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Huge subdivision proposal for Broulee about to come before Council

Councillors were briefed last week on a 699 lot subdivision proposed on land zoned Rural and Conservation at 207 Broulee Road which is due to come before Council at their meeting on Tuesday 27 October for a decision on whether to progress the proposal to the next stage in the planning process.

This proposal is basically a reworked version of an earlier 800 lot subdivision at the same site, branded as the 'Agrihood', which came before Council back in February 2024. Council refused the proposal at that time on the basis of an independent planning consultant's report. The developer, Brightlands Living Pty Ltd, challenged Council's decision, so it went before the Southern Regional Planning Panel for an independent review. The Panel comprehensively rejected it on the grounds that it did not demonstrate strategic merit and was inconsistent with multiple strategic policy documents that apply to the Eurobodalla, including existing local and regional plans and strategies as well as key Ministerial Directions and State Environmental Planning Policies. These policies and strategies aim to consolidate new development in town and village centres on land zoned for residential development with a focus on housing growth in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. The panel was concerned about the size of the proposal and the associated population increase given the relatively isolated nature of the site at Broulee and the likely size, cost, timing and delivery of the required infrastructure which would undoubtedly impact on Council's infrastructure delivery program across the rest of the shire.

The current proposal for a 699 lot subdivision is comparable to the 2024 proposal. Its location and scale are fundamentally at odds with sound strategic planning principles and it has not followed due process for lodging a planning proposal of this size including appropriate community consultation and the provision of comprehensive technical reports. It is essentially a spot rezoning dressed up as affordable housing with no guarantees about what will actually be delivered. Using the most recent ABS data, this proposal will result in, at minimum, a 50% increase in the number of dwellings at Broulee over and above the additional 400 dwellings resulting from the Broulee Beach Estate development.

Councillors need to consider whether this planning proposal is in the best interests of the people of Eurobodalla in light of the lack of evidence that a development proposal of this size is required given the number of other developments going ahead on suitably zoned residential land across the shire.

Deb Stevenson

A Better Eurobodalla

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Sex Crimes Squad detectives charge man with alleged online child grooming offences – Congo

Sex Crimes Squad detectives have charged a man for allegedly attempting to groom a child online under Strike Force Trawler. Strike Force Trawler is an ongoing investigation by State Crime Command's Sex Crimes Squad Child Exploitation Internet Unit (CEIU) into the sexual abuse and exploitation of children facilitated through the internet and related telecommunications devices. In October 2026, strike force detectives commenced an investigation into the online activities of a 68-year-old man on the state's South Coast.

About 8.45am yesterday (Tuesday 20 October 2026) strike force detectives arrested a 68-year-old man in Moruya.

At the same time, a search warrant was executed at a property in Congo where police seized a number of items.

The man was taken to Batemans Bay Police Station where he was charged with use carriage service groom under 16 procure for sender and incite sexual intercourse with child under 10 years. The 68-year-old was refused bail to appear at Bail Division Local Court 3 today (Wednesday 21 October 2026).

Anyone with information that may assist investigations into the online grooming of children is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is managed on a confidential basis. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

Council motion to restrict use of wearable recording tech

A Mayoral Minute in next week's Council Agenda RECOMMENDS That Council:

1. Reviews the conditions of entry, customer codes of conduct, operational procedures and relevant policies to ensure wearable technology is specifically addressed at:
 - Bay Pavilions
 - Moruya Swimming Pool
 - Narooma Swimming Pool
 - Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma Libraries Customer Service Areas of Council Buildings
 - Children's Services Locations
 - Youth Services Locations
2. Develops provisions restricting the unauthorised use of wearable technology within the above facilities, except where:
 - consent has been obtained from the relevant persons or Council staff;
 - the use is required for accessibility, disability support or other legitimate purposes approved by Council; or
 - the use is otherwise authorised by law.
3. Ensures that any proposed amendments appropriately balance privacy and child safety considerations with Council's obligations under anti-discrimination and accessibility legislation.
4. Develops appropriate signage and community education measures to clearly communicate Council's requirements regarding the use of smart glasses and other wearable recording devices within Council facilities.

