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Premier visits new Eurobodalla to see progress on healthcare sites

Work on the \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is progressing quickly, with upgrades to connecting roads underway, the helipad under construction and the internal fit out of several clinical and support departments well progressed.

Premier Chris Minns toured the construction sites of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and the Batemans Bay Community Health facility, as work progresses to deliver expanded healthcare facilities to communities across the South Coast last Friday.

The Minns Labor Government's \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will deliver expanded world-class services in a modern, purpose-built facility, providing care to communities from Narooma to Batemans Bay and significantly improving access to essential health services.

The new Hospital will have an emergency department larger than currently available at Moruya and Batemans Bay combined, it will feature the region's first intensive care unit and new services which will mean in some cases patients no longer need to travel to Canberra, Bega or Shoalhaven for care.

Construction of the \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health facility is also making significant progress, with the building façade nearing completion and internal fit-out well underway.

The new health facility is located on the existing Batemans Bay Hospital site and, together with the existing Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, it will provide the community with convenient access to both health services. Premier Chris Minns said "I'm excited to see the significant progress that has been made here at Eurobodalla, this facility is going to make a major difference to healthcare in the region."

"With more ED beds than currently on offer at both Moruya and Batemans Bay Hospitals, the first intensive care unit in the region and new services which will mean patients no longer have to travel to Bega, Shoalhaven or Canberra, this facility is an investment in the future of this region."

"No one will be more excited to see Eurobodalla Hospital open its doors than Dr Michael Holland, the Member for Bega is a lifelong advocate for healthcare in this region and has been fighting for this brand-new hospital for a very long time." Premier Minns said "It's fantastic to see the amazing progress that has been made. This is a world class services for local people. It's a big challenge for us to build a world class hospital in this part of the state and not only build but to recruit the professional staff that will need to staff it. We are doing both. I am convinced it will mean better safer services for local people."

Asked about the protests from Batemans Bay residents about the closure of the Bay ED, the Premier said "We have a responsibility to provide safe healthcare with staff on site and the latest technology and most experience professional staff members. It would be very difficult for us to do this in two locations that are located closer to each other. The purpose of this level 4 hospital is to have for the first time an ICU in the community and birthing suite and maternity unit and MRI which we have never had here before."

Premier said "We have to be straight with the public about where it can be located and where we can recruit to run it. The worst case scenario would be in the run up to the election we say we will have both and six months later we realise we can't staff it and we are in a worse situation. There are limits to what is possible."

On recruitment, the Premier also said "It's not just about the bricks and mortar. There are a few initiatives we have pursued – like building new accommodation in this part of the state and we have started the EOI process to attract staff. We are encouraged to have had over 200 EOIs returned already which is where we need to be, and we are now on track to meet the pre covid retention levels."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland "As a Doctor, I know how important timely access to high-quality healthcare is for patients and their families. That's why seeing the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital taking shape is so significant for our community."



Dr Michael Holland with local health campaigners Anne and Peter Cormick at the Premiers site visit on Friday.

"This new hospital will provide a level of care that has never before been available in the Eurobodalla, including the region's first Intensive Care Unit, expanded emergency services, advanced medical imaging and a broader range of specialist services closer to home."

"It's also wonderful to see the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility progressing so well. Together, these projects represent a once-in-a-generation investment in healthcare that will improve access to services, support our dedicated health professionals and deliver better health outcomes for communities across the Eurobodalla for decades to come."

The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital includes:

- An Emergency Department
 - An eight-bed Intensive Care/Close Observation Unit – the region's first Intensive Care Unit
 - Surgical and operating theatres, including a day-stay surgical unit
 - Expanded chemotherapy and renal dialysis services
 - An expanded medical imaging department, including MRI
 - Ambulatory care and outpatient services
 - Paediatric and maternity services, with a special care nursery
 - Mental health beds for short-term care
 - Education and training facilities, including a simulation laboratory
- Key medical equipment is being installed throughout the facility, including an MRI machine, CT scanner, as well as X-ray and ultrasound equipment, which will expand access to medical imaging services for the growing South Coast community.



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The whales return – so do the stories

ESC – Twice each year, around 40,000 humpback whales follow the Eurobodalla's coast, heading north in winter to breed and calve in warmer waters before returning south each spring to the krill-rich feeding grounds of Antarctica. The 10,000-kilometre journey is one of nature's great migrations and a new short film shows there's another journey unfolding – this one carried in story, memory and connection to Country.

The film Muriyira – meaning 'whales' in the local dhurga language – explores the enduring relationship between these sea giants and the Yuin people, and features Walbunja custodians and Djaadjawan Dancers Vivienne, Sharon and Ashweeni Mason, Megan Patton, and Arwyn and Arianna Landini.

The film is short – just ten minutes – but the relationships that made it possible took years to mature. Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher says Muriyira invites people to experience Eurobodalla through a different lens.

"Once you watch, you can't help but see our coastline in a new way. It's a privilege to hear how traditional owners understand our place and their connections to the living things around us. It shows our beaches, headlands and waters have stories for us to discover too," the Mayor says. "Not only us blackfellas, but all of us human beings have a connection to everything around us" – Sharon Mason.

Muriyira was created through a partnership between the Mason family, the Djaadjawan Dancers, Eurobodalla Council tourism staff, Blackfish, and We Are Explorers. Mayor Hatcher says **the result is more than a tourism campaign.**

"This isn't about simply commissioning a campaign. Rather, it's about Council staff building relationships that enable this story to be told. Trust made this possible," he says.

"This project built on Council's earlier Yuin Stories series. It reflects our commitment to working alongside Aboriginal communities through genuine consultation. Conversations began far in advance of cameras rolling, with the Mason family involved through the entire creative process – from shaping the concept, to viewing and approving the finished film before release."



Djaadjawan Dancer Ashweeni Mason features in the new collaborative short film Muriyira, looking at the relationships between local Walbunja women and the whales that follow along Eurobodalla's coastline. She says welcoming them through Country helps keep her family's connection as saltwater people.

Mayor Hatcher says Council's commitment to listening to and working with Aboriginal people and communities is evolving and maturing.

"While every project is different, listening and adapting is vital in this work. We're improving our processes and simplifying the way we engage, recognising authentic collaboration takes time. The relationships behind Muriyira were built over years through projects large and small, each helping strengthen trust and understanding between Council staff and local Aboriginal families.

"For this one, our tourism team worked with Blackfish, an Indigenous-owned production company chosen for its cultural knowledge and experience, to ensure the story was developed authentically and respectfully. And we see plenty of opportunity beyond the film itself by connecting visitors with the developing Aboriginal-led tourism in our region.

"There's a hunger – and a market – for that. A national launch and campaign with We Are Explorers introduced Muriyira to audiences across Australia, with teaser content viewed almost 100,000 times within the first couple of weeks."

"We are not doing the ceremonies that we used to do back in the day to welcome them [whales] through Country. When you think about them coming back from north to home, they're bringing new life, they're bringing babies. I think they want that and we need to start doing that a lot more to keep that connection as saltwater people" – Ashweeni Mason.

The whales return year on year. They always have, and now with the largest numbers in living memory. What's different is the willingness to listen to the stories that travel with them. Or as Mayor Hatcher says, "For visitors, Muriyira offers another reason to look out to sea. For locals, it's a new way to look at home".



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Safer roads \$2.8 billion investment

In a major boost to road safety in Bega and the Eurobodalla and right across NSW, the Minns Labor Government is investing \$230 million towards 83 targeted safety upgrades across the state, to tackle high-risk locations and help save lives.

For the Far South Coast, this means more than **\$800,000 for an intersection upgrade at Princes Highway and Old Mossy Point Road, Bimbimbie.**

The 83 funded projects span both metropolitan and regional NSW, focusing on high-risk locations, known crash hotspots and key transport routes. The investment is part of a \$2.8 billion commitment over four years for road safety in the 2026-27 NSW Budget, with 62 per cent of road safety funding in 2026-27 to go to regional areas.

Minister for Roads and Regional Transport, Jenny Aitchison said "Every life lost on our roads is one too many. These targeted upgrades are about making high-risk areas safer and helping more people get home to their loved ones. We're investing in practical safety improvements where they'll have the greatest impact, reducing the risk of serious crashes and saving lives across NSW.

"From safety barriers and safer intersections to better pedestrian crossings, these 83 upgrades are focused on preventing crashes before they happen and reducing the severity when they do.

"The \$2.8 billion investment from the Minns Labor Government in the recent Budget reflects our commitment to the Towards Zero vision, and to making roads across the state, safer for everyone who uses them."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland MP said "As a doctor, I've seen firsthand the devastating impact that serious road trauma can have on individuals, families and communities. Every improvement we make to our roads has the potential to prevent injuries and save lives."

"This investment is about making our roads safer for everyone—whether you're driving to work, taking children to school, cycling, walking or travelling between our regional communities. Every journey should end safely."

"These targeted upgrades respond to known safety risks and will make a real difference for local motorists and visitors alike. Investing in safer roads is an investment in the wellbeing of our community."

