



Photo of the Week: Four generations of the Marshall family celebrate 50 years of service at Marshall's Bus & Coach Company Pty Ltd

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Federation Compact a major step towards fairer council funding

The national voice for Australian councils has welcomed the Labor National Conference's support for a Federation Compact as a pathway to increased federal Financial Assistance Grants to support councils across the nation.

Australian Local Government Association President Mayor Matt Burnett said the vote was an important recognition of the financial pressures facing Australia's 538 councils and the communities they serve. Labor delegates committed to delivery of a Federation Compact between local and federal government that would increase federal funding assistance, improve local government capability in key service areas and allow Roads to Recovery funding to be used to purchase plant and equipment.

"Today's result reflects years of determined advocacy by ALGA, councils, local government associations, the unions representing council workers and community leaders across the country," Mayor Burnett said.

"This is a significant and encouraging result for local government and for every Australian community that depends on council services and infrastructure. Labor delegates have recognised that the strength of local government is essential for our nation's future through a federation compact.

"Today's vote sends a strong message that councils must be properly supported to maintain local infrastructure, deliver essential services and respond to the changing needs of their communities."

Financial Assistance Grants are councils' primary source of untied Commonwealth funding, allowing local governments to direct investment according to the particular priorities of their communities. However, the value of the grants has fallen from one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue in 1996 to just 0.49 per cent in 2026-27.

Mayor Burnett said councils had continued to take on greater responsibilities while managing rising construction and operating costs, ageing infrastructure, natural disasters and increasing demand for local services.

"A Federation Compact will formally recognise that councils cannot be expected to keep doing more with less and that a stronger funding partnership is needed."

Funding increase a big win for rural, regional and remote Councils

LGNSW President Mayor Darcy Byrne has welcomed the Albanese Government's commitment to increase Financial Assistance Grants, highlighting the key benefits for rural, regional and remote councils facing an escalating funding crisis.

The Local Government Federation Compact, announced over the weekend at the ALP National Conference, includes a commitment to annually increase the level of Financial Assistance Grants to councils across Australia, helping strengthen the long-term sustainability of Local Government.

Financial Assistance Grants are a vital source of untied funding that councils use to help fund local roads, infrastructure and community services.

"This is a major breakthrough for rural, regional and remote councils and their communities across NSW," Mayor Byrne said.

"The crisis in funding for councils in these areas has been getting more acute, and this recognition from the Federal Government that action must be taken is a big step forward. Now we need to work urgently to get this new compact established and implemented.

"In regional communities, we've got councils with thousands of kilometres of roads to maintain and ageing community infrastructure.

"Many of these councils are having to step in to fill the void left by the State and Federal governments when it comes to health services, aged care and housing.

"With limited revenue raising capacity, there's a real danger in the medium term of councils running out of cash to deliver basic services.

"The clearest priority of the new compact will be fixing this crisis in our rural, regional, and remote communities."

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Correcting misinformation, Bay Community Centre

ESC - There appears to be some misinformation circulating in the community regarding the community centre. Hopefully the following information will provide some reassurance to you about Council's intentions.

The community centre was the subject of a Council report on 28 May 2026.

The resulting resolution from Council was: 'That Council supports the reopening of the Batemans Bay Community Centre for community use and requests a further report be presented to the September Meeting of Council, prior to the allocation of funds ...' Council will be reopening the Batemans Bay community centre for community use, subject to general cleaning, maintenance works, the establishment of an operating budget, as well as consulting with the community about demand and preferred uses.

This work is underway, with cleaning, garden works and maintenance scheduled. In addition, Council has some proposed fees and charges on public exhibition, inviting community feedback.

Council has also invited individuals and groups to submit an Expression of Interest for future use and bookings at the centre. This will give us a sense of who wants to book the space, how often and what they need in place in terms of amenities and spaces. This will all be provided to Council when we report back. If you would like to review the Expression of Interest or make a submission, please visit Council's website and complete the online form. We would be very interested in your thoughts and potential uses for the centre. In addition, Council will be holding an **Open Day event at Batemans Bay Community Centre on 12 August, from 10am to 1pm.** You may wish to visit the centre and enjoy a tour of the spaces and rooms available.

Plans for Airport's future



At Tuesday's Monthly Council Meeting, Council endorsed a Moruya Airport Master Plan 2026 and a concept for a prospective new Terminal following a period of public exhibition. The Airport was described as a 'critical asset' for the Eurobodalla.

A review of the Moruya Airport Master Plan 2015 was undertaken following changes to legislation, developments at the airport following the initial Master Plan and to align with Council's current strategic priorities, in particular the need for financial sustainability.

The Master Plan, and the terminal concept, were publicly exhibited from 17 October 2025 until 28 November 2025.

The Master Plan is a long-term plan to guide the development and modernization of Moruya Airport so it can handle future growth, improve financial sustainability, and remain a key regional asset—while carefully managing environmental and community impacts.

The terminal is one long term action from the Master Plan and, if endorsed, its concept design will be progressed into plans for a development application. The concept plans for a new terminal on the other side of the runway have been developed so that if a grant becomes available the project would be shovel ready, however it was acknowledge that this would be triggered by the need for a new terminal by need for passenger security screenings, larger planes and increased volume.

Projects and Actions that stem from the Master Plan will be progressed subject to a business case process, ensuring value for money and community and economic benefits are identified clearly.

Following a competitive procurement process in 2023, Council engaged aviation consultants To70 to write the Master Plan and STEA Astute Architecture, a specialist in airport terminal infrastructure, to develop a Terminal concept. The Master Plan will be used as a planning tool for the future design of subdivisions and aircraft movement areas.

Following these activities a strategic vision for the airport was developed as follows: "Develop Moruya Airport to support continued growth in the four key aviation activities: • Regular Public Transport and Corporate Traffic • Specialist Aviation Businesses • Emergency Services • Recreational Flying ...while increasing revenue generated and supporting employment generation onsite and across Eurobodalla. We will do this whilst working with stakeholders to ensure that upgrades to airport infrastructure minimise the impact on the local environment or quality of life for residents."



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Marshall Family Celebrate 50 years on the road



Managing Director Melissa Seidel cuts the birthday cake.



Suzanne Storries with Peter Marshall.

A celebration to mark 50 years of service by the Marshall Family, of Marshall's Bus & Coach Company Pty Ltd was held on Saturday at the depot on Yarragee Road.

There was a display of historic photographs, a sausage sizzle, face painting, South Coast History Society, Moruya SES and Moruya Fire and Rescue displays and of course, Marshall's fleet of modern coaches and buses being proudly displayed.

Representatives from Bus NSW, Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland and Cr Mick Johnson also attended.

Managing Director Melissa Seidel (nee Marshall) spoke about the company's strong commitment to the community.

Peter Marshall acknowledged the changes over 50 years and the importance of succession planning with 4 generations of the family at the celebration.

A special visitor on the day was Suzanne Storries from Jamberoo who was on the very first school bus run with Peter when the company started out at Gubbata.

Cr Johnson read a speech from Cr Constable who was unable to attend.

"Today, we are recognising an incredible achievement, 50 years of service to the Eurobodalla community by the Marshall family. For 32 of those 50 years, the Marshall family has proudly provided school bus services across the Eurobodalla, safely transporting generations of students to and from school. Their commitment to this essential service has made a lasting difference to countless local families."

The Marshall family are deeply community-minded people who take great pride in the role they play. They understand that transporting children is about much more than simply getting them from one place to another. The role of a school bus driver extends far beyond driving a heavy vehicle. On any given day, a driver may find themselves acting as a referee, an educator, a first aider, or even a stand-in grandparent. Our school bus drivers carry an enormous responsibility and take great care in looking after the children entrusted to them each day. I would also like to make a special mention of Helen and Ken Marshall, who moved from Victoria to New South Wales 50 years ago and laid the foundations for this remarkable operation. Starting small, they worked tirelessly to build the business into what it is today. While Ken is sadly no longer with us, his legacy lives on through the business, the family, and the community he helped serve. We are delighted that Helen is able to join us today, and we thank her for the vision, determination and dedication that helped make this milestone possible."

After the speeches the Marshall's 'Birthday Bus' took people on a 1 hour tour of historic Moruya – hosted by the Moruya and District Historical Society.

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The Wheels on their Buses Go Round & Round & Round

The following history of the Marshall's Bus Company is from *Recollections Magazine* May-July 2026.



The first Marshall's Bus Gubbata School run.

"Imagine, it's your second day on the job as General Manager and you are faced with something that was definitely not in your job description: having to battle an out-of-control bushfire that was seriously threatening to engulf your company's bus depot.

That was the experience that Josh Seidel, from Marshall's Bus and Coach Company of Moruya, had during the 2019/2020 bushfires that blackened nearly 80% of the Eurobodalla Shire and destroyed more than 2,000 buildings. (Josh and another employee, Wayne Marshall, successfully contained the fire using multiple fire extinguishers until the local fire brigades could arrive, ultimately resulting in just a few of the downpipes on the company's bus depot being melted.

Marshall's buses, meanwhile, were called upon to evacuate some of those affected by the fires, and the company supplied the local Council with fuel during the fire emergency.)

Marshall's Bus and Coach Company of Moruya is celebrating 50 years of providing contracted school bus services in New South Wales.

For 30 of those years it has provided a significant service in and around Moruya. The company's story is typical of many 'small' (if an enterprise which has a fleet of 28 busses and coaches, and has 40 employees, can be considered 'small!'), successful, family-owned businesses that provide essential services to their local rural community.

