted included a 25 year time frame (rather than 75), and a greatly reduced height limit to around 25m.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor Colleen Turner with Cr Mayne online and the Mayor and Cr Babington absent.

Listen in [HERE](#)

<https://webcast.esc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video26-0616.php>

The Next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th June at 2pm

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Dr McKay Community Centre has gone all electric

On Thursday 10 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.

The Project involved a very challenging installation by Micro Energy Systems of a 12.22 kilowatt photovoltaic solar system on an extremely steep rooftop and a 4.65 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 Berta Batemans Bay.

SHASA looks forward to future partnership projects with Council to assist with meeting their Emissions Reduction Targets and meeting savings on energy costs.

Source: Moruya Mail Edition 130
10 June 2026

SHASA GETS THE JOB DONE!

Thursday 18 June 2pm

Official Opening by
Dr Michael Holland MP
Colleen Turner ESC Deputy Mayor

Dr Mackay Community Centre
Electrification Project

SHASA in partnership with the
Eurobodalla Shire Council

SHASA RECEIVES A \$200,000 COMMUNITY PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT TO THE VALUE OF \$45,000 TO ELECTRIFY THE DR MCKAY COMMUNITY CENTRE IN BEGA.

GRANT

Community resilience for the Eurobodalla

CONGRATS!

Source: SHASA Newsletter
Sept - Oct 2025

NSW Government takes the wheel on management of the “Red Fleet”

The **NSW Government** is backing regional communities with a \$470 million investment in the 2026-27 NSW Budget to modernise management of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) fleet.

This 10-year commitment is about enhancing bush fire and emergency response to better protect communities in our regions by ensuring RFS trucks are safe and reliable.

More than \$29 million will be invested over two years to establish up to eight RFS regional maintenance hubs and providers, along with \$106 million over four years for critical maintenance and safety upgrades.

These hubs will be job and apprenticeship creators for regional communities, supporting local industry and strengthening the resilience of the RFS into the future.

The Minns Labor Government will also introduce legislation to transfer ownership of the State’s ‘red fleet’ of more than 6,000 firefighting vehicles from councils to the RFS.

This reform will consolidate operational responsibility for the red fleet under the State Government for the first time since the RFS was established almost 30 years ago. Ownership and management would be transferred from councils from 1 July 2027.

The new arrangements will deliver consistent statewide standards and improved reliability and vehicle lifecycle management, better reflecting the current operating model while continuing the longstanding partnership with councils to support emergency services.

Councils will be engaged over the coming twelve months to support the transition and identify opportunities to assist with future maintenance.

Emergency Services Minister Jihad Dib and Local Government Minister Ron Hoenig today joined Member for Leppington Nathan Hagarty and RFS Commissioner Trent Curtin to visit the new Catherine Field Brigade fire station and inspect vehicles that will be part of the fleet transition.

More than \$34.5 million has been invested to upgrade 28 rural fire brigade stations and Fire Control Centres this financial year, out of a wider \$716.4 million investment in the RFS.

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said:

“We are planning for the future and investing in our firefighting fleet and facilities to strengthen community safety and the resilience of our emergency response. This reform is the next step in making our frontline services fit for the future, giving local communities and our RFS volunteers the support they need to respond to bush fires and other emergencies.

“Our focus on the state’s firefighting capability reflects our deep respect for the people who step up when it matters most.

“By working with local government to establish new fleet maintenance hubs and services we are also supporting local jobs and industry and ensuring communities benefit from this investment.”

Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig said “Local councils have made it clear that the existing arrangements no longer reflect the practical reality that the Rural Fire Service operates the fleet, while councils continue to carry ownership and accounting responsibilities.

“Before any decision was made, it was important to understand how these arrangements arose, the role local government had historically sought to retain, and the consequences of any change.

“The Government has now accepted a pathway that aligns ownership with operational responsibility while recognising the continuing and important role councils play in bushfire prevention, hazard reduction and emergency management.

“Councils remain valued partners in protecting their communities, and this reform provides greater clarity about responsibilities while reducing an administrative burden that councils have consistently raised.”



RFS Commissioner Trent Curtin said “This is a landmark and momentous reform for the RFS and one of the most significant investments in our operational capability in recent years. “Our firefighters rely on these vehicles every day in some of the most demanding and unpredictable conditions, and it is essential we equip them with a fleet that is safe, reliable and fit for purpose.

“This reform establishes, for the first time, a consistent and modern approach to fleet management across NSW. It strengthens safety, improves reliability and ensures our members are always ready to respond when communities need them most.”

Mayor Darcy Byrne, President of Local Government NSW said the move would come as a great relief to local councils across NSW.

“For the last 30 years, legislation has said that these assets are owned by councils. Yet councils had no say in the acquisition, usage and disposal of these assets; these were all decisions of the Rural Fire Service” said Mayor Byrne.

Despite this, councils have been required to record these assets in their financial statements and absorb the depreciation expense for these assets, as well as the costs of inspecting and recording these assets in their accounts. Today’s announcement means that once the transfer takes place next year, councils will no longer carry this impost.

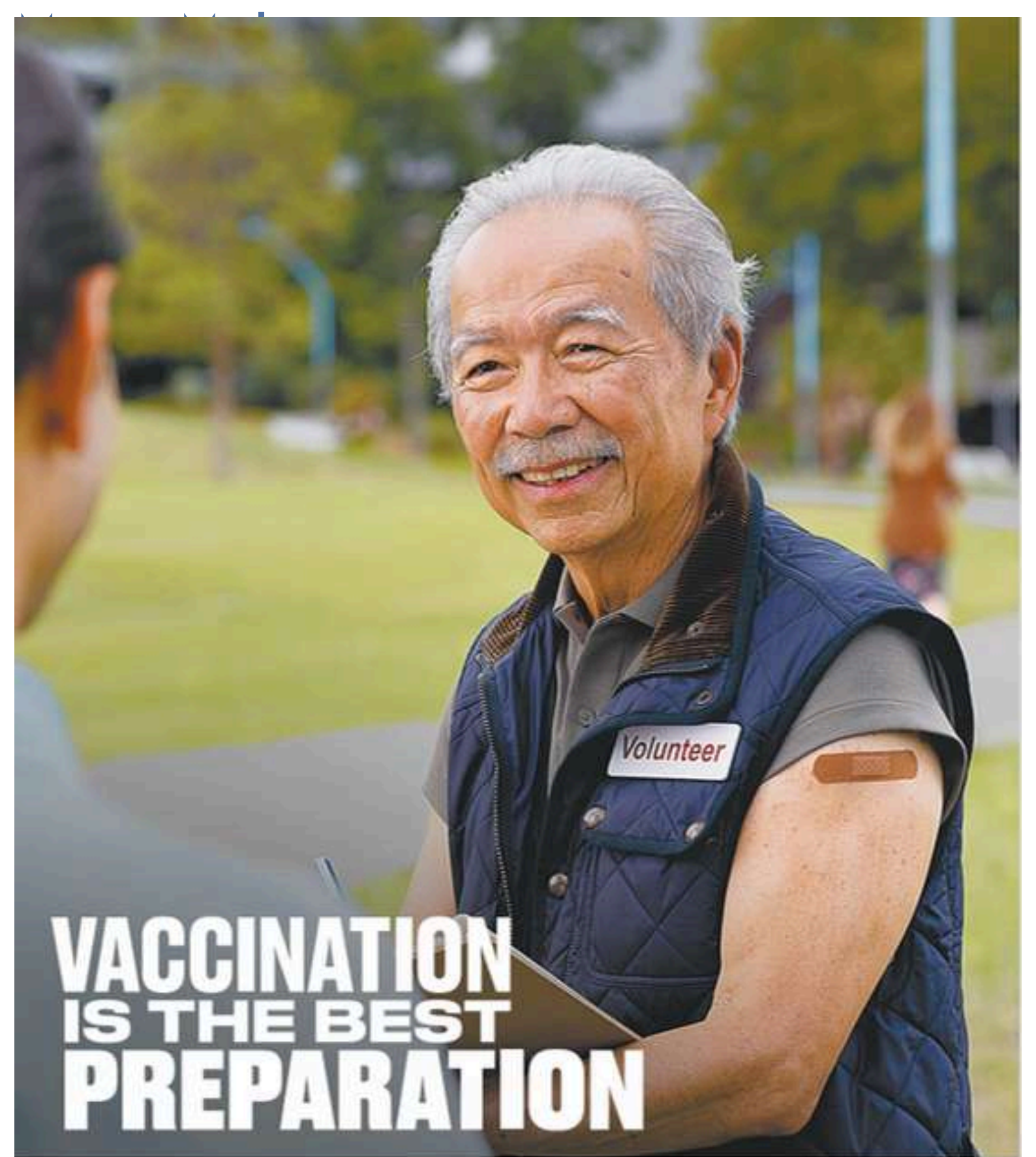
“Today’s reform will be particularly felt in smaller rural and regional areas where the vesting of Red Fleet assets has had a huge impact as these communities often have a proportionally larger RFS presence. These councils were carrying a heavy financial burden by being forced to record them on their books.”

“This is a major win for local government and comes after years of persistent advocacy by LGNSW and from our individual councils”.

Country Mayors Association Chairman Rick Firman said: “The Country Mayors Association NSW Board and our 89 Rural, Remote & Regional Council Members welcome the Government’s decision.

“We have worked hard with the Government to remove the RFS assets from our books to reflect the current reality that these assets are operated by the RFS, not Councils.

“Minister Dib as well as the Treasurer have both always made time to meet with us to discuss this most important issue. They realise that we need strong Councils in the bush, and this decision will go some way to assisting with our critical issue of financial sustainability.”



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Zero-interest loans of up to \$15k to install energy-saving upgrades

Wednesday, 17 June 2026

Eligible households will now be able to access zero-interest loans of up to \$15,000 to install energy-saving and cost-cutting upgrades such as rooftop solar, household batteries, insulation, reverse-cycle air conditioning, switchboard upgrades, ceiling fans and draught-proofing.

