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Health Check Convoy coming to Moruya



Walkabout Barber and COORDINARE team members visiting Bega in 2025.



Skin Check Champions CEO Scott John Maggs will be in Moruya on 4 August

Free skin checks, health checks, dental checks and a safe space to talk are coming to Moruya on Tuesday 4 August thanks to a partnership between health and community service providers.

COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW PHN, Skin Check Champions, Walkabout Barber, Medibank on the Move, Katungul Aboriginal Corporation, Southern NSW Local Health District, Directions Health and a number of local health providers have teamed up to bring free health screening and more to Southern NSW in August.

COORDINARE's CEO Prudence Buist said, "All services are free and available to everyone. This is a great opportunity for locals to get screened for melanoma, check in on their mental health, get a dental and health check plus much more."

Skin Check Champions Founder and CEO Scott John Maggs said, "The prevalence of melanoma skin cancer is 120 times higher in surfers than in the general population, 60 times higher in swimmers and 80 times higher in regular walkers/runners, which perhaps explains the high skin cancer rates in coastal regions like Moruya. Early detection genuinely saves lives, and even identifying a single melanoma early can completely change someone's future."

Medibank's SulliVAN can help you understand, track and improve your health, including your heart health and diabetes risk. The Walkabout Barber bus, which is fitted out as a mobile salon offering professional barber, hairdressing and beauty appointments, works as a perfect setting for people to open up about their mental health. Directions Health's Rural Outreach Bus, affectionately known as 'ROB' will also provide a relaxed and comfortable setting for people to chat.

The Health Check Convoy will offer free health checks between 10am and 3pm. For updates on the Health Check Convoy visit healthcheckconvoy.info

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18 new social housing homes under construction in Moruya



Construction has begun on 18 new social homes in Moruya, transforming underutilised land into modern housing for those who need it most in the Eurobodalla region.

It's all part of the NSW Government's record breaking \$6.6 billion Building Homes for NSW program, which will deliver 8,400 new social homes, support 21,000 affordable and market homes, and upgrade 30,000 existing social housing properties across the state.

The project will replace three outdated dwellings from the 1970's with a mix of six one-bedroom, ten two-bedroom and two three-bedroom homes to support approximately 37 residents.

The two-storey building is sustainably designed and energy efficient with rooftop solar to keep bills down, while also featuring air conditioning in each unit to provide comfortable living for every resident, along with 20 car spaces and landscaping.

Three homes will be adaptable to support those with disability, along with three accessible car parking spaces. Located on Brinja Yuin Country the complex is within walking distance of Moruya town centre, close to bus services and the local public school. The development will provide future residents with easy access to transport, shops, and community facilities.

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "Everyone deserves a safe, secure place to call home, and these 18 new social homes in Moruya will make a real difference to people in our community who need housing the most."

This development is about making better use of existing land by replacing three ageing homes with 18 modern, energy-efficient homes that will provide quality housing for around 37 people. It's a practical investment that will strengthen our community for years to come."

"I'm particularly pleased to see the inclusion of adaptable homes to support people living with disability, as well as sustainable design features that will help reduce energy costs for future residents" he added.

The project will also create around 65 local jobs during construction, providing a welcome boost for our local economy. The Minns Labor Government is committed to increasing the supply of social housing and renewing ageing housing stock across NSW, and it's great to see that investment delivering real outcomes here in Moruya."

Homes NSW has partnered with Master Building Group to deliver the project, with works expected to be completed by late 2027. The build will support around 65 local jobs during construction.

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Southern NSW Local Health District reports: "We're thrilled to celebrate a huge step forward for carers and families in our Eurobodalla community.

Today we marked the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the incredible Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH) Group, who have been working tirelessly since 2022 to raise funds for much-needed carer accommodation on the site of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Thanks to their determination and community support, over \$400,000 has already been raised, including a generous \$170,000 donation from the Country Woman's Association (CWA). This MOU paves the way for even more support, with plans now underway for concept designs for the confirmed site near the main hospital car park.

Having carer accommodation on the ERH site will mean families can stay close to loved ones when they need it most. We are so grateful for the passion and commitment of everyone involved in making this possible for our community.

SNSWLHD Chief Executive Margaret Bennett extended her gratitude by stating "I want to reaffirm our incredible gratitude for what you are doing. Regional communities like ours especially understand the need for this type of accommodation, which is often needed when people are navigating the worst time of their lives."

Thank you to the Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH) Group and all who have contributed - your efforts will make a lasting difference for families for years to come!

The group enjoyed a site tour of the future carer accommodation location at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital."

The AusAlert™ national test
Monday 27 July 2026

AusAlert is a new way to receive messages during disasters and emergencies. AusAlerts are sent to compatible mobile devices and they can help you, your family and your community make decisions quickly in an emergency.

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Local through to Voice Australia

By John Longhurst

Eurobodalla local and Carroll College Broulee graduate, Tommy Novak, has made it through the highly competitive auditions to perform in the first round of 'The Voice 2026', commencing on the 2nd August on Channel 7.

Typically between 5,000 and 10,000 participants apply and through online submissions and producer auditions, the field is narrowed to a few hundred performers.

Just on 100 singers are then selected to perform in front of the celebrity coaches during the filmed Blind Auditions.

Tommy said "The wait is finally over ... I'm so excited to share that I'll be appearing on this season of The Voice Australia. Thank you to everyone who's supported me and my music over the past few months. I can't wait to take you with me on this journey."

Tommy's Mother and Malua Bay resident, Sue Novak is ecstatic at the achievement.

Sue said "He has worked so hard for this opportunity in a cut throat industry. He has been composing his own songs and singing from a young age and has gone from strength to strength from his starring roles in musicals performed at Carroll College. I cannot wait for the 2nd August and a big thank you for all the local support. Go Tommy!"



Tommy Novak

The Sceptical Botanist by leading scientist Tim Entwisle



Professor Tim Entwisle will discuss his latest book 'The Sceptical Botanist' and his life in botanic gardens at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens on 15th August. Celebrate the opening of National Science Week with a talk by leading Australian botanist and author Professor Tim Entwisle. Tim will talk about his most recent publication, The Sceptical Botanist (CSIRO Publishing), and how he came to be both sceptical and a botanist. This includes his life and work in botanic gardens – at the heart of his memoir, Evergreen: The Botanical Life of a Plant Punk – as well as contributions to newspapers, magazines and radio. Tim is intrigued by questions such as do trees talk to one another? Can a plant use up the oxygen in a room while you sleep? What is a native plant and what is a weed? And are some plants truly immortal? Professor Tim Entwisle is an author, botanist and former botanic gardens director: Chief Executive of Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria for ten years, two years in a senior role at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew in London, and eight as head of Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust in Sydney. He is currently Chair of the Harbour Trust in Sydney and an Honorary Professorial Fellow at The University of Melbourne. Tim has a broad interest in algae, plants and public gardens, contributing regularly to Australian radio, print and social media. His memoir Evergreen: the Botanical Life of a Plant Punk was published in 2022, and his latest book, The Sceptical Botanist, in August 2025. In over 80 scientific papers, Tim has described 50 new species, four genera and one family of freshwater algae. A species, genus, family and order of marine algae have been named after him: Entwisleia bella, Entwisleiaceae, Entwisleiales.

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New AI animal detection and smart signage trial working to limit wildlife-vehicle strikes



Artificial Intelligence assisted animal detection cameras and 'smart' signage are coming together on the Monaro Highway for a trial, aimed at reducing wildlife-vehicle strikes. The innovative combination of technologies – called the Protective Animal Warning System (PAWS) – is part of the NSW Government's commitment to improve safety for motorists and reduce the number of animal strikes on regional roads, particularly in known wildlife hotspots. PAWS is being installed on a high-risk section of the Monaro Highway near Cooma, where high speeds, limited street lighting and frequent movement of animals increase the likelihood of crashes, especially around dawn and dusk. Heat sensing and optical roadside cameras detect wildlife on or near the road and use an AI computer vision-aided model that has been specially trained to identify common species – such as kangaroos, deer and wombats. In real time, animals are detected and identified, and drivers are notified through smart road signage that lights up to warn of animals ahead. Development of the PAWS technology was carried out by Transport for NSW technology and biodiversity specialists in 2025, who used wildlife movement data and imagery to 'train' the new AI system. This included work at Transport's Yennora facility and collaboration with Symbio Wildlife Park, north of Wollongong. At Symbio, special cameras were used to capture a library of images, showing how different species move and behave. That data was then combined with time of day and weather information to further refine the system's accuracy in real world conditions. The Monaro Highway installation marks the transition from development and testing into a live roadside trial and will complement existing measures like fencing, wildlife crossings, and vehicle activated signage.