Marshall's origins go back to a small speck-on-a-map town, Gubbata (about half-way between West Wyalong and Lake Cargelligo), where Ken and Helen Marshall were running the local bulk fuel depot, the local post office and telephone exchange, and the school bus – a small Toyota Hi-Ace that took 13 children the 50-kilometres to and from school in Lake Cargelligo each day.

A six-week holiday in Ulladulla in 1994 prompted Ken and Helen to decide to retire to the coast. They told their son, Peter, and his wife, Laurel, they could take over the family business in Gubbata, which elicited the immediate response 'we wouldn't mind living on the coast as well'. 'As luck would have it, a three-bus school run became available at some place we'd never heard of – Tuross Head, south of Batemans Bay. So, Mum and Dad's retirement was put on hold,' Peter recalled. Marshall's Bus and Coach Company grew from there – at first with the purchase of one new bus in 1996 and then, in 2003, with the acquisition of a fleet of 21 buses when they purchased the Moruya Bus Company. Included in that fleet of 21 buses were three brand new buses.



Today's modern fleet based in Moruya.

'I said to the previous owner, why aren't these on the runs? He replied that, at \$180,000 each, they were too good to put schoolkids in when he could buy a (second hand) \$3,000 Bedford that would do the same job.'

It seems the only reason he had bought these new buses was to keep the average age of his fleet under 12 years, as transport regulations at that time required. But, as they say, 'a new broom sweeps clean' so 'that very afternoon I put them onto school runs!' Peter remembers. A 10-acre lot on the outskirts of Moruya, that had once been the site of a sawmill, came with the purchase of the Moruya Bus Company. Marshall's subsequently developed this into a modern bus depot – which now includes company offices, a drive-through bus wash, a full workshop for servicing the fleet of buses, a bus cleaning bay, fuel storage tanks and enough 'sheds' to house 40 buses and coaches. Peter recalls 'that 'shed' to house the buses cost us 50% more than we originally paid for the entire business...but the company needed to be able to evolve.' Life on the coast was meant to be Ken Marshall's retirement; however, building the new depot and running a fleet of buses far bigger than he could have dreamed, meant he was working harder than ever.

So, in 2006, he invited his eldest son Wayne and wife Julie to also join them. Not long after, Ken passed away, working right up until the day he died. The second generation of Marshall's, in Peter and Wayne have now retired, and the business is now at the hands of the family's third generation.

The financial mainstay of the company (as is the case with most bus companies) is having a contract to transport children to and from school. Marshall's now operate 22 school bus routes, transporting around 1,000 students each day to schools in Bodalla, Moruya and Broulee.

These buses collectively travel more than 2,200-kilometers per day. School-bus drivers, as would be expected, develop a special affinity with their passengers – sometimes acting as referees, sometimes as educators, sometimes as a stand-in grandparent, occasionally having to summons an ambulance if an emergency arises, sometimes even having to divert to a nearby family or friend's house when an urgent toilet stop is called for!

So, it's perhaps unsurprising that one of Marshall's school-bus drivers has postponed his retirement until the last day of school for Year 12 this year – so he can retire having transported some of his passengers from their very first day of school in Kindergarten to their very last day in Year 12. Charter work is also a significant part of the company's business – taking school kids on excursions, providing transport to weddings, and transporting groups to stage shows in Sydney and Canberra.

In 2000, two of the company's then-new coaches were chartered and taken to Sydney (along with two Marshall family members to drive them) to transport Olympic Games officials to and from different venues – the observation later being made that 'this contract enabled the company to purchase another new bus!'

More support for South Coast women as endo clinic expands to include menopause

South Coast women now have access to perimenopause and menopause health services with the expansion of the highly successful South Eastern NSW Centre for Menopause, Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips and the Albanese Labor Government have delivered additional funding to extend the service which provides expert, multidisciplinary care for women and girls living with endometriosis and pelvic pain, as well as perimenopause and menopause.

"The clinic, at the Milton Medical Centre, will be expanded to provide specialised service two days a week, supporting women of all ages," Mrs Phillips said. "The Milton women's health workers told me that menopause support was needed locally, so I'm really pleased to have delivered this expanded service."

"Doctor Katie Macartney and Specialist Women's Health Nurse Susan Wilford are so passionate about women's health, and they take time to really listen and validate women's concerns."

"It's fantastic that they can now offer more services to even more women locally."

Mrs Phillips said the expansion of services, was part of the Albanese Labor Government's landmark Women's Health Package, which is investing almost \$800 million to deliver improved health care and access for women and girls across the country.

"We're helping more women and girls access an earlier diagnosis, improved access to pain management and referral pathways to other health care providers," she said.

"For too long, women experiencing endometriosis and pelvic pain, as well as perimenopause and menopause symptoms, have faced delays, uncertainty and lack of support."

"This clinic will literally change lives by helping women and girls get the compassionate care, specialised treatment and answers they need and deserve."

COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW PHN CEO Prudence Buist said, while many GPs offered care for women's conditions, having the specialised clinic in Milton provided an additional option for those dealing with often-debilitating issues.

"As part of the service, a specialist nurse plays a central role in coordinating support and helping patients navigate what can often be a complex and overwhelming health system. The clinic also works alongside the patient's usual GP," she said.

Ms Buist said people living with these conditions often required a holistic approach over an extended period of time.



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips with Specialist Women's Health Nurse Susan Wilford (left), COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW PHN CEO Prudence Buist, Dr Katie Macartney and Dr Sally Carter at the launch of the expanded South Eastern NSW Centre for Menopause, Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain.

The South Eastern NSW Centre for Menopause, Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain clinic will help connect patients with local diagnostic, allied health and specialist services, both on and off site, ensuring treatment is connected, coordinated and centred around the patient's individual needs.

General Practitioner Dr Katie Macartney said menopause and perimenopause was a time of life which could be "very disruptive for women".

"It is exciting for Milton Medical Centre to be able to provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary service for women of South Eastern NSW to help with symptoms and challenges presented at this time of life," Dr Macartney said.

The endo clinic operates on Tuesdays, while the new menopause clinic will be open on Mondays providing access to holistic multidisciplinary care with a doctor, nurse, physiotherapist (on-site on Tuesdays), as well as access to resources and information for patients, developed by a multidisciplinary team.

Appointments will be available in-person for people who live within two hours, or via telehealth for those who are more than two hours away.

The clinic will also provide opportunities for local primary care clinicians, including nurses and allied health professionals, to increase their knowledge and skills to support diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis, pelvic pain, perimenopause and menopause.

The South Eastern NSW Centre for Menopause, Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain clinic accepts both GP referrals and self-referrals via email:

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Riverside Park Plan of Management



At Tuesday's Meeting, Council agreed to endorse the draft Plan of Management (POM) for Moruya Riverside Park and Reserves and will seeking consent to publicly exhibit the draft POM in accordance with legislative requirements.

Council, supported by Locale Consulting, commenced the project and initial community consultation in 2022.

The project was put on hold pending the announcement of the preferred Moruya bypass corridor, with further community consultation subsequently undertaken in July August 2025.

The feedback received during the two previous rounds of community consultation has been utilised to develop the draft POM and LMP.

The engagement activities established three key values that are important to the community, these include: • cultural & environmental importance • connected & usable space; and • something for everyone.

The report said "**The Moruya War Memorial Pool** became a central focus of the community consultation, with a high number of submissions from community members concerned that, as part of the POM and LMP process, Council had plans to move the pool from its current site to the Gundary oval precinct. The purpose of the engagement process (which included making plans available for discussion with the community and key stakeholders) was to explain that the pool infrastructure is nearing the end of its lifecycle and outline the increasing flood risks associated with its current location. The face-to-face conversations were intended to be open and transparent about the potential implications for the pool's future, whilst acknowledging that further detailed work is required before any decisions can be made.

The process was not designed to determine whether the pool should remain at the existing site. Instead, it aimed to clearly identify the issues with the community and begin a broader conversation about possible options to support future decision-making and planning.

The draft POM contains actions to consider future upgrade options as the asset approaches the end of its useful life, reflecting a responsible approach to recreation planning and asset management and acknowledging, transparently, that the Moruya War Memorial Pool will require renewing, or at least plans for renewal, within the next 10 years."

"Any future discussion regarding the Moruya War Memorial Pool will be a standalone process, subject to a project plan, significant funding and a separate community consultation."

Camping and homelessness

"One issue commonly referenced was removing illegal campers and addressing homelessness in some areas across the site. Since this consultation, homeless and illegal camping at the eastern end of Riverside Park and within Ryans Creek Reserve has increased, as has community concern regarding this issue. Concerns raised in recent correspondence have included:

- the occurrence of anti-social behaviour • waste and illegal dumping • environmental damage from vehicles • health and safety concerns for both the homeless and non-homeless community

The draft POM identifies that Ryans Creek Reserve has important environmental values and cultural significance for traditional owners. In this regard, the POM recommends fencing this reserve to restrict vehicles, which will prevent ongoing vehicle damage, and limit access to pedestrians and cyclists only."

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Inadequate country of origin labelling undermines Aussie growers

Claims of Chinese tomatoes being detected in imported processed food products labelled as from Italy raised in this week's Four Corners expose wider concerns over Australia's inadequate country of origin food labelling requirements and testing of imported vegetable products, **says AUSVEG.**

These allegations undermine the integrity of food systems in Australia, where vegetable growers are held to some of the highest regulatory standards in the world, and warrant further investigation. Regardless of the outcome, these issues must be investigated and acted on to ensure consumers have confidence in what they buy.