From today, the **NSW Government's** \$557 million Home Energy Saver program is available to help NSW families lower their power bills by making energy-saving upgrades more affordable.

Many NSW households are already saving money through rooftop solar, home batteries and efficient appliances – with just over half of all houses in the state equipped with solar and 13,000 new batteries being installed each month.

While energy-efficient upgrades reduce costs in the long run, the upfront costs have locked many people out, and this program will make upgrades significantly more affordable.

In addition to loans, the program will provide discounts of up to \$4,000 to eligible families looking to upgrade with energy-saving measures.

The Home Energy Saver program includes:

Zero-interest loans available from today to households with a combined taxable income of up to \$210,000. This will allow eligible households to pay off up to \$15,000 in upgrades over ten years rather than upfront. This is expected to benefit more than 32,000 households. This is a \$480 million commitment.

Targeted discounts of up to \$4,000 will be available later in 2026 to households with a combined annual income of up to \$80,000, or eligible concession card holders. This is a \$77 million commitment.

For example, if your household earns \$200,000 and you want to purchase a solar and home battery system for \$10,000, you can apply for a loan and pay it off over ten years.

Eligible households wanting to apply for a discount and a zero-interest loan on a single upgrade are advised to apply for the discount first, then seek a loan to cover the remaining amount.

Discounts will also be available to renters, to make upgrades with their landlord's permission.

Households will enjoy benefits such as lowering their monthly power bills and making their homes more comfortable year-round, cooler through summer and warmer through winter.

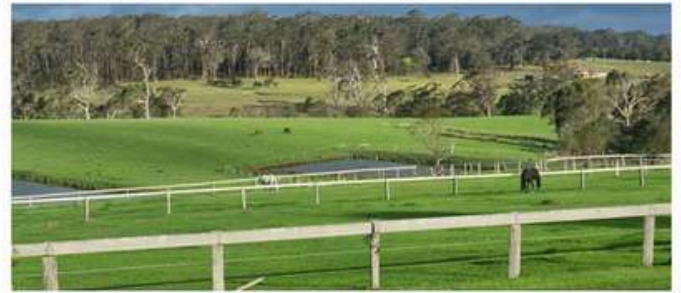
Premier Chris Minns said "We know energy bills are putting pressure on families right now, and while this won't solve every cost-of-living challenge people are facing, it's practical help that can make a real difference.

"For many households, the upfront cost of these upgrades has simply been too high. We're stepping in to help where we can, so more families can access technology that lowers their bills and makes their homes more comfortable.

"We're doing what we can to help families now, while making sure NSW has a more reliable and secure energy system for the future."

Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Penny Sharpe said "For too many households, energy-saving upgrades have felt like something other people can afford. This is about changing that and giving more families a fair opportunity to access the kinds of improvements that make their homes more comfortable, more efficient and better to live in. Every household that upgrades to more efficient technology is playing a part in NSW's energy future. Making these technologies more accessible helps more households enjoy a cooler home in summer, a warmer home in winter, and smaller power bills every month." Smart Energy Council CEO, David McElrea said "This program is a massive win for households looking to take control of their energy bills."

Local Land Services



Natural capital and farm emissions workshop – Moruya

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

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

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

Date and time

Monday 22 June 2026
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Location

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

RSVP

Register online or scan the QR code by Thursday 18 June.



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Be a Laugh or Come for a Laugh at JJ'S Comedy Nights

By John Longhurst

JJ's at the Marina is set to warm up winter nights with Batemans Bay's first open mic comedy nights starting this Friday. After 11 years serving up fine food, exciting cocktails and to die for views on the waterfront, the local institution is giving comedy a whirl for would be comedians and those interested in a night of laughs.

JJ's, Jacob Crooke is putting up prize money to bring out the comedian in us all.

Jacob said "There are lots of funny people in the Eurobodalla and I hear the call for a forum. Starting this Friday, 19th June and the third subsequent Friday of each month, there is a \$100 prize each month for our funniest person. It all leads to a \$1000 finals prize come the third Friday of November."

Any contestants pre registering before this Friday will receive free drinks and food on the night, as well as the full VIP treatment from Jake.

Jake said "We already have a few locals already registered so the challenge is certainly on across ages and genders. There are no censors and we will let the crowd decide ... so let lose on stage."

\$6 beers and \$8 wines all night are another reason to leave the television and get out and enjoy a fun evening.

Jake said "Turn up before 7.30 pm this Friday to register for an 8pm start. Bring a sense of humour and an open mind. Just register at marina@jjseateries.com.au"

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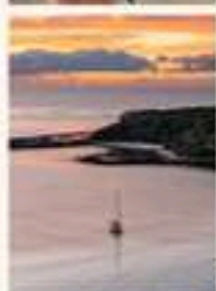
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We regret to report that late on Friday evening of last week, Mrs. J. Buckley, senr., had the misfortune to fall and again sever the tissues of her right thigh which she fractured about eight months ago. The patient was removed to the local hospital, where, despite her weight of years, she is doing remarkably well.

From their lease No. 3 south on Thomas' line at Belimbla, Latty and Sutherland have crushed, at the Nerrigundah battery, 14 tons of stone for a yield of 37½ ozs. of gold over the plates. Their shaft is down 16 feet and the reef is 6ft wide at the bottom. Mr. Thomson is on good stone in the adjoining claim. From Wagonga, Mr. W. G. Cowdroy is having a trial crushing of 20 tons brought to Nerrigundah for treatment. This is from a big felsite lode on Mr. H. O. T. Cowdroy's farm.

Through systematic organisation 335 residents recorded their vote at the election to fill two vacancies on the Moruya Park Trust. Mr. J. E. Hawdon acted as returning officer, and Messrs. H. P. Jeffery and W. Morrison as poll clerks. Following are the figures: - Hansen, J. - 166; King, J. J. - 133; Ryan, S. - 94; Milne, J. R. - 92; Constable, G. - 73; Crapp, W. - 66; Flood, T. - 44; Informal - 2; Total 670. Messrs. J. Hansen and J. J. King were thereby declared elected.

Miss Thelma Cheesman met with a very painful accident on Wednesday morning. Her pony got some weeds stuck in the upper part of the jaw, and in trying to dislodge the substance, Miss Cheesman had the nail completely torn from one of her fingers through getting it caught in the animal's tooth.

On Monday night a fire broke out at the residence of Mrs. Brice, senr., Wagonga. "The Times" was an old landmark, and owned by Mr. Alfred Brice. All furniture and effects were lost. It is understood that the loss was partly covered by insurance. Good work by the few fire-fighters available effected a good save of an enjoyable semi-detached cottage.

At Granite Town, the long discussed Co-operative store has at last begun to make an appearance. It is being built on the southern slope of the village adjacent to the bachelors' quarters. The people are eagerly awaiting the opportunity of reaping the benefits expected to be afforded by the Malabar Co-op Society.

AMUSU THEATRE. Special attraction, Colleen Moore in THE DESERT FLOWER, with all star cast. It's a thrill, a surprise, and a knock-out, all fun, a real fire cracker. Also, Pete Morrison in ALWAYS RIDIN' TO WIN, a real western feature. Also, comedy, KILLING TIME.

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THE BINGIE POINT

Opinion by Cid Mateo



Money changes everything

They shake your hand and they smile

And they buy you a drink

They say, we'll be your friends

We'll stick with you 'til the end

Ah, but everybody's only looking out for themselves

And you say, well, who can you trust

I'll tell you, it's just, nobody else's money

Money changes everything

Money Changes Everything, written by Tom Gray, The Brains (1980), covered by Cyndi Lauper (1984)

I started working my first paid job about a week out of high school, after finishing my HSC exams. It was November 1986. I couldn't wait for my financial independence. I was a payroll officer at The Canberra Hospital. I cut my teeth interpreting the awards and workplace determinations covering every job at the Hospital so that I could pay workers accordingly. Payments and conditions of employment for doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nutritionists, podiatrists, medical specialists, wards men, kitchen hands, administrative staff, cleaners and a range of other employees working in a hospital. These awards and determinations were the most comprehensive set of pay and conditions of employment I have ever seen. They covered every aspect of someone's employment including shift work, permanent night rotating rosters, weekends, public holidays, under 21-age-pay-rates, overtime, on-call rates, pay rises, leave, higher duties, superannuation, workers compensation, to name a few. Every award was different.

For decades before me, many wonderful and brave women and men belonging to the Australian union movement fought hard for these employment conditions against the preferences of their bosses and employers. The unions represented the fair go for workers, while private sector bosses were all about profit. This is still true today. Like all workers, I benefited from these working conditions. I valued these conditions and I joined a union to protect them. While many Australians have done the same since, many have not, though they have been happy to freeload and benefit from the previously hard-fought working conditions.

By the late 1980s, collective and enterprise bargaining replaced centralised bargaining and wage fixing. The policy was enshrined in the Industrial Relations Act 1988. The Hawke-Keating Government, and Bill Kelty, Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions at the time, and employers, convinced workers that enterprise bargaining would be in their best interests. We now know they got this horribly wrong, and this decision has diminished workers conditions and the union movement ever since. Enterprise bargaining has seen pay rises tied to the loss of employment conditions in the name of productivity, so much so, that the then Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Julia Gillard, in 2009, had to prescribe in legislation the national minimum working standards that could not be bargained away for pay rises.

