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Nepal disaster claims much loved teacher

The devastating flood disaster in Nepal has claimed a much loved Moruya teacher, Michael Keats.

Mike was on a pilgrimage and was reported in the border area when the flood hit.

Mike's partner from Moruya Heads and family have declared him dead.

In his own words on Instagram, Mike had said "I am a teacher, a guide, a nature lover, and a mystic at heart. I formally completed a Master of Teaching in 2017, however, I am forever a humble student of nature. As an educator, I truly believe that Nature is the greatest teacher, and over the years I've immersed myself in a wide range of nature-based learning, training and ceremony. I also believe that Nature is the greatest healer, and I've been fortunate enough to connect with people, places and plants that have served as medicine on my own soul's journey."

Moruya High School wrote to the school community saying "Michael was a valued member of our school community, and his loss will be deeply felt by our students, staff and families." Family and friends gathered to support each other at Pedro Point on Sunday evening to remember his positive contribution to the community and honour his memory.

Community groups invited to apply for a share of \$500,000 to help deliver road safety initiatives

Community organisations across NSW are invited to apply for a share of \$500,000 in funding to deliver local road safety initiatives, with the latest round of the NSW Government's Community Road Safety Grants program now open.

Eligible not-for-profit and charity organisations across the state have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$5,000, or up to \$30,000 to fund local road safety initiatives.

Since its inception in 2015, the Community Road Safety Grants program has distributed more than \$4.1 million to not-for-profit and charity organisations across NSW.

These grants allow local groups to deliver small, community-based projects that enhance the important message of road safety where it matters most.

Last year's funded projects spanned across multiple NSW electorates and Local Government Areas, with 13 projects in metropolitan NSW and seven in regional NSW.

The 2026 Community Road Safety Grants are now open for applications and will close at 4pm on Monday 28 September 2026. You can apply for a Community Road Safety Grant [here](#).

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Major Discussion topic is to gather an Action Group to push for the completion of the South Heads Cycle Way. MBC will update you on all on issues affecting our community. Please attend and strengthen our community. RSVP to chamber@moruya.nsw.au Or text to Glenda at 0415 955 662



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Moruya on the move, round about time



Highway roundabouts south Moruya

ESC - Drivers on the Princes Highway south of Moruya have had a bit of a shuffle – but for good reason. Two new roundabouts, serving the new hospital, TAFE and future housing and the Emergency Services Precinct, have been progressing side-by-side. Crews from Eurobodalla Council and Health Infrastructure NSW coordinated the work so both projects could proceed concurrently. With hospital access roadwork now complete, the Council-built roundabout is taking shape – the next step will see traffic lanes shifted to make room for construction on the highway itself.

Council's major projects manager Phil Oste says motorists will see the barriers protecting workers from highway traffic moved, with vehicles diverted to new lanes starting on Thursday 3 September 2026.

"While we establish the new lanes, traffic will move in one direction at a time so we can relocate the barriers. Commuters should allow extra travel time and follow direction from traffic controllers," Mr Oste says.

"Once that's done, traffic will return to two-way, with access to and from the TAFE unchanged from the current setup: right turns into and out of TAFE are not permitted – busses excepted. Once the work is done, we'll see better traffic flow through this growing part of Moruya."

For more information visit Council's [South Moruya roundabout webpage](#).

Seed funding for South Coast Community Fund

ORICoop (Organic & Regenerative Investment Cooperative) is pleased to share the news of the Bunya Funding.

Launched in 2022, The Bunya Fund is Australia's first co-operative development fund. It exists to foster the growth and impact of the co-operative and mutual movement by funding advice for new and emerging co-operatives, as well as supporting established co-operatives to innovate. ORICoop applied to the Bunya Fund (with support from SAGE) to provide capacity to explore the idea of a South Coast Community Fund (as a Cooperative).

The first ambition is to explore the acquisition of Southlands Fruit & Veg as a valued local retail fruit and vegetable store. The funding will provide a small amount of resource for a community event on September 29th in Moruya, plus the legals in registering and establishing such a venture, depending on the feedback from the community.

Community members can register their interest here to be involved -

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Local Hero finalists to be celebrated at Mayor's Charity Ball

ESC - They teach kids how to drive, bring people together and make sure no one feels alone - three Eurobodalla volunteers are finalists for this year's Eurobodalla Local Hero Award. The winner of the 2026 Local Hero Award will be announced at the Mayor's Charity Ball on Saturday 12 September.

Mayor Mathew Hatcher congratulated finalists Sofia Keady, Gary Smith and Helen Westman.

"None of these finalists went looking for recognition - their community noticed what they do and put their names forward," Mayor Hatcher said. "They were all a little surprised, and maybe even a bit embarrassed, to be named finalists. That says a lot about who they are."

"Sofia, Gary and Helen have each made a real difference in their own way, and I'm looking forward to celebrating them at the Charity Ball. These finalists remind us how lucky we are to live in a community where people look out for each other. They're the sort of people who help make Eurobodalla feel like home," Mayor Hatcher said. Tickets are on sale now for the Mayor's Charity Ball. [Book a seat at a table](#) to support the Local Hero finalists and the three charities benefiting on the night.



Gary Smith

Gary Smith - What started with Gary Smith teaching his own kids to drive around a paddock, turned into leading the TeenSafe driving program here in Eurobodalla. Twenty-five years later, he has helped thousands of young drivers build the skills and confidence to stay safe on the road.

Gary joked he could have built two houses in the time he had given to TeenSafe but said the feedback from families made every hour worth it.

"I've had so much positive feedback from parents over the years," Gary said.

"Some tell us their kids are now teaching them how to drive more safely, and hopefully if we have safer young drivers then the roads will be safer for us all. That's what makes it worthwhile."

Gary said he was excited to be invited to the Mayor's Charity Ball and loved that the event celebrated locals doing good things in the community.

"I was pleasantly surprised and have no idea who nominated me. There are so many volunteers across this shire doing great work, often quietly in the background, so it's nice to be part of that," he said.

Gary has also held leadership roles with the NSW Rural Fire Service, Moruya Hospital Board, Regional Development Australia and the Moruya Community Film Group.



Helen Westman

Helen Westman - Since 2018, Helen Westman has volunteered almost 3,000 hours with Y drive, helping more than 25 people gain their driver's licence. She mentors learner drivers at Batemans Bay High School and volunteers for night-time driving. Helen has also supported young people in unsafe situations, newly arrived families and the community during the Black Summer bushfires. A former theatre and drug and alcohol nurse, she brings compassion, patience and practical care to everything she does.

Helen felt surprised and embarrassed by the recognition, saying many others in the community give so much. For her, volunteering is simply about staying connected and helping where she can.

"Volunteering is something I love, and I think everyone should take the opportunity to do it. It keeps you connected to the community and helps you see the many ways people need support."

"It's not just people who are homeless or disadvantaged who need help and guidance - sometimes people just need a bit of support to feel more confident and included in the community."



Sofia Keady

Sofia Keady

Through her volunteer work, Sofia Keady is creating more opportunities for people in Batemans Bay to connect, feel included and be part of the community.

She supports Meals on Wheels and coordinates a monthly Community Picnic, which brings up to 100 locals together for entertainment and a free meal. She also founded Gatho, a monthly event for young people aged 15 to 25. Sofia also helps organise the Batemans Bay Filipino Independence Ball and is involved with Batemans Bay Rotary and Batemans Bay Sailing Club.

Sofia was humbled to be named a finalist and saw the recognition as a reflection of the volunteers who work together to support others.

"I don't want anyone to endure hardship alone. I love seeing the community thrive because of a bunch of people who care," Sofia said.

Sofia saw a gap in social connection, especially after the bushfires and COVID. She wanted to help create a welcoming place where people could come together. "Loneliness is a real issue in our community - once a month everyone looks forward to getting together somewhere that isn't cliquey. A meal and a chat might seem simple, but for some people it can be a rare chance to connect, be listened to and feel welcome without judgement."

Council grants available for community projects and events



Hundreds show up to the Broulee Bay to Breakers swim each year. A great example of an event bringing people together to create a stronger community.

Got a great idea for your community, or an event that could bring people together?

Eurobodalla Council's 2027 Community Wellbeing Grants, Community Events Grants, Rates Assistance Donation and Schools and Education Donation are now open.

Applications open Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 9am and close Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 11.59pm.

The Community Wellbeing Grant supports projects that improve the health, safety and inclusion of Eurobodalla residents. This may include one-off workshops or activities, youth development initiatives, volunteer training or recognition, accessibility supports, community safety projects, and environmental or sustainability activities.

The Community Events Grant supports local events that bring people together to create a stronger community.

Funding can help cover costs such as equipment hire, marketing, insurance, permits, entertainment, accessibility support, waste management and safety services.

Both grant streams offer up to \$2,000 per application. A total of \$30,000 is available for Community Wellbeing Grants and \$20,000 is available for Community Events Grants. Funded projects and events must take place between 1 January and 31 December 2027.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said the grants and donations were about backing bright ideas and care that locals put into the community.

"The best ideas often start with local people who see a need, spot an opportunity or want to bring their community together," Mayor Hatcher said.

"These grants and donations can help turn those ideas into something real, whether it's a workshop that builds confidence, support for volunteers, a youth activity, an environmental project or an event that gives people a reason to get out and connect.

"It doesn't always take a big budget to make a big difference. Sometimes a small boost is all a group needs to get started, reach more people or make an event more welcoming and accessible."

Mayor Hatcher encouraged applicants to read the guidelines and get their ideas in before the closing date.

"If you have been sitting on an idea for your town, club, group or community, this is your nudge to give it a go," Mayor Hatcher said.

Applications for each stream will be assessed by a panel and funding outcomes will be advised in December 2026.

For details, guidelines and application forms, visit [Council's grant opportunities page](#) or contact Council's Grants team on 02 4474 7363 or grants@esc.nsw.gov.au.

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Council Meeting wrap-up for August 2026

Councillors met on Tuesday 25 August to consider a range of reports and community matters. Key outcomes included:

New Fire and Rescue NSW stations supported

Councillors resolved to advocate for new Fire and Rescue NSW stations at Batemans Bay and Moruya and write to the NSW Government and Fire and Rescue NSW seeking investment in modern facilities to meet current and future emergency service needs.

Monthly investment report received

Council received the July 2026 investment report, confirming investments continue to comply with legislative requirements and Council's Investment Policy.

Alcohol restricted zones to be reviewed

Councillors endorsed community and stakeholder consultation on the renewal and implementation of alcohol restricted zones and reserves across the shire. A further report will return to Council following the consultation period.

Mystery Bay telecommunications proposals deferred

Council deferred consideration of two proposed telecommunications facilities in Mystery Bay for further consideration. The proposals relate to a 20-metre facility on Council reserve land accessed from Negus Drive and a 10-metre facility on road reserve land at the corner of Lamont Young Drive and Casey Crescent.

