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Men's Table Entree - Mini Entree

Date: Thursday 15th October 2026

Time:

- Entree 5.30pm for a 5.45pm sharp start - 6.30 pm,
- 6.30 - 7.00 order food and meet existing Table men
- Begin Table at 7:00pm until 9:00pm (with existing Table)

Venue: Golfer's Lounge - Moruya Golf Club

Find your seat at the Table

The Men's Table provides a unique space for men to share openly about their lives—challenges, highs, and lows—within a trusted group of peers. We are moving beyond "pub talk" to build genuine belonging and community and are open to men of all ages, walks of life, ethnicities and backgrounds.

What is an "Entree"?

The Entree is a relaxed, no-obligation introductory meal. It's your chance to:

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

Why Join?

"It gives me a sense of belonging—I feel a part of something." – James

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

On the night you will be invited to join the existing Table as they will attend from 6.30pm to order food and drinks.. and we will start a Table onboarding Training at 7.00pm and close at 9:00pm

If you wish to not join the Table after the Entree at 6.30pm... you are free to leave.

<https://themenstable.org/entree-NSW/>

Find out more on The Men's Table website or use this link to register

There are space limited to 16 so please book your spot at the table – and also be eligible to join existing Tables in Bega, Bermagui, Narooma, Tuross and Mogo.

Once you've been to the Entree, you'll be clearer about whether you'd like to be part of starting a new local Table, and we can help you with the relevant next steps.

Visit the website to find out more – www.themenstable.org

Fire destroys closed Bay Waters Motel



Photo: Luka Pollard

On Monday 5 October a fire destroyed a large part of the abandoned Bay water Motel on the northern side of the Batemans Bay Bridge.

Fire and Rescue NSW Station 384 Moruya reported "RP 384 (Moruya) responded to a large building fire at the old motel in North Batemans Bay alongside multiple Fire and Rescue NSW appliances, including RP 217, Tanker 217, Haz 217, RP 236, Rescue Tanker 236, RP 477, Tanker 477, RV 384, and crews from the NSW Rural Fire Service. Through a coordinated firefighting effort, crews were successful in cutting off the fire's progression at Room 1, preventing further spread through the motel rooms. A large number of Breathing Apparatus (BA) teams worked tirelessly throughout the incident in challenging conditions, conducting fire attack and property protection operations. We would also like to acknowledge the outstanding support provided by the NSW Rural Fire Service, whose crews assisted with critical water relay operations, ensuring a continuous water supply to firefighters working on the fireground.

This incident was a great example of the teamwork, professionalism, and coordination displayed by all agencies involved in bringing the fire under control."

Fire and Rescue NSW Station 236 Braidwood were paged to respond as well with both their appliances joining seven other Fire and Rescue NSW appliances, with eight firefighters joining a team of over 30 to extinguish the fully involved motel.

The property was purchased by Transport for NSW as part of the new bridge build. While it has been used as emergency accommodation, it had been closed earlier in the year.

There had been a precious fire at the hotel in 2023.

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Rebadged and revised: Broulee Road subdivision for 685 lots



By Alex Rea

Brightway Development Group has lodged its revised planning proposal for a 685 lot subdivision at 207 Broulee Road, Broulee called Broulee Ridge.

A former Development application for 'The Farm', an 800 lot 'agri-hood' subdivision on the site was rejected by Council and the Southern Planning Panel in 2024.

The site is situated between the crematorium and Carroll College and is zoned RUI (rural) and C2 (environmental conservation) and would require rezoning.

The previous pitch for a 'sustainable community' has shifted to 'affordable housing' with 20% of homes to be affordable, rental and key worker housing.

Brightway Development Group says "It sets out a 685-lot master-planned community built around one of the South Coast's most pressing problems: local workers and families who can no longer find a home they can afford.

The proposal commits 35 homes to affordable housing in perpetuity (not the usual 15 years), 35 build-to-rent homes and 70 homes for key workers, with up to 100% finance available.

More than 50 hectares of the 125-hectare site would be kept as wetland, bushland and public open space. Housing for the people who keep the South Coast running Brightway Development Group CEO Edward Fernon said the plan was designed around the people the region relies on most.

"Eurobodalla has a major housing problem with nurses, teachers, tradies and young families who can't find somewhere to live. This plan is built around them," Mr Fernon said. "Most affordable housing schemes expire after 15 years, and then those homes go back to market. We have committed to 35 homes staying as affordable permanently, for the next generation of locals, not just this one."

The proposal includes:

- 293 compact lots (from 300 m²) for first-home buyers, downsizers and smaller households
- 331 standard lots (from 550 m²) for families
- 51 lifestyle lots (from 1,000 m²) and 10 large lots (1 hectare and above)
- 35 affordable homes in perpetuity and 35 build-to-rent homes to add long-term rental supply
- 70 key worker homes, with a finance pathway of up to 100% to remove the deposit barrier

The site adjoins Carroll College, is about 1 km from Broulee village and is a 14-minute drive from the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital in Moruya, which is expected to create around 600 direct jobs.

"The new hospital will bring hundreds of health workers to the region, and they need homes within a short drive," Mr Fernon said. "Broulee has amazing beaches, three schools, close to Moruya airport and a short drive to the hospital making this community exactly the right place for them."

At the Councillor information session yesterday, Director Gary Bruce said "It is a very significant planning proposal and is likely to be controversial. We need to decide whether to submit it to the Dept for gateway determination. The DA was lodged in March and we have spent several months in discussion."

Brightway says "The revised proposal follows feedback from the community, Council and State agencies on earlier versions of the plan. It has fewer homes than the original 800-dwelling scheme, a maximum building height of 8.5 metres across the whole site and an overall density of about six dwellings per hectare."

"We listened. This is a lower-scale, lower-density plan that keeps the wetlands and bushland that make Broulee special," Mr Fernon said. "Growth is coming to the South Coast either way. The question is whether it's planned well, with the right mix of homes, or happens piecemeal."

About 30.8 hectares would be protected and expanded as environmental conservation land, including the coastal wetland on the site, with a further 19.7 hectares of public recreation land. A 9.3 km network of walking and cycling trails would link the community with Broulee village, local beaches and the schools. This includes a proposed path along George Bass Drive to Train Street, to be negotiated as part of a planning agreement with Council.

A neighbourhood hub with a pre-school and local shops, a community clubhouse, a playground and an outdoor community and events space would sit at the heart of the development."

Mr Fernon said the Broulee proposal was a test of whether regional towns could grow with a deliberate housing mix.

See: www.brouleeridge.com.au

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Council Meeting wrap-up for September 2026

Councillors met on Tuesday 29 September to consider a range of reports and community matters. Key outcomes included:

Emissions Reduction Plan adopted

Councillors adopted the Emissions Reduction Plan 2025–2040 and endorsed new budgets to support its implementation. Funding includes \$1.1 million for solar installations at Bay Pavilions and Narooma Pool in 2026–27, an ongoing \$200,000 annual solar budget, and funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure at the Moruya administration building and Council depots.

Tomakin sewage treatment plant upgrade progresses

Council approved the Tomakin Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade to move to its next phase. This includes detailed design, tender preparation and obtaining necessary approvals. The project is intended to address existing capacity constraints, cater for future population growth and support Council's regional wastewater strategy. A further report will come to Council after the detailed design and tender process, with updated project costs and a recommendation on the construction contract.

Narooma School of Arts funding approved

Council will provide the Narooma School of Arts with \$55,016 a year for three financial years, starting in 2026–27. The funding will support the Volunteer and Studio Coordinator position at the facility. Council will review the arrangement in 2028–29.

Batemans Bay Community Centre decision deferred

Council deferred a decision on how the Batemans Bay Community Centre will be managed until its 27 October meeting, while reaffirming its commitment to reopening the centre for affordable and accessible community use. A further report will compare direct Council management with the proposed Meals on Wheels lease arrangement, including access, fees, room availability, operating costs and financial risks. Council made no commitment to a lease, licence or preferred operator pending that report.

Batemans Bay Community Centre fees adopted

Council adopted the proposed fees and charges for the Batemans Bay Community Centre. The fees had previously been placed on public exhibition before returning to Council for a final decision.

Local road and traffic plans approved

Council approved four proposals considered through the Local Transport Forum. They cover the intersection of George Bass Drive and Oceanview Way at Tomakin, a raised pedestrian crossing in Albert Street at Moruya, a Give Way treatment and line marking at Garland Street near Moruya Airport, and the Heath Street extension at Broulee.

Marine Infrastructure Advisory Committee appointed

Council increased the maximum number of community representatives on its Marine Infrastructure Advisory Committee from 10 to 11 and appointed all 11 applicants for the remainder of the Council term. Councillor Laurence Babington was appointed alternate chair.

Council reports on annual progress

Council received its 12-month performance update for the 2025–26 Operational Plan. The report states 94 percent of the plan's actions were achieved and six percent were off track at 30 June 2026. The update also outlines progress against priorities including housing, financial stewardship, connections between towns and villages, and climate action and sustainability.

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

Next ESC meeting 27th October

Recycling Reality Check: Dead battery? Don't bin it

When something's dead and useless, chucking it in the bin feels like the obvious next step. But batteries? Think again. These little power packs can become bombs in disguise when they end up in your household bins.

Household batteries cause at least one fire every month at Eurobodalla's waste facilities.

When they're crushed or damaged among a truckload of waste, they can spark or catch fire and put collection crews and waste staff at risk.

So what do you do with that collection of AAs, AAAs and button batteries instead? Keep them away from metal objects, which can cause them to short-circuit. Store them somewhere cool and dry in a glass container or jar – keep the lid off.

If you can go the extra mile, pop a bit of sticky tape over the terminals – that will prevent any sparks. Then take them to a battery recycling point.

You can find battery drop-off points at Council's administration building in Moruya and participating supermarkets including Woolworths, Coles, Aldi and IGA. From there, 73 percent of the battery materials will be recovered through recycling, giving them another life instead of going to landfill.

Watch the latest [Recycling Reality Check video](#) to see how you can recycle them safely.

Not sure which batteries can be recycled or where to drop them off? Visit [Council's Battery Recycling page](#) for a full list of accepted batteries, drop-off locations and recycling tips. You can also hear from Council's waste team at a pop-up battery education event at your local markets. Council's waste team will be at Moruya Country Markets on Saturday 17 October, Batemans Bay Rotary Market on Sunday 18 October and Narooma Rotary Markets on Sunday 25 October.



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Sewerage upgrades to hit Eurobodalla budget

At the September Council Meeting it was revealed that Council is facing a \$62 million bill for upgrading the Tomakin Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP), \$12 million for diversion works from Batemans Bay to Tomakin and \$5million to optimise the Batemans Bay facility. With the Batemans Bay facility at capacity, the Tomakin STP has been taking the excess waste.

Report to council said :

"The northern sewerage system is currently experiencing capacity constraints. The Batemans Bay and Tomakin Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) are operating near or beyond maximum capacity, routinely exceeding their practical treatment limits, limiting the system's ability to accommodate additional wastewater flows. Forecast population growth across the Batemans Bay catchments, combined with climate-driven increases in peak wet weather flows, means that the existing sewerage system configuration can no longer reliably service current and future loads.

These issues cannot be addressed through operational optimisation alone. Tomakin STP has insufficient capacity to reliably treat current and future peak season loads arising from population growth within the existing catchment.

Analysis of plant data demonstrates significant seasonal variability in influent flows, driven primarily by holiday occupancy during Christmas and Easter periods. Average dry weather flows during these periods already approach the practical treatment limits of the plant. The Batemans Bay STP is experiencing operational strain as wastewater loads are near maximum capacity, with dry weather inflows during peak seasons exceeding design limits despite recent plant upgrades. This issue is intensified during wet weather events, causing excessive infiltration that forces the diversion of untreated wastewater into emergency storage and can lead to unauthorised discharges.

To address these challenges, Council's long-term strategy, as defined in its approved Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCMS) 2022, is based on cross-catchment load sharing along with the augmentation of the existing plants at Tomakin and Batemans Bay. Land availability restrictions at Batemans Bay STP mean the options for increasing capacity at that plant are very limited.

The strategy relies on three integrated pillars:

1. Augmenting and upgrading the Tomakin STP to increase regional capacity. This is the main enabling project with an estimated cost of \$62 million and subject of this business case.
2. Diverting sewerage loads from Batemans Bay STP into the upgraded Tomakin plant, with diversion works occurring concurrently to align with the Tomakin upgrade. Estimated cost \$12 million.
3. Completing the Batemans Bay Stage 3 upgrade project, optimising the plant's operational capacity by 2040, depending on growth. Estimated cost \$5 million. The augmentation of Tomakin STP is the optimal regional approach. It maximises existing asset utility, using existing council land and improves water recycling options.



Tomakin STP

This project will divert significant sewer loads from the Batemans Bay catchment and restore critical operational headroom to Batemans Bay STP, safely absorbing future growth trends and futureproofing both facilities for the long term. The Tomakin STP Upgrade is required to support growth, maintain environmental compliance and meet the longterm wastewater management needs across the northern region of Eurobodalla.

Without this investment, Council faces increasing risk of environmental non-compliance, constraints on housing growth, increasing operational costs and reduced resilience during peak tourism and wet weather events.

The upgrade will unlock regional growth, protect waterways and beaches, improve service reliability and provide capacity for future generations."

It was CARRIED that

1. That Council notes that augmentation of the northern region sewerage system is required to address existing capacity constraints, accommodate future population growth and maintain regulatory compliance.
2. That Council notes the Tomakin Sewage Treatment Plant augmentation is the key enabling project within Council's adopted regional wastewater strategy, supporting future load diversion from Batemans Bay and optimisation of both treatment plants.
3. That Council acknowledges the necessity of this project.
4. That Council approves progression of the Tomakin Sewerage Treatment Plant Augmentation Project to the next phase, including completion of detailed design, preparation of tender documentation and obtaining the necessary statutory approvals.
5. That Council receives a further report following completion of the detailed design and tender process, including updated project costs and a recommendation regarding construction contract procurement.

(Councillor Schutz/Councillor Winslade)

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NSW Government lobbying reforms to boost transparency

The NSW Government is introducing a package of lobbying integrity reforms to strengthen transparency, reduce corruption risks and protect the public interest. The reforms will strengthen the regulatory framework for lobbyists and bolster the investigative powers of the NSW Electoral Commission as the lobbying regulator, giving the NSW public more confidence than ever in government decision making. The legislative and policy reforms will implement a number of recommendations from the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption's (ICAC's) Operation Eclipse and Operation Dasha reports to strengthen lobbying regulation in NSW.