Minister for Roads and Regional Transport Jenny Aitchison said "This trial is about using innovative technology to make regional roads safer by giving drivers real-time warnings when wildlife is detected nearby.

"We're investing in practical solutions that complement existing road safety measures and explore how emerging technology can improve outcomes for motorists.

"By combining optical and heat-sensing cameras, artificial intelligence and smart signs, we're testing a system that can provide drivers with real-time information when it matters most.

"We'll closely monitor the results of this trial to determine whether this technology could be expanded to other high-risk locations across New South Wales."

Member for Monaro, Steve Whan said "What makes this trial exciting is that it's focused on giving drivers better information at the moment they need it. Even a few extra seconds of warning can make a real difference. I've been approached by multiple stakeholders concerned for the welfare of our native animals. Some solutions like those used on major highways can be very expensive, so I'm excited that the Monaro Highway is being used to trial this new, affordable technology."

More on the Monaro Highway trial and a summary of recommendations and government response to the Wildlife Symposium can be found in the Future Directions Paper [here](#). Transport will monitor performance at the Monaro Highway site to inform whether the technology could be rolled out to other locations.

This trial of AI-aided wildlife warning signs was made possible by an initial \$500,000 commitment by NSW Government to investigate the use of emerging technologies as measures to reduce wildlife-vehicle strikes. It was one of the recommendations stemming from the 2024 Wildlife Symposium in Sydney, and the resulting Future Directions Report.

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NSW Government invests \$1m in West Rosedale Housing Infrastructure Project

Eurobodalla Shire Council will receive \$1 million from the Minns Labor Government to deliver the West Rosedale Housing Infrastructure Project, as part of a \$54 million statewide investment in 30 high-performing councils under the Faster Assessments Incentive Program (FAIP).

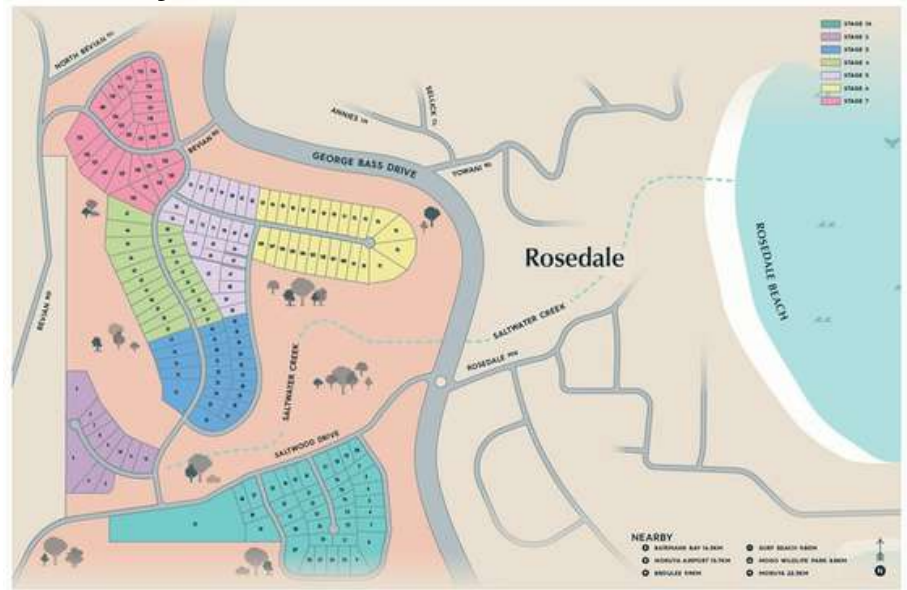
The West Rosedale Housing Infrastructure Project will upgrade key intersections on George Bass Drive and deliver new shared path connections to support new homes in the Rosedale - Tomakin area. Future and existing residents will benefit from safer access, improved connectivity and active transport options, supporting delivery of about 928 new homes.

Eurobodalla Shire Council was one of 35 successful councils to meet or beat the 115-day assessment benchmark set out in the Minister's Statement of Expectations in FY 2024–25. The councils turned around assessments in an average of 89 days in metropolitan areas and 82 days in regional NSW.

Round 1 of the FAIP will deliver grants of between \$1 million and \$3 million to councils that are delivering faster development assessment timeframes while supporting new homes in their communities. Under Round 1, 30 of 35 nominated projects will receive \$54 million statewide investment funding.

Combined with council co-contributions, the funding will deliver more than \$106 million in local infrastructure projects to help ensure growing neighbourhoods have the facilities they need as more homes are built.

Eligible councils are now being assessed for Round 2 of the program, with \$67 million available for councils that met or exceeded the 105-day benchmark and improved assessment times in FY 2025–26.



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Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland MP said "This is a welcome investment for our growing communities in Rosedale and Tomakin, where new housing must be matched with the infrastructure people need to live safely and comfortably.

"The \$1 million investment will improve key intersections on George Bass Drive and expand shared path connections, making it easier and safer for residents to get around while supporting the delivery of almost 930 new homes.

"It's encouraging to see Eurobodalla Shire Council recognised for improving development assessment times. By working together to deliver housing and the supporting infrastructure at the same time, we're helping ensure our communities remain great places to live as they continue to grow.

"This investment is about planning ahead providing the roads, pathways and connections that support both existing residents and the families who will call this area home in the years to come."

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully said "We are rewarding councils that are cutting assessment times and helping deliver the homes NSW needs, because faster decisions mean people can move into new homes sooner.

"This funding will help Eurobodalla Shire Council build the community-enabling infrastructure that communities need, delivered alongside new housing, not years after it."



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

The Rally Returns. The Celebration Starts at Catalina

Catalina Club reports: This Saturday, the forests of the Far South Coast will echo to the sound of rally cars as the Lazer Rally of the Bay returns for 2026.

Featuring competitors from the Shamrock Haulage NSW Rally Championship, East Coast Classic 2WD and 4WD Rally Series, Clubman Rally Series and ACT Regional Rally Series, the event attracts some of the country's most passionate drivers and teams for one of the region's premier motorsport weekends.

When the final stage is complete, the action moves to Catalina.

From sunset, rally cars will line the southern car park, giving members, guests and motorsport fans the opportunity to see some of the cars, mingle with the drivers and chat with the enthusiasts before the official presentations following the music from some local rock legends.

With live music from Coastal Fringe setting the atmosphere in the main lounge, Catalina will once again become the meeting place for competitors, supporters and the local community.

So, join in the home of sport in the Eurobodalla.

This Saturday, experience one of the biggest nights on the Far South Coast at Club Catalina.

For more information on the rally, check their website here

<https://nsscc.com.au/rally-of-the-bay/>

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Council Plant Swap

Eurobodalla Shire Council says : Join India and Courtney from Council's sustainability team at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden next **Sunday 26 July** for our next plant swap.

Always popular, they go like this - you give us a bag of environmental weeds from your garden and we give you some wonderful local native plants - perfect for creating a personal little nature oasis at yours.

The plant swap runs from 10am to 2pm and there'll be other environmental groups there too. We can't think of a better way to celebrate National Tree Day.



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growing the community

South Coast History Society Celebrates 10th Birthday

By Peter Lacey

The South Coast History Society – now Australia's most active, most innovative, most widely-appreciated community-based history society – is celebrating its 10th Birthday.

To mark this milestone, the Society is offering locals the chance to win one of ten \$100 vouchers redeemable at their favourite bookshop (i.e. the winners nominate the bookstore!). To enter the draw, simply email 'Happy Birthday' to southcoasthistory@yahoo.com before September 25th.

And, South Coast History Society is constantly being asked when it will again be running its popular 1½ hour history stroll along Carp Street, Bega. So, also as a celebration of the Society's 10th anniversary, walks have been scheduled at 10am on Tuesday 22nd September and Saturday 26th September. It's a FREE activity, but bookings are absolutely essential – call 0448 160 852

The Society's incredible success results from the South Coast History Society providing our local community with precisely what the community wants – details of the South Coast's fascinating history, in ways that appeal to South Coast residents:

- The Society issues a quality history-focused magazine, *Recollections*, every three months. It is free. It is readily available from 100 conveniently-located outlets all along the coast. And it presents interesting and intriguing stories about the South Coast. There is an enormous community demand for it – with 7,000 copies distributed and an estimated readership of over 12,000 every issue. It has a reach across the broad community – to retirement villages and nursing homes, to hospitals, to schools, to medical centres, to motels, to visitor centres, to libraries, to museums...and to the wider general community. (Copies, including all past issues, can be accessed at www.southcoasthistory.org.au)

- Feedback from readers of *Recollections* then led the Society to compile a first-ever history of the entire South Coast, from Kiama to Kiah. Extraordinary Histories: Amazing Stories from the NSW South Coast, a 384-page \$34.95 book, became an instant 'best seller', clocking up and extraordinary 4,500 sales on the NSW South Coast in just two years! Regrettably, this book is now out of print. (To provide some context: this book only sold on the NSW South Coast. If the sales per head of population on the South Coast were extrapolated to the entire Australian population, 550,000 copies would have been recorded – 4 times the 2025 sales of the most popular Australian non-fiction book [Recipe Tin Eats]!)

