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Discussion about Palestine

I keep running into people in town who tell me about Saturday's upcoming Community Discussion about Palestine. A good number of them say that saw it in the Moruya Mail. And that being so, I want to add something to the information you published:

Many of us who are horrified by the continuing displacement and slaughter of Palestinians wonder why Australia doesn't take a stronger stand. There are of course a number of reasons, but event speaker Senator David Shoebridge always raises one I think is particularly important to us as Australian citizens as it concerns our own country and our self-determination. It's that old sacred cow: the Australia-U.S. Military Alliance.

Today, depending on how you count them, the United States operates somewhere between 750 and 800 military bases around the world, including 30 "joint" facilities in Australia — most notoriously at Pine Gap, where a global intelligence (i.e. spy) hub links Australia to strikes in the Middle East. And now under AUKUS we are committing hundreds of billions of dollars for submarines designed to be integrated into the U.S. Navy's forward defence and long-range projection of power. This potentially also means into war — there's already been Iraq and Afghanistan; what might be next?. Despite some strong opposition to Shoebridge's position on the alliance, he is hardly a lone voice. Many of his views are shared across political lines by a growing number of military and strategy experts and public leaders. These include Former Prime Ministers Paul Keating, and Malcolm Turnbull, Former Foreign Affairs Minister Gareth Evans, Former Liberal Party leader John Hewson, Senator David Pocock, Former Minister for the Environment Peter Garrett, Strategic Studies Professor Hugh White, Retired Bishop George Browning, Major General Michael Smith (Ret), Admiral Chris Barrie (Ret) and the list goes on.

It is my hope that readers of the Mail will attend Saturday's event — and also put some of the hard questions to Senator Shoebridge. But it seems to me that he's on the right track and that Australia's independence (or lack of it) is intimately related to peace and justice for Palestine.

Martha Ansara
Moruya

Consultation opens on revised Bay Masterplan

As part of consultation on a revised Batemans Bay Masterplan, Eurobodalla Council invites the community to participate in an online survey.

This survey considers the future of Batemans Bay and how the town can grow and evolve over the next 25 years. It explores what people value about Batemans Bay today, the opportunities and challenges ahead, and the priorities that should guide the revised Masterplan. The survey will be open until 30 September 2026. Drop-in consultations at the Bay Pavilions gave Council staff a chance to hear more from the community to help develop the revised Masterplan. Council staff spoke with about 25 people, most of them residents local to the area, with broad support for change.

Most people were open to some development in and around Batemans Bay, but at a lower scale than the previously proposed 100-metre building heights. They also emphasised the importance of keeping the town's coastal character, protecting public spaces, and maintaining easy movement and access to services.

A survey is now open on Council's website (until 30 September), and Council is particularly keen to hear from people living and working in the area. This feedback, along with previous community input and technical studies, will help shape a revised draft Masterplan, expected to go to Council in December before formal public exhibition in the new year.

For more information visit the [Revised Batemans Bay Masterplan project page](#).

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Statewide planning changes shift community consultation

What if I want to make a submission on my neighbour's two storey dwelling?

• If a submission is lodged for any excluded type of development listed in Table 6 of the Statewide CPP, it is not considered a formal submission and does not need to be considered during the assessment of the application.



Screenshot from the presentation on changes to the planning system.

ESC - The community will see fewer development applications up for public comment under new NSW Government planning rules.

The new approach took effect on 1 September, with the Statewide Community Participation Plan replacing more than 100 different local plans used by councils across the state, including Eurobodalla Council's participation plan requirements.

Council's director of planning Gary Bruce says the biggest change is a shift away from consultation on smaller, individual development applications and towards more community involvement in strategic planning.

"The new statewide plan gets the community involved earlier – while rules guiding future development are being developed, rather than after individual applications land on Council's desk. It pushes the importance of documents like our Local Strategic Planning Statement and Development Control Plans as the framework for development," Mr Bruce says.

Under the new process, these strategic planning documents require longer minimum consultation periods, some at 60 days, before they are finalised.

"However, Council will no longer be required to publicly exhibit some developments – houses, dual occupancies and multi-dwelling housing of up to five dwellings – that we would traditionally notify the community about. While residents can still contact Council about concerns with these applications, their comments are no longer treated as formal submissions during the assessment process.

"We are still available to discuss concerns residents may have about any development application. As usual, get in touch with our development helpdesk to talk through the application and assessment process."

Find more information on the NSW Government's [Statewide Community Participation Plan webpage](#).

Council's Workshop on Tuesday discussed these changes and is available to watch here.

<https://webcast.esc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video26-0908.php>

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."

Country Women's Association N.S.W. AWARENESS WEEK

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Eurobodalla households to benefit from community-led energy support

Eurobodalla households will get more help to cut energy bills, access rebates and make energy-saving home upgrades through a new NSW Government investment in trusted community-led support.

The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) is working with REpower Shoalhaven Incorporated, which is one of 12 community and not-for-profit energy organisations sharing \$4.7 million through the Community Energy Activation Program. Its South Coast work will help bring practical, locally informed energy advice and support closer to communities including Eurobodalla.

For Eurobodalla households, the program will cover practical assistance including:

- Advice to help households cut energy bills and manage cost-of-living pressures
- Workshops and one-on-one support to improve energy literacy and confidence
- Guidance on home upgrades including energy-efficient appliances, insulation, draught-proofing, rooftop solar and home batteries
- Help to access rebates, concessions and government energy saving programs
- Tailored support for renters, apartment residents and low-income households
- Training and resources to help local community organisations expand the support they provide.

REpower and SHASA are working with not-for-profit social enterprise Jumbleads NFP, with extensive experience in community education and engagement, including in energy and sustainability sectors. Jumbleads is leading delivery of pop-up stalls, presentations, events and training for the Shoalhaven and Eurobodalla rollout. Established in Victoria in 2008, Jumbleads is expanding nationally to support communities to connect, learn and shape their future together.

REpower Shoalhaven Incorporated has been awarded funding for the South Coast.

The other organisations funded through the Community Energy Activation Program are:

- Asian Australians for Climate Solutions Ltd – Western Sydney
- Community Power Agency Co-Operative Limited – Statewide
- Cowra Information and Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated – Central West
- Electrify Bouddi Incorporated – Central Coast
- Energyze North Shore Inc – Northern Sydney
- Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand – Statewide
- Illawarra Multicultural Services Inc – Illawarra
- Owners Corporation Network of Australia Ltd – Inner West and Western Sydney, regional centres including Newcastle, Wollongong and Shellharbour
- Pingala Community Energy Incorporated – Hunter
- Rewiring Australia Research and Advocacy Limited – Statewide (based in Thirroul)
- Southern New England Landcare Ltd – New England

The funding will help REpower Shoalhaven expand successful local programs and reach more South Coast households, giving Eurobodalla residents trusted guidance to understand their options, lower costs and make informed energy choices.

It builds on the Minns Labor Government's \$2 million Inclusive Energy Outreach Grant, which is funding ten community-based organisations to deliver culturally appropriate energy education that improves energy literacy for vulnerable people and groups.

The program is a key action under the NSW Consumer Energy Strategy and will help ensure Eurobodalla households can share in the benefits of lower bills and cleaner, more efficient energy technologies.

For more information, visit:

www.energy.nsw.gov.au/community-energy-activation-program.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Penny Sharpe said:

"Eurobodalla households are looking for practical ways to bring down their energy bills, and this funding will help put trusted, locally informed advice and support within easier reach.

"There are more options than ever to save energy and reduce costs, but people do not always know where to start. REpower Shoalhaven can help South Coast residents understand what is available, access rebates and support, and make changes that work for their homes."

Eurobodalla Community Support Network Meeting on

Preparedness in the face of El Niño



Walk away more aware and with the tools you need to prepare for the changing weather!

We will be hearing from:

-  **Dr Chris Lucas** - meteorologist on the climate situation and potential danger in the Eurobodalla
-  **Dr Sue Atkinson** - researcher on how communication and sharing actually happens during disasters
-  **Dr Elise Remling** - researcher on her simple preparedness tool you can use with friends, family, your social groups!
-  **Jacklyn Roque** - SES Community Engagement Officer on what to expect from our services and how to assess risk for yourself
-  **Von Hutcheson** - on the Person Centered Emergency Preparedness tool
-  **Nina Shatfan** - Heat & Smoke Haven Coordinator on what they are, why we need them and how you can access them

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History made as Sharks bite off 26-nil Grand Final win

Moruya Tuross Junior Rugby League Club are celebrating a massive win in the Group 16 under 18 Grand Final against Tathra on the weekend.

It's the first time in the senior club's known history, the Moruya Sharks RLFC have won an U18s Grand Final.

The Club reported on the match: "A dominant performance from start to finish. You played with heart, defended your line with everything you had and gave absolutely nothing away — keeping your opposition scoreless on the biggest stage!

Watching players who have come through our junior club achieve something so special with the senior club is a moment we will never forget. What a performance. What a team. What a day for the Moruya Sharks!"

Coach Gavin Buttsworth said "I am super excited for the team. We have been working together for three years - from juniors across to the seniors."

Gavin said "we have had 12 months working towards the game plan and following instructions. The guys are perfectionists. They are a professional outfit and this is a massive achievement."



U18'S TEAM SHEET

1. Riley Newell	14. Cameron Paull
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4. Naite Turner	17. Jacob Borg
5. Luke Drewsen	18. Ned Spies
6. Jordyn Holzhauser	19. Jay Verdich
7. Bailey Phillips	20. George Gilbo
8. Declan Adams	
9. Mitchell Zutt	
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My Feed, My Way

The **Federal Government** is taking the next step following its world leading social media age ban to ensure Australians have more choice online, with draft legislation for the **Digital Duty of Care** released for targeted consultation.

These new laws will put the onus on digital service providers to provide a safe online environment, setting minimum standards for the features and tools they use.

This will include an Australian first, "My Feed, My Way," initiative which will give Australians control over their social media algorithms.

Social media platforms will be required to send a notification to new and existing users offering them a choice over their default feed.

Users can choose to opt in to having their default feed include personalised content recommended by the algorithm. Alternatively, users can opt out of personally recommended content in their default feed and see the friends and creators they choose to follow.

