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Bev Brown
Moruya

The next Councillor Catch up will be held at Tilba next week.

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When: Wednesday 22 July, 10.30am-12pm

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Find out when a catch up is near you on Council's website: [Councillor Catch Ups](#) | [Eurobodalla Council](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo will be held on Saturday 31st October 2026 at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club auditorium 10 am to 5 pm free admission

AI in Australia's interests - PM announces Office of AI

15 July 2026 - **The Federal Government** will introduce a world-leading artificial intelligence framework to ensure Australia can capture the opportunity, share the benefits and keep Australians safe.

We will do that the Australian way – without undercutting conditions, dividing communities or damaging our environment.

The Government will introduce a set of Australian Standards for AI, building on the Data Centre Expectations, with our values as the benchmark to ensure AI works in Australia's interests.

The new standards will set out clear rules for large data centres— including a legal obligation to underwrite their own new power supply, pay their full share of connection costs so energy bills are not impacted, reduce power when needed to strengthen the grid, and be as water efficient as possible.

The Federal Government will also work with State and Territories to ensure large data centres are built in the most appropriate locations, and with input from local communities.

Effective today, the Office of AI will be established within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to accelerate implementation of the Australian Standards on a national level.

The Government's approach will be considered by National Cabinet in August, with standards expected to be legislated early next year.

The implementation of these standards will deliver a simple, consistent regulatory framework for large data centres and AI training and be the first to be legislated by a government worldwide.

The Government's approach will help further grow Australia's economy, strengthen our sovereignty, secure benefits consistent with our national interests, and lift our standard of living.

The AI Standards will deliver greater clarity, speed up approvals and streamline the process for verifying compliance with energy, water, safety and other requirements.

The Government will also ensure the strongest possible protection for Australian artists and media.

Our approach will ensure Australian writers, artists and journalists retain ownership over their work, meaning no company should use Australian creative works to train AI without the artist's control.

The Government will also outline its whole-of-government AI consumer safety priorities in coming weeks, building on the recent establishment of the AI Safety Institute.

The Government has every confidence that Australia can seize this moment of technological advancement and make it our own, while ensuring AI stands for Australia's interests.

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Mogo NAIDOC Big Day Out Celebrates 50 Years of NAIDOC



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The Mogo NAIDOC Big Day Out 2026 was a tremendous success, with more than 2,000 people gathering in Mogo on Saturday, 11 July, to celebrate this year's theme, "50 Years Deadly."

Preparations began before dawn, with the dedicated Deadly Lads hard at work building the stage and setting up the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council BBQ. More than 30 service providers soon arrived, establishing information and activity stalls filled with giveaways and engaging activities for community members.

At 10.00am, MC Melody Stewart welcomed attendees and introduced Uncle Sam Nye, who officially opened the event. The opening was followed by a moving smoking ceremony and cultural dance performance by the ever-popular Walbunja Warriors.

Entertainment throughout the day was provided by Darren Leonard, Ron Callaghan and Band, and the Nowra-based choir Mudjingaal Yangamba, who delighted crowds with four hours of outstanding performances.

One of the highlights of this year's event was the inaugural 2026 NAIDOC Awards, recognising outstanding individuals and organisations for their contributions to community, culture and achievement.

2026 NAIDOC Award Winners

- NAIDOC Person of the Year – Lana Callaghan
- NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award – Kevin Mason
- NAIDOC Education Award – Adrian Feirer
- NAIDOC Caring for Country Award – Walbunja Rangers
- Female Elder – Mary Anne Nye
- Male Elder – Robert Reynolds
- Female Youth – Melody Stewart and Scarlett Russell
- Male Youth – Preston Aldridge and Jack Moffett
- Female Sportsperson – Jacinta Murray
- Male Sportsperson – Harley Ladmore

Another exciting first was the Boomerang Meeting Place Damper Competition. Judged by Mayor Hatcher and Auntie Maryanne Nye it was a tough but tasty job. Auntie Isabel took out first prize, with attendees enjoying the delicious entries. Thirteen-year-old Abigail was highly commended for her wonderful damper, impressing judges with her baking skills.

As always, there was plenty for families to enjoy, including rides, a Youth Hub, lucky door prizes, toys, clothing giveaways and ice creams.

The community's Elders were treated to a special luncheon featuring soups, curries and salads, followed by the ever-popular Mogo Pies Celebration Cake for dessert.

The Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council and Boomerang Meeting Place extend their sincere thanks to Catalina Club, the event's 2026 Gold Sponsor.

The event was also proudly supported by the National Indigenous Australians Agency, NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal Affairs NSW, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Murra Mia AC, Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, SEARMS, The Family Place, Headspace, Grand Pacific Health – We Breathe, Campbell Page, Waminda, and Grand Pacific Health – Mental Health Unit.

We also acknowledge the NSW Police Force, Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service and St John Ambulance for their presence and support on the day. The Rural Fire Service volunteers and Batemans Bay Lions Club once again demonstrated outstanding community spirit by providing free burgers and steak sandwiches for all to enjoy.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all service providers, volunteers and workers whose efforts made the day possible. The Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council and Boomerang Meeting Place also acknowledge the Event Committee for its dedication, hard work and commitment in delivering another memorable and successful community celebration.



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Council calls for interest in Batemans Bay Community Centre



ESC - Community groups, organisations and individuals are invited to help shape the future of the Batemans Bay Community Centre, with Eurobodalla Council calling for expressions of interest.

At the 26 May Council meeting, Council voted to support the reopening of the community centre. Staff were asked to assess the community demand and possible management options as well as the building's condition, maintenance requirements and operating costs. The findings will be reported back to Council later this year.

Ms Arthur said the EOI process will help Council understand who wants to use the centre, how often, and under what kind of arrangement.

"We're not taking bookings just yet, but we want to hear from people and organisations who may be interested in booking a room or rooms occasionally or regularly, leasing or licensing part of the centre, or proposing a shared-use or other model for operation," Ms Arthur said. "There's an easy online form to fill out. We're keen to understand how people would like to use the centre and whether there are organisations interested in helping bring the space back to life."

The centre includes a range of small and large rooms, toilets, kitchenette facilities and outdoor space. A floorplan is available [on Council's website](#).

Interested community members can also visit the building at an open day on Wednesday 12 August from 10am to 1pm.

Expressions of interest can be submitted through Council's website until Friday 14 August. Community feedback will help shape recommendations presented back to Council later this year.

Draft fees and charges for future use of the centre are also currently on public exhibition, with community feedback invited before they are finalised.

Calling heritage heroes - 2026 Fergus Thomson OAM Award now open

ESC - Nominations are open for the 2026 Fergus Thomson OAM Heritage Award, which recognises outstanding contributions to the appreciation and preservation of Eurobodalla's rich cultural heritage. Established in 2020, the annual \$1,500 award honours the late Fergus Thomson OAM, Eurobodalla's first popularly elected mayor and a passionate advocate for cultural heritage and Aboriginal community engagement. Mr Thomson served as a councillor until his passing in 2015, leaving behind a legacy dedicated to the protection of culture and Country. Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher is encouraging individuals, groups, and organisations to submit nominations.

"This award continues Fergus's legacy by recognising those who actively promote and preserve our shire's heritage," Mayor Hatcher says.

"Whether through writing, restoration, music or digital media, we want to celebrate efforts that deepen our community's connection with its history."

Eligible projects must have been completed within the past two years, and can include initiatives such as historical publications, building restorations, educational programs or creative works highlighting Eurobodalla's heritage. A range of projects have won the award in recent years, including:

- 2025 - Alastair Greig for his publication of *The Road to Batemans Bay - Speculating on the South Coast during the 1840's Depression*.
- 2024 - Michelle Garcia and Lynne Thomas for their song *Country Comes First*, developed through Narooma Public School's music and creative culture program. The project combined local Aboriginal history, language and music to teach students about environmental stewardship and cultural heritage.
- 2023 - Kevin Setter for his extensive research for and publication of *Stage Coaches and Royal Mail Southern Eastern NSW 1841-1913*, a comprehensive history of stagecoach travel in southeast NSW.
- 2022 - Gary Traynor for work highlighting Moruya's role in World War II through the establishment of the Moruya Remembers Committee, annual bunker tours, and the *When War Came to Moruya* Facebook page.
- 2021 - Shirely Jurmann for her extensive documentation of the history of Moruya and its people, particularly through her involvement with the Moruya and District Historical Society.

Nominations for the 2026 award close at 2pm on Friday 14 August. For more information or to submit a nomination visit Council's [Heritage Award webpage](#) or contact Council's strategic planning section on 4474 1000.



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Surfside levee complete, Caseys Beach seawall next big feat

ESC - Protecting the coast doesn't have to look like a concrete wall. Surfside's new levee is now complete, blending into the reserve and helping to protect low-lying areas from coastal flooding.

The 190-metre long and 10-metre wide raised embankment was built using 2,700 tonnes of rock and topped with sand and soil. Project manager Paul Pomfret said favourable weather conditions and tides helped keep the project on track and within budget.

"A lovely addition we were able to achieve at the end was a pathway through the reserve," Mr Pomfret said.

"We've turfed the inland side and planted natives along the top, so as it grows in, the levee will sit more naturally in the foreshore."

As coastal storms become more frequent, Mr Pomfret said the Surfside levee forms part of Council's broader coastal protection program.

"Now Surfside levee is finished, the next focus is on the seawall at Caseys Beach to protect Beach Road," Mr Pomfret said.

Mr Pomfret said the existing seawall at Caseys Beach has come under increasing pressure in recent years, with more easterly lows pushing water up and over Beach Road.

"The wall isn't holding up the way it needs to anymore, and if we don't act there's a real risk we could lose sections of Beach Road," Mr Pomfret said.