- South Coast History Society's website, www.southcoasthistory.org.au, is attracting over 200,000 visits per year – perhaps unsurprisingly, as it is the largest single, immediately-accessible 'library' of NSW South Coast history.

- And, South Coast History Society regularly presents talks on aspects of the South Coast's history – topics like South Coast Shipwrecks and the Four 'Estates' that are a distinctive feature of the NSW South Coast's history – to South Coast and Canberra community groups.

These are impressive achievements considering that the South Coast History Society is a totally community-based, not-for-profit, volunteer-run and community-funded organisation.

The Society's incredible success is also partly due to it being entirely focussed on promoting the NSW South Coast's fascinating history. It has not been burdened attempting to concurrently run a museum or library, or been distracted by attempting to undertake time-consuming, academic-style historical research.

With its incredible successes of the past ten years now 'history', The South Coast History Society is looking to how it will continue to benefit to South Coast community over the decades ahead.

The August 2026 issue of 'Recollections' magazine that is now available. And it will be available at the Marshall's Bus and Coach Company's 50th Anniversary Open Day in Moruya on Saturday 25th July and at the Cobargo Lantern and Lights Winter Festival on Friday 31st July.

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New figures expose NSW Government's failure to rein in land clearing

New figures reveal the NSW Government has failed to deliver on its promise to stop runaway land clearing, says **WWF-Australia**. The NSW Government's just-released Statewide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS) shows more than 81,000 hectares of native vegetation was cleared in 2024.

That's an area more than 275 times the size of the Sydney CBD. Of the land cleared, 24,100 hectares were woody vegetation (trees and shrubs) and 57,000 hectares were non-woody vegetation (grasslands, ferns and ground cover).

While the amount of woody vegetation cleared was down from the shocking results of 2023 (32,847 hectares), it remains too high.

"That's the equivalent of clearing 88 full-sized rugby league fields of habitat every day for a year," said Dr Stuart Blanch, WWF-Australia's forest policy manager.

"This is the first SLATS report showing land clearing entirely on Labor's watch and the results are alarming.

"Land clearing jumped significantly when the Coalition relaxed native vegetation laws in 2017. Labor went to the March 2023 election promising to stop excessive clearing, but so far has failed to deliver on this important commitment.

"In 1995, Labor Premier Bob Carr cracked down on land clearing creating a period of reduced clearing that lasted for decades.

"Deforestation was more than ten times higher in 2024 (24,100 hectares) than the average over seven years from 2006/07 to 2012/13 (2,222 hectares per year). It's time for this government to step up, and deliver on its election promise, and regain its legacy on land clearing," Dr Blanch said.

Most of the woody vegetation cleared in 2024 was classified as 'unallocated', meaning it was likely exempt from any requirement for assessment by an ecologist to determine whether the clearing would kill threatened species.

Current rules allow landholders to clear vegetation they self-assess to be Invasive Native Species.

Dr Blanch said a more scientific approach is required to protect areas of ecological value.

"Every hectare of trees bulldozed means fewer homes for wildlife and more carbon pollution in the atmosphere," he said.

Dr Blanch said the NSW Government needs to commit to driving down deforestation through stronger laws, greater incentives for landholders to protect and restore forests, investment in timber plantations and protected areas, support for natural capital markets, and engagement with First Nations communities.

Aussies tell data centres to fund their own clean energy

A super majority of Australians believe data centre operators must be compelled to invest in additional renewable energy to cover their electricity demands, according to national polling commissioned by the **Climate Council**.

A new YouGov survey of 1624 Australians found that 82% of people agreed that governments should insist that new data centres pay for additional renewable energy and storage infrastructure that matches their electricity consumption.

Seven out of every 10 respondents supported the introduction of strict energy and water standards for new data centres. The Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council (ECMC) - comprising relevant Federal and State ministers - will meet to discuss the issue next week.

Most poll respondents acknowledged concerns about data centres creating climate pollution if they are powered by coal or gas, and 67% believed data centres were both a risk to the electricity grid and likely to cause higher power bills. Climate Council CEO Amanda McKenzie said "Australians have sent a crystal-clear message: operators cashing in on the AI boom must bring their own clean energy to the table. With energy demand from Australian data centres set to triple by 2030, we can't afford to let this industry drain our grid, push up electricity bills and create more climate pollution.

"Australians in every corner of the nation understand exactly what's at stake and it's important that Energy Ministers in every state and territory of the nation are listening.

"The Federal Government promised last week to ensure that data centres won't drive up power prices. This requires mandating that data centres build their own additional renewable power.

"Without immediate action, Australian households will pay the price through spiked energy bills and soaring pollution within the next few years.

"Each state and territory must come to the table and put the interests of their communities ahead of the profits of tech giants and fossil fuel corporations.

"This polling should be a wake-up call for the Queensland Government. Its opposition to clean energy rules is out of step with Queenslanders, who overwhelmingly want data centres required to pay for their own renewable energy."

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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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CLUB TUROSS - Monash Avenue - OPEN 7 DAYS

ULTRA FUEL - Shopping Centre - OPEN 5AM TO 10PM 7 DAYS

TUROSS CELLARS - Shopping Centre - OPEN 7 DAYS

TUROSS PHARMACY - Shopping Centre - OPEN 5.5 DAYS

MEN'S SHED - Golf Course, below Club Tuross

HOW TO REPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

If you see a Tuross Head infrastructure issue that is the Council's responsibility (eg. footpath trip hazard, sign damage) you can report it to them by:

Phone: Main switchboard 02 4474 1000 or phone the depot directly on 4474 1391

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.

Pat Anderson. Tuross Head Caring Group Mobile: 0497 315 534. Email: trossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com



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THE BINGIE POINT

Opinion by Cid Mateo



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

Public Councillor Information Sessions are critical

On 1 January 2026, the NSW Labor Government's reforms to improve the performance, transparency and accountability of local councils, came into effect. One of these reforms meant that private briefings of Councillors by Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC) staff were no longer permitted due to the risks of illegal behaviour and decisions not being made in the public interest. The reforms legislated that these briefings must now be conducted in public only. In the Eurobodalla, these briefings are now run as public Councillor Information Sessions (CIS). The public can see the agenda for the CIS a few days beforehand and observe the discussion by webcast on Council's website. This is in the interest of all stakeholders. For the first time in a long time, the public are openly informed about Eurobodalla Council's immediate and forthcoming priorities that affect them, and how Council staff is dealing with these priorities, and how Councillors are engaging with each of the public issues. With the public being better informed, they can engage with Councillors and the Council to improve public outcomes. This is win-win-win. Council staff can produce better options with more considered feedback from the public, and Councillors are better informed to make decisions with broader and better-informed public perspectives.

Eurobodalla Shire Council has been running public Councillor workshops and information sessions since April 2026 starting with the Batemans Bay Master Plan Workshop in April 2026. In May 2026, the workshop focused on the Batemans Bay Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, with additional items on Mossy Point planning issues and Maloney's Beach Reserve Access. Two workshops in June 2026 covered the Eurobodalla draft Biodiversity Strategy, the maintenance of unsealed roads, and the Batemans Bay Master Plan Project Plan, the Eurobodalla draft Operational Plan, Pathway Strategy and Council's (carbon) Emissions Reduction Plan. On 21 July 2026, the public Councillor Information Session covered the Moruya Airport Master Plan, the Moruya Riverside Plan of Management, classification and planning matters on a Council owned site in Hawdon Street, Moruya, an update of current Major Projects in the Eurobodalla, and specific discussion on the Southern Storage Dam and Kianga Sewerage Treatment Works. All of the above public policy priorities are critical to the wellbeing, safety and healthy functioning of the people and environment of the Eurobodalla. The information is critical to well-informed decision making by our elected representatives.