The next stage of the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program is delivering practical improvements on state roads which are designed to reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes. These safety upgrades will deliver important road infrastructure at locations identified to be high-risk that the community has long called for. This includes safety barriers, rumble strips, shoulder widening, upgraded intersections and new and improved pedestrian crossings."

NSW Government support package to secure the future of NSW's abalone industry

The NSW Government will provide financial and practical support to NSW abalone fishers to secure the long-term sustainability of the state's abalone fishery on the South Coast as the sector transitions to a new model of operations. As part of the Government's plan to both protect the abalone resource for future generations and ensure a viable and sustainable commercial fishing sector, the Minns Government has offered a voluntary share surrender program for commercial abalone shareholders.

The Minns Government has stepped up to deal with this longstanding and complex issue by working with all key stakeholders – commercial fishers, the local Aboriginal community, fisheries scientists, and natural resource management experts. The support from Government will include Financial Guidance service, a Training Support Program, as well as mental health support to assist the abalone sector's fishers plan their future. The Minns Government has increased funding for a voluntary share surrender program. This will ensure certainty to commercial farmers and an understanding of the timeline with the sector having six weeks to consider the final package and apply.

The availability of abalone for commercial fishers has been falling, and the independent Total Allowable Fishing Committee determined the Total Allowable Catch for Blacklip Abalone to be only 52 tonnes between 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, which is a 40% decrease over the 2025/26 catch.

This reform of the commercial abalone fishing sector is needed due to ongoing concerns about the sustainability of abalone.

Under the framework, the fishery will be managed through a new zoning approach, including the closure of the Central Zone (from near Bundeena to Red Point, south of Eden) to commercial abalone fishing from 1 July 2027.

Commercial fishing activity will continue in the Northern and Southern zones (north of Bundeena and South of Red Point), supporting the ongoing operation of the state's abalone industry. To help businesses navigate the changes, the Government will also deliver a Financial Guidance and Training Support Program, which includes:

- Up to \$1,000 per eligible fishing business owner for financial guidance from an appropriately accredited adviser.
- Up to \$9,000 per eligible fishing business owner who surrenders all their abalone shares for training delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

The financial guidance grant will be available to all NSW abalone shareholders, regardless of whether they participate in the voluntary share surrender program.

The training grant will be available to eligible abalone shareholders who surrender all shares through the program and can be used for training that supports transition planning, business management, skills development, future employment opportunities or other career pathways.

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A Day in the Life of our Local ... 'Voice' Contestant

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

Fast Facts:

Name: Tommy Novak
Wake up time: Are you kidding?
One wish: A four-chair turn
Greatest fear: Forgetting the lyrics

Batemans Bay police reported a significant drop in traffic last Sunday evening at 7:00 pm when the community gathered around televisions to watch local musician Tommy Novak succeed in the Blind Auditions of the Channel 7 blockbuster, The Voice. Tommy shared his day with the Moruya Mail.

"The alarm went off early, although I don't think I needed it. I was awake well before then, just lying there thinking about how much life had changed over the previous year. There'd been plenty of moments where I'd questioned whether I was on the right path, and now I was about to walk onto one of the biggest stages of my life. It felt surreal."

Tommy tried to adjust to the building pressure. "There wasn't much else about the day that felt normal. I warmed up my voice, played some guitar for a while and reminded myself why I wanted to do this in the first place.

As for breakfast, I probably tasted about five per cent of it. My stomach and my brain were having very different conversations that morning. The sensible part of me knew I needed breakfast, but the nervous part was convinced food was optional."

A mixture of feelings and emotions tumbled through his head as the day progressed.

"The last year had pushed me well outside my comfort zone in more ways than one. I'd learnt that growth usually comes from walking towards the things that scare you rather than away from them, so even though I was incredibly nervous, there was also a quiet sense of peace. I'd already done some of the hardest work long before I walked onto that stage. It felt less like trying to prove something and more like finally embracing the opportunity that was in front of me."



Time crawled.

"There's a lot of waiting around. I brought my guitar and spent quite a bit of time jamming with some of the incredible singers around me. I caught myself replaying different scenarios, wondering how it might all unfold, before reminding myself that none of that was in my control. My job wasn't to predict the outcome—it was simply to walk out there and sing honestly."

The audition with Fleetwood Mac's Landslide*.

"OK ... this is it. Walking onto the stage felt symbolic in a way. For me it represented every decision I'd made over the previous year to keep moving forward, even when the path wasn't clear. Once I sat at the piano and played the first note, everything became wonderfully simple again. It wasn't about television anymore. It was just me and a song I'd poured my heart into."

And then ...

"When Richard Marx turned around my heart skipped a beat, my face relaxed ever so slightly, and I could just feel my confidence growing as each of the other three coaches turned.

When it was over, I remember feeling an enormous sense of gratitude, not because everything had gone perfectly, but because I'd been brave enough to show up. Over the previous year I'd learnt that life rarely unfolds exactly as you expect, but sometimes the unexpected leads you somewhere you never imagined possible. Standing on that stage felt like one of those moments."

One wish: Granted

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Council meeting wrap-up for July 2026

Councillors met on Tuesday 28 July to consider a range of reports and community matters. Here's a quick look at some of the key decisions.

Help name the Batemans Bay Bridge

The community will soon have the chance to help name the Batemans Bay Bridge. Councillors voted to begin community consultation in line with Geographical Names Board guidelines. Council will continue to liaise with Transport for NSW on what the community consultation process looks like.

New marine advisory committee approved

Council has endorsed a new Marine Infrastructure Advisory Committee to help shape the future of boating and marine infrastructure across the shire. The committee will bring together community representatives and Councillors to provide advice on priorities for facilities such as boat ramps, jetties, wharves and pontoons, while also considering access, safety and opportunities for recreational users. Council will soon call for expressions of interest from community members interested in joining the committee.

Moruya Airport Master Plan adopted

Councillors adopted the Moruya Airport Master Plan 2026, setting a long-term vision for the airport's future. The plan identifies opportunities to improve facilities over time while supporting the airport's role in connecting the region. Council also endorsed the passenger terminal concept design to move into the next stage of detailed design. Visit the [airport's project page for more](#).

Unsealed road maintenance schedule adopted

Council adopted updated criteria for maintaining its unsealed road network, along with the 2026–27 maintenance grading schedule.

The changes provide a consistent approach to deciding how often roads are graded, helping Council prioritise maintenance across its extensive network. Visit the [road management webpage](#) for more.

Moruya Riverside Park plans to go on public exhibition

Planning for the future of Moruya Riverside Park and surrounding reserves has taken another step forward. Subject to approval from the NSW Minister for Lands and Property, Council will publicly exhibit the draft Plan of Management and Landscape Master Plan, giving the community an opportunity to have their say before the plans are finalised. Visit the [park's masterplan project page](#) for more.

Hawdon Street land proposal progresses

Council resolved to continue the process of reclassifying four Council-owned lots on Hawdon Street, Moruya from community land to operational land. The change corrects an administrative issue that occurred after the land was purchased in 2022. It does not approve development or the sale of the land. Any future proposals would be subject to separate Council decisions and community engagement.

In brief Council also:

- Endorsed several local traffic and transport projects recommended by the Local Transport Forum, including improvements in Moruya and Narooma and supporting the proposed regional road classification of Glenella Road and part of George Bass Drive.
- Approved the sale of part of a Council-owned property at Dunns Creek Road, Woodlands, with all associated costs to be met by the adjoining landowners.
- Received the monthly investment report confirming Council's investments continue to comply with legislative and policy requirements.

NAPLAN results in NSW reveal promising signs amid explicit teaching push

NSW statewide NAPLAN results released in today's 2026 National Report reveal promising signs of improvement amid the state's explicit teaching push, while there is more for schools in all sectors to do in areas needing targeted support.

NSW continues to exceed the national averages in all year groups and domains, with more than two thirds of results either strong or exceeding for most year groups and domains.

Signs of growth continue to emerge following the Minns Labor Government's sustained and targeted investment in teaching quality, curriculum reforms and tailored student support, driving meaningful improvements in literacy and numeracy across NSW schools.

That work includes investing in early literacy and numeracy checks, targeted intervention, ambitious learning targets and evidence-based support for teachers rolling out the new NSW Curriculum, so more students can build strong foundations and move into higher levels of achievement.

While NSW results are relatively stable overall, there is growth in the proportion of students in Years 5 and 7 exceeding in spelling, grammar punctuation, and numeracy, compared to their previous NAPLAN results. This suggests that phonics, explicit teaching and early intervention are making a difference.

Examples of this improvement include:

- Year 5 grammar and punctuation is up 8.9 percentage points in strong and exceeding compared to the same cohort's Year 3 results in 2024.
- Year 5 spelling is up 8.6 percentage points in strong and exceeding compared to the same cohort's Year 3 results in 2024.
- Year 5 numeracy is up 6.8 percentage points in strong and exceeding compared to the same cohort's Year 3 results in 2024.
- Year 7 spelling is up 4.9 percentage points in strong and exceeding compared to the same cohort's Year 5 results in 2024.