In the 2020s, this trajectory has arguably left workers worse off than they were in the 1980s. These days, pay rises barely cover price rises and inflation. Pay rises for lower and middle-income workers were always closely linked to inflation in the Industrial Relations Commission, and its contemporary, the Fair Work Commission. These days, workplace conditions are far poorer than they were. Just compare an award or determination from the 1980s with one today. Many conditions, allowances, overtime and penalty rates are lower and have disappeared. There have been some significant improvements developed solely by Labor governments, such as the 26-week Paid Paternity Leave entitlements with compulsory superannuation; more flexible work arrangements and key workplace protections. However, these are under constant threat by the other side of politics, the Liberals, Nationals and One Nation, who back big and small business and support kicking workers in the guts. They pretend to be workers' friends, while they are billionaires' cheerleaders. Howard's Work Choices in 2005 implemented under Minister of Workplace Relations, Tony Abbott, is their heyday.

It's no surprise then that the share of national income going to business profits has been increasing since the 1970s while the share of national income going to workers has been declining. Wages and salaries are a smaller portion of the overall income pie compared to profits. Most of the productivity gains are going to business not workers. This is a driver of income and wealth inequality, social disruption, and grievance politics today. Workers are being screwed and they know it. What many workers may not realise yet is that those stoking their anger, like Senator Hanson and Gina Rinehart are the very ones exacerbating their problems.

Ms Rinehart (and other high wealth individuals) invest and donate millions to One Nation for Senator Hanson to be their spokesperson for grievance politics. The same can be said for large donors to any political party.

Ms Rinehart doesn't like being called to pay her fair share of tax and she is unable to support worker's rights. A fancy \$1 million dollar Chinese plane and all expenses paid trips to Mar-o-Lago for Senator Hanson to meet Donald and the Trumpettes are small bickies for Ms Rinehart. In the meantime, all Senator Hanson has to do is pretend to be like the people she claims to represent, angry, screwed over, workers, farmers, single mums, small business owners, and battling Australians. Blaming a Labor Government at every moment is part of the duty statement. This time it's Albo. Last time it was Julia Gillard. Senator Hanson has been fully funded by the Australian taxpayer in the Senate for the past 10 years. She turns up for work about half the time, but takes home her full pay packet. By doing this, she rips off Queenslanders in the State she represents, and she rips off all Australians. What kind of person rips off their employer and rips off Australian taxpayers? Surely Ms Rinehart wouldn't stand for this from her employees. You see, Senator Hanson is a sideshow, Ms Rinehart's plaything. The main game is the workers versus the billionaires and the union movement knows it. Their job through political donations and advertising is to make sure the rest of us know it and make sure their money changes everything.



Tuross Head News

FROM THE TUROSS HEAD CARING GROUP.

Did you know that 1 out of 6 people in the Eurobodalla Shire volunteer in some way? That was only one thing I found out about at the recent Volunteers Expo held in the RSL Hall Moruya on Friday 12th June. It was a very worthwhile experience for our caring group. A big 'thank you' to Kara Hogan who assisted me on our stall where we had examples of our activities and information about our group to share.

The hall was jam packed with caring people and the noise was almost deafening. 38 groups in all and I have contact details for a number of them who are willing to come to Tuross Head and give a talk. Centrelink (Services Australia) and S.E.S. just two. I will advise dates when organised and they will be open to all.

The South Coast Volunteer Workforce Forum is inviting groups with volunteers to attend a free event in the Moruya RSL Hall on Tuesday 30th June, 2026 10am – 2.30pm with lunch being provided. The aim is to help groups: 1. ATTRACT MORE VOLUNTEERS; 2. RECRUIT THE RIGHT VOLUNTEERS; 3. INSPIRATION – LONG TERM COMMITMENT.

Contact Jodi 0498 805 318 or email: jodi.hodgetts@esc.nsw.gov.au I also found out that a men's group 'THE MEN'S TABLE' have been meeting in Tuross Head. They have regular monthly meeting over a meal and would be happy to speak with anyone interested in joining them. Contact: 0450 612 358. Email:

michael.collins@themenstable.org or look them up at www.themenstable.org to find out more.

The Tuross Head Memorial Gardens now have an informative new sign out front of the entry into the gardens and the car park has just been resealed. As their email indicates it was formed in 1946. While it is impossible to accurately count heads the Anzac Day service grows in numbers yearly. The Memorial Gardens which include the Memorial Walls do a mighty job keeping the area mowed, producing a flag duty roster, organising plaques for the memorial walls and preparing for next year's Anzac service. The Memorial Gardens is a beautiful, quiet and reflective place situated on Tuross Boulevard and right beside the ocean. It is available for hire for weddings. For further information contact the Secretary Judy 0413 287 367 or email: thmg1946@gmail.com

I have a fair amount of mohair wool that has been donated to our group. Different colours and quantities of each that would make good beanies or toys. If you would like to knit or crochet some, they will be given to the Christmas Shoe Box appeal who put together items for children that will not receive a gift at Christmas. One of our members, Joy Freeman is a volunteer with that group and said the beanies need to be made in three different sizes for children. Contact 0497 315 534 if you would like some of the mohair wool.

IS SHOPPING HELP IN TUROSS HEAD NEEDED?

A local resident has contacted our group offering to help residents who are unable to go to the local shops. We would like to know if there is a need in Tuross Head to have someone do local shopping at the Chemist, IGA or Butcher. While this is not a problem to most and online shopping is available, not everyone wants to shop that way or knows how to order on line. They may only need two items from different shops. This service may only be needed once. People just home from hospital and living on their own might need a few things from the shops but are unable to get out to buy them. Please let others know about this as not everyone has email or receives a copy of 'Moruya Mail'. Help can be given to show you how to order and shop on line as well. Please let us know. 0497 315 534. I am still looking for someone to help with the Tuross News and hope that some of you are passing the word along that Tuross Head has a section in Moruya Male. I would like to have more news to share.

Pat Anderson.

Co-ordinator

Tuross Head Caring Group




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A Beer with Bazz #240

With
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With eyes agog, Bazza watched as Mick positioned Know All Ron, Young Simon, Timeless Tom and other unwitting front bar patrons for a re-enactment of Nestory Irankunda's goal against Türkiye in the 2026 FIFA World Cup last Sunday.

Mick adjusted his feet and crouched.

"Watch closely ... for a masterclass in elite transitional play. See how I am combining a line-breaking long-range distribution with individual isolations. Now ... take note of my delicate outside-of-the-boot dribble, or left dab ... for the uninformed, to beat the defender on the outside. I then penetrate the penalty area with an explosive diagonal finish as the shooting window was open for mere seconds*. So, in a nutshell ... that is how Nestory did it. Us, in the know, call it one of his bangers."

Bazza scratched the back of his neck as the front bar and patrons returned to primary functions.

"Your expertise and loyalty astounds me, Mick! You were all over the Wallabies for a good 24 hours when Eddie Jones resumed the coaching a couple of years back."

Mick grimaced and took a sip.

"Loyalty is a two way street, Bazza. Anyhow, soccer has always been my favoured sport. I will have you know there is a good chance I coached the current Socceroo, Kai Trewin, in the under 12's in Batemans Bay. His composure and versatility on the ball are skills I drilled into the whole team, not to mention tactical flexibility."

Young Simon tried in vain to conceal a chuckle.

"Is that why he advanced his career by going to Canberra at 12 years of age, Mick? Anyhow, I thought you would have a viewpoint on the make up of the Socceroo's. Twenty-three of the twenty-six players in the squad have at least one parent born overseas. Eight players on the current roster were born outside of Australia with four arriving as refugees. In fact, 80 percent of the green and gold team members trace their roots back to over 15 different cultural backgrounds, spanning Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East."

Mick gritted his teeth.

"I have no idea what point you are making, Simon."

Mick folded his arms.

"Now ... I will take you through the second goal. Ok, Türkiye is behind and desperate. Tom stand over there and be the Turkish substitute, Ismail Yüksek, who instigates a turnover ... Ron you are Alessandro Circati and attempt an outlet pass out wide but the ball takes a deflection."

Mick eyes the set up and mimics Connor Metcalfe in slow motion, slowing his speech.

"Take note of my footwork as I drive towards the goal while edging slightly towards the centre of the pitch."

A near bar table almost topples.

"I make three quick touches with my left foot to evade immediate closing pressure and strike the ball on my fourth touch, travelling precisely through the legs of multiple retreating defenders, wrong-footing goalkeeper Uğurcan Çakır, before nestling into the bottom corner of the net*. It's all over."

'Mick's arms go up in jubilation as Bazza's smile widens.'

"And to think the Socceroo's can do all that without a Gazza, Trevor, Shane, Merv, Neville, Doug, Nigel or even a Bazza on the team ... Impressive!"

* Acknowledge: <https://www.google.com/search?q=technical+description+of+australia+first+goal+against+turkey+in+world+cup+2026&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-au&client=safari>

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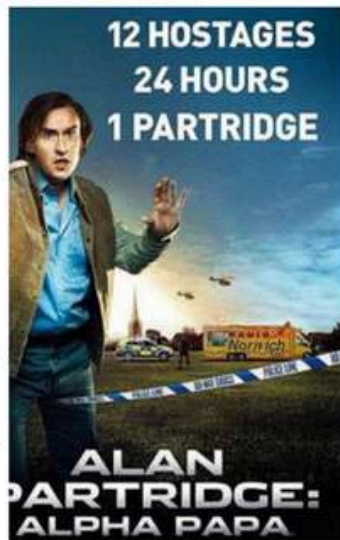
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Yours in Health,
Sofia Keady
Nutritionist- Go Vita Batemans Bay

Winter Comfort Food: the value of eating seasonally

A crucial aspect of food security is having a thriving supply of locally produced food. Many people are drawn to our community for our vibrant food culture, from fresh seafood, dairy, eggs and poultry, meat, vegetables, fruit, brewing, coffee processing, honey and so much more. The [Eurobodalla Food Trail](#) offers tips to enjoy this for locals and tourists alike.

The [SAGE Farmers Markets](#), held at Riverside Park, Moruya, every Tuesday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, is a treat on a cool winter's afternoon. For those who can't get to the markets, increasing numbers of our local growers are offering vegies boxes, which gives you the luxury of freshly picked produce each week. For those of us who grow our own food, SAGE host [food and knowledge shares](#) monthly during winter, on the last Sunday of the month.