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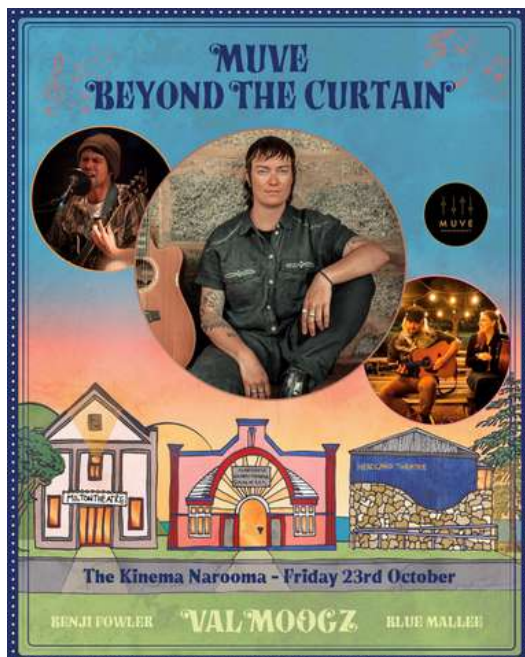
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Locals pitch in to support carers' accommodation at new Eurobodalla hospital

Southern NSW Local Health District

For families supporting a loved one in hospital, being close can make an enormous difference. That simple idea is behind a community-led effort to establish dedicated carers accommodation at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, which is expected to be completed in 2027.

Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH) is a group of locals working tirelessly to raise the funds needed to build an initial six motel-style units on the hospital grounds, giving carers, family members and loved ones a place to stay close to patients receiving treatment. Through years of grassroots fundraising, CAERH has already raised more than \$400,000.

"The whole aim is accommodation for carers so that when people have friends or relatives in hospital, the last thing they need to do is have to think about where they're going to be able to stay," CAERH Chairman Rob Pollock said.

"You need a facility on site, on the hospital site, so that they don't have to worry about those sorts of things."

A community effort

From raffles to service clubs, community organisations and individual supporters, the project has been built on contributions from across the Eurobodalla. Early seed funding from Moruya and Batemans Bay Rotary clubs and the Moruya Jockey Club helped get the project underway.

One of the group's first major fundraising efforts was a car raffle, initiated by community members Bron and Col Jay and supported by volunteers who put in countless hours selling tickets throughout the region.

"We covered the area of Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma on 113 separate occasions and it went well. We also had further support from the car yard who supplied the EV we raffled off when they gave us a \$10,000 discount," said Col. The raffle raised more than \$110,000, establishing a strong financial foundation for the campaign.

Since then, donations and fundraising from across the community have taken the total raised beyond \$400,000. Supporters have included organisations such as the Country Women's Association Moruya, Batemans Bay Rotary and the Night Owl Quilters, alongside many other community groups, businesses and individuals.

"The service clubs are, as I mentioned, very strong in their support. The Batemans Bay Rotary wrote us a cheque for \$20,000. There's a lot of awareness and a lot of willingness," Rob said.

For Rob, who has been involved with community organisations and local government for decades, the local commitment behind CAERH has been remarkable.



Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH) group (Left to Right) Don Carter, Julie Corkin, Steve Young, Wendy Smith, Leslie Crompton, Steph Carter, Rob Pollock, Crystal Heffernan, Peter Smith and John Nader.

Securing the site

The campaign reached an important milestone recently when Southern NSW Local Health District and CAERH signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

Building on an existing Heads of Agreement, the MOU designates and secures a site within the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital grounds for the carers accommodation and sets out how CAERH and Southern NSW Local Health District will work together to progress the project.

An architect is now working on plans for the proposed building, bringing the community's vision another step closer to becoming a reality. But with the project estimated to cost around \$3 million, there is still considerable fundraising and advocacy work ahead. With plans and a site confirmed, CAERH is now in a position to begin advocating for support from state and federal governments to help deliver the accommodation.

