



PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Marg Craig Photography captured a fishy battle between sea eagle and seal at Tuross Head yesterday.

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Plans for the soon to be 'Old Hospital'

I am writing in relation to the existing Moruya Hospital and what might be planned for its future use.

By 2027, our new hospital will be up and running, leaving our current hospital empty. It is on a site not suited to development for housing.

SARU, the Sub Acute Rehabilitation Unit will still exist, assisting post surgical patients in recovery.

Some of the patients are unable to return home. This may be because their home is no longer accessible or their carer or family are unable to care for them. They may be on a waitlist for a My Aged Care or NDIS package.

They remain in hospital, sometimes for weeks, even months. This becomes a huge problem of logistics as beds are unavailable to new patients.

Our community is wondering whether this hospital could be used for a non-nursing care facility for people waiting on aged and disability care?

It would be more cost effective than the current situation as less qualified staff could support the patients with personal care and meals.

Dallis Tanner
Moruya

National Parks or Forestry

I write in response to the recent proposal by the National Parks Association to save the South-East forests by converting them into a National Park. These forests have been continuously logged for the past 200 years, beginning with Alexander Berry and Thomas Kendall in the 1820s, who began logging with the use of convicts, generously supplied by the British Government. As time rolled on these people received their "ticket of leave" and from around the 1840s, were joined by Free-Settlers as NSW became less of a Prison Colony. Water was the main mode of transport, so logging started from the waters edge and spread from there. Boat hulls were built and sawn timber was loaded onboard and dispatched to Sydney and Melbourne.

From this time onwards, timber became the major industry of South-East NSW. Generations of (mainly) men, worked these forests, harvesting everything from Railway-Sleepers to Bridge-Pylons and Four-by-Twos to Weather-Boards. The central feature of every town was a Sawmill, where Aboriginal and white men worked side by side, mostly for the basic wage and the mill owners were mainly hands on. This was a working class world.

Henry Parkes, a five term premier of NSW, appointed Henry Kendall, the famous poet, who was born at Boolgatta Flat, near Milton, as the first Forestry Commissioner in 1881, long before the first National Park was established, and the South-East Forests have been managed sustainably ever since. The contention that National Parks are better land managers than NSW Forestry is highly contestable and should be rejected on logical grounds but my personal opposition, goes far deeper. As an octogenarian and a seventh generation Australian, whose ancestors worked in these forests and survived because of these forests I have an emotional connection to the belief that their work was not an act of vandalism but has safeguarded them and has the potential to continue to do so with better preparation for the bushfires that will inevitably come.

Mick Shea
Malua Bay

Eurobodalla H5 bird flu Community information session

Monday 28 September, 6pm - 7:30pm
At Moruya Golf Club Bookings - <https://events.humanitix.com/eurobodalla-shire-h5-bird-flu-or-community-information-session>

Following recent H5 bird flu detections in the region, the Department Primary Industry and Regional Development (NSW DPIRD), in partnership with Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC), will host a public information session in Moruya to provide the community with accurate, timely information about the disease, the response underway and how individuals can help reduce the risk of spread. The session will bring together representatives from NSW DPIRD, NSW Health, National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Local Land Services (LLS) to provide information, answer questions and address community concerns on H5 bird flu.

What is bird flu and how does it affect NSW?

Bird flu (avian influenza) is a viral disease that primarily affects birds. Some strains can also infect other animals, including mammals. Bird flu can affect wild birds, poultry and captive birds. H5 bird flu (high pathogenicity H5N1 avian influenza) has now been detected in wild birds in NSW.

No detections are recorded in commercial poultry flocks, captive birds or livestock in NSW. The risk to human health remains low.

If you find sick or dead birds or wildlife including marine species:

- Avoid contact.
- Record what you see and the location.
- Report it immediately.

Report online or by calling the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888.

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preparedness in the face of El Niño

You're invited to the Eurobodalla Community Support Network Meeting where we'll hear from: Dr Chris Lucas - meteorologist and former BOM researcher on the climate situation in the Eurobodalla and potential danger - Dr Sue Atkinson - researcher on how we actually communicate and share information during disasters - Dr Elise Remling - researcher on her easy to use Kitchen Table Conversation preparedness tool you can do with family, friends, 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

walk away more aware and with tools!



Monday 28th September
9:15am - 12pm
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Wagging Tails Walk fundraiser for Animal Welfare League



Setting out on the Tailwagger Wag and Walk on Sunday.

Narooma's Nata Oval was filled with four legged friends on Sunday, 20 September for a morning of fun, furry friends and fundraising at the annual Tailwaggers Wag & Walk. Hosted by the Animal Welfare League NSW Eurobodalla Branch, the popular community event brought together dogs and their owners for a fun-filled morning, while raising vital funds to support local animals in need.

There was live music, car boot sale, raffles and puppy pedicures on offer. "Tailwaggers is always a wonderful community morning and a great way to bring people and their dogs together," said Clare Hooper, President AWL NSW Eurobodalla Branch. "Most importantly, the funds raised help us continue caring for local pets and supporting animals and their owners when they need us most."



Animal Welfare Euobodalla Volunteers

Time for action as the Government wraps up its inquiry into local government funding and budget needs

After two and a half years of evidence, the Federal Government has wrapped up hearings in its inquiry into the financial sustainability of local government, locking in years of testimony from councils, local government associations, Commonwealth departments, experts and other stakeholders from across Australia.

ALGA has consistently welcomed the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport's Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability as an important opportunity to address the growing financial pressures facing councils and to build a stronger, more sustainable funding partnership between local government and the Commonwealth.

However ALGA President Mayor Matt Burnett said that after more than two years of hearing from councils about the growing pressures they faced, there was little relief for local government.

"The key issues for councils remain the same: our councils need strong support as their communities face multiple challenges from housing pressures to rising cost of living to natural disasters.

"We need to see solid recommendations from the Committee and strong action from the Federal Government to ensure the grassroots level of government in this nation is not left behind.

"The Labor Party's promises toward a Federation Compact with local government present a strong opportunity to act on the concerns raised in the Inquiry.

"And it needs to happen now. Councils can't wait years for the Government to act on the findings of the Inquiry."

Mayor Burnett said "We call on all levels of government and all spheres of politics to take seriously the needs of local government and the important role they play in our communities."

Appearing before the inquiry in June 2024 and July 2026, ALGA highlighted the widening gap between the responsibilities councils are being asked to carry and the funding available to meet them. Councils are managing growing community expectations, ageing infrastructure, disaster recovery, housing and planning pressures, workforce shortages and rising service delivery costs, while facing significant constraints on their revenue and funding certainty. The Committee has also examined the increasing financial impact of climate change, natural disasters and infrastructure renewal on councils, as well as questions about whether Commonwealth funding arrangements adequately reflect the very different needs and revenue-raising capacities of communities across Australia.

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Kaine Malone walk for Remember September

Kaine Malone is attempting to walk 78 kms on September 25 to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer, fundraise for research and to honour his wife and local Batemans Bay High School Teacher Sally Malone who died of pancreatic cancer on 10 February 2026. He is walking as part of the Remember September challenge to move it during September, and then will attempt to walk 78 kms in 24 hours as an event on **25 September from Park to Park, Batehaven to Batemans Bay as a loop**. His support crew will be based at Batehaven at Corrigans beach from 10 am, and the community are invited to walk with him.

Sally taught at Batemans Bay High School for approximately seven years and before that at Moruya High School for three years. She was loved and much respected as an excellent teacher. The High School students and staff were allowed half a day to attend her funeral, which was a great mark of respect and a most unusual occurrence.

The Malua Bay, Moruya and Tomakin Bowling club members who knew and bowled with Sally and Kaine all attended also. Sally was a Director of Malua Bay Bowling Club over the transition to Cabramatta Club ownership and over the new build.

Kaine is a learning support officer at Batemans Bay High School, and member of Malua Bay Bowling Club, in addition to being a member of several club and regional committees. They have lived in Batehaven for ten years.

Sally also lived in the Bay from three months to six years old with us, attending Sunshine Bay Primary School in Kindergarten and first grade.

Sally was diagnosed in September 2025, was treated locally with chemotherapy at Moruya Hospital Oncology Unit until January 2026. She passed away at home several weeks later in February with the support of her husband Kaine and her family, palliative care, community and district nursing, her GP Melinda, and the ambulance service.

These services are all excellent, but there are significant gaps in the service provided overnight times, and on weekends.

Pankind, Pancreatic Cancer Australia, is calling on Australians to take part in Remember September 2026, a nationwide movement to raise funds and awareness for pancreatic cancer, one of the toughest common cancers to treat and the third biggest cancer killer in the country.

Each week, 78 Australians lose their lives to this devastating disease. This September, participants can honour them by either:

Moving It – walking or running 78km to represent the lives lost every week.

Giving It Up – stepping away from a vice like coffee, sugar, or alcohol for the month

Since inception, Pankind has invested over \$20 million in research grants across 76 high calibre projects at top institutions across Australia, funding world class researchers who are committed to finding a breakthrough.

Michelle Stewart, CEO of Pankind, said “Pancreatic cancer survival rates have barely shifted in decades. It’s time to change that. Remember September is about solidarity, action, and progress. Every step taken and every dollar raised fuels research that could help Australians live longer and live better after diagnosis. Together, we can make this a fair fight.”

The facts are sobering:

More than 4,500 Australians will be diagnosed this year.

80% will die within 12 months.

The five-year survival rate is just 13% – dropping to around 6% in rural and regional areas.

But there is hope. With the right investment in research – just as we’ve seen for breast cancer and melanoma – these statistics can change.

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Batehaven

When: Thursday 15 October 2026
5.30 to 7pm

Where: Corrigan's Beach Reserve
Beach Road, Batehaven

Narooma

When: Monday 19 October 2026
5.30 to 7pm

Where: Bill Smyth Oval, McMillan Road

Moruya

When: Thursday 22 October 2026
5.30 to 7pm

Where: Riverside Park, Ford Street



Eurobodalla Children's Services

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Songs, stories and shingles – heritage heroes honoured

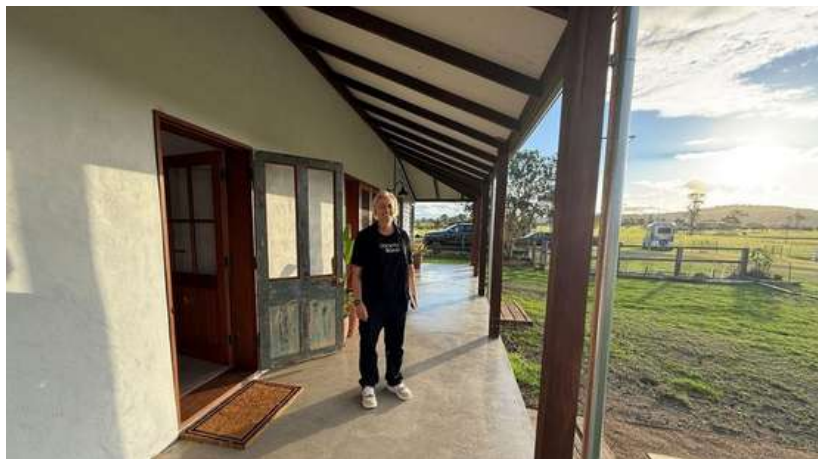


Yvonne Thomson presenting the 2026 Fergus Thomson OAM Heritage Award to Kelly Dunn for the restoration of Shannon View Homestead.

ESC - Students singing, stories of soldiers, painstaking research for learned tomes, plus a battered old homestead – all things keeping Eurobodalla's history alive and all recognised at the 2026 Fergus Thomson OAM Heritage Award presentation.

From an exceptionally strong field, the award was taken home by Kelly Dunn for her work restoring Shannon View Homestead – over a year of hard graft to bring back the building on the corner of Larrys Mountain Road from a state of disrepair to a beautiful homestead leaning heavily on original features and character. Ms Dunn was presented the award by Yvonne Thomson.

Ms Dunn purchased the property – associated with the early European settlement of Moruya – in 2024 and set about restoring it, carefully respecting those vital original details and distinctive silhouette. The whole process was filmed by ABC's Restoration Australia, with the episode airing in June and still available to [watch on ABC iView](#).



Accepting the award from Yvonne Thomson, Ms Dunn says the restoration has changed the way she sees history, giving her new appreciation for the stories behind the old buildings, and that one of her biggest fears had been how the finished house would be regarded by the community. She was also pleasantly surprised by the support from Council.

"Everyone asked if I had a battle with Council? I actually loved being able to say it was completely the opposite. You guys were great to work with, so thank you. I loved every step of this," Ms Dunn said.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher praised the quality of this year's nominations, saying the shire's heritage was in good hands.

"I want to acknowledge all the work involved in researching and documenting our local stories, particularly all the local volunteers spending countless hours preserving material and writing books we will appreciate for a long time," says the Mayor.

Two other projects were highly commended – Michelle Garcia and Lynne Thomas for their song and video [Stop the World](#), and the Batemans Bay Heritage Museum Research Group for its publication [Mogo Anzacs](#). Other finalists included Christine Greig for her extensive work researching and publishing local history, Kevin Setter for his two-volume history of Moruya's Sacred Heart Church, and Narooma School of Arts for a [documentary film celebrating 100 years of the School of Arts Memorial Hall](#).