Local Transport Forum recommendations endorsed

Council approved a proposed "No Right Turn" treatment at Corrigan Crescent, Batehaven, and noted several traffic management proposals endorsed through the Local Transport Forum, including arrangements for upcoming community events and the forum meeting schedule for 2026-27.

Creative Arts Strategy adopted

Councillors adopted the Creative Arts Strategy 2026-2032, which will guide the future development of arts and cultural initiatives across the shire. Council will also notify and thank community members who provided feedback during public exhibition.

Draft Library Strategic Plan to go on exhibition

Council endorsed public exhibition of the Draft Library Strategic Plan 2026-2032 for 28 days. Community and stakeholder feedback will be considered before the plan returns to Council for adoption.

Land acquisition approved for Narooma road widening

Following discussion in closed session, Council approved the acquisition of land at Wagonga Street, Narooma, to support future road widening works and authorised the necessary steps to complete the acquisition process.

Read the full [agenda and minutes](#).

Official opening of Rosella House, Kookaburra House and the new cafe at Banksia Lodge



Craig Hamer, Banksia Board Chair, Fiona Phillips MP, Member for Gilmore, Marilyn Beaumont OAM, Banksia Director, Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega unveiling the Plaque at Banksia Lodge yesterday

Banksia Village, Banksia Lodge and Banksia Community Care reports:

Yesterday Banksia Lodge was proud to host the official opening of Rosella House, Kookaburra House and the cafe. Attended by representatives from all three levels of government, Banksia board members and management team, Department of Health officials and the project team, the event included an official opening ceremony and a tour of the new households and a chance to chat with residents.

Fiona Phillips MP, representing The Hon. Mark Butler MP, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, cut the ribbon and congratulated Banksia on achieving wonderful outcomes for residents. Attendees were impressed with the way that the small household model of care is being embedded, to align with the built environment. Construction of Stage 1 of a Masterplan was completed in September 2025 and included establishment of two small households and a cafe in the eastern end of the existing Banksia Lodge building. Each small household of 11 residents is supported by a Homemaker and Care Companion, with a Registered Nurse on site 24 hours per day to oversee clinical care.

Research conducted in by the Centre for Ageing Research and Translation at **University of Canberra** demonstrated that residents describe a calmer, more personal and more homelike environment, staff valued the opportunity to deliver genuinely person-centred care, and families observed marked improvements in resident wellbeing, mood and social connection.

The changes undertaken to date represent Stage 1 of a Masterplan to convert the whole of Banksia Lodge to small households. Banksia is actively considering how to fund the next stage of the masterplan and will continue to apply for government grants as they become available.

Fiona Phillips MP said Banksia is one of the first aged care facilities in the region to roll out the small house model which is consistent with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety."



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Greater Glider Night: soup, science and spotlighting

Thu, 10 Sep, 5:30pm - 8:30pm Broulee Public School Hall

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Did you know Greater Gliders live in Broulee? Find out more about these enchanting nocturnal mammals while celebrating Biodiversity Month. This event also includes a Spotlighting tour with limited spaces.

Places are limited and booking are essential. Please register by Friday 4 September.

Event details : Thursday 10 September 5:30 pm - Arrival and welcome.

- Presentation on the latest glider research by ANU expert Ana Gracacin
- Light supper provided (soup and rolls)
- Chance to meet staff from Council, Local Land Services and other environmental scientists working to protect the gliders.

7:30pm - Spotlighting tour of Bengello. That includes a short drive to the forest, before the 1 hour tour. You will need your own transport to Bengello for the spotlight. Limited places are available for 30 attendees for the spotlight tour.

9 pm - event concludes

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Ana Gracacin photo of glider at Ulladulla

Students encouraged to apply for 2027 NSW Aboriginal Allied Health Cadetship

Eligible students are encouraged to get their applications in for the 2027 NSW Aboriginal Allied Health Cadetship program for an opportunity to enter the allied health workforce.

The NSW Government program enjoyed its most successful year ever in 2026, with 25 cadetships offered to candidates across a range of the 23 allied health professions including occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology and pharmacy.

Successful candidates participate in a paid work placement at a NSW Health facility while they continue studying to provide them with real-world experience.

This year, a pharmacist and two neuro psychologists joined the program for the first time, while it was also the first year rural cadets outnumbered their metropolitan colleagues.

The NSW Government developed the program to both increase the number of Aboriginal allied health professionals working in the NSW Health system and boost career development opportunities.

One graduate of the Cadetship program is occupational therapy student Anna Westcott, who is now completing a placement with the Mid North Coast Local Health District as part of her course.

Anna said the Cadetship program gave her the chance to learn functional skills and techniques in a real-life environment, not just in a university setting. Applications close on 30 September 2026, for more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/workforce/aboriginal/Pages/allied-health-cadetship-program.aspx>

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Spring Into Bee - Friendly Verge Gardening – Common Sense Gardens



By K Dahlweiss

Are you sick of mowing your nature strip lawn or paying someone else to mow it? If so, converting your nature strip into a bee-friendly verge garden may become your 2026 outdoor spring/summertime project.

What is a verge garden?

A verge garden – a garden which is on the strip of public land between your property boundary and the road.

The Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC) oversees the implementation of verge gardens. Courtney and Emma are the contact people in the Natural Resources Division. They are keen to get more local owners to transition their verges to gardens which are low maintenance with local flora which attracts pollinators.

Courtney explained that Council got involved 'because the community was unclear what they could do with the verge space' and that 'it is a relatively new program.'

How do you start a verge garden in the Eurobodalla?

First, you must complete the online registration and self-assessment checklist found on the ESC website, <https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/residents/gardens/verge-gardens-in-eurobodalla> and provide personal details about yourself and the property including 'expected completion date of verge garden.' As well, you need to talk to your neighbours and consider their feedback. 'If you are a renter, you have to go through your owner.'

According to Courtney, it's helpful to get neighbours involved because the verges in one's street are 'public space.' She and Emma advise residents not so much on how to have a display showcase verge garden but rather to 'transition to a bush flora bee-friendly garden.' Courtney said 'Council is technically responsible for verges' and so there are constraints on what they allow for verge gardens in the shire.

Courtney recommends checking out displays at the ESC Botanical Gardens and outside of the local libraries, particularly the Moruya Library, adjacent to the Council offices.

Your verge garden is to be sustainable and constructed with the use of hand tools and not machinery (such as a bobcat). You are not allowed to use synthetic weed matting, artificial grass or grass turf containing plastic netting. Those things can harm wildlife and are un-environmental.

In total, there are 21 items to sign off. They make common sense such as keeping the new garden away from the power pole.

There are also height restrictions on what you can grow i.e. you can't have tall trees. You can have shrubs to 2m and grasses, sedges, and low shrubs to 0.5m.

It's all laid out in the **Verge Garden Guidelines**. The edging is to be no more than 5cm above ground level and 5cm wide to retain mulch and not have the drains and storm water (Council infrastructure of sewers and water) filling up with what was your verge garden. Therefore, no loose gravel, crushed brick or other stone aggregate. If there is no formal footpath, you must construct a grassed pedestrian trail 1.2m wide and allow clear access for the postal service. The garden is to be level and walkable i.e. not hazardous. 'You can't install sculptures, seating, rocks or other items with hard surfaces, as these could cause injury to passers-by.' Also, car passengers need to be able to open their doors when they get in and out of the car at the curb side.

Common sense gardens?

Verge gardens could be renamed 'Common sense gardens.' They are to be 'safe, healthy and tidy.'

What's to love about planting a verge garden?

It's no longer a lawn which requires mowing! Your street has a more interesting nature strip of bush-friendly edible plants, shrubs, sedges, grasses, groundcovers and flowers. Other people in the street will be incentivised to convert their verge to something more exciting than bare lawn and something for birds and bees to visit. There is beneficial temperature modification on hot days i.e. keeps cooler. You will have improved soil ecology and a beneficial habitat for wildlife and bugs.

The Council has a bit more to do with your verge

Once council has approved your application, which is usual, you will be given a sign to put on the nature strip which has to remain visible at the garden while being developed. There are a few more things with which you must comply, depending on whether you have a corner block and what underground services go across the verge.

Council wants residents to grow a non-invasive species edible garden which passers-by might just be tempted to harvest. For that reason, you might be better just making your verge for native plants rather than as an edible garden! Either way, you'll be reducing the amount of lawn and the use of fertilizers while setting up for more garden diversity and wildlife, in particular a place for pollinators. Your whole neighbourhood will likely admire your revamped verge and you'll cherish the compliments. For more information or questions about planting a verge garden, reach out to the ESC Natural Resources Team and ask to speak to Courtney or Emma: Ph 4474 1000.

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Narooma Bridge part renewed



For the first time in almost a century, a vital component of Narooma Bridge's opening span has been removed and refurbished as part of essential maintenance to preserve the historic crossing for future generations. Narooma Bridge is a steel truss bridge with an opening span, known as a bascule span, carrying the Princes Highway over the Wagonga River. Built in 1931, it is the last operational Strauss bascule bridge in NSW and remains an important transport link for the Narooma community and visitors to the Far South Coast. Despite being 95 years old, the bridge's bascule machinery remains in good condition. While an electric motor was added in 1996, many of the original components have remained largely unchanged. Transport for NSW recently completed a major refurbishment of the bridge's worm drive, a nearly three tonne component that plays a critical role in raising and lowering the opening span. The work required extensive planning because structural elements of the bridge had to be temporarily removed to provide enough clearance to extract the machinery. The bridge was closed for about two hours in June while crews removed support beams and carefully lifted the worm drive from the structure. It was lowered onto a barge and transported to a workshop in Bega, where Transport for NSW staff worked with a specialist contractor to inspect, clean and refurbish the mechanism and manufacture replacement parts. The worm drive was successfully reinstalled during a shorter bridge closure in late July.

The refurbishment included improved lubrication, replacement of worn components, electrical upgrades and operational testing. The mechanism was restored in keeping with its original design, while incorporating modern seals to reduce the environmental risk of oil leakage. A new electric drive and sealed input gearbox were also installed to improve reliability. The bridge and its machinery have significant heritage value. The bascule pier, machinery, span and counterweight are considered to be of exceptional heritage significance because Narooma Bridge is an exceptionally rare surviving example of the Strauss bascule design used in NSW between 1927 and 1936. Further strengthening and repainting work is planned to begin on Narooma Bridge in 2027, with Transport for NSW to keep the community updated as planning progresses. Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "Narooma Bridge is much more than a piece of infrastructure — it is part of the fabric and history of Narooma and the Far South Coast. It's remarkable to think that machinery installed almost a century ago is still doing the job it was designed to do. This refurbishment is a great example of utilising machinery from the past while incorporating modern expertise and technology to ensure the bridge remains safe, reliable and operational. "For the community, it means we are making sure Narooma Bridge can continue to serve locals, visitors and the freight and transport that rely on this vital crossing for many years to come. It is a bridge built to last, and this work will help ensure it continues to do just that." **Fun fact:** The opening of the bridge on 20 June 1931 was a major public event for Narooma and the far south coast and around 1800 people were present to witness it. Before the proceedings could start, the president of Eurobodalla Shire Council at the time threw a dart to decide who would have the privilege of being the first person to walk across the bridge.