The abundance of quality, fresh, nutritious, locally produced food allows us the luxury to eat seasonally all year round. So what does it mean to 'eat seasonally'? Eating seasonally refers to making choices to eat food that is currently being harvested in your local area, rather than food that has been transported hundreds if not thousands of kms from other climates, or food that has been in cold storage for weeks if not months. Eating seasonally TASTES better. Food that has been freshly harvested is significantly more flavour-full than stored and transported food. It is also better for us. The nutritional value of fruit and vegetables deteriorate the longer they are stored. Food from farmers markets or veggie boxes has often been picked on the very day it is sold, meaning it is packed full of nutrition.

Other important benefits of eating seasonally are benefits to the planet. Reducing the fossil fuel emissions associated with our food supply is significant: reducing energy involved in transport and long term cold storage makes seasonal eating not only better for individuals, but better for our environment. This makes seasonal eating 'comfort food' on so many levels!



Upcoming Events

Film Night: [Concerned about our climate? Film and Discussion](#). Tuesday 14 July, 5:50-7:30pm, Red Door Hall, Page St, Moruya

Fungi Festival: It's fungi time again in Eurobodalla – with more than 60 events and 5 exhibitions running from mid June to mid July there's something for everyone in the [Events Calendar](#).

Queerobodalla: June, Pride Month, is Queerobodalla month. Events across the shire are on the [Events Calendar](#).

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



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Remote cleanup – Council covers the load



Eurobodalla’s rural sheds are packed with good intentions that are sitting alongside the sagging sofas and wobbly stools, broken TVs and leaky pipes, plus the odd door frame. All those bits and pieces that ‘might just come in handy one day’, then linger on for a lifetime or more.

Remote residents living outside the shire’s domestic kerbside collection service can get rid of the junk that no longer sparks joy thanks to three, free tip- vouchers. Council’s manager of waste services Nathan Ladmore says the vouchers were introduced last year, garnering strong community support.

“This is a practical option for more remote residents to get rid of their non-recyclable waste. Each voucher can be used to dispose of a medium load of general waste – that’s what fits in the back of the ute, a level six-by-four trailer, or one inner spring mattress or base,” Mr Ladmore says.

“Last year’s feedback says the initiative was great for inspiring the annual property clean up, finally dealing with those bulky items that have been sitting around for years.”

The vouchers can be used at all three of the shire’s waste facilities – Brou, Surf Beach and Moruya (load limits apply) – but will not be accepted for garden waste, tyres, commercial waste, construction waste, asbestos or soil. Mr Ladmore says waste should be sorted before visiting the tip.

“If some of your rubbish can be recycled, separate it before you arrive and take it to the appropriate recycling area. That helps us recover valuable materials and keeps more waste out of landfill. And, of course, anything still in good working order should get a second life – neighbours, charities, community groups and online buy-swap-sell pages keep useful stuff circulating.”

Eligible residents will receive their vouchers by mail. For more information visit Council’s [Remote waste vouchers webpage](#) or contact the friendly waste serves team o 4474 1024.



Change the Princes Hwy to the Yuin Hwy

A petition on Change.org has been posted by Bronte Somerset, to change the name of the Princes Highway.

After discovering that the Highway was named after the former King Edward VIII, Dr Somerset was shocked.

Ms Somerset says “History shows Edward was a traitor and a racist. This man’s legacy is incompatible with the values of modern Australia. He abdicated his royal responsibilities, consorted with Adolf Hitler, expressed sympathy for Nazi Germany’s dominance of Europe, and made racist and offensive remarks in letters about Aboriginal people during his 1920 Australian tour.

To continue celebrating him on a major public road is disrespectful to history and community. The Yuin people are the Traditional Custodians of the South Coast, and the highway traverses Yuin Country from the Shoalhaven River to the Victorian Border. The time has come to recognise the true heritage and living culture of the South Coast of New South Wales.”

Dr Somerset argues that the renaming is justified.

“Continuing to honour the person in question via a major public thoroughfare is inappropriate:

He voluntarily renounced his constitutional duties (abdication), yet later engaged in behaviour and associations (Germany 1937, Marburg/Windsor files, contacts during WWII) that historians and archives view as pro-Nazi or amenable to Nazi exploitation. [1]

He left a paper trail of racist attitudes to Indigenous peoples from the 1920s, which makes his public commemoration in Australia especially problematic.

Given these facts, a responsible civic decision is to rename the highway after someone whose life and legacy are consistent with the values Australia seeks to uphold (for example, a local Indigenous leader, place or country, a community-minded public servant, or a name referencing local geography/ecology). Renaming does not erase history—it recognises it and corrects which parts we choose to honour in our public landscape.”

The petition can be found at <https://c.org/9MVQC7gFqW>



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Do you know an environmental hero who should be recognised?

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This biennial national program highlights outstanding contributions to environmental care at a local level, helping build a more sustainable future for all Australians.

National category winners will go on to become finalists for the 2027 National Landcare Awards.

Don't miss out, nominations close 31 July 2026 (ACT closes 14 June 2026). [Nominate now](#)

'Orange Cockies'



A local reader notes:

"I was raised in and around fruit orcharding and wholesale marketing in Victoria. There were more than several pests, including too many of those rotten starlings, plenty of sparrows, fruit bats, rats and the occasional possum.

We had constant galah visitors [not the polly type], occasional cockies [not the rural cattle & sheep farmers]; however, I don't recall ever seeing any bird actually pick-to-consume any fruit. Our area produced apples, nectarines, peaches, pears and plums, and after my Dad's orchard met its demise through old age, he planted a couple highly-productive lemon groves on smallish areas of the property, whilst he diverted to carrying and wholesale marketing on behalf of orchardists in the region.

Some orchardists employed guns, set up within the rows, and which would 'go off' at prescribed intervals, as bird scares, using the same technique as did the Allies in retreat at Gallipoli. It wasn't uncommon to see, in summertime, a kookaburra swoop and grab in its beak a lizard or tiger snake, fly back up to the wires and beat it to death, for its sustenance.

However, I've never until now observed a bird [in this case multiple birds] descend on a fruit tree and actually pick the fruit. It was absorbing to view the cockies doing that in the neighbouring backyard adjoining the unit where I rent. The citrus scent which permeated the surrounding air was sensational!

One wonders if the neighbour will look upon this as favourably as do I."



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Where are all the male role models? They may be closer than we think

The Men's Table says connection, care and honest conversation are helping Australian men model a healthier version of masculinity.

At a time when many Australians are asking where the positive male role models are, The Men's Table says the answer may be sitting much closer than we think.

They are not always on podiums, platforms or playing fields. They are often in local communities, sitting beside other men, listening without judgement, checking in, showing care, and quietly modelling what healthier masculinity can look like in everyday life.

According to The Men's Table 2025 Impact Report, [A Thousand Men's Voices](#), six years of evidence shows that connection is not simply a social benefit – it is a practical, scalable and preventative mental health solution.

Since launching in 2019 with one Table in Sydney and 12 men, The Men's Table has grown to more than 296 Tables and 2,800 men across Australia, providing safe places for men to have quality, intentional conversations about their lives, health and wellbeing.

The release of the report comes as men's health, wellbeing and connection receive renewed national attention. The Men's Table representatives recently met with Assistant Minister for Social Services and the Prevention of Family Violence, Ged Kearney, and Special Envoy for Men's Health, Dan Repacholi, as they toured Victoria for the launch of the Australian Government's National Healthy Men Community Conversations project. The national initiative is bringing together communities and organisations working across men's health, wellbeing, family and domestic violence prevention, respectful relationships and support services, with a focus on encouraging help-seeking and connection across men's mental, physical and social wellbeing.

For The Men's Table, the national focus reinforces what its own evidence has shown – connection is not a soft social issue, but a practical and preventative health response already operating in communities across Australia.

The organisation's latest impact data shows that men at Tables are building the kinds of relationships many men have been missing. Among surveyed members, 93 per cent say they feel heard, seen and understood at their Table, 85 per cent say the Table supports their mental health and wellbeing, and 76 per cent say that if they were going through a rough time, they could call someone from their Table.

The impact also extends beyond the men themselves. The report shows that while connection can begin quickly, with some men describing feeling welcomed, safe and included from their first Table, the deeper benefits build through the regular rhythm of men gathering month after month. Over time, that connection appears to flow into families and communities, with 68 per cent of men saying they are better able to model healthy versions of being a man, 60 per cent saying they are more able to care for their families, and 54 per cent saying they are more able to care for their communities.

The Men's Table Co-Founder and CEO David Pointon said the national conversation about men and boys often focuses on what is going wrong, but the organisation's data and stories point to a more hopeful and constructive narrative.

"We often ask where the male role models are, but our experience tells us they are already here – in suburbs, regional towns and communities across Australia," Mr Pointon said.

"They are the men who keep showing up, who listen, who learn to be open, who check in on each other, and who are redefining strength as something that includes care, vulnerability and connection.

"The national focus on healthy men and community conversations reinforces what we are seeing every month at Tables across Australia. Men want and need places where they can speak honestly, be heard without judgement, and build the kind of trusted relationships that support better health, stronger families and safer communities.

"Connection is a proven, scalable solution, and it is time we treated it like one."

The human stories behind the data show why the model matters.

Malik, who moved to Australia two years ago and became a new father, joined The Men's Table after struggling to make friends and feeling reluctant to seek help. Through his Table, he found a place where men from different backgrounds could speak openly, share the good and difficult parts of life, and feel less alone.

Stephen came to The Men's Table during a period of significant personal crisis. Used to being "the fixer", he found himself overwhelmed and isolated. What he discovered at his Table was not advice or judgement, but men who kept listening. That care helped him take steps toward professional support and begin building new friendships.