Shannon View in 2024



After restoration in 2026

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AGENDA Ordinary Meeting of Eurobodalla Shire Council
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA ON TUESDAY
29 SEPTEMBER 2026 COMMENCING AT 12:30 PM AGENDA
(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla
Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 25 August 2026
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA
(Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. PUBLIC FORUM
7. MAYORAL MINUTES Nil
8. NOTICES OF MOTION Nil
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS Nil
10. PETITIONS Nil ii

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

GMR26/012 Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan 2025-
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GMR26/013 Draft Submission to the NSW Local Government Grants
Commission on the Proposed Financial Assistance Grants
Methodology
GMR26/014 Draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June
2026 - Referral for Audit
GMR26/015 Investments made as at 31 August 2026
GMR26/016 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Meeting
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CAR26/016 Reopen the Batemans Bay Community Centre for
Community Use
CAR26/017 Batemans Bay Community Centre Draft Fees and
Charges
CAR26/018 Narooma School of Arts Funding Request

15. DELEGATE REPORT

DR26/002 ALGA National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure
Congress 2026

16. URGENT BUSINESS
17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS



Clear out the chemicals lurking at home

Got old paint tins gathering dust in the shed? A mystery bottle of pool chemicals you're not quite sure what to do with? Or a collection of batteries, oils and cleaners that definitely shouldn't go in the bin?

Eurobodalla's annual Household Chemical Cleanout is back on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October, giving residents a free and safe way to clear out unwanted household chemicals.

Council's waste services manager Nathan Ladmore said the annual cleanout was an easy opportunity to deal with potentially hazardous items properly.

"If you've got old paint, fuel, pesticides or chemicals sitting around because you're not sure what to do with them, bring them along," Mr Ladmore said.

"It's free, it keeps hazardous materials out of our bins and environment, and you get some space back in the shed. It's a win-win.

"Last year we collected more than 14 tonnes of solvents, fuels, pesticides and other chemicals, plus 2,424 individual items like gas bottles and fire extinguishers. There's clearly plenty of this stuff hiding in garages and cupboards across Eurobodalla."

Residents can bring paint and paint products, household cleaners, pool chemicals, medicines, pesticides, fuels, gas cylinders, smoke detectors, batteries, vapes and sharps for safe disposal.

The cleanout will run from 8am to 3pm on:

- Saturday 10 October: Gundry Oval car park, Campbell Street, Moruya
- Sunday 11 October: Narooma Library car park, Graham Street, Narooma
- Sunday 11 October: Hanging Rock boat ramp, Beach Road, Batemans Bay

Mr Ladmore said residents also didn't need to wait for the annual event to clear out many common problem items.

"Our Community Recycling Centre at Surf Beach Waste Management Facility accepts many of these items free of charge all year round," Mr Ladmore said.

"So if the cupboard under the sink is getting a little too chemistry-lab-ish, you can deal with it safely without waiting until October."

For more information, including what can and can't be accepted visit [Council's website](#).

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The Tale of Tara and the Tigress at Tuross

By John Longhurst

From the baking heat of the Pilbara to the temperate climate of Tuross Head, Sonal Chaudhary and husband, Gareth are intent on an Australia-wide adventure. With their daughter the family is keen to explore our vast land and have settled in the Eurobodalla for a taste of South Coast living.

"We're a Karratha-based family who spent the last 15 years in the Pilbara," Sonal says. "In March 2025, we put our house on rent, sold our assets, and started traveling. There were no hard and fast rules — we stayed open to whatever opportunities life presented, using this time to figure out where we'd like to settle next. Clean food, a good school, and a good community are high on our priority list. We also wanted to show our Pilbara-born daughter that not all of Australia is red, hot, and dry! Most of last year was spent with family overseas in Bali, Sri Lanka, India, and Italy. Late last year, we decided to come back and discover Australia."

The family has a flexible approach to travel.

Sonal said "My husband, Gareth, is a pharmacist, so we look for suitable locum jobs spanning 3-6 months and go wherever they take us. This gives us an opportunity to discover a region and get a good feel for the community. Last year, we found one in Launceston for four months, which was an absolute treat. We then spent a few months on the Sunshine Coast before arriving in Tuross in late February."

What was meant to be a short stopover has stretched out considerably. "We were only meant to stay until June, but we loved the slow pace and scenic environment so much — and wanted to experience our first proper winter in 15 years — that we've extended our stay until January."

Sonal is now using the new location to set up a pop-up shop for sales in line with her social project.

Sonal said "Gareth and I run our small social project based in Udaipur, Rajasthan, India. The project is called Tara and the Tigress, and it's funded entirely by our sales. The project is inspired by my maternal grandmother, who was a widow and an illiterate. It has been my lifelong passion to do something valuable for the women, who have little or no social support. I am also a product of a humanitarian aide worker. My father worked for CARE throughout his career in India, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan and at the HQ in Atlanta, Georgia. I have been very fortunate to have such a rare upbringing where I have witnessed firsthand the vast disparity of Haves and have-nots. Established in 2015, we train and empower women in sewing, giving them a skill and a safety net so they can contribute to their families and live with respect and dignity. In addition to training women in sewing, we purchase fabric from families and communities across India who make it by hand. Our collections vary depending on how the fabric was made — sometimes woven ikat, sometimes screen-printed, sometimes hand-block printed. There is always a handmade element, and all our fabric is 100% cotton, sourced by me personally."



The team in Udaipur, Rajasthan, India

The product is designer unique.

Sonal said "We create our own designs with our pattern master and team. Our designs are unique, representing a fusion of east and west drawn from my own life. We make small batches in sizes 8-22 for ladies and 3-12 for girls and shirts and kurtas for men."

Sonal is now bringing that story to the South Coast with a pop-up shop — and the local response has taken her by surprise.

"I'm currently running a pop-up until Christmas, with most products on SPRING SALE while stocks last — a great way to introduce our brand to the community," she says. We launched on August 28th and have had an amazing response. It means a lot to know the community is embracing the quality of our products, especially since many of the women here know how to sew and can appreciate the craftsmanship."

For those wanting a more social way to shop, there's an option for groups. "The Sip & Shop is a great way to get together with friends and colleagues as the end of year approaches. It was always a hit with the teachers and hospital crew back in the Pilbara."

For those who are curious and would like to know more you can discover us on FB, Instagram or our website using our handle **Tara and The Tigress. Visit the pop-up**

- Hours: 10am-4pm Wednesday to Saturday
- Sip & Shop: Sundays, 12-4pm, minimum group booking of 10
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\$7m boost for the South Coast's active communities

The Eurobodalla Job Shop and Narooma Mountain Bike Club are among the big recipients in funding for South Coast projects.

The NSW Government is helping ensure South Coast families and young people have the community sporting and lifestyle facilities they need with a \$7 million investment in 24 projects that make our regions great places to live. A connected community retains its workers and families, plus attracts essential workers such as teachers, police, nurses and vets that are critical to maintaining the vitality of regional towns.

Funding is kickstarting projects ranging from major regional events and lasting community infrastructure to local activities, cultural programs, employment support, neighbourhood initiatives and practical services that strengthen social connection and wellbeing.

Together, these successful projects will deliver opportunities for people to connect, volunteer, celebrate, play sport and support each other.

Some of the projects receiving financial support include:

- \$760,788 - Eurobodalla Job Shop - to expand free employment, training and business support to help jobseekers overcome barriers, connect with local employers and build a stronger regional workforce.
- \$485,778 - Narooma Mountain Bike Club - to build a Pump track at Narooma Mountain Bike Trail network, and remote toilet facility and weather shade.
- \$926,316 - Kiama Sports Complex - to upgrade LED sports field lighting, improving safety, evening access and participation for local clubs, schools, volunteers and the community.
- \$177,566 - Albion Park White Eagles Soccer Club - to provide a new awning and facilities upgrade at Terry Reserve
- \$423,400 - Shoalhaven Rugby Football Club Inc - to upgrade Rugby Park with a new strength and conditioning facility, improving training, rehabilitation, storage and event capacity while supporting broader community fitness and participation.

This South Coast announcement is the first for the rollout of the \$50 million Active Regional Communities Package that the Minns Government initiated to back projects that make towns more liveable, connected and attractive places to call home.

The Active Regional Communities Package is part of the more than \$223 million that has been provided to regional communities, councils and businesses from the Regional Development Trust Fund to grow and succeed.

Minister for Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty said "Regional communities know what will make the biggest difference in their towns, and the successful projects announced today show the depth of ideas, leadership and local ambition across the South Coast.

"This funding is about backing the people, organisations and partnerships already doing the work on the ground to bring communities together and strengthen the places they call home.

"From regional events and sporting facilities to cultural programs, shared spaces and practical local services, these projects will help more people participate locally and give communities assets and activities they can build on.

"Strong communities are the foundation of strong regional economies, and this program will help deliver a more cohesive, active and connected regional NSW."

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said "Strong communities are built around opportunities for people to come together, whether that's through sport, employment, volunteering or simply being part of something local.

"This funding will support projects across our region that create those opportunities and make our towns more connected, active and enjoyable places to live.

"From the Narooma Mountain Bike Club's new pump track to the support being provided through the Eurobodalla Job Shop, these projects respond to what our local communities have told us they need.

"I'm pleased to see the NSW Government backing community-led projects that will have a practical, lasting impact and help make the Far South Coast an even better place to live, work and raise a family."

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100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

25-09-1926

Rain badly needed; Householder's tanks getting low; First touch of Summer on Thursday; Increase of motor traffic causing much dust. What about setting the water cart in motion, Mr. President?

Mr. A. Louttit has received from the Executive Secretary of the British Empire Exhibition a Certificate of Honour and a bronze medal in recognition of his participation in the 1925 season of the Wembley Exhibition. The Commissioners also tendered him their cordial thanks for his valued co-operation. Our progressive Mullenderree farmer, who sent an exhibit of maize in 1924 and in 1925 and received a medal and certificate on each occasion, is naturally proud of the distinction bestowed on him.

The marriage of Miss Leila Olive, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Luck, "The Pines" Yarragee, and Mr. Frank Everest Cammpbell, is announced to take place at St. John's Church of England, Moruya, on Saturday, 9th October.

Granitetown. (from our Correspondent) The date of the opening of the new school is still indefinite, as furniture and other equipment is yet to be provided. The building itself is complete, including the painting. The co-operative store and the post office are now in full swing, and both institutions have already justified their establishment. The former is providing a boon to the residents here, and a very rosy future is indicated, despite the dubious comments which have recently been rife. The co-op. is now an item of great discussion, and people are asked not to believe any remark either derogatory or complimentary until such has been fully authenticated. Mr. Graham is proving a most competent and obliging storekeeper. In her capacity as postmistress Miss Davidson is doing excellently, and an amazing monetary turnover is reported.

There are now 55 cottages in occupancy here, and Mr. Martin Rose's ever oscillating paint brush is effecting a wonderful transformation. Assisted by his son Don, he is fast causing Granitetown to assume the appearance of a very imposing village. Mr. A. Bruce has the distinction of installing the first Granitetown wireless set – a 2 valver constructed by Mr. A. V. Colefax.

Bodalla. (From our Correspondent) The plans showing the allotments, hotel, store, blacksmith's shop, baker's shop and houses of Bodalla are now in circulation. The sale of these is to take place on October 6th. The terms of sale are good, and it is confidently expected that in the near future the village of Bodalla, famous all over the State for its climate, land, beauty spots, etc., will grow into an up-to-date thriving township.

Amusu Theatre. Lon Chaney in THE MONSTER. Do not miss this great actor in his best. Also, WHY WOMEN LOVE, featuring Blanche Sweet and Robert Frazer. Dance after pictures free.



Leila Luck and Bridesmaid



Wedding Leila Luck & Francis Campbell

Narooma Fish Cannery 1960s Summer Job ~By Wally Eliaschewsky

"We worked at the fish cannery long after the cans had stopped rolling. As very young teenagers, we were recruited by "H" during the summer months to "hang" tuna fresh from the boats. The fish were transported by truck to the now-defunct cannery, located in the area of Gem Crescent on the bank of the southern reach of Fosters Bay.

Our job was to slide the freshly caught tuna delivered by truck from the boats, down and along a long, wooden, movable slide towards the freezer door.

Then came the hard, dirty work.

We would lift each tuna by the tail and hang it from long lengths of 2x4 timber, with two four-inch nails evenly spaced along each length. One by one, the fish were hung until the entire freezer was packed with tuna.

Then the doors were closed, and the whole lot was left to snap-freeze.

Some of the excess fish were slid into brine tanks. Because of the high salt content, the water did not freeze, but it was incredibly cold. When it came time to extract the fish, it was a quick movement, even with our gloved hands. The issued gloves were frequently replaced because the frozen tails would cut through the thumb-and-forefinger area with surprising regularity.

Gloves and rubber boots were virtually the only protective clothing we were supplied.

We were young, but the work was real. The fish were heavy, the days were long, and the smell of the cannery stayed with you. Looking back now, it is hard to imagine teenagers doing that kind of work, but at the time it was simply what we did.

It was a summer job dependent on the movement of tuna and the catch of the day. "H" would pick us up in his old Ute. If you were lucky, you scored a seat in the front; otherwise, you clambered into the back, often alongside ropes and various odd pieces of machinery that accompanied us on the short trip to the cannery.

There was no formal roster. It was simply a case of "H" honking the horn, and each of us racing out from our individual homes to join that day's crew.

Once the tuna had frozen solid, the next process was to unhook the now rock-hard fish and slide them, primarily along the concrete floor, although some wooden slides were also used, towards the larger freezer. There we stacked them like wood in a woodshed.

H would regularly call out: "Slide, slide! Don't drop the fish on the concrete or you'll cause cracking or chipping of the solid floor."