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Tuross Head News

A little more to the cricket story from last week. Paul Cullen adds that Doug Crowel the 96-year-old cricketer on farm from Lismore plays for the NSW Over 80's and Paul is the captain of the Blues 75's. They have both represented Australia in international matches.

Thank you to Services NSW for their notification not only in 'M.M' but via emails to various individuals and groups. They will be at Club Tuross car park on Tuesday 15th September 9 – 12. Please pass this information on to those without emails. Interviewing and voice recording of residents for town history continues. Thank you to those who have agreed to share their memories which are our town history. Peter Hogan was recently interviewed for his memories and brought along some printed copies of town history for me to look at and most I had not seen before. The Moruya Historical Society have copies of them.

Among Peter's treasurers are two items close to my heart:

1. Tuross Head Almanac and 2. Tuross Head Town Directory. Did you know that a 'EUROBODALLA ALMANAC' was published in 1991. Compiled for the Moruya & District Historical Society by Noel Warry. It's a chronological overview of the growth of the Shire of Eurobodalla covering the years 1770 to 1990. [Library reference ISBN 0 9593887 3 5] It is hoped that a Tuross Head Almanac can be produced from the stories being gathered. Help is needed though.

Peter also had a photo copy of a 'Information Flyer' – no date available. It contains the following information:

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Also included as well was a hand drawn map of the Old Tuross Head township – around Jutland Ave., and Trafalgar Rd., was Central South Coast Tourist Directory; The Tuross Lakes Promotion brochure with many photos included and a copy of 'The Hawdon Family, Occupation, then ownership of Kyla Park 1832 – 1973.' Prepared by Helen Townend. Member, Moruya & District Historical Society. Helen Townend is a Tuross Head resident.

There were a few single photos taken in the early 1980's of the camping sites and one of 'The Pines' now owned by the Christian Brothers but originally a Guest House. Another gem that was amongst Peter's copies of advertisements was one for an old shop in Moruya that was owned by a very respected family and its advert reads 'COME NAKED TO MORUYA AND LET NADER DRESS YOU'. (No date. 'Examiner' Print, Moruya) Apologies if needed but I could not resist including it.

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Descendants Unite to Solve the Mystery Bay Mystery — 146 Years On

Nearly 146 years after five men vanished on the New South Wales South Coast, descendants connected to both the victims and key figures investigated or scrutinised in the case are coming together with researchers in an unusual attempt to shed new light on one of Australia's enduring historical mysteries.

The Mystery Bay Mystery of 1880 began when government geologist Lamont Henry Graeme Young, his assistant Max Schneider, and three Batemans Bay boatmen disappeared while travelling around Bermagui and the Montreal goldfield. Their abandoned boat was later discovered at Mystery Bay, south of Narooma. Personal belongings remained, but the five men were never seen again and their bodies were never recovered.

Now, descendants of four of the five missing men are being brought together with descendants connected to key figures who came under suspicion or scrutiny during the long history of the case.

Joining them will be journalist and author Michael Brooke, whose book *The Mystery Bay Murders* revisits the evidence, personalities and conflicting accounts surrounding the disappearance.

The purpose is not to put descendants on trial for events that occurred almost a century and a half ago. It is the opposite. The project seeks to demonstrate what can happen when people separated by family history, geography and cultural background cooperate in the search for historical truth.

From accusation to cooperation

The Mystery Bay case has generated theories, accusations and suspicions since 1880.

Brooke's research examines the activities of government officials, goldfield authorities, police, landholders, witnesses and local residents around Bermagui, Montreal, Wallaga Lake and Mystery Bay.

His investigation raises questions about the movements of the five men, the discovery of their boat and possible motives associated with gold and land. But theories are not verdicts. A descendant cannot be held responsible for the actions of an ancestor, just as a family story handed down through generations cannot automatically be treated as historical fact. That principle will be central to the new investigation.

Instead of dividing people into the families of "victims" and "suspects", the project aims to bring descendants together as partners in historical research.

Each family may possess a different piece of the story: photographs, letters, diaries, family recollections, land records, newspaper clippings or information that has never been compared with material held by another family. After 146 years, even a seemingly insignificant detail could help researchers understand what happened.

A mystery shared across cultures

The investigation also provides an opportunity to recognise that the history of the NSW South Coast did not belong to one group of people.

Mystery Bay, Bermagui, Tilba, Wallaga Lake and the surrounding country have deep Aboriginal history stretching back thousands of years. European settlement, government expansion, pastoralism and the discovery of gold subsequently transformed the region.

The Montreal gold rush brought people from different backgrounds into a rapidly changing frontier society.

Understanding the Mystery Bay Mystery therefore requires more than studying five missing men. It requires examining the communities, cultures, land, government institutions and economic pressures surrounding them.

Modern historical investigation can bring these perspectives together. Local Aboriginal knowledge, descendants' family histories, historical societies, professional researchers, journalists, archivists and members of the wider community can all contribute without requiring everyone to agree on a single theory. Cooperation does not require agreement. It requires a willingness to listen to the evidence and to each other.

Following the evidence

The descendants and researchers will be encouraged to examine the mystery as investigators rather than advocates for a predetermined conclusion. Among the questions are: Where did the five men travel during their final days? Who saw them? Why did witness accounts differ? What happened aboard the boat? What role did the Montreal goldfield and disputes involving land play? And why, despite extensive searches and official inquiries, were five bodies never recovered?

Modern researchers have advantages unavailable to investigators in 1880. Digitised newspapers can be searched across Australia within seconds. Historical land titles and survey maps can be compared with modern satellite imagery. Genealogical databases can reconnect families scattered across generations. Archives in different states can be searched simultaneously, while modern mapping can reconstruct journeys between Bermagui, Wallaga Lake, Montreal and Mystery Bay. Technology can therefore reunite evidence that has been separated for more than a century.

But perhaps the most important resource is human cooperation.

Descendants are not their ancestors

Bringing together families from different sides of an unresolved historical crime carries an important message.

History should be investigated, not inherited as guilt.

The descendants of people once suspected of involvement in the disappearance deserve the same respect as descendants of the missing men. Their participation could help correct historical misunderstandings as readily as it could uncover new evidence.

Likewise, descendants of the victims may finally have an opportunity to learn more about what happened to their ancestors. The goal should therefore not be to manufacture villains. It should be to discover evidence. If evidence challenges a theory, the theory must change. If it strengthens one, it deserves further investigation. That is how historical research progresses.

Solving a mystery together Perhaps the greatest legacy of the Mystery Bay Mystery will ultimately be something nobody in 1880 could have imagined. The descendants of people divided by a mysterious tragedy may become the people who work together to solve it.

Four families representing four of the five missing men, descendants associated with figures who have attracted suspicion or scrutiny, and a journalist investigating the case can sit at the same table rather than remain separated by historical allegations. They can compare records. They can walk the landscape together. They can listen to different cultural perspectives. They can question old assumptions. And they can follow the evidence wherever it leads. The five men who disappeared in October 1880 cannot speak for themselves.

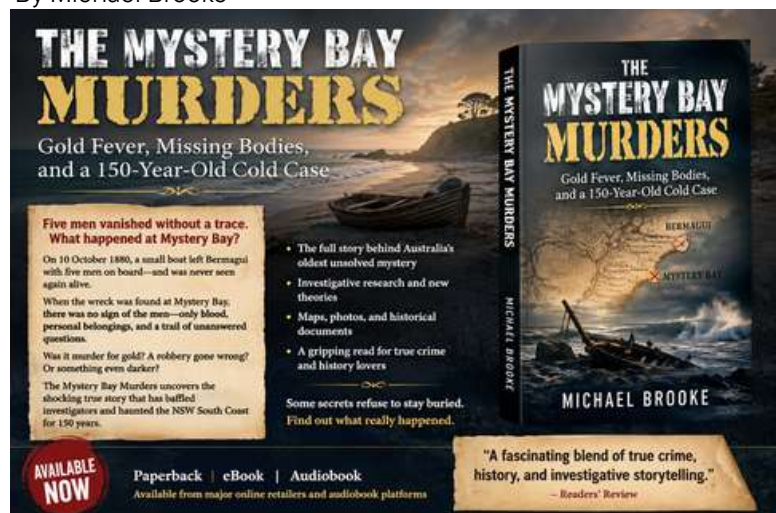
After 146 years, their descendants — together with descendants from the other families whose names became entwined with the mystery — may finally be able to speak with one another.

That cooperation could prove more powerful than another century of speculation.

The Mystery Bay Mystery began with five men disappearing.

Perhaps its final chapter will be written by people coming together.

By Michael Brooke





A Beer with Bazz # 250

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Bazza's eyes remained fixed on the snugly gloved left hand as it slid the schooner across the bar table. The forefinger tapped the table twice for attention, before Bazza followed the contours past the wrist, along the forearm, to the trim of a perfectly aligned short sleeve of a polo shirt, conceding little stretch against an atrophied bicep.

He leaned back to take in the lightning strikes generously splashed across the freshly pressed shirt, with the electric bolt well-stretched across his midriff, threatening imminent destruction. It was all tucked into gaudy plaid slacks, creating a psychedelic spin of blues, yellows, oranges, reds, purples, silvers, greens, and browns, tapering down to camouflage shoes more suited to warfare in the Amazon jungle.

A pause as Bazza took a sip and focused on the single white glove, rubbing his chin.

"Okay... okay... Is it a tribute to Michael Jackson ... it is 17 years since his burial this week?"

Mick raised his designer sunglasses ever so slightly and shook his head as Bazza cradled his jaw between thumb and forefinger to stifle a chuckle.

"Now, Mick ... archers also wear a single glove, but you cannot have taken up that sport as you would likely be here with an arrow in your back with the getup you are wearing."

Mick shook his head and took a generous sip.

"Golf, Bazza. I have taken up golf. It is very important you look the part, and choice of attire is vital. A collared shirt is minimal, but the rest of the outfit is an expression of personality in a game laden with etiquette and formalities. In my case, the wardrobe choices are an intentional ploy to create an advantage when teeing off."

Mick pointed to the lightning bolt on his shirt.

