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## Wombat thwarts speeding driver on Clyde Mountain

Man charged with mid-range PCA and speeding, after allegedly travelling 160km/hr – South Coast

A man has been charged with mid-range PCA and exceeding the speed limit after allegedly being detected travelling at more than 160 km/h on the Kings Highway in the state's south. About 10:45pm on Friday 19 June 2026, Far South Highway Patrol officers were conducting stationary testing when they allegedly detected a hatchback travelling east on the Kings Highway, Braidwood, at 160 km/hr in a 100km/hr signposted zone.

Officers attempted to stop the vehicle; however, when the driver allegedly failed to stop, a pursuit was initiated.

The car continued east on the Kings Highway, before it allegedly conducted a u-turn and continued west towards Braidwood.

The car entered Clyde Mountain, before coming to a stop east of Government Bend after allegedly striking a wombat a short time earlier. The collision caused extensive damage to the front of the car. The 44-year-old driver was arrested and subjected to a roadside breath and drug test, where he allegedly returned a positive reading for alcohol and drugs.

He was taken to Batemans Bay Police Station and subjected to a secondary breath test, returning an alleged reading of 0.089.

He was subjected to a secondary drug test and allegedly returned a positive result for cocaine. The sample has been sent away for secondary testing.

The man was charged with class A motor vehicle exceed speed greater than 45 km/h, police pursuit - not stop - drive recklessly, drive with middle range PCA, use unregistered registrable Class A motor vehicle on road and use uninsured motor vehicle on road.

He was granted conditional bail to appear in Batemans Bay Local Court on Monday 13 July 2026.

## ORDINARY MEETING OF EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA ON TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2026

COMMENCING AT 02:00 PM

### AGENDA

(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
  - 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 26 May 2026
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. MAYORAL MINUTES Nil
7. NOTICES OF MOTION Nil
8. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS QON26/005 New Animal Shelter
9. PETITIONS PET26/002 Support and equitably secure the continuation of the Moruya Country Markets at their current location
10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS GMR26/005 Code of Meeting Practice
  - ii GMR26/006 Adoption of the Operational Plan 2026-27, Fees and Charges 2026-27 and Long Term Financial Plan 2026-36
  - GMR26/007 2026-27 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal
  - GMR26/008 LGNSW Membership and Conference Attendance
  - GMR26/009 Investments made as at 31 May 2026
11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS PER26/016 Project Plan Batemans Bay Master Plan
  - PER26/017 Draft Biodiversity Strategy
  - PER26/019 DA0134/26 - 14 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision, public road and earthworks - Annetts Parade, Mossy Point, Lot 16 DP 1248291
  - PER26/020 DA0052/26 - Demolish existing dwelling and construct a new residential flat building - 43 Beach Road, Batemans Bay
12. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS Nil
13. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS
  - CAR26/005 Batemans Bay Community Centre - Exhibition of draft Fees and Charges
  - CAR26/006 Aboriginal Advisory Committee
  - CAR26/007 Creative Arts Advisory Committee
  - CAR26/008 Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030
  - CAR26/009 Classification of land to operational - 33A Murray Street Moruya.. 180
14. DELEGATE REPORT Nil
15. URGENT BUSINESS
16. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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**FUNDS RAISED ARE SPENT ON LOCAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS**

# SHASA - State - Council partnership gets Solar refit of Dr Mackay Centre in Moruya done



Lynette Smith from SHASA, Deputy Mayor Colleen Turner, Dr Michael Holland and SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell.

On Thursday Dr Michael Holland, MP for Bega opened the Dr McKay Community Centre Electrification Project.

Last year the Southcoast Health & Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) secured funding of \$49,977 from the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership 2025 Program to electrify the Eurobodalla Shire Council's Dr McKay Community Centre. This is the first partnership between SHASA and the Eurobodalla Shire Council to upgrade a Council run facility.

The works undertaken in this project will assist the Council to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and make significant savings on their electricity bills.

This Project involved a very challenging installation by Micro Energy Systems of a 12.32 kilowatt photovoltaic solar system on an extremely steep rooftop and a 46 kilowatt hour battery.

It's estimated that the solar system will produce 20,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year and financial savings of more than \$4,000 a year. This is a significant saving on current bills of \$5,334 per annum.

Dr Michael Holland MP - Member for Bega said "It was absolutely terrific to see SHASA secure funding through the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership Program. This project has made a substantial difference, replacing old gas cooking equipment with electric appliances, along with the installation of solar panels and battery storage to cut energy costs and reduce emissions."

"The Dr Mackay Community Centre is a very important community space, used by many local groups and organisations, so these upgrades make it more sustainable AND more affordable to run. It is particularly special to see investment in a facility named after Dr Hugh Mackay, whose dedication to Moruya left a lasting legacy — from caring for generations of local families to helping establish the town's first ambulance service" said Dr Holland.

This investment will bring people together, strengthen local connections and provide a place where communities can thrive."

The project will not only save money but will improve the health and well being of users of the kitchen by eliminating the use of gas. SHASA also replaced 2 very old fridges/freezers with new energy efficient models from Betta Batemans Bay. SHASA looks forward to future partnership projects with Council to assist with meeting their Emissions Reduction Targets and realising savings in energy costs.

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# 2026 Eurobodalla Business Awards winners announced



Outstanding New Business – Foxdog Distillery and Brewery



Excellence in Medium Business (21–99 Employees) – Eurobodalla Health and Fitness



Excellence in Large Business (100+ Employees) – Catalina Club



Outstanding Indigenous Business – Joonga Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation

There were plenty of reasons to celebrate at the Bay Pavilions on Saturday night, but none bigger than Yumaro's double win as Business of the Year and Outstanding Community Organisation at the 2026 Eurobodalla Business Awards.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said the recognition was a fitting tribute to an organisation that has spent decades creating opportunities for people living with disability, helping them feel connected, valued and included across the region.

"Yumaro's one of those organisations that everyone knows - you see their team out and about in the community every day," Mayor Hatcher said.

"They've changed a lot of lives through the opportunities they've created, and that's only possible because of the people who show up every day genuinely caring about what they do and who they do it for." Yumaro wasn't the only winner with a story to tell. The crowd cheered on businesses both big and small, emerging ventures and inspiring individuals who've made their mark in the local economy.

"It was great seeing a mix of familiar faces and first-time winners up on stage," Mayor Hatcher said.

"Beach Road Surgery and Skin Clinic had a huge night, taking home two awards, and Charlotte Jenkins from Clyde's Equine Bodywork proved last year's success was no fluke by once again being named Outstanding Young Business Leader.

"I loved seeing the range of winners - you've got Sea Otter Australia Festival bringing people to the region from across the country and overseas, River of Art showcasing our incredible creative community, and a new business like Foxdog Distillery and Brewery already making a real impression.

"It tells me the Eurobodalla's in good hands - we've got people willing to have a crack, try new things and give back to their community."

Award winners from select categories will be invited to the South East NSW Region Awards, with the opportunity to progress to the NSW Business Awards later this year.

Mayor Hatcher said the evening was about taking a moment to recognise the people behind the businesses.

"Running a business isn't easy, so it's nice to take a night to celebrate the people out there doing it well," Mayor Hatcher said.

"One of my favourite parts of the night was seeing businesses that have been around for years celebrating alongside newcomers just getting started."

### The 2026 Eurobodalla Business Award winners were:

- Outstanding New Business – Foxdog Distillery and Brewery
- Excellence in Micro Business (5 employees and under) – Lume Chiropractic
- Excellence in Small Business (6–20 Employees) – Beach Road Surgery and Skin Clinic
- Excellence in Medium Business (21–99 Employees) – Eurobodalla Health and Fitness
- Excellence in Large Business (100+ Employees) – Catalina Club
- Excellence in the Arts – River of Art
- Outstanding Community Organisation – Yumaro
- Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion – Rainbow Club Batemans Bay
- Excellence in Sustainability – Beach Road Surgery and Skin Clinic
- Outstanding Indigenous Business – Joonga Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation
- Outstanding Visitor Experience – Sea Otter Australia Festival
- Outstanding Young Business Leader – Charlotte Jenkins, Clyde's Equine Bodywork
- Outstanding Employee – Stacey Rossetto, Narooma Law
- Business of the Year – Yumaro

# Moruya High School students speak out



The Year 9 and 10 debating teams after they both won their first debate. R-L: Anika, Billie, Jayce, Lilli, Kamana, Alice, Ellie, Khia.

By Meg Edenborough

A record number of students at Moruya High School have put their hand up for public speaking and debating programs in 2026. The school is strengthening its commitment to fostering communication skills by joining the Plain English Speaking Award, Junior Public Speaking Award and the Premiers Debating Challenge.

This focus aligns with the school's High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) initiative and helps prepare students to become active and informed citizens.

These competitions involve critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and resilience and these skills are invaluable in developing well-rounded graduates who will positively impact their community.

"I have loved public speaking because it's a skill I haven't used for a long time. I got to try impromptu speaking for the first time and to see my improvement as we made the next round of the competition," said Khia, a Year 10 student. "Debating is a very exciting way to work as a team under pressure."

Public speaking competitions combine a prepared speech section and an impromptu response where students find out their topic and have as little as three minutes to prepare a three-minute speech. With freedom to choose their own topics for the prepared speech, Moruya High School students have presented on disability discrimination, the queer experience, belief systems, dehumanisation, and the impact of social media.

Debating has rapidly expanded thanks to keen interest. Under three teacher-coaches, the school has four debating teams that are given an affirmative or negative stance about topics within education, politics, the media, and technology. In a frenzied hour of preparation time, four students put together their case and arguments, and each prepare for their different roles in the debate. Most of the debate is rebuttal of the other team's arguments, and this is an exhilarating but demanding task for students.

MHS has already had great success at winning debates and with two students reaching Regional Finals for public speaking. As participation continues to grow, Moruya High School hopes to establish itself as a leading school for public speaking and debating, developing confident communicators and thoughtful leaders for the future.

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# NSW Budget - Building a better NSW

## NSW Government

The 2026-27 NSW Budget delivers cost-of-living relief now, while continuing to rebuild the essential services and economic strength NSW relies on.

Households are under severe pressure. Mortgages, rent, groceries and fuel costs are a constant challenge. This Budget is built on a simple principle: relief for today, reform for tomorrow.

And discipline, always.

Three years of spending restraint have steadily brought the budget back towards balance. That work is what makes it possible to help families today – without privatisation and without an unfair wages cap.

## Cost-of-living relief

Relief in this Budget is practical and immediate. At its core is a 12-month, \$561.4 million Transport Affordability Package. This includes:

- \$100 off private vehicle registration, worth \$435.1 million across 4.4 million vehicles, with an \$80 cut for motorcycles.
- Lowering the weekly toll cap from \$60 to \$50 for 2026-27, providing even more support for regular toll users.
- Opal fares held at 2025 prices for a year, for around 400,000 daily users.

## On top of that:

- Toll administration fees will be scrapped from July. This will save at least \$10 a notice, ending a charge that was in some cases twice the toll itself and cost motorists \$60 million last year.
- \$557.1 million for the Home Energy Saver program, providing interest-free loans and discounts.
- A \$1,000 cost-of-living payment for more than 120,000 NSW Government employees, triggered because Sydney CPI growth exceeded 4 per cent between the March quarters of 2025 and 2026.
- A further 30,000 first home buyers are expected to benefit from the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme in 2026-27, with the average amount of assistance \$20,400 each. This is on top of the 94,000 first home buyers helped since 1 July 2023.

## Rebuilding essential services

Health is the largest single commitment in this Budget. A historic \$10.3 billion increase in health funding over four years, delivered with the Australian Government, will recruit 9,000 more health workers and fund around 2,900 more planned surgeries a year.

The Budget also delivers \$11.9 billion for health infrastructure over four years, including funding 32 new and upgraded hospitals and 2,500 more beds and treatment spaces.

Nurses and midwives received a record pay increase, the largest increase for registered nurses in more than twenty years, and the largest ever for enrolled nurses, backed by an additional \$2.9 billion in this Budget to support the higher wages and improved conditions.

The Government is also investing \$470.1 million over 10 years to enhance emergency response and better protect communities by transferring the state's rural firefighting fleet from councils to the NSW Rural Fire Service.