The NSW Government's lobbying reforms will:

- Formally establish the NSW Electoral Commission as Lobbying Regulator and bolster its investigative powers to audit lobbyists' compliance with the Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011 and NSW Lobbyists Code of Conduct. This includes requiring government agencies and officials to provide relevant records for compliance audits.
 - Extend the Act to lobbyists interacting with local government officials, requiring third party lobbyists who engage with councils to register and requiring all lobbyists to adhere to the ethical standards in the Code.
 - Enable post-separation employment restrictions to be imposed for certain government public service roles for up to six months, during which a person cannot move into a private sector role related to their former public duties.
 - Enhance ministerial diary disclosures including making them consolidated and searchable and clarifying that disclosure is required for fundraising events involving exclusive or private access to a Minister.
 - Clarify former ministerial staffers' obligations not to misuse confidential information and other ethical obligations through updates to the Ministers' Office Handbook.
- The NSW Government has developed the reforms in consultation with the ICAC and the NSW Electoral Commission to ensure the changes are proportionate and effective.

The reforms will strengthen oversight, transparency and integrity while ensuring individuals and organisations can continue to easily engage with government.

\$4 million to give young people more places to connect offline

Young people across NSW will have more opportunities to connect, make friends and learn skills, with the NSW Government opening applications for more than \$4 million in youth grants.

The Office for Youth has found that young people consistently ask for more government support to build third spaces where they can find a sense of community and belonging offline.

The enhanced funding package will support projects that help young people aged 8 to 24 make friends, develop confidence, and access new opportunities in the school holidays, regardless of where they live.

The \$4 million youth grants package brings together funding through Connect IRL Phase 2, Youth Week 2027 and Holiday Break Autumn and Winter 2027.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring young people can access meaningful opportunities regardless of where they live, with programs reaching metropolitan, regional, rural and remote communities across the state.

Applications for all three grant programs will be open from until 6 November, with successful applicants notified in early 2027.

Visit the [NSW Government grants and funding finder](#) to find out more and apply.

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NSW Country Mayors seek more detail on grant methodology

Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) Board and its 89 remote, rural and regional member Councils have asked that the NSW Grants' Commission to provide more detail on their proposed Balanced Budget approach to the distribution of the Federal Financial Assistance Grants. "Financial sustainability is the number one issue facing our Members. The Financial Assistance Grants are, after rates, the largest contributor to council finances. Therefore, how the finite bucket of money is distributed is of vital importance to our Members," CMA Chairman, Temora Shire Mayor Rick Firman OAM said.

"The new approach has resulted in some councils receiving significantly larger grants while others have lost large amounts of income. We recognise that this is a zero-sum game and where one council receives more another must receive less. However, the size of the gains and losses are considerable and the CMA, in its very close examination of the Methodology, has not been able to ascertain how the calculations for the funding come together," Mayor Firman said.

The new Methodology was released by the Grants' Commission at the end of August, with responses from the Local Government sector required by the end of last week. However, the Commission was unable to provide any background papers that demonstrated how the underlying assumptions were reached or the calculations were made, making it difficult for the sector to commit to the Balanced Budget approach.

"Because we have not been able to interrogate the Methodology and its underlying processes with any confidence, the CMA has not been able to provide its support for the Balances Budget approach. We have asked the Commission to work with us and LGNSW to revisit the Methodology to address the gaps in our knowledge and understanding," Mayor Firman said.

"On behalf of the CMA Board, Members and staff I acknowledge the significant work undertaken by the Commission and the Office of Local Government on the development of the Methodology to date. However, there is no question that we need a lot more detail. We would welcome the opportunity to continue working with both agencies to determine the best way forward so as no rural, remote and regional Council are worse off," Mayor Firman said.

A copy of the CMA's response to the new Methodology can be found at

<https://nswcountrymayors.com.au/publications/>

NSW council rate pegs set for 2027-28

The NSW pricing regulator has set the 2027-28 rate peg for each of the 128 NSW councils, with core rate pegs ranging from 3.7% to 5.4%. IPART Chair Anthony Wing said the rate peg allows councils to manage changes in service delivery costs, while limiting how much they can increase their total income from rates.

"The rate peg is the maximum percentage by which a council can increase its general income, which is the money each council raises from rates," Mr Wing said.

"The rate peg reflects changes in council operating costs, so that councils can maintain services for their communities. Some councils also receive a population growth factor in addition to the core rate peg, so the total rates income keeps pace with population growth." Mr Wing said general income makes up about one-third of the income NSW councils receive, on average, with the rest coming from grants, fees, developer contributions and other charges.

"The rate peg doesn't determine how much rates for an individual household or business will increase," he said.

"It is now up to each council to decide whether to increase rates, which categories of rates will rise, and what support to provide to people in need of financial assistance."

Mr Wing said the 2027-28 rate pegs also recognise the ongoing cost of strengthening councils' cybersecurity capability, while balancing the impact on ratepayers.

The cybersecurity adjustment ranges from 0.4% to 1.2%, representing an indicative increase for an average residential ratepayer in 2027-28 of around \$6 to \$8 per year.

"Councils are accountable for how they use rates income to strengthen their cybersecurity capability," Mr Wing said.

"The Tribunal recognises the cost-of-living pressures facing the community. We encourage any ratepayers facing difficulty paying their rates bill to get in touch with their council for information on concessions and other assistance options."

An information paper, which includes the rate peg for each council, is available from IPART's website.

Local Councils in the south east rate pegs have been set at :

- Eurobodalla Rate Peg 4%
- Bega Valley 4.1%
- Queanbeyan Palerang 5%

7-day pre-election donation disclosure requirement starts 1 October ahead of the 2027 NSW State election

The pre-election donation disclosures period for the 2027 NSW State election started from 1 October 2026. Election participants are required to disclose reportable political donations within only seven days of being made or received. Under recent amendments to the Electoral Funding Act 2018, all reportable political donations made or received in the lead-up to the State election, must be disclosed to the NSW Electoral Commission within seven days, replacing the previous 21-day requirement.

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Local actor stars in acclaimed new ABC Drama

By John Longhurst

Moruya actor, Alice Ansara, plays a strong support role in the new ABC Tropic Noir drama 'Dustfall', which premiered last Sunday night and is now showing on ABC iView.

Alice was profiled in the Moruya Mail on 13th August, 2025*.

The drama is based on Vikki Petraitis's novel The 'Unbelieved' the series and has been adapted for television by BAFTA-nominated writer Dianne Taylor.

Craig Mathieson, reviewer from the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH), has given it five stars and called it one of the national broadcaster's best drama productions:

'At a glance, this new Australian drama feels familiar: a horrifying crime against a young woman occurs in a small town, with the investigation being led by an on-edge police detective who has returned to the community where they grew up. But once you experience Dustfall – and it's a series you experience on a visceral level – any sense of the archetypal is banished.'**

Alice Ansara plays Shayna, a nurse who must gather critical evidence when the victim is at her most vulnerable. The realities of the aftermath of sexual assault from a whole range of perspectives, including gender, are explored in depth in the series. The realities are confronting.

Speaking exclusively to the Moruya Mail, Alice Ansara said "Dustfall is, at its heart, a brilliant "whodunit"— a gripping crime thriller led by a female detective, extraordinary Anna Torv. She anchors the story with such intelligence and depth that you can't look away. But while it delivers everything you want from the genre – mystery, suspense, that irresistible pull to uncover the truth – it also subverts the usual tropes. It's not just about solving a crime; it's a deeply human, realistic exploration of the impact of sexual abuse and assault – not only on victim-survivors, but on front line workers and on all of us, as a community and as a society. It is a privilege as an actor to tell this story."

It is a program that fits the times in terms of current headlines. It is a must-watch.

* <https://moruyamail.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/MM91-20250813-min.pdf> (Edition 91, p.13)

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Rural health spending gap blows out to \$9.23 billion

The latest report from the National Rural Health Alliance shows that the health expenditure gap between rural and urban Australians has widened by a further \$880 million, from \$6.55 billion in 2023, to \$8.35 billion in 2025, and now \$9.23 billion in 2026.

The latest findings in the Forgotten Health Spend: A Report on the Expenditure Deficit in Rural Australia 2026 call for urgent action from the Federal and State governments to ensure health equity for the more than 7.4 million Australians living in rural, regional and remote Australia.

According to the report, each rural Australian is receiving, on average, \$1,218 less in healthcare funding each year than city residents. This is up \$138 from last year. Those living in small rural towns of 5,000 people or less, bear the greatest brunt of the systemic shortfall, receiving on average \$6,368 less healthcare funding per person, per year.

"We pay the same taxes and the same Medicare levy as people in the city. We just don't get the same funding and access. When my husband Scott had a heart attack in Mildura, a town without a Cath lab, a medical evacuation was the only answer... but it was too late. This Australian system is just not equitable; we should not have to beg! The sad thing is, is that if he had a heart attack in the city, he would have lived,, and would have been there for our two beautiful children and me," Katrina Umback, Mildura VIC. "This is a health equity crisis. It's appalling that the spending gap is widening each year, leaving millions of Australians further behind. Rural people are being let down by a universal health system that should support them when they need it most," said NRHA Chief Executive Susi Tegen. "Rural Australians keep the country's economy running. They grow our food, power our industries and sustain communities. Yet, they have poorer health and die younger than city people! Despite governments knowing this, and solutions being provided, these communities do not receive the funding allocation and policy options they need to get care."

"The figures demonstrate the consistent underprioritisation and underfunding of rural Australians and clinicians that support them, despite their vital contribution to the Australian economy across various sectors," said Susi Tegen. "This is no longer a health issue, but an economic and social issue. 70% of Australia's export income comes from rural communities, and 90% of the food we eat, and 50% of the tourism income, even though rural Australia only makes up 30% of the population".

Communities are being left to pick up the slack where state and federal funding for rural health services and infrastructure falls short. Communities that wish to expand services to surrounding areas must raise their own funds to expand and to maintain, essential services.



Susan Trevillian (NRHA Interim Chair) and Susi Tegen (NRHA CE) with the 2026 NOUS report at the 2026 Parliamentary Friends of Rural and Regional Health.

"Community members are significantly contributing to Australia's economic wellbeing, and are expected to travel long distances, go without care or raise up to \$600,000 a year to keep clinics open and communities supported. This is not expected of urban communities," Susi Tegen said.

'Even matching city spending dollar-for-dollar wouldn't close the gap, because care costs more to deliver in the bush' The Forgotten Health Spend Report, produced in collaboration with Nous Group, calls for sustainable, long-term solutions that are tailored to rural Australia. Ms. Tegen calls for a holistic change to Medicare. "Block and blended funding needs to be part of the solution for rural Australia. Bulk-billing alone is not sustainable long-term in these regions, as it is in the city, because of thin markets, leading to clinic closures and even further distances to necessary services," she said.

"Communities have the solutions for rural training, supporting clinicians, housing and infrastructure, as well as models of service. They are not asking for much, as Australians they are only asking for equity and parity."

"Why current funding approaches are not meeting the needs of rural communities"

The challenge is not simply that rural communities receive less funding. Current funding arrangements frequently fail to build local workforce capacity, retain investment in communities, or support sustainable service delivery. Stakeholders consistently shared examples of how rural communities are developing practical responses to workforce shortages and service gaps, often by drawing on local leadership, partnerships and resources to make existing funding arrangements work more effectively. These approaches demonstrate considerable local capability and innovation. However, they can also require health services, community-controlled organisations and local governments to absorb costs and risks that arise from broader shortcomings in health funding, workforce and service delivery arrangements."



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Council hosts homelessness stakeholder workshop



Eurobodalla Council hosts homelessness stakeholder workshop at Bay Pavilions on Monday 12 October.

"It's obvious the impact of homelessness on our community is growing and it's important we have the most up-to-date information from those on the ground," says Mathew Hatcher, after hosting a stakeholder workshop at Batemans Bay on Monday 12 October.

"The people around the table see the reality of homelessness every day. They know where the pressure is building, where people are falling through the gaps, and what can make a practical difference. Council's powers and resources in this space are limited. But we can listen, share what we're seeing and build a better understanding of what's happening locally. Today was about bringing the right people together and making sure local experience reaches government decision-makers."

The participants invited to the workshop included state department representatives, non-profit organisations and front-line service providers. The workshop was facilitated by Natalie Magee of By Hearts Projects.

"The expertise and on-the-ground experience in the room today built a shared picture of what is happening across Eurobodalla, where support is falling short and what needs to change," Mayor Hatcher said.

"It was about setting a clearer path for coordinated action and government advocacy."

The workshop examined emerging local trends, barriers to support, and gaps in housing and services. Mayor Hatcher said the discussions ranged widely – youth and older people experiencing homelessness, rough sleeping, hidden homelessness, emergency accommodation, housing affordability, domestic and family violence, health and wellbeing, and the pressures on service providers.

"We were looking at the effects of homelessness and housing insecurity on individuals, but also on families, businesses, the wider community and public places," he said.

By the end of the day, the workshop feedback highlighted a need for a more coordinated homelessness response, centred on affordable housing, crisis accommodation, domestic violence support, access to essential services and improved transport connections.

Mayor Hatcher said Council will develop a detailed report based on the feedback to inform advocacy to state and federal governments, while also considering how Council can add value to collaboration between services across the shire in future. Another workshop is likely to build on these valuable conversations and identify opportunities for collective action. Hearing directly from front-line service providers gave Council a clearer picture of what is happening locally.

"Successful advocacy starts with listening" Mayor Hatcher said.

Homelessness and Housing in the Eurobodalla

The **Eurobodalla Community Support Network** will hold a Homelessness and Housing meeting on Thursday 22 October 12.15 – 2.30 at the Red Door Hall, Moruya.

Come and find out what the State Government, the Government Agency 'DCJ', Council, and our local Homelessness Service organisations are doing and how we as a community can contribute and support.

The Working Group have lined up the following speakers:

- A response from Dr Michael Holland MP – Member for Bega that will be read out
- James Creswick – Commissioning and Planning Officer from DCJ
- Cllr Colleen Turner – Councillor to share about Council's recent Advocacy stakeholder workshop
- Nina Bowbridge – Strategic Team from Council
- Janine Hutton – Senior Operations Manager from Campbell Page
- Kathy Cox – Caseworker from Safe Harbour, SEARMS

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Dr. Jean Renouf is a business leader and community resilience practitioner, founder of Safer Future and Plan C, and a firefighter with Fire and Rescue NSW, working at the intersection of climate disruption, civic life, and place-based response. He spent fifteen years working in war and disaster zones overseas before settling in the Northern Rivers of NSW.