This will give Australians greater choice over their platforms and what they see.

Further, digital services like online games, apps and AI chatbots will be required to protect under 18s from design features that have negative behavioural impacts, like addictive features or those that can have an effect on a young person's self-esteem.

They will also be required to protect under 18s from harmful content like:

- content that promotes, encourages or accelerates eating disorders
- content that promotes hostile ideas about women and gender equality
- pornography
- content that glorifies crime or life endangering stunts
- content that causes serious mental health distress, including abuse and bullying.

Australians will benefit from better protection from seriously harmful and illegal content across digital services, and social media users will be afforded more choice.

The draft laws provide eSafety with the power to issue removal notices for nudity apps or websites, and streamline the child cyber-bullying and adult cyber abuse schemes to enable eSafety to deal more quickly with this harmful material.

Digital platforms will be required to document the measures taken to address identified risks of harm to Australian users and ensure these measures remain effective over time.

Failure to comply with the Duty of Care could attract penalties of up to \$109.2 million, with the independent eSafety Commissioner responsible for compliance and enforcement.

The Government is seeking feedback from digital platforms, industry bodies, civil society organisations and advocates on the draft laws, with legislation to be introduced to Parliament this year.

Moruya Rotary Youth Scholarships 2026–27

Applications open 1 September 2026

Moruya Rotary is offering three Youth Scholarships to local students completing Year 12 this year and commencing tertiary study in 2027.

Each successful student will receive financial support throughout their first two years of tertiary study (2027 and 2028). Scholarships can support university or other recognised tertiary programs, including VET studies.

To be eligible, students must reside in the Moruya District, between the Tomaga River in the north and the Tuross River in the south, including Moruya, Broulee and Tuross Head.

Applications close 31 October 2026.

The application form and guidelines are available to download from the Moruya Rotary Club website:

[Moruya Rotary Youth Scholarships](https://www.moruyarotaryclub.org.au/youth-scholarships)

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Forest groups urge Greens to back pathway to end native forest logging

Some of NSW's most respected and long-standing forest campaigners and scientists have urged the Greens not to support the Nationals' attempt to disallow the Improved Native Forest Management (INFM) method.

The joint call comes from the Nature Conservation Council of NSW, the state's peak environment organisation; North East Forest Alliance and South East Forest Rescue, which have spent decades organising front line direct action to protect native forests; the National Parks Association of NSW, the original proponent of the Great Koala National Park; and Australia's leading scientific expert on forests, Professor David Lindenmayer.

Together, the groups have played a central role in campaigns to protect native forests and end native forest logging in NSW for more than 40 years.

The joint statement from the signatories says:

"The native forest logging industry is campaigning for INFM to be disallowed because they believe it will lead to an end to native forest logging. In announcing the disallowance motion, National's Senator Ross Cadell describing the method as a 'death knell' for the industry. We agree with that assessment.

"The method creates a strong financial incentive for governments to stop logging and includes safeguards to ensure that destruction does not shift into private native forests, or continue by other means, as we have seen to devastating effect in Victoria and Western Australia.

"We have had enough of watching as logging machines smash the bush, erode the soils, and push countless native animals closer and closer to extinction.

"Ending native forest logging is good for the climate and for the wildlife that depends on these forests. We need to stop releasing carbon through logging and allow recovering forests to draw carbon back out of the atmosphere.

"It is deeply upsetting to see the fate of NSW's forests treated as secondary to a broader ideological fight about Australia's carbon market.

"We understand that much of the opposition to INFM is not about this method itself but reflects a broader opposition to carbon markets. We share many of the concerns that have been raised about those markets. Governments should stop approving new fossil fuel projects, and carbon credits should not be used as a substitute for genuine emissions reductions.

"However, disallowing this method will not make that happen. It will not reform the ACCU market. It will not stop fossil fuel companies accessing carbon credits. What it will remove is a pathway to end native forest logging."

The groups also rejected claims that supporting the method means choosing between protecting forests and protecting the climate.

"Ending native forest logging through this method will result in a substantial net reduction in emissions."

During the first 15 years, only about one quarter of the extra carbon saved by ending logging can be turned into carbon credits. The other three quarters is additional emissions reduction that cannot be sold as offsets.

The forests then have to stay protected for 100 years. Over that full period, only around 10 per cent of the total carbon benefit is turned into credits, while around 90 per cent remains a genuine additional reduction in emissions.

"Over the 100 years these forests must remain protected, only around 10 per cent of the total carbon benefit is converted into credits, meaning around 90 per cent remains an additional reduction in emissions.

"So even if every credit generated under the method were used to offset emissions somewhere else, ending logging via this method would still leave substantially less carbon in the atmosphere than continuing to log the forests.

"That is the measurable outcome this method would deliver.

"This is not a vote on whether Australia's carbon market is perfect. It is a decision with very real consequences for forests that are being logged right now and threatened species that are losing their habitat right now.

"We are asking the Greens not to allow those forests to become collateral damage in a broader fight about carbon markets.

"If anyone has a viable pathway that will fund the end of native forest logging, guarantee major investment in forest restoration and First Nations management, and ensure the destruction doesn't simply shift elsewhere or continue under another name, we will enthusiastically support it.

"But unless and until that alternative exists, we urge the Greens to not vote with the Nationals and the native forest logging industry to destroy the pathway we have.

"The Greens have been long-term champions of forest protection. At this critical final moment, we are asking them to stand with us again and help us finally end native forest logging in NSW."

Signatories

Jacqui Mumford, CEO, Nature Conservation Council of NSW

Dailan Pugh, North East Forest Alliance

Gary Dunnett, CEO, National Parks Association of NSW

Susie Russell, North Coast Environment Council

Scott Daines, President, South East Forest Rescue

David Lindenmayer, distinguished Professor, Australia National University.

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PELIS CAN IN THE EUROBODALLA



By K Dahlweiss

You may wonder what are pelis? We give them a shortening of their official name, as is the Australian tradition. They are pelicans; birds which look like they couldn't possibly fly but can fly really well. They can fish really well too.

Pelis are a peculiarity, on par with a platypus. It is as though they have been made of parts rather than one homogenous being. It is amazing what they can do considering their size and shape. They appear more unevenly balanced than a New Zealand kiwi bird or our farm bred chickens.

A peli is hard to miss at ground level, with a super huge orange bill, average 50cm long, a belly to match and a Charlie Chaplin gait. As soon as it takes off to the sky, it moves with precision and speed. I have it on good authority that their fishing skills are on par with their flying skills. However, like humans, they like a free feed wherever they can get it. The amount of food which a peli can hold in its bill might be what it could eat in a whole day. Its beak seems a natural version of a fishing net!

Where can we see pelis in the Eurobodalla?

The absolute best time to view pelis 'in person' is when local fishers have finished fishing for the day and head back to the boat ramps to clean their catch. Otherwise, pelis can be viewed high on top of power poles where their large belly and bill make many a passer-by wonder how they are capable of landing on a thin horizontal metal bar designed for lighting! How do they remain balanced on such a comparatively thin horizontal metal strip? The pelis streamline themselves, tucking in their wide span wings and their bills, becoming greyish blobs on their perch. It's a beautiful sight and to be revered, perhaps because we humans have no chance of ever doing the same thing.

Pelis have sculptures dedicated to them, which is hardly necessary because they are in abundance in the Eurobodalla. They are a sculpture on a Beach Rd light pole.

A well-visited peli hangout is along the wharf at Bateman's Bay. The Boatshed Batemans Bay keeps their fish offcuts for 'their pelicans' which can be viewed being fed when the fishers come back with their early morning catch, before 9am usually.

We are fortunate to have pelis just about everywhere on the coastline, but they don't go out of their way to be a tourist attraction. You won't see them waddling towards swimmers lazing at the beach, unlike the seagulls, willing to eat any food. Pelis are selective, going to where they get quality seafood and that can include their own fishing at sea.

Another good place to find them is next to where fishers are dismantling their daily catch at the Marine Rescue, Hanging Rock. They often return in the afternoon. The pelis wait cheekily for offcuts when the fishers are kind enough to share their fish.

Pelis can be found safely 'sunbathing' behind the wire mesh at the Moruya swimming pool. It is almost impossible to reach them but you can admire them from afar as they group on the grassy slope looking out to the Moruya River.

Some other places to find pelis along the Eurobodalla Coast:

- Tomago River, near the Mossy Point boat ramp
- Moruya River mouth near Moruya Heads lookout
- Tuross Boulevard boat ramps at Tuross Lake
- Coila Lake
- Eurobodalla National Park, Bingi Bingi Point
- Narooma Marina and Mill Bay Boardwalk
- South Tilba
- Wagonga Inlet
- Lake Brou near Bodalla

Are pelis an endangered native bird species?

Fortunately for pelis, their colour scheme is one of their saving graces. They may look like toucans in body physique but have a blend-in colour scheme of grey-blue-white feathers in line with clouds and sky, froth and dark sea and now, concrete grey poles. Their camouflage must have been designed for changing times - except for their flamboyant bills. According to NSW National Parks, Australian pelicans have the largest and longest bills of any living bird in the whole world!

Pelis might be birds like dodos, but they certainly aren't a dying species. Pelis are a protected Australian bird but their numbers are no more dwindling than that of our numerous seagulls. They must have had a clever way of adapting to the invasion of their habitat by befriending humans rather than being in competition with them.

Perhaps it is because they have a collective intelligence; they are respected for doing 'collaborative fishing.' Their communications skills have enabled them to adapt to human times, although they preceded human occupation and can be traced back 30 million years.

Famous children's books have been written about their interaction and adaptability to be with humans, such as Australian author, Colin Thiele's *Storm Boy*, and the fantastical book by British writer, Roald Dahl's 'The Giraffe and the Pelly and me.' Our local Eurobodalla Writers of the Fellowship of Australian Writers (FAW) were inspired to title their book publication of short stories and poems, 'Where Pelicans Fly.'

Eurobodalla pelis are an unpaid attraction to equal if not excel penguins and seals at Montague Island and the migration of whales on the South Coast, July to November. The Eurobodalla doesn't regard pelis as a menace and neither a selling point to visitors.