Narooma fish cannery. Image: State Library of NSW

The warning applied to the brine-tank fish as well.

There was also a constant, slight smell of ammonia gas in the area. Ammonia was the primary freezing agent, using what would be considered an antiquated refrigeration system today. At the time, we thought little of it. It was simply part of the smell of the cannery.

We were allowed a short break for "smoko". We could have a coffee from the weighbridge office, and there was still part of the old canning system operating—or at least sitting there unused—in another section of the facility. There were new, empty cans and various labels for different types of tuna and salmon. We explored the place, curious about all the old equipment and remnants of the cannery's working life. Sometimes we would sit on the end of the big jetty for a short break before returning to finish our shift.

Payday was Friday.

We were given a cheque, which we then had to take to the bank to deposit. "H" would regularly say to us: "The job might smell, but the money doesn't."

He was right. It was more than enough for us, and we felt cashed up compared with the other kids, few of whom had regular summer jobs. The money made the hard work worthwhile. But the smell was another matter.

A shower and a good scrub that evening after each day were essential because we all smelt of fish. We had become accustomed to it, but our noses had not noticed what everyone else could.

Our mothers certainly noticed. We were quickly told, in no uncertain terms, whether or not we had done a good job in the shower before we were allowed out for the evening. Once we had scrubbed away the last traces of the cannery, we could get on with being teenagers again—heading off to enjoy the evening at Brown's Carnival or the skating rink.

For a few hours, the fish, the freezers, the brine tanks and the smell of ammonia could all be forgotten.

Then, the next day, if "H" sounded the horn, we'd race out of our homes again. The cannery was waiting.



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Tuross Head News

A little story to start:

SOMEONE – was going to Vets Golf.
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 Someone- put their bag on the seat beside them
 Someone – drove the golf cart down to the gate
 Someone – stopped the golf cart.
 Someone – stepped out of the golf cart
 Someone – didn't see the heavy bag fall off the seat and onto the accelerator.
 Someone – managed to step clear of the golf cart
 Someone – saw and heard the now mobile golf cart take off and hit the gate and stop.
 Someone – THOUGHT A FEW THINGS!
 Someone – had to reverse the golf cart to open the now bent gate
 Someone – lent into the golf cart and moved the bag to a safer place
 Someone – turned the golf cart onto 'reverse'
 Someone – leaned in and pressed the accelerator
 Someone – lost balance and fell into the golf cart as it was moving
 Someone- dusted themselves off, released the dog and headed off.
 Someone – didn't tell their partner until a few days later who also

THOUGHT A FEW THINGS!

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO GAIL AND LEN ROGERS.

I am grateful for this opportunity in Moruya Mail to acknowledge the generous contribution to our town by Gail and Len Rogers who are leaving Tuross Head and to publicly give recognition and thanks to them both for all they have done for our town.

Len was Vets Captain for well in excess of 10 years, he did a term as President, represented Tuross at various Lower South Coast Veteran's Golf Committee Meetings and events at Tuross, and both he and Gail have been regular vets' starters since the roster was first introduced. Gail similarly has been involved with LADIES GOLF for many, many years. (Vet's Golf) Len has been a past president of the Tuross Head Men's Shed and is currently Vice President. He has provided the Shed with valuable insight and guidance during his time at the shed and will be missed by the members. We wish Len a safe and happy future in Bathurst. (Men's Shed)

Gail and Len were also members of the Caring Group from its inception 13 years ago. Their caring and generosity have always been appreciated.

All groups and friends are sad to see them leave yet all wish them health and happiness in their new home. Various groups have organised their own farewell lunches.

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS.

As we say farewell to some, we realise that new families are moving into town and if I knew their names I would mention them if they were happy for that to happen. We have a wonderful town with caring people in it. For years many have volunteered their time and skills to help make the town as it is. Sadly, without a town newsletter they have left without their efforts being acknowledged.

Consequently, this article and also the collection of town history stories are being collected so that we don't forget what others have done and also that new residents can know the stories of the development of the town.

If new residents are wondering what is available and where things are, there are two posters on the Hairdressers window between IGA and the Chemist with a town map showing where ATMs, parks, public toilets and other places of public interest are located. The other poster is a list of groups and services available in town. As committees change regularly some information may need to be updated on the poster but it is an overview of what is happening in Tuross Head.

You might like to know that Club Tuross are excited to announce that their new caterers, The Coastal Table, will launch their new menu at Club Tuross this Friday, September 25, 2026, starting with lunch service.

The Coastal Table brings a fresh new look featuring locally sourced ingredients. They are thrilled to have chefs Kensey, Dinesh, Mathew, and Jack looking after their guests.

We welcome them all to Tuross Head and wish them well in their new venture.

SHARED READING WEEK STARTS AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

MARK YOUR DIARY.

Paul Cullen is hosting a get together on his front lawn to celebrate the old tradition of public sharing of a favorite book. He invites you to come along and share an extract from your favourite poem, novel or non-fiction on SUNDAY 31st October. At 46 Nelson Parade Tuross Head (Picket fence and street bookcase) at 3pm. Paul asks you to join him for a cuppa, bickies and a chat. Bring your own chair, book and any refreshments. (Email us if you are interested and we will pass it on to Paul).

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Open Garden 2026 Fundraiser

76 Berriman Drive, Congo

By Fiona Wotton

The Garden is comprised of several landscape garden rooms with different themes, many of which have been redesigned since the last Open Garden at the property in 2017. The main feature is the Secret Garden, which is a 21st century interpretation of the much loved story about a walled garden full of surprises, healing, growth, hope and rejuvenation. Over the last 8 years, Fiona who is an architect, has restored and created new garden rooms that are visually linked by vertical elements, water features, statues, rock walls and a rose arbour. The 'bush croquet lawn' established by Fiona's parents, Nigel and Estelle Neilson, still exists along with established specimen trees, rock tilts and the glade at the front of the property. It is an easy walk through the Secret Garden and the front garden, with ample seating provided to sit and reflect.

Come along and enjoy Open Garden 2026.

The Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary will be providing a Devonshire Tea at \$5pp.

Entry to the Garden is \$10pp, payable by cash or card payable at the entrance. Follow the signage to Berriman Drive.

Open Garden
76 Berriman Drive, Congo
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Retrace the Bermagui Mystery

Monday 5th October

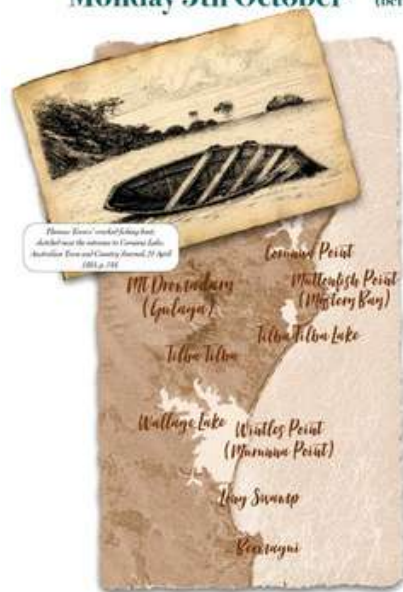
Meet 10am Bermagui Headland (between Bermagui Harbour and Horseshoe Bay)

Join us as we retrace the mysterious disappearance of five men from Bermagui in October 1880 (146 years ago).

Among them was government geological surveyor Lamont Young, who had arrived in Bermagui to survey the new Montreal goldfields.

The only clue was a boat containing some of their belongings, discovered near Mystery Bay.

Their bodies were never found.



Join members of Narooma and Bermagui Historical Societies and a guide from the Montreal Goldfield when we again revisit one of the South Coast's greatest mysteries.

Everyone is welcome. A car is essential, carpooling encouraged, as we make several stops before finishing at Mystery Bay for lunch. Please bring your own lunch and, we suggest, a portable chair or stool.

For further information phone Laurelle 0409 761 582 or Stephen 0438 081 801



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Quercetin - The Natural Antihistamine

It's that time of the year again! While blooming spring flowers are a pleasure to watch, for allergy sufferers, it marks a dreadful, challenging season. Living with constant symptoms like sneezing, nasal congestion, a scratchy throat, and itchy eyes can be downright exhausting.

When we suffer from allergies, our immune system overreacts to normally harmless substances like pollen or dust. As these allergens interact with cells in the mucous membranes of your nose, lungs, throat, and eyes, your body triggers the release of histamine. This chemical is the root cause of those irritating symptoms, which is why most people reach for an antihistamine to block its effects.

While standard pharmaceutical antihistamines get the job done, they often come with frustrating side effects like nausea, brain fog, and drowsiness. Fortunately, several natural foods, plant extracts, and supplements can effectively help impede histamine responses without making you sleepy.

Found naturally in red onions, apples, berries, and broccoli, quercetin is a powerful antioxidant flavonoid often referred to as nature's antihistamine stabiliser. It works by stabilising mast cells - the specialised immune cells that release histamine when triggered by pollen. A 2025 systematic review in *Frontiers in Pharmacology* showed that quercetin significantly reduces immunoglobulin E (IgE) antibodies, lowers histamine levels, and balances inflammatory cytokines⁽¹⁾. Further reviews highlight its ability to lessen oxidative stress and airway inflammation, making it a stellar daily defense⁽²⁾.

Vitamin C actively breaks down histamine molecules in the bloodstream. Classic clinical research demonstrates that high-dose intravenous Vitamin C significantly reduces allergy symptoms, whereas low levels correlate with heightened sensitivity⁽³⁾. Taking 1,000 to 2,000 mg of oral Vitamin C daily during peak allergy season acts as both a potent anti-inflammatory and a natural antihistamine. Zinc is essential for immune function, yet up to one-third of the global population is deficient. It plays a crucial role in regulating how histamine is stored and released. Recent 2026 research found that zinc supplementation actively reduces allergic rhinitis symptoms, lowers IgE levels, and protects nasal tissues by mitigating inflammation and supporting gut-nasal pathways⁽⁴⁾.

Lower sun exposure in higher latitudes correlates directly with higher rates of food allergies and respiratory sensitivities, pointing to the importance of Vitamin D⁽⁵⁾. It activates regulatory T-cells that keep the immune system from overreacting to airborne particles⁽⁶⁾. A 2025 meta-analysis confirmed that supplemental Vitamin D significantly alleviates nasal symptom scores and decreases allergic inflammatory cells in allergic rhinitis⁽⁷⁾.

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FLOWER WALKERS

By K Dahlweiss

Do you know any flower walkers? Are they even a thing? We can see plenty of power walkers. They stride ferociously up and down our beaches, determination etched on their faces. They have a goal, a time schedule, a health benefit to obtain. Power walkers may have a particular distance to cover in a certain time. A set number of steps, a pulse and heart rate to monitor.

Is it time for power walkers to have some flower walks?

Would flower walks get the approval of health professionals? How could they be measured? Would flower walkers be considered an upgrade on power walkers? Flower walking may have immeasurable benefits. One needs an eye for beauty and as we know 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder.' One needs a nose for subtle perfumes and many of us have less of a sense of smell. One needs 'time to give us pause.'

Flower walkers inhabit a time and space to appreciate a life form which is valued but not really equated with health. Anyone who goes on a flower walk knows that you have to get right up close to a flower. Most flowers are small and they have a miniature composition. That means that flower walking can't be measured in the way that fitness in a gym is measured.

Flower walking has to be cultivated and is very much like going to visit an art gallery but outside.

Flowers require careful observation to distinguish the difference between them. They embody refined and sophisticated designs which have evolved over millennia. You can start small by just exploring your own garden, front and back and even the weed flowers, such as the dandelion. Then you can progress to a couple of houses and apartment blocks from your home or work.

Passers-by may wonder why you stand and stare at a meagre garden display of flowers.

Flower walkers may even be seen trespassing to get a better look at particular flowers on display. An explanation may be required: 'I'm just looking at your flowers; I won't be long.'

If you have a dog, you go for dog walks, where your dog stops you to smell things which may not have the scent nor visual exquisiteness of flowers. Dogs also need to take time to smell the flowers, for what purpose, who knows!?

Recently, I went on a flower walk of my neighbourhood and came across tens of flowers within a few hundred metres each way. It was revelatory to see the variety of colour, shape and size of so many flowers, so much so that I was inspired to write a poem:

FLOWER POWER

*Oh, to be a flower
So innocently beautiful
Magically symmetrical
A token of perfection*

SAGE Micro Loans



SAGE NSW Inc (Sustainable Agriculture and Gardening Eurobodalla) became a registered charity in 2024 and subsequently received a generous donation. Some of these funds, and funds from further donations, support a micro loan program managed by the SAGE Management Committee.

BooBook Farm, a regular stallholder at the SGAE Markets on Tuesday, applied for a micro loan from Sage for a van and were able to buy it in January 2026.

"It is second hand and it has greatly improved our ability to provide more local produce to the Tuesday farmers market and also help our fellow producers when they needed delivery on our run up or down the hill" said Beattie from BooBook.

Beattie added "We have paid the loan off early. Initially we asked for 12 months from January, but we paid it off in July! as we had a great season."

"Micro loans help us pay for things we can't afford at the beginning of a season but can pay off towards the end. It is a great initiative of sage to support small scale local farmers and producers!" she added.

SAGE have just supported a second grower, Lillians Lane Organics, with a loan of \$5,500 to purchase needed equipment for their farm.



Food and Knowledge Share - 27 Sept

The next SAGE Food and Knowledge Share will be all about beans. Please bring any extra beans you can spare from home or want to trade for another variety, making sure they are well labelled. We will pool beans of each variety, then redistribute them amongst the group. This will help strengthen their genetics, and be a chance to see how many varieties are grown in the community. Extra seed envelopes and plastic seed bags will be welcome, along with a sharpie or two, thank you!