In the meantime, the community effort continues. Following the success of its first raffle, CAERH is preparing to raffle a second car. Tickets will once again be available to purchase at local markets, giving people across the Eurobodalla another way to contribute to the project.

For the volunteers behind CAERH, every raffle ticket sold, donation made and hour volunteered contributes to the same goal: creating a place where families can stay close to the people they love when they need them most.

"It's so important for the wellbeing of that person, that patient, that somebody's there to support them," Col said.

Get involved

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Ordinary Meeting of Council 27 October 2026

AGENDA (Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

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2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
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- 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 29 September 2026
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. PUBLIC FORUM
7. **MAYORAL MINUTES** MM26/008 Review of Wearable Recording Technology in Council Facilities
8. **NOTICES OF MOTION** NOM26/008 Eurobodalla Council Support for Great Southern Forest
NOM26/009 Notice of Motion Procedure
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS Nil
10. PETITIONS Nil
11. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**
GMR26/017 Position of Deputy Mayor
GMR26/018 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and other Matters Returns
GMR26/021 Conflict of Interest Policy - Dealing with Council Related Development Applications
GMR26/019 2027 Council Meeting Dates
GMR26/020 Investments made as at 30 September 2026
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PER26/033 Planning Proposal - Rezoning of Land for Residential Purposes - Lot DP1256287, 207 Broulee Road Broulee
PER26/029 Planning Proposal - Reduce Minimum Lot Size from 10ha to 3ha at Lot 14 DP 260993 No. 35 Dunns Creek Road Woodlands
PER26/027 Batemans Bay Masterplan - revised concept plan
PER26/018 Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Risk Management Study and Plan
PER26/030 DA0435/26 - Telecommunication Facility (10m) - Road Reserve on the corner of Lamont Young Drive and Casey Crescent, Mystery Bay
PER26/031 DA0410/26 - Telecommunication Facility (20m) - Council reserve access off Negus Drive, Mystery Bay
PER26/032 Endorsement of Alcohol Restricted Zones
13. **INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS**
IR26/014 Local Transport Forum No. 3 for 2026-27
14. **COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS**
CAR26/021 Batemans Bay Community Centre Management
CAR26/022 Design and Construction of a new sports Amenity facility at Hanging Rock Sports precinct
CAR26/020 Adoption of the Library Strategic Plan 2026-2032
15. DELEGATE REPORT Nil
16. URGENT BUSINESS
17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Councillors get the lay of the land at Broulee

ESC - At last week's information session, Eurobodalla's councillors were presented with material about a planning proposal to rezone a parcel of land at 207 Broulee Road to potentially provide for future housing. The rezoning proposal would provide for 685 residential lots ranging from 300 square metres to one hectare. It also provides for a childcare centre, neighbourhood shops, a park, and paths that connect pedestrians and cyclists with Broulee and nearby schools. The proponent is also seeking to have a voluntary planning agreement with Council where affordable, build to rent and key worker housing would be provided along with the construction of additional shared pathways to Broulee, an indoor sports stadium in Moruya and contribution to the planned Tomakin Sewer Treatment plant upgrade.

Council's director of planning Gary Bruce says Council received the proposal in March.

"We are currently in stage two of a six-stage process," says Mr Bruce.

"This requires Council to decide whether to forward the proposal to the NSW Government for their review, called a Gateway Determination. If the Gateway Determination is approved, Council is then required to put the proposal on public exhibition for the community's and NSW government agencies consideration and comment.

After the exhibition period, community feedback is considered and Council decides whether to finalise the planning proposal, which would change the zoning of the land from rural to residential. If Council approves the proposal, the proponent could then lodge a Development Application for subdivision."

Mr Bruce says it is a complex proposal and will take time.

"The guidelines have a target timeframe of 420 days. We've already seen stages one and two take longer as Council staff reviewed the material and requested additional detail and amendments to ensure the requirements of both Council and the NSW Government have been met," he says.

"Importantly, nothing has been decided yet. Councillors will be presented with a report at the Tuesday 27 October meeting to determine if staff should proceed to the third stage, seeking a Gateway Determination from the NSW Government."