What can and can't a peli do? One thing is for sure, pelis can't do the can-can. They also cannot be considered a pest. Pelis can and do have 'loving relationships' with their human 'fishing mates.' They can be regarded with humour, as a resident curiosity to be well cherished.



Tuross Head News

Along with Spring, the wattle blossoming and flowers on our tomato bushes, other changes are occurring. Tuross Hair and Beauty has been refurbished and open for business and Club Tuross has had a change in Chairman. Chris Walsh has resigned after five years of turning the club around with the professional assistance of the Manager Annette Smith and her staff and Board Directors. Well done Chris and thank you all. The new Chairman is Jim Madden and we wish him, the Board and Management team well in his term. Patrons to the Club will notice work being carried out to the downstairs area so things might be a little disruptive until they are completed. I remind residents that \$15 is a Social Membership and worth so much more than that.

We know of a few residents who are not feeling as they would like and send out our best wishes to you all including Lucy, Noel and Bob.

I am sad to announce the recent death of Isla Swinbourne. No funeral arrangements. Isla was 101 and lived on the Boulevard until 18 months ago when she moved to Canberra to live. She is remembered lovingly by many.

Medical 'hobbling' has temporarily stopped me from interviewing town residents, however I will be 'up and ant'em' soon. It has been a great experience finding out our past history. I appreciate people making contact with me also.

The copy of the '**Eurobodalla Almanac**' that Peter Hogan lent me has history recorded from the whole Shire. I have been through the book, checking where Peter had marked relevant events and have listed some you might find interesting of Tuross Head and some of its immediate surroundings.

1797 FEBRUARY: The East India Company's ship 'SYDNEY COVE' sailing from Bengal to Port Jackson was wrecked in Bass Strait. Seventeen survivors got as far as Ninety Mile Beach, Gippsland, where they lost their boat. Those capable of doing so set out to walk to civilization. Two months later four reached Port Jackson. They had made contact with many aboriginals, most of whom, apart from those in the area known as TUROSS HEAD, were not very friendly. They reported having seen coal at what is now Coalcliffe.

1834 BERGALIA: land taken up by John and Joseph HAWDON. Alexander WEATHERHEAD joined the Hawdon brothers as manager at Bergalia. Mrs. Weatherspoon was the first white woman to cross the MORUYA RIVER, (in a bark canoe serving as a ferry) and daughter, born at Bergalia in May, 1835, was the first white child born south of MORUYA RIVER.

1853 TUROSS LAKE – CHARLES BRICE built a homestead on the northern end of HORSE ISLAND. It was demolished 1950. When mining at NERRIGUNDAH was at its peak Charles Brice used his flat-bottomed punt to take goods from vessels calling at Tuross Head up the river to EUROBODALLA. From there the good went overland to NERRIGUNDAH. He was one of many who ran supplies to the diggings, by land and via the river.

1856 TUROSS RIVER – Coastal steamer MARY JANE, already loaded, was land-locked for seven weeks when bar sanded over during a flash flood. The cheese cargo deteriorated – most unpleasantly!

1859 TUROSS HEAD. Quantity of wheat shipped.

1863 BERGALIA: Robert Anderson built LAKEVIEW homestead.

1864 TRUNKETABELLA – Punt installed. It was built at NEWSTEAD, Moruya Heads, taken by sea to TUROSS HEAD, then up river to the crossing at TRUNKETABELLA.

1865 BERGALIA. Gold found. Employees of the company running Bergalia mines held a series of strikes, probably the first strikes in the district.

1865 TUROSS HEAD. Sawmill opened. In 1871, this mill, driven by a 14 horse power steam engine, was supplying timber for building the Sydney G.P.O., using its own cutter MAID OF THE MILL as transport.

1866 TUROSS HEAD. A group of oyster gatherers built the schooner 'HOPE'. It was lost off BROULEE later in the year. Wreckage and two bodies found on BROULEE ISLAND.

1870 PATRICK MYLOTT built TUROSS HOUSE, using local stone.

1871 COILA – ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH opened.

1875 TUROSS HEAD – EVA MYLOTT, internationally acclaimed opera singer born at the family home, TUROSS HOUSE.

1878 TURLINJAH- Post office opened.

1880 TURLINJAH – Public school opened.

1893 BERGALIA – Co-operative Cheese factory commenced business. C.H. Hutchings was Manager from 1894 to 1933.

1924 TUROSS HEAD: HECTOR MCWILLIAM, of Wagga, acquired Tuross Farm from C. STOCKMAN by exchanging land he owned in Bombala for the Tuross site. McWilliam tried to develop Tuross Head as a tourist centre. He ran TUROSS HOUSE as a guest house, encouraged campers, sub-divided the estate, advertised widely and named new streets after British naval victories and heroes. He also planted the Norfolk Island pines.

1926 TUROSS HEAD Post Office opened.

1936 TUROSS HEAD – DECEMBER – TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH services installed at Post Office.

1970 SNOW ON MT. DROMEDARY, MT. WANDERA and adjacent mountain tops. August 17th

1971 TUROSS RIVER- Flooded bridge at EUROBODALLA 30 feet under water.

HERRITAGE LISTINGS: 'At October, 1991, the following buildings and places in the Shire of Eurobodalla are listed on the National Register as Items of Environmental Heritage.'

COILA – Red-washed grain silo.

BERGALIA – Lake View Homestead, including outbuildings and manager's cottage.

- Former Cheese Factory, 300 m north of Post Office. 'Eurobodalla Almanac' A Chronological Overview of the Growth of the Shire of Eurobodalla. Compiled for The Moruya & District Historical Society by Noel Warry. We have a lot to be grateful for and I am grateful to Noel Warry and the Moruya Historical Society and other historians for keeping our history safe.

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Safer, more efficient intersection at Coila as Hector McWilliam Drive Upgrade Completed



The NSW Government has completed a \$2.25 million upgrade to the intersection of the Princes Highway and Hector McWilliam Drive at Coila, delivering a safer and more efficient connection for motorists travelling through the Eurobodalla.

Transport for NSW started work in February to build a left turn slip lane and southbound acceleration lane from Hector McWilliam Drive onto the Princes Highway.

The slip lane opened to traffic ahead of the Easter long weekend, helping motorists during one of the busiest travel periods of the year, with final work completed in July.

The new left turn slip lane allows motorists to turn left from Hector McWilliam Drive onto the Princes Highway without having to come to a complete stop. Motorists can then use the new acceleration lane to build up speed before safely merging with southbound traffic on the highway.

The project also included the installation of roadside safety barriers adjacent to the commuter car park on the southern corner of the intersection.

The Minns Labor Government is investing in practical upgrades like this across regional NSW to improve road safety, make journeys more reliable and support communities that depend on the road network every day.

The completed upgrade will provide smoother and safer travel for families, workers, residents and tourists using the Princes Highway and travelling to and from Tuross Head.

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said:

"We've listened to what the community wanted at the Hector McWilliam Drive intersection, and the Minns Labor Government has delivered a safer and more efficient connection.

"The new left turn slip lane and acceleration lane make it easier for motorists to enter the Princes Highway and safely merge with southbound traffic.

"This intersection is an important link for the local community and visitors, providing the primary access to Tuross Head.

"This is the kind of practical road improvement that makes a real difference to people's daily journeys, particularly during busy holiday periods."

Nestbox Use and Construction



By Eurobodalla Landcare Network
Sunday, 20th September 9:15 AM - 11 AM
Learn what makes a good nestbox + how to create and install your own!

Come along and find out about nestboxes, and about good nestbox construction (including how to avoid common mistakes) so that you can make and install your own.

This presentation and demonstration marks the beginning of a 3-year citizen science nestbox project at Meringo Point Sanctuary. Birdlife Australia and the Biodiversity Conservation Trust have provided nestboxes and funding to install and monitor 60 different boxes across the 40 acres of the Sanctuary.

This event will be located at The Old Dairy in Meringo. Full address will be emailed to you 2 days prior.

BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL (space is limited). Please RSVP by Thursday 17th September. Notes will be provided (electronically).

The presenter is Dr Susan Rhind with special thanks to Murray Ellis and Narawan Williams for their contributions.

Morning tea will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Courtney at courtney.fink@esc.nsw.gov.au or 0427 401 036

LINK

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Mr. James Neate, who disposed of his hotel at Nelligen, is at present spending a few days at Moruya and is staying at the Hotel Adelaide. Mrs. Mundie, the new Proprietress, is a sister of Constable Byers, late of Moruya, and now of Wyndham. The license was transferred at the sitting of the Licensing Bench held on Thursday last.

Mr. Harold F. Graham, of Central Tilba, is the successful applicant for the position of Manager for the Malabar Co-operative Society's store at the Quarry. Mr. Graham has had some years experience in this class of business, and during the past two or three years has been under the guiding eye of that popular storekeeper, Mr. Bert White, of Central Tilba. Mr. White speaks enthusiastically of Mr. Graham's ability and popularity. The Malabar store commenced operations last Thursday.

The tourist season has already commenced. Numerous cars are passing through our town.

Australia will be introduced to a new luxury in the Melbourne-Canberra air-service. The roomy, well-furnished cabins of the two new 'planes now on their way from England will accommodate seven passengers; and the 'buses will have a range of 450 miles at a rate of 100 m.p.h.

It has been communicated to Mr. J. Gilmore, Manager, Dorman Long and Company, Moruya Quarry, that approval has been given for the necessary work to be carried out for the establishment of a telephone office there.

We regret to report that Mrs. F. Staunton, of Mullenderree, who is an inmate of the local Hospital, is suffering from double pneumonia, and her condition is causing her family considerable anxiety.

The death of Mr. James Coman, of "Ringlands," Narooma, took place on Monday last after having been confined to his bed for only a few days. Deceased, who was the youngest son of those grand old pioneers, the late Mr. and Mrs. William Coman, of Eurobodalla, was a native of the district, having been born at Eurobodalla 60 years ago. After his marriage, with Miss Dora Flanagan, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Flanagan, of the Burra, Moruya, he acquired property on the Wagonga River, and engaged in farming pursuits. To the sorrowing widow and two daughters, sisters and brother, we extend our deepest sympathy.