## Securing our future

The Budget backs the infrastructure, schools and skills the state needs for its future prosperity:

- \$116.7 billion in infrastructure over four years, exceeding \$30 billion in 2026-27, equating to expenditure of around \$82.7 million a day.
- \$9.2 billion for more than 260 new and upgraded schools, with more than a quarter in regional NSW.
- The NSW Government will invest \$6.5 billion over 10 years for thousands of new electric buses and electric supported bus depots to reduce our reliance on foreign fuels, meet the needs of the growing community and underpin a revival of domestic bus manufacturing.
- \$3.4 billion for skills and TAFE, including \$233.2 million to upgrade TAFE campuses.
- \$5.2 billion to build the water infrastructure that supports new housing across Western Sydney.
- \$3.5 billion in additional funding for transport infrastructure and roads in Western Sydney.

## The Budget result

This year's result reflects the global conditions facing NSW. Against a backdrop of higher fuel prices and ongoing uncertainty, a deficit of \$2.3 billion is projected for 2026-27. Despite this, support for households continues, as does investment in essential services.

The Government has been able to provide this support because of the responsible decisions taken over the past three years to strengthen the state's finances. We have put the Budget in a much stronger position by bringing spending growth under control.

The former government recorded a \$15.3 billion COVID-19 deficit in 2021-22 and a \$10.6 billion post-COVID splurge in 2022-23.

This Government brought expense growth down to 1.8 per cent last year and will hold it to an average of 2.7 per cent over the next four.

The 2025-26 deficit has come in at \$3.0 billion – a \$102 million improvement on the 2025-26 Half-Yearly Review, and around \$400 million better than forecast at last year's Budget.

After the \$2.3 billion deficit in 2026-27, the Budget then returns to a \$1.1 billion surplus in 2027-28, the first since 2018-19.

It continues with surpluses of \$1.8 billion and \$1.9 billion in the two years after that.

## Debt under control

Gross debt will be \$178.5 billion by June 2026, almost \$10 billion below the \$188.2 billion the state was on track for under the previous government. Lower debt saves around \$400 million a year in interest: money for essential workers and services, not lenders.

Real wages are growing again since March 2023, after falling over the previous government's 12 years of wage caps.

There is more work to do. But NSW is back on track, and this Budget keeps building a state working Australians can afford: relief for today, reform for tomorrow, discipline always – supporting families, securing our future.



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# NSW Budget - What they said...

## Housing Industry Association

"HIA welcomes the initiatives to support new housing announced by the Treasurer as part of today's NSW State Budget," said Brad Armitage HIA NSW Executive Director.

"Although these measures are modest, they build on existing reforms aimed at increasing housing supply."

"Facilitating the use of pre-fabrication and modern methods of construction, will foster greater innovation in the sector and assist with enhancing productivity."

"Improving dispute resolution processes is also desperately needed. The current processes are placing unnecessary strain on both builders and the homeowners. Funding in the Budget to develop a process that is clearer and much fairer for all parties involved is great news and long overdue," added Mr Armitage.

"Feasibility remains a key barrier to housing delivery right across NSW so the expansion of the Government's pre-sales finance guarantee will help to get shovels in the ground for more projects much sooner. Funding for roads and infrastructure to unlock development particularly in Western Sydney is also welcomed."

"The Budget includes changes to the Foreign Investor Surcharge for Build-to-Rent and retirement villages. Whilst this will encourage more investment in these developments, broader changes are needed to promote greater investment and improve feasibility right across the housing sector."

"Today's state Budget is a small step forward, but we still have a long way to go to get anywhere near to building the number of new homes needed to meet demand," concluded Mr Armitage.

## CWA NSW

The Country Women's Association of NSW says the 2026-27 NSW Budget reads like a plan for Sydney, with regional, rural and remote communities left searching for their share of a record spend.

CWA of NSW State President, Tanya Jolly, said the Budget has confirmed what many in regional, rural and remote NSW have long suspected: that this Government's commitment to bush communities runs deeper in rhetoric than it does in the actual allocation of public money.

"For years the CWA has been told that regional NSW is a priority for this Government. Now we have the receipts. Billions for Western Sydney. Crumbs for the bush. The Budget does not lie."

"Rural communities are still struggling to see a doctor, still losing maternity services, still dealing with mobile black spots that have not moved in a decade. This Budget does not answer those problems. It does not even seriously attempt to."

The Budget highlights make the priorities plain. Western Sydney alone received \$3.8 billion for hospitals, \$4.1 billion for schools and \$3.5 billion for transport infrastructure. Meanwhile rural and regional communities continue to face critical shortages of GPs and specialists, quietly disappearing maternity services, mobile black spots cutting people off from emergency services and telehealth, and a chronic lack of affordable childcare that locks women out of the workforce. These are not new problems. The CWA of NSW has raised them consistently across this term of Government. This Budget shows they have not been heard.

"Roads are the arteries of regional NSW. Without them communities are cut off from everything. This Budget found billions for city infrastructure and a few scraps for the roads that connect the bush. That is not a regional strategy. That is an afterthought."

"Education tells the same story. While Western Sydney schools received \$4.1 billion in this Budget, regional and remote students continue to contend with teacher shortages, crumbling facilities, limited subject choices and the tyranny of distance. A child in Broken Hill or Bourke deserves the same quality of education as a child in Parramatta. This Budget does not get them there."

"Regional communities are not asking for special treatment. They are asking to be treated as though they matter, with the same access to healthcare, education, childcare and essential services that city residents take for granted."

## NSW Farmers

NSW Farmers has expressed deep concern the 2026-27 NSW State Budget has failed to deliver the transformational investment the agricultural sector needs, as the State's farmers push toward a \$30 billion industry by 2030 – a goal the Government says it enthusiastically supports. NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin said existing commitments for feral pig controls, the State's Cattle Tick Program, regional roads and the AgSkilled program had been previously announced and the Budget failed to address the sector's overarching concerns.

"Producers are facing generational challenges and what we've seen today is a recycled response that does nothing to address the issues that matter most," Mr Martin said.

"Agriculture is an economic powerhouse, contributing more than \$25 billion to the NSW economy and supporting tens of thousands of jobs in our regions."

Mr Martin said that while NSW Farmers acknowledged the Government's fiscal challenges, the sector's needs could not be deferred indefinitely.

"NSW farmers are dealing with cost-of-production shocks, natural disasters, failing local roads, a biosecurity system under siege and a rising tax burden – all at the same time," Mr Martin said.

## NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association

NSWNMA has welcomed the government's funding allocation towards the recent wages increase for nurses and midwives in the state budget, rather than cuts to health services.

An additional \$2.9 billion will be spent on nurses and midwives' wages over the next three years, while \$11.9 billion over four years will go towards health infrastructure including 32 new and upgraded hospitals.

NSWNMA General Secretary, Michael Whaites, said the wages bill reflected the size of the essential workforce, with the state employing almost 70,000 nurses and midwives.

"We're pleased our members' wage rise has been funded in this budget. It demonstrates that this investment was affordable all along, and Labor should have negotiated in good faith to help close the gender pay gap in NSW, rather than forcing the state's largest female workforce to fight for it every step of the way," said Mr Whaites.

NSWNMA Assistant General Secretary, Katrina Bough, said it was pleasing to see many hospitals across NSW undergoing improvements.

"There is a lack of affordable housing measures for essential workers in this year's budget which is disappointing. The key health worker accommodation program will continue to deliver housing in the regions with \$142 million allocated over the next four years, but housing support beyond this has not been provided."

## Australian Dental Association NSW

ADA NSW says the 2026-27 NSW State Budget represents a step backwards for oral health visibility and dedicated investment, despite delivering record funding for the state's healthcare system.

While the NSW Government has committed an additional \$10.3 billion to health over the next four years and announced approximately 9,000 additional health workers, there are no major new oral health initiatives or dedicated dental funding programs in this year's Budget.

## Community Legal Centres NSW

The NSW Government has failed to distribute \$3-3.5 million promised to community legal centres under the National Access to Justice Partnership, leaving people in need without access to legal help a year after the funding was announced. After the NSW Budget 2026-27 was released, those people are still waiting.

# The Great Southern Forest National Park proposal launched in Eurobodalla



ESC Cr Sharon Winslade, David Gallan, Jos van der Moolen, Sue Higginson MP, ESC Deputy Mayor Colleen Turner, Shoalhaven Cr Gillian Boyd, NPA President Liz Jeremy.

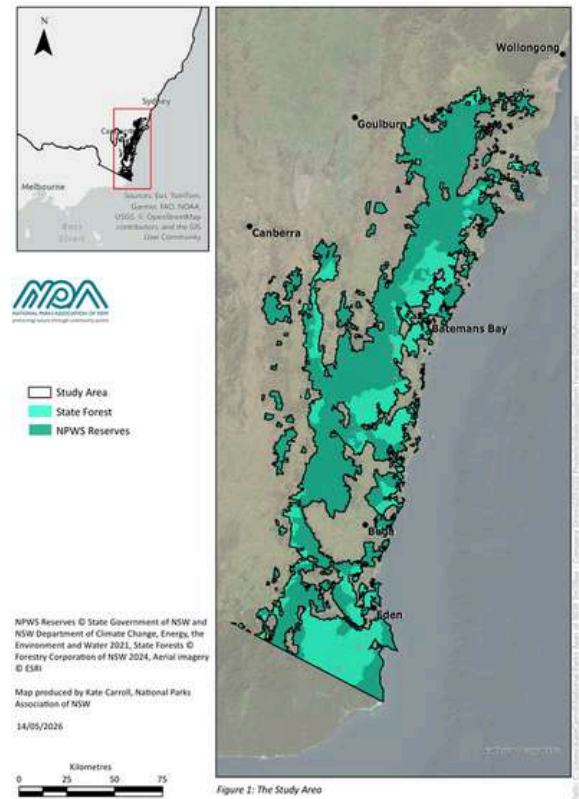


Figure 1: The Study Area

The National Parks Association of NSW (NPA) along with other conservation groups are calling for the creation of the Great Southern Forest, a visionary new national park proposal to protect nearly 1.2 million hectares of forests, wildlife habitat, vital water catchments, and cultural landscapes across southern New South Wales.

At a launch on Friday at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens guests were welcomed to country by Aunty Loretta Parsley. Forest campaigners with decades of advocacy and traditional owners were in attendance to hear the from the NPA leaders, Sue Higginson MP, Liza Butler MP, Harriet Swift from South East Forest Rescue, filmmaker David Gallan and local campaigner from Eurobodalla NPA Joslyn van der Moolen. Strong community and government actions to create the globally iconic Great Koala National Park inspired three local South Coast-based NPA branches to join forces to protect their own patches through the Great Southern Forest proposal.

NPA CEO Gary Dunnet speaking of linking the forests said “we must avoid the island mindset.”

“The current pathway is not sustainable and we must think of the future with warmer climate.”

NPA President, Liz Jeremy said “Right now, native forests in southern NSW are being logged at an industrial scale, primarily for woodchips, putting our unique ecosystems and wildlife at risk. The Great Southern Forest is once-in-a-generation alternative that could reverse the fate of these forests and see them thrive again.”

“Stretching from the Illawarra to the Victorian border, the proposal would bring together 55 State Forests, 24 Flora Reserves and 98 existing national parks and reserves into one of Australia’s largest connected conservation landscapes.

“With NSW national parks attracting more than 65 million visits each year and contributing more than \$19 billion annually to regional economies, protecting these forests represents a significant opportunity to secure both environmental and economic benefits for generations to come,” said Ms Jeremy.

Ms Jeremy said “Today marks an auspicious moment, a turning point for the future of the southern forests. What we are launching today is more than a report. It is an invitation to imagine a different future for these landscapes: one that values culture, nature, biodiversity, ecosystem services, and the joy of time spent in wild places over the broken economics of turning forests into woodchips.”

“As the Great Koala National Park proposal made clear, incremental gains are no longer enough. Small wins will not meet the scale of a rapidly warming climate, accelerating land clearing, megafires, and species spiralling toward extinction. It is time to go bold or go home” she said.

“This report sets out a compelling, evidence-based case for ending native forest logging across the public forests of south-eastern NSW and reclassifying approximately 365,000 hectares of State Forest into permanent Protected Areas. “Today is not about saying “our way or the highway.” Today is about beginning a conversation, a genuine, open-ended discussion about what the future of these forests should be” said Ms Jeremy.

“This proposal is a starting point, a framework for imagining what is possible when we choose protection over depletion, and when we choose to act at the scale the moment demands.”

“The Great Southern Forest is a gift, a living system of immense cultural, ecological, and economic value. And today, we take the first step toward ensuring that gift endures” she concluded.

Joslyn van der Moolen, Convenor of NPA’s Eurobodalla Branch, said the event is an exciting opportunity to bring together people from across the region to hear about the ecological, cultural, recreational and economic importance of the Great Southern Forest.”