Beyond tomato products, a scan of the significant range of imported frozen and canned vegetable products available for sale at Australian retailers this week reveals multiple examples of packaging baring 'Packed in 'country' from multiple origins/imported produce' labelling. These imported frozen and canned vegetable products of dubious origin are increasingly competing for shelf space at the expense of fresh, frozen and canned Australian-grown vegetables.

Major short-fallings in Australian labelling requirements provide consumers with no indication of the true origin of the imported product they are buying, and continue to seriously undermine the viability of Australian vegetable, potato and onion growers.

AUSVEG CEO Michael Coote said: "Australian vegetable growers are already dealing with serious and escalating challenges to their viability due to surging production costs and compliance burden, difficulties securing viable returns, declining vegetable consumption and a consumer cost-of-living crisis.

"The many operating challenges facing growers mean Australian vegetable producers are increasingly at risk from the flow of imported frozen, canned and processed vegetable products steadily making its way onto retailers' shelves.

"It is bad enough that imported frozen and canned vegetable products are seriously undermining Australian vegetable growers, but what makes it even worse is that Australian consumers often have no real indication about what they are getting when they chose imported product.

"While current country of origin labelling might tell a consumer what country an imported frozen or canned product was packed or manufactured in, it often doesn't specify where the produce is actually from.

"This isn't just an economic issue for Australian vegetable growers, but a food quality, safety and security issue for Australian consumers.

Australian vegetables are grown to some of the highest quality, safety, ethical and sustainability standards in the world, but the same cannot be said about imported frozen and canned vegetable products, particularly when we don't know where it has actually been grown.

"Australia's country of origin labelling requirements need to be strengthened to clearly tell consumers exactly where the frozen or canned vegetables they are buying are actually from, and imported vegetable products need to be subject to more stringent testing so consumers know exactly what they are eating.

Climate hypocrisy threatens Australia's security

Former Chief of the Defence Force Admiral Chris Barrie AC (Retd) used his keynote address at the **Clean Energy Council Summit** to challenge what he described as Australia's deeply contradictory approach to climate policy.

In his address yesterday, Admiral Barrie praised the renewable energy sector for achieving the extraordinary milestone of generating an average 50% of Australia's electricity from renewable sources, he warned that this progress is being undermined by continued government support for new coal and gas developments and expanding fossil fuel exports.

Admiral Barrie argued that Australia cannot credibly celebrate its clean energy transition while simultaneously increasing the exports that are driving global climate disruption. "The renewable energy industry has achieved something extraordinary with a historic transformation of the electricity system, but it is also a fact that every new fossil fuel project and every expansion in exports cancels out part of the progress being delivered by the clean energy industry," he told the summit. He went on to describe Australia's support for both renewables and fossil fuel expansion as "contradictory and perhaps even delusional."

Drawing on more than two decades of work on climate and national security, Barrie said climate disruption is Australia's greatest strategic threat, exceeding conventional geopolitical risks. He warned that the impacts of accelerating climate change are already contributing to human insecurity, social instability and conflict, and that governments must begin treating climate disruption as a national security emergency.

Admiral Barrie also challenged political leaders and institutions to demonstrate greater courage and consistency, arguing that avoiding difficult conversations about fossil fuel exports is not leadership. "We cannot credibly claim to be addressing the climate emergency while simultaneously increasing the very emissions driving it," he said, calling on governments, industry and civil society to support a rapid phase-out of fossil fuels alongside the transition to clean energy.



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NSW urged to register as organ donors this DonateLife Week

The NSW Government is urging people across NSW to register as organ and tissue donors and talk to their families about their decision this DonateLife Week, which runs until Sunday 2 August. NSW recorded strong growth in donation and transplantation in 2025, with 160 deceased organ donors, an 18 per cent increase from the previous year, and 411 people receiving a life-saving organ transplant, a 17 per cent increase from the previous year. Registering takes about one minute at donatelife.gov.au with a Medicare card, or via the MyServiceNSW app.

Australia's first Blue Plaque Trail commemorates the 1965 Freedom Ride

Australia's first Blue Plaque Trail has been unveiled to commemorate the 1965 Freedom Ride, a landmark civil rights journey that played an instrumental role in raising awareness of racial injustice and building momentum for reconciliation action in Australia.

In February 1965, a group of 30 students led by Dr Charles Perkins, travelled for two weeks by bus through regional NSW. Called the 'Freedom Ride', the journey brought national attention to discriminatory laws, practices and segregation, and pushed for greater equality and recognition for Aboriginal people.

Six newly unveiled Blue Plaques now mark significant locations along the original route, creating a Trail that invites visitors to retrace the journey and discover the stories, people and events that contributed to lasting social change.

Through interactive QR codes at each location, visitors can uncover the stories behind the 1965 Freedom Ride, ensuring the legacy of those who travelled the route in pursuit of equality continues to educate and inspire.

The new plaques join two existing Blue Plaques on the Trail, located at the Wayside Chapel on Gadigal Land in Sydney and Freedom Ride Memorial Park on Gomeroi Country in Walgett.

The Trail includes new plaques at:

- Dubbo, Wiradjuri Country: Former Fire Station
 - Gulgambone, Weilwan Country: Two Eight Two Eight Information Centre
 - Moree, Kamilaroi Country: War Memorial Hall
 - Boggabilla, Bigambul and Gamilaraay Country: Leonard Victor Waters Memorial Park
 - Bowraville, Gumbaynggirr Country: Bowraville Theatre
 - Kempsey, Dunghutti Country: McElhone Swimming Complex
- The Trail's route was developed with the input of more than 100 community members and organisations, who helped identify the towns and significant locations to be recognised with Blue Plaques.

Planting the seed for greener, cooler neighbourhoods in more of NSW

The NSW Government is helping fight urban heat and boost tree canopy in more of NSW with the Greener Neighbourhoods Grant Program being expanded to 10 councils in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven and Hunter-Central Coast. This means 43 councils from Sydney to Wollongong, Newcastle and everywhere in between can now apply for more than \$2.5 million worth of grants to better plan for greening in their communities. The Greener Neighbourhoods grants can provide up to \$60,000 to eligible councils to support strategic planning for urban canopy, heat mitigation, and maintaining green cover.

Grants now open to prevent gender-based violence

The NSW Government is working with local communities to build a safer New South Wales through the 16 Days of Activism Grant Program to help stop violence before it starts.

The \$100,000 grant program supports activities delivered by grassroots organisations during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which runs from 25 November to 10 December each year.

Funding of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 is available for initiatives that support community action to address the drivers of gender-based violence and help change the attitudes and behaviours that tolerate or condone violence against women.

Local Domestic and Family Violence Committees and Networks can apply for a 16 Days of Activism grant and are encouraged to partner with local councils, community groups, organisations and schools to deliver activities within their communities that encourage further safety and respect. Applications for this year's program are now open and close on 31 August 2026. Visit the <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/16-days-of-activism-2026> webpage for eligibility information and to apply.

Construction begins on new Sydney war memorial for contemporary veterans and their families

Located at the Domain – the site of Sydney's first Anzac Day service in 1916 – the memorial will provide a permanent place for reflection, remembrance and recognition for veterans, their families and the broader community.

The memorial recognises the service and sacrifice of members of the Australian Defence Force who have served from 1990 onwards and fulfils a commitment by the Minns Labor Government to ensure contemporary veterans and their families are honoured for generations to come. The memorial is expected to be completed in the coming months.

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What is Death Literacy, and how can we achieve it?

By Kerryn Davey

Death is a journey we all take, yet few of us receive the map—or know how to navigate it kindly and safely if we do. Death literacy fills that gap. It equips us with the wisdom and practical tools needed to make informed end-of-life decisions, from guiding palliative care to holding those deeply personal conversations with family before it's too late.

The term grew out of Australian research (2009–2015) by Western Sydney University academics, who discovered that caring for someone dying at home builds practical wisdom through lived experience. This research led to the creation of the Death Literacy Index.

Out of this broader movement grew the annual Dying to Know Day on August 8, with this year's theme, "Nobody Knows," shining a light on a simple truth: keeping our final wishes a secret leaves loved ones navigating painful guesswork.

Today, the Death Literacy framework underpins the mission of the Compassionate Care Collective. Across the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley, our network of end of life doulas, deathcare practitioners, community members, health professionals, and advocates are coming together to bring death and grief back into the heart of community care.

To turn those secrets into supportive conversations, the Compassionate Care Collective is hosting a free community event on Saturday, August 8, from 10 am to 1 pm at Kyla Park Hall, Tuross Head.

With Shanna Provost as MC, the morning features local voices experienced in end of life work—including representatives from Palliative Care NSW, end of life doulas, and natural burial specialists—ready to share practical insights and answer your questions.

Come explore what it means to plan ahead.

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Tuross Head News

The Council is to be thanked for keeping Tuross Head looking so clean and tidy, they are cleaning up the graffitied and vandalized bus shelter. Even our ablution blocks are kept very clean and for anyone who travels, this is an issue of note. Praise where praise is due.

With the vandalization happening and the general wear and tear of the plaques, makes the recording of the historical information they contain, more important. This is the information on one of the plaques at the highway bus stop.

'Head Tuross Development History.

Tuross Head Peninsula has been continuously occupied by humans for at least the last 6,000 to 7,000 years. Aboriginal occupation of the Tuross Peninsula and particularly the Tuross Lakes area appears to have been both intense and consistent for the majority of this time as is indicated by the size, depth and apparent antiquity of middens and stone knapping sites. The local 'Brinja Yuin' are reputed to have numbered between 120 and 150 persons pre-European settlement within the Tuross Peninsula.