"Communities cannot simply wait for governments or institutions to solve everything for us. They have an essential role to play – but so do we."

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Construction of Batemans Bay Community Health Facility Complete

By John Longhurst

Construction of the \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health facility is now complete, marking a major milestone in the delivery of modern healthcare for the Eurobodalla region.

Dr Michael Holland MP for Bega conducted an inspection last Thursday.

The purpose-built community health facility will provide a range of integrated health services in the one location for Batemans Bay and surrounding communities.

The new Batemans Bay Community Health, delivered by the Minns Labor Government, will provide spaces for:

- Allied health services
- Child, youth and family services
- Women's health and sexual health services
- Community nursing and wound management
- Palliative care
- Aboriginal health services
- Mental health, alcohol and other drug services
- Specialist outpatient clinics
- Pathology collection services

Located close to the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, the new community health facility will provide coordinated and convenient access to healthcare services in Batemans Bay.

The facility has been designed to complement the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital at Moruya.

A comprehensive operational commissioning period is under way to ensure a safe and smooth transition into the new centre. This includes testing building systems, installing furniture and equipment, staff orientation and training, and other activities.

According to health officials the centre will be fully operational by Christmas and will employ nineteen specialised staff across all the services on offer.

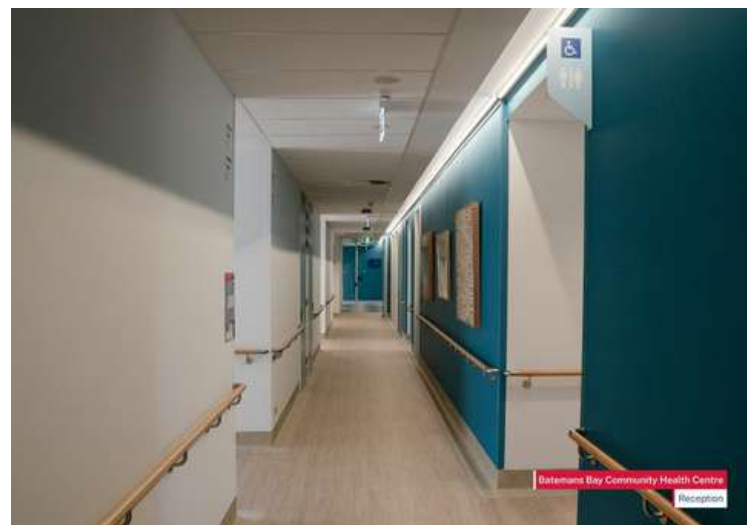
Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "The completion of this new \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health facility is a very important

milestone for the Batemans Bay community. This purpose-built centre will bring a wide range of health and community services together under

one roof, making it easier for people to access the care and support they need closer to home. For patients, families and carers, that means modern, welcoming spaces and better connections between different health services. Alongside the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic and the \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, this is another significant investment in the future of healthcare across our region.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the doors open later this year and the community benefiting from this important new facility."

The NSW Health Minister, Ryan Park said "The Minns Labor Government is improving access to health care for people on the South Coast. The completion of construction for the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility is an important milestone for Batemans Bay and the surrounding community."





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02-10-1926

Moruya was in shock when the news of Mr. Patrick 'Pat' Connors was announced on Sunday night. Mrs. Connors had found him lying face-down, across the dining-room table in a convulsive state. Nearby friends rendered all the aid possible, but he passed away moments after Dr. Street arrived. Pat, who was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Connors, of Bingie, was born at Merricumbene 63 years ago. He married Miss Quinliven of Bega, and for a number of years engaged in the dairying industry on his Bingie property. Later he went in for teaming. Finding the later the most profitable, he rented Bingie Estate and came to reside in town. About ten years ago he purchased a fruit and confectionary business in Queen Street, which his wife conducted while he was away with his team. Deceased leaves a widow, four sisters and a brother. Mr. J. F. Louttit conducted the funeral arrangements.

A. Cooper is applying for an oyster lease in Ryan's Creek, Moruya River, and T. M. Royds for lease on south western bank Tuross River.

Following the sudden death of her husband, Mrs. P. Connors was in a serious state of health through shock for some days. Under Dr. Street's care, the patient is now much better.

We have inspected a sulky, owned by Mrs. Love, and which is painted from a product (after the separation of the gold, silver and arsenic) of the ore mined on the property of Messrs. Edwards and Gordon on Francis' Hill, Dwyer's Creek. The paint, which has a beautiful appearance, shows that there is a good industry lying dormant in this district, and which only awaits development. A sample of the ore from which the paint has been manufactured can be seen at this office.

Mrs. J. Lipscombe, of Potato Point, Bodalla, brought to this office on Saturday, a very large egg laid by a 2-year-old black Orpington hen. The egg weighs 4 ozs. [114 g] and measures 8 x 6 ½ inches [20 x 16 cm].

Appo, the New Zealand Axeman, was beaten by the Bateman's Bay veteran, A. J. Fenning, on the 15 sec. mark in the woodchop at Milton last Saturday. The excitement at the end was intense, and a great burst of cheering greeted Fenning as his billet flew asunder, followed almost simultaneously by J. Sebbens, and Appo a stroke later. The winner was heartily congratulated by scores of friends. F. Handcock, of Bateman's Bay, was also in the final.



Criterion Hotel

09-10-1926

Richardson and Wrench and M. O'Reilly conducted the sale of Bodalla Estate property on Wednesday. There was a fair attendance, but competition was not keen. The highest bid received being £3,000, the hotel was passed in for private sale. The store, cottage, and the company's office was knocked down to Mr. W. Connors at £1,150. Koerber Bros., Narooma, brought the bakery for £450. The blacksmith's and carpenter's shops, building blocks and all the cottages were passed.

Through striking a dust hole while riding his motor bike a few miles out of town on Saturday night, the Rev. Ashby received a nasty fall, resulting in an injured knee cap and severe cuts on his legs. He was taken to the local hospital where his wounds were dressed, and he was able to carry out his duties the next day.

Our Shire President and Mrs. Flood had their newly painted and pretty homestead nestling in its lovely garden on the bank of the Moruya River razed by fire last Saturday evening. The house and all its contents were lost, and the inmates had only just escaped with their lives. It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Flood and their maid, had returned home about 11.30 when everything was apparently alright, all fires having been extinguished before their departure earlier in the evening. A crackling noise awakened Mrs. Flood and on arising discovered the house on fire. She quickly called her husband, and they then aroused the maid, the flames scorching Mr. Flood's cheek as he ran through to the rear of the house. It was at once seen that the fire had a firm hold.

Mr. Flood rushed to the garage and managed to get his motor car through the passageway on to the road just as the flames burst through the side of the house. Within a short space of time the building was reduced to ashes. Although the house was insured, the policy will not cover the many valuables and articles with fond associations. The home was one of the most compact and comfortable in the district, containing a magnificent piano, a gramophone and many other pieces of valuable furniture. Much sympathy is expressed for their severe shock and great loss.

At the Licensing Court before Mr. J. Adams, P.M., on Tuesday, the transfer of the Criterion Hotel from James Turnbull to Andrew Thomson Morgan was approved. Application by Mrs. Lynch to erect garages and effect alterations to Coronation Hotel at Narooma was approved, the work to be done within six months from Thursday's date.

100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner



Restored 1926 Hercules Engine

16-10-1926

Mr. H. J. Thomson has made vast improvements to his butcher's shop, having installed an up-to-date refrigerating plant, and the latest in a marble weighing machine. Ice can now be obtained here at a much reduced rate than heretofore.

The appointment of Messrs. Johan Hansen and John Joseph King as trustees of Moruya Park (in lieu of Mr. R. H. Harvison, deceased, and Mr. P. J. Gannon, resigned) has been gazetted. Mr. H. J. Bate, M.L.A., forwarded us a copy of notice which was published in Government Gazette on 1st inst.

A sensation was caused in town on Monday night, when the alarm was given that the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Ryan, of Mullenderree, was missing. The child had been sent to school that afternoon, but instead of going she had got a lift in a car and gone to her uncle's (Mr. R. Beashel) home at Bergalia, and it was there that the police and a party in Mr. H. Duncan's car, found her in bed, after having searched the town and suburbs for hours. This is the second occasion on which Moruya has been given a false alarm of a "missing" child.

Mr. H. Lavis has added a Hercules log sawing machine to his wood-supplying plant. With his new purchase in one afternoon last week, Mr. Lavis, from one log, 3ft thick, cut 40 one-foot lengths, from which he split and delivered three motor truck loads of stove wood.

Building activities are proceeding apace here, so with new structures and renovations the old town is becoming brought right up to date. To the order of **Mrs. P. Flynn, Contractor A. Williams** is erecting a lock-up shop (which will be occupied by a tailor) next door to Mr. J Buckley's hairdressing saloon. When Mr. Preddy completes the new front to Mr. A. F. Emmott's terrace of shops in the Prince's Highway the appearance of these premises should be equal to anything outside the city. Mr. Mordaunt has completed the foundation work of Mr. J. D. Ward's large skin and produce store in Campbell Street, and is well on the way with construction.

One of the prettiest weddings ever seen here, and one that created much interest, was celebrated in St. John's Church on Saturday afternoon last, when Miss Leila Olive, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Luck, of "The Pines," Yarragee, was married to Mr. A. Campbell, of Clarence Town. The bride wore an exquisite gown of ivory georgette, hand-worked in pearls, and silver lace.

Amusu Theatre. Lionel Barrymore and Anna Nilsson in THE SPLENDID ROAD. Also, the wonderful Norma Shearer in THE LADY OF THE NIGHT.

RAHS Regional Seminar at Moruya is now open for bookings

The Royal Australian Historical Society seminar will be held on Saturday the 7th November with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. Further details and booking are all at the link below.

<https://www.rahs.org.au/shop/tickets-moruya-regional-seminar/>

The speakers are:-

Carol Liston AO - President of the Royal Australian Historical Society and a leading historian of early NSW. Her research focuses on colonial society, families and institutions, and she has published widely in this field. She brings deep expertise in working with early government, church and archival records, and in interpreting them to reconstruct lives and communities.

Christine Yeats - Senior Vice President of the Royal Australian Historical Society and specialises in family and local history research. She is an experienced presenter of research seminars, with a focus on practical methods, digital tools and improving search techniques. Her sessions are known for their clarity and practical, step-by-step approach.

Kathrine Reynolds- an Honorary Associate (History, USYD; Historical Criminology, UNE, Armidale) and Treasurer of the Royal Australian Historical Society. She is currently working on Australian female crime and is particularly keen on the linkage between local, family and academic history and their varied approaches.

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Batemans Bay Bra Boost for East Africa

By John Longhurst

Local grassroots community campaigner Sharlene Cohen has teamed up with Batemans Bay business Rubenesque Lingerie to supply much-needed bras to women and girls in East Africa.

Sharlene has been successfully running fundraising initiatives in East Africa for the past four years in support of local communities in Uganda and Kenya. More recently, she has taken on the role of Project Manager for the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay's Maasai Mamas Water Project, which is about to bring water to four small villages in Kenya, as well as provide water for livestock and wildlife.

Sharlene's work focuses on supporting families and communities in both Kenya and Uganda, and she will use her established local connections to ensure the donated bras are distributed directly to women and girls who need them.

Sharlene said, "I have travelled to East Africa a number of times since 2019 and live within the communities while I am there. On previous visits I have taken donated underwear and sanitary pads as part of separate donation drives, and on a recent visit the need for bras for women and girls came up in conversation. Adolescent girls often have to go to school without a bra simply because their families cannot afford one or they are difficult to access. On my return to Batemans Bay, I chatted to Leisa Tague, owner of Rubenesque Lingerie, and the call went out."

Since the end of August, local women have donated more than 350 bras through Rubenesque Lingerie, which Sharlene took with her to Africa last weekend. Rubenesque Lingerie also gave Sharlene some practical training in bra fitting before her departure, ensuring the donated bras can be properly fitted to the women and girls receiving them.

Sharlene said, "It has been a phenomenal response. Rubenesque Lingerie has done a fantastic job, not only in raising awareness but also in providing the ideal collection point. The generosity of our local women has been incredible, and I know these bras will be very gratefully received."



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- Researching Land Titles using the Historical Land Records Viewer
- Charles Moffitt & Moruya: A Case Study in Local and Family History
- Making the Most of the National Library's Trove for Local History

Whether you are just beginning your research or looking to expand your skills, this seminar offers valuable insights and practical guidance to help you uncover the stories of people, places and communities.

\$25 members, \$30 non-members – includes lunch and morning/afternoon tea

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Emergency Services Playdates are back for 2026. The free family events have become one of Eurobodalla's most popular annual activities because, let's face it, an afternoon spent climbing into fire trucks and meeting real-life action heroes is hard to beat.

Eurobodalla Council's coordinator of children's services Louise Hatton says young people sometimes find people in uniform a bit scary and the Playdates are a fun way to show them the crew behind the sirens. "It's a chance to get comfortable with people and equipment children will encounter in a real-life emergency and learn a little about being prepared," Ms Hatton says. "There's also children's activities, giveaways, and information stalls with practical resources to help families prepare for emergency. Just pop in and stay for as long as you like. If you've been to a Playdate before, you know why families keep coming back. If you haven't, here's your chance to see what all the fuss is about."

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Where: Corrigan's Beach Reserve
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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



Tuross Head News

School is back, holiday crowds have departed and Moruya Mail is back after a two-week break. Well deserved by Alex who we thank for this important e-newspaper.

Sadly, I share the news of the deaths of two locals. Sandy Bye who is well known not only by the number of groups she attended but by the listeners on Community Radio and Ken Parker who was involved particularly in the Men's Shed where he made close friends. Both Sandy and Ken will be missed by so many. We offer our sympathies to their family and friends. **CHANGE OF DATE:** Paul Cullen's 'Book Sharing' is on **SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER** and not 31/10. All other details are the same.

GOLF CLUB NEWS: Rob Green has been the Golf Professional at Tuross Head Country Club for seven years and is now moving on to work at Narooma Golf Club. He will be available to give lessons to golfers both here and at Narooma as usual. The shop will continue to operate as normal up until Christmas.

LOOKING AT THE BEGINNINGS OF OUR TUROSS HEAD ALMANAC:

Interviews conducted to date according to their year of arrival in Tuross Head.