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# The Great Southern Forest National Park proposal launched in Eurobodalla

>> "The strong turnout today demonstrates growing community and local business support in securing a long-term future for the region's forests," said Ms Joslyn van der Moolen. "This proposal provides an opportunity to work with stakeholders on increasing their engagement with our public forests. We look forward to continuing conversations with communities, Traditional Owners, local tourism, and primary industry local business, recreation groups, local councils and government in the months ahead."

Greens MP, Solicitor and spokesperson for the environment Sue Higginson said "It's exhilarating to see the decades of work by hundreds and thousands of dedicated experts and community members come together in this Great Southern Forests National Park Proposal. This is a moment of hope and vision for communities from the Illawarra to Eden and will benefit the entire Country. I haven't seen something this positive for nature since the plan for the Great Koala National Park was first revealed some 16 years ago,"

"Industrial scale logging of our public forests on the NSW South Coast is coming to a rapid end. Our high value timber products come from plantations, not our native forests. The millions of public dollars currently being spent to prop up the failing native forest logging industry can not be justified any longer. It should be redirected, and invested in the future of nature protection and public good."

"The Great Southern Forest proposal is a vital step in reversing species decline and safeguarding our region's biodiversity." NPA Far South Coast Branch President, David Gallan stated.

"The proposal would protect more than 10,000 hectares of threatened ecological communities, support 12 endemic and 4 critically endangered flora species, and protect 61 threatened animal species, including the Yellow-bellied Glider, Swift Parrot, Southern Greater Glider, Spotted-tailed Quoll and Southern Brown Bandicoot."



Tiger Quoll - Monga NP - Photo David Gallan

"We need proper protection for our native forests now, more than ever. Every Australian has a responsibility to conserve our unique natural heritage." Mr. Gallan concluded.

The launch comes amid growing momentum across New South Wales and internationally to protect and restore nature, including commitments to conserve at least 30 per cent of land and sea by 2030.



Glenbog SF panorama - Photo David Gallan

On Saturday the **NSW Government** announced \$130 million to be invested by to keep NSW national parks safe, accessible and ready for record numbers of families to enjoy the great outdoors.

"From bushwalks and beach days to camping trips, mountain biking and wildlife spotting, NSW national parks give families some of the best and most affordable days out anywhere in the state. At a time when household budgets are under pressure, more people are turning to national parks for low-cost holidays, weekend adventures and time in nature. This investment in the 2026 NSW Budget will help renew ageing infrastructure, upgrade facilities and improve accessibility across the national parks network, so more people can get out, explore and enjoy these special places."

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# National report highlights growing local infrastructure renewal challenge

Australian councils face up to \$280 billion in infrastructure renewal and upgrade demand over coming decades, including a \$65 billion to \$68 billion replacement task for assets already assessed as being in poor to very poor condition, a major new national report has found.

The 2026 National State of the Assets Report, commissioned by the **Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)** and based on data from more than 460 councils, found assets currently assessed as fair represent a further \$173 billion to \$212 billion in future renewal and upgrade demand.

The report, launched today at the local government National General Assembly in Canberra, found that while approximately 64 to 69 percent of local government infrastructure assets were in good condition, function and capacity, a further 22 to 27 percent were assessed as fair, and nine percent were found to be in poor condition.

ALGA President Mayor Matt Burnett said the findings highlight the scale of the infrastructure challenge facing councils across Australia.

“Local government manages infrastructure that communities and businesses rely on every day, and these assets need ongoing renewal and investment to remain fit for purpose,” Mayor Burnett said.

“Assets in poor condition represent an immediate challenge, and then councils also need to tackle the much larger task is planning for and funding the renewal and upgrade of assets that are currently assessed as fair.

“Councils work hard to maintain and improve their assets, but the scale of future demand highlights the importance of long-term funding certainty.”

Mayor Burnett said local government infrastructure underpins productivity, housing growth and community wellbeing across Australia.

“Australia’s local infrastructure was largely built for a 20th century economy, but today it’s asked to support 21st century productivity,” he said.

“A bridge can be structurally sound but still struggle to meet modern freight requirements. A road can be in reasonable condition but no longer be suited to the traffic volumes and vehicle types using it today.

“Freight vehicles are becoming longer and heavier, communities are growing and changing, and infrastructure is being asked to do more than it was originally designed for.

“Condition alone no longer tells the whole story. The question is whether infrastructure remains fit for purpose.”

The report shows council-managed assets are becoming less capable of meeting modern freight demands, population growth and community expectations, even where physical condition remains sound.

“In many communities there is no alternative route, no alternative bridge and no alternative facility,” Mayor Burnett said.

“When local infrastructure cannot keep pace with demand, there are real impacts on connectivity, economic activity and community resilience.

“If Australia wants infrastructure that can support future growth and productivity, councils need to be funded to plan for the long term.”

Mayor Burnett said the report reinforces ALGA’s call for Financial Assistance Grants to be restored to at least one percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

“Infrastructure has a lifespan measured in decades,” he said.

“Councils need sustainable funding to plan, build, maintain and renew the infrastructure communities and businesses rely on every day.

“Restoring Financial Assistance Grants to at least one percent would help councils invest according to local priorities and ensure infrastructure remains fit for purpose into the future.”

### Key findings

- Overall infrastructure condition has continued to improve modestly since 2024.
- Risks associated with asset function and capacity are emerging more rapidly than risks associated with physical deterioration.
- Approximately 64-69 percent of assets are assessed as being in good condition, function and capacity.
- Assets in poor to very poor condition represent a replacement task of \$65-68 billion.
- Assets assessed as fair represent a further \$173-212 billion in future renewal and upgrade demand. [ALGA0002 NSOA26 Technical Report v5](#)

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# Councils unite in urgent motion at national assembly to call for fairer funding

Australia's 538 local councils have united at the National General Assembly to call on the Australian Parliament to deliver an immediate increase in untied funding, warning the financial sustainability of councils and the services communities rely on are increasingly at risk.

In a powerful show of unity, delegates endorsed an emergency motion calling for fairer funding for local government and backed a joint letter to be tabled with every Member of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The letter, signed by the presidents of state and territory local government associations, calls for a multi-partisan commitment to a stronger funding partnership with councils.

**Australian Local Government Association** President Mayor Matt Burnett said the motion reflected the shared reality facing councils across metropolitan, regional, rural and remote Australia.

"Financial sustainability is not an abstract discussion for local government. It is about whether councils can keep doing the job our communities expect us to do," Mayor Burnett said.

"Councils are responsible for the roads, bridges, libraries, pools, parks, footpaths, stormwater systems, waste services and community facilities Australians rely on every day. We are also the first people communities call when something goes wrong, whether that is a local road failure, a disaster, a planning issue or a service disruption. Yet councils are increasingly being asked to do more with less funding certainty, less flexibility, limited revenue capacity and less ability to plan for the long term."

The emergency motion calls on the Australian Government to act now to deliver fairer funding through an immediate increase in untied funding for all councils. Mayor Burnett said Financial Assistance Grants were central to councils' ability to respond to local priorities because they are untied and flexible.

"Financial Assistance Grants are not just another grant program. They recognise that no two communities are the same and trust councils to make decisions based on local needs," he said. "For rural, regional and remote councils, the pressures include vast geographic areas, small populations, ageing infrastructure and limited rate bases.

"For fast-growing urban councils, the challenge is keeping pace with demand for new roads, drainage, parks, community facilities, waste systems and other services needed to support housing growth.



ALGA delegates protest in Canberra this morning.

"The circumstances differ, but the underlying problem is the same. Community expectations, costs and responsibilities are rising, but the funding partnership is not keeping pace."

Mayor Burnett said the consequences extended beyond local government, affecting national productivity, housing supply, freight efficiency, liveability and disaster resilience.

"When councils cannot maintain local infrastructure, productivity suffers. When roads and bridges deteriorate, freight suffers. When essential facilities and enabling infrastructure are delayed, housing delivery and liveability suffer," he said. "This is not just a local government problem. It is a national problem, and it requires a national response. Councils want to continue working constructively with the Government, the Parliament and all parties. But the message from this Assembly is unmistakable: local government is united, local government is serious, and councils are calling for action now."

Mayor Burnett thanked the Australian Services Union (ASU) and United Services Union (USU) for their long support of fairer funding to councils. ASU National Secretary Emeline Gaske said the halving of value of Financial Assistance Grants as a share of national taxation over the past 30 years from 1 percent in 1996 to just 0.49 percent in 2026-27, increased the urgency of the call for fairer funding.

"Council workers keep Australian communities running every single day. They collect our bins, running our libraries, maintaining our roads and support communities through floods and fires. They do this work professionally and with commitment, but they need councils that are properly resourced to back them up," Ms Gaske said.

United Services Union General Secretary Graeme Kelly said the shortfall in funding had forced councils to make difficult budget choices.

"The decline in Federal funding has real consequences for the workers and communities who depend on council services. Restoring the 1 percent benchmark is the single most important thing Canberra can do for local government," Mr Kelly said.

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# AusAlert emergency warning testing coming on the 27 July 2026

AusAlert will be ready to use in October 2026, but before it launches, the system needs to be tested across Australia.

On **Monday 27 July 2026**, a test alert will be sent to all mobile devices in Australia. This includes most phones, and some smart watches and tablets.

### Time of national test

The test alert will be sent at the same time on Monday 27 July - NSW and ACT 2pm (AEST - UTC+10:00)

At the time of the test, a single Critical AusAlert test will be sent to every mobile device in Australia. Everyone with a compatible phone or other device in Australia can expect to receive the alert.

Devices will vibrate and play a siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds.

An AusAlert message will appear on device screens. It will clearly say it is a test.

Exactly how it appears will depend on your device type and operating system.

You don't need to do anything. It is just a test. But in an actual disaster, an AusAlert will tell you the type of emergency, where it's located, how serious it is and what to do. It will also tell you the name of the emergency organisation that has sent the AusAlert and where to find more information about the emergency.



What to do if you don't receive a test alert? You don't need to do anything. Your device might not be compatible or maybe it wasn't connected to a mobile tower at the time of the test.

To make sure you're AusAlert ready, always install the latest software updates on your device when asked. Be sure to restart your device after updating.

What to do if you don't want to receive the AusAlert national test. AusAlerts contain important information and should be turned on to help keep you safe. As the AusAlert national test is a Critical Alert, you can't turn it off via your device settings. The only way to not receive a Critical Alert is to turn your mobile device off or switch it to 'airplane mode' for the duration of the test. If receiving an AusAlert test message will disrupt you or cause you or a family member to feel unsafe, turn off your mobile devices or switch them to airplane mode before the scheduled test time in your location and leave them off for at least one hour.

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# Fossil Fuel Exports at Center of UN Human Rights Case Against Australian Government

This is the first case of its kind since the International Court of Justice affirmed that governments have a legal duty to prevent climate harm

Jack Egan from Rosedale is among ten Australians who have filed a case with the United Nations Human Rights Committee arguing the Australian government is violating their human rights by failing to limit coal and gas exports — by far Australia’s largest contribution to climate change. The 10 claimants are represented by the Human Rights Law Centre, Environmental Justice Australia, and **Earthjustice**.

This is the first case filed in an international body against a country for climate harm since the International Court of Justice, the United Nations’ judicial arm, affirmed that all governments have a legal obligation to prevent significant harm to the climate. In May,

Australia joined 140 other countries in passing a major United Nations resolution supporting this landmark legal ruling on climate change. “All governments have a legal duty to act on the climate crisis, as affirmed by the International Court of Justice last year. The Australian government is failing that responsibility by allowing unchecked exports of coal and gas,” said Ramin Pejan, Deputy Managing Attorney of the International Program at Earthjustice. “This case sends a clear message: governments must act to reduce climate pollution from coal and gas and protect their people from harm.”

Each of the claimants has been seriously harmed by extreme weather events, from catastrophic bushfires and heatwaves to sea level rise and flooding. Their claim asks the UN Human Rights Committee to declare that it is unlawful for Australia to continue approving coal and gas projects for export without a plan to keep Australians safe from dangerous climate change.

“Climate change is affecting not only our country, but our ability to pass on knowledge, care for sacred places and keep our culture strong for future generations,” said Rikki Dank, a Gudanji and Wakaya Traditional Owner from the Barkly Tablelands in the Northern Territory.



*Each of the claimants has been seriously harmed by extreme weather events, from catastrophic bushfires and heatwaves to sea level rise and flooding. (Rebecca Parker)*

“Australia continues to play a significant role in the climate crisis through the coal and gas it exports, while communities like mine are left to deal with the consequences. I believe there must be accountability for the harms already occurring and for those that will continue if meaningful action is not taken.”