The Tuross River flows from its headwaters in the Wadbilliga National Park to the sea at Tuross. Its name is derived from the local Aboriginal place name for Tuross (Terosse). From the mid-1830s until the mid-1870s the Tuross Head area was primarily used for farming, relying on maritime services for movement of produce to market.

These pioneering farmers opened up the area for future development. However, in 1865 a stream driven sawmill was erected in the Tuross Head area. In 1871 timber from this mill was used in the construction of the Sydney GPO. A ship belonging to the mill, 'Maid of the Mill' was used to transport the timber to Sydney.

By the start of the First world War (WW1) Tuross Head was a small village connected to the main highway by a dirt road. Although recognised for good fishing it was also acknowledged as an ideal summer holiday spot. However, it took considerable time and effort to get there as the train from Sydney stopped at Nowra and it then took two days by horse drawn conveyance or bicycle to reach the village.

With the growth of motor vehicle ownership, tourists were able to access the village more conveniently. From the end of WW1 until the start of WW2 holiday makers and fishermen became the economic base for the town's development, especially as the town population in 1940 was only about 40 residents. At that time the community facilities for the holiday makers were very limited and most lived in tents along the river front and around the lake's entrance during the summer. During this period Tuross Head had the first house block subdivisions, cottages were built and a shop, a bakery, a Post Office and a dairy were established.

Following WW2, the number of holiday makers grew very rapidly. Tuross continued to develop community facilities, including a community hall and sporting facilities. When rationing was removed at the end of the 1940s the number of summer tourist/holiday makers and people fishing grew very rapidly as did the town. The favourite camping area was from Sandy Point, Lavender Bay and along Nelson Parade. Every summer there would be a sea of canvas tents set up with holiday makers enjoying the fishing, surfing and boating on Tuross Lake. Today the basis of the town's economy is still the holiday makers and fishermen as well as a growing population of permanent residents many of whom are retirees.

This plaque was donated to the Tuross Head Progress Association for the Tuross community by the Laing Estate. Our thanks to the Moruya and District Historical Society for their support.'

I chose not to be on Facebook however a friend has downloaded and emailed me some wonderful photos of Tuross Head taken in the early years. If anyone else has photos they would like to share, would you please send them to me so that they will be kept permanently and not just lost in the multitude of Facebook posts?

We are saddened by the death of another friend, Pauline Morgan. Pauline used to help run a Seniors Games Day in Club Tuross, and was very involved in her Church. Recently she has been helping to run the Caring Groups Games afternoon. Her funeral will be held in Watson 30/7/2026. William Cole Funerals have the details.

Her death comes as we celebrated the lives of Ruth Mount and Barrie McPherson. Recently deceased Greg Thornton has been recognised by a plaque at Club Tuross. Our group are struggling with the recent deaths.

Sending out a 'cheerio call' to those in hospital and to all who are struggling with health issues. Wishing you all a speedy recovery.

Did you know that if you are registered with Eurobodalla Transport you can book transport to or from the highway bus stop? It is a long walk.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: Kirsty Robertson of Tuross Hair and Beauty is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter Bella to Ryan Cocks. We wish them a loving and full life together.

Pat Anderson. T.H. Caring Group. Mobile: 0497 315 534.
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Correction: Last week's column should read "the late Major John Tilbrook CSM, RFD."



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Coffee Shop Discovered at Malua Bay

By John Longhurst

Caffeinologists have discovered a new coffee shop in Malua Bay after years of searching. The discovery has caused a major buzz in the coffee world and delighted researchers on the rich vein discovered so close to the beach. The find has put smiles on locals' faces. It means the small coastal community members do not have to travel kilometres north for a sit down quality coffee.

Located in the appropriately named 8 Kuppa Avenue, 'Caffeissimo*' Head Caffeinologist, Lauren Baker led the excavation and is now wowing customers with beans from the coffee capital of Australia, Melbourne.

Lauren said 'We are the only coffee shop on the South Coast using the award winning Veneziano Coffee Beans. It is rated 4.3 to 4.5 stars across the major platforms such as Google Reviews and Tripadvisor.'

On any given morning locals and 'in the know' visitors can be seen enjoying the quality brew as well as tasty treats prepared by the infamous Baker Dave in Batemans Bay as well as 'to die for' toasties, using coastal favourite, Lagom Sourdough from the Burrill Lake bakery.

A view of the ocean is another big plus for a warm up brew this winter. The discovery has been open to the public for two months and the operating hours are 6.30am - 2.00pm Mondays to Fridays.

Father Josh Commissioned

Fr Joshua Scott, Parish Priest of Moruya, has been commissioning as an Honorary Chaplain to the NSW Police Force.

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "Congratulations to Fr Joshua Scott, Parish Priest of Moruya, on his commissioning as an Honorary Chaplain to the NSW Police Force, serving the Southern District.

Commissioned by Southern District Commander Superintendent Craig Ireland and Senior Chaplain Murray Woolnough, Fr Joshua will provide pastoral care and support to police officers, staff, retirees and their families.

This important role recognises the vital contribution chaplains make in supporting the wellbeing of those who dedicate their lives to keeping our communities safe. It is a proud moment for Fr Joshua, the NSW Police Force and the Eurobodalla community."



Pictured here with Dr Holland, Senior Chaplain Murray Woolnough, Chaplain Joshua Scott and Superintendent Craig Ireland.

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Let's do coffee with ... Sue Melotte

The advantages of the written interview are the absence of facial reactions as well as the editing out of comments such as 'Is that right?', 'I never knew that!' and the peppering of 'Really!', thus maintaining a modicum of the interviewer's intellectual integrity. Such was the case when the Moruya Mail (MM) had a chat with former Brigadier Sue Melotte (SM) in the sunny courtyard of her Quantum Brewery* in Moruya last Saturday.

MM: According to my research, you are a member of Gen X. You certainly fit the characteristics of being pragmatic and realistic, tending to value practical solutions over idealism, and are best described as adaptable. Privacy is also valued, so I will not even ask your birth year.

SM: (Smiles ...) I am sure it can be easily figured out as we chat. Okay... Mum was an exceptional academic. She graduated with a double degree, at 19 years of age, from the University of Melbourne (UOM) in the 1960s and married in 1966. Dad was a town planner. They honeymooned on the SS Oriana and ended up in the USA to begin further academic studies.

In the US there was the possibility of my Dad being drafted for national service (conscription) for the Vietnam War, so they headed to Canada. I was born in Toronto and am the eldest, with two younger brothers.

The time in Canada was brief and, as a baby, we headed to Scotland via South America in a little Morris van.

We returned to Melbourne in 1971, so by school age I had been around the world and returned with a strong Scottish accent, apparently laced with lots of swear words.

I began school at Our Lady of Victories School, Camberwell, and was a keen runner who excelled at maths and science.

By 1975 we were in Tasmania. Dad was working for the government and Mum was teaching. I must say, my parents worked all the time and supported each other in their respective careers. In fact, they both ended up as professors.

It was off to Perth in 1977 and Santa Maria College, where I graduated in 1984. I enjoyed school, respected the nuns who ran it and was the Under-16 State Champion in judo. The discipline gave me the confidence I have always drawn on. I was originally accepted to study forestry at the Australian National University (ANU) in 1986 but after a year off, I transferred to Murdoch University focusing on psychology. I gained majors in Organisational Psychology, Educational Psychology and Clinical Psychology and completed my Honours in 1990.

Unbeknown to me at the time, the decision to join the Army Reserve ... because the beer was cheap... as a student in 1986 proved pivotal. I graduated from officer training in 1988 and joined the Army full-time as a transport officer, specialising in strategic movements.

I just loved it ... the diversity of the job, working with different countries and equipment such as the C-5M Super Galaxy, the largest aircraft in the U.S. Air Force, built to move oversized and heavy cargo globally. It was very much a case of using my brain to problem-solve on a grand scale.

These skills certainly came into play when I worked on planning for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) deployment to Cambodia, in the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the early 1990s. My job entailed sorting out visas, passports, medical requirements, accommodation and all administration for the Movements Team. It was important to get these matters right so our personnel could focus on the mission. About 1,200 Australians served and between 500 and 600 were deployed at any one time.

By 1994, the Army wanted to post me to Darwin but, with a family illness keeping me in Melbourne, I moved to the private sector. I undertook various positions and consulting work in logistics for companies including the Toll Group, K & S Freighters and Intelog Group.

The Army Reserve was still a passion and I assisted deploying personnel to the International Force East Timor (INTERFET) at the turn of the century.

I progressed through the ranks to Lieutenant Colonel with command of the Melbourne University Regiment. I was fortunate enough to receive a Queen's Birthday commendation in 2008 for my work as Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of the Regiment. The role certainly built up my leadership skills. It was then off to Canberra in 2010 for a position with the Department of Defence on the Joint Operations Command Implementation Team before becoming the Deputy Director of Preparedness.

MM: (Raises both eyebrows ...)

SM: (Laughs ...) Yes ... well ... it basically means asking, 'Are we ready for whatever Government wants the Department to do?' We were given scenarios such as 'Defend Australia', and our task was to confirm force readiness.

Of course, it was an overwhelmingly male environment and, in leadership positions, less than 10 per cent of my colleagues were female. You do become conditioned to such a gender imbalance and I found I managed best by just being myself.

(Smiles ...) I must have been doing something right as Lieutenant-General Angus Campbell, Chief of Army, promoted me to Brigadier in 2017.