These results are consistent with the upward trends reported in 2025 and reflect steady and sustained progress in foundational skills vital for long-term academic success.

The results also reinforce the need to remain focussed on delivering targeted support to students who are still developing proficiency in one or more key learning areas.

The full 2026 NAPLAN National Report is available from ACARA's website.



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Independent review underway at the Bureau of Meteorology

An independent review has been commissioned by the CEO of the Bureau of Meteorology, to help inform the organisation's future organisational strategy and ensure it delivers value to Australians in a rapidly changing environment.

The review will form part of the bureau's preparations for its next strategic plan, which will come into effect in the second half of 2027. It will examine how the organisation can best meet the future needs of Australians, industry and community stakeholders, while maintaining the trust and confidence that underpin its role as the nation's trusted source of weather, water, climate and environmental intelligence.

The review has been commissioned in consultation with Minister for the Environment and Water Murray Watt, and the Department of Climate Change, Energy Environment and Water (DCCEEW). It will be led by Mr Phillip Glyde, former Chief Executive of the Murray Darling Basin Authority. Mr Glyde will be supported by an expert panel comprising Sean Sullivan, Deputy Secretary, DCCEEW, and internationally experienced public policy advisor, Raj Nahna. The panel will assess:

- The bureau's service offering and its alignment with current and future community needs.
- The effectiveness of public communications and responsiveness to stakeholder needs.
- Opportunities to strengthen reputation, resilience and strategic partnerships.
- Strategic challenges and opportunities likely to influence the bureau's value over the next decade.
- Areas of unmet customer demand and alignment with the bureau's legislative mandate.

Minister for the Environment and Water, Murray Watt said "The work BOM staff do every day is complex and they face a range of pressures, so this review will bring an independent perspective to understanding the services being delivered and how that value can be strengthened into the future."

"BOM's role in keeping Australia safe, informed and prepared in a changing climate has never been more vital. Maintaining trust in, and ensuring the effectiveness of, BOM's information and services is essential."

"Many Australians rely on BOM to make decisions on-farm, at work and in severe weather, and I know we're all committed to ensuring that future services meet people's needs and expectations."

Bureau of Meteorology Chief Executive Officer and Director of Meteorology Dr Stuart Minchin said "The development of our next strategy is a significant opportunity to take a fresh look at what matters most to the Australian community and to ensure we are well positioned to meet future challenges and opportunities."

"We deeply value the trust that the Australian public and our customers place in us. Our work underpins essential services, economic activity, environmental health and community wellbeing, for all Australians every day, so it's important we get it right."

The review panel is expected to report back by 31 March 2027.

Learn more about the independent review here:

www.bom.gov.au/about-the-bureau/vision-and-purpose/our-next-strategy

Putting more roofs to work

The Federal Government is helping businesses, farms and community organisations cut energy costs and strengthen Australia's energy security by slashing the cost of installing medium-sized solar systems by around 20 per cent.

The Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES) will be expanded from 100 kW to 1 MW, allowing businesses, farms and community facilities to install solar systems up to ten times larger, better matching their energy needs and unlocking the potential of large commercial rooftops. According to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, while Australia's residential solar is sitting at 22 gigawatts, businesses have only installed around 5.6 gigawatts, with most of this being rooftop solar systems below 100 kW in size.

This reform will unlock more rooftop solar for the missing middle – helping more businesses take up solar and shield their energy bills from volatile global energy markets. Lower energy costs will improve productivity and competitiveness across manufacturing, agriculture, retail, transport and logistics, with benefits flowing through to households using those goods and services.

And more energy generated where it's used is good for the grid too – reducing the need for expensive networks and smoothing out demand peaks for all energy users.

It means more regional and remote areas will have access to clean, reliable and affordable solar energy – with community groups, schools, hospitals, farms and businesses able to secure the discount.

We will also improve network connection processes for mid-scale solar projects through targeted rule change requests and enhancements to the existing framework.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen said the expansion would help businesses and communities realise the same benefits from solar that millions of Australian households already are.

"We're putting more rooftops to work and helping businesses, farms and community organisations cut energy costs by slashing the cost of installing medium-sized solar systems by around 20 per cent."

"One in three Australian homes have rooftop solar, but larger energy users have been locked out because the existing solar rebate only supports systems up to 100 kW."

"We're fixing that by expanding support to systems up to 1 MW, unlocking the potential of commercial rooftops and helping businesses cut power bills, invest in growth and create jobs."

"This will help manufacturers, farmers, retailers, logistics centres, schools, hospitals and community organisations reduce energy costs – and it uses an existing, proven scheme meaning no new bureaucracy or red tape."

"More rooftop solar means lower energy costs, a stronger economy and faster progress towards an energy system powered by Australian renewable energy."

The expanded SRES is expected to commence from 1 October 2026, subject to the necessary regulations being in place.



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Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary News



Front L to R: Anne Moylan Vice President, Joan George 2nd Vice President, Carol Baines DON&M, Terence Corkin Treasurer, Wendy Schmid President, Back: Lauraine Oakeshott Secretary.

The Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary recently had their Annual General Meeting for the United Hospitals Auxiliary of NSW. They elected their new executive team with Carol Baines (Director of Nursing & Midwifery of Moruya) taking the chair for the election.

Wendy Schmid (President) received her twenty-year service badge for her commitment to the United Hospitals Auxiliary of NSW. Three other members received their ten-year badges, Anne Moylan, Jane Smith and Julie Corkin. Carol Baines presented each member with their badge.

Below Left: Wendy Schmid receiving her service badge. Below Right: Anne & Julie receiving their badges.



The Moruya Branch are always looking for new energetic members to join with like minded people. As many would be aware the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital opens in the first half of next year. The Auxiliary are working towards a gift shop to be situated at the right of the hospital entrance.

We hope that we can provide items that will be available for visitors, carers and loved ones to purchase as gifts. A great deal of planning and effort has been provided by a dedicated "Gift Shop" sub-committee and the Southern NSW Local Health District.

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- Connect with others who understand
- Receive support and information
- Learn about available services and resources
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Pumping up the Mojo in Mogo

By John Longhurst

It is understandable to arrive in Mogo stressed, anxious, tired, maybe angry and perhaps overwhelmed after time in our capital cities and the drive south. With a range of wellbeing initiatives ranging from art therapy, yoga, tea-drinking rituals, galleries, massage, a zoo visit and a laid-back village murmuring "relax and look around," Mogo is really about ... pumping up your mojo. It is called getting 'Mogood'.

Located on a picturesque property, less than a minute from downtown on the western border, 'Renew Animal Assisted Therapy and Counselling*' is a neat fit for Mogo. Karene has formal training in Counselling and is a registered counsellor and her practice is grounded in trauma-informed, person-centred care. Sessions are tailored to each individual and may include the support of therapy animals, nature, or quiet space for reflection and connection.

Karene said "Equine-assisted therapy gives people a place where they feel accepted, without judgement. It can support people experiencing grief, trauma, depression, while also providing meaningful support for people with autism and ADHD. I especially enjoyed working with young people and watching them grow in confidence."

By interacting with nature and animals such as horses and dogs, Karene relies on a non-judgemental and far less intimidating environment to develop connection.

Karene said, "Working outside and in nature creates a comfortable non-threatening space. There is not even a need for direct eye contact whilst walking, patting the dogs or brushing the horses. It is very calming and the awkward and pregnant pauses on the clinical psychologist's couch are avoided. It is very client-centred, and they get to nominate what they would like to work on."

Ironically, a horse-riding accident in 2020 sparked a pivot away from a career in the travel industry.

Karene said, "I broke my pelvis in five places and was in hospital for eight weeks during COVID. With very limited visitors, it was a dark time and with the help of Google I began my journey down a path to equine therapy and counselling."

These days it is full on with a 7.00am wake-up, feeding and unrugging the horses, preparing for sessions and seeing up to five to six clients per day. "I see many young people who have difficulty coping with the mainstream education system and can literally burn out and shut down. I love working with schools in our area and providing a window of hope for both the clients and their parents/carers."

Karene is keen to extend the therapy, whether it be to aged care facilities or targeted initiatives for underprivileged children. She is offering a life skill or a building block for people with a mental disability to take stock, chat in a non-threatening environment and map out a plan to better cope with life's challenges. 'Renew Animal Assisted Therapy and Counselling*' values compassion, trust and emotional safety—especially for those who haven't felt supported by more traditional therapy settings.

* <https://www.renewanimaltherapy.com.au/>



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Eurobodalla Koala Project Assists with Identification of Rare Southern Right Whale and Calf

The Eurobodalla Koala Project (EKP) has expanded its contribution to wildlife conservation by assisting the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Southern Right Whale Identification Program.

On Sunday, an EKP member, who is also a volunteer with the NPWS citizen science program, used the EKP's unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) to photograph a Southern Right Whale and her calf close to the Eurobodalla coastline. >>

The photographs confirmed the pair were the same mother and calf observed the previous day. The whale was identified as Lily, whose calf is believed to have been born between 12 and 28 July 2026.