For William, The Men's Table created a kind of connection he had not found elsewhere. His Table gave him a place to check in with himself, speak honestly, and form friendships that extended beyond the monthly dinner – including bike rides and practical support between men.

Mr Pointon said these stories reflect a broader shift in how men themselves are defining healthy masculinity.

"The men at our Tables are not asking for permission to care. They are already doing it," he said.

"What we are seeing is a powerful counter-narrative – men want deeper connection, they want to be better listeners, better fathers, better friends, better partners and better members of their communities. The role modelling happens when other men see that in action."

The 2025 Impact Report found 95 per cent of men agreed that a healthy version of what it means to be a man includes being able to openly express care for themselves, other men, their families and their communities.

The Men's Table says this matters because many men still do not naturally seek formal support when they need it. By building trusted peer groups before crisis, the organisation is creating protective relationships that can help reduce isolation, improve wellbeing and normalise help-seeking.

"This is preventative mental health in its most practical form," Mr Pointon said.

"A Table is not therapy, and it is not a crisis service. It is a safe, consistent place where men build the relationships and emotional skills that help them navigate life. That kind of connection is simple, but it is also deeply powerful."

For more information, visit www.themenstable.org

About The Men's Table

The Men's Table is a national not-for-profit organisation that creates safe places for diverse men to have quality, intentional conversations about their lives, health and wellbeing. Its purpose is to make caring connection a universal male behaviour.

Founded in 2019, The Men's Table has grown from one Table in Sydney to more than 296 Tables across Australia, supporting more than 2,800 men through regular peer connection, conversation and care.

The Men's Table had a gathering for men and boys champions in the Moruya community this week and intend to meet again in a month. For those interested in participating or offering programs to men and boys already, they're welcome to reach out.



Let's do coffee with ... Ryan van Leent

For many of us the martial arts conjure up visions of black belts breaking boards with Karate chops, or an unlikely hero taking on a bunch of bad guys, who dutifully attack him one at a time. For yours truly, it was mimicking David Carradine as Kwai Chang Caine in the 1970's television hit series 'Kung Fu', with simulated brawls at my local high school.

For Ryan van Leent (RvL), Karate is more than just a fighting art. Ryan dispelled some of the Moruya Mail's (MM) adolescent views over a coffee last week.

MM: I understand you began your study of the martial arts as a child in South Africa. Most kids would have chosen rugby or cricket – how did you end up practicing Karate?

RvL: Well, I was born in 1978 in Sydney but we moved to South Africa when I was 6 months of age. When I was 6 years old, my father and I saw a Karate demonstration at our local shopping mall. I remember thinking that the guys looked very tough, and more than a little bit scary. But my father was obviously impressed because he signed me up on the spot, explaining that he wanted me to be able to take care of myself. Having grown up in rough neighbourhoods, he undoubtedly would have been better suited to the rigours of Karate training – but I guess that was the point.

Whether as a result of being hit, kicked, manhandled or just plain shouted at, I ended up in tears at almost every session and I begged my parents for permission to quit on more than one occasion. They almost relented when, at the age of 8, I failed my Orange Belt grading for the third time. But it just so happened that we were about to emigrate to Australia, so they encouraged me to make one more attempt. And so it was that I learned my first life lesson: whatever your endeavour, before moving on, first you must end with success.

Thankfully, I passed my grading on the fourth attempt and emigrated to Australia as an Orange Belt. Even better, we quickly discovered a club in Canberra that was practicing a similar style of Karate – a club that I joined as an 8-year-old student, would eventually go on to inherit. The instructors were Sensei Tim Duffy, an Englishman with a wicked sense of humour and a natural talent for coaching exceptional athletes and Sensei Kerrie Flynn, who would go on to become the first ever non-Japanese Shotokan Karate World Champion in 1988.

I remember the whole club fundraising for Kerrie Sensei to travel to Japan by getting sponsorship for the number of kicks we could do without stopping or breaking form. When I approached my parents to sponsor me, their immediate question was: "so, how many kicks do you think you can do?" I still don't know whether they were impressed that I managed more than 200 kicks, or unimpressed about having to cough up more than \$200 sponsorship!

Anyway, along with joining a new Karate club, I had also started at a new school in Belconnen. Unfortunately, being a foreigner made me the target of bullying all through my primary school years.

Being trained in Karate, one might suppose, I got involved in a lot of schoolyard scraps ... but actually it was quite the opposite. Karate is more than just a fighting art, and everything had been taught and presented within a moral and ethical framework of respect, discipline and self-control. Indeed, the most famous of Master Funakoshi's 20 Guiding Principles of Karate is: there is no first strike in Karate.

Unbeknown to me, Karate training was also going to help me in a more subtle way – with my academic studies. At school, kids are taught subjects (Maths, Science, English, History), but most aren't ever taught how to actually learn those subjects. It was the case for me, and I struggled through my early years of schooling until I intuitively applied Karate's learning methods to my academic studies.

Before the advent of YouTube, Karate concepts were passed down from one generation to the next with the aid of Kata or Forms. These sequences of techniques develop in complexity from around 20 moves for a beginners form, to nearly 70 moves for an advanced form. The most effective way of learning a new Kata is by breaking it down into parts, practicing each part repeatedly, and then reassembling the parts. By applying this simple method of problem-solving, I slowly improved my grades, and eventually graduated near the top of my class. I think of this process as: *learning how to learn*.

In 1996, my Karate instructor retired and handed over the club to me and my lifelong friend, Sensei Wally Dankiw. I was only 18 at the time. Sensei Wally managed the business aspects, allowing me to focus on developing skills as an instructor. Like most teenagers, I was impetuous and over-confident – made worse by the 2nd degree Black Belt wrapped around my waist. I made a lot of mistakes, and our club lost a lot of students as a result. What turned it all around for me was observing the behaviour of my idol, Kanazawa Soke, founder of the Shotokan Karate International Federation. Soke was a formidable athlete in his youth, and famously won the 1st All-Japan Karate Championships in 1957 whilst nursing a broken arm! I'd long admired his technical brilliance, but what had the most profound impact was observing how he conducted himself outside of the Dojo...

Always the guest of honour at any formal gathering, Soke often shared a table with dignitaries of the martial arts, as well as government and corporate executives. Sometimes during dinner he'd be approached by an apprehensive youngster seeking an autograph or a photo, and on every such occasion I witnessed Soke turn away from the VIPs at his table to give the child his full and undivided attention. In this way, Kanazawa Soke practiced what he taught: the way of harmony.



Soke explained: "First, you must train to develop harmony within yourself as an individual: your arms must move in harmony with your legs; your left side must move in harmony with your right side. Then, you should train with others to develop harmony with your opponent, for example by matching and breaking their timing; in this same way you can develop harmony with other people in your life. Finally, when you train you should push your head up to achieve harmony with the ground. So we should strive to live in harmony with our environment and with the Earth. Making harmony with the principals of the universe and nature is the philosophy of Karate-do."

These are the lessons I try to impart at my club in Malua Bay*... My wife and I moved to the South Coast just before the bushfires, and I established a Dojo at the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club in 2021. Our club is diverse and family- and community-oriented. We have a pretty even split of male and female members, adults and kids, and about half our students train alongside a parent or sibling. Karate is quite unique in that it can be fun for kids at the same time as being challenging for adults.

Most people start Karate just like I did; for reasons of self-defence. But I hope they also come to appreciate some of what I've discovered in over 40 years of practicing martial arts: invaluable life lessons, inspiring role models, lifelong friendships, and an appreciation for a history, language and culture other than one's own.

MM: A great chat, Ryan. Thanks for sharing.

* Home - Batemans Bay Karate
<https://www.batemansbaykarate.com/>

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

Vibrant Santacruzán and Independence Ball Bring Filipino Culture to Batemans Bay



By John Longhurst
Batemans Bay came alive with colour, faith, and deep-rooted tradition on Saturday, June 13th, as the local community gathered at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

Over 140 guests packed the venue for the Philippine National Day Ball, marking a dual celebration: the 128th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine independence from Spanish colonisation, and the beautiful, traditional pageant known as Santacruzán.

The ballroom filled with locals and visitors alike, with some members of the Filipino diaspora traveling from as far as Melbourne to take part in the festivities.

The night kicked off with opening remarks from Councillor Amber Schultz, who warmly welcomed the crowd and expressed gratitude to the Philippine Cultural Society of Batemans Bay committee for bringing such a rich cultural experience to the region. Councillor Sharon Winslade was also among the night's special guests, alongside representatives from local community pillars including the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay, Women in Business South Coast NSW, and the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group.

Following the opening remarks, the evening moved straight into the night's grand highlight: the Santacruzán procession. Traditionally held throughout the Philippines during the month of May, this colourful, religion-historical pageant commemorates Queen Helena's discovery of the True Cross. Merging deep Catholic devotion with community celebration, the procession featured young women elegantly dressed as reynas (queens) and biblical figures, parading through the room in a dazzling display of poise and stunning attire.

The celebration continued with a burst of colour and energy as the South Coast Cultural Dancers took to the floor to perform the Bulaklakan (the Flower Dance), a traditional folk dance celebrating the blooming of flowers.

As the successful evening drew to a close, Sofia Keady took the stage to extend her heartfelt thanks to her fellow committee members—Lina, Josie, Daisy, and Judy—for their countless hours of backstage preparation. She also expressed sincere gratitude to the volunteers who dedicated their time to setting up and managing the venue, as well as the various business and individual sponsors whose generous support made the event possible. Finally, she thanked the performers and the enthusiastic crowd whose presence made the night a truly memorable showcase of Filipino culture on the South Coast.