Council staff needs to be congratulated for bringing their work into the open. The public can better understand how they are working with limited resources, the complex issues they face in making the Eurobodalla a better place for all of us, and the background and basis for the proposals they ask our Councillors to make decisions. ESC General Manager (GM), Mark Ferguson, and his Directors, Jacqui Sullivan (Finance), Kathy Arthur (Community), Gary Bruce (Planning) and Graham Attenborough (Infrastructure), deserve credit for implementing in good faith the NSW Labor Government's intention to inform the public through open and transparent workshops. The GM and the Directors should be congratulated for supporting their staff present and inform the community at these workshops. The staff in turn should also be congratulated for stepping up. Their hard work and teamwork is there for all to see. As a relatively new member of the Eurobodalla community, I have learnt a great deal from their knowledge and expertise on a broad range of critical local issues. If you are interested in learning more about the above and future work, I recommend the webcasts, which can be found at <https://webcast.esc.nsw.gov.au/>

This doesn't mean that improvements can't be made. For example, the presentations and/or agenda papers for the public workshops should be published with the agenda, ideally at the same time, a few days before the workshops. This informs the public beforehand, perhaps even giving them an opportunity to engage with Councillors before the workshops. It leaves a permanent record for the public to refer to at any time in the future. This was done for the Batemans Bay Risk Management Study and Plan, though it hasn't been done for any of the other public priorities. Council should also look at providing a permanent record of workshops and meetings through permanent transcripts of these on its website. This could be a relatively low cost initiative in the public interest and may reduce misinformation proliferating on social media and in the community. NSW legislation requires webcasts to be held for 12 months only. A permanent written record can be accessed in perpetuity. It also allows people with hearing problems to be more engaged in public matters that affect the community.

The Councillor Information Sessions are principally held for Councillors to ask questions and to be better informed about issues they may have to make decisions about later in Council Meetings. Improvement in the engagement by Councillors in these workshops is critical. For example, at the CIS on 21 July 2026, only five out of nine Councillors attended. Four were absent, one on sick leave, and three on recreation leave (one was not explained). That's a third of our Councillors, including the Mayor, on recreation leave for a CIS prior to making critical decisions on these matters next week or in coming months. Councillors need to do better. At the last Public Access meeting, there were four Councillors in attendance. That is a very poor outcome. Councillors may have good reason to be absent. They or their family members may be sick or and require urgent support. They may have extenuating circumstances. However, three on avoidable leave at the same time is poor service to the community. Councillors have around a two-month break from official duties mid December to mid February each year. That's more than most working people, and a sufficient timeframe for them to take their leave. Surely Councillors can organise their recreation leave arrangements so that not more than one of them is on recreation leave at any one public meeting. We acknowledge the difficult work they do, and that other than the Mayor, they are poorly paid for their time. Councillors choose to sign up to represent the community. Decisions in the public interest don't take a holiday. The community expects Councillors to go to these meetings.



A Beer with Bazz # 245

With
John
Longhurst

Patrons squinted, and the local larrikin donned sunglasses as Mick wended his way through the front bar with schooners in hand. The larrikin followed up with a theatrical shuffle and a 'dun-dun ... dun-dun ... dun-dun' humming with an open palm pointing upwards on his head.

A red faced Mick landed the beers as his yellow fluoro jacket lit up further with embedded flashing coloured lights. He patted down the jacket to turn the lights off, but it only activated an alarm that screeched from his baseball cap.

Mick flustered, spun around, and the words 'BEWARE SHARKS' in large, bright red capital letters appeared beneath a vicious print of a great white pointer with its jaws open, teeth bared and dripping blood.

His dull grey-and-white shirt and pants complemented the grim warning.

Everyone took a step back as Bazz raised both eyebrows. "You are a walking and sounding advertisement for a horror movie, Mick. In fact, 'Jaws' comes to mind. What gives?"

Mick wiped the perspiration from his brow.

"Do you live in an igloo, Bazz? The South Coast is under attack from great white sharks. They are everywhere. They even closed the beach at Malua Bay last week because, and get this, up to eight big white pointers were waist-deep in the water, just waiting to gobble up swimmers. Anyhow, the Council has asked me to come up with some ideas for the surf lifesavers to raise awareness without causing alarm."

Bazz rubbed his chin and took a sip of the offered schooner. "That's an odd campaign for the middle of winter, Mick. It is hardly surprising there are sharks in the ocean. Whales are heading north at this time of year, so they are probably after a feed, I guess, if there are any mishaps. Anyhow, it is handy we have a bloke like you in our midst to keep everyone calm."

Mick's chest puffed slightly as Know All Ron cleared his throat and deepened his voice.

"I hope you are not being manipulated, Mick. In a previous life, I worked as a speech writer for a minister in the government."

Ron paused for effect.

"Now ... a favourite tactic was to create a distraction to conceal some unpopular news. You see ... if we were going to close a hospital somewhere, we might announce at the same time that there would be free dental care for seniors, for example. Or, if we were going to close a popular train line, we might have an upbeat press release highlighting the purchase (again) of some new ... you beaut trains. Hopefully, the latter stories would override the former ones, and everyone would be ... well happy."

Mick bit his bottom lip.

"That is a very cynical view of government, Ron. It took me ages to come up with this uniform and the Council is pretty impressed. In fact, they reckon the alarm should be louder."

Ron leaned across and pressed the button to activate Mick's baseball cap shark alarm. With the ensuing noise and mayhem, he rearranged everyone's beers on the table, flicked the alarm switch off, and stepped back.

"There you go, Mick. No one has realised they have a different drink in front of them. The government can use the same tactic. It's a bit like the magician's trick of making something disappear by getting the audience to look elsewhere."

Mick scratched his head as Bazz leaned in.

"Well now, Mick. I don't often agree with Ron, but he has got me thinking. While we are focused on sharks, we are not concerned about stuff that is more important."

Bella, the publican, paused from wiping tables.

"By gee, Mick, your outfit is scaring the clientele. Anyhow, I have been meaning to ask you all for your opinions on the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan."

Have a beer with Bazz at john.longhurst59@gmail.com

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100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

24-07-1926

Nine stonemasons and their families who arrived from England by the Pakeha last Saturday reached Moruya on Tuesday night. The arrival of these men will complete the quota arranged by Dorman, Long and Co. with the Federal authorities and the Stonemasons' Union for work in the granite quarries in connection with the North Shore bridge.

Troubles never come singly. A week to the day after the death of Mr. and Mrs. T. Henry's youngest son, the elder boy was operated on for the same complaint – appendicitis – by Drs. McCredie and Street. The patient, who is an inmate of the local hospital, is now progressing satisfactorily.

At the recent examination held by the Postal Dept., two young pupils of the Dwyer's Creek Public School were successful, Albert Stubbs gaining first place for N.S.W., and Roy Stubbs sixth place for N.S.W. These bright boys and their clever teacher, Mr. V. Gale, Master of the School, are to be congratulated on the excellent achievement.

The death of Mr. John Bartlett, at the age of 81 years, took place at Bimbimbe on Friday night 16th inst. Deceased, who had been ailing for some time, bore his sufferings with great fortitude and courage. Born in Devonshire, England, Mr. Bartlett, accompanied by his wife, came to this state in the early days of his married life, and settled in the Mogo district, where he resided ever since. Deceased leaves a grown-up family of sons and daughters.

By special telegraphic news which we received on Tuesday, it was officially announced that the Duke and Duchess of York will visit Australia to open the Federal Parliament at Canberra.

On Wednesday, Narooma's Pilot Knott and "Skipper" Allan Rose voyaged to Montague Island to transport the Inspector of Lighthouses, Mr. Ford, and his staff of mechanics to the mainland after an absence of upward of a month. The task of installing the new light has just been completed, and the innovation of a third second flash, and seven seconds eclipse, was put into operation on the 10th instant. Pilot Knott returned from his inspection convinced that the mechanism, etc., was a distinct improvement.

The usual monthly meeting of the Bateman's Bay Parents and Citizens' Association took place during the week, Mr. A. H. Annetts, President, presiding. It was agreed to have danger signals erected at about 50yds on each side of the school along the beach road for the protection of the children. A working bee was fixed to have the school grounds filled up and levelled.

AMUSU THEATRE. To-night, Saturday – The wonder comedy, Harold Lloyd in his latest and best, an explosion of fast and furious fun, WHY WORRY. Also, Cornard Nagel and Norma Shearer in EXCUSE ME.



Montague Island Lighthouse from Corkhill Collection

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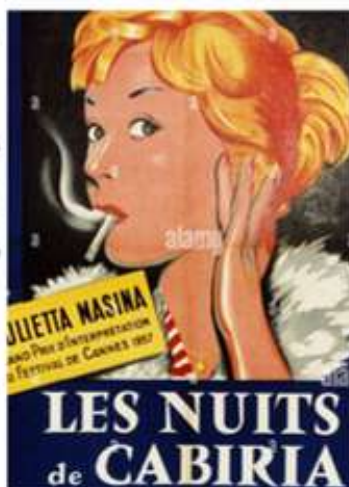


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**THIS MONTH'S FILM
NIGHTS OF CABIRIA**

SCREENING ON SATURDAY 25th JULY AT 6.30PM FOR A 7PM SHOWTIME
PLEASE NOTE NEW SCREENING TIME TO REFLECT THE SEASON

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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KUNZEA OIL FOR PAIN RELIEF

There is nothing quite like the buzz of discovering a game-changing botanical, especially when it features a powerhouse ingredient most people haven't even heard of yet. That is exactly how I feel about the incredible benefits of the Kunzea plant.