The NPWS Right Whale ID program has monitored individual Southern Right Whales for the past six years using the distinctive white callosities on each whale's head. These unique markings allow researchers to identify individual whales and monitor their movements and breeding success. Although around 40,000 humpback whales migrate along the NSW coast each year, only a handful of Southern Right Whales are recorded each season. Members of the public can often distinguish them by their slow movement close to shore, their large, broad bodies without a dorsal fin, their distinctive V-shaped blow, and the white callosities on their heads.

Research has shown that even a single swimmer approaching too closely can cause significant behavioural disturbance to these whales, particularly mothers with young calves.

NPWS reminds the public to observe minimum approach distances:

- Boats, jet skis and surfcraft: 500 metres
- Crewed aircraft: 610 metres
- Swimmers, snorkellers and divers: 100 metres

Members of the public who observe a Southern Right Whale are encouraged to report the sighting to ORRCA on 1300 130 372 or (02) 9415 3333.

The Eurobodalla Koala Project is proud to contribute to another important citizen science initiative and to work alongside organisations dedicated to protecting Australia's unique wildlife.

The Project also encourages residents to report any koala sightings or koala calls, as community observations continue to play a vital role in monitoring the local koala population.



Cancer Friendship and Information Group Eurobodalla

Talk on Breast Cancer

Come and listen to informal presentations with up-to-date information and take part in a Q&A on breast cancer, surgery and treatment with:

Dr Ruben Cohen Hallaleh,
Breast Cancer, Endocrine &
General Surgeon

Richelle Matheson R.N.,
Specialist Breast Cancer Nurse,
Co-ordinator for McGrath
Specialist Cancer Nurses.

Moruya Golf Club

Thursday 6 August 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm

Anyone who has breast cancer concerns is welcome to attend with their partner or friend.

Refreshments kindly provided by CWA Moruya

Donations for Carers' Accommodation at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital welcome.

Our thanks to Moruya Golf Club for providing a great venue free of charge.



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Batemans Bay and Surrounds Reunion



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Batemans Bay has a lot of history to celebrate, and many stories to be told. Nine years ago, the people of the Bay got together to tell these stories, to recall their memories and enjoy the company of people they had not seen for years. It united the town and left many asking, "lets do that again", so that's what we're doing at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Saturday 7th November.

Come and celebrate 'Perrys Mill'



Perrys Mill sat on the banks of the Clyde River and provided employment to the town for about 85 years. It provided work during the depression, kept our timber workers in business, gave women jobs during 2 world wars, and who could forget the lunchtime whistle at 12 o'clock, You could set your clock by it, and we did. Perrys Mill used only local timber. Spotted Gum for Meat skewers, and axe handles. Ironbark for the naves, spokes and maul, Blue and Red Gum for felloes. Their axe handles were sold under the trade name 'Gum Leaf'.



As the 1940s progressed and motor vehicles became more common, the factory shifted its focus to producing meat skewers and wooden insulator spindles for use on telegraph lines. Reject meat skewers became a useful source of fire starters for local residents.

The mill was run by the Perry family, who had arrived from Melbourne to be closer to their timber supply. Albert and his wife managed the Batemans Bay operations for many years before their two sons, David and Geoff, took over. The Perry family not only ran a highly successful timber business and became a major employer in Batemans Bay and the surrounding area, but also made a lasting contribution to the town's social life. They were heavily involved in the Golf Club and Rotary Club, and were always ready to help when charities or local families in need required support. Their story remains an important part of our story.

Contributed by Leah Burke

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Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Saturday 7th November 2026 starting at 4pm for a 5.30 Chinese Banquet. Book your table or tickets online @ Sticky Tickets or at The Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay.



Tuross Head News

Following on with the peacock story, I recently spoke with Faye and Leonie Beers who said they remembered peacocks nesting around the first house entering Tuross Head and that a 'Peacock Crossing' sign was there. The story goes that one night they were in the car with their father on their way home when he slowed down at the crossing, then wound down his window and gave a great yell and drove off quickly and the noise of all those peacocks being woken followed them down the road. Another larrikin.

Here is another bit of history taken from one of the six plaques placed around Tuross Head. They were placed there in 1961 with a cost of almost \$900.00 each. Replacement/updating is being considered. Some of the wording needs to be updated.

JOHN HAWDON. 1801 – 1881.

John Hawdon arrived in Australia from England in 1828 with his wife and two sons. After leasing 'Elderslie' near Camden he received a land grant on the northern banks of the of the Moruya River at Kiora where he built a substantial Georgian homestead which still stands today. Wanting more land he also squatted on land south of the Moruya River which covered the area of Congo, Bergalia, and Tuross Head. The whole property was referred to as Bergalia. Over the period 1832 until 1848 John Hawdon made several attempts to have the Governor grant him title to all or part of Bergalia. In 1843 he also established a squatting station at Bodalla (known then as Boat Alley) where he employed managers to run cattle and established a dairy. With changes to the legislation in 1847 John Hawdon was able to secure a Crown Lease of 30,000 acres with a right to buy. However, to purchase and develop this land he needed to obtain finance and mortgaged the property to Thomas Sutcliffe Mort (1816-1878) businessman.

Hawdon's lack of adequate capital eventually led to Thomas Mort taking over Bodalla. Eventually John Hawdon settled on two properties, his original grant at Kiora and at Tuross Head, where he named his property 'Kyla Park'.

John Hawdon and his wife Margaret, lived out their retirement years on their tranquil and idyllic property at Kyla Park. He died on June 12, 1881. Margaret survived her husband by five years.

Today John Hawdon's former Kyla Park comprises 4 cluster housing developments, a local community recreational area, with the remaining of the 'Kyla Park' rural lands being devoted to livestock grazing and perpetually protected by a heritage listing. Across the road you would be looking down the Heritage Grazing Fields. Tuross Lake is immediately visible in the foreground with Gulaga Mountain rising on the horizon to the South. Gulaga has special significance to the local indigenous 'Yuin' people.

N.B. The fields running down both sides of Hector McWilliam Drive – towards the first caravan park – once provided grazing land for Hawdon's cattle.

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.

The next meeting of the Tuross Head Progress Association will be held Thursday 6th August. 2pm at Kyla Park Hall. Their AGM will be held Thursday 3rd September, 2026.

Contact Secretary: secretarythpa@gmail.com Mobile: 0417 282 154.

Interviews continue to gather the history of the residents in Tuross Head. Recently Peter Gready shared the interesting history of the local shops. Eventually we hope to have the voice recordings turned into print and a copy made available to the public. A BIG 'thank you' to Rob Henderson-Wilson who has agreed to help with the voice recordings.

I am very sad to advise of the death of one of our well-loved friends, who died in her home in Tuross Head on Saturday 25th July, 2026.

Charmian Gail Henry. 11/4/1952 – 25/7/2026. To celebrate Charmian's life, a memorial service and morning tea will be held on Sunday 9th August, 2026 in Kyla Park Hall, Hector McWilliam Drive, Tuross head at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please dress comfortably and in colour. Charmian's wish was for everyone to be easeful, bright and joyous for her memorial. We send our deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Charmian's death is the fifth from among our caring group in a few months. Our group has a brochure, 'Information for those Coping with a Major Personal Crisis' and is available on request. Pat Anderson. Tuross Head Caring Group.

Email: turossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com Mobile: 0497 315 534.



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A Tiny Tots' shop has been opened in the bar of the old Royal Hotel.

A Triumph de Luxe motor cycle, which is on view at J. D. Ward's Produce Store, has been the admiration of all who have seen the latest model.

The question of the sale of liquor in the Federal capital territory is to be referred to a local option poll of the people residing at Canberra. The sale of liquor at Parliament House will not be permitted until the poll is taken.

Whilst cranking up Mr. P. J. Mylott's Ford lorry on Friday of last week, Master W. Constable had the misfortune to fracture a bone in his wrist through the engine backfiring.

A ten-year-old daughter of Mr. B. McCauley, of Nelligen, was admitted to the Moruya hospital in a serious state, and successfully operated on for appendicitis by Drs. Street and McCredie. The patient is now doing well.

A serious motor collision occurred near Tilba on Friday, Dr. Lister in a Morris-Cowley, colliding with a Dodge car containing a party of tourists on the way from Melbourne to Sydney. Both cars were badly damaged, but the occupant's escaped injury.

A grand ball was held in the Turlinjah Hall on Friday of last week in aid of the candidate, Miss Muriel Berriman, for the Church of England Queen Competition. The Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the Misses H. Sly, E. Walsh, E. Berriman and Violet Cantlay. The organisers were very pleased to see so many people attend and thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Mr. G. Warren, maintenance man on the Nerrigundah Road, met with a severe accident whilst driving to work in a cart yesterday at the dangerous elbow in the road between Wilson's and O'Toole's where there have been a number of previous accidents. Mr. Warren was picked up by Mr. O'Toole in a dazed state and could not give any account of what had happened. He was much bruised and cut about, and the horse and cart were over the embankment in the gully about fifteen feet below. Mr. Warren was taken home by Mr. W. Jessop, who was driving the mail conveyance. It is time the council did something to make this part of the road safe. The road is only twelve feet wide and a straight drop over the embankment of from ten to thirty feet. This should be fenced and a culvert put across the gully to cut off the bend.