1961- Ruth Mount, 1972- Paul Rummery, 1977- Trevor Jones, 1980-Ian Clarke, 1982-Peter Hogan, 1985-Joan Buchan, 1988-Bruce Lidbury, 1988-Peter Mostyn, 1993-Peter Gready, 1996-Marlise Woodford, 1997-Paul Ferguson, 1999-Henry Anderson, 2002-Rob Henderson-Wilson, 2004-Adam Husband, 2013-Charlie Stokes.

No matter what year you arrived in Tuross Head – you are a part of our town's history.

INTERVIEWS FOR TOWN HISTORY CONTINUE and recently I was invited to join 'THE TABLE OF KNOWLEDGE' who meet at One Tree Inn. Sorting out the voice recording will be a new challenge yet I was given some good information and names I had not collected. I have a list of names of people who have been involved in the town who owned shops, ran raffles, dug ditches or worked on committees for the town's benefit. I'm building up a picture of the town's growth year by year and would like to hear from anyone who would like to add to the town's history of people. The names of main entities stand out like a brick on a wall but it's the cement around it that keeps the wall together. The bricks have been noted; I am after the names of those who have helped to keep it all together.

CORAL REEKS has shared that she and Philip (deceased) purchased their house in early 1985 a few years before the sewerage went on. Their big absorption tank in the back yard was constantly overflowing and extremely smelly – thus they were glad to welcome the sewer. Some memories: 'The best thing was the FREE scavenging at the tip – the children could not get into the car quick enough if we said we were going to the tip – the tip was at Turlinjah, up Mill Road. We all brought back more than we took.'

No boat needed for fishing – there was a sandbar in the river near the boat hiring – we would wade out up to our knees – catch fantastic flathead, bream, and plenty of stingrays swimming around us.'

Henry Anderson is a relation of Robert Anderson who built Lake View at Bergalia in 1863. Joseph Anderson, Henry's great, great grandfather was a brother to Robert.

Henry's father Esben was born in Eurobodalla village and Eb's mother was born in Cobargo and then she moved to Tilba to live. While principal at The Oaks Public School out of Camden he was invited to a family reunion in Moruya and then they all went out to Bergalia to 'Lake View' to view the now Heritage listed homestead after it had been partly restored to its original state. That included wooden cotton reels being used for drawer knobs. It was only then that he realised the extent of his family's involvement in the area especially as unknown to him he had purchased land in Tuross Head in 1996.

Coincidences continued as the primary school at Narooma needed a principal and Henry's application was successful. He was the last principal to live in the school residence (now demolished.)

He built his home in Tuross Head and moved there in 1999 where he became involved in a number of groups. Golf – Men's Secretary/Treasurer 2001 – 2003, Later Vet's Treasurer and currently committee member; Bowls – Played in Friday Jackpot and helped to run Sunday Sizzlers; Assisted on the building of the Cycleway along the water front; Joined the Memorial Gardens in 2003, resigned this year as Treasurer; Loved to sing with Sing Australia and then the Country Club Singers; and has been conducting Trivia Sunday nights at Club Tuross for over twenty years as a volunteer. He was a member of the Board and Treasurer for a time and stood down in 2022. He is a Life Member of Club Tuross.

Some of the names he recalls: Casey Steedman, Peter Walters, Henry Wultz, Neal de la Torre, Bob Norton, Ray de Riviere, Jim Howden, Dutch Goodie, Johnny Bravo, Graham Calcutt and Ted Aust.

He continues with Trivia and is working through some medical issues to get back playing in Vet's Golf.

TOWN MAPS have been produced and one can be seen down at the Boat Shed. Thank you, Rick, for all you do for the town and to keep the Boat Shed such an important part of our town. The map includes where main places of interest can be found and includes the new street in the Driftwood estate. Apparently five houses are being built in there.

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Moruya CWA News

For Carer's Week, CWA Moruya are offering a Devonshire Tea to any carer who brings in their person this Thursday 15th October, for morning tea or lunch.

We held our AGM last week and the new Executive Committee have been elected! Virginia Eddy - President, Alison Sledge - Treasurer, Sarah Stage - Secretary and Anne Boardman Vice President. We could also talk about the weekly and monthly events held at the rooms, Sewing/Spinning Group, knitting & Crochet Group, Stall Day, 'Sconversations' and Bingo.

To follow is all the recipients of monies donated over the past 5 years and this is along with our pledge of \$170,000 for the Careh's Accommodation at the New Eurobodalla Hospital. With your support CWA Moruya has donated more than \$140,000 between 2021-2026 to these organisations. In addition we have pledged \$170,000 to pay for one carer's unit at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital

- Angel Flight Australia Fund, ABA Foundation, Anglicare, Anglican Church Red Door, Arts Central, Beyond Blue, Bodalla School P & C, Broulee Public School, Cancer Council, Circle Foundation, Community Shed, Express Yourself, Eurobodalla Meals on Wheels and Eurobodalla Show Society, Luekamia Foundation, Moruya Bowling Club NAIDOC and Moruya Business Chamber, Moruya Girl Guides, Moruya High School, Moruya Primary School and Moruya Primary Special Needs, Moruya SES, Moruya Special Nippers, Neonatal Foundation, Newborn Intensive Care Foundation, Red Door Café, SHASA, Southern Life, School, WIRES, Womens Domestic Violence Service, Womens Refuge Moruya, Yesterday's Hero's Mardi Gras, CWA Disaster Fund, Emergency Relief, Eugowra branch and South Pacific Area.



Go Get Healthy

with Sofia Keady

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Fermented Foods For Gut Health

Although fermented foods have been around for a long time, they are very much on the health radar these days particularly when it comes to gut health and general wellbeing. So, what actually are fermented foods?

Essentially, fermented foods undergo a natural process called lacto-fermentation. Natural bacteria feed on the sugars and starches present in the food, producing lactic acid. This doesn't just preserve the food from spoiling; it transforms it into a living source of digestive enzymes and beneficial probiotics. Fermenting also effectively "pre-digests" the food, making nutrients far easier for your body to absorb while frequently creating extra nutrients along the way. This is where the direct connection between fermented foods and gut health originates.

Unfortunately, the number of natural probiotics and enzymes in the modern diet has dropped off significantly.

Developments in manufacturing mean standard diets now rely heavily on processed sugars, salt, and saturated fats. The good news is that restoring those benefits doesn't require endless supplements. Whilst probiotic capsules are helpful, adding fermented whole foods into your routine operates in a much more dynamic, natural way.

Fermented foods can help balance stomach acid- bringing levels up if they are too low, or buffering excess if they run too high. Plus, because our natural supply of digestive enzymes tends to decline as we age, fermented foods offer a simple way to keep digestion running smoothly.

Consistency is key for optimal results. Consider incorporating these top options backed by research:

- **Sauerkraut:** Made from finely shredded cabbage fermented by natural lactic acid bacteria. Research looking into whole-food dietary changes shows that adding sauerkraut supports favourable shifts in gut bacteria and boosts short-chain fatty acids like butyrate, which protect the gut lining and reduce inflammation.
- **Kimchi:** This traditional Korean dish of fermented cabbage, radishes, garlic, chili, and ginger is much more than a spicy side. In a study on people with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), eating fermented kimchi daily for 12 weeks led to noticeable improvements in symptoms like bloating and abdominal pain, whilst helping boost healthy gut bacteria such as Bifidobacterium.
- **Kombucha:** A naturally fizzy, refreshing drink made by fermenting sweetened tea with a SCOBY (symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast), kombucha is packed with organic acids and antioxidants. Studies show regular consumption helps introduce helpful probiotic strains into the digestive tract, actively supporting gut barrier health and microbial balance.
- **Milk & Water Kefir:** Kefir is a highly potent fermented drink featuring a unique blend of bacteria and yeast that actively improves gut health, reduces inflammation, and helps manage cholesterol and blood sugar levels.⁽⁴⁾

Curious about fermented foods? Drop into Go Vita, Your Health Shop at 5 North Street, Batemans Bay. You can also call us on (02) 4472 9737 or visit us online at www.govitabatemansbay.com.au. Don't miss our weekly segment on 2EC radio, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12:30 pm!

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A Beer with Bazz # 253

With
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Bazza shook his head as he approached Young Simon at the bar table.

"They have installed parking meters out the front, Young Simon! Downtown Bodalla, space as far as the eye can see and parking meters. Fair dinkum ... a bloke goes away for a week or two and the joint goes to rack and ruin. Anyhow ... the meters do not take coins. Do you reckon you could do me a favour and sort it out with your mobile phone gizmo money app or whatever? Here ... I will give you some two-dollar coins to fix it up."

Simon picked up the coins and held them up to the light. He put one between his teeth and bit down and tried in vain to scratch another with his penknife.

He glanced around the bar, furtively slipped the coins into his pocket and lowered his voice.

"Let me get this straight ... Bazza. You are willing to give me these pieces of gold to compensate me for fixing up your parking with a tap of my mobile phone on the parking meter?"

Bazza shook his head and furrowed his brow.

"Yeah, mate ... What? Do you want some more gold coins?"

Young Simon skulled his beer and slipped out the front door before Bazza could change his mind.

Mick approached the bar stool with two full schooners.

"What did you say to Young Simon, Bazza? He is running up the street with the smile of a lottery winner. Anyhow ... we need to talk big dollars. The Council has commissioned me to come up with some cost-cutting and revenue-raising initiatives for the Shire."

Bazza took a measured sip.

"Ahhh ... the parking meters are a start, eh, Mick? That explains your lateness ... Too tight to drive to the pub."

Bazza's chuckle was not reciprocated as he took a sip.

"I reckon you could start with a rethink of developer application fees, Mick. Obviously, there is a fee for a straightforward development application. If it meets the criteria, it's approved. If a developer wants reconsideration of an application and, assuming they have gone away and now met the criteria, there should be a hefty increase in fees for not getting it right the first time. To put the public mind at rest, this second or even third application should be subject to more scrutiny and independent consideration when necessary. I mean, it is not rocket science ... there is criteria, whether it be legal, consultation requirements, environmental, heritage, traditional ownership, and so on. The criteria is either met or not met. Kind of simple, I think."

Mick took a sip, leaned back with his arms folded, and his voice a cascading cadence.

"Bazza, Bazza ... Bazza. That happens already ... to some extent. Anyhow, it is the developer's lobbyist or the communications strategist's job to shepherd the application through. You know ... grease the wheels, give it a nudge ... get what I mean? ... make it happen."

Mick finished with an exaggerated wink and Bazza took a measured sip before rubbing his chin.

'No ... I don't get it. If the criteria is ambiguous ... rewrite the criteria. The rules should be... well ... the rules. Not needing to pay people to grease the wheels, Mick, can easily justify the increase in application fees."

Mick shook his head.

"You are very anti-development, Bazza. I suppose it is the time of year where you had best go and take a dip in the 'River of Art' at Moruya, or then again ... maybe you just have."

Have a beer with Bazza at john.longhurst59@gmail.com

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The Postman Never Rings Twice in Eurobodalla

By John Longhurst

The film 'The Lunchbox', starring Irrfan Khan and Nimrat Kaur (2013 and available on Prime), is about Mumbai's famous lunchbox delivery system, where dabbawalas* deliver home-cooked meals from families to workers' offices every day. A lunchbox is mistakenly delivered to the wrong person, leading to an unexpected connection through notes exchanged in the lunchbox.

Unfortunately, for lovers of the romance-drama genre, such a movie could not be set in the Eurobodalla as the postman has no need to even ring twice.

The Bateman's Bay Delivery Centre, which delivers from Pretty Beach to Bodalla, has a current Net Promoter Score (NPS) of +85, which is rated exceptional.

The NPS is a market research metric that measures customers' loyalty, satisfaction, the likelihood of recommending a business, and ranges from -100 to +100. A score below zero means more detractors than promoters, and a score of +85 is rated exceptional.

In simple terms, you have a great chance of your letter/parcel being delivered safely in the Eurobodalla.

Annually, 766,000 parcels are delivered locally each year, with 130,000 or seventeen percent of the yearly total being delivered during the peak period from 22nd November through to 24th December. In short, it means a doubling of deliveries in the peak period.

The action starts at 5 am on weekdays with over 37 staff and contractors going about their assigned tasks. The adverbs meticulously, rigorously, adroitly, dexterously, and minutely spring to mind as each letter or parcel is assigned its next resting 'spot' in the delivery chain.

Anything larger than a small shoe box and over 3 kilograms is assigned to the contractors' vans. The rest is delivered to the various green delivery depot boxes strategically placed around the community to save the humble postie from constantly returning to base.

Workplace, health and safety is a high priority. For the postie, every driveway is an intersection, whilst most car drivers only apply road rules once they leave their driveways. Blind driveways are a particular threat, and posties are trained to come in wide. Of course, dogs remain the bugbear ... an unwelcome connection to the past. Time limits are not set on the posties' work, which not only allows time for a 'hello' but less stress on the rounds.

From the bicycle to the step-through motorbike to the soon-to-be-introduced electric scooters called 'Ubcos' in May next year, the mode of transport evolves with the times.



How does the Australia Post Batemans Bay Delivery Centre score an NPS of +85?

With 18 years of experience at the Batemans Bay Centre, Manager Henrik Minassian has a succinct response.

"It is all about the community. We know the community."

Sadly, there is a very low chance of finding romance over a lost parcel in the Eurobodalla.

** Dabbawalas are the people in Mumbai, India, who collect and deliver home-cooked lunches to office workers every day.*



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Bermagui Mystery remains



A Montreal Goldfield volunteer outlined to the gathered throng the scene on the Montreal goldfield and what was seen from the beach on the fateful morning Sunday 10 October 1880. Photo courtesy Stephen Mills.

The crime that has intrigued people of the Far South Coast for 146 years – the 'Bermagui Mystery' – still remains a mystery despite the best efforts of about 40 amateur sleuths on Monday of the long weekend. They joined members of Narooma and Bermagui Historical Societies and the Montreal Goldfield group in retracing the mystery at five stops from Bermagui to Corunna Point.

"We attracted people from Moruya to Pambula and Canberra, all of whom were quite fascinated with how the mystery unfolded during the day," said Narooma Historical Society President Laurelle Pacey.

"This is the sixth time we've held this event and amazingly each time we seem to consider something more, even this long after the tragedy."

This included confusion in the original records about where the boat was found, Corunna Point or Mystery Bay. Then one man who was never considered a suspect at the time left the Tilba area abruptly the day after the boat was discovered, never to return.

"It is interesting that since the last event in 2022, people are now trying to use AI to help solve the mystery," Ms Pacey said. "That quest is of course severely hampered by the lack of informed and primary source content on the web."

"So while we are no closer to solving the mystery, everyone went away mulling over what might have happened and why. The mystery remains."