I'm not the only one getting excited, either. The feedback and glowing testimonials coming in for Kunzea-infused remedies - especially when it comes to fast, effective pain relief - have been absolutely incredible.

The secret is Kunzea ambigua, a native Australian bush that thrives in the wild, windswept corners of northeastern Tasmania and the Bass Strait Islands. While it belongs to the same plant family as tea tree and eucalyptus, Kunzea is in a league of its own. It is packed with a unique organic makeup, including a high concentration of sesquiterpenes (compounds known for their strong anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, and antimicrobial properties). If you live with chronic pain, muscle tension, or joint stiffness, this little-known native botanical is about to become your new best friend.

Here is a breakdown of how you can use different Kunzea remedies to find some serious relief.

Kunzea Pain Relief Cream

If joint pain or arthritis keeps you from doing what you love, a Kunzea-infused cream is the ultimate go-to. Because Kunzea is naturally anti-inflammatory, users report amazing results soothing arthritic discomfort, sciatica, shingles-related neuralgia, and fibromyalgia. Often paired with Lavender, Rosemary, and Vitamin E, it deeply soothes and hydrates.

Kunzea Muscle Balm

Whether you are sore after a long day on your feet or a heavy gym workout, a Kunzea muscle balm is pure gold. It helps boost circulation, ease tight muscles, and promote soft tissue repair. Look for formulas combining Kunzea with Peppermint, Eucalyptus, Ginger, and Arnica - which is also fantastic for easing muscle cramps and calming bruises.

Kunzea Bath Salts

These salts soothe screaming muscles, help you detox, and melt away stress for a better night's sleep. They combine magnesium and sea salts with Kunzea, Lavender, and Ylang Ylang.

Kunzea Concentrated Massage Oil

For stubborn, intense pain in localised areas, a highly concentrated Kunzea massage oil is the heavy hitter you need. It usually blends Kunzea with supporting native botanicals like Sandalwood and Lemon Myrtle.

Kunzea remedies are incredibly clean- naturally plant-based, vegan, cruelty-free, and free from artificial nasties. Best of all, because Kunzea is a proud Australian native, you are supporting sustainable harvesting from the pristine Tasmanian wilderness. It might just be the pain relief you've been searching for.

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\$32 million to help turn forest waste into jet fuel

Australian-made jet fuel produced from forest waste is a step closer to powering flights, thanks to a \$32 million investment from the **Federal Government**, making our fuel supply more resilient and less vulnerable to overseas shocks.

Through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), the Government is providing \$32 million to help develop HAMR Energy's project to turn forestry residues to jet fuel.

ARENA's funding is in two stages, with \$12.5 million available for the early Front End Engineering Design phase, and a further \$19.5 million subject to HAMR Energy securing the necessary co-funding to commence the detailed design phase.

The project aims to use forest waste to produce renewable methanol in Australia, which can then be converted into sustainable aviation fuel, renewable diesel and other low-carbon liquid fuels.

The forestry waste consists of byproducts and residues such as sawdust, bark, woodchips, thinnings and other material left over after harvesting and processing has occurred that typically have limited other markets. This will generate additional revenue to plantation owners alongside their existing primary products.

With a total project cost of \$92 million, the funding will be used to undertake development and design work to prepare three facilities for future investment decisions:

- A biomass processing facility located in Victoria will process approximately 600,000 tonnes a year of forestry residues
- The Portland Renewable Fuels methanol project located in Portland, Victoria will produce approximately 300,000 tonnes a year of renewable methanol
- A Methanol-to-Jet project located in Gillman, South Australia will use the methanol to produce approximately 140 megalitres of sustainable aviation fuel each year

Liquid fuels make up around half of Australia's national energy use, and replacing these fossil fuels with cleaner alternatives can deliver a significant climate and economic opportunity. Sustainable aviation fuel is one of the best ways of reducing emissions from aviation, particularly on long-haul flights where alternatives are limited.

This project could support the development of a new Australian low carbon liquid fuels industry, more jobs and investment opportunity across the forestry, manufacturing, engineering and aviation sectors.

The Government is committed to growing Australia's low carbon liquid fuels industry by supporting local production and helping build demand for these fuels, to maximise the economic and industrial benefits of the energy transition.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen said "Australia has an abundant supply of forest waste, and turning it into fuel for hard-to-abate sectors like aviation would be a win for emissions, Australian industry and regional jobs.

"Projects like this can help strengthen Australia's long-term fuel resilience by supporting more domestic fuel production and a more diverse fuel supply, making us more resilient to global energy shocks."

\$30 million to strengthen nation's electricity grid

Using electric vehicles to strengthen the grid, and helping apartment residents share solar and battery power, are among 14 innovative projects backed by \$30 million in Albanese Labor Government funding for a smarter, more efficient energy system.

The Grid Enhancing Technologies (GET) Grant Program will provide \$30 million in competitive grants for 14 innovative projects which will strengthen Australia's energy grid.

These grants are part of the Albanese Government's Rewiring the Nation program, investing more than \$20 billion to modernise and expand Australia's electricity system for a cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy future.

The 14 projects receiving funding will support technologies that boost capacity and improve performance across electricity networks in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory. These projects will deploy a diverse range of solutions, including:

- Using EVs as batteries to help power homes and support the grid when electricity demand is high
- Giving EV owners incentives to charge when electricity is cheaper and more readily available
- Helping renewable energy developers quickly find the best places to connect new energy projects to the grid
- Giving grid operators better tools to move electricity around the network and safely increase its capacity
- Technology that keeps the grid stable during high solar generation so more power can be used safely
- Coordinating large scale batteries across the network to reduce pressure on the grid.

Together, these projects will unlock more renewable energy flowing through the grid faster, allowing households and businesses to get more value from rooftop solar and batteries.

Successful applicants under the GET program were required to show how their project could work across the broader energy network to benefit more Australian households and businesses in the future.

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla





Let's do coffee with ... Mink Sadowsky

Discussing the dominance of women in this particular column with a friend drew an interesting response.

Her eye contact was unnervingly direct. "It is all because of Mount Gulaga behind Tilba Tilba, the sacred 'Mother Mountain' of the Yuin people. It is revered as a place of ancestral origin and ancient women's birthing. Strong and interesting women are attracted to the South Coast as a consequence."

The comment was 'food for thought' before the Moruya Mail (MM) had coffee with 'Light Heart Therapies'* owner and Mogo resident, Mink Sadowsky (MS), last week. On any estimation, Mink fits the bill and advances the theory.

MM: As opposed to many of us in the Eurobodalla, including yours truly, you have spent more time in this century than the last century.

MS: (Shake of the head ...) Pleased to know that! ... but only just. I was born in 1976 in Fremantle, Perth (W.A.), and this year is a special birthday!

Now ... My parents immigrated to Australia after escaping Europe following World War II. Mum is of Mongolian/Russian heritage and worked in community healthcare. Dad is from Ukraine, and science education was his calling.

I was very much a child of nature, all things natural ... the cycle of life, beauty and awe, which I explored during our regular trips to the South Coast and, thankfully, a place I have returned to.

We travelled overseas frequently as a family, particularly to South-East Asia. I happily acquired my parents' appreciation of other cultures, the arts and sciences, as well as alternative healthcare.

We moved between the A.C.T. and Perth. I attended Applecross High School and gained a scholarship to the extended education stream, specialising in the Visual Arts. It meant six days a week of school. I absolutely loved the arts, literature and history, but otherwise I was not that engaged in secondary school. I found it limited and stifling. I think I got more out of travelling and being in nature!

At this stage of my life, I would describe myself as a "free spirit" and a bit of a tomboy ... I was extremely adventurous and independent.

My next adventure, at around 16, took a major left turn. I was walking down a street in the Perth CBD and was approached by a modelling scout who wanted to sign me to an agency.

I thought it was all a bit of a joke and was totally nonplussed and cynical ... but to my great surprise, Dad said, "Why not look into it?"

So ... there you go ... in no time, I was on a plane by myself and off to Milan, Italy. My life was about to go in a totally unexpected direction, and my career as a runway/editorial model began.