“Australia is one of the largest exporters of coal and gas in the world,” said Hannah White, Senior Lawyer, Environmental Justice Australia. “Climate harm caused by Australia’s coal and gas doesn’t stop at a border, and neither does Australia’s responsibility for it.”

“Everyone deserves to live safely with their families and communities, free from fear of climate disasters,” said Jack McLean, Senior Lawyer, Human Rights Law Centre. “The Australian government must phase out coal and gas and protect people’s rights to life, home, and culture.”

Mr Egan said “I’m part of this case because I know firsthand what climate change can take from people. During the Black Summer bushfires, Cath and I lost our home, almost all our possessions and, for several terrifying hours, I believed I might lose my partner too.

What happened to us was not simply bad luck. It was part of a worsening climate crisis driven by decades of delay and inaction despite clear scientific warnings. The rule of law matters deeply to me. I believe courts have an important role to play in protecting ordinary people from the harm caused by powerful fossil fuel corporations and governments that continue expanding coal and gas projects. I joined this case because I want decision-makers to understand the real human consequences of climate inaction and their responsibility to prevent foreseeable harm. I also hope this case helps build momentum for stronger legal protections for current and future generations, building on the growing recognition under international law that governments have obligations to protect people from climate harm.”

To learn more about this case and the stories of the 10 Australian claimants, please visit [hardtruthscase.org.au](http://hardtruthscase.org.au).

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# 100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

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**Under the new Workers' Compensation Act** "every share farmer, and every worker, whether a member of the share farmer's family or not, employed by any share farmer shall, for the purpose of the Act, be deemed to be a worker employed by the owner of the farm."

**It has been suggested that a statue or bust of Sir Austin Chapman**, who was more responsible than any other Australian for securing the Federal Capital site, should be provided by Eden-Monaro Electorate to be placed in the new House of Parliament.

**Following is a list of the footballers (Married v. Single)** that have been chosen in tomorrow's big match, which will commence at 3 o'clock: - Married - R. Spinks, A. J. Constable, H. Little, Les. Graham, Clyde Bourke, Don Rose, C. Chesher, E. Marsden, W. Brierly, A. Barclay, A. Keyte, C. Curran, H. Duncan; Emergencies - B. Taylor, L. Mordaunt. Single - Chum Heffernan, B. Coppin, Bob Rose, V. Rootsey, J. Heffernan, W. Constable, H. McDiamid, A. McIntosh, H. Rose, H. Skelton, F. Daley, W. Weeks; Emergencies - J. Chesher, R. Coppin, C. Smith.

**On Saturday evening last** the Parents and Citizens of Bateman's Bay assembled to clear the upper portion of the playground which is thickly wooded. Big trees were felled and the undergrowth cut away. It is proposed to put down a tennis court, when the work is completed. This speaks volumes for the interest taken by the Parents and Citizens in their school.

**The first industry to feel the effects** of the new Workmen's Compensation Act in this district is rabbit trapping. Mr. J. D. Ward, the South Coast's leviathan skin buyer, is recalling all his traps now out on hire. Through this Soviet-like law, he is also compelled to give up his rights for the trapping on certain paddocks. As Mr. Ward has been giving employment to over 60 men here, his forced decision (through the heavy responsibility and expense he would entail by carrying on) is to be regretted, but unfortunately it is only one of the many industries, not only in this district, but throughout the whole State which will be affected by one of the most one sided Acts ever placed in the Statute Books.

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Sir Arthur Chapman



Rabbit trap

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Opinion by Cid Mateo



Do governments and public servants deserve a fair go like business and the rest of us?

As a public servant almost all of my working life, my job was to work for the public interest, to make things better for Australians. However, it wasn't that simple, I served the public subject to the laws of the land and the preferences of elected governments, Labor or Liberal-National, who dictated and set the boundaries for how I served the public. Serving the public is a different beast to working in the private sector like in a small, medium or big business. For businesses, their principal reason for existing is to make a profit. Business bombards us with advertising to grab our attention and our money. Public servants work for the betterment of Australians, and businesses work overwhelmingly for private benefit. It's a curious cultural feature that in Australia, the people who serve the public, and directed by the governments elected by the people, are interminably trashed by our society. Their jobs are constantly threatened and put down by the mainstream and social media and typically the Liberal-National-One Nation side of politics. On the other hand, many business people think themselves special and entitled. We need private goods and services to live these days. Food at the grocery store, energy to keep us comfortable and mobile, water to keep us alive, digital services to keep us connected, and vehicles and planes to facilitate our travel.

However, we also need health care, aged care, disability care, and income support for the vulnerable, justice, protection, functioning legal and parliamentary systems, and a range of regulations to control the risk of bad actors, private and public. These public services are the backbone of our society, the critical services business cannot provide on its own. So why are business people revered while public servants are considered scum? Who perpetuates this myth and why? Why are my local grocer and a tech start-up owner, "battlers", while the public servants processing welfare payments for the poor or designing our public services, nothing more than dehumanised pawns whose livelihoods are often threatened and demeaned? Aren't they all human beings doing a worthwhile job, often working their arse off, making a quid to support themselves and their families, to give you and I the things we need and want? Don't they all deserve the same respect? While private sector workers outnumber public servants, being a minority is no excuse to trash the latter. The public servants, serving you and me, cannot speak their own opinions in public. They can only explain the decisions of, and defend, their political chiefs, who in turn answer to the public. On the other hand, the private sector can generally speak their own opinions freely. They can complain to their hearts' content if they want to. Of course, not all public servants are considered equal, and not all of the community think public servants are good-for-nothing. Fire fighters, ambulance workers, nurses, and teachers are mostly deemed worthy unlike the rest of the public sector. However, all public servants deserve our praise. Public servants brought us the architecture, policy and legal framework for Medicare, public hospitals, our subsidised medicines system, the PBS, public and private school subsidies, subsidies for child care, payments for children, local council services and the plethora of Australian government payments to individuals and families, aged care, the NDIS. All Australians benefit from some of these taxpayer funded benefits. This is a good thing. This public policy framework is the skeleton of our society. Without it, we would all need to fend for ourselves, and the most vulnerable, the disabled, young and old, and the least wealthy would be trodden on.

Taxpayers' money, redistributed by government policy from the wealthiest to the poorest, is the quintessential Australian spirit of the fair go. It upholds fairness and the principles of the Australian tax and welfare system, that those with greater means should contribute more to our society and should support themselves first before going cap-in-hand to the taxpayer. The Australian tax and transfer system is not perfect. In the tax system, the bulk of tax concessions go the wealthy, like financial assistance to farmers, or wealthier class rebates for home solar, batteries, and fringe benefits exemptions for EVs. A much fairer tax system would mean test all government tax concessions and exemptions as is done with taxpayer funding in the social security system. The higher the income and assets, the lower the tax concession. It's a no brainer. It would pay off Australia's public debt in no time. Neither are the Australian people perfect. Many have "redistribution envy" and don't like the thought of their tax going to services they don't use, or going to support others who they view as underserving. We need to get over this. Envy never helped anybody. A strong society lifts up those that need it most, and acknowledges and values those that contribute more. It does not play favourites and does not put others down. It's understandable people blame governments for their woes and grievances. Governments and public servants make as many clangers as business people, farmers, and as the rest of us. We should scrutinise the people we elect, and make them accountable for spending our money. We should call out bad policy and behaviour in the public interest. We should also acknowledge that government is the toughest gig in town, and poorly paid compared to the private sector. Albo, Dr Jim, Dr Anne, Clare, Tanya, Katy, Malarndirri, Mark, Jason, Tony, and Penny & Co. are responsible for around 28 and half million of us. Albo earns around \$600,000 a year. That's two cents for every Australian. So next time you hear a politician, a business person, and any punter blaming the Government and the public servants for their own woes, spare a thought, and ask yourself, could they do any better at protecting us all. Probably not.



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

## Supply charge up 40%? Why your next energy bill could be more expensive

Households could be in for another price shock when electricity retailers adjust their market rates on 1 July, with new daily supply charges driving potential bill rises.

Letters have started arriving in inboxes informing customers of retail offer price changes. **Compare the Market** has analysed two examples where pricing adjustments varied across bill structures.

For example, in one case the daily supply charge was increasing 40% year-on-year and general usage rates were increasing 6%, while the controlled load tariff was reduced by 20%.

In another example, the daily supply charge was increasing 36%, while the general usage tariff was decreasing 20%.

### Confirmed retail supply charge changes for 1 July

Example	2025 price cents/day	2026 price cents/day – after 1 July	\$ change	% change
Retailer 1	94.49 cents	\$1.32484	37.994 cents	+40.2%
Retailer 2	\$1.41438	\$1.92049	50.5769 cents	+35.78%
Retailer 3	\$1.32	\$1.778524	45.8524 cents	+34.73%
Retailer 4	\$1.16666	\$1.46828	30.162 cents	+25.85%

Source: Compare the Market

Compare the Market’s Chris Ford said the mixed bag of positive and negative changes across bill structures was confusing for customers.

“It’s hard to make heads or tails of these changes and work out if you’ll actually be better or worse off next year,” Mr Ford said.

“The reality is there’s no single answer for everyone – it’s going to depend on how you use your electricity and the type of tariff and plan customers are on. If you are a big energy consumer and have a lot of energy-guzzling appliances and things like pool pumps running during the day, then a reduced usage rate could work in your favour.

“But if you’re not, then these bigger daily supply charges could really end up stinging you, because they aren’t something you can influence with smarter energy use – you pay this charge every single day just to be connected to power.”

While the default pricing benchmarks set by regulators are due to fall in NSW, Victoria and southeast Queensland, Mr Ford warned that not everyone could bank on a positive change.

“It’s great news that the pricing safety nets are falling in many parts of the country, but it’s important to remember these changes only apply to households on standing offers, which make up around just 10% of the energy market,” Mr Ford said.

“The remaining 90% are on what’s called market offers and can also expect a range of price changes on 1 July, but in many cases prices could be heading up, and I think that’s going to come as a real shock.

“With more households taking up solar and using less from the grid, it is possible we will continue to see a trend in supply charges moving up as energy retailers look for a consistent way of recouping costs and making revenue.

“In such a confusing time for consumers and so much industry change, the message is more important than ever to shop around and switch where savings are available. Circle 1 July in your calendar and set aside a few minutes to look for better value, ranking options against the comparison prices set by the Australian Energy Regulator.”

ACCC findings\* on potential energy savings show:

- Households on the same electricity plan for three years or more pay on average \$221 more compared to customers on new plans.
- Only 27% of electricity customers were on their retailer’s best plan at some point in financial year 2024/25.
- The remaining 73% of customers could be paying more than they need to for their electricity supply.

## Important Update from the RfR Community Reuse Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> July

To help ensure we can continue providing services to the community, some changes will take effect from 1 July. Solar panels, racking and associated equipment will only be accepted by RfR at the Moruya Waste Transfer Centre on Saturdays from 9:30am–2:30pm, or by prior arrangement with our volunteers.

A \$5 fee per solar panel received will be introduced to support the testing, assessment and processing of panels. Until now, this service has been provided free of charge. The new fee remains around half the cost charged at local waste facilities. More importantly, every panel received through our centre is assessed for reuse or repurposing, keeping valuable resources in circulation and out of landfill.

Please note that we are still unable to accept physically broken panels. These should be taken to the Brou or Surf Beach depots.

These changes will help us continue the work we’ve been proud to deliver across the Eurobodalla. In just a few short years, the RfR Community Reuse Centre has:

- Established the region’s first solar reuse centre
- Diverted thousands of solar panels from landfill
- Brought electrical apprenticeship training to the area
- Supported the development of a safe second-hand solar market
- Built solar-powered trailers and mobile wash facilities for community use
- Supported local schools and community organisations
- Helped households access practical power solutions
- Created opportunities for waste artists
- Delivered workshops and skills training
- Provided free weekly advice and assistance to community members

Much of this has been achieved through the generosity and dedication of our volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we’re creating a more resilient community, reducing waste, sharing skills and keeping valuable resources in circulation for longer.