We will also have a discussion about household water saving so we may live more conscientiously through our current drought.

The SAGE Food & Knowledge Share is switching to a discussion style format for the winter months and will be held the last Sunday of the month May through November from 10 am at Riverside Park in Moruya alongside the Nourished Sovereign coffee van. Please bring a blanket or camp chair for your comfort.

If it is raining we will move undercover to SAGE Garden at 110 Queen St in Moruya. Everyone is welcome, and you do not need to bring anything.

People who can bring items to share can contribute vegetables, fruits, eggs, seedlings/seeds, cookbooks, gardening books, tools, preserves and plants. We will resume the weekly guest speaker beginning February 2027.



A Beer with Bazz # 252

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A full schooner remained untouched and Mick scowled as he finished his own beer.

"Where the bloody hell is Bazza, Bella? I have got better things to do than wait around for him. The bloke is getting a bit forgetful, but a beer on a Friday should not be too hard to remember."

Bella sighed.

"He said last week he was going on a motorcycle adventure up the North Coast with a couple of other old blokes. I mean the bloke has trouble heaving himself off a bar stool and ... remember the last trip when he came back with half the Flinders Rangers on his jacket. 'Rearranging the only mud puddle' ... within 100 kilometres was how he explained it. I just hope these other blokes know what they are doing. His idea of changing a light bulb is to try and turn the ceiling."

Mick shook his head and shared in the chuckle as Young Simon piped up.

"Going on leave is what he said, Mick. He said he would even provide a shout whilst he was away."

Mick's eyes lit up and he licked his lips.

"I must have missed all that. The bloke does speak a fair bit of bullshit it is a good thing he is up north with those tree hugging, climate change advocating, serial solarising, windpower leaning, gun stealing, multicultural loving, tofu eating, cheese cloth wearing, bare feet, yoga munching hippies. I will put those minor prejudices to one side for a Bazza beer buy. Shout away Young Simon ... shout away!"

Young Simon shifted uncomfortably.

"It is yoga practising rather than yoga munching, Mick. Anyhow, Bazza shouting beers whilst he is away has revealed a side to him that I find a bit shonky ... dodgy ... even. I am not saying he is crooked to the point he has to screw his socks on in the morning but ... at least shady, nonetheless."

All eyes were now focused on Young Simon and he paused for a considered sip.

"Now, after you blokes left last week he pulled me aside and pulled out this thin, bright yellow rectangular piece of very thin plastic from his wallet and says 'buy a round of beers next week and leave a tip for Bella'. Well I studied this piece of plastic for some time and it had raised printing, a clear window, pictures related to Australian history and heritage and the number 50 in the corners."

The stunned silence only spurred Young Simon on.

"You know ... it looked pretty enough but it was not worth the fifty dollars Bazza paid for it. I just did not have the heart to tell him ... but what annoyed me the most was him trying to fob it off to Bella. I mean fair go! All well and good to get ripped off by some mug saying a piece of plastic is worth fifty dollars but it is another matter entirely to try and persuade me to convince Bella to convert its value to 4 schooners and a tip. How embarrassing! So my advice is to be a bit wary of Bazza trying to pass off coloured plastic for value. I noticed he has a wallet full of shiny blue and bright orange ones ... so be warned and quietly spread the word around town. I am not sure if we should notify the local constabulary."

Mick's forehead sank into the palms of his hands.

"So what did you do with it, Simon?"

Simon straightened his back and puffed his chest ever so slightly.

"I am not a tosser, Mick! I put it in the bin."

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A new native microforest is taking root at St Peter's Anglican College Broulee

A new native microforest is soon set to take root at St Peter's Anglican College Broulee, following seed funding from philanthropic group Wedgetail and strong support from the school community.

The project will transform a bare section of the school grounds into a thriving native forest and outdoor classroom. It brings together students, teachers, families and local volunteers to restore biodiversity, strengthen environmental education and create a greener, cooler school environment.

At the heart of the project are St Peter's Year 4 students, who are leading the way through deep learning, field trips, site analysis, plant propagation, microforest designs and an exhibition of their learning.

Their involvement provides an opportunity to connect classroom learning with practical environmental restoration, while giving students a meaningful role in shaping a space they will continue to enjoy and care for.

"St Peter's and the Microforest Collective have come together to create a really special place that demonstrates the importance of reforestation, biodiversity and habitat, as well as providing a beautiful place for our students to connect with nature," said Danielle Phillips, Year 4 teacher at St Peter's Anglican College.

The project is being led by Broulee residents and parents Jo Abbot, Michelle Hamrosi, Beth Brunoro, Michael Abbot and Dylan Morrissey, alongside Danielle Phillips and the Year 4 students, with support from award-winning landscape architect Edwina Robinson, co-founder and Chair of the Microforest Collective.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to be involved in creating something that will benefit their school and the wider community for many years to come," said Jo Abbot, project lead and Chair of the Microforest Collective. "The kids have been so passionate about the different species and their individual forest designs – such a privilege to watch them learn and grow".

With the planning and design work now well underway, the project team – and especially the Year 4 students – are excited to return in Term 4, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the planting. For the students, this will be the opportunity to see their learning and designs come to life as they work together to create the microforest.

The microforest will feature more than 1,500 native plants selected from the endangered Coastal (Littoral) Rainforest ecological community, which once grew in pockets across the South Coast. The densely planted, multi-layered forest will provide habitat for native wildlife, support ecological restoration and create opportunities for students to learn about local ecosystems.

A model for school-based microforests

The Broulee project is the first school-based microforest pilot supported by the Microforest Collective and forms part of a growing network of community-led microforests across the ACT/ NSW.

The Microforest Collective emerged from community action following the 2019–20 Black Summer bushfires. It supports communities and schools to establish dense native forests that restore biodiversity, improve local environments and strengthen community connections.

The Moruya Microforest, established in 2023 at St John Commons, Moruya Anglican Parish, was the first community-funded microforest designed and planted in the region. It is now growing into a thriving native forest.

The Broulee project builds on this experience and aims to demonstrate how schools can play a leading role in environmental restoration and climate education. The project team hopes it will provide a blueprint for the development of school-based microforests nationally.

"By bringing students, families and the broader community together, we are not just planting trees," said Edwina Robinson. "We are creating a place for learning, connection and ecological restoration that can continue to grow and benefit future generations."

The community is invited to follow the project's progress and support future planting and stewardship activities on Instagram:

@brouleemicroforest



Research excursion to local littoral rainforest



Jo, Edwina and Michelle with their children at the year 4 microforest exhibition



From Left Paula Wicks (head of junior school), Danielle Phillips (year 4 teacher and microforest champion) with Project lead Jo Abbot



Year 4 students propagating plants.



Love for the Sea: Heart at the River of Art



Visitors to the Moruya markets were treated to a special guest last Saturday. While the seals on the granite river bank have become a regular attraction, there was something else in the water attracting attention. Samuel McLennan from southern Tasmania and his boat Heart were docked at the wharf, with Peter happy to chat and answer questions about his passion project.

Heart is a craft built entirely from marine debris. While the engine and safety equipment were purchased or donated, every other part of the boat has been made from rubbish that littered our oceans: a stitched tarp sail, ropes, buoys, black plastic fish farm pontoons and even oyster bags. Samuel spent two years building Heart. He has spent the last two years travelling from Tasmania, braving Bass Strait in his 27 foot black plastic floating home. He said while it was generally a straightforward crossing, there were a couple of hairy moments when he faced 50 knot winds and 8 metre swells. He's currently travelling up the South Coast, in much calmer seas, and will be at Mossy Point to take part in Eurobodalla's River of Art.

Heart is part of Project Interrupt, aimed at raising awareness of ocean pollution, ecological damage and social injustice. The goals of Project Interrupt are to tackle the problem of waste entering the environment, develop leaders who are committed to healthy environments, and to lift society from the bottom up.

One of the future leaders that Samuel connected with at the wharf at Moruya's Riverside Park was 13 year old Jacob Summerell. Jacob, a keen fisher, had lots of questions for Samuel, especially about fish.

Jacob: How often do you come across rubbish in the ocean?

Samuel: Not so much out at sea, but sometimes there's a lot washed up on the shoreline.

Jacob: Do parts sometimes fall off your boat?

Samuel: No, but if they ever did I'd make sure I picked them back up!

Jacob: Do you fish when you're on the ocean?

Samuel: No. It's important to me to love all life, and so I don't want to eat it. I leave the smaller fishes alone, and don't eat them, and hopefully they'll tell the bigger fish that I'm OK, and they won't eat me.

Jacob: So what do you eat?

Samuel: I buy food at the towns I stop in.

Jacob: Do you come across dead fish?

Samuel: Not often.

Jacob: If you did, would you eat them?

Samuel: No, I leave them for other creatures.

Jacob: But if it's already dead, do you cut it up for other fish to eat?

Samuel: I leave them for the seagulls to eat, and the crabs, and all the other sea creatures.

Jacob: Where do you sleep?

Samuel: Here, on the boat!

Samuel invited us to climb aboard and have a look inside. The design of Heart is quite something. It looks tiny on the outside, but the cabin opens up like a Tardis into a surprisingly spacious sleeping space.

In his travels with Heart, Samuel has presented at 45 schools, participated in over 220 beach clean ups with local groups, and inspired the environmental adventurer spirit in countless people he's met on the way.

Samuel and Heart will be at the Boat Shed Café, Tomaga River, from 10:00 to 3:00 next weekend (Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September) as part of Eurobodalla River of Art Festival.

By Debbi Long



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Love for the Sea: Heart at the River of Art



Sam McLennan and Jacob Summerell.



A peek inside 'Heart'

Upcoming Events:

Workshop: Sustainable Kitchens: Moruya Library, Thursday September 24, 10:30-12:00 [Link](#)

Seasonal Outlook

Sessions: Next session, Wednesday October 7, 2:30pm, Moruya Library [Link](#)



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



Local seals lined up to view the vessel.

Crown land reforms

The **NSW Government** has passed legislation to modernise the management of Crown land across NSW, provide greater certainty for community organisations and establish a clearer path forward for Aboriginal land claims.

The reforms will make it easier to manage Crown land, cut unnecessary red tape, and help ensure these important community assets continue delivering social, environmental, cultural and economic benefits for communities across the State.

The Crown Land Management Amendment (Statutory Review) Bill 2026 reforms the Crown Land Management Act 2016 following an extensive review of the legislation and consultation with stakeholders across the State.

The reforms will modernise and streamline the use and management of Crown land and provide stronger support and oversight certainty for land managers and tenure holders.

The reforms will:

- establish clearer goals for the use and management of Crown land
- provide greater support and certainty for Crown land managers
- strengthen recognition of native title rights and interests
- support appropriate economic investment in Crown land
- provide greater certainty for community organisations using and investing in Crown land
- provide a clearer path forward for addressing Aboriginal land claims where Crown land is being actively used by the community.

Following concerns raised by NSW Local Aboriginal Land Councils on aspects of these laws allowing for the variation and validation of tenures to retain well-used community assets on crown land in public hands, the NSW Government undertook extensive consultation, including directly seeking feedback from every NSW Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The Government subsequently made amendments to the Bill to ensure Aboriginal land rights and interests continue to be supported while also protecting vital community assets, with new mechanisms to deal with historical errors or issues identified in documentation, particularly for sites delivering community benefit.

The amendments include:

removing the provision that a lease is considered a lawful use
greater transparency around proposed decisions
legislating a minimum 28-day consultation period with land councils, stakeholders and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs when an undetermined Aboriginal land claim may be affected by a tenure validation or variation; and
providing tighter limits on what type of errors can be retrospectively validated.

These changes demonstrate the Government's commitment to addressing concerns raised during the consultation process and strengthening the safeguards in the Bill, while retaining the ability to manage administrative errors and provide certainty for legitimate Crown land tenures.

NSW leads Australia with new solar panel recycling mandate

The **NSW Government** is consulting on Australia's first mandatory solar panel recycling scheme to ensure valuable solar panel materials are recovered, reused and recycled rather than sent to landfill.

The proposed regulation will help drive investment and jobs in the solar recycling industry and support the potential development of a solar panel remanufacturing industry in NSW.

NSW leads the nation in solar uptake, with more than 1.18 million rooftop solar systems across homes, businesses, schools and community facilities. As these systems age, increasing numbers of solar panels are ending up in landfill.

Around 14,000 tonnes of solar panel waste is generated in NSW each year. This is predicted to increase to 89,000 tonnes by 2045.

The proposed mandatory product stewardship scheme would require solar panel brand owners to take responsibility for the end-of-life management of their products, helping fund collection, recycling and resource recovery across NSW.

Recycling solar panels is not simply about reducing waste. It is also about capturing valuable resources and creating new economic opportunities.

Valuable materials such as aluminium, glass, silicon, copper and silver can be recovered and reused in new products and manufacturing industries. As larger volumes of materials are recovered, NSW will be better placed to build local supply chains, strengthen manufacturing capability, encourage innovation and create skilled jobs across the state.

To help shape this opportunity, the NSW Government has released an issues paper alongside the draft regulation, seeking feedback on how the state can support the growth of solar panel recycling, remanufacturing and manufacturing industries.

Consultation will seek views from unions, industry, recyclers, manufacturers, researchers, local government, workers and the community on the opportunities, challenges and investment needed to build a circular economy for solar panels in NSW.