Well ... the modelling world! It was a strange and surreal experience. The pay was great, and I primarily saw it as a means to earn a living.

I enjoyed the creative and artistic side of the industry and absorbed the business/life education experience, but the term 'rollercoaster' comes to mind.

I spent the good part of nearly two decades travelling throughout Europe on my own. It's a very nomadic existence. Now ... remember, it is the 1990s and early 2000s. There was no union representation, occupational health and safety issues were seldom addressed, and harassment in all its forms was rife.

You are very much a "coat hanger". There was an unnatural and extreme expectation to maintain a certain aesthetic and physical appearance.

There was a rapid accumulation of life experience for a person still in her teenage years, and I did not deal with the build-up of physical, emotional and intellectual stress until later in life.

Outside of this world, I would spend time continuing to explore my artistic, creative side, spending as much free time in nature as possible. I really started to deep dive and commit to my own holistic health and wellbeing.

MM: Well ... that is some introduction to adulthood! How do you gracefully leave the runway and join us on the South Coast?

MS: I wish it was that straightforward!

There is obviously a limited life in the modelling industry, and by the 2010s I used my accumulated artwork to gain entry to the National Art School in Darlinghurst. I studied full-time for three years and completed a Bachelor of Visual Arts degree.

The transition from walking the runways of Europe to the footpaths of Sydney was anything but smooth.

It was not an easy time. Years of constant work pressures and travel had taken a toll on my mental, emotional and physical health.

It set me deeper on a path into women's holistic health practices and wellness, and I was open to therapies, training and education, counselling, and physical and mental health ... basically everything. I realised just how disconnected I was from myself, and it sparked an awakening.

A strong sense of advocating for myself took root, which led to studies and courses in Chinese Medicine, Massage, Nutrition, Psychology and Counselling, Neuroscience, Reiki ... basically anything linked to the wellness landscape. I was intent on getting 'on board with myself' and saw it all as an investment in my holistic health.

At this point, my parents' health had declined, and we moved permanently to the South Coast.

The geographical change further assisted my own recovery, and many a walk on pristine Rosedale Beach, with sand between my toes and nature's heartbeat of gently breaking waves, soothed me. It felt like coming home ... safe in the natural world, committed to and enmeshed in wellness. The South Coast really has its own type of magic.



I found myself drawn to other women with similar interests and careers in health and wellness and found an incredible community where we would share our experiences and evolving education. I really felt a calling to assist other women navigating life's challenges and obstacles and started out by giving deep relaxation and therapeutic meridian and lymphatic massage to friends and family. I found that people wanted to talk and were asking for some framework around their own overall health journey. To share the human experience brought about a great reciprocity.

Once again, a chat with Dad resulted in another 'Why not?' moment, but this felt like an authentic, true calling. That's when 'Light Heart Therapies'* was born.

Without doubt, my chosen wellness path today has made it easier to navigate life. These days, I really want to share my accumulated experiences and combine Eastern and Western teachings and techniques with others.

I genuinely believe we all need a soft place to land, a space where every part of us, body and soul, feels seen, held, and gently heard. At 'Light Heart Therapies', I am intent on drawing from my two decades of massage and wellness experience to provide nurturing, holistic practices to soothe the nervous system, restore balance, and invite deep healing. It's all about weaving a framework of care that supports your emotional, physical, mental, and energetic wellbeing.

These days, I really do see myself as a holistic women's health worker, and it's really exciting to be combining forces with Clare Lovelace, owner of Soul Tribe Yoga Studio & Wellness Hub**, as we both move forward into our new endeavour, moving to our brand-new location in Mogo, opening on August 1!

MM: I must say, I am particularly interested in your advice to 16-year-old Mink.

MS: (Smiles ...) Ahh ... what is the next right authentic action? Be gentle with yourself, keep evolving, and remember ... your experience might become someone else's survival guide one day.

MM: Phew! ... you are certainly one of Mount Gulaga's daughters. Thank you so much, Mink.

*www.lighthousehearttherapies.com
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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**

Book Launch 'Mogo's ANZACS'



The highly anticipated release of 'Mogo's ANZACS,' a profound publication by our dedicated research team will be held on 13th August. This event marks a significant milestone as we conclude our 'Mogo to the Battlefield WW1' exhibition with an afternoon of storytelling and discovery. Discover the stories, photographic archives, and educational insights of the Mogo ANZACS. This essential publication explores their origins and legacy in detail.
Date: 13 August 2026, 2:00 – 3:00pm
Please register in the Events section of the website
www.batemansbayheritagemuseum.com

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."

Artist talk: Sunday 2 August, 4pm



Tim, Barrass, Little Hammers (detail)



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Eurobodalla singer launches Single

By John Longhurst

Given the experiences in the Eurobodalla over the last few years, local creative, Jeannette Okay's new single, 'Find Your Way Back'* released on Spotify could easily be the shire's anthem.

The lyrics written by the 48 year old local creative are an uplifting and moving exploration of loss, love, grief and reunification.

Jeannette says, "After a rough year in 2025 filled with much heartache, I turned my grief into something powerfully inspiring and wrote this song as a way to cope with my losses and for anyone who had someone lose their way in life, hoping they'd find their way back. It is also inspired by music idols who battled health obstacles such as Olivia Newton John, Shania Twain and Celine Dion."

She has also been an active singer in the online community known as 'Smule' where she enjoys spending her spare time singing and collaborating with others incognito under the pseudonym JSK AOK.

Jeannette is planning on releasing more music later this year.

Apart from music, the former model/entrepreneur/writer is embarking on a new adventure with her good friend, Alexandra Stewart, designing uplifting and funny t-shirts, music, coffee mugs, greeting cards that have a positive effect on the local community that bring laughter and joy to all who come across this dynamic duo's shenanigans.

Alexandra is also actively involved in the Eurobodalla's Local Gatho for youth.

Jeannette and Alex are launching their t-shirt extravaganza known online as @MamaJaja26 on Instagram, at the Batemans Bay Rotary Markets, Clyde St Batemans Bay, beginning seasonally on 2nd August 2026.

You can connect with Jeannette Okay on her Facebook and through the MamaJaja26 instagram accounts.

* https://open.spotify.com/track/2cxVBG6Usn8vAZ1hMjfpfR?si=oz1-unaRSFygE2LOGPpSgg&utm_source=copy-link



L-R Jeannette Okay and Alexandra Stewart

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1 Aug	Chris O'Connor
8 Aug	Mark Smith
14 Aug	Murder Mystery Night
15 Aug	Laz n Caz
22 Aug	Jakob Poyner
28 Aug	Trivia Night
29 Aug	TBC Private Function
5 Sep	Greg Byng
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Contemporary Music Touring Program

Creative Australia - The Contemporary Music Touring Program (CMTP) supports national touring activity undertaken by Australian musicians performing original Australian contemporary music. The tour must comprise of performances in at least three venues or locations outside of the performer's hometown. Tours that include regional and remote destinations, or which assist performers residing in regional and remote areas to tour, are a priority for funding. Deadline: 13 October 2026, 2 June 2027 Amount: \$5,000 to \$50,000 Further details: [Contemporary Music Touring Program](#) Phone: 02 9215 9000 Online: <https://creative.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/>

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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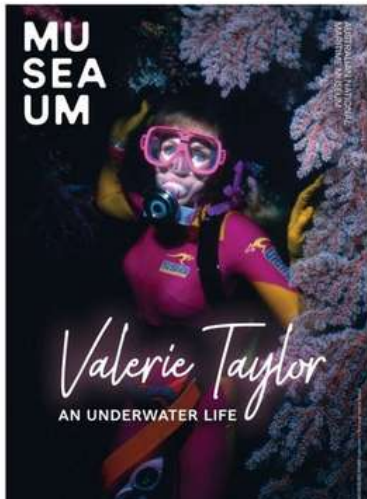
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A Day in the Life of a ... Librarian

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

Fast Facts:

- Name: Janelle Smith
- Wake-up time: 6.00am
- Current read: The Art of Ikigai
- Upcoming read: The Importance of Being Delia by Meredith Jaffe

It's a walk on the beach before sunrise with her dog, 'Sunny Boy', breakfast, and then into Batemans Bay Library by 8.30am for our local librarian, Janelle Smith.

Computers are fired up, administrative tasks are underway, daily printing is sorted, and the circulation desk is organised for a 10.00am public opening with her team of Mary, Debbie, Sonia and Andrew.

The 'hush, hush', 'whisper, whisper' and 'quiet please!' image of the staid librarian of yesteryear is long gone.

Janelle has been a librarian for forty years and has been permanent at Batemans Bay Library since 2022. She is an enthusiastic supporter of the evolution of the modern library.