Crews will use 21,000 tonnes of new and existing rock to build the new wall, designed to last 30 years with the option to raise it higher if needed in future. Mr Pomfret said the \$7 million project was no quick and easy job.

"We'll use pumps to clear the water away so we can dig down and place geotechnical fabric and rock properly under the beach," Mr Pomfret said.

"In some sections where the wall gets hammered by the ocean, we'll be digging up to two-metres deep. Smaller rock will be layered first to reduce voids and help stop sand washing out from underneath, preventing the wall from slumping or collapse.

"Then the larger rocks will go on top to take the brunt of the waves. Some existing rocks will stay in place while others will be moved around like a big puzzle so it all fits into the design."

The seawall is scheduled to take around 9-12 months to complete. Beach access on either end will be available, but not past the worksite. For safety, Council urges the community to follow all signs and stay clear of active work zones, machinery and trucks.

Council has invested \$1million into the \$12 million Batemans Bay coastal protection works project jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments.



2,700 tonnes of rock used to build the levee.



Surfside levee complete



The new pathway through the reserve, with some new bollards on their way.

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Reactions to PM's announcement of Office of AI

The Australian Institute of Architects, the peak body for Australian architecture, noted the Federal Government's announcement on AI today and in particular welcomed the greater national coordinated focus on the building of data centres.

"Data centres have major impacts on energy networks, water supplies and surrounding communities," said the Institute's National President, David Wagner FRAIA. "So they need strategic planning from day one."

"If we get the planning right now, data centres can support economic growth while balancing the needs of communities, infrastructure and the environment.

Responding to the announcement **The Climate Council** said "The new Office of AI ...must enforce his directive that new Australian data centres bring additional renewable energy to the table from the get-go.

With the Queensland Government threatening to allow data centres to expand without any renewable energy requirements, posing significant risks to power bills and our climate, the new Office of Artificial Intelligence must ensure Australians do not pay the price for a state-by-state race to the bottom for data centre expansion.

Prime Minister Albanese's announcement is a welcome step in ensuring the AI and data centre boom works in Australians' interests – but how our new national standards are implemented will determine whether Australians are protected against hefty power price rises and worsening fires, floods and heatwaves driven by fossil fuels.

Climate Council CEO Amanda McKenzie said "The AI-driven surge in data centres will have a profound effect on our energy system, and unchecked, this growth could mean soaring prices and rampant climate pollution. The Government must adequately regulate data centre growth to ensure it occurs in the best interests of Australians.

"Today's GenCost report shows us yet again that solar and wind are the backbone of the lowest-cost energy mix for Australia – but right now data centres could delay this shift.

"Australia is a very attractive location for data centre proponents, but it means that we need strong guardrails to protect our standard of living; we need these things to work for us. "

MEAA welcomes Prime Minister's commitment to protecting workers in the age of AI

Union for creative & media workers welcomes Prime Minister's commitment to protecting workers in the age of AI.

The Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA) welcomes Prime Minister Albanese's commitment to ensure creative and media workers retain ownership and control of their work in the age of artificial intelligence (AI).

In his speech in Sydney today, the Prime Minister affirmed that creative and media workers will have ownership of their work, have control over how it is used, and be able to decide the price and value of that work. He also committed to a period of consultation on how these protections will be implemented, highlighting this as an important step towards putting in place the strongest possible protections for Australian artists and Australian media.

MEAA Federal President, Michael Balk, said the Prime Minister had recognised a fundamental principle: if AI companies profit from creative and media work, the workers who create that value must be paid.

"AI companies have built products and profits on the back of work created by journalists, performers, musicians, writers, photographers and other creative workers without permission, payment or transparency," Mr Balk added.

"MEAA members have been fighting for the simple principle that their work has value, and the people who create it deserve to be paid for that value.

"The Prime Minister has listened. His commitment recognises that creative and media workers are skilled professionals whose work enriches our culture, strengthens our democracy and contributes to Australia's economic future.

Mr Balk said the Government's commitment must now be translated into meaningful reforms that deliver strong protections for workers.

"A Future Made in Australia must include a future for people who create Australia's stories, culture, music, journalism, and entertainment. If creative work generates economic value, creative workers must share in that value.

"MEAA will actively engage in the Government's consultation process and closely scrutinise the development of AI and data standards to ensure that all creative and media workers are fairly compensated for their work.

"Australia's creative and media workforce plays an essential role in our social, cultural and economic future. The opportunity now is to introduce legislation that respects creativity, rewards the workers that produce it and ensures innovation benefits everyone, not just the platforms that profit from it," Mr Balk said.

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Congo land swap negotiated for 'bike-path' but community push for future road

At the monthly Public Access session of Council yesterday, there was just two speakers. Johanna Weaver spoke first on the ongoing saga of the closure of Congo Road. She prefaced her speech by saying how disappointing it was that there were only 3 Councillors in attendance (Cr Turner – Chair, Cr Johnson and Cr Constable. Cr Schutz then arrived.)

Trinity Ladmore addressed Council on the behalf of the Moruya Broulee Physical Culture Club regarding the 45% rise in fees to use the Yuin Theatre, which put it out of reach for grass roots community groups.

ESC Public Access Presentation 14 July 2026

Johanna Weaver

"I make this presentation in the public interest in my capacity as the **public officer of the Congo Community Association** (the CCA) and our members.

In the 4 months since my last presentation, we are pleased that there has been progress.

We thank the Mayor and General Manager for coming to Congo on 13 May – on a wet and rainy night – to brief CCA members on effort to reopen the road.

At the meeting, the community as advised that Council is proposing a two-stage solution, which involves a land swap – the paper road, for a portion of land on the northern side of Lot 197.

Short Term: Construction of a 2.5-metre-wide shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists, horses and the like.

Long Term: Development of a full roadway along the route.

While appreciative of the considerable efforts being put into resolving this issue, many in the community expressed to the Mayor and GM their disappointment that Council's proposed solution won't result the reopening of the road to cars, at least in the short term.

As one resident who has lived in Congo for over 40 years memorably said to the Mayor: *"Mate, I'm 80, I'm not getting on a bike."*

Notwithstanding the significant disappointment, the Congo community continues to engage constructively, as we have throughout this process.

On 15 June the CCA held a General Meeting and unanimously resolved to support Council's proposal in-principle, **provided that 4 conditions are met:**

1. **Council provides good faith assurances that the land swapped is land on which a public road can feasibly be built**

– this is important because environment survey's and the like won't happen in advance of the land swap, and Congo creek and wetlands are on northern portion of lot 197. We look forward to seeing a map of the proposed route, which the Mayor and GM undertook to share with the community.

2. **The land is gazetted as a public road at the time of the land swap** – appreciating that declaration of a public road, and the construction of a public road are two different things – more on this in a moment.

3. **The "bike track" is built and maintained to a standard that emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance, police) can use it if needed** – noting that Ambulances are regularly on Mogo bike tracks, so this need not be anything more than the 2.5 m bike track that currently being proposed. If any councillor would like to ask me a question the importance of emergency access, I'd be happy to respond with some recent examples.

4. **Council commits to cooperate with CCA to secure state funding for the road to be built** – noting CCA have met several times with Dr Holland MP and Regional Roads Minister anticipating that state funding would be needed for the second phase in which the road is actually built.

Gazettal of a public road at the time of the land swap

I want to focus the remainder of my presentation on one point: the formal declaration and gazettal of a public road. Since meeting with the community, the GM has written to me and advised that the intention is *"for a dedicated road reserve to be opened as part of any land swap"*.

A road reserve simply identifies land set aside for road purposes. It does not, of itself, provide the legal status of a public road or provide for public access.

It is a holding pattern, not progress. And frankly our community has been in a holding pattern for over 3 decades. We deserve more. And we have a cost neutral proposal – which I will come to in a moment. But first I want to explain the consequences dedication of merely a road reserve.

If councillors support this option – of a bike path and a placeholder road reserve – you, councillors – you will be deciding to turn Congo into one-road-in one-road-out community – because you would be removing residents right to northern access.

Both the Royal Commission and the NSW Bushfire Inquiry recognised that communities with only a single access road are at greater risk during bushfires. The NSW Planning for Bush Fire Protection guidelines that reinforce the importance of providing more than one access route where practicable. And in the case of Congo – it is eminently practicable. Since records began, we have had continuous access to two routes to Congo, until the road was closed in 2021.

The community is asking the land swapped to be **declared as a public road and gazetted under the Roads Act 1993 at the time of the land swap.**

The declaration of a public road would not commit council to building the road. The legal declaration of a public road, and the construction of a public road are two different things. The declaration of a public road will not cost Council any more money than the dedication of a road reserve. It is just different paperwork.

The CCA is **not asking for Council to foot the bill** to construct the public road – we are already working with Dr Holland MP to secure state funding to build the road.

The declaration of a public road would also allow the bike path – in extreme circumstances – to be used for fire evacuation or for ambulance and police access to Congo.

Our ask of you Councillors is modest and reasonable – we are asking for the land swap to include the gazettal of a public road. I've spoken to the GM and he seems to think this could be a legitimate option –whilst recognising that formalities need to be considered, and that the decision rests with Councillors.

On that note, it is worth recalling that, we are in this situation – not because of the action of the community or the landowner, but because of decades of in action by council. The declaration of a public road would be part-fulfilment of the commitment that council back in 1995, which so many residents have relied upon.

A bike path and a declaration of public road is far less than the community wants and, frankly, deserves. But the CCA and our members recognises it for what it is: progress.

Provided that a public road is declared at the time of the landswap, I think we are close to solution that all parties can live with – if not be happy with. We thank everyone – including Council staff, and the landowner – for the good faith and constructive way they have been engaging We have made significant progress. Please let us solidify this with a Council resolution. And please lets make it happen in the next few months before another summer is upon us. Thank you"

Local artists to create artwork for Batemans Bay Community Health facility

Local Mogo artist Sherrie Nye has been selected to create an artwork which will feature on the façade of the new \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health facility.