It was a fitting opening for Moruya's new 18-hole golf course to have present members of Jervis and Bateman's Bay Clubs in a triangular match on Sunday. Though the visitors were a little late in arriving, 18 holes in the morning and 9 in the afternoon were played comfortably without the light failing. At night the visitors were entertained at the Hotel Moruya before leaving on their long journey.

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A Beer with Bazz # 251

With
John
Longhurst

Mick was two-thirds of the way through his schooner, had his iPad open, and phone beeping in the background. A half-completed Sudoku and a crossword puzzle generated a sense of business more befitting a CEO's work desk.

He checked his watch and tapped the table as Bazza, Know All Ron, Timeless Tom, and Young Simon ambled to the bar table.

"What gives, Mick? We are dead on time."

Mick relaxed his shoulders but kept an eye on the iPad. The phone was at the ready. He passed the served drinks around the bar table.

"I have taken the liberty of pre-ordering the drinks to save a bit of time. I am expecting a Zoom meeting in about 15 minutes. Let's skip the 'g'days', 'how ya goings' and weather comments and go for the core chat. So Bazza lead off with some of your left-wing, feel-good, lovey-dovey, kumbaya, save the planet slant on life. Tom can then follow up with memories of rattling milk bottles and the smell of fresh bread on the doorstep step every morning or the postie delivering letters on a pushbike and, more than likely, having already read the greetings on the back of the postcard. Know All Ron can be the fact checker, and Young Simon ... well ... you can take notes ... but that might be difficult as you need to know how to use a biro ... fire away, Bazza."

Stunned looks all round as Mick filled in a missing word on the crossword puzzle and shot off an SMS on his phone before looking up.

"What? ... we are not getting any younger, so we need to save time. Firstly, we spend far too much time on meaningless conversation. Why not a nod of the head rather than an elongated 'G'day, maaaaaaate! How ya going?' when you really don't give a stuff about how they are going. In fact, they would give you short shrift if you used it as an opportunity to open up about what is troubling you in life.

Secondly, some very basic shortcuts can also save time. Take the dishwasher as a starter. For decades, I thought it was imperative for the tablet to go into the little slot in the door of the dishwasher, or it would not work properly. I would go and get my reading glasses and carefully place the little tablet in its snug spot ... a bit of a challenge if the hands were having a shaky day. Well ... out of frustration, I just threw the tablet into the dishwasher the other night. It was a risk, followed by a sleepless night, but in the morning, those dishes were cleaner, if not cleaner, than before. Precious time saved and just one of the reasons I can be at the pub earlier than you blokes.

Thirdly, the next lesson is 'batching'..."

An audible snore from Timeless Tom as his chin snuggled his chest, but a wide-eyed Know-All Ron cleared his throat.

"I think Mick is referring to the combination of tasks as opposed to making cement. In fact, the Washington Post published an article "Overwhelmed by chores? Try 'batching'." and I do it myself. Rather than iron my trousers, I press them by putting them under the mattress of my bed at night. It leaves a crease I could slice a tomato with."

Mick wrestled back control of the conversation.

"Let's not get laziness mixed up with 'batching', Ron. Now ... I spring out of bed and move like a gazelle in the mornings. I could complete ten jobs before waking my wife with a freshly brewed coffee and a slice of fruit loaf. Those jobs could range from hanging clothes on the line, preparing fruit salad, to emptying that said dishwasher. It was an exhausting routine. Now ... With the introduction of my 'dedicated 2-minute task sorting thinking time' or D2MTSTT on wake-up, I timetable chores in a manner that would bewilder ChatGPT as well as save on time and energy. I now deliver the coffee and fruit bread to my wife without a sheen of sweat on my brow. Often her first words for the day are 'Ahhh ... my superhero' and other mutterings I elect not to hear."

Mick returned to the crossword.

"You blokes can help with this last clue. A single word that combines the name 'Richard' with the word 'cranium'."

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Dr Holland calls for more planned surgeries closer to home

Member for Bega Dr Holland is calling for increased planned surgery capacity at South East Regional Hospital with the local population continuing to grow and demand for health services increasing.

"Too many people in our community have waited too long for planned surgery, and we need to make sure our local surgical capacity keeps pace with the needs of a growing population," Dr Holland said. "The former Coalition Government allowed the planned surgery waiting list to skyrocket. Since coming to Government, Labor has invested \$200 million to reduce overdue surgeries across NSW and funded multiple High Volume Surgery Services.

"That investment is making a difference. The number of people across NSW waiting longer than clinically recommended has fallen from around 14,000 in March 2023 to fewer than 4,000 in March 2026.

"That is a significant improvement, but there is more work to do. People in the Bega electorate should not have to travel long distances for surgery that could be safely and effectively delivered closer to home."

"As our community grows, our local hospital services and surgical capacity should grow with it.

"I want to see more planned surgeries delivered at South East Regional Hospital, giving local patients greater access to care, reducing unnecessary travel and helping people get back to their families, work and everyday lives sooner.

"This is about making sure the health system keeps up with our community and that people can get the care they need, when they need it, as close to home as possible."

Dr Holland is calling on local residents to support the campaign for increased planned surgery capacity at South East Regional Hospital. Sign the petition:

<https://www.drmmichaelholland.com.au/community/sign-my-petition-for-more-local-surgery-capacity/>

Recycling Reality Check: Green waste goes where?

ESC - Ever wondered what happens to your lawn clippings after the green bin disappears down the street? They don't go to landfill ... we turn them into free mulch that goes back out to the community for free.

It's a pretty neat second life for your leaves, prunings, twigs and branches, but only if we keep the wrong stuff out of the mix.

Using green waste to make mulch keeps valuable organic material out of landfill, saves landfill space and turns something you no longer need into a great resource for gardens.

Keeping the green bin clean contributes to the quality of the mulch. Food scraps, soil, household rubbish, plant pots, kitty litter and dog poo don't belong. Noxious weeds, weed seeds and berries should also be bagged and placed in your red bin instead.

A good rule of thumb? If it grew in your garden, chances are it's green waste - but keep the nasties out.

Before it becomes free mulch for the community, green waste is shredded, turned, watered, pasteurised and tested for contaminants.

Also, the timing couldn't be better for a spring-garden clean and to get ready for the fire season. **From Monday 14 to Sunday 27 September, you can drop off green waste for free at Council's Surf Beach, Moruya and Brou waste facilities.**

And to pick up some free mulch? Contact Council's Waste Services team on 4474 1024 to check availability and find out when you can pick some up.



Go Get Healthy

with Sofia Keady

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Spring Into Spring With Some Healthy Habit Changes

Spring is finally here and with it comes not only the warmer weather, but for many of us the feeling that it's time to get back on track with our health. Over winter many of us put our exercise regimes on the back burner which can also go hand in hand with eating all the wrong foods - yes, those winter comfort foods are always appealing. It doesn't take long to fall back into some unhealthy eating habits, especially during winter.

Once the warmer days arrive, we often feel like it's time to reboot and refresh our health. I certainly know I do. So, at Go Vita we want to help you get your health back on track with our Spring Wellness to be held on Thursday, the 17th of September.

And of course, we can't hold a Spring Wellness without a Gala Day! So, join us to enjoy fantastic savings, delicious healthy treats, and fresh new products to boost your spring routine. You can even enter to win one of two incredible health hampers worth \$400 each!

HEALTH CHECKS & WEIGHT LOSS ADVICE

An important part of our Spring Wellness Gala Day is our 15-minute health checks for \$5 with our resident naturopath, Katie Urbanik. I'm sure many of you have taken advantage of these sessions previously, however this time Katie will not only offer her usual health checks; she will also be giving you the opportunity to talk to her about detox and healthy weight management. Because at this time of the year, we are often looking to lose a few of those extra kilos we have gained over winter, this is a great opportunity to be guided on the best way to achieve this. At Go Vita, we have always been aware that weight loss is not a one size fits all programme. That's why Katie can tailor every program to your individual needs so you can achieve lasting, healthy results.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Chery Austen has kindly once again offered Reiki sessions in our clinic for just \$5. Reiki helps to reduce stress and anxiety, physical discomfort, and pain, enhance our feeling of wellbeing, increase our energy and helps calm the mind and the emotions. Making lifestyle changes isn't always easy, but you don't have to do it alone. The team at Go Vita is here to support you in reaching your goals and feeling your absolute best this season.

Spaces are limited so book your 15-minute Health Check or Reiki session now!

For more information about our Spring Wellness & Gala Day Sale, 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.





Let's do coffee with ... Indira Carmichael

Perhaps any beauty in the endless miles of a shimmering yellow wheat landscape, absorbing the baking heat of the relentless West Australian sun and accompanied by the constant drone of cicadas, can only be truly captured from an artist's palette. Manager of Creative Arts Services for Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC) and artist, Indi Carmichael (IC), will never know as she left the wheat belt at 3 years of age!

MM: All is not lost, Indi! Fortunately, I have found someone to fill the void; in fact, an award-winning artist by the name of Valerie (Baxter) McDonald painted those very images, and surprise, surprise ... she just happens to be your mum!
<https://valeriemcdonaldartist.wordpress.com/2017/04/18/wheat-belt/>.

Thanks for joining me ... take me 235 kms east-southeast of Perth where the summer temperatures exceed 40°C and to a town with a population too small to record in a shire of less than 2000 people.

IC: (Laughs ...) Thank you for the coffee ... Ahhh ... you must be talking about Corrigin, WA. Yes, I was born there in 1967. Mum was an artist and won the prestigious Bassendean Art Prize in 2008. She had a fascinating history going all the way back to Rangoon and trekking through the jungle in 1941 following bombing by the Japanese. Dad was indeed a wheat farmer and a highly inventive character, adept at making spinning wheels as well as possessing blacksmith skills. I have a sister and two brothers.

By 1970, we resettled to the Perth hills as Mum did not want us to go to boarding school.

I began my education at Mary's Mount Primary School in 1973 and then on to St Brigid's College for girls. School was okay, and I was an average student but there were lots of nuns to control our behaviours (smiles ...).