Feedback will inform the design of the mandatory product stewardship scheme with the aim of establishing a system that reduces waste, recovers valuable resources and positions NSW as a leader in solar panel recycling and circular manufacturing.

Submissions on the draft regulation and issues paper are now open. For more information and to have your say, visit <https://yoursay.epa.nsw.gov.au/solar>.



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Let's do coffee with ... Sammy Morayes

It is often referred to as a teardrop falling off the south-eastern toe of India, and was described by Marco Polo as 'the finest island of its size in all the world'. It is almost equivalent in geographical size to Tasmania, yet boasts a population of 23.5 million people. Sri Lankan-born residents are our 10th largest migrant community and have richly added to the multicultural quilt that is modern-day Australia. Sammy Morayes (SM) is one of those Sri Lankans who chanced his luck as a 21-year-old and arrived and now heads up Southern Computer Company, an IT services and technology provider for businesses based in Batemans Bay and serving the Eurobodalla Shire. The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Sammy for a coffee last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Sammy. You hail from the village of Nattandiya in the North Western Province of Sri Lanka. It is variously described as a peaceful and authentic rural landscape known for its warm local hospitality and vibrant markets, surrounded by lush green fields, wetlands and tranquil waterways. Now ... Sammy, it sounds a lot like ...

SM: (Laughs ...) Yes, there are similarities with the Eurobodalla Shire, but I had a yearning to come to Australia from my high school days. In fact, we lived about 6 kilometres from the beach as well. I was born in 1985 and my dad was self-employed and Mum remained at home. I have two elder sisters.

Even though we were not allowed to swim without permission, I have early memories of sneaking off and cycling to the beach with friends, only to be found out by my Mother the detective, who spotted sand on the bicycle tyres. The beach was just too much of an attraction with the golden sands, gentle waves and leaning palm trees, with fishers selling their catches. Not surprisingly, fish curries starred on the family menu. There was also plenty of time to spend with cousins, playing at our aunt's place and, as you would expect, plenty of street cricket. In all, it was a happy childhood.

My education began at Dhammissara National School in Nattandiya, a 5-minute walk from my home, where I attended school all the way through to Year 12.

By the end of 2004, I began learning the skills of a graphic designer which sparked an interest in computing and I followed up with some courses in desktop publishing. I was finding my niche career-wise and was contracted for some graphic design work for weddings and various other functions. Some work for community groups also followed and led to a position with Samagi Print House and Publishers, a respected firm based in Thummodara, about 5 kilometres from home.

I was employed with Samagi for about a year, but I was still very keen to come to Australia for higher studies in IT. My Mum was very supportive of me going abroad to study ... in fact, she was a driving force. At the age of 21, with Sinhala as my first language and English as a second one, I arrived in Australia on a one-way ticket. It was my first time out of Sri Lanka and I was alone, with a single contact being a friend of my Father's living at Meadowbank, who unfortunately got the airport pick-up details wrong. Luckily, a more seasoned Sri Lankan traveller I met on the plane came to my assistance. It was an inauspicious beginning to my new life, but I had a great deal of self-belief and faith in my decision to come to Australia.

For the next three months, I lived in Meadowbank and, through one of my Sri Lankan friends, was able to secure work in hospitality ... at Bondi Beach! It was a one-and-a-half-hour trip by public transport to begin work at 4pm, and with a finish into the early hours of the morning, I would sometimes arrive back at Meadowbank as late as 4am.

Studying was my primary reason for coming to Australia and by 2010 I had completed a Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology at Western Sydney University. By this stage, I was living with friends in Parramatta and working in hospitality. Life was very much study and work, with some trips to Sri Lanka, but I was enjoying my new country. I gained some experience doing volunteer work with a small IT company in 2011 and completed more study with Cisco and Microsoft.

My big break came in 2015, when I scored a job with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, working as Information and Communication Technology Officer at Kingsgrove. It was a really hands-on job and I learnt heaps, complementing my university studies and giving me great confidence in my decision to come to Australia.

In 2020, I moved on to become IT Manager for Mood Media in Pyrmont, a global company specialising in creating in-store and on-premise customer experiences for businesses by combining sight, sound, scent, and digital technology. MM: From starting from scratch in Australia and the young man owning a successful IT company in Batemans Bay, please fill in the missing pieces.

SM: (Smiles ...) Well ... Australia had offered me nothing but opportunity since my arrival and I decided to take it all one step further and buy an IT company in 2023. It was a life-changing decision to buy Southern Computer Company with 40 plus years of history. It offers services, solutions and support in information technology for businesses in the Eurobodalla, ACT and wider NSW.



We pride ourselves on providing a personal and responsive service, while remaining firmly connected to the local community. Our aim is to continue growing the business and establish Southern Computer Co. as a leading IT provider on the South Coast.

MM: Now ... enough about computing ... tell me about Sammy away from the screen.

SM: (Laughs ...) I married my wife, Maheshini, who is from down south, Sri Lanka, in 2025. Maheshini is a traditional Ayurvedic doctor, which is a healthcare professional who practises a traditional 5,000-year-old system of medicine that originated in India. I love bushwalking on the South Coast and cooking not only Sri Lankan fare, but Italian cuisine as well.

MM: What advice does Sammy have for his younger self?

SM: I would say, don't be afraid of starting from zero, Believe in yourself and do not give up. There is no right or wrong decision, it is all about learning and accepting.

MM: Thanks for the chat, Sammy, and thanks for ensuring our multicultural quilt stretches all the way to the Eurobodalla.

* <https://southerncomputerco.com/>

LET'S DO COFFEE WITH ...' is a column exploring the interesting personalities of the Eurobodalla Shire. Feel free to nominate a personality by emailing **John Longhurst at john.longhurst59@gmail.com**

A Day in the Life of a Local ... Golf Professional

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

Fast Facts:

- **Name:** • Rodney Booth
- **Wake-up time:** 5.30 am
- **Coffee:** No thanks ... black tea is fine
- **Holes in one:** Five ... yes 5!

With 220 played daily and over 80,000 rounds per year, the pro shop is very much the engine room of the Catalina Golf Club.

For the past five years, Rod Booth has been the Director of Golf and is very much at the helm of that engine room at the Catalina Club.

Rod's qualifications and professionalism in his role were recognised when he was awarded Australian Club Professional in 2024. He has won similar awards at a state level.

His day starts with a 5.30 am wake-up and a walk before teaming up with his wife to sort three teenage children for breakfast and school.

It is an 8.00 am start at the Club and management of a team of seven employees as well as enthusiastic ten youngsters outside of school hours. The day's activities include competitions, score cards, coordinating players, scheduling clinics, timetables and records as well as overseeing shop sales.

Players run the gambit of all ages and genders from juniors to seniors and abilities from beginners through to seasoned golfers.

Tuition is provided in blocks of usually a half or one hour and Rod tailors the instruction in accordance with the players' ability ... and temperament.

Rod says, "Golf is a very frustrating but ultimately rewarding game with a strong social element. First and foremost, I try to instil a love of the game as well as advice on stroke correction."

"Now come on, Rod ... Aren't you responsible for all the poor shots, missed putts, bloody bunkers, lost balls, and the swearing on the 7th hole?"

The comment is dismissed with the grace of a 'fade' shot (a shot that curves gently left-to-right).

"Fortunately, I get to see the players at the start of their round, so they are usually full of good cheer and optimism. In fact, one of the highlights of my day is the interaction with the public. I really enjoy the busy times, such as Christmas and New Year, when the course is really pumping. The management are super supportive, and I have a great team to work with. You will have to chat to the bar staff if you want to hear about players' frustrations or the almost 'holes in one'. The only drawback with this job is the weather."

The Catalina Golf Course is set for a multi-million-dollar upgrade from next year.

Rod said, "It will deliver a state-of-the-art golf course with twenty-seven holes that will be the best on the South Coast, so exciting times are ahead. In the meantime, it will be business as usual for locals and tourists alike."

When he is not scaring amateurs off with his record of five holes in one, Rod tests his skills against other professionals on a weekly basis.



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Australia's cultural and creative sector continues to grow

The Federal Government has released new research showing Australia's cultural and creative activity contributed \$70.3 billion to our economy in 2024-25. Research conducted by the Bureau of Communications, Arts and Regional Research (BCARR) found an increase of \$2.7 billion or 4 per cent from 2023-24.

In total, cultural and creative activity represented 2.5 per cent of the economy, comparable in size to the Accommodation and Food Services industry. Over the decade from 2015-16 to 2024-25, cultural and creative activity grew by an average of 4.5 per cent per year. Growth varied across the sector with digital games development recording the strongest growth, increasing by an average annual growth rate of 13.1 per cent.

This research is a key action of Revive, Australia's National Cultural Policy, and will assist the government with future targeted investment. The methodology and scope used to measure growth was substantially revised in 2024 following stakeholder consultation, providing a more comprehensive measure of the sector's contribution to the Australian economy. Minister for the Arts, Tony Burke, said it was encouraging to see the sector continue to expand. "Previously the contribution of cultural and creative activity included industries such as clothing retail and zoos, with Best & Less, Taronga Zoo, and even the Botanic Gardens included in the scope. This is the first time we've had year on year data which is an accurate reflection of the cultural and creative sector. This research will help inform our next national cultural policy, building on our achievements and continuing to support our creative economy." Full research is available [here](#).

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Join ART CENTRAL'S 23rd birthday celebrations at our 'Central' exhibition at the Mechanics

'Central'
Where: Mechanics Institute, Page St Moruya

Opening
Fri 16 Oct 5pm

Runs Sat 12 Oct - Sun 1 Nov 10am-4pm

MORUYA MAIL Eurobodalla Gig Guide



September

Thurs 24 Sept 'Open Mic' Steampacket Hotel 5:30-8:30pm
Fri 25 Sept One Louder Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
Fri 25 Sept RESET Club Malua 7:30pm
Sat 26 Sept Howlin Mitch Bay Soldiers Club 7.30 - 10.30pm
Sat 26 Sept Mick Fernandez Bodalla Pub 3-6pm
26 Sept Lindsay Mcdougall JJs at The Marina 6pm
Sun 27 Sept Oli Statham Longstocking Brewery 1pm

October

Thur 1 Oct Melanie Horsnell Monarch Hotel 6pm
Fri 2 Oct Jamie Agius Moruya Bowling Club 8-11pm
Fri 2 Oct Stolen Hour Sessions Monarch Hotel, Moruya
Sat 3 Oct WAAX Smokey Dan's Tomakin
Sat 3 Oct Dean Abbott Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
Sat 3 Oct Tony Jagers Quantum Brewery 4.30pm
Sat 3 Oct I Love Your Faces: The Don Lane Story Yuin Theatre 4pm
Sun 4 Oct Tony Jagers Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
Mon 5 Oct The Snow Fairy Yuin Theatre 11:00am
Tues 6 Oct Chalky Fun Bay Pavilions 11am - 12.30pm
10 Oct Ben Drysdale JJs at The Marina 6pm
Thu 15 Oct Sydney Comedy Festival 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)

Fri 23 Oct Val Moogz with Blue Mallee & Benji Fowler Kinema 6.30pm

24 Oct Rob Simpson JJs at The Marina 6pm

25th Oct Tim Pringle Moruya Waterfront 3-6pm.

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

7 Nov Peter Shilling JJs at The Marina 6pm

Sun 15 Nov KENNY ROGERS & Friends Bay Pavilions 2:00pm

21 Nov Shawn Baxter JJs at The Marina 6pm

Sun 22 Nov Tony Jagers Tilba Valley Winery 11am

Sat 19 Dec Tony Jagers Quantum 4.30pm

December

5 Dec Solo West- JJs at The Marina 6pm

19 Dec Met Fa'oa JJs at The Marina 6pm

31 Dec New Year's Eve Usual Suspects Moruya Waterfront

NYE 31 Dec The Spindrift Saga Club Malua 8:15-12:15am

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A taste of some of the stunning works on display at the annual Sculpture Bermagui exhibition is being featured as part of this year's Eurobodalla River of Art festival.

The Sculpture@TheClubhouse event, running from September 26–October 5 at the Narooma Golf Club, will showcase 25 works from 12 of the region's leading sculptors.

The artists, who work in ceramics, bronze, wood, and steel, will have their works on display against a stunning coastal backdrop in the club's Seahorse Room, with all works for sale.

This chance to view some of the iconic work that's made Sculpture Bermagui a must-see on the Sapphire Coast art calendar, is part of the 2026 River of Art, an eleven-day artist-led showcasing creativity across the Eurobodalla.



River of Art and Sculpture Bermagui proudly bring you
Sculpture@TheClubhouse

Two Hearts Paul Dimer

Sculpture Bermagui small sculptures' curator Carolyn Killen says the exhibition is a fabulous chance to celebrate beautiful art and get a small insight into Bermagui's 21st annual sculpture event from March 6–14, 2027. Carolyn says the featured artists are just a small selection of many who have exhibited at Sculpture Bermagui over two decades. One of those is Tathra-based ceramicist Anneke Pajmans, whose work includes a coiled ceramic death adder and a striking bronze dog, pieces Carolyn has highlighted as showing the evolving skill of one of our most competent artists. Always original, her work is highly sought after for collections in Australia and abroad.

"Our annual event is truly special, with striking sculptures dotted along the picturesque Bermagui Headland, and smaller works in the Surf Club, outside the Country Club, and at Shop7 Artspace at the Fisherman's Wharf. "There's such a buzz in our coastal town during the event and it is a privilege to host such talented artists and to give locals and visitors alike a chance to be up close to these works, and buy something if they wish," says Carolyn.