Sherrie Nye is a contemporary Indigenous artist with a lifelong connection to the Eurobodalla region. The art commission aims to create a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, staff and families visiting the new facility.

The original artwork, created by Sherrie, will be digitised and transformed into a large-scale installation that will take pride of place on the front of the new facility.

Sherrie Nye said "I'm excited to be part of the project, and looking forward to seeing local artwork featured in the new building."

A further 11 artworks created by artists with a connection to the Eurobodalla region were selected to feature in spaces throughout the new building to create a welcoming, healing and supportive environment for patients, visitors and staff.

The artists are Dean Dampney (Pambula), Maree Jackson (Tuross Head), Sharon Beder (Surf Beach), Stan Squire (Pambula), Ann Rayment (Dolphin Point), Gary Kemp (Lilli Pilli), Christine Dimmer (Braidwood), Belinda Rosenbaum (Merimbula) and Dirk Rampling (Pambula).

These works will be complemented by an artwork from the Mogo Wagganga (Women's) Art Therapy Group.

Arts in health experiences are an integral part of all NSW Health Capital projects to reflect each region's dynamic community and create a welcoming and supportive environment for patients, families and staff.

The commissioning of artworks for the new Batemans Community Health facility follows a thorough selection and evaluation process and is carried out in collaboration with NSW Health staff and the community.

Construction of the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility is moving ahead, with the roof installation complete, façade installation continuing and internal works progressing.

Located on the existing Batemans Bay Hospital site, the facility will deliver a range of community-based services in one location, improving access to healthcare for communities in Batemans Bay and surrounding areas.

Construction is expected to be completed in late 2026 and will be followed by a period of operational commissioning and staff training before the new facility opens to the public.

The facility is being delivered in partnership with Health Infrastructure and Southern NSW Local Health District and building contractor Monarch Building Solutions.

Nicolas di Condo, Health Infrastructure Executive Director said "I'm really pleased to announce the selection of artists who will create artworks to complement the modern and purpose-built Batemans Bay Community Health facility and give the new service a unique local identity."



Sherrie Nye

"Art plays a crucial role in creating spaces that support wellbeing and recovery. By incorporating local culture and creativity into the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility, the building reflects the community it serves and supports patient outcomes."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland:

"I am delighted to see local artist Sherrie Nye selected to create the feature artwork for the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility."

Sherrie's artwork, together with the works of other talented artists from across the Eurobodalla region, will help create a welcoming, culturally safe and healing environment for everyone who walks through the doors.

I'm pleased to see construction progressing on the new \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health facility. This will deliver a range of community health services in one modern, purpose-built location and improve access to care for people across our region."

For more information about Batemans Bay Community Health visit nsw.gov.au/new-batemans-bay-community-health

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Councils reject moves to decrease disaster recovery funding

Australia's local governments are calling on the Federal Government to abandon the proposed changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) that would reduce the Commonwealth's funding contribution in some states. With state and territory budgets under increasing pressure, local governments are concerned about their ability to contribute more, which will have direct impacts in the community.

At the **Australian Local Government Association's** (ALGA) National General Assembly last month in Canberra, local governments from across the country voted against moves that would shift the Commonwealth/State funding split to 50/50. The current contribution varies between states. For example, in NSW, the Commonwealth typically contributes 65 per cent. In the motion put forward by the Byron Shire Council in New South Wales, local governments voted to maintain existing Commonwealth funding proportions to ensure local councils are not further burdened in recovering from natural disasters. During the debate, councils expressed concerns that any reduction in Commonwealth disaster recovery funding will leave them exposed to more costs after severe weather events.

ALGA President Mayor Matt Burnett said councils across Australia needed certainty that the reforms to Disaster Recovery Funding would strengthen, rather than weaken, their ability to help communities recover.

"We are seeing serious concerns raised in Queensland and New South Wales, and we know local governments in other states and territories are concerned about how the proposed changes will affect them," Mayor Burnett said.

"We don't want to see any community or council go backwards as a result of these changes."

Mayor Burnett said the proposed thresholds for accessing Commonwealth support remained a major concern for councils, with fears that higher thresholds could exclude councils facing smaller-scale events from accessing recovery funding, and that the proposed model may disadvantage disaster-prone jurisdictions.

"Disasters do not stop at borders, and the ability of a community to recover should not depend on where it is located or the financial capacity of its local council."

Disaster recovery funding and the growing financial burden on councils were major issues raised at last month's National General Assembly, where delegates from across Australia also endorsed an urgent call for fairer and more sustainable funding for local government.

Mayor Burnett said ALGA would continue to work constructively with the Federal Government, states and territories during consultation on disaster funding arrangements.

"We support reforms that reduce red tape, improve resilience and help communities build back better," he said.

"However, disaster recovery is expensive and when councils receive just three cents out of every dollar of national taxation, while the federal government collects 80 cents of every dollar of tax, we need a framework that ensures Canberra is meeting the majority of costs.

"The proposed move to 50:50 funding is not proportionate and it would create a huge funding gap when support is needed to our hardest hit communities in floods, cyclones and fires."

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Ness Hurst (left) and Emma Duncombe (right)

By John Longhurst

Try this quick quiz: Where do you find a coffee shop, gallery, providore, plant specialist, as well as a novelty memorabilia shop in a spacious alfresco setting that invites people to linger, chat and engage?

Clue 1: It is not your downtown mall or plaza where communal seating is always indoors and limited.

Clue 2: It is not your big supermarket, with the automated and meaningless checkout inquiry about your welfare, with focus on the next customer.

Clue 3: It is not your average retailer where the owner is not to be seen.

Spin the globe and your finger may land on a tiny, caring hamlet where rampant capitalism has long been forgotten in some unlikely corner of our world, or just head to Edward Road Marketplace, 2 Edward Road, Batehaven. It is a totally accessible haven for relaxed shopping or just 'hanging'.

It is a little hard to find, positioned between a car park and holiday accommodation, but the search is rewarding. The once boutique nursery has been converted to a spacious retail cooperative of five small businesses offering offering farm-fresh local produce, baked goods, coffee, burgers, plants, and fresh flowers.

It also houses a cooperative venture run by local artists, featuring 2D and 3D original art, Aboriginal artwork, handcrafted candles, and unique gifts. Every purchase directly supports local makers.

Emma Duncombe, has owned and operates 'Little Green Studio' for the past 5 years.

Emma said "I take pride in operating a micro nursery, some plants are grown and nurtured at home and others are hand picked from reputable NSW growers. I specialise in indoor plants as well as botanical curios. I know hat grows well here and I guarantee my plants will survive beyond the trip home ... plus the food from our coop cafe is better than a sausage sandwich any day."

Ness Hurst is the co owner of the Batemans Bay Providore with a focus on locally grown produce and is a big supporter of the cooperative approach to business.

Ness said "All of us are about promoting local. All profits stay local. We are here for each other so the model is communal."

Regular customer, Belinda and her dog 'Tilly' were enjoying the winter sunshine when the Moruya Mail visited.

Belinda said "I work around the corner and I come here during my break to have a coffee, something to eat or to chat. It is also a great place to read my book and there is no pressure to buy or to be 'moved on'. It is a 'hang joint' for locals in the know. Best of all, it is dog friendly."

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Tuross Head News



I recently interviewed Paul Rummery about his involvement in the amalgamation of the golf club with the main club. The trials and tribulations are very interesting and along with Bruce Lidbury's published book 'From Scrub to Club' they capture the early struggles of a hamlet growing into a small town. These stories will be typed out and made available for locals to read in due course.

PEACOCKS. I have recently heard two stories about peacocks in Tuross Head. Barry Hoban remembers a 'PEACOCK CROSSING' and Brendan Spencer has sent photos taken in 2022 of these birds at his back door. Brendan said 'They freely roamed here, (Jutland Road area). There used to be 4 pen-hens and a male, though years back some one caught the male and took it away due to its display tail...they ate nuts/seeds, fruit-grapes (soft)/bread with seeds/worms-lizards-small snakes and bugs.' Although we all pass the bus shelter out on the highway turnoff, how many know that it is dedicated to another of our residents who have worked tirelessly through the Progress Association for the benefit of all. The bus shelter has been commissioned to the memory of John Tilbrook and the plaque attached to the bus shelter reads:

THE JOHN TILBROOK BUS SHELTER. Since its formation in 1949 the Tuross Head Progress Association (THPA) and its evolving executive committee has always worked closely and collaboratively with the Eurobodalla Shire Council to facilitate the delivery and maintenance of infrastructure projects to benefit our wider community. On 22 March 2022 a Council meeting chaired by Mayor Mathew Hatcher passed a motion that was tabled by Councillor Tanya Dannock that formally recognised Major John Tilbrook (Ret'd) for his tireless work as both a member and the honorary secretary of the THPS over the past 25 years. One such example being his leading role in championing the road safety upgrade of the dangerous Tuross Head 'T' intersection of the Princes Highway and Hector McWilliam Drive which was completed in 2018 at a cost of \$1.4 Million from a Federal Government Regional Roads Funding Grant. John Tilbrook also championed the construction of an expanded commuter car park with security lighting for long stay parking, as well as the construction of this bus shelter to safely accommodate interstate passenger bus operating away from the busy highway at a cost of \$362,000 funded under the Australian Road Safety Program from both Federal Government and NSW Government. Our local community is extremely grateful to Warren Sharpe OAM, (As Director for Infrastructure Services) for his outstanding record and long-lasting legacy through the delivery of all major works projects and for the ongoing maintenance of all infrastructure installed across the Eurobodalla Shire.