## Tuross Head News

In attempting to cover all age groups in Tuross Head, I contacted Robyn Mills, Director of Tuross Little Lambs Preschool who shared that it is a beloved local family business, founded by the Lamb family in early 2018. Licensed for 36 children per day, Tuross Little Lambs offers a warm and inclusive environment where little ones learn and grow. With a strong focus on family values and community spirit, this preschool is a great place for children to take their first steps in early education. As a valued part of the Tuross community, we're all about fostering curiosity, creativity and connection. Contact Robyn 4473 9190. Email: [tuross.director@gmail.com](mailto:tuross.director@gmail.com)

Cristina, secretary of the Tuross Head RFS has advised that the current executive committee of the Tuross Head Rural Fire Brigade are: Brigade President- Rob Heath; Captain- Grant Doran; and Secretary; Cristina Giusti. They are thanked for their service and for the following advice for residents.

The Tuross Head Rural Fire Brigade wishes to remind the community to protect their homes from preventable house fires by maintaining working smoke alarms. Winter presents the highest risk for residential fires, making seasonal maintenance vital for safety.

1. For smoke alarm maintenance monthly testing is recommended: To do this, press and hold the test button until it beeps to confirm the battery and internal sensor work.
2. Clean six-monthly: Use a vacuum cleaner brush attachment to clear away dust, cobwebs, and insects that could block smoke from reaching the sensor.

3. Change batteries annually: Replace standard 9V alkaline batteries every 12 months, ideally at the end of daylight saving. (Note: If you have a 10-year lithium battery unit, the battery cannot be replaced; you must change the entire alarm after 10 years).
4. Replace every 10 years: All smoke alarms lose sensitivity over time and must be completely replaced every decade.
5. Location matters: Ensure a smoke alarm is installed on every level of the home, specifically in hallways near bedrooms and in living areas.

TUROSS HEAD TOWN DIRECTORY LIST is now available for residents and visitors to see what is available in Tuross Head. It can be found in the window of Tuross Hair and Beauty between the hairdressers and the chemist shop along with a copy of the town map. We thank Kirsty for her support of the town.

The original copy of the Tuross Head Town Directory was published and launched at a town picnic in 2025. Many hours were put into its compilation and the organisation of the picnic day by Gail Page-Davies and Peter Davies to which the town owes them thanks. With their permission the booklet has been reproduced onto one page. There no doubt are changes that need to be made, contacts to be updated and we ask that anyone needing additions or alterations please let us know. 0497 315 534 Email: [turossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com](mailto:turossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com)

The donated bookshelves have arrived at Club Tuross thanks to John and Mary Mathais's generosity.

Five boxes of books donated by the Wiles family will fill the shelves and readers will need time to make their selection. I encourage residents to consider a social membership to Club Tuross \$15 a year is good value considering all the benefits that are available from the convenient walker at the door of the lift to the kids indoor playing area, it is a safe place and sensible in extreme weather conditions to be able to take advantage of their facilities. In bigger cities many families go to big shopping centers for similar reasons. The caring group recently received a call from someone needing to organise a home visit in another town but we were unable to help however, thanks to the recent Volunteers Expo in Moruya I had information about the home visit program that Australian Red Cross provide. They also will make a regular daily phone call to people. Contact: 1800 441 014 Email: [communityconnect@redcross.org.au](mailto:communityconnect@redcross.org.au) Our group has had personal experience to the success of these 'telecross' calls and home visits. Recently we responded to a request from someone who was concerned about their parent who had not answered their scheduled phone call – the service works.

A reminder that the Tuross Head Progress Association's next meeting will be held in the Kyla Park Hall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2026 at 2pm. They are always asking to be informed of needs in the town and are open to new members. Contact the Secretary Lynda 0417 282 154 or email: [secretarythpa@gmail.com](mailto:secretarythpa@gmail.com)

I am still hoping someone will come forward and help with our town news. If anyone would like to help with interviewing residents about Tuross town history I would like to hear from you also. Please spread the news about Tuross news in 'Moruya Mail' and send me your news please.

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# NSW strengthens surveillance for H5 bird flu

The NSW Government has increased surveillance and boosted biosecurity capacity for H5 bird flu by dedicating additional resources to identifying potential cases coupled with an awareness campaign focused on input from the community and the needs of industry.

Surveillance operations have ramped up as state prepares for a potential detection in NSW, including establishing a H5 bird flu call centre, training over 380 additional staff, including Local Land Services and National Parks and Wildlife Service field officers to undertake surveillance for H5 bird flu. All surveillance testing for H5 bird flu takes place at the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute (EMAI) is funded by the NSW Government.

The State Coordination Centre has been stood up at the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD)'s Orange Agricultural Institute to provide coordination of surveillance operations and NSW's response should a detection be confirmed.

NSW DPIRD has delivered a series of webinars and workshops with government field staff and veterinarians to build practical capability to respond to an H5 bird flu detection in NSW.

The focus has been on hands-on skills including roles, reporting, sampling and PPE, resulting in strong improvements in participant confidence.

Additional resources have been deployed to manage the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline.

NSW Health advises that the risk to human health remains low.

If unusual deaths or illness in wild birds are observed please AVOID contact, RECORD by taking photos or video and REPORT immediately to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

## UPCOMING COURSES

### AUGUST 2026

All events are at 42 Orient St, Batemans Bay unless otherwise stated

Enrol:

**Every Monday - Certificate III in Individual Support - 9AM-3:30PM**  
**CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support**

Canva Basics - 4-week Course (3hrs/week) - 10AM-1PM Tuesdays in September 2026  
Canva Digital Skills - Level 1

**RSA - 11th August - 8:30AM - 5PM**  
**SITHFAB021 Provide Responsible Service of Alcohol**

RCG - 12th August - 9AM - 4:30PM  
**SITHGAM022 Provide Responsible Gambling Services**

**White Card - 18th August - 9AM - 4PM**  
**CPCWHS1001 Prepare To Work Safely In The Construction Industry**

These 1-day First Aid and CPR courses will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August  
**HLTAID011 Provide First Aid - 9 AM - 2 PM**  
**HLTAID009 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation - 9 AM - 2 PM**

**Traffic Control - 19th - 21st August - 9AM - 4:30PM**  
**Statement of Attainment – Conduct Traffic Control and Implement Traffic Control Plans**

Digital Skills (Taster) (6hrs/week) - 9AM-3PM Tuesdays in August  
Digital Skills (Taster)

Taking expressions of interest for **BSB30120 Certificate III in Business**, skill sets and foundation skills programs for groups on our campus or at your facility/location (conditions/eligibility applies)

Taking expressions of interest for non-accredited courses including: Canva Digital Skills - Level 1, Home DIY, Pathway to Community Services, Together We Grow: English and Career Skills, + more

TO ENROL: Complete the [enrolment form](#). Please make sure all questions are answered, USI number is provided, and all pages are signed where required. Incomplete enrolment forms will not be accepted.

Please call us on: (02) 4472 9202 or email us at: [admin@southcoastcolleges.edu.au](mailto:admin@southcoastcolleges.edu.au)

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## 2026 NAIDOC Week

### Flag Raising Ceremony

Mayawar-bara Gulaga-nggul (Gulaga and her two sons). ©2024 Leanne Brook. This work is an original work commissioned by Eurobodalla Council.

Join us in reflecting on five decades of celebrating Indigenous voices, culture and achievements.

We will host the official flag raising with distinguished guests, speakers, community members, and local school representatives.

The ceremony will include a Welcome to Country, NAIDOC Week address, smoking ceremony, the raising of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

**When:** Wednesday 8 July  
10am to 11am

**Where:** Eurobodalla Council forecourt,  
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## A Beer with Bazz #241

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Mick's teeth chattered as he shuffled through the bar, before sliding the offered schooner to one side of the table.

He attempted to pull down his very worn and tight Stubbie shorts to cover his thighs but only succeeded in releasing the lower part of his generous hairy gut from his tucked in, once white, Chesty Bond singlet. His rubber thongs squelched in relief as he climbed on to the bar stool.

Mick shook his head, rubbed his unshaven face and ordered a locally brewed craft beer from a stunned Bella, the publican.

Bazza bit his bottom lip.

"You are late, Mick ... and look a bloody mess. I would lend you a few bob to buy some clothes but here you are drinking upmarket craft beer ... and if you don't mind me saying a shave and a shower are overdue. What gives?"

Mick attempted in vain to stretch the Chesty Bond singlet over his gut, revealing more threadbare holes.

"I am late because I swapped my new KIA Sportage Hybrid for my neighbour's old Holden Ute and it broke down at the roundabout ... fan belt problems. Anyhow, I will have you know, Bazza ...it has taken me ages to look like this."

Stunned looks all round as Mick leaned in.

"I have gone totally Aussie. No more of this foreign stuff ... totally dinky di Aussie. You have no idea how much research and sacrifice is involved to remain loyal to the Southern Cross. It starts with the shower ... for soap I had to find a pre 2022 bar of Solvol in the workshop, as it was the last brand of soap manufactured in our fair land. After drip drying from the shower ... all our towels are made overseas ... I had to pass on a shave as Gillette went off shore back in 1990. Next up, I had to rifle through the wardrobe to find a pre 2009 Bonds Chesty singlet ... and you guessed it ... it was the year they closed domestic operations. A little bit more luck with the Stubbie shorts. At least they are designed in Australia."

Young Simon craned his neck and scanned Mick's short shorts.

"Ahhh ... not a lot of design there Mick, and what is the point of the little pocket on your hip? ... and how about the thongs?"

Mick folded his arms as Know All Ron cleared his throat and paused for silence.

"The little pocket is for coins, Young Simon. In the olden days you would keep cards in your wallet and use money to buy things. You did not want to be sitting on a wallet full of coins whilst having a beer. Now ... Mick is okay with the thongs. Some brands are still made in Australia."

Mick's face brightened as Ron took a sip.

"But the idea of thongs was copied from the Japanese following the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. The traditional zori (Japanese sandals) were worn at the Games by their athletes and Aussies borrowed the idea as they suit our climate."

Mick sighed, shifted in his seat and shivered, as Bazza picked up the pub menu and rubbed his stomach.

"Ahh ... bit of a tough call here, Mick. Bella has just hired a French cook. Mmmm ...Boeuf Bourguignon: A rich, slow-cooked beef stew from Burgundy, braised with red wine, garlic, pearl onions, and mushrooms, Coq au Vin: A hearty staple featuring chicken slowly braised in wine (traditionally red) with smoky bacon, mushrooms, and herbs. Blanquette de Veau: A comforting veal ragout in a smooth, creamy white sauce made with butter, cream, and carrots. Confit de Canard: Duck legs cured in salt and slow-cooked gently in their own fat until the meat is meltingly tender."

Have a beer with Bazza at [john.longhurst59@gmail.com](mailto:john.longhurst59@gmail.com)

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## Sage Food and Knowledge Share

This week on Sunday 28 June at 10am at the Riverside Park, we will be giving out a starter pack to grow some spinach from seed. We're encouraging everyone to grow their seedling to gift to a non-gardening friend at the August food share! This month, we'll also be chatting about growing peas and we'd love for you to come along and share your knowledge on the subject.

Please bring a blanket or camp chair for your comfort. If it is raining we will move undercover to SAGE Garden at 110 Queen St in Moruya. Everyone is welcome, and you do not need to bring anything. People who can bring items to share can contribute vegetables, fruits, eggs, seedlings/seeds, cookbooks, gardening books, tools, preserves and plants.



## Go Get Healthy

with Sofia Keady

GO VITA

### P.E.A Reducing Pain And Frequency of Migraines

I have been writing about the supplement known as P.E.A. (Palmitoylethanolamide), a naturally occurring substance produced by the body that plays an important role in helping regulate pain and inflammation. P.E.A. is a fatty acid amide molecule that works at a cellular level to help calm inflammation and support the body's natural pain-control mechanisms. Research has shown that P.E.A. possesses anti-inflammatory, pain-relieving, neuroprotective and anticonvulsant properties, making it a valuable option for a range of chronic health conditions.

Because of these properties, P.E.A. has been used to support people suffering from arthritis, sciatica, carpal tunnel syndrome, lower back pain, neuralgia and many other painful conditions. Since first introducing P.E.A. to customers, the feedback has been remarkable. Almost every day, people share stories of improved comfort and mobility, often after years of chronic pain.

One customer's experience particularly stands out. She had suffered from chronic migraines for more than 30 years. Over time, the migraines became so severe that she experienced them almost constantly, day and night. She had tried virtually everything available, including chiropractic care, massage, acupuncture, dietary changes, supplements, pain medications, specialists and naturopaths. Despite all these efforts, the migraines remained a daily struggle.

Eighteen months ago, she began taking P.E.A. To her surprise, she noticed improvements within days. The intensity of her migraines reduced, and over time she was able to reduce some of her medications under medical supervision. Today, she says that of all the treatments she has tried, P.E.A. has made the biggest difference and has given her a quality of life she thought she had lost.