"A flicker of eyes from my shirt to the golf ball sends a message of imminent defeat to my opponent. I have an even scarier one at home ... a great white shark on the attack, but I am a bit worried about wearing that one on the seniors' circuit ... there is only the one defibrillator all the way back at the clubhouse. And ... a mere glance at my pants leaves them guessing at the exact position of the sun. Tactics, Bazza ... tactics."

Bazza took a measured sip.

'Sure thing, Mick ... but why wear the getup to the pub? It is not as if you need a 3-wood to get to the bar or a putter to buy a schooner."

Mick sighed.

"Because I can, Bazza! It sends out a signal of my expertise at golf, and it is a bit of a conversation starter with people. I mean ... how many people come up to you and say 'I love that cardigan? Did you get it from Lowes Menswear? Oh goodness me ... you were lucky to find one! It must have cost you a fortune?' and continue on with singsong compliments about your flannelette shirt, no-brand jeans, and worn-out desert boots."

A pause as Bazza's face reddened and he clicked his tongue.

"Yeah, yeah ... yeah ... but you know ... it is a bit like wearing activewear to the supermarket. It is not as if there is a Pilates class underway in aisle nine or Yin Yoga in the fruit and vegetable section. Mind you, I did witness some serious deep breathing and very controlled stretching outside the ice cream refrigerator last week."

Mick smiled and mimicked a golf swing.

"Don't worry, Bazza. It is nearly summer, and activewear becomes swimwear."

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100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

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The Granitetown Public School was erected last week; the building having come from Sydney in sections.

Mrs. O'Connor, daughter of Mrs. M. Strahan, of Mynora, was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, admitted to the local hospital and was operated on the same evening by Drs. Street and Quilter for appendicitis. The patient is, we are pleased to report, progressing satisfactorily.

Moruya has certainly gone gay, the air being full of euchre parties, dances, bazaars, queen competitions, fairs, pictures, ploughing matches, golf and tennis tournaments, etc. But with that grand community spirit for which our district has ever been renowned, every organisation gets its quota.

Moruya hospital is at present undergoing a severe strain upon its financial resources through the large number of patients who are almost daily being admitted. Although three were discharged on Thursday – Percy Hall (Nelligen) and the little boys Cumes and Parsons (Narooma) who had their legs broken, there are now eight in hospital.

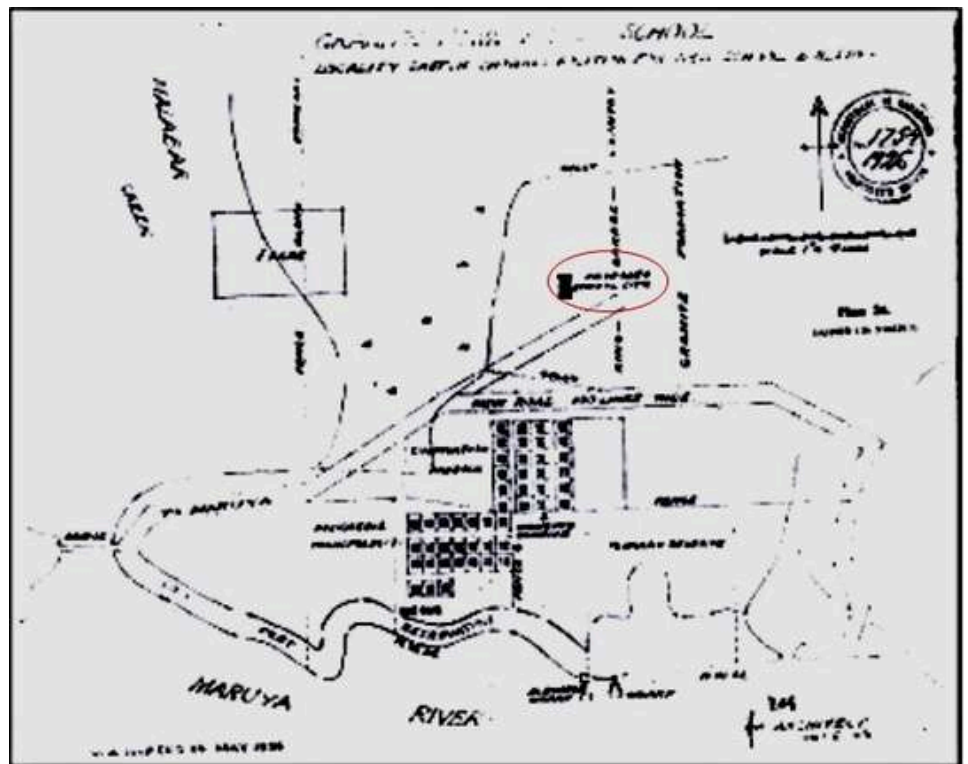
Mr. A. Mison and his family have moved into their new and compact little cottage erected by Mr. B. Coppin and Mr. C. Stubbs on the corner of Shore and Thomas Streets, Gundry [Moruya]. The structure is of concrete bricks, with a verandah facing both streets.

The P. G. Dept. has approved the establishment of postal facilities at 'Moruya Quarry'. It will be an Allowance Post office with money order and Savings Bank facilities. Mails will be exchanged six times weekly with Moruya.

A camping area for the accommodation of huge crowds desiring to witness the historic opening of the new Federal Parliament is to be set aside at Canberra during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York. The hostel accommodation will be required for official guests.



Mison home Cnr Shore and Thomas St



School site in Granite Town

It was to help augment the funds for Miss Mary Boot's queen candidature that Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stephens and others arranged a successful evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Moran, River Street [Moruya], on Monday night. Mr. A. W. Constable conducted the euchre tournament; the lady's prize (a linen centre piece) being won by Mrs. M. Jordan, and the gentleman's (military brush and comb) by Mr. Phil Crapp. Mrs. Harry Williams was presented with the booby prize, a black kewpie. Dainty refreshments were then served.

At Bodalla a start has been made to erect a butcher's shop in the village. As the butcher's shop at present is a mile away, this will be a boon to customers. The measles epidemic is gradually passing and the attendance at the local school will soon be back to normal.

AMUSU THEATRE. THE WAY OF A GIRL, featuring Eleanor Bordman and William Russel. Plus, THE KNOCK-OUT, with Milton Sills, also Comedy and News.

Keeping Stories exhibition in Lighthouse Museum

Narooma Historical Society's new poster exhibition 'Keeping Stories' opens at the Lighthouse Museum on Saturday 5 September. It runs until Sunday 11 October.

"Our Society has embraced this year's History Council of NSW theme of 'Keeping Stories'," said Narooma Historical Society President Laurelle Pacey.

"It encourages us to consider how stories keep history alive, what they tell us about ourselves, and how we keep the stories that matter to our communities.

"Our members chose the sub-theme 'Tall Tales and True' and selected 14 local stories to share from the many stories in our community.

"I encourage everyone to drop by the Museum and check them out. We hope you enjoy them."

Stories range from the sea monsters in the waters around Barunguba Montague, Jimmy Lynch's tall tales, riding a huge flood at Bodalla, how old Jack Toms outwitted a bookie, and Narooma's fight for a skate park.

Everyone is also encouraged to come to the free talk by Lynda Ord on 'Your Story Matters' on Thursday 24 September at 10.30am. Please book to ensure a seat at naroomahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Men's Table Entree - Moruya

The Mens Table Mon, 14 Sep, 6:30pm - 9pm

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- Meet other local men interested in starting a Table.
- Hear stories and experiences from long-standing members.
- Learn how a Table operates (checking in, listening without "fixing", and confidentiality).
- Decide if being part of a local Men's Table is right for you.

Why Join? - "It gives me a sense of belonging—I feel a part of something." - James

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Keeping Stories – Storytellers: Some of the storytellers featured in Narooma Historical Society's 'Keeping Stories' exhibition in the Lighthouse Museum 5 September-11 October: Ben Baddeley, George Loader, Harry Rose, Jimmy Lynch, Gus Cumes, Bertie Martin, Lynda Drury and Charlie Bettini.

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Keeping Stories Tall Tales and True

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Narooma Historical Society members chose the sub-theme 'Tall Tales and True' and selected these stories to share from the many in our community. We hope you enjoy them.

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Let's do coffee with ... Charlie Bell

'KEEP THE BASTARDS HONEST' was a clarion call that resonated with many way back in 1980 from Democrats Party Leader, Don Chipp. The intention was to bring some integrity and honesty to Australian politics by holding the major parties to account in the Australian Senate. Given the topsy-turvy and frustrated nature of modern-day politics, the call might be reduced to 'KEEP THE BASTARDS!'. Tomakin resident Charlie Bell (CB) has dabbled in the political scene and spent much of his life trying to leave a more responsible legacy for the next generation. The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with him for a coffee last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Charlie. Okay ... World War II (WWII) is well and truly over. The world is divided into goodies (capitalism) and baddies (communism), and Rudyard Kipling's line from *The Ballad of East and West* (1892); 'East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet' seemed very appropriate. None of these rules seem to apply today. Take us back to, well ... simpler times, Charlie.

CB: (Laughs ...) My head is spinning, and I am yet to sip my coffee; an interesting introduction nonetheless. Okay ... I was born in 1949, and yes, it was the year the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was formed and defined world security, and now seems to be crumbling. My place of birth was Beckenham in south-east London.

Both parents served in WWII. Mum was with the air force working as a receptionist and later in a doctor's surgery. Dad was a radar mechanic during the war and later worked as a linotype operator in the printing industry. I have one younger brother. My parents never talked about the war, which left me curious, and we kind of drifted with seven different locations before finally deciding to come to Australia in 1954. We boarded the Strathaird with 1,200 other passengers and 800 Goan crew members bound for Perth, but a smallpox outbreak meant we could not berth in Fremantle due to a lack of quarantine facilities. We diverted to South Australia and the quarantine station at Torrens Island.

After a couple of weeks, we ended up in Mount Gambier. Dad's skills secured him a job as a linotype operator, and we set up home about 20 miles from the beach at Port McDonald. Outdoor activities— swimming and camping— are fond memories, and I began school at Mount Gambier Primary School in 1955.

I think WWII left my parents very restless, and we headed back to England in 1959 for two years. In 1961, we bought a single-decker bus with the intention of driving from London to Ceylon with about twenty other people in multiple families. The bus broke down in Tabriz, in northwestern Iran, and we braved public transport for the rest of the journey. It was a different world ... safer. Iran was a lovely place, and people were keen to practise their English and would invite us to their homes for tea. India was exciting and vibrant, and the train travel south and boat to Ceylon introduced us to a range of personalities, leaving an indelible impression.