The Council also voted to acknowledge John Tilbrook's outstanding contributions to the community with this plaque to be affixed to the Bus Shelter to commemorate its official opening on 12 November 2021. (This commemorative plaque was kindly sponsored by: Eurobodalla Shire Council.)

The Progress Association and Eurobodalla Council have erected a number of information plaques around the town and there are two near the highway bus shelter. One recounts the DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY of Tuross Head and the other about JOHN HAWDON 1807 – 1881. I hope to include these stories in future editions.

The following is found on the Progress Associations web page:

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In person: Council customer service centre corner of Vulcan and Campbell Streets, Moruya

Email: council@esc.nsw.gov.au

Go to <https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council/have-your-say/feedback-form>

Or contact the secretary at: secretarythpa@gmail.com

'Thank you' to the volunteers past and present of the Progress Association for what they have done and continue to do for our town.

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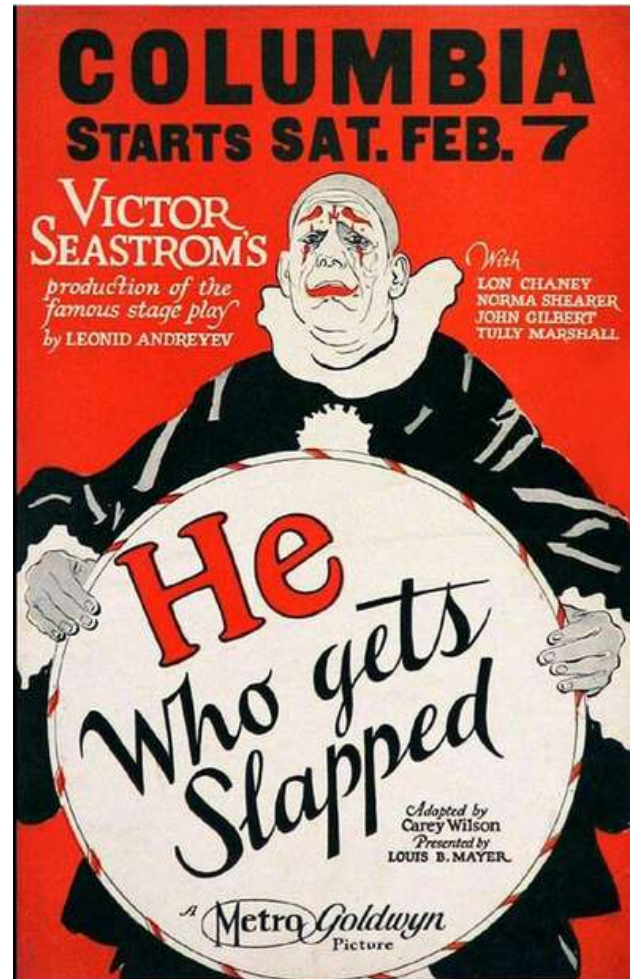
Mr. F. Jackson, of the Texas Oil Co., intends to re-open Mr. A. H. Preddy's garage, and erect two Bowsers in front of the building next door to the Amusu Theatre, in a few weeks' time.

Mr. P. Flynn's two new shops and dwelling in Vulcan Street are now finished, and are certainly a credit to the builders, Messrs. C. Louis and A. A. Williams. The new business premises considerably enhance the appearance of that part of the Prince's Highway. One shop is occupied by our noted musician and tonsorial artist, Mr. J. Buckley, and the other (with a dwelling), is fitted up by Mr. Arch Barclay as a fish and oyster saloon.

Within a ten-mile radius of Bateman's Bay there are about 100 men thrown out of employment through the closing down of sawmills and the spoke factory. It is with deep regret that we record the sad death of Master Cyril Henry, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Henry, of Dwyer's Creek, through an acute attack of appendicitis. The young lad had been ailing for a few weeks with, apparently, a slight strain. On Friday, the 9th, he became worse and Dr McCredie was sent for. He went out, accompanied by Dr. Street, but immediately on seeing the lad pronounced the case as hopeless. The doctors were most kind and did everything to ease the pain and comfort the patient's last moments. He was removed in the Doctor's car to the hospital, but no skill could avail to preserve the young life, and he quietly passed away at 2 p.m.

Cyril was a most lovable lad and he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His schoolmates were broken hearted when they heard of his passing away. The sad cortege left the hospital on Saturday afternoon, the body being taken to the Church of England, where a short but impressive service was held by the Rev. G. A. Sanders. The procession then wended its mournful way to the cemetery for the last sad rites. The pupils of Dwyer's Creek school marched under the direction of Mr. L. R. Foreman, and each child laid a wreath on Cyril's last resting place. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his sorrowing parents and his sisters and brothers, (Pearl, Ruby, Nona and Albert). His sister Pearl was wired for and came from Sydney, but arrived too late.

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A Beer with Bazz # 244

With
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"You have got to be bloody joking, Bazza! What is wrong with you? If you are going to talk about this sort of stuff in the front bar of the local pub ... the 'local pub' ... Bazza at least keep your voice down."

Bazza shifted in his seat and rubbed his chin.

"Ok ... now calm down, Mick. It is just when you reach a certain age ... the ole limbs do not respond as they used to. I give the command and my legs just seem to want to form a committee and debate the decision. The creaking and cracks I hear from my bones are the arguments for well ... not getting up. Also, I am not sure if they are making socks different these days but you should hear the whinging from the pins as I try to put them on in the mornings ... as for tying shoelaces ... I am all for thongs with socks these winter days."

Bella, the publican squeezed her eyelids.

"You are a walking fashion statement, Bazza ... and to think I was contemplating putting glass tops on the bar tables. The view from waist up is plenty for me."

Mick gritted his teeth and lowered his voice.

"But yoga and stretch classes, Bazza? Old age is doing funny things to you ... anyhow ... the word is ... amongst the women I might add ... you are off sleeping ten minutes into the classes."

Bazza's face flushed.

"It's called the mauna or mouna, Mick. It is the pre-class window that allows us practitioners to set intentions and calm our nervous systems. It is an important part of the class."

Mick scoffed.

"Ha Bazza ... rumour has it you do not get beyond the mouna ... or whatever you call it. In fact, your snoring is the signal for the class proper to begin."

Odd chuckles around the bar table as Bella wiped the table.

"Actually Bazza ... I was in the class last Saturday when we made the decision to let you keep snoozing whilst we packed up ... no doubt the incoming pump class woke you up!"

Bazza took a measured sip.

"Ok ... ok ... I might have the odd forty winks but the stretching is doing a power of good. I managed to jump on the motorcycle with a single bound last Sunday ... I felt like a superhero."

A couple of smirks and a considered pause as Mick leaned in.

"All ok, Bazza ... but just promise us all one thing."

Bazza raised his eyebrows.

"You are not going to start wearing leotards for a drink on Friday afternoons and do not even think about aqua aerobics classes ... just join the other whales travelling north."

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Synopsis *Nights of Cabiria* is a 1957 Italian comedy-drama film co-written and directed by Federico Fellini. The film features Giulietta Masina as Cabiria, a kind-hearted sex worker living in Rome and her adventures and misfortunes trying to find happiness. The film is based on a story by Fellini. In addition to the Best Actress Award at the Cannes Film Festival for Giulietta Masina, *Nights of Cabiria* won the 1958 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. This marked the second consecutive year that both Italy and Fellini won the award, following the previous year's win for *La Strada*. In 2008, the film was included on the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage's 100 Italian films to be saved, a list of 100 films that "have changed the collective memory of the country between 1942 and 1978". The film is widely considered to be one of Fellini's best works.



Moruya Community Film Group is a social club for film lovers. We meet once a month to enjoy wine, nibbles, film quiz and of course, a great film! Join us at the RED DOOR, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page Street, Moruya. Membership available at the door. Guests are welcome.

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The flour itself comes from the cassava root vegetable. To make it, the whole tubular root is simply peeled, pulped, dried, and milled into a fine, powdery texture. Because it uses the entire root, it retains a beautiful cream colour, a mild flavour, and a texture that is slightly lighter than regular wheat flour - though it does tend to absorb a bit more liquid. It is completely free from grains, gluten, soy, nuts, additives, and fillers, making it an ideal choice for anyone navigating food allergies, intolerances, or an auto-immune protocol diet.

Cassava flour also brings some fantastic health benefits as it is naturally low in fat, cholesterol, and sodium. It is packed with potassium, vitamin C, calcium, vitamin A, folate, magnesium, and iron. It is also loaded with fibre, healthy carbohydrates, and resistant starch. This resistant starch is wonderful for your gut health because it feeds the good bacteria in your microbiome. Incorporating foods rich in resistant starch into your diet can do wonders for your body, potentially boosting your metabolism, lowering inflammation, and reducing the risk of diabetes and obesity.

Cassava flour is completely neutral in taste, so you can easily use it to take your everyday cooking and baking to the next level. In fact, it is remarkably easy to work with and can often be swapped at a simple one-to-one ratio for wheat flour in recipes like pancakes, cakes, cookies, and quick breads. It also works beautifully as a gluten-free thickener for your favourite soups, gravies, and sauces, or as a crispy coating for breaded chicken tenders and veggies. Whether you are managing coeliac disease or just want to experiment with something new, it is a wonderful ingredient to keep in your pantry.

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Not the greatest glider: first study puts Australia's biggest glider to the test

By Natalia Burgess ANU

Australia's largest gliding marsupial may not be the country's best glider after all, according to new research from The Australian National University (ANU) that challenges a decades-old belief about how far southern greater gliders can travel through the forest canopy.

Using the first scientific measurements of southern greater gliders in the wild, researchers found the endangered species glides shorter distances and at steeper angles than previously thought, making them more vulnerable to habitat fragmentation.