At Corunna Point, Laurelle Pacey of Narooma Historical Society outlined the evidence supporting that the boat was found at Corunna Point but later moved to Muttonfish Point, then being renamed Mystery Bay. Photo courtesy Stephen Mills.



Council's Tina Smith with Jodi Coman at the Malua Bay Community Hall.

Step inside your local community hall

It's all happening at Eurobodalla's community halls with residents encouraged to step inside and discover for themselves the groups of friendly faces who activate these halls week in and week out.

From 2 to 15 November Eurobodalla Council's Community Hall Activity Trail will showcase the many and varied activities, programs and events run by local groups at Council-owned premises. Council's recreation development coordinator Tina Smith says residents may be surprised at the variety on offer every week.

"We've designed the trail to help people discover what's going on in their neighbourhood. From yoga to crafting, playgroups or dance classes, our Community Hall Activity Trail offers the community a chance to try something different with old friends and new," says Ms Smith.

"We have venues from Durras to Dalmeny and these two weeks of discovery are all about getting people out and about, expanding their interests and skills. It all leads to greater social cohesion and stronger community connections."

"Who doesn't want that!"

For more information and the full program visit Council's [Community Hall Activity Trail](#) | [Eurobodalla Council](#) website.



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Let's do coffee with ... Hannah Matysek

'I know some things have changed me. I'm much bolder than before. I can't be a lesser me so I'm a 'be a disco ball'. This line from upcoming single 'Disco Ball' by Moruya songwriter, Hannah Matysek, more commonly known as Val Moogz, encapsulates their self-acceptance journey as a queer and non-binary person*.

Arriving at this level of assuredness has been a long and, at times, painful path for Hannah Matysek (HM). Fortunately for music followers of Val Moogz*, that process has inspired some of the songs written and performed by Hannah, delivering a soul, folk and indie vibe that is somehow ... just so South Coast. The Moruya Mail (MM) had a coffee with Hannah last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me. You were a child at the turn of the century, so let's start with a glimpse of the young Hannah. HM: (Smiles ...) Yes, I was born in 1992 in Wodonga. I had a super involved Mum and a Dad who worked in food production. My brother is three years older. We left Wodonga for the not-so-much-brighter lights of Smithfield, about 30 kilometres from Sydney CBD, when I was about two years old, so I guess I am a 'westie' by geographical definition at least.

We had a graveyard across the road from our house with bushland behind it, which added an element of excitement to our BMX bike riding and jumps. I always insisted on trying the jumps first to get in before the boys.

The defining influence on my childhood and all the way through to adulthood was Pentecostalism, a branch of Christianity that emphasises a personal experience of God through the Holy Spirit. It was way more than just going to church every Sunday, and much of our family social life was centred around Church. The borders around what constituted normal and accepted were very defined and continually reinforced inside and outside the church. The church challenged my very being as I matured, but (smiles), on the positive side, it did introduce me to performing, as Sunday services were music filled and celebratory.

I attended Smithfield West Primary School in 1997 and was somewhat of an all-rounder, enjoying swimming, athletics, and making it to regional in cross country. I went on to become school captain and dux, so primary school was pretty cruisy. Music-wise, I was on the drums from age 7, copying my brother. We are close and have recorded together and hope to do more in the future. I progressed to the guitar by 12 years of age and was listening to Sarah Blasko and Florence and the Machine, artists who inspired my emerging songwriting craft. Mind you, that was balanced out with some hardcore punk music.

By early high school, I was writing songs and singing in a church band. I had my first original music gig at Newtown RSL when I was 16.

Simultaneously, I was discovering I was attracted to girls, which against the backdrop of Christianity was a big no-no. This affected my mental health and I became increasingly disengaged from school.

Writing songs became my version of therapy, and I have written hundreds of them since I was 12. My song 'Disco Ball' which I'm releasing on October 23 is the song that depicts the struggle and the celebration of being queer.

**Pastor, don't you sigh
It's not another sin
It's my life
I'ma do it right
Lover, come on time
'Cos I've been waiting all my life
To be right here
Loving you**

Thinking back, I am sending a message of support to my younger self.

Needless to say, school became rudimentary, and I floated and often truanted classes, heading to the music rooms to write and play. My year 8 English teacher was a big inspiration when it came to songwriting, and my music teacher for all of high school championed me at every turn. I half heartedly completed my Higher School Certificate (HSC) at Girraween Selective High School in 2010 and opted for work rather than study, moving out of home to Bondi Junction.

It was an exciting time, with lots of gigs and adventures, with a fraught relationship with the Church. Undoubtedly, a highlight at this time was performing at 'Lesbians in the House' in 2011. It was a celebration of community that recalled the original 1991 event, when about 2,000 women gathered at the Sydney Opera House for a night of music and dance. The 2011 event was held at the same venue. It doesn't get much better than playing your own songs to a packed house of peers at the Sydney Opera House. At the time, I was nervous about performing at an outwardly queer event and asked if my name could be left out of articles and marketing - I was told that wasn't possible.

From eighteen to twenty-three years of age, I would cut loose and return home to all the reminders of my Christian past, which would leave me totally confused. I was trapped in a dilemma where all solutions seemed to have to be found through the Church ... an impossible situation. There simply was no such a pathway to salvation.

I stopped going to church at age twenty-three and sought therapy. It was life-changing, and I faced challenges head-on;

**I know some things have phased us
And cut us to the core
But I know my sweet Lord loves me
Cos I'm their shining disco ball**



After a much longer than anticipated stint in corporate agribusiness, I decided to pursue music more seriously in 2021, coming up with my songwriting and performing alter ego, Val Moogz. 'Val' was my Nanna's name, on my mum's side, and 'Moogz' is my brother's nickname for me.

MM: Without doubt, you studied a map of Australia, entered your profile into Artificial Intelligence (AI) for demographic guidance, researched the musical opportunities for an emerging artist, and perhaps had a look at a brochure of the coastal environment and decided to move to Eurobodalla. Did I read your mind?

HM: (Laughs ...) No! I had an auntie in Narooma. Anyhow ... cutting a long story short, I ended up living in Mystery Bay by myself and without a licence as COVID locked us all down in 2020. I was still doing online work from home, looking at the ocean and ... well ... writing music at the grand old age of twenty-seven years. I got my act together and obtained my driving licence, even started a carpentry apprenticeship, but most importantly, went full throttle with playing shows and releasing singles.

It has been an exciting time since. Playing music and touring has been my main focus. I also started the Val Moogz School of Joy, facilitating community workshops and encouraging creative expression. In 2024, I founded Queerobodalla which is a grassroots, community-led group of LGBTQIA+ people living across the Eurobodalla Shire. The aim of Queerobodalla is to build stronger connections, increase visibility, and celebrate LGBTQIA+ life on the South Coast with our biennial Pride Month festival.

In all, life is good. I know who I am and enjoy being able to advocate for others.

MM: What a great chat, Hannah. Let's finish with:

**Shine, shine, shine
Shine down on me
Sometimes it is right to fight for your light
Sometimes we fight to be free
Shine, shine, shine
Shine out to see
There's nothing so wrong
With loving someone
Whichever way they may be**

*Disco Ball, out October 23, 2026 on all streaming platforms
NB: Val Moogz is the headline act in "Beyond the Curtain" at Narooma Kinema on 23rd October:

<https://www.naroomakinema.com/valmoogz-blumallee-benjifowler>
Website: www.valmoogz.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 ... School Teacher

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

Fast Facts:

- **Name:** Anna Smart
- **Wake up time:** 6am
- **Does your alarm mimic a period bell?** Don't be ridiculous!
- **Do you have a nickname at school?** Next question, please!

Unsurprisingly, Carroll College Broulee Head Teacher, Anna Smart's life outside of teaching is not defined by 50-minute period bells, but her work commitments extend well beyond 3.10pm.

Wake up time is followed by the obligatory make-up, hair and before a breakfast of avocado and tomato on toast.

With 3 children aged from eleven to sixteen years, a timetable of sorts is essential. House tidying, perhaps a load of washing is sorted and, all the while, a start on small work jobs such as responding to or sending emails before arriving at school at 8am.

A whirlwind of activity follows leaving the well composed Ms Smart somewhat exhausted.

It includes teaching Senior English (Standard and Advanced), Studies of Religion I and II and Year 9 Religious Education. Beyond the classroom there are mentoring sessions, Senior Leadership Team (SLT) meetings, playground duties, staff liaison, fundraiser responsibilities, answering emails, general administration duties, organising lessons, contacting parents and more.

It may surprise many, but the last period bell only signals the completion of the students' school day.

More intense work commitments such as lesson preparation, entering data, report comments, the onerous administration tasks and of course marking are saved for home.

Marking students' work is an exhausting time consumer. As an example, the recent Higher School Certificate (HSC) Trials required the marking and considered commentary on over 100 essays. With each essay requiring at least 15 minutes of focused attention, it is a gruelling process.

Anna can be found still doing school work up until 9pm of an evening.

The hourly rate for teachers seems to be falling as quickly as an Uber driver's delivery.

Nonetheless, Anna has loved teaching from the moment she started and is particularly proud an ex-student is now teaching alongside her.

A likely comment on Anna Smart's own school report may well be "She is known for her sense of humour and whilst her manner can sometimes be blunt with wayward students, she always has their best interests at heart." And her personal reflection is likely to be "I try to just keep working the hardest I can and being the best teacher I can be. Ultimately, I try to ignore negativity and remember that a lot of it comes from people who have their own challenges and struggles."

The at home teaching tasks are managed around everyday family duties including parental taxi duties to children's activities. Anna tries to find some time for exercise whether it be just walking the dog or following her daughter's influences and listening to Taylor Swift or Gracie Abrams pedalling the exercise bike.

Out of teaching mode, Anna is interested in reading, singing, participating in the local theatre group, playing piano, going to the beach and hanging out with family and friends.

Her advice to a teacher starting out is refreshingly candid.

"Don't be too hard on yourself when you make mistakes, because we absolutely all make them and that's how we learn and get better, but also to try to find a mentor and take their advice. And if the advice is to take a mental health day, then take the mental health day!"

Thank you Anna, and let's hope someone has remembered to hang out the washing.



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Art Central is celebrating!

Art Central, Eurobodalla's longest running community arts centre is celebrating a flourishing new chapter with an uplifting and dynamic exhibition at The Mechanics Institute Moruya, opening 5pm on Friday 16 October.

'Central' features a vibrant showcase of artworks by students and tutors, and opens daily 10-4pm until Nov 1.

The exhibition highlights Art Central's important place within Eurobodalla's blossoming arts scene - and reflects an expanded range of classes - and exciting new initiatives taken by the Arts Council of Eurobodalla Inc throughout the past year.

'Central' features the works of students - and their artist tutors - Lesley Whale, Lucile (Lu) Carson, Sonja Skagen, Keedah Throssell, Alda Rudzis, Sarah Ludowici and Victoria Westwood.

A curated offering of paintings, lino prints, collagraphs, hand built ceramics, screen printed fabrics, drawings and works in ink are included in this curated show.

Art works fresh from the Arts Central 2026 mentorship program will also be shown.

Innovative forms of printmaking - acetate dry point and Tetra Pack printmaking - both increasingly popular on Instagram - show intriguing and accessible techniques.

The exhibition's co-ordinator, Lucile Carson has been a tutor at Art Central through many years, and is celebrating the creative vigour on offer.

"'Central' really heralds a return to strength. It's wonderful to have our showcase at The Mechanics made possible through the Bas Grants program of exhibitions. We get to share what happens at Art Central even more widely."

"Many in our area will know Art Central as the small old fibro on the Church street edge of Moruya Riverside Park.

But some may not know that it's been the home of the Arts Council of Eurobodalla since 2003 when Art Central opened its doors with its first volunteer-powered classes and workshops."

Like many local not-for-profit community organisations, The Arts Council of the Eurobodalla faced challenging conditions and income constraints post-fires and throughout Covid-19.

"We were saved from closure by the generosity of Moruya's CWA and the hard work and ongoing commitment of our members." says Ms Carson.

This renaissance - or return to being 'central' - has been vivid.

The building now sports bold new colours, welcoming signage, a revamped exterior and a freshly planted native garden".

Size is deceptive she says. "For those who've recently stepped inside and see Art Central's freshly painted walls they will also see a well set up and practical work space."

Small in footprint, a creative 'TARDIS' lies within. A dedicated printmaking room now hosts a printmaking press acquired with a grant, and serves as a space for a suite of print mediums, including a student-initiated lino club.

Art Central's calendar of classes and workshops has grown rapidly in 2026. New courses and online bookings are now available via Humanitix.

Big Bertha, Art Central's pottery kiln has been painstakingly restored, allowing community to undertake hand building courses in domestic tableware. Classes in wheel work and workshops making ceramic garden sculptures, are amongst Art Central's latest offerings.

"Art Central growth is a response to an increasing demand from the local community." Ms Carson says,

"There is a need for meaningful engagement, a recognition and respect for the handmade, for human effort as well as the meditative processes involved in creative making."

In 2026 The Arts Council of Eurobodalla Inc has expanded from its centre, building on past strengths and extending its contributions outwards into community.

The inaugural Possum Art Prize - organised and delivered by Arts Central (Arts Council of Eurobodalla) and sponsored in partnership with South East Arts Inc - featured a Possum Youth Prize and the Possum Indigenous Prize and will run again in 2027 and 2028.

In September Art Central was selected and promoted at the Mayor's 2026 Charity Ball as one of three charities acclaimed for work in Health and Wellbeing.

Interestingly, The Arts Council of the Eurobodalla Inc has existed in some form in Moruya for at least 50 years until taking up residency at its much loved if modest fibro headquarters.

"There are immense benefits that creativity offers to our daily wellbeing, our sense of happiness and connection. Making art is both a healing and a challenging process."



Suellen Franklin, Flannel Rust, Handcoloured Linocut.

"Here at Art Central we are always interested in people willing to share their creative art and craft skills, to teach weekly classes or to run short workshops.

We remain committed to providing high quality art tuition at affordable rates. Owning the Art Central building enables us to do this and remains one of our greatest strengths." say Ms Carson.

"We'd love for you to come and share our excitement, join with the wider community at the Central exhibition opening at the Mechanics Institute on the 16th of October at 5pm"

'Come return to YOUR creative centre, and visit Central - at the Mechanics. Buy a meaningful Christmas present that gives twice! Be inspired and show your love for community arts!'

Central Exhibition

Mechanics Institute, Page st, Moruya

Opening Fri 16 Oct, 5pm.