While personal stories are encouraging, scientific research has also investigated P.E.A.'s potential benefits for migraine sufferers. A pilot study involving 50 adults with episodic migraine found that taking 600 mg of P.E.A. twice daily for three months significantly reduced migraine frequency and medication use. Migraine days decreased by nearly 50% and 71% of participants reported reduced migraine intensity<sup>(1)</sup>.

Another study involving adults with migraine with aura found that those taking 1,200 mg of P.E.A. alongside conventional treatment experienced significant reductions in both migraine frequency and pain severity, and lowering NSAID use over a 90-day period<sup>(2)</sup>.

Research has also shown promising results in children and adolescents. A study involving children aged 5 to 17 years found that 63% experienced more than a 50% reduction in headache frequency after taking P.E.A. for three months, with reductions in headache intensity also reported while demonstrating an excellent safety profile<sup>(3)</sup>.

While larger studies are still needed, the growing body of research, together with the experiences of many customers, suggests that P.E.A. may offer valuable support for people looking for additional options to help manage chronic pain and migraines.

For more information about PEA, drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at [www.govitabatemansbay.com.au](http://www.govitabatemansbay.com.au). Don't miss our weekly segment on 2EC radio, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.

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



# Batemans Bay Rotary Marks Annual Changeover



From left to right: Sofia Keady (Public Image Director), Alan Russell (Youth & Vocation Director), Judy Shore (Membership Admin Director), Brian Jones (Secretary), Bronwyn Geppert (International Service Director). Back: Neil Simpson (Treasurer), David Friedlieb (Rotary Foundation Director), Rob Shore (President), David Ashford (Community Service Director) and Heidi Pohlsen (Club Service Director)

The air was filled with warmth, camaraderie, and a deep sense of shared purpose on Thursday, June 18th, as the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay gathered for its annual Changeover dinner. The evening offered a perfect opportunity to reflect on a year of significant achievement, thank the outgoing board, and welcome the fresh energy of the incoming office bearers. Joining the club members were several distinguished guests, including Federal MP Fiona Phillips, State MP Dr. Michael Holland, and Councillor Amber Schutz, alongside visiting members from the Moruya Rotary Club and representatives from the Commonwealth Bank, Terracon Legal, and Community Bank.

Outgoing President Neil Simpson highlighted the club's major contributions over the past 12 months, during which the club expanded its reach through several new initiatives designed to support both the local Eurobodalla community and international humanitarian projects. Key milestones from the year included the establishment of Connect Eurobodalla, the Batemans Bay Business Breakfast, and dedicated Anti-Domestic and Family Violence initiatives. The club also focused heavily on youth and global outreach, gifting peace poles to local schools, supporting the Sculpture for Clyde Student Awards, funding schools in Cambodia, and providing clean water systems for Maasai villages in Kenya.

In total, the club contributed a remarkable \$100,000 in donations to various community projects and organisations throughout the year.

The evening featured significant financial presentations to six vital local and international projects: the Batemans Bay Community Picnic, St Cecilia Music Scholarship, Can Assist, Maasai Mamas, Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, and the An Long Pi school in Cambodia. Additionally, the team at Terracon Legal presented the Batemans Bay Youth Foundation with a \$2,000 donation to assist local high school graduates transitioning to university life.

A major highlight of the night was the presentation of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow awards, which recognise individuals for their exceptional service and long-standing dedication to the community. Five outstanding Rotarians received this high honour: Mathew Thomas, Chris Watson, John Haslem, Peter Kable, and Brian Jones. The evening concluded with the official induction of the new board, to be led by incoming President Rob Shore. Backed by strong fellowship and a shared commitment to community service, the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay steps into the new year well-positioned to continue its invaluable work.



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# Fungi Festival Delivers a Week of Science and Art Adventures



Caity Brown will co-facilitate a fungi iNaturalist Workshop & lead fungi walks in Bermagui this weekend



Fungi Art and Sip in Mogo with Ness Shannon



Red Rattler Studio open this Saturday 27 June

The **Fungi Festival** continues to bring colour, creativity and scientific discovery to the Eurobodalla, with a packed program of events in Moruya region and beyond.

Science lovers can begin with Fungi on Film at Moruya Library on Thursday 25 June from 10.30am to 11.30am. This free program features three short documentaries exploring fungi through science, sustainability, art and community, including MicoCosmo: A Fungi's World in a Festival, Peaks to Prairie: A Holistic Regenerative Approach and Ricochet: Sculpture in Mycelium. The screenings will also be presented at Batemans Bay Library on Tuesday 30 June.

On Saturday 27 June, fungi enthusiast Marita Smith will lead the Queerobodalla Fungi Foray at South Durras. This one-hour walk celebrates diversity, transformation and connection while introducing participants to the remarkable world of fungi and their ecological importance.

Art continues to flourish with Active Art in Mogo hosting a FUNgi Art & Sip this Thursday evening 25 June. This workshop is facilitated by art therapist Ness Shannon and is a unique painting experience. Red Rattler Studio open its doors Saturday 27 June. Housed in a restored 1950s train carriage, artist Fiona Smith's studio showcases fungi-inspired photography, digital illustration and stained glass works.

Botanist and Scientific Illustrator Anna Voytsekhovich's exhibition of detailed fungi watercolours continues at Batemans Bay Library.

At Quantum Brewery, the popular Sporeadic Gatherings exhibition continues with new winter opening hours from noon to 3pm, Thursday to Sunday.

Bega Valley will host a weekend of fungi discovery with naturalists Sofia Zvolanek and Caity Brown leading an iNaturalist workshop and guided fungi walks in Bermagui on 27 and 28 June. Club Sapphire Merimbula is also displaying the Fungi Festival Photography Exhibition throughout the festival, featuring stunning images captured from Batemans Bay to Eden.

Looking ahead, the first weekend of July brings an impressive line-up of international mycology experts to Moruya Golf Club. Visitors will hear from Ema Corro, President of MycoCommunity Applied Mycology Victoria, along with Alison Bennett from the United States and Patricia Silva-Flores from Chile, sharing insights into ecosystem restoration, sustainable agriculture and fungal diversity.

The following weekend also features an introductory fungi photography workshop at Club Dalmeny and The Power of Medicinal Mushrooms with nutritionist Sofia Keady at St John's Anglican Red Door Hall in Batemans Bay.

With multiple events across the Far South Coast, the Fungi Festival continues to celebrate the extraordinary world beneath our feet through science, art, food and community. Program & tickets [www.fungifestival.com.au](http://www.fungifestival.com.au)



MicoCosmo documentary, Italian fungi festival, screening at Moruya & Batemans Bay Libraries



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Batemans Bay Library Tuesday June 30, 2PM



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## Let's do coffee with ... Ness Shannon

Ness Shannon (NS), with high-level skills across the seemingly unrelated fields of outdoor education, sport and art is a Renaissance person. The Moruya Mail (MM) caught Ness for coffee last week. MM: (Serious face ... ) Apart from Ness Shannon, the only other common denominator between India, Spain and Australia in the year of your birth was the inaugural Men's Hockey Champions Trophy in Karachi, Pakistan.

NS: (Laughs ... ) Well, who would have thought! Yes, I was born in Melbourne in 1981. Both parents are from Mumbai, India, with Spanish heritage on one side of the family. I describe myself as Australian/Anglo-Indian. Mum was a student support teacher and Dad owns and operates a successful par-three golf course called Pitch & Putt. I have an older brother who works as an IT consultant. Childhood memories included camping and large family gatherings — parties, dancing and, of course, plenty of food. As first-generation Australians, navigating different cultures was wonderfully interesting.

At primary school I loved sport, especially swimming and athletics, as well as the creativity of English.

I attended Caulfield Grammar School. Basketball and athletics were a major focus. I excelled at sprinting and high jump and made the Under-16 District Basketball Team. However, Outdoor Education and school camps captured my imagination. A slip on a gymnasium floor resulted in an ACL and meniscus tear, effectively ending my sporting career. I spent Years 11 and 12 sidelined ... devastated at the time, as sport was my life. I enjoyed English and Human Development but was discouraged from studying Art as it was not considered a 'career subject' (laughs). My love of school camps and my sense of freedom, connection and adventure never faded. At Caulfield Grammar's Outdoor Education Centre at Yarra Junction, students engaged in hands-on learning beyond the classroom, exploring nature, sustainability and practical outdoor skills. It fostered resilience, decision-making and community awareness.

The completion of a leadership course at Yarra Junction in Year 10 qualified me to assist students in outdoor activities. I loved it and knew it was my career path. After completing my Victorian Certificate of Education in 1999, I secured a position at Yarra Junction and the work was incredibly rewarding.

It was off to study Nature Tourism at La Trobe University in Bendigo in 2001. I enjoyed being surrounded by like-minded people sharing a passion for the outdoors. I found 'my people'.

After graduating, I joined the Outdoor Education Group, leading school camps involving bushwalking, kayaking, climbing and rafting while helping students develop a deeper appreciation of the natural environment.

I slipped a disc in my back in 2005 whilst lifting a canoe with students. A misdiagnosis complicated the injury and led to extensive rehabilitation. Redeployment to an office role was frustrating and prompted a rethink. By 2006, I was studying for a P-12 Diploma of Education at La Trobe University's Albury-Wodonga campus. I secured a teaching position at The KODE School in Mildura (Koori Open Door Education). It was challenging and confronting, but I loved it and learned much from the students. Next up ... Darwin with a six-month position at Kormilda College involving outdoor education, camps and extensive travel throughout the Northern Territory. The school catered for all students and offered boarding for remote Indigenous students. I secured permanency and the role expanded to Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Indigenous Education and Environmental Studies and Student Services. In 2010, I was offered a position as a Behaviour Advisor with the Northern Territory (NT) Department of Education, supporting students with a range of disabilities.

Through mutual colleagues, I met Charlie in 2008 and we married in 2012. Our first child, Jala, was born in Darwin in 2013. We relocated to Melbourne in 2014.

MM: We head south ... a slight change in climate and I get to use my new word — Ness the 'polymath' emerges.

NS: (Laughs ... ) We moved to Sandringham, Victoria. I worked from home, delivering Inclusion Online courses, and travelled throughout the NT providing training. With the arrival of Arden in 2015 and Remy in 2017, life became very busy with three children under five.

The consultancy work with the NT Department of Education was no longer practical and I began looking for a family-friendly career option.

Fuelled by equal parts passion and sleep-deprived determination, I founded 'Active Art'\* in 2018. It began as a holistic art and wellbeing program for preschoolers and parents in Mount Martha, Victoria. After relocating to the beautiful South Coast of NSW, 'Active Art' evolved into a community-focused service offering workshops, creative wellbeing programs and individual art therapy for people of all ages and abilities.

My journey into wellbeing and art began in my early twenties while working as an Outdoor Education Instructor. I discovered the powerful connection between nature and creativity. Watching people express themselves through art inspired by the natural world sparked a passion that has only strengthened over the years. Later, while working in the NT, I encountered students displaying concerning behaviours. By understanding their stories and offering creative materials, I witnessed Art breaking down barriers, building relationships and creating connections, even when English was a second, third or fourth language. I gained a valuable insight into the transformative power of creativity.



I love all forms of art — painting, sketching, photography, lino printing, clay work, sewing, writing and music. Art has a profound impact on people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. When combined with mindfulness and therapeutic intention, art becomes a language, a release and a pathway to healing. 'Active Art' shares this passion with my community. It provides a space where people feel empowered, supported and inspired to create, connect and grow.

The Black Summer bushfires and COVID were significant challenges for our community. I am proud of the support we provided through workshops as well as my continued work at Muddy Puddles while studying to become an independent art therapist.

In 2025, I opened a studio in Mogo, offering one-on-one art therapy, creative workshops and wellbeing programs for people of all ages and abilities, including those within the NDIS framework. 'Active Art' has formed partnerships with organisations including The Family Place and Eurobodalla Shire Council, along with a range of corporate clients to facilitate community workshops, staff wellbeing programs and therapeutic art activities. 'Active Art' also delivers special events and retreats, including an upcoming retreat in Bermagui this September.

I am keen for 'Active Art' to grow as a positive, unifying force whilst helping more people experience the benefits of art. 'Active Art' won the Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award in 2025 and was finalists in both the Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion and Excellence in the Arts categories at the Eurobodalla Business Awards this year.

However, my number one priority is being a mum to my three children.

MM: And ... Ness the artist?