Lead author Dr Ana Gracanin from the Fenner School of Environment and Society said the findings challenge long-held assumptions about one of Australia's most iconic native mammals.

"Greater gliders are often said to glide up to 100 metres, but until now nobody had scientifically measured what they can actually do in the wild," Dr Gracanin said.

"Instead, the longest glide recorded during the study was just under 50 metres, challenging a claim that have been repeated for decades.

"The term 'greater' refers to their large body size; they are Australia's largest gliding marsupial species. What we have found is that greater gliders are also not the greatest at gliding!" The research team measured 41 glides across five forest locations in New South Wales using infrared cameras, thermal imaging and night-time observations.

They found greater gliders launched from an average height of 22 metres, travelled an average horizontal distance of 19 metres and descended at an average angle of 43.5 degrees.

"The origin of the 100-metre figure appears to have originated from a report in the 1940s that was almost certainly describing a different species – the yellow-bellied glider," Dr Gracanin said.

Unlike other gliding marsupials, greater gliders have a smaller gliding membrane relative to their body size, with the membrane extending from the elbows rather than the wrists, which reduces the amount of lift they can generate.

The findings have important implications for conservation.

Listed as endangered following significant population declines, including during the Black Summer bushfires, greater gliders spend almost their entire lives in the forest canopy.

Roads, logging and land clearing can create gaps they struggle to cross, forcing them to the ground where they are vulnerable to predators and vehicle strikes.

"Because greater gliders are not particularly efficient gliders, gaps in the canopy can become major barriers to movement," co-author Dr Kara Youngentob from the Fenner School of Environment and Society said.

"If individuals can't move between forest patches, populations become isolated and access to food, shelter and breeding opportunities is reduced."

The researchers say the findings provide the first evidence-based benchmark for conservation planning, helping guide the design of wildlife crossings, canopy bridges, glider poles and other connectivity structures.



Researchers tracked southern greater gliders in the wild to produce the first scientific measurements of the endangered species' gliding behaviour. Image: David Gallan



Greater Gliders photographed in Tallaganda last week by Christina Steele.

Co-author Dr Rodney van der Ree, an expert in ecology from WSP and the University of Melbourne, said the study fills an important knowledge gap.

"We found greater gliders travel just over one metre horizontally for every metre of height they lose, giving us a practical benchmark for designing wildlife crossings and other connectivity structures."

"Until now, there's been no reliable data to show how the width of roads, transmission lines and other clearings could affect greater glider movements and to guide how far apart crossing structures like glider poles should be spaced."

The researchers recommend a precautionary approach to habitat restoration and infrastructure planning, with connectivity structures positioned using average rather than rare maximum-distance glides.

"The better we understand how greater gliders move through the landscape, the better we can protect the forests and connections they need to survive," Dr Gracanin said.

The study is published in Australian Mammalogy.

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla





Let's do coffee with ... Thilan Walgamage

My good friend Dr Google kindly informs me that about 0.32 percent of our doctors are born in Australia; however, nearly five times more are born in Sri Lanka. For a country roughly the same size as Tasmania, with a population of 23 million people, the term 'punching above its weight' springs to mind. Batemans Bay's Sri Lanka-born Dr Thilan Walgamage (TW) is a welcome addition to the Eurobodalla Shire, and the Moruya Mail (MM) enjoyed a coffee with him last week.

MM: In your case, the even better news for Australia is that your best bowling figures of 6 wickets for 10 runs were achieved playing for Narooma Cricket Club, as opposed to representing Sri Lanka and hurling them down at our national team. Anyhow, let's go to your birth country.

TW: (Laughs ...) I think you might be overstating my cricket ability. Yes, I was born in Matara, Sri Lanka. It is 160 km south of Colombo, on the coast. My Mum is a chemistry teacher and my Dad a civil engineer. I have one brother who is a software engineer in Melbourne. We are Buddhists.

I started at Rahula College for boys in Matara in 1984, and in those early years I was referred to as a mischievous boy. It is fair to say I achieved at sports over academia. I was a fast bowler in cricket, played basketball and table tennis, as well as excelling at athletics. I benefited from a very strict teacher in Year 8 and gained more balance in my education. Although I went on to represent my province at state level for cricket and made the national level for basketball, I was also school captain and dux of the school in 1996.

I guess the big moment, career-wise, in my life was securing one of two national scholarships to study medicine at Nishtar Medical College in Multan, Pakistan's Punjab province, about 3,000 km from home. It has a very good reputation as a 'hands-on' college, offering high-level clinical training. Whilst it may have been a smart move for my studies and career, it was the biggest challenge of my life at 20 years of age. I knew absolutely no one. There was no visible Buddhist community in an overwhelmingly Muslim society. I had to improve my English while learning Urdu to meet my course requirements, so communication was a huge difficulty. I was terribly lonely, living on campus, missing my Mum's cooking and with only one trip home per year ... I was very homesick.

MM: Well ... how does our once mischievous boy cope?

TW: (Laughs ...) Cricket, of course. Not only did I represent the College but, more importantly, I met my future wife, Kishani, at a match in Lahore. By 2004, I was back in Sri Lanka working at Apollo Hospital, Colombo, in the Emergency Department.

I joined a heart surgery training program and was working and studying up to 18 hours per day.

In 2008, Kishani and I married. As is customary in our culture, it was a full-on ceremony lasting two days, with 300 guests, as well as fireworks.

As you may have guessed, my wife is also a doctor, and by 2010 we decided to venture overseas for more experience and training, choosing Calgary, Canada.

(Smiles ...) So, from maximum temperatures of 45°C when studying in Multan, Pakistan, to winter cold snaps as low as -35°C in Calgary, Canada ... it was freezing, but we survived two winters. In 2012, we headed to Oman in the Middle East, and not just for a change in climate. I was recruited as a Medical captain for the Oman Army, and it was a great move. Everything was provided, including accommodation, and I was only required to work six hours per day. A vibrant expatriate community was also an attraction.

We were both pretty exhausted from work and study up to this point. With great pay and conditions, including two months' annual leave, we embarked on lots of travel through Asia and Europe, spoiling ourselves. In fact, on one memorable and indulgent trip, we had breakfast in Switzerland, lunch in France and dinner in Barcelona.

MM: (Laughs ...) Ease up! ... you are making me jealous. How do we manage to kidnap you to the Eurobodalla Shire?

TW: Ahh! Although life was great in Oman, the contracts were only for a year at a time, purchasing property was not allowed, and by this stage of our lives we were keen to be more settled.

Australia came up on the radar and opportunities presented themselves in Sydney, Melbourne, Shoalhaven and the Eurobodalla Shire.

Given my upbringing on the southern coast of Sri Lanka, the natural beauty of the NSW South Coast was always going to be a major attraction, but it is the relaxed and calming nature of the people that has kept me here.

So ... by 2015 we were both practising medicine, and I was opening the bowling for Narooma Cricket Club. We were quite settled.

In 2021, we opened Beach Road Surgery in Batemans Bay. It is a general practice, medical centre, specialist skin cancer clinic, LASER and medical-grade cosmetic skin clinic. Our aim is to bring world-class knowledge and skills, combined with the latest technology (we have the only medical-grade laser on the South Coast), to the Eurobodalla community, with a diverse and professional team.

I am proud to say it encapsulates all the good things I have learned to date. We must be doing something right. We were regional winners in the 2022 NSW Business Awards, and named the National Sustainable Medical Centre of Australia in 2024 as a carbon-neutral enterprise.



Winner for Australian Small Business Champions Award 2025, Winner of Small Business of the Year and Sustainable Business of the year 2026 at Eurobodalla Business awards.

However, our biggest achievement is the Centre's contribution to the Mutual Assistance Society Sydney (MASS)*. It was established in May 2005 by a group of volunteers, dedicated to helping schoolchildren with physical and intellectual disabilities.

In short, a portion of every patient fee at Beach Road Surgery goes to deserving patients in Sri Lanka to promote a better life, whether it be funding cataract surgery through to providing general medical supplies.

We donate over \$25,000 each year for different charities to help the people in need representing every patient we treat in our clinic, and I know the money reaches the recipients.

MM: I must say you exude a calmness ... I need some! Where do you get it?

TW: (Smiles ...) Thank you ... Buddhism and Vipassana meditation are the keys. (Laughs ...) I do not think there is enough coffee left in this cup for you to 'get it'! Let's give it a brief shot. The entire framework of Buddhist philosophy is built on the Four Noble Truths:

The Truth of Suffering: Life inherently involves dissatisfaction, physical pain and emotional struggles.

The Cause of Suffering: Struggle stems from craving, attachment and ignorance.

The Cessation of Suffering: It is possible to end suffering by eliminating these attachments.

The Path to the Cessation of Suffering: The practical way out is the Noble Eightfold Path**.

Ultimately, through meditation, the final goal is to achieve Nibbāna, the complete extinguishing of the fires of greed, hatred and delusion. I have a daily routine that will require a few more chats.

MM: Well ... I am keen to hear more. Thank you so much, Thilan. You certainly fit the bill as one of the more interesting personalities in the Eurobodalla Shire.

* <https://www.mass.org>

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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**

Aboriginal Family History Workshops – Family Research Foundations

Eurobodalla Libraries asks: Ready to uncover the stories of your ancestors? Join us for our Family Research Foundations workshop, designed to help you dive into your family history with confidence. Whether you're just starting out or have hit a roadblock in your research, this hands-on session is for anyone eager to explore their roots.

Led by Aletha and Ben, full-time researchers with the Link-Up NSW Family Link Program. We will guide you step-by-step through the process of starting your research, recording your evidence and the features of Ancestry.com library edition. Bring your laptop or device and start your search on the day. We will be there to provide personalised guidance, answer questions, and help you uncover your family tree.