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	JJ'S AT THE MARINA BATEMANS BAY	TOM HENRY	6:00 – 9:00PM
SUN 21 JUN	STEAMPACKET HOTEL NELLIGEN	ROCKIN RUSS	12:00 – 3:00PM
	SWORDFISH BREWING SUSSEX INLET	RODDY REASON	1:00 – 4:00PM
	DICKSON TAPHOUSE DICKSON	SALLY DAVIS	1:00 – 4:00PM
SUN 28 JUN	THE OLD CANBERRA SPINNINGS	THE OLD CANBERRA INN LYNEHAM	MICHAEL BRAY 3:00 – 6:00PM
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Finding your Light

Moruya Heads resident Monique Schemen-Pipper has just published a self illustrated book for 4 -8 year olds.

"This is the book that I started back in 2017, delayed with the 2019 bushfires, with some rewrites before the final version with illustrations, released today (30/05/2026)" says Monique.

'Finding Your Light: A Dragon's Adventure' tells the story of a young girl who befriends a dragon that has lost his light. The book addresses emotive concepts of sadness, happiness, joy, meditation, visualization, friendships and self-love.

The story follows Alea, a kind girl who likes to talk to animals and be surrounded by nature. Her journey takes readers on a fun-filled adventure of helping a dragon named Max rediscover his light and teaching him how to keep it shining brightly through a visualization technique. The characters share their own likes and joys, how they keep active, and balanced through fun daily activities.

The story includes a rhyming 'Dragon's song' which is appealing to young readers and those young at heart. Finding Your Light: A Dragon's Adventure focuses on the journey of friendship and how working together results in a beautiful outcome.

Monique Schemen-Pipper is a first time author that always believed that imagination can lead to big adventures. When she's not creating whimsical tales for young readers, she can be found cycling, out in nature, enjoying the beach and baking. This is her very first book and she hopes that it will inspire young children to dream big and find magic in everyday, doing the things they love.

Finding Your Light is published by Balboa Press, a Division of Hay House. The sixty page soft cover book is available at Moruya Books in their new location on Vulcan St.



Monique Schemen-Pipper

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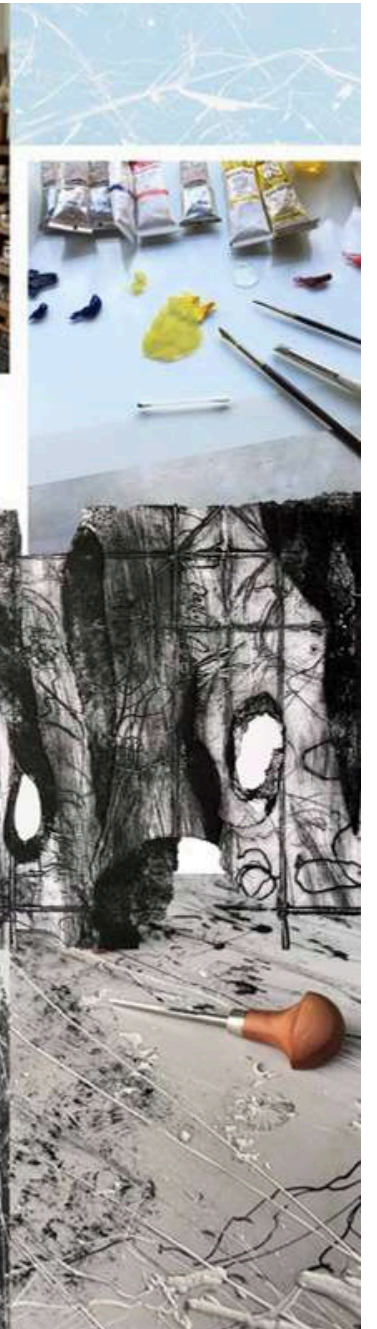
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Oh ... to Play in an Orchestra ... Who Me?

By John Longhurst

Whilst many of us seek a quieter life living on the South Coast of NSW, thankfully some cannot resist the passion to play in our very own Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra (ECO). There are very few recognised shire orchestras in NSW and even less can rival the local 25 piece ensemble rehearsing regularly under the watchful baton of award winning and acclaimed conductor, Ben Macpherson OAM.

The Moruya Mail (MM) explored the motivations of members of the ECO, as they prepare for WINTERLUDE (as below).

Pei Shan said "I joined the orchestra because it's the perfect blend of musical growth and community, offering a wonderful space to make music together in a social setting."

Jill Patrick was quite circumspect and a tad protective of her apparently shy violin; "Because I bought a violin when I turned 50 and began learning as an adult which was both challenging and rewarding and when I moved to Moruya 5 years ago I was invited to join ECO. Everyone was so welcoming and accepting of me and my violin."

Beth Pearce was more specific, as per the nature of oboe players, "I joined ECO to once again be able to play my oboe with a lovely group of enthusiastic players."

Apart from social connection, Melanie White joined for the great afternoon teas during rehearsal breaks "What better way to get social connection than speaking a secret common language with 'my people', in this Orchestra?"

Playing with others is so much better than playing on your own. And this group brings lots of learning, warmth, joy, laughter, connection and of course, great cakes and musical skills! It's a privilege to be part of such a great group."

For Penny Cook, the reasons are simple "For me it's about the joy of making beautiful music with like minded people. Nothing beats it!"

Clarinet player, Jeff Holley is very much the Father of the Orchestra at 92 years of age "It is a pleasure to play in an organised and disciplined environment as opposed to going freestyle."

Rebecca Newland was happy to share her enthusiasm "I joined the ECO because I love playing music with other people. It is a delight and joy to make music with such a wonderful group of people".

According to Google, the personality type of the average bassoon player is funny and inventive. Though the instrument is not hard to make a sound, it is hard to make a friend by playing it. It's the loudest of all the woodwinds, and not easy for a reserved personality to enjoy playing it.

Trevor Moore is loyal to his instrument and provided over 600 words on why he joined the ECO.

Trevor said "As one gets to one's mid 70s, one looks around for new stuff to do. When I was a working stiff, I was usually behind a desk, in some dull meeting or sitting in an airport waiting for a flight that would take me to another desk or another meeting room in some other city or country. There was little time to do what I really wanted to do, which was to learn the musical instrument that I should have learned as a young fellow – whatever that was. I didn't learn as child because my mother had decided that I was a "difficult child" (her words; nowadays I would be "on the spectrum") so I would likely waste the tuition fees."

You can catch Trevor for the remaining 400 words and listen to some great music at WINTERLUDE: AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC this Sunday at St Peters Broulee at 2pm.



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The 2026 River of Art Prize exhibition will be presented at the historic Moruya Mechanics Institute, 13 Page Street, Moruya.

While the Prize was originally advertised to take place at the Narooma Arts Centre, a change of venue has been necessary and we are delighted to showcase this year's finalists in one of the region's most iconic cultural buildings.

Recent upgrades to the Mechanics Institute, including additional professional gallery lighting and a contemporary hanging system, have created an exceptional exhibition space that complements the building's rich heritage and long-standing connection to the arts.

The venue proved immensely popular during the 2025 River of Art Prize, hosting a record opening night attendance and creating a vibrant gathering place for artists, audiences and the wider community. Its central location in the heart of Moruya, surrounded by cafés, galleries and local businesses, makes it an ideal destination for visitors exploring the Festival.

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SAT 13 JUNE GUIDED BOTANIC GARDEN WALK	SAT 13 JUNE LIT PANEL W/ ZOE, GARY & MARITA	SUN 14 JUNE HALF COURT BASKETBALL
SUN 21 JUNE PRIDE FOOTBALL ROUND	THUR 25 JUNE GUERRILLA BAY BIRD WALK	FRI 26 JUNE WINTER SOULSTICE YOUTH EVENT
SAT 27 JUNE FUNGI WALK W/ MARITA SMITH	SAT 27 JUNE WRAP UP DANCE PARTY	SUN 28 JUNE HANDBALL COMPETITION

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13 June	Greg Byng
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19 June 5.30-7.30pm	Recipe for Murder Fungi Festival Event
20 June	Steve Benic
26 June	Trivia Night 6pm
27 June	Dave Newman
4 July	Tony Jagers
5 July 1-3pm	Coastal Womens' Catch Up
11 July	Reflections Trio
18 July	Piper Allen
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- 11 July - **Mogodha NAIDOC Big Day Out**
- 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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South Coast & Country Community Law is coming to Batemans Bay to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

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

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

When: Thursday 2nd July 2026 10am to 1:30pm

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

How: Appointments are required.

Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment

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

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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.

Is it time to downsize those bookcases?

The Moruya Hospital Auxiliary Is getting ready for its Annual Bookfair in October. We would appreciate your book donations that are clean & in good condition that we are able to sell to raise funds to provide equipment for the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. We cannot accept magazines, CDs & DVDs. We will accept jigsaws & board games.

Please email mdha@y7mail.com for details of what we can accept and to arrange pickup or drop off details.

BATEMANS BAY RFS STATION OPEN DAY

Batemans Bay Brigade is delighted to announce that we will be having a Station Open Day this year!

10am to 2pm, Sunday 5 July 2026 54 Orient Street, Batemans Bay. There will be plenty of fun for all ages! Thinking about volunteering and want to ask some questions about the roles and skills you can acquire in the RFS? Want to have an up close look at our fire trucks and equipment including some live demonstrations? Want to meet Smokey the Koala who will be there to share all the fun with the kids?

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.

Got an Event coming up?
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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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Animal Welfare League News



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Ten-week-old Staffy x Kelpie pups Tiger (male), Gypsy (female) and Lily (female) are lively, playful and sweet, and ready to liven up your life! These three cuties are looking for active homes where they will be part of the family, and given the chance to reach their full potential as wonderful companions. Tiger, Gypsy and Lily are being offered on a foster-to-adopt basis as they are too young at the moment for desexing. Their microchip numbers are:
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ASK BIG HEAD

I had a dream about eating pizza last night, then I woke up with a shoe in my mouth. Even better! Welcome back dog-lovers to my mostly-weekly canine column where I tackle the burning questions keeping humans and hounds awake at night. Today, we dive into a lively bedroom debate thanks to an email question from Terri P.