My mother insisted that studying Visual Arts was an absolute 'no, no' as the career prospects were negligible. Being a 'good girl', I followed her insistence and gravitated towards theatre and enjoyed lunchtime productions and even managed to secure a role as a nun in the school musical of 'Sound of Music'.

When I think back on my upbringing, Mum was tougher on me. I think her past as a 'refugee of sorts' pushed us to 'grounded' career paths. Dad was my super defender ... he was always on my side and to the point I judge all men by the characters' of my Dad and brothers.

I left school in 1984, and studied ... of all things ... 'Cartography' at Wembley TAFE (near Subiaco) and joined Kalamunda Dramatic Society, a community-based theatre group.

By my early twenties, I was out of home and in a share house and doing ... well ... early twenties stuff ... working in hospitality, boyfriends, clubbing, and fell in with a group of artists who I am still friends with.

Even though I was steered away from Art as a career path, I was drawing and painting from my teenage years ... I guess the gene pool won out! My uncle is Cedric Baxter (OAM), a renowned artist and cartoonist, in fact, he won the Walkey Award for Cartoon of the Year (1968)
<https://www.art-almanac.com.au/cedric-baxter-little-pictures/>. I used my portfolio to gain entrance to Curtin University in 1995 to study Visual Arts and loved it. The discipline rewired my brain and taught me how to think, and I found a niche in textiles, dye work, and soft sculpture.

All the while, theatre still figured prominently in my life. I had success as a singer at the WA Eisteddford in 1999 and also won the 'Most Outstanding Performer' in the Drama category. With the \$500 prize money, I purchased a second-hand Bernina sewing machine ... my pride and joy, which I still have and has been the mainstay of continuing my family tradition of making art and selling art. By 1997, I had left uni and secured a paid gig as a facilitator/actor with Barking Gecko Theatre Company, a locally cherished and nationally significant company that creates and tours world-class theatre for children and families.

We toured extensively, including trips to the Kimberleys, Queensland, and South Australia. The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) beckoned, and I was successful in gaining one of the four enrolments in Year 2000. WAAPA was difficult to navigate and certainly not easy, but I managed to do my own stuff and paid for my course fees by selling tickets to theatre shows.

As part of my studies, I did manage to go to the Academy of Theatre and Dance at Amsterdam University, which was a fantastic experience for eight weeks.

Next stop ... Melbourne to live with my brother and I undertook the Australian Government New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS), which provided free training and some financial assistance to help and grow a small business. With my trusty Bernina sewing machine, I was making clothes for a Carlton shop.

I secured a performing role, which developed into a directing position with newly established Echelon Productions, which has grown to be one of the largest touring theatre companies in Australia and New Zealand, winning multiple awards. Through my brother, I met musician Alain Carmichael ... and it sounds corny, but it was love at first sight, and Golden was born in 2004, and Lars in 2005.

It was all happening ... we were living in Camberwell, two children, and by 2007 I was Head of Directing and regularly touring Australia and New Zealand.

Something had to give, and I took a position with Centre Stage Academy. I was also tutoring little kids after school, so it was a difficult time trying to juggle home and professional life.

MM: Okay ... we have got you to Melbourne. How do we get you to the Eurobodalla Shire?
 IC: (Smiles ...) I thought you would never ask! We bought a home in Batehaven in 2013 as an investment with the intention of renting it out. We never did and the rest is history. It is where we live today.



It was one of those rare occasions where the stars just aligned. The advertised position of Coordinator Creative Arts Development for the ESC had a week to run, and I submitted an application just in time.

I was successful. In 2015, arts across the Eurobodalla had no real infrastructure, exhibitions were held at the libraries and the now national Basil Sellers Art Prize was held at the fairly tired Mechanics Institute in Moruya. The Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre (BAS) opened in 2019 and the Mechanics Institute received a major upgrade in 2023.

Of course, the opening of Bay Pavilions in 2022 has provided an enormous opportunity to connect all the arts venues across the Shire. We now have a state-of-the-art facility, and the intention is to make it a must-inclusion for any touring performances or exhibitions as well as a friendly venue for local productions and artists.

These days I am the Manager of Creative Arts Services for the ESC and have an energetic team of eight full-time and thirty casual staff.

We have come a long way since 2015 and stay tuned for further developments. Of course, community input is always welcome.

MM: It would be amiss of me not to ask about Indi the artist and what advice would you offer your younger self?

IC: I am still very much a visual artist and have been involved in multiple exhibitions and prizes over the years including winning the local River of Art Prize. I will be exhibiting at the Narooma Arts Centre's first exhibition 'Be/Longing' in October this year and am aiming for an exhibition in 2027.

My advice to my younger self would be 'don't worry so much' and 'if you do not back yourself, no one else will'. I will leave you with a quote from Xenophon, a student of Socrates; 'Nothing forced can ever be beautiful'. Thanks for the chat!

MM: I really enjoyed the coffee, Indi ... and wish you well in developing the arts in our Shire!

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



Seasonal Outlooks

Moruya library is hosting monthly Seasonal Outlook sessions, presented by meteorologist Dr Chris Lucas. The initial session took place last Monday, attended by a large crowd of the weather-curious.

The session covered a range of information to help interpret Bureau of Meteorology data. While there is a lot of media coverage of El Nino and La Nina effects, Chris explained that these were not the only climate drivers of weather and rainfall patterns in Australia. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and Southern Annular Mode (SAM) are two other patterns that impact our weather. SAM tracks the position of westerly wind belts in the Southern Ocean. These migrate northerly and southerly over the year, shifting rain bearing systems away from or towards Australia. The IOD describes sea surface temperatures across the tropical region of the Indian Ocean. In a positive IOD phase, warmer water moves away from Indonesia towards the African coast, which shifts rainfall away from Australia. In a negative Indian Ocean Dipole phase, warm water nearer Australia enhances our rainfall.

Chris explained that El Nino years are nearly always accompanied by positive IOD years, and that a strong positive IOD works to amplify the effect of El Nino in Australia by exacerbating low rainfall. While we have been hearing that 2026 will be a year of 'super' El Nino, one positive piece news is that current data indicates a weaker positive IOD than in previous El Nino years.

There was time given for questions at the end of the session, and an energetic discussion followed. Seasonal Outlook sessions will be held at Moruya Library at 2:30pm on the first Monday of every month (with the exception of October, which will be on Wednesday due to the long weekend).



Seasonal Outlook presentation by Dr Chris Lucas at Moruya Library.

Upcoming Events:

Film Night: The Plastic Country, Thursday, September 10, 6:00pm, Red Door Hall, Moruya [Link](#)
Seasonal Outlook Sessions: Next session, Wednesday October 7, 2:30pm, Moruya Library [Link](#)



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A Day in the Life of a Local ... Disability Support Worker

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

Fast Facts:

Name: Raquel Koutsoukos

Wake-up time: 6.00 am

Coffee: Extra hot cappuccino with three sugars

Superpower: Eyelash artistry

The spike in our disability community walking the beaches, enjoying a coffee, soaking up the views, or basking in the sun over the past few years has nothing to do with demographic changes in the Eurobodalla. It has everything to do with the Raquels of our world—disability support workers.

Despite its many critics, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has transformed the lives of many in the disability community, and Raquel is at the forefront of the change. The Raquels facilitate access to the community for the disabled.

For Raquel it is a very sweet coffee in bed at 6.00 am and a catch-up on the TV news for the Batemans Bay resident.

Raquel showers and dresses and swears she spends no more than ten minutes on her killer eyelashes. It is then an 8 am start at the Disability Trust in Batemans Bay to organise her day.

It is then a one-on-one walk with a participant for about an hour to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine before returning to the Trust to prepare for an outing.

Raquel sees one of her participants, Dave, twice a week and drives to Moruya to pick him up from a respite house. She calculates an outing in accordance with the NDIS kilometre formula allocated to her participant and will usually choose a drive along the scenic coast road between Moruya and Batemans Bay.

Raquel shares the patronage amongst the various cafes and lunch spots for her participant, and on sunny days it is not unusual to catch her and other participants soaking up the rays at places such as Edwards Street Marketplace in Batehaven.

She will then drive her participant to his home in Dalmeny with a stop off at Bodalla for an ice cream.



There are a range of disabilities and behaviours that Raquel assists with on a daily basis, but her background in nursing and aged care equips her with the necessary skills.

Two nights a fortnight Raquel also performs a sleepover at a SIL (supported independent living) to ensure safety and comfort for participants.

Raquel loves the job and said, "Putting a smile on someone's face makes both of us feel much better. I work with a great team, and we support each other. Of course, we are limited by the NDIS in terms of travel, and the process involved in getting something approved is long and arduous."

Without doubt, the Raquels of our world are ensuring the disabled in our community are enjoying the Eurobodalla as opposed to spending the majority of their time in care facilities. It is also a nice boost for the hospitality industry.

For fun, Raquel likes to rev up her Vespa motor scooter, join other riders, and hit Nelligen on Saturdays or just chill at home listening to AC/DC or 70's rock.

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2026

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Local Pop-Up Choir to Rock for a Cure

Eurobodalla locals are being invited to raise their voices for a great cause as euRocApella launches its newest pop-up choir experience, Rock for a Cure. Following the success of their International Women's Day pop-up choir in March, which raised more than \$3,000 for local women's services, euRocApella is once again bringing people together through music - this time to perform at a special Cancer Gala fundraiser.

Rock for a Cure is a fun, inclusive six-week pop-up choir open to both men and women, bringing participants together to learn a selection of well-known songs before performing at the fundraiser. The main songs selected for the choir include much-loved classics such as Stand By Me, Count on Me and Lean on Me.

Choir Director Gabi Warton said pop-up choirs are about much more than simply learning music. "You don't have to be an experienced singer to be part of this. The beauty of a pop-up choir is that people can come together, have fun and create something special in a relatively short amount of time."

"Our previous pop-up choir showed us just how powerful singing together can be. People who had never sung in a choir before stood alongside experienced singers, formed friendships and helped raise thousands of dollars for an important local cause."

"While the song selections may suggest that it's all about me, the message behind the music is something quite different - it is really about 'We'."

"These are songs about standing beside one another, being able to count on each other and leaning on others when life gets tough - a fitting message for a group coming together in support of a cancer fundraiser."