Runs Sat 17 Oct - Sun 1 Nov 10am-4pm

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Central

Art Central Artists Exhibition

Sat 17 October to Sun 1 November 2026

Exhibition Opening: Fri 16 October, 5pm

Open hours: Mon - Sun 10am - 4pm

Mechanics Institute, 13 Page St Moruya 2537

www.artcentral.org.au

Quantum Brewery

Saturday Live Music
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Fun-time Events – QB website for details

24 Oct Oli Statham

31 Oct Laz n Caz

7 Nov Tony Jagers

14 Nov Mick Fernandez

21 Nov Richard Lawson

28 Nov Jakob Poyner

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

Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salon

Moruya Library Thursday 22 October 5pm
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. Bookings for this event are essential as spaces are limited.

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfryfrd>

Got an event coming up?
Let the MM know
hello@moruyamail.com.au

Beyond the Curtain - the Story Behind the Songs

By John Longhurst

There is a very engaging YouTube clip* where singer/songwriter Paul Simon takes the viewer through the creative process behind "Graceland", the song and title track of the 1986 album of the same name. It is a compelling lesson in how place, people and experiences shape a creative outcome.

Whilst such curated documentaries and short anecdotes between songs on the creative process are common, it is rare for singer/songwriters to open up to the audience in a question and answer (Q&A) format. An exploration of the inner thoughts and motives can be quite confronting for the artist and enthralling for the audience.

On Friday 23 October starting at 6.30pm at the historic Kinema at Narooma, three top acts, Val Moogz, Blue Mallee and Benji Fowler will embrace the concept before their performances. Val Moogz, in full band mode, will headline the night and tour promoter, Alex Clark of MUVE Management, believes it is an opportunity to return to old fashioned story telling.

Alex said "Long before streaming services, stadiums and social media, people gathered around campfires, in village halls and eventually beneath the lights of local theatres. Different places. Different generations. The same instinct to connect through creativity, conversation and music. Before each performance, we'll pull back the curtain and explore the stories, experiences and moments that shaped the songs you're about to hear. It's an intimate evening where conversation and performance stand side by side—because sometimes understanding the story behind a song makes hearing it even more powerful."

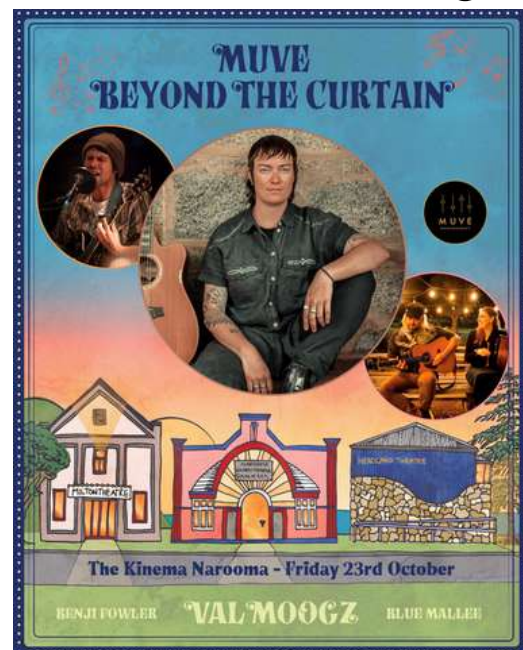
The performance is part of MusicNSW Regional tours and presented by music promoter, MUVE.

The historic Kinema is a whole story in itself and is an ideal venue for the performance.

Alex said "Everything about this tour has been chosen with intention.

The theatres aren't simply places to perform, they're part of the story. Each has its own history, its own community and its own place in the cultural fabric of regional New South Wales.

These venues have welcomed generations of audiences and continue to remind us that, no matter how the world changes, people will always need places to gather.



The artists were selected with that same philosophy in mind."

Ticketing information:

<https://www.naroomakinema.com/valmoogz-bluemallee-benjifowler>

* https://youtu.be/UGnCN_EH-Ek?si=zHwS7vnFQax5J9z0

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October

Thu 15 Oct **Sydney Comedy Festival** Yuin Theatre 7:30pm
 Fri 16 Oct **Davey Hilder** - Oyster Cove Bar 6pm
 Sat 17 Oct **Kyle Lionhart** at Smokey Dan's , 5pm - 10pm
 Sat 17th Oct **Open Mic Night** an evening of music, comedy and poetry, Club Tuross from 5pm
 Sat 17 Oct **Strutt Duo** - Club Narooma 6.30pm
 Sat 17 Oct **Tall Puppy Syndrome** - Soldier's Club 7.30pm
 Sat 17 Oct **Drive Time** - Club Catalina 7.30pm
 Sun 18 Oct **Tony Jagers** Waterfront with **Mark Easton** 12pm
 Sun 18 Oct **Davey Hilder** - Club Narooma (3pm)
 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 12pm.
 Sun 25 Oct **Mick McGrath** Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
 Fri 30 Oct **Matt Dent Waterfront** 4.30pm
 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
 31 Oct **Seak & Friends** JJ's at the Marina 8pm
 31 Oct **Sound Journey with Vanessa Forbes** Soul Tribe Mogo 2-2.30pm

November

Sat 7 Nov **Reflections Trio** Waterfront Hotel 7.30pm
 Sat 7 Nov **Peter Shilling** JJs at The Marina 6pm
 Sat 7 Nov **Matt Scullion** Nono's Garden Bodalla 12-3pm
 14 Nov **Good Vibes Artist Showcase** Featuring Val Moogz with a full band and Felicity Dowd alongside amazing youth artists Exit Smiling, Ruby Holden, Hugo Hamilton and Gypsy Rigatos from the Sound Start program. Smokey Dans 5pm
 14 Nov **Sunset Sounds** Tilba Valley Winery 12pm
 15 Nov **Kenny Rogers and Friends** Tribute Show Bay Pavilions
 Sat 14 Nov **Dog House Rock** Waterfront 8pm
 Sun 15 Nov **Kenny Rogers & Friends** Bay Pavilions 2:00pm
 20-22 Nov **Crank it Up Festival** Batemans Bay
 21 Nov **Shawn Baxter** JJs at The Marina 6pm
 Sun 22 Nov **Tony Jagers** Tilba Valley Winery 11am
December
 5 Dec **Solo West** - JJs at The Marina 6pm
 5 Dec **Starfish Sessions - Jack Biilmann** Starfish Deli 6.30pm
 12 Dec **Riff** Bodalla Pub 2pm
 19 Dec **Met Fa'oa** JJs at The Marina 6pm
 Sat 19 Dec **Tony Jagers** Quantum 4.30pm
 31 Dec New Year's Eve **Usual Suspects** Moruya Waterfront
 NYE 31 Dec **The Spindrift Saga** Club Malua 8:15-12:15am

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

Forthcoming exhibition - Held in form - Lizette Richards @ The BAS

Art exhibition: 24 October - 21 November

Held in Form brings together wearable and sculptural works by Lizette Richards that explore memory, identity and transformation through silver, porcelain and textile. Drawn from personal experiences of loss, belonging and change, the exhibition treats jewellery as a small, carried archive, translating lived experiences into intimate forms worn on the body alongside sculptural works that extend these narratives into space.

Central to the exhibition is an interest in materials that embody contradiction. Silver can be both strong and delicate, porcelain fragile yet enduring, and textile soft yet resilient. Together, they reflect the nature of memory itself: durable in some places, worn thin in others, occasionally broken and mended.

Created from a coastal studio environment and informed by erosion, salt-worn surfaces and the traces left by time, the works reflect on the ways memory is accumulated, altered and preserved. Referencing the long history of adornment as a form of personal expression and cultural connection, Held in Form invites audiences to consider how stories, emotions and identities can be held in objects we see, touch, wear and carry with us.



The September meeting for the Eurobodalla photographic club.

The competition this month was "Open". We got a treat with the judge Gillianne Tedder coming in person and spending some quality time walking us through each image. If you would like to check the club out, please come to our next meeting night, which is Tuesday 27th of October at Tomakin hall, starting at 7pm.



September Competition Results

IMAGE OF THE NIGHT: Jeanette Robben- Mount Cook Autumn

GOLD:

Di Clark -Sisters
Robert Bednarik- Banksia Flower
David Kemp- Beam me up, Scotty

SILVER:

Jeanette Robben- Tawny Frogmouth family
Ally Aitken- Fluff ball
Anne Brown- Whitewash
Greer Atkinson -The Empty Cage
Gary Jones- Bird in flight

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Di Clark Light Study
Ally Aitken Pambula Beauty
Greer Atkinson The Offering
Shane Johnston Kings Cross
Louise McDonald Belonging

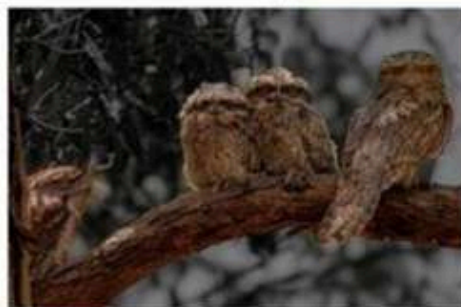
MONOCHROME:

GOLD: Joanna Love- Gum leaves

SILVER: Robert Bednarik -Spotted gums
Ally Aitken- Intense

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Anne Brown- Feathered Friends



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS

70 attend peaceful assembly for Palestine in Moruya



Over 70 people attended the peaceful assembly at Moruya Bridge on 11th October to mark 3 years of genocide, survival and resistance in Palestine.

Far south coast communities have been standing in solidarity with Palestinian people since Israel escalated decades of aggressions against the occupied Palestinian territories following the Hamas attacks on October 7th, 2023. Over 100 people joined in a similar event for Bega Valley residents at the Tathra Headland at 1pm on Sunday. Both events were listed on a national register of events as a part of the Global Day for Gaza and representatives from Connecting Communities and Eurobodalla Justice for Palestine spoke to the Moruya crowd. Rallies were held in over 60 countries with united calls for all nations to meet their obligations under international law, to impose state-wide sanctions on Israel and to end the two-way military trade with Israel.

Speaking to those gathered in Moruya, Alison Worthington said that Australia now lags behind other western countries taking action by standing up to Israel, including the UK, France and Canada.

"Tens of thousands of Australians are joining us in rallies across the country today because the overwhelming will of Australians continues to be ignored. We don't want to be complicit in genocide, and we expect our government to meet their obligations under international law. Being signatories to the Geneva Convention doesn't seem to be enough for this government. That's why in addition to sanctions on Israel we are also calling for parliament to support the Red Lines Package of legislation introduced to Parliament in September. The Red Lines Package would create a genocide-prevention framework, addressing gaps in our current legislation. We must adopt safeguards that will prevent our governments, charities, business and other institutions from supporting illegal settlements, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The plight of the Palestinian people has alerted human rights lawyers and parliamentarians to the need for the Red Lines Package, but these safeguards will be a protection from war crimes in any state.

We are urging people to reach out to their federal representatives urging them to support the Red Lines Package so we can stand proudly as a nation that upholds human rights and international law."

People who want to join in locally in the united calls for justice for Palestine can join the mailing list for **Eurobodalla Justice for Palestine**: eurobodallajusticeforpalestine@gmail.com, or follow these local groups on Instagram @connecting_communities_@justiceforpalestine2537



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November 2026

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Documentary Film Screening
Sunday, 25 October 2:30 pm
Red Door Hall • St John's Church Page St Moruya
All welcome • Just show up
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Ordinary People started shooting in 1998, following One Nation candidate Colene Hughes as she begins her campaign to knock the country back into shape. Filmed over two-years and two elections, Colene's transformative journey into politics is a must-see story for anyone wanting to understand the return of One Nation today. It is equally revealing for those who support One Nation and those who seek to condemn it.

Ordinary People was highly commended in the Sydney Film Festival's Dendy Awards and broadcast on ABC television.

The screening will be followed by a Q & A with the film's producer Martha Ansara and an opportunity to discuss the things that happen in the film.

Authorised by Christine Lee



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New Frontiers for Bay Theatre Players with New Director



Jimmy Roe and Jeremy Kemp as John and Roy.

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Dan Kopilow and Teagan Lomax as Tom and Ellen

By John Longhurst

The profile of Sharon McCutcheon by Claire Chap, the writer and interviewer behind *The Deadly South*, an online publication featuring profiles of creative people and community figures on the NSW South Coast, opens with: 'When the name 'Freak of the Week' was coined, Sharon McCutcheon immediately came to mind. In the best way possible, Sharon is the biggest freak I know. Growing up, she used to inspire and terrify us with her stories of performing around the world. Whether it was flying across the room on a trapeze, shaving her head for a role, or the use of barbed wire in a show, we were just school kids sitting in the drama room listening in awe.'

The very same Sharon McCutcheon is a new director to the Bay Theatre Players Inc. (BTP) and begins her tenure with the production of Australian playwright Daniele Keene's play 'Life Without Me'.

According to BTP producer, Jen Aspinall, "Sharon brings a wealth of experience as a professionally trained actor, circus teacher, director, and school teacher. 'Life Without Me' is a personal favourite play of Sharon's, and she is really looking forward to finally being able to bring it to life on the stage."

The play was written in 2010 and won the 2011 Queensland Premier's Literary Award for Best Drama Script (Stage) Award.

Jen said, "Have you ever felt like you're in a kind of limbo? Like you're living but nothing seems to change?"

Set in the lobby of a run-down two-star hotel, *Life Without Me* explores notions of purpose, direction, fulfilment as the characters fail to achieve their desires and instead return repeatedly, often involuntarily, to this hotel.

Trapped in the hotel that would rival 'Fawlty Towers', guests are thrown into chaos as a storm of sheer incompetence is unleashed. 'Life Without Me' is a funny and heartwarming play that provides the perfect remedy for a world gone mad."

The play shares similarities to Samuel Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot'. Both plays explore what it means to exist when life seems to have lost its purpose. The use of absurdity, humour, and uncertainty is used to examine the human condition.

Fortunately, highly regulated conditions for staging a Beckett play do not apply to Keene's work, allowing considerable artistic freedom for Sharon McCutcheon.

The script of 'Life Without Me' is a perfect match for the BTP's new director's proven talents.

Matinee and evening shows available from 30 October to 8 November. Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/dptfu



Flies to flowers seminar: Nature's unexpected pollinators - Batemans Bay

Saturday 7 November 2026 1pm - 3pm

Where: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Banksia Room Cost: Free
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More information For more information, please contact our visitor centre:

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- 21st-25th October - **Sea Otter Australia**
- 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 22nd October 2026 10am to 1:30pm

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

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

When: Tuesday 27th October 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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

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Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

Narooma VIEW Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month at Narooma Golf Club Seahorse Room at 11.30 for lunch & a guest speaker.