Q. Is it ok for my dog to sleep in my bed?

While humans often look at this through the lens of clean sheets and bad sleeps, the real story lies in dog psychology and pack harmony.

From a canine perspective, the human bed is the peak of household real estate. In the wild, our ancestors slept curled together for warmth and safety, with snuggle space next to senior dogs being highly prized. So, when your dog seeks out your mattress, they are driven in part by a deep, instinctual desire to be near their pack leader. And also, maybe to steal a sock. Psychologically, sharing this space can lower a dog's anxiety, reinforce feelings of security, and help build your emotional bond. However, inviting a dog into the inner sanctum can sometimes disrupt the pack harmony you've worked hard to build. In the complex world of canine hierarchy, high-value resources are traditionally reserved for the leaders. So, when canine pack members are given unrestricted access to your bed, it can send mixed messages about household boundaries and pack order. For some of my colleagues, this blurred line can progress into resource guarding directed at humans or other dogs in the house.

So, when deciding on where your pooch should park their pillow, I recommend looking first at their personality. If your dog already understands their boundaries and has a relaxed temperament, sharing the bed with them will likely create no dramas. But if your dog shows territorial behaviour or has bad manners, granting them full-time bed privileges can actually reinforce those unhelpful traits.

In both cases, I recommend training your best friend to ask for permission before jumping onto your bed. It's good for our understanding of boundaries and gives our brains a workout at the same time! Ultimately, us dogs can feel secure and happy sleeping anywhere safe and comfortable in your den. The main thing we need from you is helping us view our sleeping area as a positive self-soothing space, not the 'naughty corner'. Got a question for Big Head? You can email bigheaddogtraining@gmail.com

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Yoga pose of the week
with Christina Carroll



Spine & Back Pose- Meru Prishthasana

A great yoga pose to stretch the back muscles and stimulate the spinal nerves. Twisting poses stimulate the digestive system and can help to relieve back pain.

To practice - Stand with the feet about shoulder width apart and have the toes turned slightly out to the sides. Place the fingers of both hands on the shoulders with the elbows pointing out to the sides. Twist the upper torso to the right as far as comfortable then bend from the hips to form a right angle, keeping the legs straight. The head, neck and spine should be in one straight line. The elbows should be level with the shoulders. Stay in the position for up to 5 seconds. Return to the upright position and twist to the front. Repeat on the other side. Practice up to 10 rounds.

Tuross Head Golf



Captain Lars Gaupset with Winner Bruce Harding



2nd Place Winner: David Schmid with President Bruce Harding



Winners: Teri Swanbury, Maree Coffey and Samantha Dryden

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 11th June 2026

A field of 40 players competed in a Medley Stableford event. It was a sunny day and some fantastic and close scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Bruce Harding (18) with 37 points (countback)
- 2nd: Jenny Reilly (42) with 37 points (countback)
- 3rd: Kevin Reilly (16) with 37 points
- 4th: Matthew Kennedy (14) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: John Harb 7.15 A Grade
- 4th: Stephen Gardner 9.00 B Grade
- 4th: Gavan Wheelahan 1.18 C Grade
- 6th: John Eglitis 1.59 A Grade
- 6th: Ricky Hayes 6.70 C Grade
- 7th: Ray Bollard 2.30 A Grade
- 7th: Lars Gaupset 9.56 B Grade

Balls went to: Mark Forrest 35, Ricky Hayes 34, Colin Houghton 34, John Phyland 33, Stephen Gardner 32, Peter Garn 32, Ron Rogers 32, Mark Haberkorn 32, Grant Kiely 32 and Allan Langford 32.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 13th June 2026

A field of 52 players took to the course to compete in a Stableford Medley event. It was a sunny day, and some wonderful and close scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Wayne Burgess (4) with 36 points
- 2nd: David Schmid (20) with 35 points (countback)
- 3rd: Bruce Cleeve (22) with 35 points (countback)
- 4th: Steven O'Shea (16) with 35 points (countback)
- 5th: Matthew Kennedy (14) with 35 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Matthew Kennedy 1.88 A Grade
- 4th: Ian Sheppard 2.24 B Grade
- 4th: Peter Coffey 7.88 C Grade
- 6th: Nick Brice 5.12 A Grade
- 6th: Ian Lawson 3.06 B Grade
- 6th: Peter Garn 4.47 C Grade
- 7th: John Eglitis 3.22 A Grade

Balls went to: Ron Rogers 34, John Harb 34, Cathy Milliken 34, Ian McManus 33, Michael Walsh 32, Michael Elfar 32, Paul Ferguson 32, Malcolm Gilbertson 32, Peter Garn 32, Peter Hogan 32, Reginald Apps 32, Bruce Handley 31, Steve Johnston 31, Colin Houghton 31 and Anthony Mellick 30.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 16th June 2026

16 ladies braved the cool Winter morning to compete in the 5th Medal Round Stroke and Putt event today. The event was sponsored by Annette Manton. The weather was cool then sunny and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Overall Winner was:

Samantha Dryden (41) with 68 nett (Medal)

A Grade:

- 1st: Teri Swanbury (30) with 73 nett
- 2nd: Chelsea Mayes (30) with 75 nett

B Grade:

- 1st: Maree Coffey (35) with 74 nett
- 2nd: Gail Rogers (38) with 75 nett

C Grade:

- 1st: Samantha Dryden (41) with 68 nett
- 2nd: Jane Eglitis (41) with 85 nett (countback)

Place Getters: Pauline Nash 76 and Kerrie Sands 77.

Hole Prize:

- 7th: Marie Muriwai Golden Shot A 1.16
- 7th: Jane Eglitis Golden Shot B 10.50

Nearest to the Pin: 2nd Shot

- 6th Annette Manton Distance 1.75
- 15th Samantha Dryden Distance 1.45

Putting Comp - Lowest Number of Putts was a tie!

- Pauline Nash 27 Putts
- Chris Wratten 27 Putts



Winner: Greg Smith

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 17th June 2026

26 players braved the cool morning to compete in a Single Stableford event today and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Greg Smith with 21 points (countback)
- 2nd: Chris Wratten with 21 points (countback)
- 3rd: Tony Crook with 21 points

Balls or Chocolates went to: Derek Hoare 20, Greg Geelan 20, Rob Nash 19 and Ian Manton 19.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Ian Manton (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Nil (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd Shot)
- Mens: Ian Manton (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Ross Hendy (5th hole)

Bradmans: Lisa Gray

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Driving Change

Moruya Ladies Golf

Wednesday 10th June saw the Moruya lady golfers out and about on the course playing a Single Stableford in great weather after the overnight rain cascaded down in Moruya. The winner on the day was Nicola Gallon with a great score of 41 pts, followed by Phyllis Reid with 36 pts ocb. Balls went to Shirley Noy, Robyn Hawkins, Noelene Cowdroy, Val Moore, Barbara Roberts, Jo Kennedy and Lyn Gibbs. Nearest the pins were won by Sharon Knight in Div 1 and Val Moore in Div 2."



Nicola Gallon

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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Another glorious winter's day for 30 Social bowlers out on the Green in beautiful sunshine. Thank you to Mac and Robyn who took over proceedings before sticks were called for positions.

It was with sadness to hear long time bowling Friend and Past President Joan Lubbe had passed away, sympathy to her family.

Welcome to new Stingrays bowling member Beja Smith. Saturday is "Bring A Friend Day", Dress in uniform, come along even without a Friend to help with new bowlers.

Tuesday June 23rd we will have a "Christmas in June" morning tea to celebrate Birthdays of our 80 year olds, dress in Christmas. Winners Rink 5, Noleen Taylor, Marlou Rollinson and Olga Geshwend. (photo) Runners-up Rink 6, Di Wotherspoon, Julie Knorpp and Lisa Grice.

Lucky number winners, Colleen Ashby, Tricia Wheeler, Michelle Adler and Gai Gibson.

Money Club, 24 Fran Lucas, 12 Anna Stewart.

Jackpot number 7 was selected, Wendy Geary found 2 of diamonds.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



Well done to everyone who came to bowls last Sunday when the weather didn't look very promising.

Robbo took over proceedings that Twisties AGM will be held on Sunday 5th July @ 8am in the bowls shed with bowling after. Christmas Party has been booked for Sunday 13th December On Riverboat from Batemans Bay to Nelligan on a luncheon cruise. Thank you to Matilda for morning tea of yummy pumpkin scones, you are a treasure.

We did get a couple of Ends in bowling before the rain came down quite heavy so by 9.30am decided to call it a day.

This is especially for you "Lois Lane" and "Clark Kent" who read hard copy of Moruya Mail each week.

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

12.6.26

Moruya River.

The difference between the ocean temps and the river temps at the moment is about 5 deg. The river is running at approximately 13 deg, while the ocean is around 18 deg. This will make the lower sections of the river, on an incoming tide, the best option this weekend. The rest of the river is going to be slow, fish activity wise. Bait in conjunction with burley, or lures with a smear of scent are going to be two options to try and get a bite from shut down fish. Metal or soft vibes in small sizes, fished deep and with slow hops and lots of pauses, can help to get bites from fish that are saying yeah-nah more than hell-yeah.

Try in areas like the spur wall, Preddy's wharf, back of the hole in the wall and around the quarry wharf for a good chance at finding fish.

Keep an eye out for bait schools busting up, as tailor or salmon are probably giving them a hard time. You will need to be quick on the cast, as this action is usually pretty short lived.

Tuross River.

With lower river temps, the Luderick crews will be starting to look for green weed. This system at times can hold good concentrations of green weed eating luderick. The lower water temps also get the estuary perch fired up, as the start to move into spawning mode. Just remember the May-August is a closed season for taking EP's, so any caught fish need to be returned to the water straight away.