Janelle said, "I am often asked, 'Are libraries still valid?' These days, I see the library as the lounge room of the community. On any given day, we have activities such as children's story time, baby rhyme time, toddler time, exhibitions, school holiday initiatives such as spacecraft building, sensory-friendly hours, books-to-movies events, weekly write-ins and our popular author talks. The list goes on, and it is community-driven."

A knitting group was underway on the day of the Moruya Mail's (MM) visit and it underlines Janelle's passion for activated spaces. Almost half of Janelle's workload is spent running events across the three libraries in the Eurobodalla Shire and can range from researching interview questions for visiting authors such as Marcus Zusak, to putting together the upcoming 'Science Day' on 21 August, to the upcoming 'Trip Back to the 1970s' to celebrate the 50th birthday of the library.



Janelle Smith

The library also assists the community with information technology (IT) needs.

Janelle said, "With the closure of the National Broadband Network (NBN) help centre, there is a need for assistance. We are also the library for the local campus of the University of Wollongong (UOW) and help students with research needs."

Janelle is passionate about her library team and said, "They are approachable, enthusiastic and creative, ensuring our clientele have an enjoyable experience."

The MM's memories of avoiding the library due to 'loud breathing', overdue loans and fines as a boy faded during the time spent chatting to Janelle.



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For more information on our Library events please visit
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Batemans Bay Library

Thursday 6 August
2.30 - 4pm

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.

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 with experience facilitating workshops.



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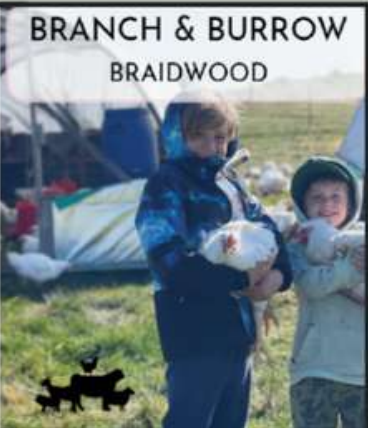


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- 26 September – **Tilba Festival**
- 21st–25th October – **Sea Otter Australia**
- 31st Oct – **Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo**
- 5 Dec – 30 Jan – **Basil Sellers Art Prize 2026**
- 13 March 2027 – **NSW State Election**
- 7–9 May – 2027 **Narooma Oyster Festival**

NEXT ESC Council Meetings 28 July, 25 August
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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: 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).

When: Tuesday 4th August 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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

How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment

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).

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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

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. 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.

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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ASK BIG HEAD

How does it feel when your dog ignores you in public? Well, times that by a million and you might get a sense of how poor Barnaby Joyce felt when his dog repeatedly interrupted his live TV interview this week. So today I want to answer a canine question that's been barking around Australia after a red-faced Barnaby did his lid on national television.

Q. Why does my dog stop listening to me when I shout and get angry?

While humans often view communication as a contest of who can speak the loudest or use the most words, dog communication is about body language and energy. From a canine perspective, erratic emotions are a signal of instability. So when a dog sees a human start flipping out, they correctly identify that human as being 'not in control'.

In the complex world of canine hierarchy, true authority is steady, calm and present. Pack leaders don't need to shout, wave their arms or be aggressive - they move with intent, speak with purpose and focus fully on the recipients of their message. Dogs know how you feel, not what you say. So if you're not in the present moment when you instruct your dog - whether that's because you're angry, embarrassed or distracted - they will see that their leader is 'absent' and will be more likely to explore their own inclinations.

So, Barnaby, if you happen to be reading this over your morning turmeric latte - when your dog isn't responding, the fix isn't always to crank up your volume. The secret is to take a deep breath, plant your feet, and give clear focused direction. Patience is the key. When you slow down your own nervous system, you're communicating to your dog that this is the focused energy you want them to replicate. To be fair, this can be a challenge during a live TV interview. So your choice is either to pause the interview or simply accept that your dog isn't going to listen until you've got the time to be present with them. Got a question for Big Head? You can email bigheaddogtraining@gmail.com

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- 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
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Yoga pose of the week with Christina Carroll



Spiralled head to knee pose - Parivritti Janu Sirshasana

A great pose to stretch the hamstrings, spine, shoulders, lower back, and the sides of the abdomen. It expands the rib cage, improving the breathing capacity. It provides a spinal twist that massages and stimulates your digestive organs, renowned to benefit digestion. This pose also calms the mind, relieving anxiety, fatigue, and mild depression.

To practice - Sit with the legs extended in front of you with the feet shoulder width apart. Bend the left knee and place the foot on the inside of the right thigh. Lean to the right, and lay the right forearm if available, or the right hand on the floor inside the right leg with the palm facing up. Lengthen the right side of the torso along the inside of the right thigh. Take your hand toward the right foot, if available, hold of the inside edge of the foot. Raise the left arm straight up toward the ceiling, then slowly lower the arm behind the left ear to take hold of the outside edge of the right foot. Press the elbows away from each other, using them to help twist the upper torso further. If comfortable in the neck, turn the head and look towards the ceiling. Hold for as long as comfortable then release, return to the upright position. Repeat these steps to the other side and hold for the same duration.



Expressions of Interest

Deua River Stockmans Challenge Clinic

Obstacles, Whip crack, Dry work, Bareback, Packsaddle Demo

Moruya Showgrounds
3 Days
4th, 5th & 6th September 2026

Enquiries: Peter Heffernan 0427 333 542

This Clinic is fundraising for the upcoming Moruya Ag Show & the new Deua River Stockmans Challenge

SHARKS GAME DAY!

ROUND 10

BATEMANS BAY JUNIOR TIGERS VS MORUYA TUROSS JRLFC

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FIELD 2	FIELD 1
8:30 AM U7 + U8	8:30 AM 10LT
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	10:10 AM U11
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	2:40 PM U14
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SUNDAY 26 JULY

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

17.7.26

Moruya River.

With the kids returning to school next week, the activity in town has already started to subside. The river has seen some visiting salmon stretch young anglers this week, with the most activity down around the Preddy's wharf area and the spur wall. The incoming tide has the chance to bring these fun fish into the system, as they look for a feed. Small metals or flesh baits of mullet or pilchard have been bringing these fish undone. There have also been the occasional bream or flathead in under the salmon schools.

My pick for the weekend will be the lower areas of the system, that are closest to the slightly warmer ocean waters, with the incoming tide the pick of the cycle.

Tuross River.

There have been some reasonable captures of mulloway this week in the Tuross system, the tide changes are period of highest mulloway activity. Concentrate your efforts 45 minutes before to 45 minutes after the tide change as the window for success. If you are targeting the a long way up the Tuross system, allow for tide variation. The top reaches can be up to 3 hours behind the mouth of the system, as the tide change takes longer to travel up the system.

Bream and flathead are still viable options throughout the system also, you just need to work a bit harder to get them to bite during the colder months of the year.

Try the deep holes or deeper stretches of the river that offer a slight temperature break and can hold a few extra fish, when the water starts to become gin clear, a sure sign that water temps have dropped.

Rock and beach.

Salmon and tailor continue to be the main attraction along the coast during the cooler months, and the most consistent capture. Some of the salmon are getting into the large size, and can put light tackle anglers through their paces to land them. Drummer are another very viable option during the cooler months from the local rock ledges. A bag of white bread and some prawns for bait is all that is required to tangle with these local bruisers. Give no quarter and locked drag techniques are required to extract these fish from their rocky homes. This is alot of the attraction, for me at least, when chasing a few "pigs" from the stones.

Offshore.

Good numbers of snapper have been reported when outside conditions have allowed crews to get out this past week, and the weekend forecast looks to be favourable for an outside session on Saturday at this stage. Try around 10-20m of water, before heading out further if required.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, so all the usual baits are available and in stock.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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Tuross Head Golf



Sponsor Dianne Brown with Winner Lars Gaupset

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 16th July 2026

A field of 46 players, including a visitor, competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The sponsor today was Dianne Brown. The results were close, the winner a fair way out in front, and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Lars Gaupset (14) with 41 points
2nd: Stephen Swanbury (19) with 36 points (countback)
3rd: Ron Rogers (19) with 36 points
4th: Wayne Burgess (4) with 35 points (countback)
5th: Jim Wade (14) with 35 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Wayne Burgess 0.62 A Grade
4th: Ron Rogers 1.50 B Grade
4th: Robert McDonell 2.45 C Grade
6th: Robin Chan Wan 2.12 A Grade
6th: Mark Haberkorn 7.05 B Grade
6th: Stephen Gardner 3.26 C Grade
7th: Ruth Gschwend 2.72 A Grade
7th: Dorothy Madden 2.30 B Grade

Balls went to: Shane Gschwend 34, Darrell Kildey 34, Marie Muriwai 34, Dianne Brown 34, Brad Doolan 34, Robert McDonell 34, Nigel Barling 33, Peter Garn 33, Ian McManus 33 and Stephen Gardner 33.