AMUSU THEATRE. Richard Barthelemess and Dorothy Mackail in SHORE LEAVE, a ding dong comedy that will make you laugh yourself silly. Also, Eleanor Boardman, Harrison Ford, and Pat O'Malley in PROUD FLESH, a fiery Irish comedy romance.

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Let's do coffee with ... Joan Smith

One would imagine a creeping weariness in a person well into her 11th decade on Mother Earth after spending over an hour chatting to the Moruya Mail (MM). Surprisingly, it was a somewhat exhausted MM looking for a rest, after interviewing Batehaven resident, Joan Smith (JS), last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Joan. You have lived through the decades a student of Modern History only reads about and with our turbulent present, the word 'repetition' must jump to mind. Let's go way ... way ... way back ... and count them ... 24 different Prime Ministers ago and to the Roaring Twenties. We land on the year Vladimir Lenin dies.

JS: (Laughs ...) I would love to say it feels like yesterday, but ... yes I was born in 1924 in Lincolnshire County in eastern England, located in the East Midlands and Yorkshire and the Humber regions, bordering the North Sea. Whilst there are similarities in terms of coastal access with the Eurobodalla Shire, climate are (smiles) ... well 'polar' opposite. In fact, the current winter (July) temperatures here exceed the summer highs of Lincolnshire. My mum left us when I was 2 years of age and I spent my early years in my dad's pub in Filey. I started school at Sacred Heart Convent at Filey, just south of Scarborough. I wore a prim and proper uniform down to the wearing of gloves. I enjoyed English and writing. The nuns were strict ... the threat, 'If you do not behave, the angels will come in the night and kidnap you', haunts me to this day and swimming (sighs ...) ... oh dear ... you were thrown in without instruction. I did not learn to appreciate swimming until I was 90 years of age.

I went to Boston High school, completed my secondary studies at age 15 years and started work the next day working as a secretary on the railways, honing my skills as a typist with shorthand at night school.

To 1939 and war broke out. I remember the announcement on the radio as clear as day after the build-up. During World War II (WWII), Lincolnshire was known as 'Bomber County' due to its flat landscape, which made it the ideal location for nearly 50 Royal Air Force (RAF) airfields and strategic bomber squadrons.

At this stage I was living in Boston's, surrounded by these airfields and working at nights in my uncle's restaurant. As you would expect many of the regulars were air servicemen and as the war progressed there was an awkward silence when I inquired about the whereabouts of particular customers. We were often in air shelters, needed to carry identification papers everywhere and the sound of bombers taking off and landing was constant.

By 1945 I had known nothing but total war for one third of my life so I obviously joined the craziness that accompanied its end.

At this time I did manage to meet my future husband, Jim. He was a bomb aimer during the War and had to lie flat in the nose of the aircraft to peer through the transparent plexiglass view to guide the pilot with precise, calm left-or-right course corrections during the critical final approach to a target. Incredibly, he survived 35 missions with Pathfinders Squadron 97.



Jim was my first boyfriend and we married in 1946 and honeymooned in Scotland.

We settled into married life and lived in Nottingham. Jim worked as an engineer for the General Post Office (GPO). Engineers maintained, repaired, and expanded the public telephone and telegraph wire infrastructure that had undergone heavy strain and damage during WWII.

I was working as a shorthand typist and we had our daughter, Catherine in 1952. Jim's skills were in high demand and he secured a job in telecommunications with the Post Master- General's (PMG) Department based in Perth, Australia. For someone whose first trip out of Lincolnshire was 800kms to honeymoon in Scotland, the prospect of travelling 14,500kms to Perth was daunting.

We boarded the SS Iberia in 1956 at the Port of Tilbury in London for the 3 week journey. It was crowded, very hot at times with unreliable air conditioning. (Smiles ...) At least we missed the next return voyage of that year when the oil tanker, SS Stanvac Pretoria, rammed broadside on SS Iberia's port side just off Sri Lanka in March.

We berthed in Perth in January 1956. It was hot, hot ... hot. I thought the place was on fire ... daily temperatures were often well over 40°C. I hated the place and would of walked home if it was possible! I think I cried non-stop for the next 2 years.

We did have a house at Mount Pleasant, about 10kms from the CBD of Perth and on the Canning River with a long garden, which I loved.

It certainly took some time to adjust, I secured office work, we had a car and with the birth of Peter in 1959, life improved. Fortunately, we built our house in Mount Pleasant close to friends.

I still yearned for home. It is hard to imagine these days the difficulties of communication. The distinct light blue aerograms crammed with my tiny family musings cost about 10 pence and would take 4 to 7 days to deliver.

Anything bulkier such as photographs would go by sea mail and take up to 40 days. (Laughs ...) Baby Peter would have been almost 50 percent bigger by the time the photos reached England.

(Chuckles ...) Making a phone call home was such an ordeal. You had to pick up your phone, speak to a local exchange operator, and "book" an overseas trunk call by providing the destination details. Operators across multiple national switchboards manually patched the connection using physical cords. Because circuits were limited and heavily shared, connections could take anywhere from several minutes to hours, and the operator would call you back once the line was ready. International calls were extremely expensive, typically charged in strict three-minute increments, making them rare for everyday use and reserved for emergencies.

I did return to England in 1969 with the children and no intention of returning. Jim was a pretty persuasive guy and we returned to Australia in 1970. Once again, it was an adventure as the Suez Canal was closed with continued fighting between Egypt and Israel. We had to take the long way round the Cape of Good Hope and the infamous rough seas. On return, Jim had secured a job on the Snowy Mountains Scheme and we moved to Cooma. Life blossomed. Everyone came from somewhere else and we all wanted to make new friends. It felt as though Europe had come to us!

I worked at the local high school as a book keeper and I think we all just united and delighted in the achievement of the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

We moved to Canberra in the mid 1970's. Jim retired from engineering and completed a law degree he started ages earlier. Our 4 grandchildren kept us busy.

MM: Lincolnshire, Perth, Cooma and Canberra. For someone who did not want to leave England, my fingers stretch around the globe keeping up with you. How does the Eurobodalla Shire claim you?

JS: Like many Canberrans, we visited the South Coast often, loved it and decided to build and move here in the early 1980's. Unfortunately, Jim passed away in 2001 but I am looking forward to many more gorgeous sunrises in Batehaven and more time with my four great grandchildren.

MM: What would Joan Smith say to the young belle hesitating at the bottom of the gangplank before boarding the SS Iberia in 1956?

JS: (Mimics a stern voice ...) Get on that ship, young lady!

MM: (laughs ...) It has been an absolute pleasure, Joan.

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**



A Beer with Bazz # 246

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There was a deathly quiet and arms were folded as they stared into the sinking froth of their schooner glasses. There were numerous side glances and the occasional shaking of heads. The chilly August winds matched the mood around the bar table.

Mick clicked his tongue and let out a long sigh.

"How long have you got, Tom? How are you holding up?"

Timeless Tom straightened his back and tilted the half empty schooner glass and raised his watery eyes.

"Three weeks from last Monday ... so just over two weeks to go. I appreciate the thoughts, fellas. Well ... I am not feeling too good about it to say the least. I was really stunned. You know ... you think you are doing the right thing ... following the advice and all the rules but three weeks ... there you have it. The same thing happened to my grandfather you know. He was given a month ... a bloody month. I guess it is the gene pool. By gee he was cranky about it too. There was hell to play and as kids we were not allowed to see him. It was cruel on all of us .. and here we are again ... history repeats."

Tom shook his head and a tear welled in the corner of his eye on a face lined with decades of care and love. He shifted with obvious pain as Bazza lowered his voice.

"We are here for you, Tom. But you know ... they did warn you."

Stunned looks all round as Mick leaned in.

"Heartless ... Bazza ... bloody heartless. What is wrong with you? Tom has got three weeks and here you are ... moralising ... taking the high ground. Sure, there were warnings and he often laughed them off, but three weeks ... show a bit of empathy for a good ole mate. Anyhow, Tom ... take us through the diagnosis ... it might help Bazza's empathy deficiency."

Tom took a generous sip and wiped his lips.

"Well ... I was with the grandkids last Monday when it happened. I gave them some lollies after we went to the park and the parents went ballistic. I gave blue ones to the boys and pink ones to the girls and that set them off. I got a one week ban for giving them sexist, stereot ... ahh .. whatever you call it lollies."

Tom gritted his teeth.

"They then read the labels on the lollies and googled the brand. When they found out they were sugar loaded, gluten packed, artificially coloured, possibly made with child labour and identified as a brand to avoid by 'Dentist Monthly' magazine, they upped the ban to three weeks ... so here I sit."

Know All Ron tut tutted.

"A tough penalty, Tom and similar to how the punch thrown in rugby league would go unnoticed a few decades ago, now results in a six week ban. Ahhh ... how times change ... or do they? You know ... when my near blind Grandfather used to visit us as kids he would sit in the old man's favourite chair and encourage us to borrow his white walking cane."