It was then a boat trip to Fremantle, before flying to Mount Gambier for Dad to start back at his old job. It was my first ever flight, and I arrived sunburnt and ready for Mount Gambier High School. I had a preference for Maths, Physics, and Chemistry and even managed to solve a geometry puzzle to win a state prize. I played soccer and reached regional level representation in swimming and athletics. (Shakes head ...) My memory of being sent to the library for asking difficult questions in Religious Studies has stayed with me and perhaps was an early sign of my scepticism.

Tragedy struck when I was in Year 10 when Dad died suddenly with a brain tumour at fifty four years of age. We faced financial difficulties and Mum sold the house but managed to get me through to graduation after which I started selling parts in a local garage for the next 18 months. In 1971 I managed to secure a job in tree chemical analysis and measurement with the Southern Regional Station of the Forest Research Institute, which was overseen by the Commonwealth Forestry and Timber Bureau - headquartered in Yarralumla, Canberra.

Tragedy again struck when Mum was killed in a head-on car collision at forty-nine years of age and I moved in with my stepfather before a promotion to Canberra in 1973 to a share house with my brother. Gough Whitlam had cast a magic wand over tertiary education fees and I undertook a Bachelor of Science and Chemistry at the University of Canberra part-time. The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) took over my employment and was significantly better funded in real terms compared to today*. There was lots of laboratory work and breakthrough research with genotypic and phenotypic tree improvement work. In fact, by the mid to late seventies the science supported the economics of plantation harvesting of trees over native forest logging ... advice ignored by State Governments to our mutual chagrin.

By 1981 I had met and married Gail and set up home with her two boys. I became disillusioned with the world in the 1980s. Bob Hawke disappointed me, and I believed he was more captured by the whims of big business than pursuing fairness across society. I could also now see the environmental damage around me with a trained eye, and I became increasingly political and stood unsuccessfully for the Australian Democrats at two ACT elections. In fact, former leader Janine Haynes remains one of my political heroes. Our youngest son fell off a balcony around this time and sustained brain damage, which realigned our lives with some very proactive granparenting assisting enormously.

DNA sequencing provided another level of engagement with my work at the CSIRO, but by 2010, I was ready for retirement. I am one of those rare bods that has stayed with the same employer for almost four decades.



Our next move was to Port Stephens ...

MM: Hang on ... you are moving further away from the South Coast?

CB: (Smiles ...) Yes ... but unfortunately, Gail passed away in 2016, which triggered a move to be closer to family in Canberra, and hence ... Tomakin became my new home.

These days, I do lots of volunteering with membership of 350 Eurobodalla, a local grassroots community climate action group, Friends of the Botanic Gardens, Moruya Repair Cafe, Moruya Pantry Vegetable Garden, and the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA).

The environment is still hugely important to me, and I am active in the local Greens Party as treasurer and have stood as a candidate for Council elections as well. I maintain membership with the National Parks Association and the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF).

I am proud of the work we do with 'Tree Canopy Matters' lobbying for biodiversity strategies as well as local work with the 'Moruya Micro Forest' on the grounds of the Anglican Church. If I had to rate my matters of concern for our society, they are climate change, biodiversity loss, and economic inequality. I strongly believe doing something at any level helps.

MM: What advice would Charlie Bell give to his younger self?

CB: Have a say, get involved, and share better.

MM: An inspiring chat, Charlie. Thank you so much!

* https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/oct/14/albanese-urged-to-secure-the-future-of-science-as-csiro-reckons-with-ongoing-decline-in-funding?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

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**

“Enough is enough”: CWA Moruya demands action on rural health crisis Regional communities deserve the same healthcare as every other Australian

The Country Women's Association of NSW is calling time on the rural health crisis, saying regional communities can no longer be expected to accept poorer access to healthcare. For people across regional and rural NSW, finding a GP can take weeks, specialist appointments can mean hours of travel, and expectant mothers may have to leave their communities to give birth.

“People in regional and rural NSW deserve the same timely access to doctors, hospitals and essential healthcare services as anyone living in Sydney,” CWA Moruya President Virginia Eddy said.

“Where you live should never determine the quality of healthcare you receive.”

The call follows the 2026 CWA of NSW Annual Women's Survey, which identified access to healthcare as one of the biggest issues facing women across NSW.

Respondents reported GP shortages, closed patient books, long waits for specialists, rising out-of-pocket costs and the growing burden of travelling long distances for basic healthcare.

The CWA is urging the NSW Government to move beyond reviews and implement the practical reforms outlined in the Dr Joe McGirr's Rural Health Action Plan, based on recommendations from the NSW Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health.

Community forum to put rural health in the spotlight

As part of CWA 2026 Awareness Week, CWA Moruya will host a community forum on Friday **11 September at 1.30pm**, featuring rural health advocate Dr Arn Sprogis (retd). Dr Sprogis will examine the growing funding gap between metropolitan and regional communities, its impact on health services in the Eurobodalla, and the need for stronger regional management of local health needs.

The forum comes as Eurobodalla Council supports the LGNSW Rural Health Crisis Plan, while the Country Mayors Association is also calling for action based on Dr Joe McGirr's Rural Health Action Plan.

The event will bring together councillors, community leaders and residents to hear about the region's health challenges and discuss practical solutions.

“Rural communities should not have to accept poorer health outcomes simply because of where they live,” Ms Eddy said. “We need action now—not another year of normalising the crisis and postponing investment in local health.”



Go Get Healthy

with Sofia Keady

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Sinusitis Relieved With Chinese Herbs

Spring is officially in the air, but along with all those beautiful blooming flowers comes the irritating wind blowing dust and pollen everywhere. And many of our customers are stopping by right now looking for relief from sinusitis.

Sinusitis affects nearly 2 million Australians every year, and it can be absolutely miserable. It usually brings along pain, swelling, and tenderness around your forehead, eyes, cheeks, and nose, as well as heavy congestion. You might lose your sense of smell, deal with a constantly runny nose, or suffer from that annoying post-nasal drip running down the back of your throat.

So, what are sinuses actually doing up there? Think of them as small, empty air pockets behind your nose and eyes. They're lined with a thin layer of mucous to humidify the air you breathe and trap unwanted particles like pollen, dust, perfumes, and household chemicals. Normally, this fluid drains out easily. But when that drainage gets blocked, congestion and painful sinus symptoms quickly set in.

Common colds, hay fever, and other allergies are usually to blame. When pollen or dust triggers an allergic reaction like hay fever, the resulting congestion blocks your sinuses which is why hay fever sufferers so often end up with sinusitis, too.

Fortunately, Traditional Chinese Medicine has been tackling this exact problem for over 1,000 years with a powerful herbal combination.

Siberian Cocklebur, Dahurian Angelica & Lily Magnolia are the traditional trio that works as a natural decongestant to unblock your nasal passages, clear up a dripping nose, and soothe post-nasal drip. They also act as pain relievers to ease facial tenderness and sinus headaches.

These same three herbs help quiet hay fever symptoms by cutting down on sneezing, nasal itching, and itchy eyes or throat.

Both Dahurian Angelica and Siberian Cocklebur are specifically used to help open up your airways so you can actually breathe through your nose again.

Often added to reinforce the formula, is sneezewood. This herb gives an extra boost to clear out stubborn blockages.

If you're strictly dealing with hay fever without any sinus pain or severe congestion, our dedicated Chinese herbal allergy formula is usually your best bet. However, if you're battling both hay fever and sinusitis, this sinus-focused formula will give you the complete relief you need.

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

Yours in health,

Sofia Keady

Nutritionist- Go Vita Batemans Bay

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Spring into ...

Spring has greeted us with a wave of gentle morning mists and a burst of warmth. As the (admittedly mild) winter slowly says its farewells, it's an excellent time to take an inventory of how our personal sustainability pathways are going.

Are you wanting to grow more of your own food? Early spring is the perfect time to freshen up your garden beds, getting them ready for seedlings. If you grow vegetables from seeds, now is the time to start. Stay tuned for news of the seed library that will be available again soon from Moruya Library. How is your household managing its food scraps? Do you have a compost bin or worm farm? Are they working well for you? If you haven't yet started on turning your food scrapes into valuable food for your soil, check out these [free workshops](#) (which also come with a free compost bin or worm farm). How is your energy usage? Have you checked on your household's energy use recently? If not, you might to take a few minutes to go online and get an [Energy Efficiency Plan](#) to see if there's ways to benefit both your wallet and the planet. With the weather heating up, and all the indications showing very little rain coming our way in the near future, it's a good time to review our water usage and check if there are things we could be doing to [save water](#). While we all know that taking shorter showers and washing cars on the lawn (and not in the middle of that day) can help, regular reminders of small, habitual water saving strategies can help us incorporate an extra one or two changes into our routines. How about your rubbish bins? Now that hard waste season is done, it can be a timely to check in on whether your recycling system is working well. Are the right things going into the right bins? If you use your green bin regularly, check out the [Green Bin or Red Bin](#) video to make sure you're on top of keeping the reproductive parts of weeds out of the [beautiful mulch](#) that council produces free for residents.

Have a Happy – Sustainable – Spring!



Spring morning on Mullenderree Flats Photo Debbi Long.



Weather and Climate

Seasonal Forecasting Sessions

Improve your understanding of Eurobodalla weather and climate in our monthly seasonal forecasting sessions.

The discussion will focus on recent weather events and a presentation of what is expected in the months ahead. Led by meteorologist Dr Chris Lucas, former Senior Climate Researcher at the Bureau of Meteorology, the sessions will be relevant for anyone interested in the weather for recreational or professional purposes.

For more information on our library events please visit www.ecsn.mor.gov.au/events



Moruya Library
Monday 7 September
2.30 - 3.30pm

More sessions will be held on the first Monday afternoon of each month, with tea and coffee provided.



Free event.
Eventbrite bookings essential



Upcoming Events:
Monthly Seasonal Outlook Sessions: Monday, September 7, 2:30pm, Moruya Library [Link](#)
Sustainability Film Night: The Plastic Country, Thursday, September 10, 6:00pm, Red Door Hall, Moruya [Link](#)



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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This project was funded under the Disaster Ready Fund - an Australian Government initiative.



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A Day in the Life of a Local ... Food and Beverage Attendant

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

Fast Facts:

Name: Tayla

Workplace: JJ's at the Marina, Batemans Bay

Wake up time: 5.30am

Coffee Recognition Recall: 100%

In the unlikely event of not remembering Tayla's face, her brew is a caffè latte, full cream milk and no sugar. She sips on one each work morning at 5.30am on her verandah on a 2 acre property on Surfside. Living at home and as the eldest of 3 siblings with a full on day in hospitality ahead, it is her only real 'me time'.

Tayla said "I am pretty tuned in to the natural world and enjoy the uniqueness of each sunrise as we move through the seasons. The swirls of colour are very calming and a reminder of our magical location. It is time without a mobile phone, devices and no talking ... I just figure out my day before leaving the house at 7.20am for work."