The next big move was heading to Afghanistan in 2018 to be Deputy Head of Sustainment within the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission.

It was a daunting new role but I felt well qualified and prepared. It entailed:

- Advising the Afghan Ministries of Defence and Interior (Police) on logistics and sustainment.
- Overseeing supply chains for ammunition, fuel, vehicles and equipment.
- Developing maintenance systems for vehicles, aircraft and weapons.



- Improving warehousing, transportation, procurement and inventory management.
- Helping to build a self-sustaining Afghan logistics capability so the Afghan security forces could operate independently after NATO's withdrawal.

Within military terminology, "sustainment" encompasses everything required to keep a force operational, so in a combat zone such as Afghanistan, lives depended on my decision-making capabilities. The whole experience was gruelling and stressful, with 18-hour days not uncommon and Sunday mornings as the only time off.

It was a big change from diplomatic-type roles to being a war fighter. I was armed at all times with full body armour. My position obviously made me a target and I was accompanied by bodyguards whenever I left the compound, with firefights often occurring around us. I was awarded the US Legion of Merit by my US NATO commander in recognition of the role I played in improving the Afghan logistics to support the increasing war fighting during my deployment. I finished my military career as Director General Logistics Systems in the Joint Logistics Command in 2022.

MM: Kabul to Moruya ... it hardly rolls off the tongue. There is so little in common and they are 11,500 km apart. How does a Brigadier become a brewer in Moruya?

SM: During my time in Canberra, colleagues used to rave about their trips to the South Coast and I soon learned to share the love. I bought "The Old Moruya Cheese Factory" in 2017 with an eventual eye on retirement. It is a NSW-listed heritage building and I am keen to ensure the restoration upholds the factory's history sustainability and technology with heritage preservation as our guiding principle in the NSW South Coast community.

Following a two-and-a-half-year process of consultations and council requirements, and fifteen months of restoration and renovations we threw the doors open in 2023.

We are now offering a unique South Coast experience. You can sit among our beautiful gardens in our stunning outdoor space or relax inside the bar, surrounded by vintage artefacts and memorabilia, all of which tell a story.

There are six on-site brewed craft beers to choose from, as well as pizzas, cheese platters and the 'secret-recipe' chocolate brownies.

MM: One great yarn, Sue. Many thanks.

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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**

100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

31-07-1926

Butchers' shops are to close two half-days – Wednesdays and Saturdays – in future, instead of one half-day as heretofore.

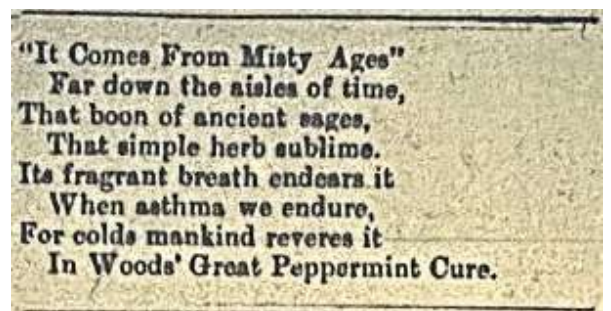
Through the failure of the electric lighting plant at the local Hospital, a special meeting of the committee was held on Monday night, when it was decided to renew the batteries. As the cost will be £50, the management has applied to the Minister for Public Health for permission to draw on the building fund, which is at fixed deposit, for that amount as a loan.

On Monday morning last Mr. Jack Preddey had a miraculous escape from death. As he was coming from his home on his motor bike, he and Mr. Jack Louttit, jnr., who was driving an Overland car, collided at the intersection of Page and Campbell Streets. The impact threw the bike-rider heavily to the ground, and from what we can glean, the car swerved, carrying the bike and Jack onto the footpath and then crashed into the Post Office fence. When everything was untangled, it was found that Jack was severely cut about the head, legs and feet, with bruises about the body, his bike considerably smashed, the car's mud guard badly bent and a tyre burst, and a panel of fencing knocked down. Mr. Jack Louttit escaped with a severe shock. When the collision occurred, the noise caused by the bursting of the cars and bike's tyres drew everyone within the vicinity out of their homes.

Mr. P. Egan, of Bateman's Bay, who, 84 years ago, was born on the site that Dorman, Long's busy hive of workers are quarrying granite for the North Shore Bridge, was in Moruya on Tuesday looking as fit and well as a man half his age. Mr. Egan was one of our Shire's live Councillors, and now despite his weight of years, is, with others, actively working in the endeavour to get a railway from the Bay to Canberra. Mr. Egan says that if they do not succeed this time they will try, try again.

At Bodalla on Sunday morning last, two of Mr. C. Constable's young children, Elsie, aged 5, and Charlie, aged 2, were badly scalded owing to a hook on which was suspended a kerosene tin of boiling water straightening, and thus allowing the tin to upset. Both children were immediately taken to a Moruya doctor, where after treatment, Charlie was able to return home and is now practically well again. Elsie's burns were more severe and she is now doing well in the Moruya Hospital.

AMUSU THEATRE. Two big attractions, THE SPORTING VENUS, featuring Blanche Sweet, Ronald Coleman and Lew Cody. Also, BROKEN LAWS, all-star cast, a drama full of excitement and thrills.



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A Beer with Bazz # 246

With
John
Longhurst

'Bella, the publican, sighed as the beer tap spluttered into the schooner glass, filling it with froth.'

With rapid-fire movements, she adjusted the other taps, served others who ordered two glasses of wine and gin and tonics, and flicked up the heavy cellar hatch at her feet with a single finger on the latch.

"Hang on a minute ... I will just slip down to the cellar and sort things out. I will be back in a jiffy."

Mick slid his schooner to one side, changed glasses, groaned as he stepped off his bar stool, rolled up his sleeves and blew his nose with his take-everywhere handkerchief.

"I will give you a hand, Bella. There might be some heavy lifting involved."

By the time Mick had straightened his back and taken a shaky step, Bella had returned and was pouring fresh schooners. Mick went into rewind mode and his eyes widened.

"Did you see that, Bazza? Bella moves like a gazelle. Now ... where were we? This weather feels like an early spring."

Overhearing the comment, Bella leaped onto a bar table, used both arms to open the heavy blinds with a single movement, unlocked the triple-glazed window, defied its grating resistance and opened it with a flex of her forearms, filling the bar with warm winter sun. She repeated the manoeuvre around the bar, flicked off the heaters and returned to finish pouring the half-filled schooners, with the customer still rifling through his pockets for payment. Mick's eyes remained on high beam.

"How do you do it, Bella? I am working up a sweat watching you."

Bella chuckled.

"Start the day with some warm-up exercises. Follow up with a 10-kilometre run along the Munjip Trail or one of the tracks behind Tomakin. Head off to CrossFit classes three times a week and wind down with some yoga on Saturdays. Energy begets energy, Mick."

Timeless Tom entered the front bar with his mobile phone in hand, cursing within easy earshot.

"These bloody mobile phones are driving me mad. This phone went off with a siren on Monday and I am still looking for the fire. There is a conspiracy afoot to alarm us old blokes. The grandkids are on about using Bluetooth, but I can't find anything that looks like teeth on the handset. I am flat out remembering the PIN to open the bloody thing."

Bella handed the next customer two full schooners before he uttered the order, changed the channel on the television, flicked the hair from her eyes and picked up Tom's phone.

"You can start by removing the written PIN from the back of the phone. It kind of defeats the purpose, Tom."

Before an objection was raised, Bella was straight into a one-on-one tutorial on Bluetooth, with practical demonstrations that had Tom's smile widening by the moment.

Mick wiped beads of perspiration from his forehead and finished his schooner.

"Well, Bazza ... I am off to the movies with the grandchildren to see 'Supergirl'. You are welcome to join us."

Bazza continued to observe Bella as she took care of an influx of customers with ease, including making two complex cocktails, helping solve a cryptic crossword puzzle causing heartache for a regular, providing expert advice on fixing a leaking tap for another, and signing off on the delivery of new stock after checking it with a supplier.

"Nah ... I reckon I will stay put and have another schooner."

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Gavin and Nina Gillin

Hold Fast Distillery in the Medals

Gavin Gillin from Hold Fast says "We're absolutely thrilled to share the results from the Australian Distilled Spirits Awards, held at the Melbourne Showgrounds.

With a record field of more than 1,048 spirit entries, the standard of competition was exceptional, making these results even more rewarding.

Results:

- Trophy Man o' War Navy Strength Gin
- Trophy Winner – Best Navy Strength Gin
- Gold Medal – Navy Strength Gin
- Silver Medal – Contemporary Gin
- Sloe Gin – Silver Medal
- Bottled Negroni – Silver Medal
- Runner-Up – Champion Australian Gin with our Man o' War Navy Strength Gin

Of all these awards, the one that means the most is the trophy for Best Navy Strength Gin.

Man o' War wasn't created as a marketing story—it was born from my time serving in the Royal Australian Navy. I developed this gin while I was still in uniform, inspired by the traditions, resilience and camaraderie of naval life.

To have a Navy Strength Gin, created by someone who genuinely served as a naval officer, recognised as Australia's best is something I never imagined when Hold Fast Distillery first began. It's a reminder that authenticity matters, and every bottle carries a genuine story.

To our amazing team, our loyal customers, our local community, and everyone who has supported us along the way—thank you. Your encouragement has helped us grow from a small country distillery into a nationally recognised, award-winning distillery. We're incredibly proud to fly the flag for Braidwood, for regional Australian distilling, and for our veteran community."