Mick nodded his head.

"That would build up a bit of empathy amongst the young 'uns for the blind. Take note ... Bazza."

Ron sighed.

"Kind of ... until mum and dad got home and traffic was banked up two blocks back as we attempted to cross one of the busiest roads outside our place with a blindfold."

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My Thaipe of Menu

By John Longhurst

Whilst restaurant menus promising an obscure long laundry list of eating options that beg the question 'How can that be so?', it is refreshing to find a local food truck serving ... wait for it ... just noodles and stir fried rice.

After a long and permanent restaurant stint at Batehaven, Mao Thai has returned to the local cuisine scene with a food van offering accompanying fresh tofu, chicken, beef or prawns with fresh vegetables, nuts and herbs.

The simplistic menu guarantees freshness but do not underestimate the taste delights generated by mobile chef, Suwathana.

Suwathana said "I learned to cook from my mum and my grandma in Thailand. I have been cooking in this region for over thirty years and have a good idea of what the locals like. It is great to be cooking for my customers once again. My motto is to keep it simple and do it well."

Mao Thai Food Van can be found at the Hanging Rock Car Park (near the library) Tuesday to Saturdays from 11.30am to 7.00pm. Ring 0472783039.



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Exploring End-of-Life Choices, Care and What Matters Most

This event is for anyone who wants to feel more informed, prepared, and supported around end-of-life matters. Whether planning for yourself, supporting a loved one, working or volunteering in community care, or simply curious about what choices exist, you are welcome here.

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Immune Support For Winter

We're in the final stretch of winter, and wow - it has definitely hit us hard! It feels like almost everyone is coming down with a cold or whatever bug is going around right now. At this time of year, people constantly ask us what they should actually take to stay healthy or bounce back faster from colds, the flu, and pesky viruses. With so many supplements sitting on the shelves, it's completely understandable to feel overwhelmed. Personally, my favourite immune formulas combine targeted herbs with core vitamins and minerals to cover all those bases.

I'm always talking about **Vitamin C, Zinc and Selenium** because they play vital roles in supporting a healthy immune system. Vitamin C and zinc help immune cells function effectively, while selenium acts as a powerful antioxidant, helping protect cells from oxidative stress and supporting normal immune function ⁽¹⁾.

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Andrographis is another amazing herb which is used for centuries in traditional Ayurvedic and Asian medicine, this powerful herb is ideal to take at the very first sign of a scratchy throat or chill. Research shows it helps reduce the severity and duration of upper respiratory symptoms ⁽³⁾.

Echinacea is another long-time favourite and a great herb that stimulates immune cell activity to help your body fight off infections right out of the gate ⁽⁴⁾.

Sacred Basil (Tulsi) might not as popular as Echinacea, but it's a hidden gem. Traditionally used as an adaptogen and antimicrobial, it helps relieve classic cold symptoms like fevers and coughs. It acts as a natural expectorant to clear out mucus, making it a lifesaver when a cold settles in your chest ⁽⁵⁾.

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



Fact-Based Dreaming



Damon Gameau calls his film 2040 a “fact-based dream”. Released in 2019, 2040 is a “visual letter” to his pre-school aged daughter, imagining what the world could be like when she is a young woman. Using only technology that existed at the time the film was made, he welcomes us into an optimistic vision, where, in spite of our best efforts to the contrary, humans haven’t made the world unliveable.

It has been 7 years since 2040 was released: we are a third of the way into Gameau’s imagined 21-years into the future. Some things in the film already look dated, while others feel out of reach. Solar technology has outstripped the potential Gameau saw for it, however infrastructure no-brainers like microgrids remain tantalising elusive. He presents Kate Raworth’s concept of Donut Economics as a revolutionary idea: Circular Economy, which is based on Donut Economics, has entered our vocabulary and become a taken for granted aspect of policy and planning. Increasingly, we are rejecting the Take-Make-Use-Lose flow of linear economies, and adopting, where we can, consumer behaviours where a single Take-&-Make (resource extraction and product manufacture) is replaced by cycles of Use-Repurpose-Use-Repair-Use-Recycle-Use ... and so on.

Gameau presents the science of soil ecology and the damage done by industrialised farming methods as radical ideas. Seven years on these have become well understood by mainstream audiences. His discussion of food miles, and his proposal of urban food farms and a population eating predominantly locally produced food sits comfortably with the food-community values so widely adopted in Eurobodalla. Driverless cars and shared transport systems may feel more challenging for rural Australia. His enthusiasm for seaweed as a multi-purpose planetary saviour does not appear to have materialised (yet), and the environmental dashboards optimistically presented in the film have not (yet) become mainstream. 2040 is the August offering in the Euro-Visions (Visions for a Sustainable Eurobodalla) Film Series, Thursday, August 13, 6:00pm at the Red Door Hall in Moruya. The panel discussion following the film will explore how far we’ve come in the 7 years since the film was released, and how much we still have to do in the 14 years to come, if we are to inhabit a future as rosy as Gameau suggests is possible. Calling on the knowledge and expertise of experts in the local community, the discussion will focus on specific local challenges, opportunities and solutions.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Upcoming Events:

Film Night: Film and panel discussion - 2040 Revisited - Moruya | Eurobodalla Council 6:00pm, Red Door Hall, Page St, Moruya

Library Workshops on Sustainability: check out the ESC Events page for workshops on home made kitchen cleaning products, setting up a kitchen garden, and closing the loop (circular economy) held in the Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay Libraries.



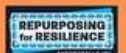
The Euro-Visions column is presented by the ECSN (Eurobodalla Community Support Network) with support from the Sustainability Team at Eurobodalla Shire Council



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Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla



Bateman's Bay is blooming – at Ambers Cafe – It is a cafe with a secret

By K Dahlweiss

Some of you may know it as Ambers Café but it is much more than a café. It's opposite the One Life Gymnasium and is often frequented by fitness buffs for a quick bite and drink. There is a side to Ambers which is less well known and that is that it is a Tea House extraordinaire. There are tens of teas on the menu and the most extravagant one deserves special mention; blooming tea! Blooming tea comes in a variety of flavours in the shape of a ball. It is dropped into a see-through glass teapot, it gradually expands to bloom into the flower and leaves from which it derives. To view the transformation from a ball of dried tealeaves to a flowery sculpture in a teapot is entrancingly magical with a delicate flavour of equal delight.

Ambers*, owned and managed by Emma Andrews defines itself as a Café of Boutique Cakes. Emma said 'I have a claim to making delicious cakes to order'. The Cafe could equally be labelled 'Boutique of Creative Teas' with names like 'Birthday Tea, Christmas Tea, Wedding Tea, Lemon Grass Ginger and Goji Berry Tea, and Nectar Chai, just to name a few. The tea menu is truly extensive and particularly exclusive with a High Tea by Harriet selection.

The Chai teas are from the Simara brand. There are offerings such as Purple Potato, Charcoal, Turmeric and Blue Pea. Emma and team make a range of teas and other drinks which are their very own. Emma's employee Hayley explained 'Tea tastings are in the future plans. The plan is to expand the tea range and to have tea tastings.'

As well it is possible to order a high tea, which can even be held during the standard operating hours of 8am to 3pm weekdays but also at times to suit the customer. Recently, a group of deaf people held a successful high tea during opening hours while other customers were in the shop.

Ambers Café could now be the only Tea House in the Eurobodalla region and could advertise itself as such. It could be particularly attractive to overseas visitors who might prefer to drink tea rather than coffee. It is the Tea House for the shire.

The parking on Orient Street could be limiting as it is only for one hour. You will likely want to take your time having tea with friends or while you do some work or reading and so it could be better to park in the 3-hour carpark which is an extension of Flores Crescent, immediately behind the café.



You could be forgiven for walking past Ambers Creative Cakes (and Tea House) because it has a comparatively small frontage on Orient Street (no.45) and goes longways on Connells Walkway. However, once you've been there, you will return.

One of the added bonuses is that you can take your 'used' tea ball home and successfully reuse it a couple of times. On the way out of the café, you could also add a container of 'scraps' cakes. On my latest outing there, I took home a ball of White Tea and Chrysanthemum in a BioPack and a box full of scraps from the salted caramel cake Emma had made that day.

So, you could visit Ambers for a tea a day for a couple of months before having tried all the teas on offer. Why not bring a friend and share a blooming tea? You can also read hard copies of the Moruya Mail at Ambers.