Sculpture@TheClubhouse will be open from 10am until 4pm from September 26–Oct 5 in the Seahorse Room at the Narooma Golf Club. Entry is free.

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This exhibition runs in tandem with
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Helen Maxwell, Weka and Eastern Yellow Robin 2020, watercolour, with collage on printed fabric



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EUROBODALLA | SOUTH COAST NSW

It's flow time for River of Art 2026

Eleven days of heightened creativity are set to flow along the Far South Coast with the return of the River of Art Festival this Friday evening, September 25.

The Festival begins with the unveiling of the 2026 River of Art Prize Finalist Exhibition and announcement of winners at Moruya's iconic Mechanics Institute from 5pm Friday, followed by 50+ happenings across 150 kilometres - from South Durras through Eurobodalla to Bermagui - before October 5. Festival Chair Corin Rossouw said this year's program brings together an exciting mix of contemporary creative practice from across the region and further afield.

"The River of Art Prize remains an anchor of the Festival, and we encourage visitors to take their time, find a work that speaks to them and vote in the People's Choice Award," Rossouw said. "But the Festival extends well beyond the Prize. This year we have a particularly strong collection of group exhibitions, bringing artists together across different disciplines, practices and stages of their careers.

"The Arts Trail takes visitors into established galleries and rarely open studios, but also cinemas, bike rides along beaches, cafés, community halls and other unexpected creative spaces.

"There's a real sense of discovery to it. You might encounter the work of one artist in their own studio, then find a group exhibition bringing together a completely different mix of artists and creative practices just down the road."

"That's really what the Arts Trail is about - getting out, exploring the region and discovering just how much creative work is being made and shown here." "What I'm particularly excited about this year is the diversity - of artists, mediums, venues and experiences across the Arts Trail," she said.

"We have nationally recognised artists and filmmakers alongside emerging and local creatives, with work appearing everywhere from galleries and studios to iconic local buildings and unexpected spaces.

"There are exhibitions, sculpture, film and live music, but also opportunities to get involved - life drawing, jewellery making on the beach, workshops and community gatherings. We even have an ocean-going vessel that is itself an evolving sculptural work.

"It's that mix of things to see, things to experience and things to discover that makes the Festival such a great way to explore the creative life of the region."

Highlights include:

● **Sculpture@TheClubHouse:** Collaboration with Sculpture Bermagui, placing a hand-picked collection of work by South Coast sculptors against one of the region's most spectacular coastal backdrops at Narooma Golf Club.

● **Film:** A first time collaboration between ROA, Narooma's Kinema and Far South Film. One cinema will screen a free, continuously looping showcase of work by eleven South East NSW filmmakers and digital artists. Throughout the festival there will also be four feature films exploring the lives, relationships and creative drive of artists and musicians.

● **Susurrus at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre:** This exhibition gathers nine artists around ideas of change, growth and transition, from quiet shifts in the natural world to more personal expressions of transformation.

● **Double Vision: made in eurobodalla:** Mirabel FitzGerald and Mark Ward at the Clyde Gallery in Batemans Bay, with prints, works on paper, sculpture and paintings drawing on the South Coast environment.

River of Art is also about getting closer to the creative process. Folks can join artist Miriam Shilling for life drawing, sand cast silver jewellery, step inside rarely open working studios and encounter HEART by Project Interrupt, an evolving, seagoing artwork that is also an ocean-going vessel.

"We encourage people to go out and explore, or rediscover, the interaction between creativity and our coastal lifestyle," Corin said.

"It might be hanging on a gallery wall, in the breach of a migrating humpback, or the way your lunch is grown and plated. Art and inspiration are everywhere when you look a little deeper, and we love to bring it to the fore each spring." River of Art Festival runs from 25 September to 5 October 2026. Step out for the art. Stay for the coast. Take home a memory.

Explore the full program and build your own Art Trail itinerary at

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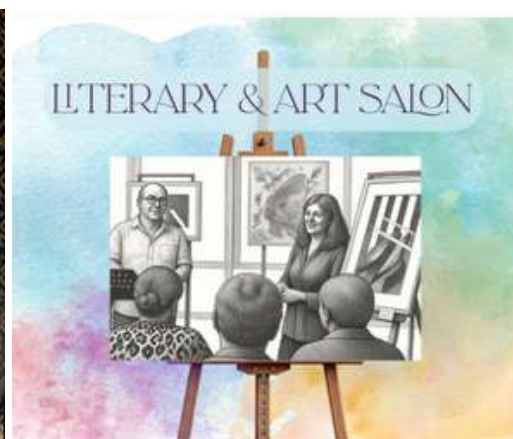
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Thursday 22 October 5pm

Join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salon.

Eurobodalla Writers Group and Moruya Library present this year's event and warmly invite you to join in this presentation of local creativity, uniting two vibrant local art communities.

Through this inspiring collaboration, local writers write literary pieces inspired by the works of local visual artists. These paired works will be shared over two evenings, accompanied by light refreshments.

Step into a world where art speaks, and stories unfold. Hear the imagined tales inspired by each artwork and discover the artist's original vision and creative spark.

Throughout October, the featured artworks will be on display in Moruya Library.

Bookings for this event are essential as spaces are limited.

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Sunday 11 October 9.30am to 4.30pm

Free gate entry with registration required
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REVEALED: New Workshop Dates are Live!

Ready to learn Mosaic? Due to popular demand, our Mosaic Shorties are back for the River of Art Festival! We've just dropped 5 new dates so now is the perfect time to join us!

Sat 26 Sept 10-12
Sun 27 Sept 10-12
Sat 3 Oct 10-12
Sun 4 Oct 10-12
Mon 5 Oct 10-12

Note: Because we keep our group sizes small and hand-on, spots per date are strictly limited. Once a date is full, it's full!

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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



Art Exhibition

3 to 11 October 2026



South Coast Pastel Society presents our 2026 Spring Exhibition and Sale. The exhibition showcases a diverse range of paintings in pastel, oils, acrylics and watercolour. The art works reflect the diversity of New South Wales's South Coast and adjoining regions and showcases the talent, creativity and diversity of the region's artists. The exhibition features spectacular landscapes and seascapes, beautiful studies of flora and fauna and wonderfully calming still life studies.

10am to 4pm
each day

Hanging Rock Sports and Function Centre
Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay (opposite the tennis courts)

South Coast Pastel Society thanks the following sponsors for their



FILM : 150 Marathons in 150 Days

Join us for a screening of the documentary '150' in Moruya on Friday 9 October at 6:30pm. 150 is an inspiring, hilarious, and downright gob-smacking story that follows Erchana Murray-Bartlett's dream to break a Guinness World Record by running 150 marathons in 150 days. She did it all while support of nature protection, raising over \$120,000 for the Wilderness Society.

Narrated by TV personality Osher Günsberg, 150 captures this seemingly impossible adventure with heart and humour, as one female battles the unavoidable injury, physical exhaustion, and her own mental toughness to run from the top of mainland Australia to the bottom. 6500km.

With the entire world watching every step, when everything and anything can happen, 150 proves that the only limits we have are the ones we place on ourselves.

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Cath Bowdler, Greta Cooper,
Leah Ann Early, Barry Jackson,
Cathy Laudenbach, Luminescent Sea,
Tessa Muskett, Lisa Patroni,
Erica Seccombe.

Opening: Saturday 19 September 2026 from 10.30am
Followed by artists' talk at 11am
Exhibition: Saturday 19 September - Saturday 17 October 2026
Where: The Bas, corner of Vulcan and Murray streets, Moruya NSW 2537



Leah Ann Early, 'Susurrus', 2026, Paper collage on board, 22.5 x 22.5cm (detail)

Join us to celebrate local artists as part of the River of Art Festival. As spring unfolds, subtle shifts in light, atmosphere and energy signal the start of something new. This group exhibition invites artists to respond to the many expressions of change, whether quiet and reflective or vibrant and dynamic.



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Multi-award winning filmmaker Martha Ansara is to screen her 1987 drama-documentary THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS at Moruya's Red Door Hall on Sunday, October 4th.

There will be two sessions —3:30 and 6:30pm — with a Q & A which promises to be something special.

"I'm keeping the event small and intimate," Martha says, "Because I'm keen to talk with people face to face, not only about the themes of the film but also about the circumstances under which it was made."

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS follows a family drawn into the controversy surrounding the Australia-US military alliance as a fleet of American nuclear warships bears down on the Port of Fremantle. (Which is why we are screening this film 40 years later— it is disturbingly relevant today!)

Along with three professional actors, the cast includes dozens of local people appearing as themselves. It's a tapestry of port life in a bygone era. As well, the mix of reality includes testimony from elite military and policy experts, including Rear Admiral Gene La Rocque (retired, U.S. Navy) and Alan Renouf (former Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador to Washington). Martha explains that getting those interviews was not nearly as difficult as organising the arrival of a U.S. nuclear fleet.

"The script totally depended on being able to shoot at least one enormous aircraft carrier lurking outside the port along with hordes of U.S. sailors swarming through the city streets. Unfortunately, there was no way to schedule such an essential scene; US authorities never reveal the movements of their ships. And although I did everything possible to find out if and when they were coming, we had to start filming not knowing if or how we could shoot the film's finale.

Now that I have more experience, I can't believe we had the hide to raise finance for such a risky venture, all the more so as major funding had come from an investor selling his father's precious Victoria Cross won at Gallipoli — Australia's highest and rarest military honour. In any case, in 1987 we did complete THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS and after its cinema screenings, I then managed to get an ABC TV sale by outrageously unorthodox measures. It was quite a coup at the time. Even more exceptionally for an Australian film, our investors actually made a profit.



Such stories are the fun part of filmmaker Q & As; the other questions to be answered are of a different and more serious order altogether."

Martha Ansara has been making films for 55 years as a director, producer and one of the first women to work as a cinematographer in Australia. She has been inaugurated into the Australian Cinematographer's Hall of Fame, is a LifeMember of the Australian Directors Guild and received the Australian Film Institute's prestigious Byron Kennedy Award.

"I am so pleased to be showing THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS here where I live," continues Martha, "please book a ticket and bring a friend!!"

Tickets are available by donation — with funds going to IPAN (the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network)

Book now at <https://events.humanitix.com/the-pursuit-of-happiness>

Moruya • TWO SCREENINGS ONLY:

Sunday, October 4th, 2026 3:30 & 6:30 pm

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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](#)

Tickets to be released soon! Keep an eye out! See less

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3RD OCTOBER



High Tea is coming to Bodalla General! Join us Saturday 3rd October for an afternoon of delicious treats, good company and a little indulgence.



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Saturday 26 September 2026 • 5:30 pm

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2026 Gilmore Stronger Communities Programme is now open!

Fiona Phillips MP invites local organisations to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for the 2026 Stronger Communities Programme. Grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 are on offer to community organisations and councils for infrastructure projects that deliver social benefits to our local communities.

This program is intended to:

- Encourage and support participation in local projects
- Improve local community participation
- Contribute to vibrant and viable communities.

Projects that have previously been funded under this program have included fit-out for men's sheds, community area refurbishments, and other capital works. Grants are not available for ongoing expenses, land purchases, payment of utilities, display exhibitions, studies or investigations, among other exclusions. Please call or email my office for more info and the link to an online expression of interest form (also in comments). PH 4423 1782 Fiona.Phillips.MP@aph.gov.au Expressions of interest are open in my office until October 30, 2026.

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](#)

MORUYA, YOU'VE FILLED US UP!

Good Finds by Yumaro reports: "We've had an overwhelming influx of amazing donations, so we're putting a temporary pause on donations from today until Thursday 1 October while our team catches up.

And WOW... do we have some great stuff to show for it!

Now's the perfect time to come and see what's on offer:

Goodfinds Moruya – behind Harris Scarfe

Goodfinds Furniture Warehouse – 32 Shelley Road, Moruya

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Thank you for your incredible support and generosity."

Community feedback helping shape revised masterplan

Eurobodalla Council held two public drop-in sessions at Bay Pavilions last week, giving staff developing the revised Batemans Bay Masterplan an opportunity to hear directly from the community.

Around 25 people attended, most of them local residents. They expressed broad support for change and some development in and around Batemans Bay, but on a lesser scale than the previously proposed 100-metre building heights. Participants also emphasised the importance of retaining the town's coastal character, protecting public spaces, and ensuring easy movement and access to services. Council has also launched an online survey, open until 30 September, to gather further community feedback.

That feedback, along with previous community input, additional stakeholder engagement and technical studies, will help shape the revised plan. It is expected to go to Council in December before formal public exhibition in early 2027.



OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Hosted by Batemans Bay Branch of the Australian Labor Party.

"What the second Trump administration means for Australia."



Featured speakers:

Lesley Russell & Bruce Wolpe

Lesley Russell

Health policy adviser to Democrats in the US Congress and the Labor Party in the Australian Parliament; Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Sydney; regular contributor to Pearls and Irritations and Croakey.

Bruce Wolpe

Former adviser to Democrats in Congress and to Prime Minister Julia Gillard; senior fellow at the United States Studies Center; regular commentator on US politics across Australian media.

Everyone's Welcome

**5pm, Tuesday 29 September
Batemans Bay Pavilions – Rooms 3&4**

Tea and coffee will be available, and there will be a raffle with the prize of a signed copy of Bruce Wolpe's book, *What Trump's Second Term Means for Australia*. Formal discussion concludes at 6.30 pm. Join us to continue the conversation over dinner at the Soldiers Club.