NS: (Smiles ... ) I thought you would never ask! I had a sculpture titled 'At What Cost' in 'Sculptures for the Clyde'. I am also involved in the 'Bowerbird Art Trail' and participate in 'River of Art' with workshops and exhibitions. I love being increasingly recognised as an artist, including through my commissioned works. Pushing myself creatively and sharing my work are incredibly rewarding.

MM: What advice would Ness offer to her younger self?

NS: To continue learning lessons in resilience as life unfolds, and remain open to challenges and opportunities. I still live with pain from my sporting years, but it motivates me to keep achieving in this new world of art. MM: Ah! ... Spoken like a true renaissance woman. It has been an absolute pleasure, Ness.

\* <https://www.activeart.com.au/meet-the-founder>

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

## River of Art Prize 2026 – Entries Now Open

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The 2026 River of Art Prize offers a total prize pool of more than \$12,000 across a range of awards and artist opportunities.

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

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.

### KEY DATES

Entries Close: 9 August 2026 Finalists Announced: 31 August 2026

Delivery of Finalist Works: 23 September 2026

Exhibition Opening & Winners Announced: 25 September 2026

Exhibition Dates: 26 September – 5 October 2026



## Inaugural Quantum Art Prize for Eurobodalla Artists

### Celebrating Creativity Across the Eurobodalla

The inaugural Quantum Art Prize is a new opportunity for local artists to showcase their work, connect with the community, and compete for cash prizes in a professionally curated exhibition.

Hosted in The Cool Room at Quantum Brewery Moruya, the Art Prize celebrates artistic expression inspired by two unique themes: Year of the Woman Farmer + Year of the Fire Horse Open exclusively to artists living within the Eurobodalla region, the Quantum Art Prize aims to support local creativity while providing artists with valuable exhibition opportunities and public exposure.

Entries: open 8:00am Monday 1 July 2026 and close 5pm Monday 7 September 2026 Cost: \$20 per entry  
Where: The Cool Room at the Quantum Brewery, 57 Hawdon St, Moruya

Exhibition dates: Friday 25/9 – Sunday 4/10

Blind judged by local artists, to be announced.

Cash Prizes + the winner will also receive a free 2-week exhibition space in The Cool Room.

Entries submitted through the online form on Quantum Brewery website:

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## FLOODLAND Documentary + Panel Discussion

Broulee Broulee Thursday 20 August 2026 6.30pm-8.30pm

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This powerful documentary dives into the 2022 Lismore floods and captures how First Nation wisdom and local community-led solutions can lead the way in healing and recovery. The film also showcases the long-term mental health fallout communities experience after disasters. Join us for a panel after the film with organisations and council as we ask: what does community-led climate disaster preparedness and adaption look like in the Eurobodalla?

Kathryn Maxwell SHASA President has been invited to be a panel member and will speak on the important work SHASA is doing with our Heatwave Haven projects across the Eurobodalla. Kathryn will outline how SHASA has upgraded 9 community owned facilities to operate as Heat and Smoke havens during extreme weather events helping to create a more resilient Eurobodalla.

Here is the link to the trailer:

<https://www.floodland.com.au/trailer>

## Drawing on exhibition at Art Central



At Art Central on Friday there was an informal exhibition bringing together drawings by students from Art Central Moruya's Term 2 Drawing Explorations class, guided by tutor Victoria Westwood.



*Julie Mia Holmes*  
**Printmaking Workshops**  
July 2026

**Laissez-faire Linocut**  
2 days, July 4th & 5th, 10am-1pm  
\$345  
The relief print.....carve out some time for yourself. Students will develop and print lino plates using diverse cutting techniques and experimental mark making. Lino is great for the minimalist and first time printmaker, a lot can be achieved with very little.

**Intaglio Intro: Drypoint**  
Saturday 11th July, 10am-2pm  
\$220  
Scratch about in the burr-illiant art of intaglio printmaking! Students will create drypoint prints using plastic plates and recycled tetrapaks. We'll explore different tools for mark making and incorporate collage elements.

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Saturday 18th July, 10am-2pm  
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Th 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 11AM & 6PM

Headland Theatre, Tathra Hotel  
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## SOUTH COAST NSW FILM SCREENING TOUR

Includes Q&A with directors Muzafar Ali & Jolyon Hoff



## Refugee Advocates Tell a New Story

The Eurobodalla first encountered Muzafar Ali and Jolyon Hoff in 2022 when they screened Muzafar's documentary *Watandar, My Countryman* to a full house at the Bay Pavilions. They got such a great reception that they returned again last year to raise funds for the school that Afghan refugee Muzafar had helped to establish in Cisarua, Indonesia.

In the great Australian charity event tradition, this time Muzafar was on a 4000km Ride for Education and rocked up on his bicycle at Moruya's Red Door Hall — to another great reception. Now the film-making duo are back once more, bringing us a wonderfully upbeat documentary, *We Are Not Powerless*.

A sell-out at the Adelaide Film Festival, 'We Are Not Powerless' follows the ten-year long story of how Muzafar, as part of a small group of Afghan refugees stuck in Indonesia, used a \$200 donation to start a school for their children as they waited the long years for U.N resettlement in other countries. Forced to flee from Afghanistan, they had made it to safety — and a seeming dead end. But although they were not allowed to work or even to congregate, their desire to educate their children led them to take matters into their own hands. They managed to set up a two-room school which soon became a hub for the community. Significantly, the key to success turned out to be the Afghan women.

'We Are Not Powerless' charts the story of how the school grew and developed and what can happen when people refuse to give in and work together for hope, love and education.

See the film and a Q & A with Muzafar and Jolyon.

Thursday 9 July at the Narooma Kinema, 11am & 6pm.

Friday 10 July at the Headland Theatre, Tathra Hotel, 2pm & 7pm.

Tickets and info at the venues or at [www.wearenotpowerless.com.au](http://www.wearenotpowerless.com.au)

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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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## 2026 Diary Dates

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- 11 July - **Mogodha NAIDOC Big Day Out**
- 18 July - **Red Door Hall Car Boot Sale**
- 25<sup>th</sup> July - **2026 Lazer Rally of the Bay**
- 26 September - **Tilba Festival**
- 21st-25th October - **Sea Otter Australia**
- 13 March 2027 - **NSW State Election**
- 7-9 May - 2027 **Narooma Oyster Festival**

## Dr Michael Holland MP Mobile Office

30th June

- Bodalla Dairy Shed, Bodalla 10am - 11am
- Dalmeny Bowling Club, Dalmeny 12.30pm - 1.30pm
- Bermagui Bowling Club, Bermagui 4.30pm - 5.30pm

8th July

Narooma, Location TBC 10am - 11am

28th July

Club Malua, Malua Bay 10am - 11am  
Catalina Club (Golfers Club Room), Catalina 12pm - 1pm

## Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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

## Moruya Community Workshed

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

## Tuross Community Markets

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

## Can Assist Eurobodalla

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## Free Legal Advice

South Coast & Country Community Law is coming to Batemans Bay to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

**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

## Next Teensafe Driving Course

The next Teensafe Course is in school holidays Tuesday July 14 at Moruya Speedway 10am. Practical behind-the-wheel safe driver training for L and P licenced drivers. Fee \$100.

Cars and instructors provided. For info & forms go to Teensafe link at [baybeginnersdrivingschool.com.au](http://baybeginnersdrivingschool.com.au)

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Safe driving from the Teensafe team.

## 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](mailto: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?  
Let the Moruya Mail know  
[hello@moruyamail.com.au](mailto:hello@moruyamail.com.au)

## Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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



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# Animal Welfare League News



Monty



Callie


Remember Callie and Monty, the mum cat and kitten dumped at the pound? They have both thrived in care, and are ready for adoption, either together or separately. Callie is around 14 months of age, with a stunning calico and white coat, and is the friendliest, cruisiest cat you're ever likely to meet! This girl has loads of affection to shower on everyone she meets, and is extremely laid-back. She enjoys sitting in the sun and watching the world go by, but is also ready for a play when the mood strikes her. Callie is suited to an indoor-only home, maybe with a patio or access to outdoors via an enclosure. If you're looking for a beautiful and affectionate companion, look no further than this lovely girl. Callie's microchip number is 991003002520875

Little Monty is now just on four months of age, and is a playful, cheeky bundle of love. This cute youngster is ready to bring a sparkle to any home, with his loving nature and readiness to cuddle up anytime. His whole demeanour shows complete joy and happiness. Like his mum, Monty needs an indoor-only home. Monty loves meeting new people and is an all-round perfect package. Monty's microchip number is 991003002520872.

Like all AWL animals, Callie and Monty come desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and health checked. To arrange a meeting with any of our available pets, call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612 or complete the form on the AWL NSW website: [www.awlnsw.com.au](http://www.awlnsw.com.au)


It's almost here - National Desexing Month! From 1 to 31 July, book in your cat or dog with the Eurobodalla vet of your choice, then call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0436816718 to secure a discount voucher to help with the cost. Kitten season is coming, so make sure your furry friend doesn't surprise you with a litter. Take this great opportunity to get help with the cost of desexing your pet.

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## Batemans Bay U3A June Morning Tea!

Looking for a relaxed Saturday morning outing? Come join us for our next U3A morning tea!

We are continuing our tour of local clubs, and this month we are heading to the **\*\*Catalina Club\*\***.

**\*\*What to expect:\*\***

Nothing formal! This is purely a social catch-up. It is the perfect chance to meet fellow members, grab a coffee, and enjoy a friendly chat.

**\*\*News-flash!\*\***

Know someone who might like to join U3A? This is the perfect, low-pressure event to invite prospective new members along to introduce them to our community.

**\*\*Save the Dates (10:30 AM start):\*\***

- **\*\*Saturday, June 27\*\*** – Catalina Club
- **\*\*Saturday, August 29\*\*** – Malua Bay Bowling Club
- **\*\*Saturday, October 31\*\*** – Tomakin Sports Club

## Health Check Convoy

COORDINARE is bringing a Health Check Convoy to Moruya on Tuesday 4 August 10am and 3pm, Riverside Park with the message 'Get screened. Stay well'.

Five mobile screening clinics will help local community members to access free health and wellbeing services and to refer to local providers.

**Free health checks that will be available on the day.**

- Skin checks
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- Health advice and information
- Free refreshments

## SHASA is recruiting!

Is there anyone you know in your networks that might be suitable for this paid part-time role (\$45,000 over 18 months)? The Haven Coordinator will be fully supported by the SHASA President and SHASA volunteers involved with the Disaster Ready Fund Haven Project.

<https://shasa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Haven-Coordinator-Job-Description.pdf>

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## Yoga pose of the week with Christina Carroll



### Cow Face Pose - Gomukhasana

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**To practice** - Sit on the buttocks with the legs in front of you. Bend your knees, feet on the floor. Slide your left foot under the right knee to the outside of the right hip. Then cross your right leg as much as comfortable over the left, stacking the right knee towards being on top of the left, to bring the right foot to the outside of the left hip. Stretch the right arm up towards the ceiling, bend the right elbow and lower the right hand down the centre of the back. Take the left arm out to the left side, bend the elbow and move the left arm up the centre of the back. Stretch the hands towards each other behind the back. Taking ahold of the hands or your shirt. Hold for as long as comfortable then slowly release the arms, straighten the legs and repeat to the left by having the left leg on top of the right and the left elbow above the head.

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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Gavan Wheelahan with President Bruce Harding

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 18th June 2026

A field of 43 players competed in a Medley Stableford event. The day was overcast, the competition fierce, and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Gavan Wheelahan (25) with 39 points
- 2nd: Ray Bollard (3) with 37 points
- 3rd: Jim Wade (15) with 36 points (countback)
- 4th: Brad Doolan (6) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Wayne Burgess 2.20 A Grade
- 4th: Jim Wade 3.04 B Grade
- 4th: Peter Coffey 1.10 C Grade
- 6th: Brad Doolan 3.69 A Grade
- 6th: Ron Rogers 3.15 B Grade
- 6th: Nigel Barling 8.64 C Grade
- 7th: Ray Bollard 2.22 A Grade
- 7th: Lars Gaupset 4.02 B Grade

Balls went to: Wayne Burgess 36, Maree Coffey 36, Anthony Mellick 35, Rex Wood 35, Peter Coffey 34, Peter Garn 34, Teri Swanbury 34, Ian Kingston 34, Nick Brice 34 and Ian McManus 33.