Moruya Community Workshed

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Tuross Community Markets

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

Moruya RSL Sub Branch general meeting

will take place on Tuesday 20th October at 2pm at 11 Page St. Moruya in the RSL Memorial Hall. Discussions at the meeting will be on the Remembrance Day services. Remembrance Day badges will be sold within the community on Thursdays & Fridays commencing 22nd October & concluding on the 6th November.

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.

To reserve your place, email nola.ezzy@gmail.com.

Gala Cancer Fundraiser - Raising Money for Breast & Prostate Cancer

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

Batemans Bay Reunion "Yesterday Today and Tomorrow"

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

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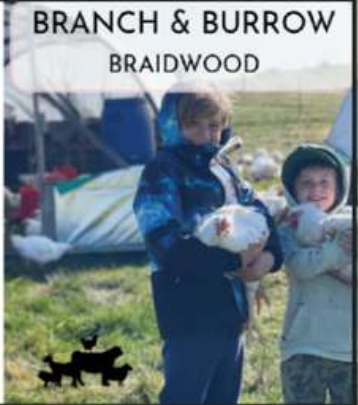


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- How to identify opportunities for AI in your own business
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Participants will also receive an AI maturity self-assessment and practical actions for their farm business. Registered participants will be offered two free 60-minute follow-up one-on-one online coaching sessions with Emma in the weeks following the workshop and access to a recording of the workshop.

Details: Friday 30 October 10.30am-12 noon Online

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ASK BIG HEAD

G'day mates! It's me - the colossal canine cranium here to answer another Eurobodalla dog dilemma. This cracker comes from Steph in Mossy Point who's dealing with piercing puppy teeth.

Q. Why does my 12 week puppy keep biting me and how do I stop it? The more I get upset, the more she wants to do it!

Oh, I feel your pain. When we're puppies, between 3 and 8 weeks of age, us dogs learn to control our bite inhibition through instant feedback in our litter. If we bite a mate too hard, they let out a sharp yelp and instantly stop playing. We also experience their needle teeth on the other end of a bite, which helps us learn empathy quick-smart. Meanwhile, Mum will give us a firm but fair correction if any of us pups get too mouthy during nursing. If pups are taken away from their litter too early (before 8 weeks) or when humans encourage rough hand-play, that vital lesson on jaw strength gets muddled. Without those early boundaries, a pup never fully learns just how sensitive skin really is.

So, if you want your puppy to understand you don't want them mouthing you - act like a Mumma dog. First of all, keep your energy cool but assertive. Puppies will see big dramatic human reactions as an invitation for more high-energy play. Reacting emotionally takes away your leadership status in your dogs' eyes. So, it's time to take a deep breath, claim your personal space, and move with calm conviction.

The moment those puppy chops go for your skin or clothes, claim your personal space. Get in early, as soon as the mouth opens! You can give a quick, sharp sound - like a firm "Tsch!" or "Ahh!" - along with a decisive light touch to snap your pup out of their fixation. Think of it like tapping someone on the shoulder at a loud concert - short & sharp, like polite kung-fu. This helps snap doggy brains out of that bitey mindset and signals that behaviour is unacceptable.

At the same time, it's important to move towards your puppy and claim your personal space. Recoiling and moving backwards will send the opposite message. So, if you're sitting - lean right forward with your shoulders back, or even better stand up and move into your puppies space. Just try not to step on our feet with big shoes on please!

Once you've corrected their bad behaviour, your puppy wants to know what to do instead. So you can redirect your puppy's urge to bite energy to a chew toy, showing her what is allowed in her mouth. If she remains overly excited, rinse and repeat the above, standing tall with calm authority. When your pup drops her head, sighs, or relaxes her body, that is the peaceful state of mind you want to reward with gentle affection.

If she's completely revved up and bouncing off the walls, her brain is likely over-tired or overwhelmed. A short, quiet reset in her crate or tethered in the shade gives her the chance to drain that energy and rest.

Got a curly one for Big Head? Drop me a line at bigheaddogtraining@gmail.com

You're all invited to a one-of-a-kind Moruya Dog Club on Sat 31st October

Eurobodalla's McGrath Breast Care Nurse & Co. are joining forces with the Big Head Dog Training team for a special Breast Cancer Awareness Event.

We want to bring our community together for a morning of connection, education and four-legged fun. Also there will be tea and scones.

Local Breast Surgeon Dr Ruben Cohen-Hallaleh and McGrath Breast Care Nurse Richelle Matheson will be there to talk about breast health and the importance of early detection.

There's fantastic raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses, as well as morning tea kindly donated by our wonderful CWA. Oh and sweet tunes supplied by South Coast DJs.

We'll kick things off with our scenic pack walk - biggest one ever it's looking like! And there'll be a dedicated chill zone for the all-important down regulation time Off-lead social play will be optional and limited to the end of the event due to capacity

Date: 31st October Location: Moruya Dog Club 248 Meadows Rd, Mogendoura Time: 0930-1130 Tickets: \$20

Please RSVP by the 21st October to richelle.matheson@health.nsw.gov.au or M: 0428113184.

Due to logistics, we have a cap on the total number of dogs able to attend. So if your pooch is coming along, please RSVP early. We want y'all there :)

How to build a catio for your cat at home

Moruya Workshop at [Repurposing for Resilience Eurobodalla Inc](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../build-your-own-catio...)

Sunday 18 October 2026 10am - 12pm

At the Repurposing for Resilience Community Centre, Moruya transfer station, 21 Yarragee Road, Moruya
Cost: Free

Learn how to build a catio, an enclosed outdoor area where your cat can enjoy fresh air while staying safe. Cat behaviour expert Dr Heather Crawford will explain how to build a catio that suits your home and lifestyle. Keeping your cat at home is usually safer. Learn how it helps your cat live longer. This workshop is for cat owners and anyone thinking about building a catio. Book your place

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Book your place by Thursday 15 October 2026. We have limited places.

We'll provide morning tea. You can buy barista-made coffee to support Repurposing for Resilience. Contact us If you have any questions about this workshop, contact India Howlett: T: 0499 413 719



Feline friends finding their feet through fostering

ESC - Cats aren't at their best behind bars says Eurobodalla Council's manager of compliance Nathan Ladmore. With that in mind, Council is trialling a new foster program with local trained volunteers taking cats and kittens out of the animal shelter and into their homes while they assess the animals' needs and personalities. Mr Ladmore says foster care can reveal the sides of a cat not seen at the shelter.

"Is the cat good with children or dogs? Are they social or more content doing their own thing? They can understand the sort of home and kind of owner will be just right for each cat. With the guess work gone, we can find the right match," Mr Ladmore says. Council will continue to provide the food and other essentials while foster carers will provide day-to-day care, with observations and photos that will help find each animal its permanent home. The volunteer team includes people experienced in caring for very young kittens, providing Council with extra options when very young animals arrive requiring specialist care. "If you find yourself with an unwanted kitten, please don't dump it in the hopes someone else will find and care for it. Give us a call. Similarly, if you end up with a stray you don't want to adopt yourself, or if you find yourself no longer able to provide for your current cat, please get in touch," says Mr Ladmore.

By law, cats must be desexed from four months of age, with an annual permit fee for cats not desexed. In some circumstances the Eurobodalla branches of the Animal Welfare League and RSPCA may be able to help eligible with desexing costs. Mr Ladmore says good cat care means keeping them contained. Indoor cats, or those with access to an enclosed outdoor area, avoid risks including traffic, dogs, fights with other cats, and now bird flu. It also helps protect our local wildlife," he says.

"To help, we've got **three free workshops in October**. On Saturday 17 October we have two sessions – at 10am at the Botainic Garden and at 2 at the Moruya library – of our Cat Behaviour: Keeping them safe and happy at home workshop. Then on Sunday 18 we have a Build your own catio workshop from 10am, showing owners how to create an outdoor space their cats will love. "They're all free so why not get along and enjoy learning more about these fascinating animals sharing our homes but on their terms!"

For more information visit Council's [Responsible cat ownership webpage](#).

SUMMER SOCCER ADULT TEAM NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Get your team together and join us for another season of EFA Summer Soccer!

Starts: Wednesday 21 October 2026

Runs: October – March

Gundary Oval, Moruya

Wednesdays, 6:00pm – 8:15pm

– Women's Division

– Men's Division

– Players aged 15 years and over

– Registration: \$95 per player

TEAM NOMINATIONS

One nomination per team.

Nominate your team here:

<https://forms.gle/YEsM4EWXwpJnVqUT8>



CORALS' LAST STAND
the fight to Save Scott Reef

Broulee Public School Hall
Cambridge Crescent, Broulee
Thursday 15th October
5.30 - 7.30pm

Corals' Last Stand follows the voyage of a team of prominent Australians including author Tim Winton and musician John Butler as they travel to the reef to bring worldwide attention to the impact that drilling will have on this special place.

Formed more than 15 million years ago **Scott Reef** is home to more than 1200 species including endangered seas snakes, green turtles and spectacular corals.

The reef sits on a huge reservoir of gas known as the Browse Basin and Global corporation Woodside wants to drill for gas and oil under the reef ecosystem.

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Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll

Abdominal Stretch Pose - Udarakarshanasana

A great yoga pose to stretch and massage the abdominal organs and muscles. Renown for improving digestion and removing constipation.

To practice - Squat with the feet flat on the floor (or as close to the floor) a comfortable distance apart. Place the palms of the hands on the knees. With the help of right hand, gently guide the right knee to left foot. Press the left knee in towards the right leg. Simultaneously turn the head towards the left to gaze over the left shoulder. Lightly squeeze both knees towards each other to compress the abdomen. Hold for a few seconds then raise the right knee back to the squatting position. In the same way lower the left knee to the right foot and gaze over the right shoulder. Practice 5-10 rounds.



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SHASAs Repair Cafe clothing team has run out of work.

They're so efficient! Now is a great time to go through your wardrobe and find items that need a little tender loving care. Open every Friday at 9.45am, closes at noon.

Can be darning, taking up/taking in or cutting off bits (to make sleeveless or shorter).



Hanging Rock, raising the bar on local sport

With an expanded field of play and upgraded amenities, the sports complex at Hanging Rock is providing individuals, groups and local clubs a modern facility for recreation and competition.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher says field three boasts a multi-sport playing surface that accommodates AFL, cricket and athletics. "We've also improved irrigation, added LED lighting, increased spectator seating, and built four new unisex changerooms with amenities, and a storage shed," says the Mayor. "For local clubs, it means better facilities to train and compete at, and for family and friends looking on from the sidelines it's functional and comfortable. This is infrastructure that will be used week in, week out, and will support the Bay area for years to come."

The \$2.58 million project was supported by \$2.387 million from the NSW Government's Office of Sport through the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund, with Council contributing the balance. "We're grateful for that support - this was a much-needed upgrade that really benefits the community," Mayor Hatcher says.

Dr Michael Holland MP said "Sport brings our communities together, and this upgrade at Hanging Rock is a great example of what can be achieved when we invest in the places where people live, play and connect.

For local clubs and families, these upgrades mean better facilities to train, compete and enjoy sport, whether you're on the field or cheering from the sidelines. It's particularly pleasing to see an expanded multi-sport playing surface, improved lighting, irrigation and new changerooms delivered for the Batemans Bay community.

This is an investment in grassroots sport, but it's also an investment in community connection, participation and the health and wellbeing of people across the Eurobodalla.

I'm proud to have supported this project and to see the NSW Government's investment delivering a facility that will serve local sporting clubs and the broader community for many years to come."

For more information visit [Council's Hanging Rock sporting complex upgrade webpage](#).



Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland, Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher, Batemans Bay Football Club president Matthew Findlay, Council's project Manager Chris Teague, Southern Branch conveyer Sue Badenoch and Batemans Bay Football Club registrar Ruby Harrington at the Hanging Rock.

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 9.10.26

Moruya River.

With the end of the schools holidays rapidly approaching, it's great to see plenty of families trying to squeeze the most out of the remaining weekend. The rain of the previous weekend hasn't done too much damage to the river conditions, if anything it has added a slight colouration to the run out tide, which can give predators the confidence to hunt a little more freely.

The shallow, sun warmed sand flats will be a great place to try and fool a hungry flathead this weekend. Look to the airport flats, back of the hole in the wall, the flats around the mouth of Malabar creek (not in side the creek), the flats under the town bridge and those across from the hospital. These are all good areas to start looking for the humble flathead. Soft plastics, hardbody lures or good old baits can account for fish in these areas.

With plenty of parents taking younger kids out, look to the 3 main wharves we have along the river, for a safe and easy place to access the river. Preddy's wharf, the Town wharf (both of which have a boat ramp), and the quarry wharf are all great options. The only down side to the wharves, is that they can get pretty crowded pretty quickly. If you find that there are open spots on the wharves, then go for an explore, the river has plenty of accessible river bank from which you can easily, and safely fish.

Up in the fresh, the rains we had last weekend have risen the river levels a bit, which will encourage the bass to once again move further up stream. I for one, will be putting the kayak of the racks this Saturday, and going for a quiet bass session. Fingers crossed I manage a few to open the season, it's a late start for me.

Tuross River.

There have been reports of plenty of BIG flathead spotted and being caught this week. They are throughout the whole system at the moment, and are starting to be quite active. Surprisingly, the top back lakes (even after the rain) are holding good numbers of big fish. You will require a boat or kayak to access these areas however, but the time and effort to get up into these areas is always worth it.

The deeper holes are still holding and producing a few nice mulloway, along with plenty of soapies (sub legal fish), they are still fun to catch, and can sometimes fight well above their weight class. Soft plastics of good quality baits will tempt these wary fish. Start looking around the boat sheds, four-ways, or where areas of bait drain into on a run out tide. Mulloway are generally a lazy fish, and prefer to have their food come to them, they will actively hunt their food on the turn of the tide when the currents are at a minimum.

The lower reaches of the river, around the potato point side of the river, have extensive sand flats that hold bream, flathead and when the waters warm enough whiting.

Looking at the tide weather reports earlier, we have a dark this weekend, and that means prawns start to come to people's minds. We have plenty of local lakes that can hold schools of prawns. All you need is a light, a prawn net and some good foot wear. The net and light we can help you with. So if fresh prawns is something that interest you, stop in, and we can get you started.

Coila, Brou, Durras are a few lakes locally that have been known to have prawns in them.

Rock and Beach.