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I've really come to appreciate Kunzea lately, and it's quickly become a staple in my routine. While most people know this native Australian plant for its incredible ability to ease muscle aches and joint pain, it is also a quiet powerhouse for irritated skin. If you deal with eczema, dermatitis, or psoriasis, you know how frustrating the dry, itchy flare-ups can be. Because these conditions are rooted in inflammation, they respond incredibly well to Kunzea's natural anti-inflammatory properties.

A great example of this is the Kunzea Pain Relief Cream. Even though it is formulated to target arthritis and nerve pain, it actually works wonders on irritated skin. Along with Kunzea oil, it contains Tasmanian lavender and rosemary oils- which are both fantastic for calming skin flare-ups, plus Vitamin E to help soothe redness and stop the itch. It is highly moisturising on its own, and as a handy bonus, those same anti-inflammatory benefits make it perfect for taking the sting right out of insect bites.

When your skin is flared up, daily habits make a big difference. Hot showers tend to strip the skin of its natural oils, so switching to a lukewarm bath is much more calming. If you dissolve some Kunzea Bath Salts into the water, it takes the healing a step further. The magnesium in the salts helps rebuild the skin barrier and lock in hydration, whilst the blend of lavender, ylang-ylang, and Kunzea oils goes to work soothing the irritation.

To get the most out of your bath, the key is to apply the Original Kunzea Cream as soon as you dry off to lock that moisture in. It is a rich, fast-absorbing cream that protects the skin without feeling greasy. It is perfect as a daily moisturiser when your skin is feeling extra dry, makes an incredible hand cream, and is even gentle enough to use if you are prone to breakouts.

It is rare to find a single ingredient that handles so many different skin complaints so well, but Kunzea really does tick all the boxes.

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

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



Capturing Escapee Weeds!



India and Courtney from the Sustainability team with Dep Mayor Colleen Turner.

Last Sunday (July 26) was National Tree Day, and many locals marked it by swapping environmental weeds for beautiful native trees at the plant swap at the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens. Plants swaps have been going for 18 years now in Eurobodalla, and are always popular. Council staff are on hand to help people identify weeds and to give advice about how best to manage them.

Asparagus fern was the shire's most popular escapee captured at last weekend's swap. A lot of people are surprised to learn that asparagus fern doesn't propagate from the underground capsules on the roots. These just hold water. Asparagus fern spreads via the corms at the base of the plant, where the fronds meet, and via the red berries. If you cut out the corm, and cut the fern before the berries turn red, you can stop it spreading.

And what could you swap for your Asparagus Fern or African Daisy? Swamp Honey Myrtle (*Melaleuca Squamea*), a friendly shrub that grows to about 3 meters and has beautiful mauve pink flowers in spring, Scented Paperbark (*Melaleuca Squarrosa*) with its fascinating bark and delicate cream flowers, and the ever-popular Coast Banksia (*Banksia Integrifolia*) were among the native plants on offer at the swap.

If you missed the tree swap, and want advice on shifting the balance in your garden so that you have fewer invasive weed species and more water-resilient, bird and pollinator attracting local species, you can email a clear photo of your weed into council (council@esc.nsw.gov.au), take a sample to the Botanic Gardens, or book a visit from one of council's Environment team to advise you on your garden (email, or phone 4474 1000).

Our home gardens are all part of our shire's eco-system. Council staff and landcare volunteers work hard tackling invasive weeds throughout Eurobodalla, and the fewer that are spread from home gardens helps keep weeds down in our public spaces.



Upcoming Events:

Botanic Garden Guided Walk: The next free monthly guided walk of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden is on Sunday, August 2, at 11:00am.

Batemans Bay Library will be hosting a workshop on Setting up a Kitchen Garden on Tuesday August 4th at 2:00pm.



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

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Art exhibition: Singularity Sphere - Nettie Coleman

1 August - 29 August

Where: Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner Vulcan Street and Murray Street, Moruya

Singularity Sphere is an immersive multimedia installation that invites an exploration of ethereal cyberspace. Video projections fill the space, allowing you to move through and around planes of light, data and images as if submerged in a digital landscape.

Layers of translucent fabric hold shifting fields of data and video where natural and synthetic forms dissolve into one another.

Viewers find themselves becoming part of the work as they are surrounded by visual processing languages, both seeing what the machine sees and themselves being seen by it.

Surrounded by light, code and reflection, viewers become part of the system itself, suspended between observer and observed within a constantly shifting digital landscape.

This is the second exhibition of the collaboration between the Bas and the ANU School of Art and Design, designed to bridge the gap between professional arts practice and school-based creative programs such as the Little Sellers Art Prize. Nettie Coleman is the graduate selected for 2026, which includes an exhibition opportunity and outreach sessions with local high school students. These sessions offer valuable insights into the graduate's university experience and emerging career, timed to support students during key decision-making periods. The program is proudly supported by Basil Sellers AM.

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

Coming up at the Mechanics 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

Special movie screening - Moruya

Thursday 30 July 2026 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya Cost: free

To celebrate Library and Information Week and 'Open Doors, Open Books, Open Minds', we are screening an extra movie for your enjoyment.

An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold.

Come along and have some fun with us during Library and Information Week. Enjoy the movie and light refreshments.

Due to licensing restrictions, we cannot advertise the movie name. Ask our friendly library staff for more information.

Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance. T:

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When: 1-3pm Wednesday August 19 & September 2

Where: Art Central, 24 Church St, Moruya

Cost: \$50 for Members/Concession | \$60 for Non-Members

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<https://events.humanitix.com/short-story-memoir-and...>

Film and panel discussion - 2040 Revisited

Thursday 13 August 2026 6pm - 9pm

Where: Red Door Hall, 15 Page Street, Moruya Cost: Free

Come along to watch a film about the effects of climate change - then join a local discussion. 2040 follows director and star Damon Gameau as he imagines the future for his four-year-old daughter Velvet. Gameau structures the film as a letter to her, exploring how people could use today's technology to solve climate change.

After the film, join Council's sustainability team for a panel discussion. We'll share what we've learned about climate change and the steps Eurobodalla is taking to respond.

We'll provide light refreshments, including tea, coffee, and biscuits. This PG-rated film is suitable for school-aged children.

Children aged 12 and under must attend with an adult.

Bookings Places are limited - book early: [Book your place online](#)



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July

Fri 31 Jul Drive Time Batemans Bay Soldiers Club 7.30pm
 Fri 31 Jul Chocolate Starfish - ALL FIRED UP Classic Hits '26 Tour Bay Pavilions 7.30pm
 Fri 31 Jul Oli Stratham Moruya Waterfront 7.30pm

August

Sat 1 Aug Chris O'Connor Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Sat 1 Aug Mick & Chris McGrath Moruya Waterfront 7.30pm
 Sat 1 Aug Drive Time Batemans Bay Soldiers Club 7.30pm
 Sat 1 Aug Driving Sideways Catalina Club 7.30pm
 Sat 1 Aug Amber Kenny Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sat 1 Aug Dance Your Decade (1990s) Adelaide Hotel 8pm
 Sun 2 Aug Amber Kenny Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
 Sun 2 Aug Inez Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sat 8 Aug Mark Smith Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Sat 8 Aug Problem Green/Sega Jade/Cr33k Hotel Monarch
 Sat 8 Aug The Australian Beach Boys Show Bay Pavilions 8pm
 Sat 8 Aug Alex Clarke Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sun 9 Aug Robbie Shoals Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm

Sat 15 Aug Laz n Caz Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Sat 15 Aug Blue Mallee Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sun 16 Aug Darcy Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm

Sat 22 Aug Jakob Poyner Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Sat 22 Aug Casey Donovan 'THIS IS ME' Bay Pavilions 7.30pm
 Sat 22 Aug TBC Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sun 23 Aug Ron Callaghan & band Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm

Fri 28 Aug Liam Coor's King of the Keys Bay Pavilions 7.30pm
 Sat 29 Aug Mic McGrath Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sun 30 Aug Mac & Glenda Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sun 30 Aug Mick McGrath Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm

Sept 2026

Sat 5 Sept MTV Unplugged Live Bay Pavilions 7.30pm
 Sat 5 Sept Greg Byng Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Sat 5 Sept Dear Seattle at Smokey Dan's, 5pm - 10.30pm
 Sat 5 Sept Dance Your Decade (1980s) Adelaide Hotel 8pm
 Sat 5 Sept The Grunge Show, Bay Pavilions at Bay Pavilions
 Sun 6 Sept Michael Bray Foxdog Distillery & Brewery 12.30-3.30pm
 Sat 12 Sept Mick Fernandez Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm

Sat 19 Sept Edan Foxdog Distillery & Brewery 12.30-3.30pm
 Sat 19 Sept Mac n Glenda Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Sun 20 Sept Dane Kennedy Foxdog Distillery & Brewery 12.30-3.30pm

October

Sat 3 Oct WAAX Smokey Dan's Tomakin
 Sat 3 Oct Dean Abbott Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
 Sat 3 Oct Dance Your Decade (2020s) Adelaide Hotel 8pm
 Sun 4 Oct Tony Jagers Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
 Sun 25 Oct Mick McGrath Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
 Sat 31 Oct Totum Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm

November

Sat 7 Nov Dance Your Decade (2010s) Adelaide Hotel 8pm
 Sun 15 Nov Kenny Rogers & Friends Bay Pavilions 2pm

ONGOING

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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
12 Sep	Mick Fernandez
19 Sep	Mac n Glenda
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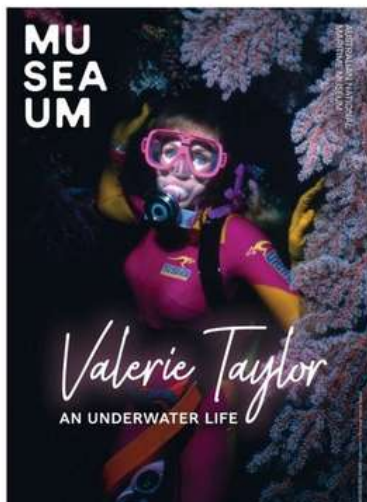
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A Day in the Life of a ... Chocolatier

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

Fast Facts:

Name: Sandra McCuaig

- Wake up time: 6.30am
- Daily chocolate output: 15kgs of Bodalla Country Chocolate
- Chocolate consumed by Sandra: Information withheld

It is a cup of English Breakfast tea in bed at 6.30am, a listen to the ABC news at 7.00am and breakfast before Sandra begins thinking chocolate. After ensuring staff at the adjacent Bodalla Dairy Shed are sorted, Sandra dons apparel remarkably similar to a surgeon.