The 5.30am nature observing, creative, contemplative and reflective Tayla transforms into a whirlwind food and beverage attendant at JJ's Restaurant at the Marina through until 3.30pm. It is all go with service set up; restocking the bar, coffee essentials sorted, tables freshly wiped and set with kitchen preparations for breakfast clientele. She forces herself to find time for a meal break of muesli or scrambled eggs but loves moving at a frenetic pace and soaks up the stress of the busiest times.

Tayla said 'We have our winter special of \$5.00 bacon and egg rolls from Wednesday to Fridays ... easily the cheapest on the coast and tasty, to boot, so they are really popular. As soon the breakfast rush is over the lunch orders begin. As well as a full menu we have our \$15 lunch specials. As you can imagine, with an uninterrupted view of the mouth of the Clyde River emptying into the magnificent blue of the Pacific Ocean, it is a great place to dine ... (smiles ...) and to work.' She likes the social aspect of her work and said "I enjoy the chat with customers, particularly when they take an interest in you beyond the exchange of pleasantries. It brings a smile to their faces if I know their coffee before they order and I like to add my creative flourish to make it look pretty. I would like to do something creative in the future ... perhaps a tattooist!"



In her free time, twenty one year old Tayla loves to bush-walk and her favourite go to place is Lyons Creek in Currowan State Forest. On a work night she hangs out at home and listens to ... wait for it ... Jimmy Morrison and the 'Doors' before calling it a night.

Soul Kitchen*

*Let me sleep all night
In your soul kitchen
Warm my mind near your gentle stove
Turn me out and I'll wander baby
Stumblin' in the neon groves*

Jimmy Morrison

*<https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/doors/soulkitchen.html>

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When Stillness Dances - Lilaea van der See exhibition



'When Stillness Dances' opened at the Mechanics Institute Moruya on Saturday. Textile and mixed media artist Lilaea van der See was awarded the solo exhibition as part of the prize for winning the River of Art Prize last year.

Through earth-infused fibres, imagery, sound, light and immersive installation, the exhibition unfolds as a sanctuary for wandering, reflection and deep listening. Ethereal lengths of cloth, imbued with the imprint and memory of Indigenous flora, drift gently through space, where stillness and movement meet in a quiet, ongoing dialogue. The Exhibition runs until 13 September. Where: Mechanics Institute, Page Street, Moruya Opening hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 10am – 3pm. Friday 10am to 5pm. Saturday 9am to 5pm. Sunday 9am to 3pm.

Land of Oz now showing at the fishbowl projects

Monarch Hotel Window Vulcan St Moruya

'Land of Oz' and exhibition by Lee Grant

Land of Oz is a portrait of Australia formed along dusty highways, remote backcountry roads, coastal settlements and inland towns: a country reassessing its place in the Asia-Pacific while still reckoning with its troubled colonial history.

Grant says "Despite 65,000 years of Indigenous habitation, Terra Australis Nondum Cognita – "the southern land not yet known" – feels oddly apt to me. I photograph the ordinary and the unexpected, drawn to the gap between the national stories we tell and the ways people actually live and find their place here. As a second-generation migrant, I bring my own questions to that work: what it means to belong in a place without an Indigenous claim to Country, carrying a colonial history I have inherited rather than chosen.

I have always been drawn to the relationship between people and place: how the landscape shapes us, even as we reshape it. That relationship has its own scale, older and slower than anything a camera can capture or measure. This continent's geology reaches back billions of years, but each photograph holds only a fraction of a second against that deep time. This is a lifelong project, made as travel and opportunity allow. Eventually, it will comprise nine chapters, one for each state and territory." Runs until 23 September 2026



fishbowl projects - Monarch Hotel Window Moruya

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6pm Social Dancing



Montague Visiting Artists 2026

Apeiron Baroque: Treasure Hunt
A Magical Mystery Tour of Baroque Marvels with
John Ma, violin & Marie Searles, harpsichord
2:30 pm Saturday September 12
St Paul's Anglican Church, Narooma

South Coast Pastel Society exhibition

3 Oct – Oct 11th

Open every day

10am – 4pm

Local artists

Hanging Rock Function Centre

CROCHET ROPE BASKET Workshop

Following it's sell out success at the Crochet Guild of Australia's annual convention this year, Sally is bring her Coastal Crochet Rope Basket Workshop to the River of Art 2026!

In this hands-on workshop, you'll discover the meditative joy of crochet as you transform cotton rope and yarn in to your very own basket. Sally will guide you through every step, from starting, forming stitches, shaping and adding the driftwood handles.

This 3 hour immersive workshop includes all materials, tea, coffees and light refreshments. No experience necessary, beginners are welcome.

Malua Bay Community Centre
Saturday, September 26
1 PM - 4 PM

Book here

with **SALLY STEVENS**
Crochet Fibre Artist

@sallystevensartist sallystevensartist@gmail.com

The August meeting for the Eurobodalla photographic club.

The competition this month was "Trees". Barbara Blade was the remote judge.

Dale Evans walked us through her photo challenge experience.

If you would like to check the club out, please come to our next meeting night, which is Tuesday 22nd of September at Tomakin hall, starting at 7pm.



August Competition Results

GOLD: Debbie Oslecki- Mirrored Woodland
Anne Brown- Fiery Frost
Lisbeth Westra- Dance of the Hidden Spirits

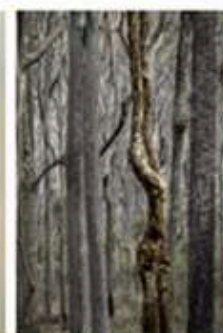
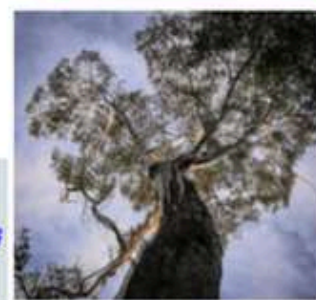
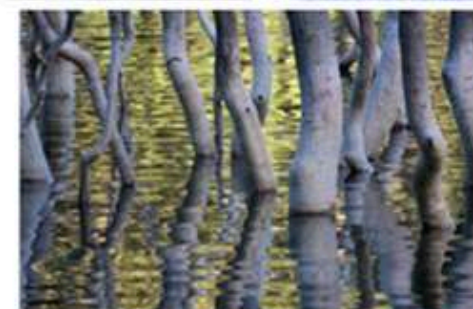
SILVER: George Cook- Mallee Tree
David Kemp – Shinrin-Yoku
Di Clark- Dont look down
Louise McDonald- Natures Etching
Robyn Issacson- Looking through the forest

HIGHLY COMMENDED:
Robert Bednarik – Mangroves
Ally Aitken- Starry Tree Sunrise
Ken Foster -Reaching for the sky
Colin Pass- Rooted
Colin Pass- The end

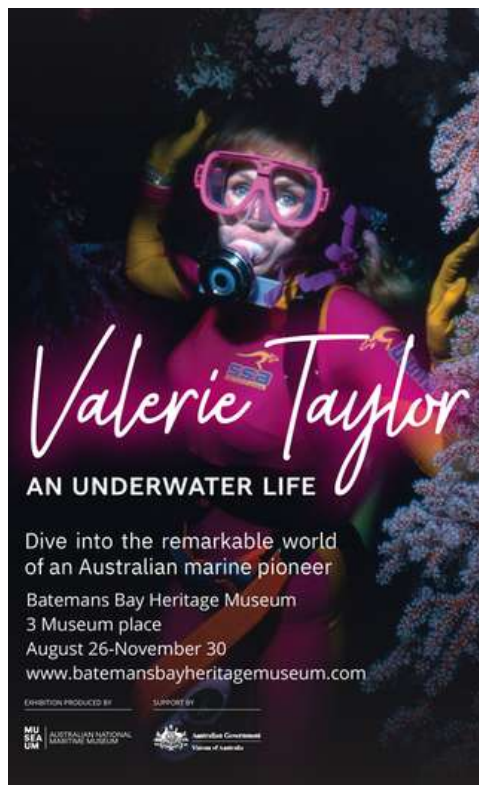
MONOCHROME:
IMAGE OF THE NIGHT: Sue Hartland- Bombala Tree

SILVER: Phil Morrison – Bleak Tree

HIGHLY COMMENDED:
Ally Aitken – Arching



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS

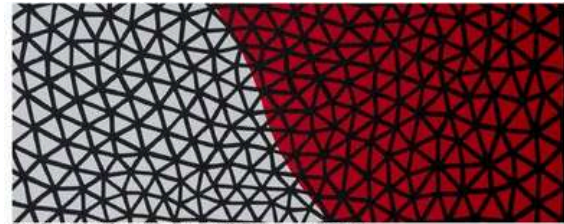


Quantum Brewery
Saturday Live Music
4.30-7.30pm
and

Fun-time Events – QB website for details

15 Aug	Laz n Caz
22 Aug	Jakob Poyner
28 Aug	Trivia Night
29 Aug	Moondog
5 Sep	Quantum Art Prize Deadline
5 Sep	Greg Byng
11 Sep	Murder Mystery Night
12 Sep	Mick Fernandez
19 Sep	Mac n Glenda
25 Sep	Trivia Night
26 Sep	Sarah Soukieh
3 Oct	Tony Jagers
10 Oct	Chris O'Connor

OPEN: Fri & Sat 12 - 9pm : Thu & Sun 12 - 6pm
Check Quantum Brewery Moruya website-Events



Yuin Nation | Creative Country

Applications now open for Yuin Nation | Creative Country

Submissions open | Friday 10 July 2026

Submissions close | Wednesday 23 September 2026

Yuin Nation | Creative Country celebrates the creativity and culture of the Yuin Nation. This exhibition is open to any First Nations person who identifies as being part of the Yuin Nation, or any First Nations person living on Yuin Country.

The Narooma Arts Centre (NAC) is a dynamic hub dedicated to creative collaboration, innovation, community engagement and celebration of arts and culture. The NAC welcomes submissions of all mediums and forms of creative expression. There is no fee to submit.

The exhibition dates are Wednesday, 28 October - Sunday, 8 November 2026.