About the Facilitators, Aletha Rowan: Aletha has been a professional family history researcher since 2008 with nine years' experience working for removed people at Link-Up NSW. She is a qualified researcher with the Society of Australian Genealogists.

Ben Hosford: Ben holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Newcastle and a Master of Information Studies from Charles Sturt University. He is a qualified researcher with experience facilitating workshops on a wide range of topics for participants with varying skill levels.

Cost: free

Narooma Library - Wednesday 5 August 10.30am – 12pm

Moruya Library - Thursday 6 August 10.30am – 12pm

Batemans Bay Library - Thursday 6 August 2.30 – 4pm

For more information on library events, visit:

www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/libraries/whats-on

River of Art Prize 2026 – Entries Now Open

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.

Entries: open 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

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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Treecycled helps heritage bridge timbers for Braidwood Museum

By Peter Smith — President, Braidwood & District Historical Society

Preserving a Historic Bridge

In 2024, the historic Allan truss bridge at Charleyong on the Nerriga Road was scheduled for demolition as part of the road upgrade. Braidwood & District Historical Society and others called for its preservation owing to its heritage value. Built in 1901, the bridge replaced the long-used ford across the Mongarlowe River. That ford formed part of the Wool Road, an important transport route from the 1840s linking Braidwood and Goulburn to the port at Jervis Bay.

The Significance of Allan Truss Bridges

More than 400 timber truss road bridges were built in New South Wales between 1856 and 1936. Approximately 100 were Allan-type timber truss bridges, and only 10 are to be retained under the Transport for NSW Timber Truss Bridge Conservation Strategy.

The Allan truss was developed at a time when large timbers were becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. Percy Allan introduced two important innovations: timber detailing that allowed deteriorated sections to be replaced, and a splice connection in the bottom chord that was stronger than earlier designs. Together, these advances gave Allan bridges a life expectancy comparable to that of metal bridges.

From Bridge to Heritage Centre

Transport for NSW recognised the heritage value of the historic bridge, while residents also acknowledged the need for an upgrade. A compromise was reached: some of the bridge timbers were donated to the Braidwood Museum for use in the Braidwood Heritage Centre project. A key part of that story is **Moruya's Tree Cycled**, which offered its expertise through its timber recycling operation on Malabar Drive. Using timber and trees sourced through its sister company, Eurobodalla Tree Services, Tree Cycled creates reusable products ranging from mulch and firewood to furniture and construction timber.

In this project, Tree Cycled transformed timber from the Charleyong bridge into building materials for the Braidwood Heritage Centre's new homestay accommodation at the rear of the Braidwood Museum. The result is a practical and symbolic continuation of the bridge's life in the community.

A Night at the Museum

The homestay accommodation is now open for bookings at www.braidwoodmuseum.org.au offering visitors something special: a night at the museum.

In this way, the Charleyong bridge continues to serve the community even after its replacement—linking past and present through conservation, craftsmanship, and reuse. Its story reflects both the significance of New South Wales' timber truss bridge heritage and the value of practical, local efforts to preserve that legacy for future generations.



The new Braidwood Museum Heritage Centre Accommodation.



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Call for entries: 2026 Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award

SECCA (South East Centre for Contemporary Art) is pleased to announce the return of one of Australia's major prizes for realistic portraiture, the Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award. SECCA Gallery Director, Janice Falsone said with a \$50,000 non-acquisitive prize, the biennial award attracts hundreds of entries from many of the nation's leading artists.

"The award is distinctive in its focus in that all works must depict the subject accurately and without abstraction, representing a living person known to the artist and aware of the process," Ms Falsone said.

"In an era increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence and the rapid proliferation of images, the Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award takes on renewed significance.

"This award focuses on the enduring value of human observation, technical skill and interpretation.

"It champions portraiture as a slow, deliberate and deeply human practice - one grounded in attention, intimacy, care and exchange between artist and sitter, and in the complex act of seeing and being seen.

"This commitment to realist portraiture has defined the award since its inception and continues to distinguish it within the national portrait prize landscape. Previous recipients include renowned artists Lucy Culliton, Shaun Gladwell and Sally Robinson."

Ms Falsone said several changes have been introduced to better support artists this year.

"The entry fee has been reduced, and finalists will receive an artist loan fee, along with a contribution towards artwork freight costs," she said.

"The Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award is one of our most eagerly anticipated programs and we are delighted to once again host the award at SECCA."

Entries open on Wednesday 8 July and close Tuesday 6 October. Full details of entry requirements available on the [SECCA website](#).

The exhibition of finalists will be presented at SECCA from 11 December to 27 February 2027. Entry to the exhibition is free. Portraitist Shirley Hannan was widely recognised in the Bega Valley as a passionate supporter and generous patron of the arts. The award remains a cornerstone of the gallery's exhibition program and an important platform for contemporary Australian portraiture.

SECCA acknowledges and thanks award patron Peter Hannan, son of the late Shirley Hannan, for his ongoing generosity and support.



Lucy Culliton, *Support Crew*, 2024, oil on canvas. Winner of the 2024 Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award.

Coming up at the Mechanis Institute

Art exhibition: **Little Hammers - Tim Barrass** - 25 July - 9 August
 "Little Hammers is a live sculptural sound work operated by the artist. Using small electromechanical 'hammers' to resonate found materials and the building itself, Tim plays with the dynamics of distraction, inviting us to question how and where we focus. It might look like wires and discarded objects, but something else is happening. Sounds appear, move and dissolve as you move through the room. Patterns form, then slip away."

RED DOOR HALL CAR BOOT SALE

- Saturday 18 July - community lunch fundraiser - from 8am to 1pm
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A Day in the Life of a ... Barista

A weekly column exploring the occupations in the Eurobodalla Shire by John Longhurst.

Fast Facts:

- Name: Rachel Kilburn
- Wake-up time: 4:30
- Coffees served each day: 300+
- Coffee of choice: Flat white

For Rachel, the workday begins long before most people have had their first sip of coffee. By 4:30 am, her day is underway. As a mum of two young children and the Manager of Alfresco Batemans Bay, Rachel balances family life with the fast-paced world of hospitality, leading a team of 10 staff serving hundreds of coffees each day.

Having worked in hospitality since 2007, Rachel says it is the people, the connections and the sense of community that continue to inspire her.

"I love the fast pace and the relationships you build along the way. Over the years, I've got to know so many of our regular customers. It's more than just making coffee — it's about the conversations, the connections and being part of people's everyday lives."

From preparing locally roasted coffee and creating fresh dishes in the kitchen to supporting her team through busy services, Rachel's role goes far beyond the coffee machine.

"People often come in for a coffee, but sometimes what they really need is someone to listen. I love getting to know our customers and being part of their day. If someone leaves with a smile, I've done my job."

Hospitality often means early mornings, busy services and staying back to help the team, but Rachel says teamwork is what makes it rewarding.

"Sometimes you stay a little longer to support your team, prepare for the next day or make sure everything runs smoothly. That's hospitality — looking after each other and making sure every customer feels welcome."



Rachel Kilburn

As a manager, Rachel is passionate about creating a workplace where staff feel valued, supported and confident. Through training, teamwork and encouragement, she helps create the welcoming atmosphere Alfresco customers know and love.

"Great customer service starts with a happy team. When people enjoy coming to work and support each other, our customers notice."

After nearly two decades in hospitality, Rachel says it is the relationships built over the years that make every early morning worthwhile.

"Coffee brings people together. You celebrate milestones with regulars, share their everyday moments and sometimes support them through challenging times. Those connections are what make this job so rewarding."



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WIRES TRAINING

Eurobodalla Wildlife and Mid South Coast Branch volunteers need your help. Please consider joining us – we particularly need baby bird and baby possum carers.

WIRES Mid South Coast branch are hosting a face-to-face training workshop Saturday 29th August 2026 in Batemans Bay to onboard new wildlife volunteers.

Enrol in the WIRES Rescue and Immediate Care Course (RICC) and prepare to immerse yourself in hands-on wildlife rescue training.

You must complete the online theory component first to secure a place at this workshop.

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Essential Energy Grant to Wires Eurobodalla

WIRES Mid-South Coast Branch, Eurobodalla will be able to purchase two specialised bat intensive care units to strengthen wildlife rescue capacity across the Eurobodalla region with the help of a grant from Essential energy.

The equipment will provide a controlled, safe and hygienic environment for injured, orphaned and heat-stressed bats as local carers respond to increasing demand.

Solar and battery installations, energy education, environmental projects and community resilience initiatives are among the projects to receive support through Essential Energy's 2026 Essential Grants program.

Thirteen community groups across regional NSW have been announced as recipients of the annual program, which is investing in local non-profit organisations working to drive meaningful environmental and social change in their communities.

The Essential Grants program offers grants of up to \$15,000 for community projects that provide a positive impact across regional, rural and remote NSW. Recipients are selected across Essential Energy's operating area for the benefits they provide to their local community through initiatives supporting sustainability and climate adaptation, social impact or the energy transition.

This year's recipients are responding to the very real challenges facing regional communities, from rising living costs and energy bills to the impacts of extreme weather and social challenges. Through practical, community-led projects, this investment will help create stronger, more sustainable futures.

Essential Energy's Head of Sustainability, Sophie Mackinnon, said the program is an investment in communities, backing practical local projects that deliver lasting benefits.