'Operation Chocolate' is then underway once machinery is switched from night mode. An oversized thermometer and hygrometer hangs from the ceiling like the chocolatier's 'Sword of Damocles' and can halt production with a tiny shift of the dials.

The room temperature must be no more than 22°C and the humidity a maximum of 55%. The air conditioner is on all day as the chocolate cannot go in the fridge.

"Chocolate is bossy," Sandra says. "And mistakes are expensive! Success depends on temperature control, timing and the avoidance of moisture."

The imported tempering machines melt the expensive Belgium cocoa nibs, taking the mixture through the temperature curve required to create a perfect base that is smooth, and shiny. It will then break with a satisfying snap.

Creativity then comes to the fore.

Sandra says "Dreaming up new ingredient combinations is the fun part of this job and here at Bodalla Country Chocolate we have no limits. I like to include native plants and sell new flavours that are irresistible and an affordable treat. As moisture is the enemy of chocolate making, we have to freeze dry all fruits and berries.



Sandra McCuaig

We use pepper berries from Tasmania, toasted wattle-seed, cookies and cream, cheesecake, caramelised macadamia, local blueberries, honeycomb, strawberries, chillies ... the options are endless. Not all flavours are winners and I take notice of my taste testing grandchildren. To enrich our chocolate - and to make it our very OWN unique high quality product - we add our famous Bodalla full cream milk which, of course, has to be freeze dried first."

It is day's end as the sun sets for Sandra, before the dreaded job of washing up (chocolate makes MESS!) and hopefully home to catch the 7.00pm news.

Unlike upmarket commercial brands of chocolate, with an overemphasis on presentation and packaging, Bodalla Country Chocolate uses the Swiss Läderach style. The chocolate is sold in chunks and measured by weight. It is wrapped in clear cellophane and the purchaser will only be surprised by the quality once opened.

Given the number of children that appear within the immediate orbit of the shop, Sandra must be doing something right. Bodalla Country Chocolate* is a little bit of Swiss perfection in the heart of Bodalla.

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After eight incredible years at 57 Beach Road, Soul Tribe is beginning an exciting new chapter in our beautiful new purpose-built home at 27 Sydney Street, Mogo.

We're also delighted to welcome Light Heart Therapies, with Mink's peaceful new massage and bodywork treatment room now calling Soul Tribe home.

Our new studio is bigger, brighter and beautifully designed, while still holding everything you love about Soul Tribe—the same incredible teachers, the same welcoming community, the same diverse timetable and the same impeccable vibes.

To celebrate, we're opening our doors for an entire weekend of FREE yoga classes, workshops, live music and community events.

Whether you've been practising with us for years or you're completely new to Soul Tribe, we'd love you to come and celebrate this exciting new beginning with us.

Everyone is Welcome

This weekend is our gift to the community.

Whether you've been practising with us for years, you're curious about yoga, you'd like to meet our teachers, explore the new studio, experience Light Heart Therapies, or simply enjoy some beautiful live music and good company, we'd love to welcome you.

- ✓ FREE yoga classes
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For more information on our Library events please visit: www.esrc.nsw.gov.au/events



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.



Free event. Bookings via Eventbrite or contact the Batemans Bay Library. Phone: 02 4472 5850

Eurobodalla Libraries
Batemans Bay Library

WIRES TRAINING

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

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

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

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

Details at www.wires.org.au/rescue-and-immediate-care-course

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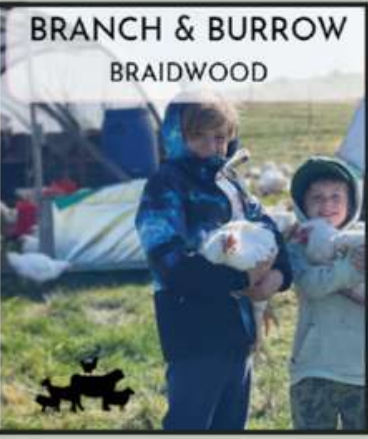


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via email at siborger@gmail.com or call 0428 551 280

Saturday 15 Aug 2026
HARS Bell UH-1 Huey Fly In, Gundary Oval, Moruya - 10:00h to 14:00h

Sunday 16 Aug 2026 - Airfield Re-enactment, Donnelly Drive
North Head. From - 10:00h




Tuesday 18 Aug 2026 - Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration Service,
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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**
- 6–20 Dec – **Congo Crafts 41st Exhibition.**
- 13 March 2027 – **NSW State Election**
- 7–9 May – 2027 **Narooma Oyster Festival**

NEXT ESC Council Meeting 25 August
NEXT ESC Public Access 11 August 2026

Release of 'Mogo's ANZACS, at Batemans Bay Museum
 13 August 2026, 2:00 – 3:00pm
 Please register in the Events section of the website
www.batemansbayheritagemuseum.com

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).

Moruya Community Workshed

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

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Batemans Bay Community Centre

Community groups, organisations and individuals are invited to help shape the future of the Batemans Bay Community Centre, with Eurobodalla Council calling for expressions of interest. The centre includes a range of small and large rooms, toilets, kitchenette facilities and outdoor space. **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.

BAY REUNION

A **Batemans Bay reunion** will be held at the Batemans Bay Soldiers club on the 7 Nov. 2026. A chance to catch up with those old friends we love but rarely see. Have a chat about the Bay that was. Share our memories of our town and our area. Our school days, workdays and sports days. Enjoy a popular Chinese Banquet. Doors will open a 4pm. Tickets \$44 per person will be available online. Just search STICKY TICKETS and Batemans Bay Reunion. here you can choose your table and seats. If your not able to access the internet the Soldiers Club will take bookings at the desk workdays Mon-Fri between 10.00am to 4pm.

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.

Dutch – Australian Social Coffee Catchup – Everyone Welcome!

NEDERLANDERS IN MORUYA (NSW South Coast)
 Heeft u zin in een gezellig babbeltje onder het genot van Een kopje Koffie? Kom dan aanstaande Donderdag (06 August 2026) om 12.00uur naar de Farmer's Wife Cafe op Vulcan Street, Moruya. Iedereen is van harte welkom.



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Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm
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- 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
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Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll

Eagle Pose - Garudasana

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

24.7.26

Moruya River.

Conditions have been tough this week for those looking to find a few fish in the Moruya system. Cold water temps have kept fish activity to a minimum, with the exception of visiting schools of salmon that have been coming on a rising tide to chase bait, before leaving as the tide recedes. The spur wall, Freddy's wharf and as far up as quarry wharf has been the limits these schools seem to want to travel. Small metal lures, soft p,attics or good old baits have all worked when coming across these travelling schools.

Underneath these fish, there is always the chance to find a flathead, bream or trevally, that will be looking for any scraps that the salmon have missed.

The rest of the system is quiet at the moment.

Tuross River.

I can now confirm that the reports of a 1.4m mulloway caught in Tuross last week, are indeed true. The young angler involved came in with photographic evidence this week. The fish in question can best be described as a true horse! I suspect it was easily over the 20kg mark, given how solid the fish was. Congrats to the young angler on what can only be described as a fish of a life time.

Salmon have also been encountered in the lower sections of the river this week on a rising tide, the average size of visiting fish has been around the 40-45cm mark, lots of fun on light tackle.

I haven't had any reports of black bream from the Coila Lake system, but winter can see a few bigger models encountered. Slowly worked crank bait style hardbody lures tend to work well this time of year, along with very slowly hopped soft plastic crab presentations.

Rock and Beach.

I did manage 1 nice solid black drummer last weekend from my local ledge, the fishing was a little slower than it should have been for this time of year, a sure sign that water temps along the coast are still a fraction high for this time of year.

The main stay of all activity along the coast this week, has again been the humble salmon. With fish to 60+cm regularly encountered. Along with plenty of sharks for those that want to target something bigger. Salmon, tailor or even freshwater eels are preferred baits when targeting toothy off the beach.

Offshore.

YF Tuna have again been reported along the coast, with reports trending towards fish getting closer to the coast as currents drag fish the closer to the inshore grounds. 40kg seems to be the size class reported to date, with fish being trolled up, but also taken on stick baits style setups. Lures cast and retrieved on 14-18000 size reels spooled up with 80lb braid on heavier PE 6-8 class rods. Hard work, but lots of fun, if you manage to get the visual bite.

We have a few new rod ranges in store as of this week, with an updated Tackle World exclusive model coming in. The Shimano Sakana IV and the new Shimano Zentra both making their appearance in the rods racks yesterday.