For more information, please scan the QR code below or head to:
<https://naroomaschoolofarts.com.au/nac-yuin-nation-creative-country>



The Narooma School of Arts (NSoA) and the NAC recognise Aboriginal peoples as the original inhabitants and custodians of the land and waters of the Eurobodalla Shire on which we live, work, dream and create. We respect the enduring cultural and spiritual connection of Aboriginal peoples to these unceded lands and waters, acknowledge the traditional owners, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. This was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

NAC



MORUYA MAIL Eurobodalla Gig Guide



September

- Fri 4 Sep Southern Impact - Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
- Fri 4 Sep Rave Mummas Starfish Deli 7- 11.30pm
- Fri 4 Sep Chris McGrath The Cove 6-9pm
- Sat 5 Sep Moondog The Cove 6-9pm
- Sat 5 Sep Southern Impact - Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
- Sat 5 Sep Drill - Catalina Club (7.30pm)
- Sat 5 Sept MTV Unplugged Live Bay Pavilions 7:30pm
- Sat 5 Sept Greg Byng Quantum Brewery 4.30-7.30pm
- Sat 5 Sept Dear Seattle at Smokey Dan's, 5pm - 10:30pm
- Sat 5 Sept Dance Your Decade (1980s) Adelaide Hotel 8pm
- Sat 5 Sept MTV Unplugged Live Yuin Theatre, 7:30pm
- Tue 8 Sept A Taste of Ireland Yuin Theatre 7:30pm
- Sat 5 Sept The Grunge Show, Bay Pavilions at Bay Pavilions
- Sun 6 Sept Tony Jagers Waterfront Hotel (Fathers Day) 3pm
- 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
- Sun13 Sept Riff Club Tuross 3-6.30pm
- Fri 18 Sept Tommy Novak's show Starfish
- 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
- Sat 19 Sep Abba and The Bee Gees 'A Night to Remember' Yuin Theatre 8:00pm
- 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

October

- Thur 1 Oct Melanie Horsnell Monarch Hotel 6pm
- Sat 3 Oct Tony Jagers Quantum Brewery 4.30pm
- Sat 3 Oct I Love Your Faces: The Don Lane Story Yuin Theatre 4pm
- Mon 5 Oct The Snow Fairy Yuin Theatre 11:00am
- Thu 15 Oct Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Yuin Theatre 7:30pm
- Sat 17 Oct Kyle Lionhart at Smokey Dan's, 5pm - 10pm
- Sun 18 Oct Tony Jagers Waterfront Hotel (with Mark Easton)
- Sat 3 Oct WAAX Smokey Dan's Tomakin
- Sat 3 Oct Dean Abbott Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
- Sun 4 Oct Tony Jagers Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
- Fri 23 Oct Val Moogz with Blue Mallee & Benji Fowler Kinema 6.30pm
- Sun 25 Oct Mick McGrath Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
- Fri 30 Oct Daniel Connell: Prairie Dog Yuin Theatre 7:30pm
- Sat 31 Oct Totum Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
- Sat 31 Oct Last Stand - Chisel Barnes Show Moruya Golf Club

November

- Sun 15 Nov KENNY ROGERS & Friends Bay Pavilions 2:00pm
- Sun 22 Nov Tony Jagers Tilba Valley Winery 11am
- Sat 19 Dec Tony Jagers Quantum 4.30pm

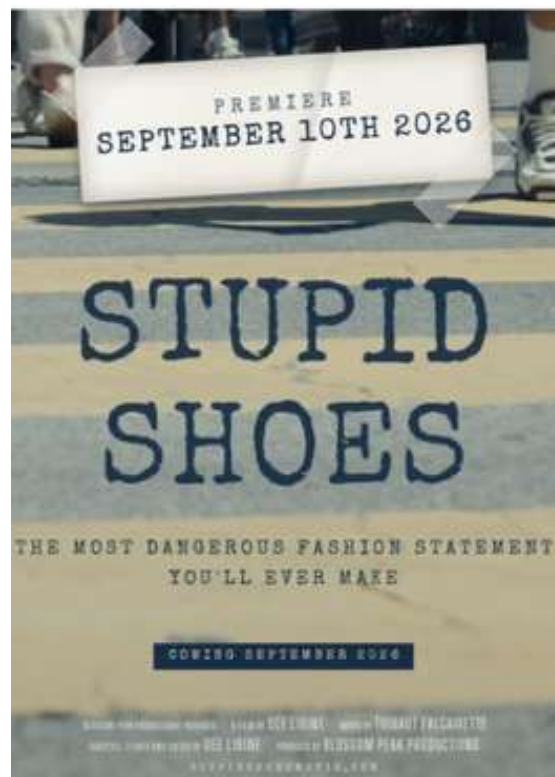
ONGOING

- 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

Film night at Broulee Surf Club

10 September, 6:30pm (for 7pm start).
We're watching Stupid Shoes — a documentary about why shoes aren't shaped like feet and why it matters more than we think. It's funny, it's a bit horrifying, and you will look down at your own feet halfway through.
There'll be a live Q&A with experts after the film, plus movie snacks provided. It's free to attend — just follow the link and register to attend!
RSVP HERE:
<https://www.barefootshoesaustralia.com.au/.../stupid...>



Documentary screening on local marine crises - Batemans Bay

Monday 7 September 2026 2pm - 4pm
Where: Batemans Bay Library, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay
Cost: free
Long-spined sea urchins are transforming vibrant kelp forests into lifeless barrens across more than 2,000 km of the Great Southern Reef. White Rock brings together scientists, Traditional Owners, divers, and chefs, including environmental filmmaker Damon Gameau, to show how Australia can turn crisis into opportunity.
From ecological disaster to culinary potential: come along to find out more. Enjoy the film and some light refreshments. An opportunity to donate to the work of the Great Southern Reef Foundation will be available.
Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance.
T: 4472 5850 E: Batemans Bay Library W: Book online

World War I Through Song

Batemans Bay U3A - Special Film Screening Event:
Join tutor Peter Lacey for a unique screening of what has been described as "the oddest and most outstanding film ever made about the 'game' that became World War I." This powerful anti-war film traces the history of the Great War through the memorable, iconic songs of the era—including "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," "Pack Up Your Troubles," and "Mademoiselle from Armentieres." You will walk away with a deeper understanding of history, likely shaking your head in disbelief while humming these unforgettable tunes.
Because this is a longer film, please note our special early starting time. We will take a short intermission halfway through the screening so everyone can grab a coffee.
When: Monday, 21 September 2026
Time: 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (Film starts at 2:00 PM)
Venue: Grevillea Room, Banksia Village, 69 Heath St, Broulee 2536
Afternoon Tea: A gold coin donation is greatly appreciated.
Spots Available: Only 27 places left!
How to Book: Secure your seat online now through the Member Wizard portal.

Inaugural Quantum Art Prize for Eurobodalla Artists

Celebrating Creativity Across the Eurobodalla - The inaugural Quantum Art Prize is a new opportunity for local artists to showcase their work, connect with the community, and compete for cash prizes in a professionally curated exhibition.
Entries: close 5pm Monday 7 September 2026 Cost: \$20 per entry
Where: The Cool Room at the Quantum Brewery, 57 Hawdon St, Moruya
Exhibition dates: Friday 25/9 - Sunday 4/10
Cash Prizes + the winner will also receive a free 2-week exhibition space in The Cool Room. Entries submitted through the online form on Quantum Brewery website

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A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

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THE DISCUSSION WILL COVER:

LIFE IN PALESTINE TODAY
Understanding the human cost and everyday realities.

LOBBYING FOR PALESTINE
How communities and individuals can speak up and make a difference.

HOW THE US AND AIUKUS SHAPE AUSTRALIAN POLICY
Exploring the influence of alliances on Australia's foreign policy.

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Or any CAERH Member please refer to www.caerh.org for information

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY SPRING SHOW 2026

Saturday September 5th 10am- 4pm &
Sunday September 6th 10am- 3pm

Batemans Bay Soldiers Club



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Bonsai demonstration at 11am on Sunday

Orchid potting demonstration at 11am
& 2pm on Saturday.

FLORAL ART DISPLAYS

Eurobodalla
Orchid Club

Spring Orchid Show

Saturday September 19th
9am to 4pm

Sunday September 20th
9am to 2pm

Free Entry

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- 31st Oct - **Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo**
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- 18 June to 18 July 2027 - **Fungi Festival**

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When: Thursday 10th September 2026 10am to 1:30pm

Where: Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre, Mirrabooka Avenue Moruya 2537 (Building address: 73 Vulcan Street, parking and entry at rear, off Mirrabooka Avenue).

When: Tuesday 15th September 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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

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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.

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Tuross Community Markets

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Heffernans to celebrate 175 years in Moruya

The Heffernan family and descendants will celebrate 175 years of settling in Moruya over the weekend of 12/13th September, 2026, with a book launch and the unveiling of a plaque in the grounds of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A Heffernan Family History book will be launched by the authors Colleen and Gwen, both former Heffernans of Moruya. The book traces the history of the Heffernan farming families who arrived in Moruya in 1851. Two brothers, Edmund and Patrick, established dairy farming enterprises on either side of the Moruya river and at Mogendoura to the north west of Moruya. The Plaque unveiling will be just before 11am on Sunday 13th September followed by the Book Launch, inside the church at 11.40 am-12.20pm.

Councillor Catch up - Tuross Head

Wednesday 23rd September from 10.30am - 12.00pm
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SAGE Spring Equinox

Sunday, 20 September 2026 | Gates open 3.30pm for 4pm dinner SAGE Garden 110 Queen Street, Moruya

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Gala Cancer Fundraiser - Raising Money for Breast & Prostate Cancer

Saturday 24 October 2026 Bay Soldiers Club. Please join us in raising money for Breast and Prostate Cancer. Saturday the 24th of October at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. While enjoying a delicious two course meal, there will be South Coast DJs, Lucky Door Prizes and more [Link](#)



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Our seasonal feasts are a chance to come together, reconnect with familiar faces, and enjoy a relaxed evening with friends and neighbours. And a good time to meet our new committee members.

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Come through the hungry gap with us! Bring your appetite, bring your friends and don't forget to bring your picnic rug, chair, drinks, dinner plate, cutlery and drinking vessel. [BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 28.8.26

Moruya River.

There has been the slightest of changes in the air this week, hints of spring and warmer days ahead have started to creep through waters grip. The shop is still an ice box, but the front verandah is definitively showing signs that spring is coming. The outside temps, compared to the shop are a good 5-10 degs warmer. Bring on spring! The river however, is still quiet, dispute the air temps starting to warm up. The shallow sand flats are the places to start looking this time of years, as the sun beats down on the shallow areas it heats them up by 0.5 - 1 deg, and can make them a nicer place to hang out than the cooler temps in the deeper holes. You know what it's like, you never tend to sit further away from the heater in the middle of winter.

While Moruya doesn't have any of the shallow mud flat area like other systems that hold even more heat this time of year, it does have some good sand flat areas to explore. Back of the hole in wall, the airport flats, Garlandtown flats, opposite the hospital and even under the town bridge are all areas that benefit from longer days and more sunlight.

Tuross River.

Luderick seem to have finally made an appearance in the Tuross system the last week or two, with reports of good numbers of fish being taken coming through the store. For those that like to use weed baits, finding this almost mythical substance, can be the hardest part of the equation. Luderick fisherman tend to not let the secret location of their string weed out into the universe, as it can be hard to find at time. Cabbage weed can be easier to find, as most shallow rock ledges can hold beds of it. A low tide and low swells are required at times to access this weed.