Participants will be supported throughout the six-week program with rehearsals, learning resources and online practice tracks, proving that six weeks is plenty of time to learn the songs and prepare for the performance.

The Rock for a Cure pop-up choir has been created specifically to perform at the Cancer Gala fundraiser on 24 October 2026.

Rehearsals will run for six weeks from 17 September to 23 October, with Friday night sessions bringing singers together to learn, laugh, connect and prepare for the final performance.

With limited places available, organisers are encouraging anyone who has ever thought about joining a choir - or simply enjoys singing along to their favourite songs - to get involved.

ROCK FOR A CURE - POP-UP CHOIR

Dates: 17 September - 23 October

Rehearsals: Friday nights 6:30pm - CWA Hall - 158 Edwards

Road, Batehaven Who: Men and women welcome

Experience: No previous choir experience required Support:

Online learning resources and practice tracks provided

Rock for a Cure

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/rock-out-for-a-cure> Gala tickets:

https://www.stickytickets.com.au/lac071/gala_cancer_fundraiser.spx

ENDS Media Contact Gabi Warton Choir Director

Eurocapella Inc. 0407 946 007 <http://www.eurocapella.org.au/>



ROCK OUT FOR A CURE!

POP-UP CHOIR

Join us for an uplifting 6-week choir experience that brings people together to sing, connect and raise funds for cancer.

FRIDAY 18 SEPT - FRIDAY 23 OCT

Rehearsals: Weekly on Fridays @ 6:30pm

Location: CWA Hall
158 Edward Road, BATEHAVEN

Who can join: No singing experience required

Why join: Community, confidence, fun and help raise funds for cancer research.

Tickets on sale now @ www.humanitix.com.au



This is a fundraising event to raise funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation & The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia



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SHAPE THE FUTURE OF INDEPENDENT CARE IN EUROBODALLA

Kitchen Table Conversations with
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- Session 1: Friday 11 Sep at 12:00 PM - Casey's Cafe, Narooma
- Session 2: Friday 18 Sep at 10:00 AM - Alfresco, Moruya
- Session 3: Friday 18 Sep at 6:00 PM - Catalina Club, Batemans Bay

Want to join the conversations or find out what's happening, but can't attend the sessions? Get in touch!

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Double Vision; made in Eurobodalla - Batemans Bay Mirabel Fitzgerald and Mark Ward

As part of this year's River of Art Festival, Eurobodalla artists and long-time creative partners Mark and Mirabel present a collection of works shaped by their connection to the South Coast landscape. The exhibition pairs Mirabel's prints and works on paper with Mark's distinctive sculptures and paintings, offering a rich exploration of place, creativity and shared inspiration. Where: Clyde Gallery, Bay Pavilions, 12 Vesper Street
When: Tuesday 1 September to Monday 5 October Hours: Mon to Fri, 10- 5pm

For the History Council of NSW's History Week
Narooma Historical Society presents

Keeping Stories Tall Tales and True

This year's History Council theme 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.

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.

5 September - 11 October 2026



Thursday 24 September 10.30am:

Talk by Lynda Ord on 'Your Story Matters'
Everyone welcome. Please book to ensure a seat at
naroomahistoricalsociety@gmail.com



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FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026
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2026 BSAP winner Emily-Rose Wallace.

Little Sellers Art Prize - winners announced

Congratulations to the finalists and winners, and especially to our overall 2026 BSAP winner Emily-Rose Wallace and recipient of the \$2,000 Little Sellers scholarship Amelia Hick.

Our category winners are:

Years 1-4: Runner up - Rosalie Feiertag-

Dunbar, Winner - Sasmi Pathiranage

Years 5-7: Runner up - Madeline Colville,

Winner - Beau Coppin

Years 8-10: Runner up - Olivia Dudley, Winner

- Emily-Rose Wallace

Years 11-12: Runner up Leila Kreet, Winner - Amelia Hick.

Our special prize winners are:

Eurobodalla Children's Services award joint winners - Lylah Leuthwaite and Mack Pan Eurobodalla Youth Services award joint winners - Ruby Norrie and Radha Love.

The Little Sellers Art Prize is an annual competition for aspiring local artists in school years 1 to 12. Established in 2016 as a satellite event for the prestigious \$50,000 biennial Basil Sellers Art Prize, the Little Sellers Art Prize provides an authentic exhibition experience for emerging artists in Eurobodalla. Each year entrants are asked to create an artwork reflecting a theme. Participants are encouraged to interpret the theme creatively in a way that is meaningful to them.

This year's theme is: All the world's a stage. The Little Sellers Art Prize is supported by Mr Basil Sellers AO and Eurobodalla Shire Council.

There are four school year categories:

- years 1 - 4
- years 5 - 7
- years 8 - 10
- years 11 - 12 (eligible for scholarship)

The winner for each category receives a \$100 voucher to art supply store Amanda's of Mogo, and runners-up receive \$50 vouchers. The overall winner of the Little Sellers Art Prize, chosen from the school year category winners, receives \$500.

The winner of the Eurobodalla Children's Award (school years 1 - 7) receives a \$75 gift card.

The winners of the Eurobodalla Youth Award (school years 8 - 12) receives a \$75 gift card. The finalists are on show until 12 September at the Bas.

Moruya Community Film Group - 'Dreams'

Sat 19 sept at 6.30pm

Red Door Hall Page Street, Moruya,

Dreams (Japanese), also known as Akira Kurosawa's Dreams, is a 1990 magical realist anthology film of eight vignettes written and directed by Akira Kurosawa. Inspired by actual recurring dreams that Kurosawa had. An international co-production of Japan and the United States, Dreams was made five years after Ran, with assistance from George Lucas and Steven Spielberg, and funded by Warner Bros. The film was screened out of competition at the 1990 Cannes Film Festival, and has consistently received positive reviews. Dreams addresses themes such as childhood, spirituality, art, death, and mistakes and transgressions made by humans against nature. The film does not have one narrative, but is episodic in nature, following the adventures of a "surrogate Kurosawa" through eight different segments, or "dreams", each one titled.

NOTE screening early this month. Membership available at the door \$70 for 12 months / \$40 for 6 months - Guests welcome.

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...>

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** 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.

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25 Sep	Trivia Night
26 Sep	Sarah Soukieh
3 Oct	Tony Jagers
10 Oct	Chris O'Connor
24 Oct	Oli Statham
31 Oct	Laz n Caz
7 Nov	Tony Jagers
14 Nov	Mick Fernandez
21 Nov	Richard Lawson
28 Nov	Jakob Poyner

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

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ART IN THE MAKING
EXHIBITION & AUCTION
FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Please join us for our LIVE Auction

Where: Moruya Public School Hall
Time: 5:00 pm doors open
Auction will commence from 6:00 pm
Complimentary finger food and non-alcoholic drinks will be served before the auction.

We would like to acknowledge the support from our local artists
Moruya High School
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MORUYA MAIL Eurobodalla Gig Guide

September

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
Sun 13 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 Sept 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

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Tickets can be purchased at local markets or by contacting:
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3 Oct – Oct 11th

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Eurobodalla Council's 2027

Community Grants are now open

If you're planning an event in 2027, you can apply for Community Events Grant of up to \$2,000 per application to help cover costs such as equipment hire, marketing, insurance, permits, entertainment, accessibility, waste management and safety services.

You can also apply for a Community Wellbeing Grant of up to \$2,000 to support projects that promote health and wellbeing, social inclusion, volunteering, youth development, sustainability and community connection.

- Applications close 30 September 2026
- Up to \$2,000 per application
- Projects and events must be delivered during 2027

Find out more and apply via [Grant opportunities](#) | [Eurobodalla Council](#)

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St Paul's Anglican Church, Narooma

Eurobodalla Orchid Club

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Saturday September 19th
9am to 4pm

Sunday September 20th
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- Sat 26th Sept **Quantum Art prize opening 3pm**
- 26 September – **Tilba Festival**
- 26 September – opening
- 21st–25th October – **Sea Otter Australia**
- 2–3 Oct – **MDHA Annual Book Fair**
- 17 & 18 Oct **Vintage Farm Machinery & Truck & Car Show**
- **Moruya Showground**
- 31st Oct – **Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo**
- 22 Nov – **Tomakin Community Day 12–4pm**
- **28 Nov – Youth Against Domestic Violence Colour Run**
Riverside Park
- 5 Dec –30 Jan – **Basil Sellers Art Prize 2026**
- 6–20 Dec – **Congo Crafts 41st Exhibition.**
- 19th Dec – **Carols By Candlelight**
- 13 March 2027 – **NSW State Election**
- 7–9 May – 2027 **Narooma Oyster Festival**
- 18 June to 18 July 2027 – **Fungi Festival**

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South Coast & Country Community Law provide in person legal appointments for clients.

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

When: Thursday 24 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).

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.

Moruya Community Workshed

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

Tuross Community Markets

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

Moruya Business Chamber

Moruya Business Chamber invites all interested people to a breakfast at the Adelaide Hotel on Thursday 24th September 7.30am. Cost \$25 RSVP to chamber@moruya.nsw.au Or text to Glenda at 0415 955 662

SAGE Spring Equinox

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

Councillor Catch up - Tuross Head

Wednesday 23rd September from 10.30am – 12.00pm
Come and meet / chat / ask questions. Club Tuross

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. 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.

Southern Mobile Service NSW Centre visits -

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

Moruya RSL Sub Branch

The Moruya RSL Sub Branch is holding the general meeting on Tuesday, 15th September at 2pm in the RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St Moruya.

All members are asked to attend to finalise the business discussed in the last email sent to all members."

Elegant High Tea Fundraiser at Historic Henkley Farm - Central Tilba

Sunday, 25 October 2026 at 11.30am to 1.30pm.
To reserve your place, email nola.ezzy@gmail.com.