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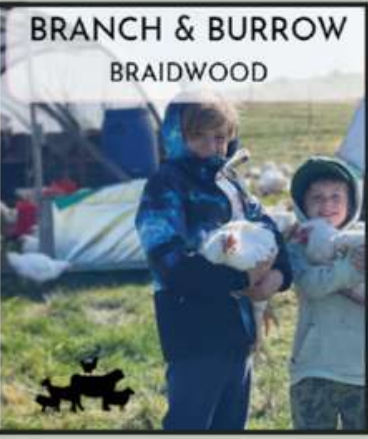


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Sunday 16 Aug 2026 - Airfield Re-enactment, Donnelly Drive
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- 25th July – **2026 Lazer Rally of the Bay**
- 26 September – **Tilba Festival**
- 21st-25th October – **Sea Otter Australia**
- 31st Oct – **Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo**
- 5 Dec – 30 Jan – **Basil Sellers Art Prize 2026**
- 13 March 2027 – **NSW State Election**
- 7-9 May – 2027 **Narooma Oyster Festival**

Next ESC Public Access dates
11 August 2026

Dr Michael Holland MP Mobile Office

8th July – Narooma, Location TBC 10am – 11am
28th July – Club Malua, Malua Bay 10am – 11am
Catalina Club (Golfers Club Room), Catalina 12pm – 1pm

Free Legal Advice

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

When: Tuesday 21st July 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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

When: Thursday 30th 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

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.

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Death Notice And funeral Notice

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Who's your local hero? Nominations are now open

Community members are encouraged to nominate someone whose efforts deserve recognition. Nominations are open from Wednesday 1 July until Friday 31 July 2026. Finalists will be invited to the Mayor's Charity Ball later this year, where the 2026 Local Hero will be announced. Nomination forms and award guidelines are available on [Council's Local Hero Award webpage](#).

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Animal Welfare League News



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- Monday 3 August: Turlinjah, Tuross Head, Congo, Bingie, Meringo and Bergalia
- Monday 10 August: Moruya, South Head, Garlandtown, Glenduart, Pollwombra, Malabar Drive and Percy Davis Drive
- Monday 17 August: Bimbimbie, Mogo, Broulee, Mossy Point, Tomakin, Woodlands, Dunns Creek Road, Guerilla Bay, North Rosedale, South Rosedale and West Rosedale
- Monday 24 August: Malua Bay, Lilli Pilli, Surf Beach including The Ridge Road, Kauzal Crescent and Towrang Avenue, and Denhams Beach including Burkes Way
- Monday 31 August: Denhams Beach from Burkes Way, Sunshine Bay and Batehaven
- Monday 7 September: Catalina, Silverdell Place through to Batemans Bay including Crosby Drive and Glenella Road
- Monday 14 September: North Batemans Bay including Peninsula Drive, Nelligen, Surfside, Bay Ridge, Clyde Road and Cors Parade
- Monday 21 September: Long Beach, Maloneys Beach and South Durras

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Life on a changing coastline



ANU student Cameron Owens-Gale is researching coastal erosion strategies, focusing on Surfside, Long Beach, Batemans Bay's Wharf Road and Caseys Beach.

ESC - "Did you know 87 percent of Australians live within 50 kilometres of the coastline, and 49 percent live within just seven kilometres? Coastal living has never been more desirable, but with more people living by the ocean comes more pressure to understand and manage our changing coastline.

While erosion can sound alarming, it's actually a natural process. Beaches are constantly shaped by waves, tides, currents and storms. Sand moves around all the time, sometimes returning to the beach and sometimes settling elsewhere.

Most of the time, erosion is left to run its natural course. It becomes an issue when infrastructure like roads, homes and public spaces are at risk.

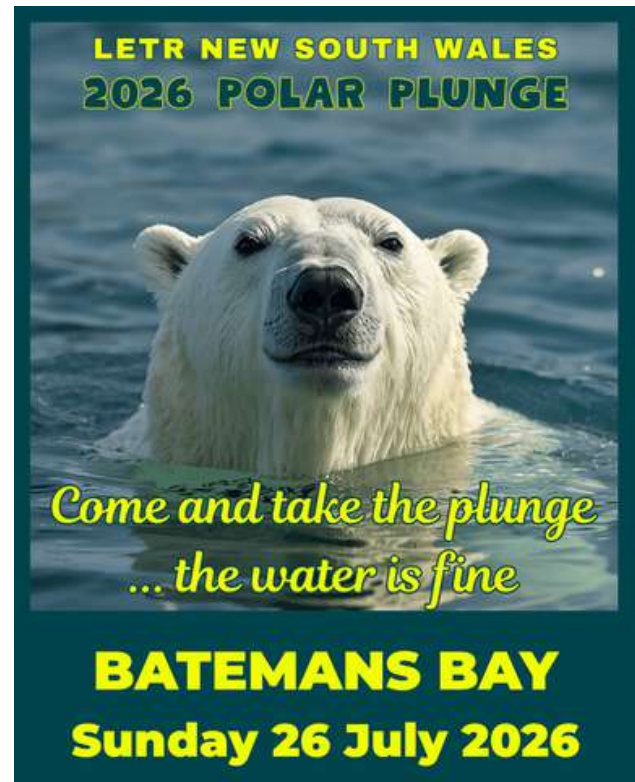
There are many ways to manage coastal erosion, from hard engineering like seawalls and revetments to softer approaches such as beach nourishment, dune restoration and planting vegetation. But before deciding what works best, long-term studies are needed to understand how coastlines behave over time.

Eurobodalla Council's coastal management planner and the NSW Government have been monitoring our local beaches for decades. Some university students have also joined in, working with new technology to gather even more detailed insights.

Australian National University student Cameron Owens-Gale is researching coastal erosion strategies, focusing on Surfside, Long Beach, Batemans Bay's Wharf Road and Caseys Beach. Using drone flights and real-time kinetics, he is creating 3D maps that track changes in sand movement and beach elevation over time. Meanwhile, a UNSW PhD student is studying wave patterns, currents and sediment movement around the estuary and beaches of Batemans Bay.

Together with Council staff, the work is helping build a clearer picture of how our coastline is changing and what that could mean for the future.

All this research isn't just for the textbooks. It's helping guide a more than \$12 million coastal protection program across the Batemans Bay area. Current projects include a coastal levee in the foreshore reserve at Surfside West, as well as work at Bay Road - Long Beach, Wharf Road - North Batemans Bay and Caseys Beach - Batehaven."



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Fish Pose - Matsyasana

A great pose for to strengthen the muscles of the upper back and back of the neck. Helps to improve posture, respiration and circulation by opening the chest. Stretches and stimulates the front body meridians and soft tissue, which in turn positively benefits the internal organs.

To practice - Traditionally this pose is practiced in padmasana, however for many people this cross of the legs is not suitable so you may like to extend the legs out straight and remain with them there throughout. Start lying on your back, place the hands underneath the buttocks with the palms turned down. Draw the elbows towards one another to elevate the mid back. If you have any neck issues, stay here and continue elevating the chest. Otherwise, press into the elbows, lift the head and chest, lower the crown of the head to the floor. Opening through the front body, let the breath be natural. Hold for as long as comfortable then slowly release by reversing the order of movements.



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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 10.7.26

Moruya River.

It's great to see so many families out and about this week, all with the same plan, to catch a fish.

The river has been fairly quiet, due in most part to low water temps. The bit of activity I have heard about has been around the Preddy's wharf area and the back of the hole in the wall. There have been a few nice flathead taken around this area. Baits have been the most successful technique around this area. Although if fishing behind the wall, plastics can work also, particularly if you are covering ground. Fish all presentations deep and slowly for the best chance at a fish coming across your offering.

The northern bank from the bridge to the Malabar area has some nice deep water to explore, as well as the quarry wharf area.

Fingers crossed, at that good weather this weekend and plenty of people out trying, that's few fish are encountered.

Tuross River.

A few of the local kids have been having success on the local Tuross mullet population with in this system this last week. Small plastic presentations on the tide change have been working for them. A good sounder on their boat, has been allowing them to find and target these fish, that and time spent on the water finding the honey holes that the resident fish call home.

The lower sections of the river around the boat sheds, will hold bream, flathead, Luderick as well as mullet. Find the bait to find the fish. This time of year however, the fish are not overly active, and will need to be tempted into biting. Scent on your plastics, burley with your baits can all help inactive fish change their minds.

Rock and Beach.

Salmon and Tailor have the saving grace along the coast this week, with large schools keeping anglers entertained and occupied when the schools are found. Early morning or late evening sessions are best when looking for tailor, while the salmon will bite throughout the day, if gentleman's hours are more your thing.

Drummer from the stones are also readily available at the moment for those prepared to put in the effort of burying them up.

Offshore.

Snapper, flathead and the odd Tuna species have been around for those on the hunt. The snapper appear to be around the 10-15m mark at the moment, while the Tuna are where you find them.

The bait freezer is reaching a restock point next week, so is a little light on some items at the moment. We still have most options available at the moment though.

We still have 50% off all Nomad Soft plastics, 20% off Shimano summer t-shirts, and 30% off all Joybees foot wear.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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Thursday
23rd July 2026

3.00pm

Golf Club
in the Seashore Room

SPEAKERS

We are pleased to welcome the following health care representatives:

Louise McFadden
Project Director
Eurobodalla Developments

Ian Campbell
Director Communications
SNSWHD

Brad Scotcher
General Manager
Coastal Region SNSWHD

Kel Dodge
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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Jenny Reilly with President Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 9th July 2026

A field of 40 players competed in a Medley Stableford event on a cool Winter's day. The competition was fierce, the results close, and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Jenny Reilly (41) with 38 points (countback)
 2nd: Steve Johnston (28) with 38 points
 3rd: Shane Gschwend (14) with 37 points
 4th: Herb Muriwai (24) with 35 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ian McManus 2.60 A Grade
 4th: Kevin Reilly 2.78 B Grade
 4th: Herb Muriwai 5.53 C Grade
 6th: Jim Wade 1.15 A Grade
 6th: Mark Haberkorn 0.85 B Grade
 6th: Stephen Gardner 6.15 C Grade
 7th: Justin Bateman 11.00 B Grade

Balls went to: Ray Bollard 35, Terry Milliken 34, Kevin Reilly 34, Rob Green 33, Michael Coloe 32, Wayne Lilley 32, Robert McDonnell 32, Maree Coffey 31, Stephen Swanbury 31 and Mark Haberkorn 31.