Register for catering

Email cmk324@gmail.com - Subject heading: "Russell Wolpe"

Braidwood Lions Antique Fair

October long week



**Held at the National Theatre
100 Wallace St, Braidwood
Friday 2 October from 12-5
Saturday 3 October 9-5
Sunday 4 October 9-4**

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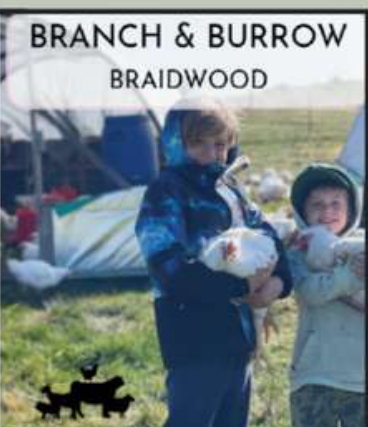


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2026 Diary Dates

- 25 September – **River of Art Prize opening and Festival Launch**
- Sat 26th Sept **Quantum Art Prize opening 3pm**
- 26 September – **Tilba Festival**
- 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**

Free Legal Advice

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

When: Thursday 24 September 2026 10am to 1:30pm

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

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service reports: "A H5 bird flu event has been confirmed on Barunguba Montague Island on the NSW Far South Coast. As a precaution to protect visitors and wildlife, access to NPWS accommodation on the island is temporarily unavailable.

Day tour activities continue to operate with safety and hygiene measures in place and visitors can still safely enjoy the island's unique wildlife and rich natural and cultural history. We're working in collaboration with Primary Industries and Regional Development to monitor the situation closely and make adjustments as conditions change. The scheduled vaccination of little penguins on Barunguba Montague Island is expected to continue."

Southern NSW Local Health District



2026 Annual Public Meeting

Southern NSW Local Health District's Board extend an invitation to our community to attend our online Annual Public Meeting.

Tuesday 27 October 2026

4.00pm to 4.45pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

Register at bit.ly/SNSWLHD2026APM



Please submit questions to SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au in advance and these will be answered on the day.

Elegant High Tea Fundraiser at Historic Henkley Farm – Central Tilba

Sunday, 25 October 2026 at 11.30am to 1.30pm.

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Gala Cancer Fundraiser – Raising Money for Breast & Prostate Cancer

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

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

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm To find out more email mdha@y7mail.com or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



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What smells? A nose of course! G'day mates, I'm here to answer another canine query keeping a Eurobodallan up at night. This curly one comes from an anonymous reader who asks:

"Should I be washing my dog regularly, or can I let nature take its course? He never gets that pongy and I don't want to ruin his coat."

Ah, the age-old bath time battle! Do you lather up or go el-natural?

First up, let's look at the nature takes its course idea. A dog's skin produces natural oils that create a protective barrier, keeping the coat shiny, weather-resistant, and free from irritation. Over-washing, especially with harsh human shampoos, can strip away these essential oils, leaving us with dry, itchy skin and a dull coat. So if your pup isn't visibly filthy or smelling like a dead mullet, letting nature do its thing isn't the worst idea.

However, our modern domestic life isn't quite the same as roaming the bush. We sleep on your lounges, ride in your cars, and sometimes even cuddle up on your beds. For healthy humans, an unwashed dog mostly means just bad odours and extra dust. However, if anyone in your household has allergies, asthma, skin conditions, or a compromised immune system, regular grooming is essential for a healthy home environment. Plus, leaving dirt, pollen, and allergens trapped in our fur for months on end can lead to us dogs getting skin infections and matted hair.

When it comes to bath schedules, one size definitely doesn't fit all coats. Short-coated mates like Kelpies, Greyhounds, or Staffies naturally shed dirt from their sleek fur and can coast along for a few months between baths with just a quick towel down after a muddy run. But double-coated breeds like Golden Retrievers, Border Collies, or German Shepherds need a good lather every two months minimum to clear grit out of their dense undercoats without stripping those weather proofing oils. Curly and non-shedding pups like Poodles, Labradoodles, or Schnauzers trap hair, skin flakes, and moisture rapidly because their hair continuously grows, probably need a good wash and clip roughly every month.

So, while nature is great for keeping our skin's ecosystem balanced, a little human intervention keeps everyone sweet.

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Designated rehoming organisations and registered animal welfare charities can apply for grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000, with applications open from 17 September to 9 October 2026.

The program provides \$6 million over four years, with \$1.5 million available each year to support the care and rehoming of vulnerable dogs and cats across NSW. Last year, 58 organisations across NSW shared in \$1.5 million through the program, helping them improve facilities, provide veterinary care and support animals being prepared for rehoming.

Funding can be used for a range of purposes, including:

- desexing, microchipping and vaccinations
- animal training and rehabilitation
- facility upgrades
- community education programs
- emergency support during natural disasters.

Rehoming organisations and animal welfare charities play a critical role across NSW. Many rely heavily on volunteers to care for vulnerable animals, reduce pressure on council pounds and help dogs and cats find new homes.

Information on how to apply for the Companion Animal Welfare and Rehoming Grant Program is available on the NSW Government grants and funding website: <https://tinyurl.com/3kn5c2md>

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Melvin Eveleigh, Director at Transport for NSW said the partnership with TAC now makes the program multi-jurisdictional and will help promote bicycle helmet safety beyond New South Wales with the launch of the new website www.helmetstar.com.au. The latest results include five-star ratings for: • Trek Tyro (\$79) – Children's helmet • Fluid Vector (\$40) – Road helmet • Trek Starvos WaveCel (\$170) – General purpose helmet • Lazer Lupo KinetiCore (\$100) – Mountain bike helmet • O'Neal Transition (\$270) – Full-face helmet.

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 19.9.26

Moruya River.

Business this week has been on the improve, as angler confidence starts to increase with the turn of the seasons. I can't believe that Xmas and a new year are only just around the corner!

In the Moruya river, the bream and flathead are starting to re-emerge from their relatively short winter slumber. The shallow, sun baked sand flats, will be their preferred locations this weekend. Try around the airport flats, back of the hole in the wall, in front of Malabar creek, under the town bridge and across from the hospital. Baits or smaller lure presentations will be the go to options this early in the season. The odd adage, that elephants eat peanuts, works well all year round, but particularly early season.

Up in the fresh reaches, local bass fishos are already finding holes with fish willing to play. The upper reaches are in desperate need of some rain fall to allow post spawn fish to move back up into the upper reaches of the Deua river.

Tuross River.

Tuross has been fishing well this week, with many anglers getting into nice fish. Flathead over the shallow sand and mud flat areas are particularly busy. There have been several mullet hooked landed and lost in the systems abundance of known holes. Live bait or good quality dead squid baits will tempt the grey ghost to come and dance with you this time of year. Don't overlook the deeper holes, as there will be a few stubborn fish that aren't ready to move up onto the warmer shallows just yet.

Luderick fisherman are still catching a few fish using floats, nippers or green weed also this week. String weed can be the hardest part of this style of fishing to find. Once you find a patch, keep it to your self, as the don't last long. For the bass fishos, the upper reaches are producing a few early season fish. The upper reaches of this system are heavily affected by low water conditions. We are in desperate need of rain at the moment, both for the rivers and anyone that has live stock.

Rock and Beach.

The southerly winds we have had this week, have made fishing the beaches a real chore. No that are starting to ease off, expect to see more anglers along the coastline, chasing a few salmon and maybe an early season bream or whiting. The Moruya breakwall will be holding most of the usual suspects of bream, flathead, trevally, salmon and Luderick.

Offshore.

I have been getting lots of reports from the snapper and flathead anglers of reasonable catches of fish. With most fish coming from the 15m+ mark of water. With warm water conditions starting push down the coast more rapidly, the game crews will be setting up for a season of trolling lures and chasing both tuna and Marlin. Only time will tell. I can't believe it was this time last year it was total chaos offshore with the tuna run we had. Fingers crossed they turn up again this year.

This shop has a refresh from several major suppliers, with a few more orders to come in next week. Check or socials for details, and stay tuned for any new items coming.

If there is anything else you would like me to cover in these reports, please leave your comments below. I really enjoy getting your feed back, both through the socials and in store that you guys actually get something out of these reports.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll



Side Plank Pose - Santolanasana Variation

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To practice - Assume the plank position with the feet together. Transfer the weight onto the right arm and right foot. Roll on to the outer right foot, resting the left foot on top the right, keep the body straight and the chest facing forward. Position the left arm and hand along the trunk or raise it up in line with the shoulder. Keep the side of the waist lifted and be careful not to sag in the hips. Hold for as long as comfortable, then to release, roll back into the plank position and repeat to the other side.



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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Paul Scholze with Captain Lars Gaupset.



Winner: Brad Doolan



Winner: Steve Lymbery

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 17th September 2026

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

The Winners were:

- 1st: Paul Scholze (18) with 40 points
2nd: Brad Reid (35) with 39 points (countback)
3rd: Ray Bollard (5) with 39 points (countback)
4th: Mark Haberkorn (16) with 39 points
Nearest to the Pins
4th: Colin Houghton 1.20 A Grade
4th: Paul Scholze 1.12 B Grade
4th: Mark Jackson 3.54 C Grade
6th: Ray Bollard 2.66 A Grade
6th: Mark Forrest 2.88 B Grade
7th: Tim Watson 2.19 A Grade
7th: Dianne Brown 4.19 B Grade

Balls went to: Gavan Wheelahan 37, Leigh Coloe 35, Nick Brice 10, Stephen Gardner 35, Ian McManus 34, Jenny Reilly 34, Jim Wade 34, Colin Houghton 33, Wayne Lilley 33 and Kevin Reilly 33.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 19th September 2026

A field of 50 players took to the course to compete in a Medley Stableford event. The weather was warm and sunny and there were some fantastic and close scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Brad Doolan (7) with 41 points
2nd: Mark Forrest (17) with 40 points
3rd: John Phyland (17) with 39 points
4th: Ben Hewison (11) with 38 points
5th: Ian Kingston (24) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Troy Kingdom 0.71 A Grade
4th: Kevin Reilly 2.31 B Grade
4th: Gavan Wheelahan 1.82 C Grade
6th: William Steenbergen 5.25 A Grade
6th: Mark Forrest 4.06 B Grade
6th: Greg Smith 5.55 C Grade
7th: William Steenbergen 2.31 A Grade

Place Getters: Ian Manton 37, Ian McManus 37, Troy Kingdom 36, Steven O'Shea 36, Paul Medwin 36, Paul Scholze 36, William Steenbergen 35, John Harb 35, Lars Gaupset 35, Greg Booth 35, Ian Lawson 34, Michael Coloe 34, Jenny Reilly 33, Ross Hendy 33 and Steve Johnston 33.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 23rd September 2026

29 players competed in a single Stableford event today. It was a cool, overcast morning and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Steve Lymbery with 27 points
2nd: Ross Hendy with 25 points
3rd: Ron Hanlon with 24 points (countback)

Balls or Chocolates:

Tory Puglisi 24, Gai Forrest 22, Len Rogers 21 and Les Thompson 21.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Steve Gardner, Steve Lymbery and Greg Smith (in the Hole) (2nd Shot)
6th: Ken Hush (1st Shot)
7th: Ladies: Jeanette Miller (2nd Shot)
Mens: Steve Gardner (In the Hole) (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Tory Puglisi (5th hole)
Bradman: Lisa Gray

Bateman's Bay has a legend to be proud of

Karen Green from Batemans Bay Seahawks Football Club has just been named one of the eight national finalists in the Bunnings Legend of the Tongs competition, and the whole community should be celebrating! Over 18 weeks of the 2026 AFL season, Bunnings searched the country for the volunteers who hold their clubs together – the ones who show up week after week to keep the barbeque sizzling and the club spirit alive. Up against 720 nominations nationwide, Karen Green has made it all the way to the final eight.

As a finalist, Karen Green has won a trip for two to the Toyota AFL Grand Final, where they'll be in the running to be crowned 2026 Legend of the Golden Tongs and take home \$25,000 in Bunnings products and materials for Batemans Bay Seahawks Football Club.

Why Karen Green is a legend: For the past five years, Karen Green has been the heart of her local football club's canteen, volunteering countless hours to make sure players, families and supporters are looked after on game day. As Canteen Manager, Karen spends her week stocking fridges, managing supplies and preparing everything the club needs, before arriving before 7am on Saturdays to get things ready. She is consistently the first to arrive and the last to leave, supporting both junior and senior fixtures and taking on whatever needs to be done behind the scenes to keep the club running smoothly.

The Legend of the Golden Tongs will be crowned on Friday 25 September by Legend of the Tongs Ambassadors Matthew Richardson and Libby Birch.



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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls

President Robbo welcomed 21 Twisties on a very hot 32 o morning. Hope everyone enjoyed the morning tea of Raspberry Friands.

Thanks as always to Vince for his juicy oranges also for the lemons. Sheet is now up for names of those attending Christmas party.

Winners on Lowest Winning Margin +1, Lois Lane, Rob & Trish the Dish. Runners-up +4, Dave K and Irish.

Trish selected Rink 4 to try for Jackpot of \$275. Chanty cut cards and came up with 6 of Clubs.

High/Low scores 26/6 not won but two of our Twisties only 2 off.

Lucky numbers, 14 Matilda, 3 Robbo

Winning teams, Hot Lips, Spike and Chanty 25/6 .

Vince and Tim 26/10

Matilda and Gilligan 16/10

Special thanks to Rob Hoper who called in to check us out and took over from Yours Truly when she was feeling a little woozy in the head.