The bait freezer is between Tweed bait visits, so stock is a Lilith low on some baits this weekend. That will be rectified next week, with a fresh order going in on Monday.

We still have 50% off all Nomad soft plastics, with some models running very low, but plenty of others still available.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



Tuross Head Golf



Runner Up: Jenny Reilly



Winners: Shane and Ruth Gschwend and Brad Doolan with sponsors Nick Brice and Rob McDonell and wife Lynn.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 23rd July 2026

A field of 34 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The day was cool and sunny and the Winner achieved an Eagle on the 1st hole and 4 birdies and 8 pars.

The Winners were:

1st: Wayne Burgess (4) with 40 points
2nd: Jenny Reilly (42) with 37 points
3rd: Ruth Gschwend (16) with 35 points (countback)

Great Score:

Wayne Burgess Eagle Voucher

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Wayne Burgess 1.32 A Grade
4th: Kevin Reilly 3.58 B Grade
4th: Gavan Wheelahan 0.89 C Grade
6th: Lars Gaupset 3.86 A Grade
6th: Mark Haberkorn 4.34 B Grade
6th: Nigel Barling 0.89 C Grade
7th: Ruth Gschwend 5.59 A Grade

Balls went to: Terry Milliken 35, Stephen Swanbury 35, Mark Forrest 35, John Harb 34, Nigel Barling 34, Teri Swanbury 33, Nick Brice 33, Peter Coffey 33, Brad Doolan 32 and Mark Haberkorn 32.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 25th July 2026

A field of 53 players took to the course to compete in a 4BBB and Single Stableford event. The sponsors were Nick Brice and Rob McDonell. The day was sunny and there were some fantastic scores.

4BBB Winners were: 1st: Ruth Gschwend and Shane Gschwend with 45 points. 2nd: Greg Bush and John Harb with 44 points (countback). 3rd: Matthew Kennedy and William Steenbergen with 44 points

Place Getters: Ross Hendy and Ian Manton 43, Brad Doolan and Lars Gaupset 42, Nick Brice and Robert Owen 42, Steven O'Shea and Ian Lawson 42 and Cathy Milliken and Terry Milliken 42.

Long Drives:

A Grade - Brad Doolan
B Grade - Peter Hogan
C Grade - Gavan Wheelahan

Stableford Winners were:

1st: Brad Doolan with 38 points
2nd: Ian Lawson with 37 points
3rd: Ian Manton with 37 points

Great Score: John Murphy Eagle Voucher

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Chris Rowe 0.87 A Grade
4th: Paul Scholze 4.74 B Grade
4th: Herb Muriwai 6.93 C Grade
6th: Chris Rowe 2.20 A Grade
6th: John Phyland 4.71 B Grade
7th: Brad Doolan 5.87 A Grade



Winners: Shane & Ruth Gschwend, Brad & Leonie Doolan, Chris Wratten & Stephen Gardner, Michael Coloe and Maree Coffey.

Tuross Head Golf Results Sunday 26th July 2026

A field of 32 players competed in the Mixed Foursomes Championship event today. The sponsors were Leonie and Brad Doolan. The day was and sunny and lots of fun was had by all.

The Gross Winners were:

1st: Ruth and Shane Gschwend with 94 (countback)
2nd: Leonie and Brad Doolan with 94

The Nett Winners were:

1st: Chris Wratten and Stephen Gardner with 71
2nd: Maree Coffey and Michael Coloe with 71.5

Hole Prize:

Lars Gaupset Golden Hole on the 6th 1.88

Nearest to the Pin:

4th: Brad Doolan 4.07

Balls went to: Nick Brice and Kerrie Sands 74.5, Pam Alexander and Andrew Mizzi 75.5, Ian McManus and Pauline Nash 76 and Sandra D'Onofrio and Lars Gaupset 77.



Winners: Gail Rogers, Dianne Brown and Jennifer Gray

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 28th July 2026

A field of 15 ladies competed in a Single Stableford event. The event was sponsored by Jenny Reilly and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:
1st: Dianne Brown (33) with 38 points (countback)
2nd: Marie Muriwai (24) with 38 points

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 29th July 2026

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

The Winners today were:

1st: Greg Smith with 22 points (countback)
2nd: Herb Muriwai with 22 points
3rd: Ross Hendy with 21 points

Balls or Chocolates:
Gail Rogers 20, Des Jackson 20, Stacey Davidson 19, Les Thompson 19, Lisa Puglisi 19 and Blaise Madden 18.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Ian Manton (2nd Shot) In the Hole!
6th: Tory Puglisi (1st Shot)
7th: Ladies: Gail Rogers (2nd Shot)
Mens: Bruce Martin (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Mike Birks (5th hole)

Bradman: Lisa Gray



Winner: Greg Smith

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



Di Mac started off proceedings congratulating Robyn, Olga and Sue on their 3rd place win in Gold section at Narooma on the weekend, also how enjoyable the Carnival was for those taking part in this event. (Photo)

Birthday greetings to Lisa Grice.

Before calling cards Jay mentioned

the Winter Carnival which starts on Thursday, also how well the Australian bowlers have done in the Commonwealth Games.

Winners Rink 3, Olga Geshwend and Rajia Johnston. (Photo)

Runners-up Rink 2, Rhonda Adler, Sue Morgan and Colleen Ashby.

Lucky numbers, 29 Lisa Grice, 20 Di Mac, 23 Sarah Hillier.

Money Club, 34 Julie Knorpp,

40 Rhonda Adler.

Jackpot of \$786, 27 Nancy White who found King of Spades + \$20 on her Club card so well done.

There were 30 bowlers on the Green on another glorious morning of Winter sunshine which had us all stripping off it was so warm

President Robbo welcomed everyone especially visitors Ron Dunn from Orange, Lee sister of Kaz, new bowler Matt Ford and Ross Miller a long time Twistie who we haven't seen for 5 years or so.

Next Sunday 2nd August @ 8 am our committee will be providing a Barbecue breakfast for all to enjoy together.

Winners with Lowest Winning Margin +4, Lee, Rols & Kaz.

(photo). Runners-up +5, Ron and Chanty.

Lee selected Rink 4 to try for Jackpot, winning Skip Chanty cut cards but only found 7 of Clubs.

High/Low scores 30/7 not won. Lucky numbers, 18 Lee, 17 Witto.

Thank you to Moby for the great job he does setting up for bowls each Sunday as well as having the water boiling ready for coffee and he isn't even on committee.

Other winners, Artie & Smiley 20/9, Bob the Builder, and Irish 24/14, Ruthless and Chrissy 18/7, Pattycake and Witto 25/9, Spike & Hot Lips with Milka 30/10.

Well done to Lois Lane who bowled like a champion this morning also the only girl power present on committee with the boys!

Local Clubs to Score Big with \$4.65 Million in Grants

Community sporting organisations across NSW are being urged to get their boots on, with the Minns Labor Government throwing open applications for \$4.65 million in **Local Sport Grant Program funding**.

The Program delivers grants to community sporting organisations for new equipment, programs and facility upgrades that support and encourage participation in sport and active recreation across the state, from grassroots clubs in regional towns to suburban sporting associations in Sydney.

Last year, \$4.49 million was awarded across NSW for 586 community sport projects, helping clubs put more people on the field, on the court and in the pool. This year's program includes grants from \$2,000 to \$20,000, with up to \$50,000 available in each electorate. Funding will support projects that increase participation and retention, provide inclusive opportunities for under-represented groups, and strengthen the sustainability, capability and facilities of community sporting organisations.

This funding is about backing the clubs and volunteers who show up week after week to keep community sport running, and making sure the benefits of sport, physical, social and mental, are shared right across NSW.

Applications close 1pm, Monday, 17 August. Visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding> for further information and to apply.

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Special Olympics South Coast takes the Plunge



Dr Holland (Bega MP), Liza Butler (South Coast MP) with the 5 South Coast SO Team NSW athletes - Jason, Liz, Holly, Laurie and Heidi. First ones to plunge.



Beach buggy fun thanks to Batemans Bay SLSC. Emily (athlete) with Anthony

45 intrepid supporters of Special Olympics South Coast raced, waded and tiptoed into the sparkling waters of Corrigan's Beach, Batehaven on Sunday 26 July. "Hardly polar weather" commented one plunger – before he hit the water. They were 'plunging' as part of a fundraising initiative of Law Enforcement Torch Run NSW (LETR) held in conjunction with and in support of Special Olympics Australia. LETR is a worldwide organization and is the largest policing charity in the world.

Among the plungers were local MPs: Dr Michael Holland (MP for Bega) and Ms Liza Butler (MP for South Coast), a police contingent from Bateman's Bay, led by Superintendent Craig Ireland, members of the Moruya SES, Special Olympics South Coast athletes and other community members.

The safety of the plungers was provided by members of the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club. Anthony, Megan and Simon made the event even more special by providing rides along the beach in the surf buggy after the plunge.

Over \$15,000 was raised by the local community to support the athletes of Special Olympics South Coast. Part of the funds raised will go to pay a proportion of the costs for the 5 South Coast athletes selected to represent Team NSW in the upcoming Special Olympics Australia National games in Melbourne. Alan Keane, Detective Inspector (Retired) of the LETR commented: "Not a bad effort indeed, considering the size of the South Coast club, the geographical spread and cost of living crisis". Kathy Godwin, Chair of Special Olympics South Coast was delighted with the event. "It's so heartening to see the community come together to support this group of inspiring athletes".





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