The salmon are still readily available up and down the coast, with areas like the Moruya breakwall giving good access to passing schools. Any beach along the coast has the potential to hold schools, it will depend on where they find themselves. They do have this habit swimming, and can nit always be where you are.

Once water temps start to pass the 20deg mark, expect whiting to start showing up on the beaches also.

Offshore.

Snapper and flathead are still readily available this week. Wind conditions don't look too bad for the weekend, but 2m seas will probably keep a few people on land this weekend. Check the Moruya bar cam, if you plan on leaving from here to check the bar conditions.

I have had whispers of BIG Pacific Bluefin Tuna down off VIC this week, we are looking at fish in excess of 150-200kg. With several records being set, broken and reset this past few weeks. Who knows if we will see them up our way, we can only hope.

The bait freezer was finally restocked this week, the only baits missing is Hawksbury Prawns and 500gm premium squid packs. So we have everything else you may need. Good luck yo all those young anglers fishing the Narooma Youth fishing Comp today. Have fun and catch heaps!

We also just had atop up of Kings 4Wd gear, so we have a fresh top up ready for the weekend.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya

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6-8th Nov 2026

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MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 7PM
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FRIDAY 6 Nov 2pm Start

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SATURDAY 7 Nov Daylight Start

Proteins Australia Maiden B
Coastal Concrete Junior - \$20
2 run limit
Coastal Concrete Juvenile draft - \$25
2 run limit
ECM Open 4 Open - \$55
South Coast Livestock Open - \$55
(Open and Novice)
Finals to be held Saturday afternoon

SUNDAY 8 Nov Daylight Start

Waterhole Flat Angus 'Mullenderree'
Feature Novice draft - \$50
Novice Final

- SCA Affiliated, SCA Campdraft membership rules and general conditions apply
- Payment of entries to be paid by direct deposit only
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- Cattle levy \$15.00 included in entry
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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Peter McRae with Vice President Paul Scholze

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 8th October 2026

A field of 43 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. It was a sunny day and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Peter McRae (20) with 46 points
2nd: Ken Hush (14) with 39 points (countback)
3rd: Beverley Theobald (45) with 39 points
4th: Ray Bollard (5) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Nick Brice 3.23 A Grade
4th: Ron Rogers 7.70 B Grade
4th: Mark Jackson 3.10 C Grade
6th: Stephen Vicary 2.11 A Grade
6th: Shane Gschwend 1.44 B Grade
7th: Ruth Gschwend 0.29 A Grade
7th: Grant Kiely 7.80 B Grade

Balls went to: Ruth Gschwend 37, Ian Manton 37, Brad Doolan 36, Bruce Lidbury 36, Kevin Reilly 36, Mark Haberkorn 36, Bruce Harding 36, Ron Rogers 35, Nick Brice 34 and Ian McManus 34.



Winner Cate O'Brien with Vice President Paul Scholze

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 10th October 2026

A field of 46 players took to the course to compete in a Medley Stableford event. It was a beautiful sunny day and there were some fantastic scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Cate O'Brien (33) with 40 points
2nd: David Schmid (20) with 39 points (countback)
3rd: Ruth Gschwend (17) with 39 points
4th: Chelsea Mayes (31) with 38 points (countback)
5th: Paul Ferguson (12) with 38 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 2.10 A Grade
4th: Theodore Turner 2.07 B Grade
4th: Paul Medwin 8.20 C Grade
6th: Ruth Gschwend 2.02 A Grade
6th: Chelsea Mayes 2.49 B Grade
7th: Nick Brice 6.39 A Grade
7th: Ian Lawson 2.92 B Grade

Place Getters: Jim Wade 37, Mark Haberkorn 36, Kevin Reilly 36, Paul Scholze 36, John Harb 36, Colin Houghton 36, William Steenbergen 35, Dianne Brown 35, Martin Booth 34, Greg Booth 34, Terry Milliken 34, Leigh Coloe 34, Ian Manton 33, Cathy Milliken 33 and Michael Walsh 33.



Winners: Leonie Snodgrass, Maree Coffey and Jane Eglitis

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 13th October 2026

A field of 19 ladies competed in a Stableford event. The event was sponsored by Sandra D'Onofrio. It was a drizzly day and some brilliant scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
1st: Leonie Snodgrass (17) with 39 points
2nd: Sandra D'Onofrio (32) with 36 points
B Grade:
1st: Maree Coffey (35) with 38 points
2nd: Kerrie Sands (38) with 35 points
C Grade:
1st: Jane Eglitis (44) with 46 points
2nd: Elsa Shearer (43) with 35 points
Hole Prize:
7th: Pam Alexander Golden Shot A 3.04
7th: Stacey Davidson Golden Shot B 2.34

Nearest to the Pins: 2nd Shot
6th: Leonie Snodgrass Distance 0.43
15th: Sandra D'Onofrio Distance 1.71

Place Getters:

Pauline Nash 34, Dorothy Madden 34, Stacey Davidson 34 and Chris Wratten 33.



Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 14th October 2026

33 players competed in a Stableford event today. It was a sunny Spring day and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Bruce Harding with 28 points
2nd: Ross Hendy with 24 points (countback)
3rd: Paul Green with 24 points

Balls or Chocolates:

Jane Eglitis 22, Dorothy Madden 22, Graham Moore 22 and Blaise Madden 22.

< Winner: Bruce Harding

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Tony Crook (2nd Shot)
6th: Odette Goodwin (1st Shot)
7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd Shot)
Mens: Bruce Harding (2nd Shot)
In the hole!

Accuracy: Chris Wratten (5th hole)
Bradman's: Steve Lymbery

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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls

What a fantastic morning for Twisties with 34 bowlers present.

Vice-president "Clark Kent" not Superman! took over proceedings whilst President Robbo was away. Welcome to visitors Helen and Mike Lyons from Canberra also Nathan Megee who celebrated his 20th Birthday this week and his mate Indhi from Merimbula. Thanks as always to Greenkeepers who are here each Sunday morning preparing Greens. Great to see Nick out there back on deck.

Cards were called for 3 Triples and 4 Pairs matches on a full Green.

Winners with Lowest Losing Margin

-2, Clark, Rob and Chanty. (Photo)

Runners-up -6, Road Runner, Matilda and Artie.

Losing Skip Chanty selected Rink 10 to try for Jackpot of \$317.

Scottie cut cards and came up with King of Hearts, 1 off the Joker!

High/Low scores, 41/7 not won but now \$75.50 to be won.

Lucky numbers, 26 Trish the Dish,

25 The Smiling Fin.

New number to contact Twist Tops,
0438761081



Tuross Rescue

Moruya Surf Life Saving Club report

A positive outcome at Tuross Head on the weekend, with two teenagers who were swept out located safe and well. A fantastic team effort involving members of the public, our Emergency Callout Team members and our eyes in the sky Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopters Lifesaver 23 Moruya helped bring about this positive outcome. A courageous member of the public also assisted in rescuing a parent.

With the warmer weather bringing more people to our beautiful beaches, this is an important reminder that ocean conditions can change quickly. Please swim within your ability and choose patrolled beaches.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in yesterday's response. We're grateful for such a positive outcome!" >

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



There were no bowls played today due to the ongoing rain.

Instead we all enjoyed being together especially with our men members also to celebrate the 80th Birthday of bowling friend Rae Faye.

A beautiful morning tea was provided and lots of fun and games

Money Club, 49 Lou Butcher, 30 Lisa Grice.

Tomorrow we are off to bowl in Braidwood hoping the rain holds off and looking forward to meet lots of ladies from other clubs.

Flags up for a safe summer on NSW beaches

Surf life savers are preparing for a bumper season on the beaches with forecast hot conditions expected to draw large crowds as the iconic red and yellow flags now up. Thousands of volunteer lifesavers return to beaches across the State for the start of the 2026-27 patrol season which runs until 27 April 2027.

Life savers are urging beachgoers to swim between the flags, follow the directions of lifesavers and lifeguards, and check conditions before entering the water.

Surf Life Saving NSW volunteers are heading into the season with new and upgraded rescue equipment including jet skis, drones and Emergency Response Beacons, to help crews respond quickly when someone is in distress. More than 70 drones will operate covering more than 90 beaches. The expanded program includes longer surveillance hours and increased coverage, including over the NSW spring school holidays.



Local Equestrian Holds Her Own at Equimillion 2026

By John Longhurst

Fourteen-year-old Turlinjah resident, Amelia Nickson, and her off-the-track thoroughbred, Rhine, have taken out 4th place in the under-eighteen junior competition at the prestigious Equimillion 2026 held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park, NSW, earlier this month.

Amelia won \$2,500 in prize money.

The competition is specifically for retired Thoroughbred racehorses, with more than \$1 million in prize money across dressage, eventing, show jumping, and show horse competition. Amelia competed in showjumping.

It is a significant addition to the Year 9 Moruya High School student's equestrian resume, which includes Age Champion and highest-scoring show rider at South Coast Anglican College inter-schools, Age Champion at Moruya Pony Club Gymkhana, Age Champion at Cobargo and District Pony Club Gymkhana, 3rd at the Sydney Royal Easter Show area team sporting, Age Champion at Pambula Pony Club Gymkhana, and Age Champion at Pambula Pony Club Jamboree sporting.

Amelia has set her ambitions at competing at higher-level eventing and show jumping as she matures and would love to represent Australia one day.

With a gruelling training routine of over 15 hours per week alongside her school studies, she dreams of representing Australia at the home Olympics in Brisbane in 2032.

Local law firm, Terracon Legal, has been a long-term supporter of Amelia.

A spokesperson for Terracon Legal said, "Terracon Legal was proud to support Amelia and Rhine at Equimillion. Amelia's dedication to her riding is incredibly impressive, and finishing fourth in such a strong field is a fantastic achievement. As our presence on the South Coast continues to grow, supporting the local community is really important to us. We're pleased to be able to get behind young people like Amelia who are working hard to pursue something they're passionate about."

With strong community backing, Amelia looks set for a bright future and looks set to add further to the Eurobodalla trophy cabinet.

Amelia said, "My thanks go to my parents, Michelle Nickson and Daniel Nickson, my sisters, Madeline Nickson and Chelsea Nickson, my aunty Trudie Seymour, Terracon Legal, and my close friends, Sophia, Madelyn, Scarlett, Izzabella, and Taylor." Amelia will be competing at Pony Club NSW State Showjumping Championships in Gundagai later this month.



UPCOMING *Race Meetings*

AUGUST 2026
Friday 28th - Tuross / Bodalla Race Day

SEPTEMBER 2026
Tuesday 15th - Seniors / Hospitality Race Day

OCTOBER 2026
Friday 2nd - Legend of the South Race Day

NOVEMBER 2026
Tuesday 3rd - Big Dance / Melbourne Cup Day

DECEMBER 2026
Sunday 20th - Narooma Cup Race Day

JANUARY 2027
Monday 4th - Moruya Cup Race Day

FEBRUARY 2027
Sunday 28th - Tuross/Bodalla Race Day

MARCH 2027
Saturday 27th - Easter Charity Race Day

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SATURDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 2026

4:00PM - 8:00PM

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Past & Present
PADDLE

**9:30AM - 11:00AM
IN THE MORNING**

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FOR ATTENDANCE TO EITHER
THE CELEBRATION OR THE PAST & PRESENT PADDLE.

Celebrating 20 Years of Dragon Boating on the beautiful Moruya River!

Year 2 - The Sea Otter Returns

By John Longhurst

Sea Otter Australia, the premier global celebration of cycling, is set to return to Batemans Bay and the Mogo Trails from 22–25 October 2026. Backed by a 35-year history and global legacy rooted in Monterey, California, Sea Otter Australia has established Batemans Bay and Eurobodalla on the NSW South Coast as its home on the doorstep to Mogo Trails. Hands down the biggest bike show in the Southern Hemisphere, year two expands the event footprint into a seismic, multi-day outdoor festival featuring 250+ global and Australian brands, 10 official racing disciplines, 2,500 athletes, and over 10,000 expected attendees. Located at Hanging Rock Oval within riding distance of the multi-million-dollar Mogo Trails network, the festival site will stretch hundreds of tents deep – packed with more bikes, gear, brand activations, and global product launches than anywhere else in Australasia.

Beyond world-class cycling, Sea Otter Australia acts as a major economic engine of the Eurobodalla mountain bike networks, headlined by Mogo Trails and the close-by Narooma MTB Park. The potential is huge to create momentum for sustained, year-round economic impact across the NSW South Coast and Great Southern Trails region, which represents 550km+ of mountain bike trails in the wider region.

•Economic Projection & Visitor Spend: Delivering over 10,000 regional visitor nights, cycle tourists represent high-yield regional visitors who stay longer and spend significantly higher per day on local accommodation, hospitality, and retail.

•Summit & B2B Leadership: The Sea Otter Australia Summit kicks off Thursday, 22 October, as an intimate, workshop-style 1-day conference at the Eurobodalla Botanic Garden Conference Room.



Industry leaders and decision-makers will exchange ideas, tackle systemic outdoor sector challenges, and harness the “potential energy” of the global outdoor industry.

•Land Manager Awards: Taking place Thursday evening, the 2026 Land Manager Awards will celebrate excellence in trail infrastructure, land management, and sustainable outdoor recreation.

•Direct Supply Chain & Community Value: Organised by Rocky Trail Entertainment, the event employs 50+ festival staff, contracts over 20–30 local businesses, and engages 130+ local volunteers while returning grant funding to local community groups and school P&Cs.

One of the driving forces behind bringing Sea Otter to the Eurobodalla is founder and managing director of Rocky Trail Entertainment, local entrepreneur, Martin Visata.

Martin and partner, Julianne had so much faith in the potential success of Eurobodalla as the centre for Sea Otter Australia, they put up their house as collateral to deliver the event.

Martin spoke exclusively to the Moruya Mail at length and his profile is in next week's Moruya Mail 'Let's do Coffee With ... Martin Wisata.'

Tuross/Bodalla Darts Presentation

11th October 2026

An end of season presentation for the Tuross/Bodalla Darts Competition was held at the Tuross Head One Tree Inn. The Competition ran for 25 weeks from March to September 2026 and the finals were held in October. Six teams competed in the Competition and the overall winners were the Strykers. A delicious spread of food was enjoyed by all and the drinks flowed. Many thanks to Liz and Adam for organising and all others involved.

The darts Competition will be held again in 2027 and any interested players/teams should contact Adam Husband on 0427 463 931 for further information. New players are welcome.



Winners: Crystal Flanders, Glenn Brown and Liz Cowie. (Absent: Bruce Collett and Samuel Greenway) with President Adam Husband



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