Tuross hold several muddy based lakes within it system, that will warm up faster than the sand flats will this time of year. Lakes like Borang and Bumbo are shallow mud based lakes that can be a great location to target early season flathead this time of year. These areas will also hold schools of mullet, and as such a good areas to start looking for mullet also.

With so many options available Tuross can be a hard system to fish, only through the fact that deciding where to go can be the toughest choice. A good problem to have I recon.

The lower reaches of the system are still getting a few smash and grab salmon visits on a rising tide, these are a lot fun to experience on light tackle if you happen to be in the right place at the right time.

Rock and Beach.

Yet again, salmon are the only real constant we have at the moment, as they are all along the coast at present. Look for dark patches in the waves to indicate a school of travelling or stationary fish. Once found get your baits or lures into the mix for some fun.

The drummer should be starting be more active off the stones at the moment also, so get your stale white bread out of the freezer, some hawksbury prawns and get out for a pot holing session off your local ledge.

Offshore.

There are still good numbers of snapper and flathead coming from the shallow reefs this week, start in around the 10-15m mark for the snapper and start to work your way deeper until you find them, and there will be flathead over the sand in between drifts also. There are still numbers of YFT and BFT for those game crews willing to head out further also. The real question will be, will we see the numbers of fish this summer that we experienced last year, fingers crossed we do, as our whole economy on the coast is based around visitors justifying the spend on fuel to come down and visit us.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, so we are in good shape for the weekend with all of your favourite baits. There are a few holes being made on the lure walls to accomodate some of the new seasons offerings that were made available at the trade show last week. Stay tuned to both our Facebook and Instagram page for updates.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



Saturday 26th September 2026

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Moruya Showground

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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Cate O'Brien with President Bruce Harding



Winner: Ian Miller



Winners: Dianne Brown, Shirley Quinlan and Samantha Dryden

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 27th August 2026

A field of 57 players, including some visitors, competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The day was sunny and some excellent and close scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Cate O'Brien (34) with 44 points
- 2nd: Chelsea Mayes (31) with 40 points
- 3rd: Jim Madden (36) with 39 points
- 4th: Peter Engelbrecht (14) with 38 points
- 5th: Peter Coffey (23) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Jackson Taylor 1.10 A Grade
- 4th: Tyson Hastie 10.8 B Grade
- 6th: John Harb 2.05 A Grade
- 6th: Mark Haberkorn 4.23 B Grade
- 7th: Stewart Fowler 4.20 A Grade
- 7th: Dianne Brown 5.28 B Grade

Balls went to: Dianne Brown 36, Chris Wratten 36, Shane Gschwend 36, John Harb 35, Wayne Burgess 34, Michael Coloe 34, Jackson Taylor 34, Mark Haberkorn 33, Ruth Gschwend 33, Nick Brice 33, Marie Muriwai 33, Ian Miller 32, Scott Harris 32, Paul Stokes 32 and Rob Green 32.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 29th August 2026

A field of 39 players took to the course to compete in a Medley Stableford event. The weather was sunny and there were some amazing and close scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ian Miller (23) with 37 points (countback)
- 2nd: Ruth Gschwend (17) with 37 points (countback)
- 3rd: Kevin Reilly (17) with 37 points (countback)
- 4th: John Harb (16) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: John Harb 5.70 A Grade
- 4th: Paul Rowe 4.67 B Grade
- 4th: Herb Muriwai 4.65 C Grade
- 6th: Mark Schenk 3.17 A Grade
- 6th: Mark Haberkorn 2.00 B Grade
- 6th: Gavan Wheelahan 2.70 C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 2.22 A Grade
- 7th: Peter Johnston 2.37 B Grade

Place Getters: Jim Madden 36, Cathy Milliken 35, Ross Hendy 34, Herb Muriwai 34, Mark Haberkorn 33, Mark Forrest 33, Gavan Wheelahan 32, Peter Coffey 32, Derek Hoare 32 and Frank Pomfret 32.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 1st September 2026

A field of 20 ladies competed in a Par event. The event was sponsored by Jane Eglitis. It was a beautiful Spring day and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (32) with +5
- 2nd: Annette Manton (26) with -1 (countback)

B Grade:

- 1st: Shirley Quinlan (36) with +4
- 2nd: Maree Coffey (35) with -1 (countback)

C Grade:

- 1st: Samantha Dryden (40) with +8
- 2nd: Elsa Shearer (43) with -2 (countback)

Hole Prize:

- 7th: Pauline Nash Golden Shot A 0.73
- 7th: Jane Eglitis Golden Shot B 2.20

Nearest to the Pins: 2nd Shot

- 6th Kerrie Sands Distance 0.37
- 15th Pam Alexander Distance 1.91

Place Getters: Pam Alexander -1, Kerrie Sands -1, Dorothy Madden -1, Jane Eglitis -2 and Jeanette Miller -3.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 2nd September 2026

38 players competed in a Stableford event today on a beautiful Spring morning and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Stacey Davidson with 25 points
- 2nd: Linda Puglisi with 24 points
- 3rd: Derek Hoare with 22 points

Balls or Chocolates:

Sandra Hanlon 21, Warren Hodder 21, Ross Hendy 21, Ken Hush 20, Jeanette Miller 20 and Bruce Harding 20.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Derek Hoare (2nd Shot) In the Hole!
- 6th: Ken Hush (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd Shot)
- Mens: Frank Pomfret (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Chris Wratten (5th hole)
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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Spring is here, what a fabulous day for 32 Social Bowlers although the wind didn't make bowling easy. Thank you for the lovely morning tea for our "New Beginnings". Thinking of Carmel Price and Shirley Edwards who have both had recent surgery. Happy Birthday greetings to Gayl Vidgen, also great bowling today Gayl under difficult conditions. Wonderful to have Rae Fayle back out on the Green with us. Selector Pat Bill called cards for 4 Triples and 2 Pairs matches. Winners Rink 10, Bev McKague, Raija Johnston and Yvonne Huddleston. 23/22 (Photo) Runners-up Rink 8, 25/12 Rae Fayle, Colleen Ashby and Sue Morgan. Money Club, 50 Lou Butcher, 7 Fran Lucas. Major Club Singles now up on Board, two Rounds played on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th September.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



There were 25 Twisties on the Green on a beautiful warm sunny day, it must be almost Spring. President Robbo and Secretary Scottie welcomed everyone as the only committee members present. Christmas Party confirmed for Sunday 13th December in Club Tomakin after a morning of bowls. Winners with Lowest Winning Margin +1. There were 2 teams on this score so no Runners-up. Robbo and Scottie 17/16. Whizza and Bread Roll 21/20 not in photo Whizza selected Rink 2 to try for Jackpo. Bob the Builder cut cards and came up with 5 of Diamonds. Lucky numbers, 27 Kaz, 24 Rols. Other winning teams, Hot Lips, Spike and Chocolate 32/13 Pattycake and McGooley 19/8 Ute and Gilligan 16/8 Artie and Bob the Builder 18/15. Thanks to Kaz and Rols for doing Twist Tops Raffle in Club today much appreciated.



Build our Shed - Rising from the Ashes

By Steve Shields

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We're nearing the finish line in building our new shed and that's why we are asking you to help us get over the final hurdle by way of your generous donation.

"More than just a new shed" - A Museum Space -

A meeting place every Tuesday where members restore equipment, share tall stories over a cuppa, providing a social space to feel part of the community.

Moruya Antique Tractor & Machinery Association -

70 members from all walks of life, women and men, dedicated to preserving, restoring & displaying machinery from our pioneering and early farming years, for the education and enjoyment of today's and future generations. This includes all types of vintage machinery - tractors, stationary & portable engines, trucks, vintage & classic cars, pumps, grinders, chaff cutters etc etc.

From day one we have pursued our goal - applying for local, state & federal grants; negotiating with local council to secure a leased site to build a new shed, hosting Bunnings Community Sausage Sizzles, attending open days and agricultural events, hosting our own club's biennial Vintage Tractor & Farm Machinery Show.

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about our recovery journey to date

<https://matama.weebly.com/our-recovery.html>

Follow us on Facebook by clicking the Facebook icon on Home Page <https://matama.weebly.com/>

We appreciate your interest and thank you for supporting our endeavour by way of donation

Presentation of Charity Fundraiser cheque



Jane Eglitis, Wendy Schmid and Annette Smith.

Today the Tuross Head Ladies Golf Club presented the cheque for funds raised by a Charity Fundraiser golf event held recently. The Tuross Head Ladies golf club president Jane Eglitis presented the cheque to the President of the Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary, Wendy Schmid. The amount raised was \$2300. Also attending was Annette Smith, General Manager of the Tuross Head Country Club who contributed to the funds raised for the Charity. A fun day was had by all and many thanks to all those who contributed. The sponsors were Tuross Pharmacy and Jim Wade.

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24HR ROW

ROWING FOR MENTAL FITNESS

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It's about supporting each other, starting conversations and checking in. No one has to do things alone.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- JOIN OUR TEAM**
Everyone welcome! Get a group together or sign up solo.
- RAISE SOME FUNDS**
Even \$10 counts! Every dollar helps support mental fitness programs.
- DO A ROWING SHIFT OR TWO**
Be part of the 24hr row and help keep the rowers' turning.

WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RUOK?
A simple chat can make a real difference.

AND HOW WE CAN CHECK IN WITH OTHERS

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www.24hourrow.com.au/signup

OR

DONATE TO OUR TEAM
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COFFEE ON SITE **FOOD OPTIONS ON SITE** **ACAI VIBES ON SITE** **SURF CLUB BBQ ON SITE**

SALSA Sundays

5PM GROUP LESSON
6PM SOCIAL DANCING

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ELIGIBILITY

- Be aged 17-25 years
- Attending a high school in local area; Moruya High, Carrol College or St Peter's Anglican College
- Applicants must be planning to commence tertiary studies in 2026
- Living between Tomagi River in the north and Tuross River in the south
- Demonstrate financial need

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Club of Moruya is proud to support local young people by assisting with the costs associated with their tertiary education. This scholarship aims to encourage and enable students to achieve their educational goals and make a positive impact in our community.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31ST OF OCTOBER 2026

ENQUIRIES
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APPLY NOW!

Application guidelines and forms are available on our website.
www.moruyarotaryclub.org.au/page/youth-projects

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Treat Dad to 9 holes of golf for just \$15 before 12:00pm!

1 FREE schooner of tap beer on arrival for all dads in the clubhouse.

Sunday Trivia Night

Bring your friends, test your knowledge, and win fun prizes! Don't miss out on a great night of laughs and friendly competition.

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH | 6 PM