Winner: Reginald Apps

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 20th June 2026

A field of 58 players took to the course to compete in a Stableford Medley event. It was a sunny day, after a cool start, and some brilliant scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Reginald Apps (27) with 38 points (countback)
- 2nd: Chris Rowe (5) with 38 points
- 3rd: Martin Booth (12) with 37 points
- 4th: Steve Johnston (29) with 36 points (countback)
- 5th: Peter Garn (25) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ken Hush 2.90 A Grade
- 4th: Greg Booth 1.78 B Grade
- 4th: Greg Smith 2.62 C Grade
- 6th: Ray Bollard 1.95 A Grade
- 6th: Grant Kiely 1.90 B Grade
- 7th: Chris Rowe 6.95 A Grade
- 7th: Kris Bradbury 1.92 C Grade

Balls went to: David Schmid 35, Ian Lawson 35, John Eglitis 34, Kris Bradbury 34, Jim Wade 34, Grant Kiely 34, Stephen Swanbury 33, Wayne Lilley 33, Dianne Brown 33, Brad Doolan 33, Michael Walsh 33, Greg Booth 32, Anthony Mellick 32, Greg Smith 32 and Ruth Gschwend 32.



Winners: Dianne Brown, Mark Jackson, Cate O'Brien and Sandra D'Onofrio

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Today the ladies held their Charity Fundraiser 4 Person Ambrose Medley event. All proceeds will go to the Moruya Hospital Auxiliary. The event was sponsored by Jim Wade and Tuross Pharmacy. There were 12 teams of 4 men and women who signed up to participate in this worthy cause. It was a fun day with a raffle, games, a trading table and lots of delicious goodies to buy. Many thanks to all who contributed to a very successful day!

The Winning teams were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Sandra D'Onofrio, Cate O'Brien, Mark Jackson and Dianne Brown with 55.125 nett.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Leigh Coloe, Pam Alexander, Jim Wade and Josh Garner with 55.50 nett.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bruce Harding, Nick Brice, Samantha Dryden and Darrell Kildey with 56 nett.

Place Getters:

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Elsa Shearer, Teri Swanbury, Steve Swanbury and Peter Coffey with 57.25 nett.
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Tory Puglisi, Linda Puglisi, Robert McDonell and Wayne Lilley with 58.87 nett.
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Leonie Doolan, Brad Doolan, Rob Nash and Pauline Nash with 60.37 nett.

Hole Prize:

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Stephen Swanbury Men's 1st shot Distance: 2.43
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Wayne Lilley First shot Distance: 1.60
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Ruth Gschwend Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> shot Distance: 0.65

Accuracy:

- 5<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Jennifer Gray
- Mens: Steve Gardner



Winners: Rob Nash, Tony Crook, Greg Bush and Ross Davidson

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 24th June 2026

29 players braved the cool morning to compete in a Coloured Ball Team Stableford event today and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winning Teams today were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Greg Bush, Ross Davidson, Tony Crook and Rob Nash with 50 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dorothy and Blaise Madden, Steve Johnston and Jennifer Gray with 44 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Herb Muriwai, Mike Birks, Paul Pereira and Frank Pomfret with 43 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Steve Gardner (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) In the Hole!
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Rob Nash (1<sup>st</sup> Shot)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)
- Mens: Steve Gardner (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

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



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# Driving Change

## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



What a fabulous turnout for our "Christmas in June" day to celebrate 80th Birthdays to Jan Shalders and Carmel Price. (Photo)  
 The day started off with fun and games, final winners, Kim Giannasca who was Amazing, Tricia Wheeler, Fantastic and Gloria Harper Brilliant. (Photo)  
 The Birthday girls chose Olga Geshwend as the best dressed in her Christmas P.J's. After the delicious morning tea, fun and games cards were called by our bowls coordinator Jay Breust.

Winners Rink 4, Gloria Harper, Jenny Blyth and Sue Beavan.(photo)  
 Runners-up Rink 6, Tricia Wheeler and Gay Biggs. Lucky numbers, 2 Gwen Ware, 7 Tania Calder, 23 Jean Head. Money Club, 19 Judy Davis, 21 Mac. Jackpot was selected by Gwen Ware on 48 who found Ace of Hearts + a donation to a favourite charity.  
 Thank you to Mac, Di and the many helpers who made this such a very special day, including staff and those who provided morning tea.  
 Good bowling this week in State Championships being held in Dubbo to Brooke Wilson, Gloria Harper, Jenny Blyth and Sue Beavan. Peter Keatley, Tim Kovacs and Adam Moffitt go Stingrays.

## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



There were 28 Twisties on the Green bowling 5 Pairs and 1 Triples game on a coolish morning. Robbo took over proceedings giving us updates on AGM and Christmas Party, also all good on Welfare Report at present.  
 Great to see Hoges bowling a full game also good to see Jonesy. Winners with Least Winning Ends, Trish the Dish with Clark Kent, K.C. and Robbo sharing half a game. (photo). Runners-up, Matilda and Dobbo. High/Low scores 32/5 not won but Chanty was very close on 7!  
 Lucky numbers, 20 Matilda, 25 .K.C. and Robbo sharing. Other winning teams, Pattycake and Jonesy 19/15. Artie and Chanty 28/15. Bob the Builder and Witto 24/9. Chrissy and Lois 21/16.  
 Hot-Lips and Spike with Gilligan and Milka 32/5. Road Runner and Whizza had a Draw with Mad Max and Sumpy 18 all 9 Ends each.

## Moruya Ladies Golf

Wednesday 17th June saw the Moruya lady golfers out on the fairways, once again. Playing a Stableford round the winner on the day was Nicola Gallon, on another winning streak, with a round of 43pts followed by Vicki Goodwin with 40 pts. Balls went to Ruth Snowball, Lyn Gibbs, Sharon Knight, Jo Kennedy and Shirley Noy. Nearest the pins were won by Jo Kennedy Div 1 and Angie McMillan Div 2."



Nicola Gallon

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

19.6.26

### Moruya River.

The look of the weekend's forecast, depending on which app you use, doesn't offer the most encouraging outlook. With winds we had last night, the really warm overcast gloomy day we are having now, rain feels like it is definitely on the cards.

The warm currents we have had up until now, have headed back north, allowing for a drop in water temps to take their place. Ocean temps have dropped to 17-18deg, with more cooler water building up south of the border. Expect the fish activity in the rivers to start to slow quickly.

As I reported last week, fish deep, fish slow, and add scent or burley to your routine to maximise your chances at finding a winter fish.

The lower sections around Preddy's wharf have been experiencing a few tailor and salmon schools moving into the river on a rising tide. These are a lot of fun on light gear. Tie on a 5-10gm metal, and cast into working fish for some fun. Flesh baits will tempt working fish also, try pilchards or mullet fillet.

The further upstream you move, the colder the water temps are getting, the slower the fish activity is becoming. Metal vibes fished deep, or baits worked slowly, will be one way to locate and try and tempt shut down fish.

### Tuross River.

salmon have been seen coming in and out of the system this week, creating heaps of opportunities for light tackle fun. Small metals or lightly weighted flesh baits will get the bite, and you never know what may be sitting under neath the schools.

An incoming tide will offer a better than average chance at finding a healthy flathead this system is well know for, while the deeper holes will be holding estuary perch, bream and possibly a mulloway.

Get out and make the most of whatever the weekend offers.

### Rock and beach.

The salmon have been thick on the beaches this week, locating the schools has been the trick. But when found, a fish a cast is highly likely.

Now that the water temps are starting to drop, the Drummer gear is getting dusted off in my shed. Fresh leaders and hooks are on the list of things to do this weekend, along with clearing up the summer gear off of the back seat of the car. Time to gear up for winter species.

### Offshore.

There have been plenty of snapper being reported this week, screen shots of sounders sent to me this week, are showing good fish in depths from 15-25m of water. Try shallow first before moving over fish to head out deeper. The bait freezer has just been restocked, so we are now fully stocked with all the usual baits for your weekend fishing activities. Come in and have a look today.

We still have 50% off all Nomad Live Ops soft plastics, 30% of all summer Shimano T-Shirts, and 20% off MSRP on all Shimano reels.

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

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

## COME OUT FOR THE COUNT

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

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

Last year, together we recorded a record-breaking 5,995 whale sightings across 159 coastal locations. Let's see what we can achieve in 2026! Check the map to find your nearest official Census site Register your location at [www.orrca.org.au/census](http://www.orrca.org.au/census)

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## Rugby Union results

Canberra Suburban Cup competition

### Rd 10 - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

- Batemans Bay "Boars" 27 beat Hall "Bushrangers" 14  
 A disciplined and determined Batemans Bay team were far too good for last season's premiers with a strong finish and important win
- ADFA "Lions" 32 beat Uni Norths "Owls" 10  
 ADFA has found some late season form to record their second win of the year
- East "Red" 50 beat Easts "White" 26  
 The local derby was a score feast

### Competition table

- East "Red" 40, Hall "Bushrangers" 31, Easts "White" 29, Batemans Bay "Boars" 22, ADFA "Lions" 13, Uni Norths "Owls" 6.

### Next weekend - Rd 11 - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

- Batemans Bay "Boars" v ADFA "Lions" @ Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay
- Easts "Red" v Uni Norths "Owls" @ Griffith Oval 2.30pm
- Easts "White" v Hall "Bushrangers" @ Griffith Oval 1.00pm

### Women's 10's results

- Easts 27 beat Batemans Bay 15
- Tuggeranong 46 beat Hall 10
- Cooma 32 beat Yass 0
- Jindabyne 38 beat Bungendore 0
- Goulburn 57 beat Uni Norths 10
- Yass had the bye

### Next weekend - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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# Croquet legend helps locals through the hoops



L- R Pam Hamory, Primi Thompson, Ernie Moules, Christine Stent, Jane Akin gain skills from former World Champion Alix Verge.

By Pam Hamory

On Tuesday 23rd Alix Verge, a multiple World Croquet Champion and Gold Medalist, representing Australia on many occasions, arrived in Moruya to coach the Association Croquet players in the finer points of the game. Although none of the players would become elite players, Alix gave some very impressive tips on how to improve their game by making several hoops in one turn, while correcting poor habits or suggesting ways to improve their game by thinking ahead and positioning balls. This is not an easy feat to control the movement of two balls with accuracy of placement.

The weather was perfect for the players from throughout the Eurobodalla to take this opportunity to have quality tuition. The players usually meet at the Moruya Bowling Club every Tuesday or Friday to play from 9.20. This is a game for any age or ability and all are welcome.

## Local fishers invited to shape the future of their waterways

**OZFISH:** As water quality concerns continue to make headlines across NSW, a team of fish health scientists and water quality experts is taking the conversation directly to regional communities. The Community Water Quality Audit Project will bring researchers, scientists, recreational fishers and community leaders together to spark conversations, share knowledge and help communities take action for healthier waterways and fisheries.

An important part of the project is a series of community meetings being hosted by OzFish, Australia's fish habitat charity, in partnership with the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust, Southern Cross University, DigsFish Services and the Future Fisheries Veterinary Service.

Kicking off on June 23, the tour will encompass six, two-hour evening events at regional centres across NSW, ending with a virtual session on July 23 for those not able to attend an event in person. The meetings will bring together leading experts to share the latest science and help communities better understand the issues affecting their local waterways.

The event series comes at a time when water quality is increasingly in the spotlight across NSW, with fish kills, algal blooms and declining fish populations highlighting the growing pressures facing the state's rivers, estuaries and coastal waterways.

Project leader Dr Ben Diggles from DigsFish Services, Professor Kirsten Benkendorff of Southern Cross University, and Dr Matt Landos, Director of Future Fisheries Veterinary Service, will be presenting the latest insights into water quality and fish populations – helping communities better understand the challenges facing local fisheries and how they can be part of the solution.

The sessions will close out with an open floor discussion, providing community members with a chance to contribute their unique local knowledge and experience to identify waterways most in need of restoration.

As part of the project, people from across NSW are invited to contribute by completing the online Water Quality Survey from 10 June to 24 July.

The survey gives people across NSW the opportunity to highlight waterways affected by poor water quality and express their interest in future citizen science and restoration activities. As an added bonus, survey participants will be entered into a draw to win one of two \$100 BCF vouchers.

Dr Ben Diggles said, "Water quality is vital for the health of our fisheries, but it is an often an overlooked factor when attempting waterway restoration. We look forward to talking with fishers, indigenous groups and other members of regional communities who know their local waterways best."

"The aim of the Community Water Quality Audit Project events and survey is for us to learn more about which waterways in NSW need our help and who is keen to help us do it."

**NSW Community Water Quality Audit Project events**

Sessions will run between 7:00pm and 9:00pm, and all are welcome to attend. Event registrations are encouraged and are available on the OzFish website.

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- **23 July: Virtual session.**



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