Winners: Marie Muriwai, Chris Wratten and Jenny Reilly

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results Tuesday 21st July 2026

A field of 17 ladies competed in a Single Stableford event. The event was sponsored by Bodalla General (Bakery) and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
1st: Marie Muriwai (24) with 38 points
2nd: Dorothy Madden (22) with 33 points

B Grade:

- 1st: Chris Wratten (35) with 39 points
2nd: Kerrie Sands (38) with 36 points

C Grade:

- 1st: Jenny Reilly (41) with 33 points
2nd: Jennifer Gray (45) with 28 points

Place Getters:

Pam Alexander 30 and Maree Coffey 30.

Hole Prize:

- 7th: Pam Alexander Golden Shot A 2.62
7th: Kerrie Sands Golden Shot B 5.66

Nearest to the Pins: 2nd Shot

- 6th Stacey Davidson Distance 0.58
15th Chris Wratten Distance 4.15



Winner: Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 18th July 2026

A field of 55 players took to the course to compete in a Medley Stableford event. The day was sunny and there were some excellent scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Bruce Harding (19) with 40 points
2nd: Ian Lawson (17) with 36 points (countback)
3rd: Colin Houghton (4) with 36 points
4th: Ben Hewison (11) with 35 points (countback)
5th: Herb Muriwai (24) with 35 points (countback)

Great Score:

Peter Engelbrecht Eagle Voucher

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: William Steenbergen 1.31 A Grade
4th: Peter Johnston 1.54 B Grade
4th: Michael Elfar 3.06 C Grade
6th: Paul Ferguson 3.41 A Grade
6th: Ian Lawson 1.88 B Grade
7th: Darrell Kildey 2.17 A Grade

Balls went to: Ray Bollard 35, Lars Gaupset 35, Ruth Gschwend 34, Ron Rogers 34, Steven O'Shea 34, Brad Reid 33, Ken Hush 33, Michael Coloe 33, Peter Hogan 33, Stephen Swanbury 33, Wayne Burgess 33, Peter Garn 33, John Harb 33, Jim Madden 33 and Jenny Reilly 32.



Winner: Greg Geelan

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 22nd July 2026

35 players, including a visitor, braved the cold morning to compete in a Single Stableford event today and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Greg Geelan with 23 points
2nd: Linda Puglisi with 22 points
3rd: Odette Goodwin with 21 points

Balls or Chocolates: Greg Smith 20, Julie Barningham 19, Warren Hodder 19, Neal Watson 19 and Rob Nash 19.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Chris Wratten (2nd Shot)
6th: Tony Crook (1st Shot)
7th: Ladies: Julie Barningham (2nd Shot)
Mens: Des Jackson (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Tony Crook (5th hole)
Bradman's: Greg Bush

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Mac started proceedings this morning with her Welfare Report then congratulations to Winners of Mixed Pairs Murray O'Brien and Sue Beavan which was played on the weekend . (Photo) Runners-up, Dan Wilson and Jenny Blyth . (Photo) Thanks to Robyn Butcher and Pat Bill who selected teams for Social Bowls . Winners Rink 3, 17/14 Tricia Wheeler, Raija Johnston and Gayl Vidgen. (photo) A great game which could have ended up either team when one gave away 5 shots!! Runners-up Rink 4, Beja Smith, Marlou Rollinson & Kim Giannasca. Lucky number, 15 Colleen Ashby. Money Club, 18 Lou Butcher, 10 Robyn Butcher. Jackpot, 89 Marlou Rollinson, two weeks in a row but could only find 10 of Clubs + Free game of bowls. Chrissy there are cameras everywhere !

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



President Robbo welcomed 28 Twisties on a beautiful morning of Winter sunshine. A special mention to Matt Wheelahan on becoming a member of Twist Tops also to visitor Mike Hall who joined us.

Rols bowled a few Ends this morning to see how his new knee would hold up after his surgery. Thank you to Ruthless for the beautiful morning tea of Orange and Almond Friands.

Winners with Most Winning Ends +12, Matt and Irish , Father and Son duo 28/13 (photo)

\Runners-up +11, Hot Lips and Spike with Ruthless and Kaz.19/15. No Jackpot. High/Low scores 28/7

Not won but some close scores. Lucky numbers, 18 Clark, 8 Smiley.

Other teams, Dave & Robbo 23/19, Chrissy and Smiley 17/14, Artie and Mike 21/7, Milka and Gilligan 16/14.

Best Wishes Scottie and Mad Max for the future in your new home.

Sunday Twist Tops 0438 761 081



Moruya Ladies Golf

Moruya lady golfers were back out on the Course on Wednesday 15th July after missing a week due to the JNJC Championships being played. Another great sunny day in Winter provided good conditions for some great golf to be played with Vicki Goodwin winning the day with 38 Stableford points. Sharon Knight was the runner up on 36 points. Balls went to Phyllis Reid, Margaret Douglas, Robyn Hawkins, Angie McMillan and Jan Lumsden. Nearest the pins were won by Sharon Knight (Div 1) and Angie McMillan (Div 2)."

Vicki Goodwin >>



Rugby Union Results

Canberra Suburban Cup

Saturday 18th July 2026

- No games played - a general bye before finals start
- Next weekend - Saturday 25th July 2026

- Elimination semi final

Batemans Bay "Boars" v Easts "White" @ Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay

- Major semi final

Easts "Red" v Hall "Bushrangers" @ Griffith Oval ACT Women's 10's Rugby competition

• Batemans Bay 46 beat Uni Norths 15

The Batemans Bay ladies put in a solid performance to record their second win of the season. Alexa Warick scored 3 tries and kicked 3 conversions

• Cooma 29 beat Braidwood 22

• Jindabyne 43 beat Yass 0 Goulburn 55 beat Hall 12

• Tuggeranong 24 beat Easts 17

• Bungendore had a bye

Annual bindi blitz at Eurobodalla sportsgrounds

Eurobodalla Council's annual weed-spraying program begins on Monday 3 August and continues over two weeks to ready the shire's ovals for the spring sports season. The program targets broad-leaf weeds like bindi before they can develop painful, prickly burrs.

Council's manager of recreation services Carlyle Ginger says the program is timed for maximum impact on the annoying weed.

"Every year we treat our sportsgrounds to get on top of bindi and other broad-leaf weeds before they become a problem," Mr Ginger says.

"Each oval will close for around an hour while spraying is underway. We'll have signs up that identify the herbicide being used and we'll take them down once the area is fine to use again."

Weather permitting, the spraying will take place around Batemans Bay on Monday 3 to Tuesday 4 August, around Moruya on Wednesday 5 to Thursday 6 August, and around Narooma on Monday and Tuesday 11 August.

Free CSIRO program to help aquaculture SMEs turn ideas into research and development plans

The free eight-week online program, delivered by Australia's national science agency, **CSIRO**, helps SMEs turn early-stage ideas into actionable research and development (R&D) plans while building connections with expert facilitators and researchers. Since its commencement in 2020, more than 900 SMEs have taken part in the program. Dr Mat Cook, Aquaculture Research Director at CSIRO, said the field of aquaculture offers significant opportunities for Australian businesses developing new products and technologies.

"Whether it's breeding, animal health, nutrition or new production systems, good ideas often stall because businesses aren't sure what evidence they need or where to start with R&D," Dr Cook said.

"Innovate to Grow connects SMEs with researchers and gives them a clear, practical process for working out what R&D their idea actually needs."

Rebecca Parlett, Director of Bio Tribute Systems, participated in a previous Innovate to Grow program. The Australian startup develops circular innovations to support soil health and environmental recovery and joined the program seeking scientific validation and feasibility data to help transition its early-concept innovations into market-ready, scalable solutions.

"The program helped me to clarify the real status of my innovation and better understand the R&D pathway required to progress it," Ms Parlett said.

"It also helped me identify that my project is not simply a product-development issue, but requires regulatory clarification, claims discipline, independent validation, a funding strategy and a staged evidence pathway. The program gave me a more structured and realistic framework for deciding what needs to happen next."

CSIRO's Innovate to Grow: Aquaculture is open to Australian SMEs developing or supplying solutions in the following subsectors: Breeding, Health, Nutrition, Production, systems and optimisation, Digital and AI, Sustainability and circular agri-aquaculture, Packaging, and Enabling Indigenous-led aquaculture.

Applications are now open and close on 16 August 2026. The program will commence in September. [Learn more and apply.](#)



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