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](#)

Batemans Bay Reunion "Yesterday Today and Tomorrow"

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

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Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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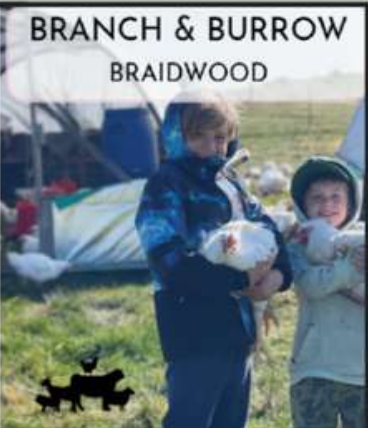


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at the Braidwood Museum**

Keeping Stories
'Every Place Holds a Story'

Sunday, 13 September 2026
11:00am to 2:00pm

Hosted by Braidwood & District Historical Society
186 Wallace Street, Braidwood NSW

Communities from Araluen, Majors Creek, Mongarlowe, Nerriga,
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Fence-line feuds are a classic recipe for stress. It feels like daily exposure should make us dogs get used to each other being either side of the fence, but boundary barking actually does the exact opposite. Every time we charge that fence and get frustrated at not being able to resolve the friction it just fuels the fire.

There are no "fences" in nature. When there's a giant barrier between us, we can't use our normal canine communication, like curving our approach, reading body language, or trading those all-important rear-end sniffs. Instead, the fence turns into a pressure cooker where we just end up practising frustration and fence-running.

Every time one dog barks and the other dog eventually goes inside, that first dog's brain ticks it off as a win. That daily adrenaline surge becomes a self-rewarding habit, keeping our tension levels sky-high every time we step foot in the yard.

To turn this boundary battle into some peace and quiet, here is how you humans can take charge.

Block the view! If us dogs can peek through gaps, install some shade cloth or privacy screening. Being out of sight helps reduce fixation.

Ditch unsupervised yard time while your training this issue out. Leaving us out in the yard alone just gives us the chance to self-reward with a good old fence-barking session.

Practice your recall with a long line and tasty treats. The second your dog notices the neighbour's dog, call them back, reward them for returning to you, and head inside for a break.

Team up with your neighbour for a meet and greet from a distance whilst walking. Incremental exposure and calm handling will help reduce their tension. This one I recommend doing with a trainer.

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Skye Falzon in Friday Night Showdown

By John Longhurst

Batemans Bay boxing sensation Skye Falzon faces Indian challenger Monika Singh in Hurlston Park, Sydney, this Friday night.

Falzon will defend her World Boxing Association (WBA) Asia female featherweight title against India's Monika Singh in a 10 two-minute round match up. She comes into the fight with an 11–2 professional record, including seven knockouts, and is riding an eight-fight winning streak. She is ranked No. 3 by WBA Asia and No.1 WBA Oceania. The Moruya Mail profiled Skye Falzon in edition 120 on the 1st April, 2026.

22 year old Monika Singh will test the local with an impressive record to date. With a 10–2 record, the Indian has five knockouts from her 12 wins and has fought opponents from India, Thailand, Japan, Kazakhstan and the United Arab Emirates. Locals are sure to get behind Skye and hopefully deliver the home town advantage. From her home base in Batemans Bay, she has built a professional boxing career that has taken her well beyond the South Coast. Her championship fights have brought the big-time boxing atmosphere home, and her success has given local boxing fans a fighter they can follow from the first bell to the last.



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- Learn how a Table operates (checking in, listening without "fixing", and confidentiality).
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Why Join? - "It gives me a sense of belonging—I feel a part of something." - James

Belonging to a Table supports your mental, emotional, and social well-being. Once a Table is formed, it belongs to the men who sit at it—meeting once a month for dinner to share life's journey. There are no membership fees; it is a grassroots activity for the community.

Ready to connect? Contact: 1800 636 782 Email:

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Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll



Sleeping Abdominal - Supta Udarakarshanasana

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To practice - Lie on your back with both knees bent, knees and feet together, feet on the floor. Interlock the fingers of both hands and place the palms under the back of the head, open the chest and keep the shoulders and elbows guiding downwards throughout. Slowly lower the knees to the right, toward the floor. Simultaneously turn the head and neck to the left. As you next breath in, return the knees and head back to the centre and twist to the other side. Continue alternating from side to side. Feel free to experiment lifting feet and hugging the knees in towards the chest as you twist, or having the feet on the floor with the feet shoulder width apart.



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Bruce Wolpe

Former adviser to Democrats in Congress and
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**5pm, Tuesday 29 September
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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 4.9.26

Moruya River.

Trade is starting to reflect the turn in the season, from the winter doldrums to the hope that spring offers. I am starting to see more anglers getting ready for a weekend session, either offshore or within the myriad of estuarine systems that we are blessed with along the coast.

The Moruya river is very slowly starting to wake, with the lower reaches benefitting from the warmer than usual sea temps. Flathead are traditionally the first to wake this time of year, as they move into the relative warmth of the sun baked shallow sand flats looking for the 1-2deg warmer water, of which Moruya has several good ones. The airport flats, Garlandtown and the back of the hole in the wall, are all areas close to the mouth, that get the benefit of that shallow quickly warming water. Small presentation lures, soft plastics in the 2.5" size range or hardbodies in the 50-60mm size range can all represent the type of bait they are looking for. Any of the usual baits will also work, but live nippers or squirt worms will prove better than frozen offerings. Further stream the shallow flats area like the ones under the town bridge and those on the opposite bank from the hospital, that deep cold water nearby will be fish magnets as they quickly warm up.

Reports from the few Bass fishos that have been, are that the fish are there, low in the system (given low water levels) and in great condition. Spinnerbaits, hardbody lures and soft plastics fished slow will all work. Given the clarity of the water, stealth will be your best course of attack. Keep a low profile, walk or paddle quietly and try to be invisible.

Tuross River.

Much like Moruya, Tuross is also starting to wake from its short winter slumber. Tuross does have the advantage however, in the size of the system and the different types of water it has on offer. Tuross has several mud based lakes, that are shallow in nature, and that warm considerably faster than the similar sand based flats. Borang and Bumbo, to be specific. These two lakes warm much faster than other shallow areas, as the dark substrate absorbs the sun's energy faster than the more reflective, sand flats. This time of year, these areas should be on your radar for flathead, bream, whiting and even mullet. The holes that these drain into are also worth exploring on a falling tide. The lower areas of the Tuross system are also starting to wake, with more bream, flathead and whiting starting to show, along with the ever present mullet. There will be a population of fish that continue to hold in the deeper holes, so don't overlook these as well.

Rock and Beach.

Salmon, as has been the norm this season, continue to be the main stay of the beach and rock scene. As the water temp continues to climb, expect to see the bream and whiting starting to become more prevalent. Mullet are a tear round option in the gutters, with lures or live baits accounting for fish throughout the year.

Offshore.

The wind this weekend is going to play a big part in the accessibility offshore this weekend. With stable weather, rain wise on the forecast, 40kph winds that are forecast, could be the deciding factor for an offshore session. But we all know never to totally rely on what the BOM says.

New stock is starting to find its way in store, and more will be coming once the relevant reps have paid a visit.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya

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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Paul Rowe with President
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Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 3rd September 2026

A field of 36 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. It was a beautiful Spring day and some excellent and high scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Paul Rowe (19) with 42 points
- 2nd: Wayne Burgess (3) with 39 points
- 3rd: Ian Kingston (25) with 37 points (countback)
- 4th: Terry Milliken (24) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Wayne Burgess 3.20 A Grade
- 4th: Paul Scholze 4.29 B Grade
- 4th: Ian Kingston 4.52 C Grade
- 6th: Nick Brice 7.56 A Grade
- 6th: Bruce Harding 2.48 B Grade
- 6th: Ian Kingston 3.55 C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 0.48 A Grade
- 7th: Dianne Brown 10.0 B Grade
- 7th: Ian Kingston 3.16 C Grade

Balls went to: Bruce Harding 36, Brad Doolan 35, Ian Manton 34, Ian Miller 33, Paul Scholze 32, Allan Langford 32, Michael Elfar 31, Dianne Brown 31, Nick Brice 31 and Jenny Reilly 31.



Winners: Herb Muriwai, Bruce Harding and
Leigh Coloe

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 5th September 2026

A field of 34 players took to the course to compete in the Men's Stroke Monthly Medal event. The weather was wild and windy, the competition was fierce and there were some brilliant scores. The Winners were:

A Grade:

- 1st: Leigh Coloe (3) with 74 nett (Medal)
- 2nd: Ian McManus (12) with 75 nett

B Grade:

- 1st: Bruce Harding (19) with 67 nett (countback) (Medal)
- 2nd: Paul Scholze (18) with 67 nett

C Grade:

- 1st: Herb Muriwai (24) with 69 nett (Medal)
- 2nd: Ian Manton (21) with 74 nett (countback)

Hole Prize:

- 2nd Hole Colin Houghton Distance: 0.43 Golden Shot
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Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Leigh Coloe 1.24 A Grade
- 4th: Bruce Handley 1.03 B Grade
- 6th: Leigh Coloe 3.21 A Grade
- 6th: Bruce Harding 1.81 B Grade
- 7th: Paul Scholze 4.32 B Grade

Putting Comp: Peter Engelbrecht 25 putts

Balls went to: David Schmid 69, Ian Lawson 70, Steven O'Shea 71, Bruce Handley 72, Ron Rogers 72, Mark Haberkorn 74, Michael Elfar 74, Greg Smith 75, Michael Coloe 76 and Paul Medwin 76.



Gold Medal Winner Samantha Dryden >Winners: Jenny Reilly,
Jeanette Miller and Chelsea Mayes

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 8th September 2026

A field of 18 ladies competed in the Women's Medal Round Stroke event. The event was sponsored by Pauline Nash. It was a beautiful Spring day and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Overall Gold Medal Playoff winner was Samantha Dryden.