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Fri 7 Aug Smoke and Mirrors - Soldiers Club 7.30pm
 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
 Sat 8 Aug Coastal Fringe - Soldiers Club 7.30pm
 Sat 8 Aug The Figmentz Narooma Hotel 8:30pm
 Sun 9 Aug Robbie Shoals Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Fri 14 Aug DJ Matt Brown Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 15 Aug Laz n Caz Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Sat 15 Aug Blue Mallee Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sat 15 Aug Southern Impact Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sun 16 Aug Darcy Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Fri 21 Aug Mick Fernandez Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 22 Aug Howlin Mitch Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 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
 Fri 28 Aug Backlash Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 29 Aug Backlash Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 29 Aug Mic McGrath Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sat 29 Aug Flavuh Starfish Deli
 Sun 30 Aug Mac & Glenda Broulee Brewhouse 2-5pm
 Sun 30 Aug Mick McGrath Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm

Sept 2026

Fri Sept 4 Driving Sideways Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 5 Sept MTV Unplugged Live Bay Pavilions 7:30pm
 Sat Sept 5 Driving Sideways Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 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 12.30-3.30pm
 Fri 11 Sept Riff Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 12 Sept Riff Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 12 Sept Mick Fernandez Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Fri 18 Sept DJ Matt Brown Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 19 Sept Edan Foxdog Distillery & Brewery 12.30-3.30pm
 Sat 19 Sept Mick Fernandez Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 19 Sept Mac n Glenda Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
 Sun 20 Sept Dane Kennedy Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
 Fri 25 Sept One Louder Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
 Sat 26 Sept Howlin Mitch Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm

ONGOING

Every Friday Night Open Mic Broulee Brewhouse from 5.30pm
 Every Thursday Night Open Mic Moruya Waterfront from 5.30pm

**For weekly listings email by 5pm Tuesday
 To hello@moruyamail.com.au**

SCINEMA Science Film Festival - Moruya

Saturday 22 August 2026 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Cost: free

Come along to see a selection of short films from this year's **SCINEMA**; an international science film festival based in Australia.

Pronounced with a long 'i' to emphasise the science behind the cinema, SCINEMA provides a platform for professional, amateur and student filmmakers to showcase their work. Entries are accepted from all over the world, and it was founded to forge links between the sciences and the arts.

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

- T: 4474 1333E: Moruya Library W: [Book online](#)

Floodland Film with panel discussion

When : Thu, 20 Aug, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

At Broulee Brewhouse 71 Coronation Dr Broulee

Sydney Film Festival award winning documentary Floodland captures the 2022 Lismore floods through the eyes of the residents who lived through them.

It moves beyond the news cycle to highlight the First Nations healing practices and community-led solutions that are so vital for Australia's future.

This is a story about the strength found in recovery, the ability for communities to pull together in the face of disaster, and the urgent conversations being prompted by the reality of our changing climate. The events of the Lismore floods are an opportunity for our regional community to learn about disaster resilience in the face of droughts and bushfires; an invitation to pull together and bounce back in the face of hardship.

We are pleased that \$2 from every ticket sold will be donated to Resilient Lismore, a community-based charity works to support community-based disaster preparedness, recovery and and resilience in Lismore.

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The July meeting for the Eurobodalla photographic club.

The competition this month was open monochrome. Jill Helps was the remote judge. Di Clark gave an interesting presentation about a creative workshop that is being held in August. Ruth McKay showed us her fantastic street photography from her trip to Bangkok. If you would like to check the club out, please come to our next meeting night, which is Tuesday 25th of August at Tomakin hall, starting at 7pm.



July Competition Results

IMAGE OF THE NIGHT: Debbie Osiecki - The quiet witness

GOLD: David Kemp - Masked Avenger
Phil Morrison - Spring frozen flowers

SILVER: Robert Bednarik - Cant Sit Still
David Kemp - St Saviours
Debbie Osiecki - Silent Conversation
Greer Atkinson - Summer Days
Anne Brown - Nailed it

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Shane Johnston - Tuross Head 1
Louise McDonald - Ethereal Silence
Jeanette Robben - Industrial Particulate matter
Ken Foster - Forked Moon
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River of Art Prize 2026 – Entries close Sunday

The 2026 River of Art Prize offers a total prize pool of more than \$12,000 across a range of awards and artist opportunities. The 2026 River of Art Prize exhibition will be presented at the Moruya Mechanics Institute, 13 Page Street, Moruya. Recent upgrades to the Mechanics Institute, including additional professional gallery lighting and a contemporary hanging system, have created an exceptional exhibition space that complements the building's rich heritage and long-standing connection to the arts.

KEY DATES Entries Close: 9 August 2026 Finalists Announced: 31 August 2026.

Delivery of Finalist Works: 23 September 2026

Exhibition Opening & Winners Announced: 25 September 2026

Exhibition Dates: 26 September – 5 October 2026

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Exhibition Dates: 26 September – 5 October 2026

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28 Aug	Trivia Night
29 Aug	TBC Private Function
5 Sep	Greg Byng
12 Sep	Mick Fernandez
19 Sep	Mac n Glenda
25 Sep	Trivia Night

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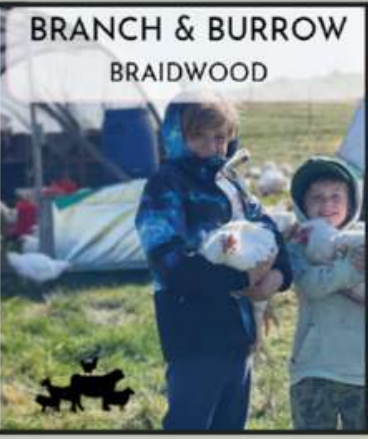


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Saturday 15 Aug 2026
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Sunday 16 Aug 2026 - Airfield Re-enactment, Donnelly Drive
North Head. From - 10:00h




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**
- 22 Nov – **Tomakin Community Day 12–4pm**
- 5 Dec –30 Jan – **Basil Sellers Art Prize 2026**
- 6–20 Dec – **Congo Crafts 41st Exhibition.**
- 19th Dec – **Carols By Candlelight**
- 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
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Free Legal Advice

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

When: 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.

Tuross Community Markets

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

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.

Upcoming Southern Mobile Service NSW Centre visits –

Tuross Head Tuesday 15 September Club Tuross,
Wallaga Lake Tuesday 15 September Basketball car park, 13 Umbarra Rd

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 your 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.



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Correcting misinformation, Bay Community Centre

ESC says "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."

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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
- Monday 7 September: Catalina, Silverdell Place through to Batemans Bay including Crosby Drive and Glenella Road
- Monday 14 September: North Batemans Bay including Peninsula Drive, Nelligen, Surfside, Bay Ridge, Clyde Road and Cors Parade
- Monday 21 September: Long Beach, Maloneys Beach and South Durras

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

31.7.26

Moruya River.

The week so far has, been pretty quiet on the report front. A combination of the school holidays finishing and low fish activity has made reports coming into the shop pretty scarce.

Give the local jetties a look this weekend, add a bit of cage of burley pellets to the mix, and keep your fingers crossed. Baits of pilchards, mullet or tuna fillet will offer you the best chance at finding a slow moving bream or flathead this weekend.

Tuross River.

As the water temps continue to drop in this system, the luderick guys will be starting to set up their float rigs, collect some weed and take position on their chosen spots, hoping to intercept this often maligned species. They pull hard, and if treated well upon capture, yield a nice firm white fillet.

For those really keen anglers, a trophy sized mulloway is always on the card from our premier stretch of south coast water. The full moon, that past last night, can create a bit of a bite window for the high tide period after dark. The added movement of water allows bait fish to travel, while the brighter conditions give predators, like the mulloway, better hunting conditions as it allows bait fish to be better seen with the brighter nighttime condition of a full moon. Provided there isn't any cloud cover.

This can make the day time bite window harder to fish however, as hunting fish may be full after a busy night session.

Get out there, and give it a go, you never know what might be lurking under the cover of darkness and a full moon.

Rock and Beach.

Salmon continue to be the main saving grace of the cooler months, with good numbers and size fish being readily available up and down the coast. From the beaches to the breakwall, and even into the estuaries, these winter saviours can often make a no fish session into a least a bit of fun. While not the most popular species to keep for a feed, they are around in numbers this time of year.

Offshore.

YFT and BFT have both been reported this week. Yellowfin around the 50-60kg mark and Bluefin up to 100kg have been reported by those willing to cover some distance to find fish. The YFT have been reported inside the shelf, while the BFT have been further out. Keep an eye on the weather reports if you are planning a trip out wide.

We are on the end of the bait truck cycle, so are getting low on some items, or out altogether. This will be rectified on Monday with a new order going through to Tweed bait Monday morning.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



Putting More Go Into Mogo

By John Longhurst

The ever emerging creative hub of Mogo has received a further boost with the opening of Soul Tribe Studio and Light Heart Therapies last weekend.

More than 400 people came through the doors across the weekend, a massive boost to a population of under 350 people.

Visitors enjoyed free yoga, Pilates, meditation, sound healing, yin yoga, relaxation classes and community events all weekend.

Live music kept the crowds entertained throughout the weekend and included:

- DMD, featuring local musicians Doug Skipper, Dave Tweedy and Aidan Hayworth.
- Phil Watts and the local choir band.
- Val Moogs, another much-loved local musician.
- Grumpy & Sweethearts Café across the road kept the crowd fuelled up with delicious food and refreshments.

The new premises are a welcome upgrade from the old premises at Catalina with a light filled studio and an adjoining new treatment room inside the studio for Mink to practise her 'Light Heart Therapies'.

A massage or treatment with Light Heart Therapies can be booked at: lighthearttherapies.com.au

Soul Tribe now offers over 40 yoga and Pilates classes every week, with something for everyone—from beginners through to experienced practitioners.