Winner: Dianne Brown with President Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 11th July 2026

A larger field of 59 players took to the course to compete in a Medley Stableford event. The competition was fierce and there were some close and excellent scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (35) with 40 points
 2nd: Ian McManus (13) with 39 points
 3rd: Stephen Gardner (21) with 38 points (countback)
 4th: Jim Wade (14) with 38 points
 5th: John Eglitis (13) with 37 points (countback)

Great Score:

Brad Reid Hole in One on the 4th!

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Lars Gaupset 1.97 A Grade
 4th: Peter Hogan 2.60 B Grade
 4th: Brad Reid .00 C Grade
 6th: John Eglitis 1.55 A Grade
 6th: Greg Booth 1.06 B Grade
 6th: Herb Muriwai 3.49 C Grade
 7th: Wayne Burgess 7.00 A Grade

Balls went to: Michael Coloe 37, Wayne Burgess 37, Robert McDonnell 37, Leigh Coloe 36, Ian Lawson 36, Stephen Swanbury 36, Terry Milliken 34, Cathy Milliken 34, Wayne Lilley 33, Teri Swanbury 33, Herb Muriwai 33, Darrell Kildey 33, Peter Hogan 33, Simon French 32 and Martin Booth 32.



Winners: Pauline Nash, Jane Eglitis and Dianne Brown

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 14th July 2026

A field of 16 ladies competed in a Single Stableford event. The event was sponsored by Tuross Boat Shed and Café and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

- 1st: Pauline Nash (27) with 37 points
 2nd: Leonie Snodgrass (16) with 35 points (countback)

B Grade:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (34) with 36 points
 2nd: Gail Rogers (38) with 26 points

C Grade:

- 1st: Jane Eglitis (42) with 32 points
 2nd: Elsa Shearer (41) with 29 points

Place Getter: Marie Muriwai with 35 points.

Hole Prize: 7th: Dianne Brown Golden Shot A 0.59

Nearest to the Pins: 2nd Shot

6th: Leonie Snodgrass Distance

1.00

15th: Pauline Nash Distance 1.07



Winners: Steve Gardner and Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 15th July 2026

35 players braved the cold morning to compete in a 2 person Ambrose event today and some amazing scores were achieved. The Winning Teams today were:

- 1st: Steve Gardner and Bruce Harding with 33.25
 2nd: Peter McRae and Steve Lymbery with 33.75
 3rd: Bruce Martin and Leonie Snodgrass with 34.25

Balls or Chocolates: Gail and Len Rogers 34.75 and Graham Moore and Des Jackson 35.50.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Bruce Martin (2nd Shot)

6th: Len Rogers (1st Shot)

7th: Ladies: Leonie Snodgrass (2nd Shot)

Mens: Bruce Harding (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Leonie Snodgrass (5th hole)

Bradsmans: Vickie Wheelahan and Odette Goodwin.

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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



There were 23 ladies on the Green on a cold and windy morning although when the sun came out and the wind dropped it was quite pleasant to bowl .

Mac opened proceedings with her Welfare Report also Birthday Greetings to Lynda Franks and Bev Feehan who has returned to Club Braidwood . We all wish her well.

Welcome to Sue Dakin from Queensland who joined us.

Bowls Organiser Jay Breust called cards for four Rinks of Triples with a Swinging Lead on Rink 4.

Winners Rink 6, Noleen Taylor, Sue Morgan and Pat Weekes.

(Photo)

Runners-up Rink 4, Tricia Wheeler, Julie Knorpp and Nancy White.

Lucky number, 25 Joan Rimmer. Money Club, 36 Julie Knorpp.

Jackpot is now \$544, 66 Robyn Butcher was selected who found 2 of Spades + a Free game of bowls.

Great to have Gayl Vidgen back on the Green after a few weeks away also lovely to catch up with Rae Fayle and Yvonne Huddleston who came for a visit.

Colleen Ashby who was really rugged up for the morning. (Photo)



Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



President Robbo welcomed 30 Twisties on a pleasant morning although the wind made it tricky at times. Robbo made a special mention of our Treasurer K.C. for the great job she does in this very important position, well done Karen

Welcome new member Tim Lynam.

Sticks were called for 6 Pairs and 1 Triples match .

Winners with Lowest Winning Margin +2 Trish the Dish and Smiley. (Photo)

What a lovely friendly game with only 2 shots in it, Chrissy and I swapped husbands for the match!

Runners-up +3 Bert and McGoolley.

No Jackpot this week as it was won last week.

High/Low scores 32/6 not won.

Lucky numbers, 7 K.C., 1 Lozza.

Lozza has multi games next week, taking part in Tennis , Swimming and 10 Pin Bowling for Special Olympics, go well Laurie.

Caught up with Rols who is doing well after knee surgery but not ready yet for bowls. Team scores,

Witto and Bob the Builder 32/9

Robbo and Megoo 23/18

Dave and Dobbo 20/9

Ruthless and Kaz 29/6

Hot Lips and Spike with Matilda and The Smiling Fin 31/10

Rugby Union Results

Canberra Suburban Cup competition

Rd 12 - Saturday 11th July 2026

· Batemans Bay "Boars" 61 beat Uni Norths "Owls" 14

The Boars 4th consecutive win has secured 3rd position on the table as the finals commence

· Easts "Red" 39 beat Hall "Bushrangers" 12

Competition leaders Easts Red again dominated to be crowned minor premiers

· Easts "White" 36 beat ADFA "Lions" 26

Easts "White" worked hard all day to run in late tries and claim the win

Competition table: Easts "Red" 50, · Hall "Bushrangers" 38, Batemans Bay "Boars" 37, · Easts "White" 37, ADFA "Lions" 13, Uni Norths "Owls" 10.

Next weekend - Saturday 18th July 2026

A general bye for all Clubs before the finals commence

Saturday 25th July 2026

· Major semi final - Easts "Red" v Hall "Bushrangers" @ Griffith Oval ACT

· Minor elimination final - Batemans Bay "Boars" v Easts "White" @ Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay.

Women's 10's Rugby

· Yass 38 beat Batemans Bay 0

· Braidwood 67 beat Easts 5

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Moruya Bowls Club reports: Congratulations to all of our Club Championship winners and runners-up for the 2025/2026 season.

Major Singles

Winner: Jeff Rankin, Runner-up: Shane Quinlivan

Major Pairs

Winners: Brad Larkin & Matt Dart, Runners-up: Joel Hilliard & Pete Davies

Minor Singles

Winner: DJ Watson, Runner-up: Ricky Dwight

Minor Pairs

Winners: Russell Glover & Mat Bell, Runners-up: Joe Cremona & DJ Watson

Handicap Singles

Winner: Shane Quinlivan, Runner-up: Jeff Rankin

Senior Singles

Winner: Shane Quinlivan, Runner-up: Russell Perrot

Major/Minor Pairs

Winners: Phil Versteeg & Tony Giannasca, Runners-up: Nicki Hardie & Vicky Herman

Triples

Winners: Henry Popek, Geoff Lee & Joel Hilliard, Runners-up: Jane Rylands, Joe Cremona & Gail Page

Fours

Winners: Jeff Rankin, Peter Jeffs, Smiley Edwards & Russell Glover, Runners-up: Pete Davies, Alan Collins, Gary Gray & Annie Stockwell. Congratulations to every player who competed throughout the season.

Here's to another fantastic season ahead!

Marine Rescue NSW urges winter boating caution after volunteers complete 235 rescue missions in June

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers completed 235 search and rescue missions across the state's waterways during June, safely returning 548 people to shore as demand for the service remained strong despite cooler weather.

Almost 40 per cent of the missions undertaken during the month were emergency responses, with Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Todd Andrews reminding boaters that preparation is critical before heading onto the water.

"Winter is no time for complacency. Boaters must remain vigilant, as weather conditions can change rapidly and water temperatures are colder."

Cold shock can occur within seconds, while prolonged exposure can lead to hypothermia, which can quickly become life threatening.

"Even on calm, sunny days, falling into cold water can have serious consequences," Commissioner Andrews said.

"The best rescue is the one that never has to happen, and that starts with being well prepared."

Marine Rescue NSW volunteer radio operators managed 20,267 radio calls during June, including three MAYDAY and two Pan Pan calls.

Radio operators also monitored the safe return of 21,654 people on board 6,341 vessels that Logged On with Marine Rescue NSW before heading out.

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers responded to a variety of incidents last month including saving a stranded dog after it was swept from rocks at Observation Point. The exhausted animal swam almost one kilometre to Snapper Island before being safely rescued by volunteers from Marine Rescue Batemans Bay, who coaxed the dog into their care and transported it on a jet ski rescue sled back to the rescue vessel before returning it to shore.

Engine problems continued to be the leading cause of rescue missions during June, accounting for 42 per cent of all responses.

"Many engine issues are preventable," Commissioner Andrews said.

Commissioner Andrews also reminded boaters to take extra care as the annual whale migration continues along the New South Wales coastline.

"We're seeing significant whale activity along the coast, and while it's an incredible sight, boaters must remain alert and follow the required approach distances," he said.

"If a whale surfaces unexpectedly nearby, immediately reduce your speed, cut your engine and allow the animal to move away safely."

"These are magnificent wild animals and their behaviour can be unpredictable. Give them the space they deserve and always keep a careful lookout for whales, other vessels and changing conditions."

MONARO AREA STATS : 13 search & rescue missions including 9 emergency responses with 30 people safely returned to shore across all 8 Monaro units – Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula, Eden, Alpine Lakes & Moama.

Locations of highest demand: Batemans Bay 6, Eden 3, Merimbula 3

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