The Daily Winners were:

A Grade:

- 1st: Chelsea Mayes (31) with 73 nett
- 2nd: Marie Muriwai (23) with 74 nett

B Grade:

- 1st: Jeanette Miller (39) with 64 nett
- 2nd: Samantha Dryden (37) with 72 nett

C Grade:

- 1st: Jenny Reilly (42) with 81 nett
- 2nd: Jane Eglitis (43) with 90 nett

Hole Prize:

- 7th: Leonie Doolan Golden Shot A 0.50
- 7th: Jeanette Miller Golden Shot B 1.40

Nearest to the Pins: 2nd Shot

- 6th Kerrie Sands Distance 0.94
- 15th Chris Wratten Distance 1.13

Place Getters:

- Dianne Brown 75, Kerrie Sands 75 and Pauline Nash 75.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 9th September 2026

28 players competed in a 2 person Stableford Multiplier event today. It was a cool morning and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winning Teams today were:

- 1st: Jeanette and Ian Miller with 54 points
- 2nd: Chris Wratten and Shirley Quinlan with 50 points
- 3rd: Beth Saunders and Gai Forrest with 46 points

Balls or Chocolates:

- Greg Geelan and Tony Crook with 44 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Ron Hanlon (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Bruce Harding (1st Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Linda Puglisi (2nd Shot)
- Mens: Ken Hush (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Jeanette Miller (5th hole)

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Winners: Jeanette and Ian Miller

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Pickleball: Australia's Fastest Growing Sport Hits Moruya

by John Longhurst

A cross between tennis, badminton, squash and table tennis is the fastest growing sport in Australia. Pickleball is a paddle sport that originated in the USA in 1965 and has upwards of 155,000 players Australia wide with an average age of 58 years.

There are now more than 29,000 registered members and 443 affiliated clubs nationally. Pickleball can be played as singles or doubles on a badminton sized court using a paddle and wiffle ball. Moruya has now joined the pickleball mania and Eurobodalla Pickleball Club President Dave Mathews is sending out a community invite.

Dave said "One of the things we love about pickleball is the community it creates. It truly is inclusive of people of all genders, ages, abilities and backgrounds. People can arrive not knowing anyone or having never picked up a paddle, and very quickly find themselves playing regularly and becoming part of the Club."

We currently run regular sessions catering for beginners and social players through to intermediate and advanced players, with a strong focus on making the sport welcoming and accessible.

We're now scheduling our first sessions at the Moruya Basketball Stadium commencing in September, making use of an existing community facility to support the growth of pickleball in Moruya."



The new club is keen to establish regular weekly sessions in Moruya, including Friday nights and Saturday afternoons, giving local players an ongoing opportunity to play closer to home.

Dave is keen on future plans and said "Longer term, we want to build expanded opportunities across the Eurobodalla for social play, coaching and player development, graded and competitive play, juniors and tournaments. We're a volunteer-run community club affiliated through Pickleball NSW and Pickleball Australia, and we're working with Council and local venues to increase access to courts as we expand."

Contact details: Dave Mathews

Book a session: <https://opensports.net/eurobodalla-pickleball-club>

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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls

Another beautiful Spring day for our Social Bowlers although the windy weather made it tricky at times.

Robyn Butcher and Patricia Bill selected teams for four Triples and a Pairs match. Winners Rink 11, Tricia Wheeler, Bev Keatley and Rajia Johnston. Runners-up Rink 13, Beja Smith, Jan Shalders and Colleen Ashby.

Money Club, 18 Patricia Bill, 49 Bev Keatley. Markers will be needed for Round 1 of Club Major Singles on Tuesday 22 September. Club manager Melita spoke about annual "Pink Day" to raise money for Breast Cancer Research.

This event will be held on Tuesday 20th October, \$45 for a delicious luncheon, drink on arrival and lots of Raffle prizes.



Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls

President Robbo welcomed 24 Twisties also Happy Fathers Day to all fathers present.

Lovely to have Dobbo call in for a chat also Moby Dick who says he is "Fit as a fiddle" hope they will be back on the Green soon. The beautiful warm Spring weather had everyone dressed in their shorts and Twist Tops shirts.

This morning we bowled 3 bowl Triples and 21 Ends. Winners with Lowest Winning Margin + 4 husband and wife duo Kate and Chanty. (Photo) Runners-up +9, Dave and Megoo.

Chanty selected Rink 3 to try for Jackpot. McGooey cut cards and came up with 8 of Clubs. High/Low scores 28/12 not won. Lucky numbers, 17 Chrissy Mac, 27 Chanty.

Matt and McGooey, Matilda and Witto had a Draw 21 all.

Trish the Dish and Whizza, Scottie, Rosco and Mad Max Drew 17 all.

Chrissy and Smiley 28/12 Five teams today drew sticks to bowl with their partners.



Koori Knockout Returns to Batemans Bay - a Powerful Day of Footy and Community Health

By John Longhurst

The highly anticipated We Breathe Tackling Indigenous Smoking and Vaping - Koori Knockout is kicking off in Batemans Bay next weekend. Soozie Gillies is Program Coordinator for 'Tackling Indigenous Smoking'. Soozie said "It has been four-year since Batemans Bay last held a Koori Knockout. The We Breathe Team in conjunction with Batemans Bay Tigers and Aboriginal Affairs are proud to host such a significant cultural event. On **Saturday, 19 September, Mackay Park** will come alive with elite grassroots rugby league action, culture, and community Spirit at a completely smoke and vape free event."

This year's tournament features a thrilling lineup of eight men's teams and five women's teams ready to battle it out on the field. Far more than just a sporting event, this year's Knockout is a truly grassroots, community-driven gathering designed to celebrate resilience, connection, and wellbeing. With a \$15,000 Prize pool, which has been generously donated by local sponsors - Grand Pacific Health, Walawaani way, BG Drilling, Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council, BMP Communications Kiangra Civil and Tony Bertosa it is sure to be a fiercely competitive knockout.

Soozie said "Entry to this smoke and vape free family-friendly event is by gold coin donation. In addition to the action on the field, the event will host a massive health and wellness hub. Attendees can connect with vital community resources through a wide range of interactive stalls and health promotions, featuring Aboriginal Affairs, Link-Up, Headspace, My Healthy Kids, R U OK?, and Healthy Communities, among many others."

Organisers invite everyone from across the region to come down to Mackay Park, support local athletes, and enjoy a day dedicated to footy, family, and healthy lifestyles.

The statewide Koori Knockout has grown from seven teams at its inaugural event into one of Australia's major Aboriginal sporting and cultural gatherings, attracting tens of thousands of people. The NSW Heritage Office describes it as a significant expression of Aboriginal culture and community, as well as a sporting competition.



Kale Christopher is a We Breathe Ambassador.

Event Details:

- Event: We Breathe - Koori Knockout Batemans Bay
- Date: Saturday, 19 September
- Location: Mackay Park, Batemans Bay
- Teams: 8 Men's teams including Bodalla Connections, Stewart Mob, Mogo Magpies Shirley Aldridge Memorial, Far South Coast Brothers, Yuin Fit, Wallaga Warriors and Red Dust; 5 Women's teams including Wallaga Lillipillis, Yuin Fit, Stewart Mob, Marida Sisters and Bodalla Connections
- Entry: Gold coin donation
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City to Surf v Broulee Runners: The Hard Facts



By John Longhurst

Fact 1: The Runners

The 2026 City to Surf attracted 90,000 runners which equates to 1.6% of the Sydney population. Broulee Runners attracts up to 120 runners on their weekly runs which equates to 6% of its population. Verdict: If the City to Surf attracted the same percentage of participants as the the Broulee Runners, 338,328 runners would be lining up to start at Hyde Park. In fact, starters at the end of that queue would need to run in wetsuits/gumboots to exit the water at Circular Quay.

Fact 2: The Origins

City to Surf was started as a commercial venture by Fairfax Pty Ltd in 1971.

Broulee Runners is a true community event (refer to Fact 7). Verdict: Community beats commercial.

Fact 3: The History

The first City to Surf was conducted in 1971 meaning most races were conducted last Century. Broulee Runners began on 7th February, 2007 meaning all races have been conducted this Century. Verdict: Broulee Runners is a modern day running event.

Fact 4: The Distance

The City to Surf is a hard set 14 kilometres route. Broulee Runners offers distances of 2, 3 or 4 kilometres. Verdict: Broulee Runners offers flexibility for runners.

Fact 5: The Views

City to Surf provides a glimpse of the beach at the end.

Broulee Runners: Panoramic ocean views, dolphins and whales in winter. Verdict: No brainier.

Fact 5: Number of Events

City to Surf has been conducted 56 times.

Broulee Runners has just passed 960 events.

Verdict: The 960th City to Surf will take place in the Year 2930 ... go figure!

Fact 6: The Concept

The City to Surf was initiated as a commercial venture by Fairfax Ltd Broulee Runners is a true community event (refer to Fact 7)

Fact 7: Special Thanks and Mentions

City to Surf: ... none really jump to mind.

Broulee Runners: The Connaughton Family are the most impressive in participation with Dave having 776 runs closely followed by Deb with 621 runs. Paige has 538 runs to round off the top three competitors. It was Paige who started first and encouraged Deb and Dave to have a go at the event.

Special thanks to Lisa Martini who, without her assistance at the beginning, the event may not have got off the ground. It was Mike Kennedy's idea and Lisa through her contacts was able to get people to come along. Lisa introduced marketing through the internet and local newspaper. This role was taken over by Deb Connaughton on Facebook which has given extensive coverage for the event. Robyn Kennedy is the recorder and still provides this contribution. Thanks to our sponsors Tomakin Sports and Social Club for the Multi timer Stopwatch and Judy and Damien Kennedy for the 30-run shirts.

The major contributors today who have driven the event to its current success are Deb Connaughton, Robyn Kennedy, David McCann, Pauline Hicks, Liza Robbins and Annie Johnsen. They are there each week along with Mike Kennedy to conduct the event.

Mike keeps all the records of results, number of runs, personal bests (PBs) and types all the results up each week. The archives are now a considerable history of the competitors. So, if there is a need to look at when someone started and what time was recorded ... it can be found amongst the cobwebs!

The feature of the event is the "thirty run shirt." This most sought-after run shirt is particularly favoured by the younger competitors. The shirts are donated by Judy and Damien Kennedy. The run is also well supported by the Tomakin Sports and Social Club, who have donated two very expensive Multimer stop watches.

Overall Verdict: Come join Broulee Runners on Wednesday evenings at 5.00pm (daylight saving time) and 4.40pm (standard time) at Candaglan Creek Park (the Anchor) at Mossy Point.

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