The lower sections of the river, on an incoming tide, will be the best chance at finding a flathead or bream this weekend. The warmer ocean temps can be a catalyst to fish activity.

Rock and Beach.

Salmon are the big ticket species on the beach at the moment, and there are plenty of them around up and down the coast. Pilchards on gang hooks or metals cast and retrieved at passing schools is your best option. There does appear to be a spike in swell and wave intervals for the weekend, so if the breakwall or local rock platforms are your preferred locations, please keep an eye on the ocean. Stay safe, no fish is worth a swim.

Offshore.

I am hearing good reports from the bottom bouncing crews of good snapper still around the 50m depth, but as that water temp drops, we can expect to see fish move into shallower depths. Flathead are also readily available on most sand patches that sit alongside reef edges.

The bait freezer is looking a little depleted this week, with Hawksbury prawn having sold out, and limited supply of salted 1kg Pilchards in stock. For the most, everything else is still available.

Stay safe everyone and remember, "Everyday's a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.

COME OUT FOR THE COUNT

ORRCA's 27th Annual Whale Census Day is happening on Sunday 28th June, and we need whale watchers right along Australia's east coast to help us create a real-time snapshot of one of the world's greatest wildlife migrations. Whether you're joining us at one of our official Census sites or counting whales from your favourite coastal lookout, every sighting contributes valuable data that supports whale research, conservation and rescue efforts. Last year, together we recorded a record-breaking 5,995 whale sightings across 159 coastal locations. Let's see what we can achieve in 2026!

Check the map to find your nearest official Census site Register your location at www.orrca.org.au/census

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Live music by Di Solomon

Catalina Club unveils inaugural Athol's Cup in tribute to pioneering greenkeeper,

Catalina Club and the family of the Club's first greenkeeper, Athol Manns, have launched an inaugural tournament to honour the dedication and craftsmanship of today's sports turf managers and professionals, greenkeepers and superintendents – Athol's Cup. The tournament's namesake, Athol Manns, committed decades of landscaping works, groundsperson and greenkeeper services to the golf course at Catalina on the South Coast of New South Wales and aided the growth and establishment of Catalina Club as it stands today.

Born in 1913, Athol worked alongside his older brother Claude when Catalina Club was the Batemans Bay Golf Club and consisted of just five holes with oiled sand greens. This Club was established in 1920, constructed on wetlands and stockyards owned by horse trainer and publican Percy Bill and framed by Batemans Bay's first and only racecourse.

In the 1950's brothers Athol and Claude used their massive log haulers and offered their services to clear the land surrounding the small five holes, with a goal to expand the course to 18 holes of turfed greens. An undated photograph found in the Club's archives shows Athol and Claude standing astride their log hauler where the modern 17th hole is positioned today. The image is testimony to the exhaustive nature of the brothers' work and their steadfast commitment.

Catalina Club's General Manager Guy Chapman said the Club hopes to share the Manns brothers' commitment to Catalina through the inaugural Cup.

"Athol and Claude's involvement with a number of Club committees, as well as their brother George's early management of the Club, combined with a passion for golf, makes the Manns surname synonymous with the Club's early chapters," said Mr Chapman.

Since 2024, Athol Manns' descendants have been assisting the Catalina Club team to establish the honorary competition, Athol's Cup, which invites local groundspersons, greenkeepers, sports turf managers and course superintendents to compete at Catalina Club's beautiful course. The inaugural event will be held on Friday 13 November 2026 with a shotgun start at 9:00am.

"With permission from Athol Manns and his brother Claude and George Manns' descendants, Catalina Club is proud to share the family's story of determination, leadership and collaboration," said Mr Chapman.

Athol's daughter, Betty Wales, recently expressed her gratitude to Catalina Club for honouring the legacy of her late father:

"The Manns family have had a long history with Catalina Club. My father Athol, and my uncle Claude, and several volunteers, began working on the course in the 1950s with nothing but their trucks, picks, shovels and their bare hands," she said.

"The course which we know today is testament to their pioneering spirit and determination to create a golf course that has become a sporting jewel on the South Coast," said Mrs Wales.

Historical records provided by the Clyde River & Batemans Bay Historical Society show the brothers served on the Club's Grounds Committee and Selection Committee alongside local golf tutor and inaugural champion of the NSW Open, Charles "Chas" Grey.

"This tournament in my father's name is a wonderful legacy that the Manns family are very proud to share. We hope all the turf teams across New South Wales can be proud and celebrate their hard work. We share this honour and event with all the hidden heroes behind sport in Australia," said Mrs Wales.

Writing another chapter in Catalina Club's rich history, the Club's team of greenkeepers and groundspersons led by Course Superintendent Darcy Jones, will be commencing a 27-hole course redesign to elevate and modernise every golfer's experience of Catalina, no matter their level of skill. More information about the course redesign can be found on Catalina Club's website.



Athol and Claude Manns near today's 17th hole

Darcy, who joined the Catalina Club team in early 2024, has carried the legacy established by Athol and the course's earliest developers, and today leads a strong, diverse team on Catalina's 27 holes.

Growing up in central New South Wales and Narooma on the Far South Coast, Darcy and his brother Thomas developed a keen eye for turf and a passion for golf. Before arriving at Catalina, Darcy worked briefly at the Wimbledon Golf Club and the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club and has developed his skills at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club, Sandringham Golf Club and The Victoria Golf Club. His brother Thomas has continued his career in turf and today is the Superintendent of the prestigious Royal Sydney Golf Club.

"The course maintenance team and I are thrilled to be hosting the Athol's Cup at Catalina Club. Not only does it give the team an opportunity to showcase their work at Catalina - it also allows them a chance to connect with other turf teams from New South Wales and beyond," he said.

"Most importantly, the Cup is an opportunity for us to honour the people who have established this course since 1920."

In further tribute to the Manns family and the legacy that shaped Catalina, the Club proudly unveiled Athol's Bar – a space dedicated to honouring the enduring spirit and quiet pride embodied by Athol Manns, in early 2026. Every drink on Athol's menu has been thoughtfully co-created with the Manns family, drawing on their stories, memories and the flavours that coloured Athol's era. Crafted with care, the collection captures nostalgic warmth, but none more than The Betty, named in honour of Athol's daughter and reminiscent of Christmas.

Athol's Approach is inspired by the flavours he loved most, Caddy's Cooler is as refreshing as a stroll across the fairway, while The Clubhouse Dirty is a martini entrenched in the 1950's and brimming with character. Athol's Bar is open every day at Catalina Club.

The invitational Athol's Cup welcomes all groundspersons, greenkeepers and superintendents from across the South Coast and beyond to play the four-person Medley Ambrose event with a shotgun start at 9:00am. The day will culminate in a presentation and celebration in the Clubhouse.

Catalina Club would like to express their gratitude and utmost thanks to the Manns family who have helped retell the stories of Athol and Claude Manns, and in doing so honour and share the legacy of Catalina Club's pioneering groundspersons.

Athol's Cup is an invitational event open to turf industry professionals. To submit your expression of interest and receive an entry form, contact golfshop@catalinaclub.com.au or call Catalina Club on (02) 4472 4022.

Humpback whale successfully freed from entanglement off NSW South Coast



After the cut was made - floating gear freed from whale

A humpback whale entangled off the NSW South Coast has been successfully freed following a response led by **NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)** with support from Marine Rescue NSW and ORRCA.

The whale was first reported to ORRCA's 24/7 Rescue Hotline near Batemans Bay, trailing lines used for fishing and buoys attached.

A specialist response was mobilised, with teams tracking the whale and working together on Saturday to safely remove the entanglement on the weekend.

The NPWS Large Whale Disentanglement Team (LWDT) successfully removed 46 metres of trailing line, two buoys and seaweed weighing a total of 13 kilograms from the whale, allowing it to resume more natural movement. Following the disentanglement, the whale was observed moving faster and responding positively.

A drone pilot operating as part of the NSW Right Whale ID Program obtained aerial imagery of the whale, providing valuable information on the type and configuration of the entanglement to assist the response (see Dropbox for vision captured).

Disentangling marine wildlife is a complex and dangerous operation that requires highly trained operators, specialist equipment and suitable conditions to safely approach and assist animals at sea.

Large Whale Disentanglement training is supported by the NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy (MEMS).

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Incident Controller Andrew Wall said "This was a fantastic outcome for this whale and a great example of the importance of rapid reporting and coordinated response efforts by a variety of specially trained teams."

"If you see an entangled whale, please report its location, direction and speed to NPWS on 1300 072 757 or the ORRCA Rescue Hotline on 02 9415 3333."

Marine Rescue NSW Inspector Glenn Sullivan said "Volunteers and rescue vessels from Marine Rescue Batemans Bay and Ulladulla played an important role in this operation."

"Marine Rescue NSW vessels act as the mothership during these complex responses, with Marine Rescue volunteers tracking the whale from Batemans Bay to Bawley Point, where they rendezvoused with Marine Rescue Ulladulla volunteers and the NPWS team."

"It was extremely rewarding to see the whale successfully freed and able to continue its journey unhindered."

ORRCA President Ashley Ryan said "Whale entanglements remain one of the most significant threats faced by migrating humpback whales along our coastline. These incidents can quickly become life-threatening, which is why rapid reporting and a coordinated response are so critical."

"ORRCA volunteers have already invested hundreds of hours this migration season tracking entangled whales and supporting response efforts. While not every situation presents an opportunity for intervention, it's extremely rewarding to see a coordinated, full-scale response achieve a positive outcome when the conditions and circumstances allow."



NPWS Large Whale Disentanglement Team members (L-R) James Ratcliff, Lalya Cattell, Andrew Ferguson and Adam Gietzelt whale onboard the Marine Rescue Ulladulla MR30 on the way to the whale CREDIT NSW Marine Rescue



Gear retrieved from whale CREDIT NPWS James Ratcliffe

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