Working Bee next Friday @ 2pm to help prepare Greens for Rookie Pairs on Saturday 26th September.



Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Oh Boy back to Winter today we were all freezing it was so cold! Mac welcomed everyone also wishing Gwen Ware a Happy 82nd Birthday.

Robyn Butcher called cards for Club Major Singles Championship. Thank you to Robyn as Umpire for Round 1 also Markers.

Social Bowls Winners in a Pairs game which was a Drawn match. Beja Smith and Nancy White, Bev McKague and Joan Rimner. (photo) Money Club, 32 Michelle Adler, 33 Colleen Ashby.

Round 1, Colleen Ashby defeated Beverley Keatley 25/22

Yvonne Huddleston def. Patricia Weekes 25/23

Michelle Adler def. Julie Knorpp 25/13

Gloria Harper def. Wendy Geary 25/12

Lynda Franks def. Di MacPherson 25/9

Jenny Blyth def. Di Wotherspoon 28/11

Round 2 Umpire Julie Knorpp.

Robyn Butcher def. Sue Beavan 25/10

Gloria Harper def. Michelle Adler 25/22

Lynda Franks def. Jenny Blyth 25/14

Yvonne Huddleston def. Colleen Ashby 25/ 19.

Semi Final will be played Thursday 24th September in the morning.

Final played in afternoon. There will be some fantastic bowls to watch so come along to cheer our bowlers on.

100,000 in Trail Maintenance Funding for Narooma MTB Trails

Narooma Mountain Bike Club is pleased to announce that we have received \$100,000 in funding from the NSW Government to support the ongoing maintenance of the Narooma MTB Trails.

"This is an important investment in the future of our 85kms of trail and will assist the Club with the significant ongoing work required to keep the network safe, well maintained and enjoyable for our local community and the thousands of riders who visit Narooma each year. As a volunteer-run club responsible for maintaining such an extensive trail network, securing reliable funding for trail maintenance is one of our greatest challenges. This funding will provide valuable support and allow us to continue undertaking essential maintenance across the network. The Narooma MTB Trails have become an important community sporting and recreational asset, as well as attracting riders and visitors from all over Australia to the Narooma region. Narooma Mountain Bike Club sincerely thanks the NSW Government for recognising the importance of maintaining this infrastructure and for their support of our Club, our riders and the wider community. We look forward to putting this funding to work on the trails."

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NSW Government extends consultation on proposed harvest strategies to protect Yellowtail Kingfish and Snapper

The NSW Government is extending consultation on the draft harvest strategies for Yellowtail Kingfish and Snapper following feedback from fishers and stakeholders seeking more time and to counter the spread of false information online regarding the science behind the draft strategies. The extension reflects the NSW Government's commitment to robust consultation to ensure fishers and the community can provide informed submissions based on science and independent expert advice.

Yellowtail Kingfish and Snapper are highly valued by commercial and recreational fishers in NSW. However, current assessments show the biomass for both species is well below desired target levels.

The NSW Government recognises that some fishers are still catching small and medium-size Kingfish in reasonable numbers. But not enough of those smaller fish are making it to breeding size.

Experts advise the stock of NSW Kingfish is now 'depleted' at just 5.5 percent of unfished levels – that's dangerously low and risks the ability of the stock to breed sustainably.

The Minns Government is determined to deliver more Kingfish, more big Kingfish, and avoid a total fishing ban. NSW has adopted the best scientific and expert approach in determining the health of yellowtail kingfish and snapper stocks and then determining the most appropriate harvest plans by undertaking the following:

- Taking on board advice from commercial, and recreational fishers, plus independent experts, through the Line & Trap Harvest Strategy Working Group
- Implementing an assessment model that brings the state in line with fisheries best practice around the world
- Using spawning females as a more accurate measure of the breeding population and overall stock status
- Incorporating additional biological and fishery data, including age, size, growth and spawning information, to better determine the health of the stock
- Assessing spawning biomass, that is the breeding population, which is the key indicator used to assess sustainability.

The proposed approach for the draft yellow tail kingfish and snapper strategies shares responsibility across all fishing sectors, recognising that stock recovery can only be achieved through collective effort. The draft strategies set out practical measures designed to recover fish stocks, provide certainty for fishers and secure access for future fisheries.

The draft Yellowtail Kingfish strategy is proposing the following for feedback from stakeholders:

- A reduction of catch from around 250 tonnes to 120 tonnes, which has been estimated to allow biomass to increase to 20 percent of unfished biomass and a sustainable stock status in around 9 years.
- A heavily reduced monthly catch limit for that recognises the need to maintain continuity of supply to markets, is proposed for commercial fishers.
- A zero-take imposed outside of the Line West and Line East sectors of the Ocean Trap and Line Fisheries.
- For recreational fishers, including charter, the following is proposed in the draft strategy:
 - a reduced bag and possession limit of one and boat limit of one
 - a recreational Yellowtail Kingfish catch and release season around the estimated spawning period from November to January each year if catch levels need further management under the proposed bag and boat limits.

Snapper stocks in NSW have been slowly rebuilding since the 1990s after reaching historically low levels. While the stock is considered sustainable, biomass is still below long-term target levels and the draft Snapper strategy is proposing the following for feedback from stakeholders to support the biomass to reach 30 percent of unfished biomass by 2035:

- Management changes that will keep catches around the current level of 300 tonnes p.a.
- Introducing commercial monthly catch limits, and a recreational bag and possession limit of three, with one over 70cm for recreational fishers.

Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty said "We've examined the science, we've consulted the experts, we've spoken to experienced fishers and the answer is clear – the stocks of breeding Kingfish are far too low. What the government is proposing is an action plan to rebuild kingfish stocks and long-term sustainability.

"This situation didn't happen overnight. It came after a decade of neglect and inaction by the former National and Liberal government and that poor management has brought us to this critical point for yellowtail kingfish.

"Over the last few weeks online posts have sought to misinform fishers about the science behind the new assessments for the health of the yellowtail kingfish and snapper.

"The Government is responding by extending the consultation period, giving fishers and the community more time to consider the draft strategies based on science and facts, not misinformation.

"Kingfish are a fast-growing and fast-breeding species, and they respond quickly to measures. I'm confident we can see the stock return to sustainable levels if we introduce the tough measures in the draft strategy.

"I'm confident with the snapper harvest draft strategy that we can keep the momentum going to rebuild this important species for our commercial, recreational and Aboriginal fishers."

The public now have until 15 February 2027 to provide their feedback on the draft NSW Yellowtail Kingfish and Snapper harvest strategies and management options. All feedback provided through the public consultation will be considered by the Line & Trap Harvest Strategy Working Group and the Government before the harvest strategies are finalised.

Have Your Say at:

- Yellowtail Kingfish - <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/yellowtail-kingfish>
- Snapper - <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/snapper>

Tight finish marks return of Moruya Ladies Spring Triples

By Christa Poulter

Moruya Bowling Club's first ladies tournament in several years drew 24 teams from across the South Coast and beyond, with the final placings remaining open until the last day. After five games and 60 ends, two teams were tied on 49 points, another three were tied on 47 and only one shot separated fourth from fifth. The Ladies Spring Triples was held on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September, attracting players from Queanbeyan, Milton Ulladulla, St Georges Basin, Huskisson, Sussex Inlet, Narooma, Tura Beach, Tathra and Eden, as well as teams from Moruya, Malua Bay, Tomakin and Tuross Head. Played as two bowl triples, the tournament included three games of 12 ends on Saturday and two on Sunday. Teams received three points for a win, one point for a draw and one point for every end won, with overall margin used to separate teams finishing on equal points. The format meant teams continued to collect points throughout each game and every end contributed to their position in the tournament.

Saturday establishes the order

Milton Ulladulla's Tracy Holt, Shauna Geraghty and Jeanie Thompson took control of the competition during Saturday's three games, finishing the opening day on 36 points with a margin of plus 40. They held a seven point lead over Malua Bay's Jenny Blyth, Sue Beavan and Gloria Harper, who were second on 29 points and plus 13. Kathryn Ryan, Chris Hansen and Helen Smith from Narooma were also on 29 points, sitting third with a margin of plus nine.

Sandra Crimmins, Jan Winter and Cherrilyn Brace from Milton Ulladulla followed in fourth on 28 points and plus nine. Moruya's Gail Page, Telara Edwards and Jane Rylands were fifth on 27 points and plus 20, while fellow Moruya team Nicki Hardie, Margaret Flynn and Annie Stockwell completed Saturday in sixth on 26 points and plus 17. Sunday comes down to margins

Sunday began with two games and 24 ends still to play. Tracy Holt, Shauna Geraghty and Jeanie Thompson had the advantage at the top, but the teams behind them had little room for error, with every end capable of changing the order.



Ladies Spring Triples winners Tracy Holt, Shauna Geraghty and Jeanie Thompson from Milton Ulladulla finished on 55 points with a margin of plus 44.

The Milton Ulladulla leaders added another 19 points to complete the tournament on 55 with a margin of plus 44. Their six point victory secured the Ladies Spring Triples title and the \$1,350 first prize.

The greater movement came in the race for the remaining places. Sandra Crimmins, Jan Winter and Cherrilyn Brace added 21 points on Sunday to rise from fourth into second, finishing on 49 points with a margin of plus 25. Jenny Blyth, Sue Beavan and Gloria Harper also finished on 49 points. Their margin of plus 23 placed them third, with only two shots separating the teams after the full five games. The contest for fourth and fifth was even closer. Nicki Hardie, Margaret Flynn and Annie Stockwell moved from sixth overnight to finish on 47 points with a margin of plus 38, securing fourth place for Moruya.

Gail Page, Telara Edwards and Jane Rylands also reached 47 points, but their plus 37 margin left them one shot behind their clubmates in fifth. Kathryn Ryan, Chris Hansen and Helen Smith became the third team to finish on 47 points, with their plus 24 margin placing them sixth.

Moruya Bowling Club President Brett Vickers said the number of entries and the distances travelled by visiting players had made the return of the tournament particularly encouraging.

"Getting a ladies tournament back on the calendar after a number of years was something we wanted to do and we could not have asked for a better response," Vickers said.

"To have 24 teams, including so many visiting players, created a great atmosphere at the club. A lot of people worked behind the scenes before and during the weekend and the result reflects that effort."

Bowls Coordinator Pete Davies said the position at the start of Sunday had created a close finish across the remaining prize places.

"Sunday began with only three points separating second from sixth, so every one of those teams was still in the contest," Davies said.

"By the end, Sandra Crimmins and Jenny Blyth's teams were tied on 49 points, while Nicki Hardie, Gail Page and Kathryn Ryan's teams were all on 47. The margins had to separate them and only one shot stood between fourth and fifth after the entire weekend."

The tournament was supported by major sponsor GPC Lawn Bowls Coaching, along with DERMA Therapy, Moruya Bowling Club, The HIVE Motel and Moruya Holiday Park.

The final prize pool was \$4,320, with prizes awarded to the first five teams and two additional awards for the best winning margins during Saturday's play. The strong field and the closeness of Sunday's final standings made for a successful return of ladies tournament bowls to Moruya after several years away.

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Batemans Bay Sailing Report



Free Spirit



Anger Management



Paikea



The Start

Photos Terry Paton.

It was a great day for sailing last Saturday when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the opening race of the 2026/27 season. The sailing club is an excellent venue for trailerable yachts which can be stored mast up the clubhouse boat yard and then taken straight from there to the Hanging Rock ramp for launching. Over the course of the year, increasing numbers of trailerable yacht crews have been sailing club events. On Saturday there were four trailerable yachts, "Anger Management" (Warren Buchan), "Red Dwarf" (Jack Egan), "Paikea" (Paul Hutchinson) and "Free Spirit" (Jeremy O'Keefe) taking part along with the three regular keelboats "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton), "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) and "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond).

"Free Spirit" is an RL24 owned by BBSC and used for sail training. On the day she sailed a shorter Division 2 course while all the other crews elected to sail the Division 1 course. It was a beautiful sunny day with a light to moderate northerly breeze. After a short delay, race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Fred Tromp aboard the committee boat "Dave Magill" set an excellent pin end favoured line and launched into the start sequence.

"Accolade" pulled off a port tack start, crossed the fleet and led around the top mark at Chain Bay from "Moonmist". The "Moonmist" crew did a much smarter spinnaker set sailing her into the lead. Shortly afterwards a gusty nor'east sea breeze arrived turning the leg out to the marine park middle mark into a shy reach. "Moonmist" struggled to lay the mark under spinnaker. "Accolade" sailed over the top of her and back into the lead.

Meanwhile, "Anger Management", a Thompson 7 sportsboat, was unable to set her spinnaker. Although she is potentially the quickest boat in the fleet downwind by some margin, she was deprived of her biggest weapon and stayed in third place. "Accolade" sailed into a convergence zone between the nor'easter and the gradient northerly breeze near the leeward mark at Caseys Beach and parked up. Meanwhile "Moonmist" held on to the last of the nor'easter and was able to sail straight past "Accolade" to leeward. The other boats in the fleet were parked around the Caseys Beach mark even longer. The fleet became very strung out.

"Moonmist" was sailing disconcertingly fast under a brand new suite of sails. She held on to win on line honours and PHS from "Accolade" and "Anger Management". Even though Paton had sensibly shortened the course, none of the other boats were able to finish.

After the race crews were all able to meet up for celebrations and commiserations at a clubhouse BBQ thanks to Peter Smith. Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au. The next BBSC keelboat race will be on October 3rd.

Lachlan Brown



Red Dwarf



Sail La Vie

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