Soul tribe owner, Clare Lovelace is looking forward to adding to the diversity of the Mogo economy.

Clare said "The new studio is located at Level 1, 27 Sydney Street, Mogo, next to Indo Direct. Everyone is welcome to drop in, say hello and have a look around. Our door is always open."

Special offer for Moruya Mail readers;

Anyone who mentions this article can purchase a 10 Class Pass for \$220 and receive an extra 3 classes absolutely free (13 classes in total). The pass is valid for 12 months.

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- Call Clare on 0447 617 619
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Clare said "We'd love to welcome the community into our new home in Mogo. Whether you're looking for yoga, Pilates, meditation, sound healing or massage, we'd love to see you."

Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Mark Haberkorn with President Bruce Harding



Winner: Ian McManus with Sponsor Paul Ferguson



Winners: Jane Eglitis, Sandra D'Onofrio and Maree Coffey

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 30th July 2026

A field of 44 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The day was cool and sunny and some excellent and close scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Mark Haberkorn (16) with 35 points (countback)
2nd: Ian McManus (14) with 35 points
3rd: Ian Kingston (26) with 34 points (countback)
4th: Paul Rowe (15) with 34 points

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Nick Brice 2.50 A Grade
4th: John Phylard 4.88 B Grade
4th: Mark Jackson 5.17 C Grade
6th: Bruce Handley 0.90 A Grade
6th: Grant Kiely 2.95 B Grade
6th: Stephen Gardner 1.22 C Grade

Balls went to: Nigel Barling 33, Jim Wade 33, Nick Brice 33, Terry Milliken 33, Michael Elfar 32, Paul Scholze 32, Grant Kiely 32, Dianne Brown 31, Gavan Wheelahan 30 and Stephen Gardner 30.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 1st August 2026

A field of 40 players took to the course to compete in the Men's Stroke Monthly Medal event. The sponsor was Paul Ferguson. The competition was fierce, the results close, and there were some brilliant scores.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

1st: Ian McManus (13) with 71 nett (countback) (Medal)
2nd: William Steenbergen (9) with 71 nett

B Grade:

1st: Mark Haberkorn (16) with 75 nett (countback) (Medal)
2nd: John Harb (15) with 75 nett

C Grade:

1st: Ian Manton (21) with 74 nett (Medal)
2nd: Peter Coffey (22) with 78 nett

Hole Prize:

2nd Hole Jim Wade Distance: 1.30 Golden Shot Moruya Jockey Club
6th Hole Michael Coloe Distance: 0.67 Jackpot Prize

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Colin Houghton 0.85 A Grade
4th: Mark Haberkorn 4.68 B Grade
6th: Michael Coloe 0.67 A Grade
6th: Mark Haberkorn 5.03 B Grade
7th: Matthew Kennedy 2.12 A Grade

Putting Comp: Steven O'Shea 24 putts

Balls went to: Bruce Handley 73, John Eglitis 74, Jim Wade 74, Colin Houghton 75, Nick Brice 76, Peter Johnston 76, Frank Pomfret 76, Ken Hush 77, Ian Lawson 78 and Paul Rowe 78.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 4th August 2026

A field of 19 ladies competed in Round 1 of the Ladies Championship event. The event was sponsored by Dorothy Madden and some amazing scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

1st: Sandra D'Onofrio (33) with 68 nett
2nd: Ruth Gschwend (16) with 73 nett (countback)

B Grade:

1st: Maree Coffey (34) with 72 nett
2nd: Chris Wratten (36) with 80 nett

C Grade:

1st: Jane Eglitis (44) with 73 nett
2nd: Elsa Shearer (42) with 85 nett (countback)

Hole Prize:

7th: Chelsea Mayes Golden Shot A 0.97
7th: Jane Eglitis Golden Shot B 1.11

Nearest to the Pins: 2nd Shot
6th Jennifer Gray Distance 0.29
15th Marie Muriwai Distance 1.10

Place Getters: Leonie Doolan 73, Marie Muriwai 74, Dianne Brown 79 and Dorothy Madden 79.



Winner: Jane Eglitis

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 5th August 2026

31 players braved the cool morning to compete in a Special Mulligan Stableford event today and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

1st: Jane Eglitis with 29 points
2nd: Frank Pomfret with 27 points
3rd: Ian Manton with 23 points

Balls or Chocolates:

Derek Hoare 22, Ken Hush 22, Tony Crook 21 and Neal Watson 21.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Frank Pomfret (2nd Shot) In the Hole!
7th: Ladies: Jane Eglitis (2nd Shot)
Mens: Bruce Martin (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Chris Wratten (5th hole)

Bradman's: Mark Maher

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



There were 30 Social Bowlers on the Green on a lovely warm Winter's day but plenty of wind to keep us all on our toes. Welcome back to all the holidaymakers on the same day. Thank you to Robyn and Mac who took over proceedings as well as team selections, good job girls. Deepest sympathy to Shirley Edwards and Family on the recent passing of her husband Jack an esteemed Life Member of Malua Bay. Well done to Julie Knorpp who took part in Rookie Singles in Bega on the weekend, great effort Julie. Mac mentioned that all went well in Winter Carnival and enjoyed by all who took part in this event. Winners Rink 2, Gloria Harper, Di Mac, Lyn Hardy and Gwen Ware. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 4, Rhonda Adler, Raija Johnston, Julie Knorpp and Jenny Blyth. Jackpot number 44 was called, Jenny Blyth selected 4 of spades plus a free game of bowls. Money Club, 21 Di Mac, 3 Sue Beavan. Looks as though we have a new member sitting on Umpire's chair.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



There were 27 Twisties on a coolish and windy morning with an early start Barbecue breakfast. Thank you to our committee and helpers you are very much appreciated. Thinking of Dobbo, Moby Dick and greenkeeper Nick, all take care. Great to see Scottie and Mad Max back on the Green, all settled into their new home. Committee member "Clark Kent" congratulated Lozza on his prowess in swimming with a 1st, two 3rds and a 4th in individual and relay events at Special Olympics. Winners with Highest Losing Margin, Road Runner, Whizza and Sumpy not in photo. Runners-up, K.C. and Chrissy with "Lois Lane" and Scottie sharing. Chrissy selected Rink 4 to try for Jackpot of \$126.50 also cut cards but no luck only Jack of Diamonds. Lucky numbers, 5 Pattycake, 1 Gilligan. Other winning teams, Hot Lips and Spike with Lozza and Leigh 16/13. Bert, Trish the Dish and Smiley 21/14. Pattycake, Ute and Bob the Builder 30/7. Dave, Mad Max and Suzanne 23/15

Rugby Union Results

Canberra Suburban Cup Competition
Saturday 1st August 2026 - Preliminary Final
· Hall "Bushrangers" 31 defeated Batemans Bay "Boars" 29
The Bushrangers ambushed Batemans Bay with a long-range penalty goal in the final minute of extra time to win and progress into next week's Grand Final. Batemans Bay started slowly and allowed Hall to score 2 tries in the opening 10 minutes. Hall led 21 to 14 at half time but the Boars lifted in the second half and lead 29 to 28 when the game went into injury time. The Boars lost their last 2 line outs then conceded a penalty in the final minute 45. Hall robbed the Bay Boars a chance to compete in next week's Grand Final by kicking the pressure goal from 45 metres out.

Next week - Saturday 8th August 2026

Grand Final

· Easts ACT v Hall "Bushrangers" @ Griffith Oval

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Tuross Head Bowling Club – Handicap Lightning Pairs



On Saturday 25th July the Handicap Lightning Pairs were played in beautiful sunny conditions. As we had not played this style of match for some time there were a few early teething issues, but we got them sorted. Thanks to Marcel for coordinating the draw. There were 12 teams in total, who played in 4 groups of 3 teams, each team played 2 games of 5 ends. Four teams based on their scores went onto the semi-final and final.

Semi-final 1 saw the team of Rose Farrington and Warren Hodder play Graeme Garner and Chris Bright. The semi-finals were played over seven ends. Graeme and Chris were the winners of this semi-final by 6 shots to 3.

In semi-final 2 the team of Mark Velder and Julie Barningham played Sue Innes and Neil Mather. Sue and Neil won this game 12-4 to move into the final against Graeme and Chris.

The final started with Sue and Neil picking up 4 shots on the first end, the second end resulted in no score as both teams had a bowl too close to the Jack to measure. On the third end Sue and Neil picked up another 4 shots to lead 8-0. In the fourth end, Chris and Graeme opened the account with 2 shots to trail 8-2. Sue and Neil picked up a further 4 shots on the fifth end to extend their lead to 12-2. Graeme and Chris picked up a 6 on the sixth end to get themselves back in the game at 8-12. On the end, Sue and Neil picked up 1 shot to take the match 13-8. Sue and Neil took away the prize money on the day.

Sue played the perfect lead bowlers game all day, always having bowls in the head.

Many of the players continued the day by sharing a few drinks afterwards. Overall, it was a successful day, and it appeared that the handicap system worked and a lot of fun was had by all.

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