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Regional Waste Solutions on the table

NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Councils, communities and waste industry leaders are being called to provide feedback on a new plan to increase recycling and address landfill capacity constraints in regional NSW. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has released a draft of Chapter 2 of the Waste and Circular Infrastructure Plan for public feedback over a six-week consultation. The Plan is the first policy document of its kind in the state's history and is designed to address the unique waste management challenges facing NSW as it grows. EPA Executive Director of Policy, Programs and Finance Asela Atapattu said the second chapter of the statewide plan is focused on shaping solutions to our most pressing regional waste problems.

"The Waste and Circular Infrastructure Plan is about ensuring that people right across NSW can effectively participate in a thriving circular economy – no matter your postcode," Mr Atapattu said.

"It sets out how the NSW Government will support strategic planning for regional infrastructure needs to make sure waste and recycled materials are managed effectively and safely.

"While we know many regional councils do an excellent job in providing waste and recycling services, there are some areas where waste generation is outpacing strategic planning processes for local infrastructure.

"We're calling on key stakeholders including regional councils, industry and community members to have their say on the Plan and help us design a better path forward for NSW."

The draft Chapter covers key issues in regional NSW including underinvestment in waste infrastructure, capacity shortages and high costs to transport and recycle materials. It proposes several actions to address current and emerging waste challenges including developing regional plans, improving data collection, and streamlining planning processes.

People are invited to have their say on Chapter 2 until Monday 30 November 2026.

To take the survey or provide a written submission, go to:

<https://yoursay.epa.nsw.gov.au/draft-nsw-waste-and-circular-infrastructure-plan-chapter-2>

Local businesses among finalists of 2026 NSW Tourism Award

The 2026 NSW Tourism Awards finalists have been announced, recognising tourism businesses from across New South Wales as among the best in the state. Each finalist has gone through a rigorous assessment of quality and excellence, and has shown the standards that set the benchmark for the NSW visitor economy.

Presented by the NSW Tourism Association, the Awards are more than a competition. They are part of a national program built on Australia's established tourism industry framework. Every entrant must meet recognised industry quality standards. Submissions are then assessed through a comprehensive judging process involving 50 judges, along with a consumer review score.

This year the Awards attracted 210 nominations, including 48 new entrants, across 30 categories.

Congratulations to all our finalists on the South Coast: 1920 at Catalina Club, Foxdog Distillery + Brewery, Oz Jet Boating, Sea Otter Australia, Somnium at Bingie, and Willinga Park.

"These Awards recognise more than a great tourism experience. Every finalist had to look deeply at their business and demonstrate the quality, capability and continuous improvement that sits behind the experience they deliver," said NSW Tourism Association CEO Natalie Godward.

Being named a finalist recognises not only what visitors see, but also the work happening behind the scenes to build strong, sustainable and exceptional tourism businesses.

The winners will be announced on Monday 9 November at ICC Sydney.

Applications close next week for Our Marine Park Grants

There is still time to put in an application for a share of \$5.6 million in funding for projects to support the long-term health and future of Australian Marine Parks. Grants of between \$50,000 and \$500,000 are available through the fifth round of the **Australian Government's Our Marine Parks Grants program**.

Since 2018, the grants have contributed \$28.2 million in funding for 91 projects nation-wide, including increasing First Nations peoples' involvement in managing, protecting and restoring Sea Country, and supporting scientific research on and monitoring of a range of important marine species.

Minister for the Environment and Water, Murray Watt said the grants were designed to support activities that enhance the understanding, protection and sustainability of Australia's ocean estate.

"There have been some incredibly valuable and interesting projects over the past 8 years," Minister Watt said.

"We would like to encourage First Nations groups, regional communities and other marine park users and stakeholders to apply for this latest round of grants, to help shape projects that reflect the unique values, challenges and opportunities for them and for Australian Marine Parks.

"First Nations peoples have always cared for Sea Country, and all regional communities see firsthand how these special places contribute to a feeling of belonging and support for local livelihoods.

"Other marine park user groups and stakeholders also have valuable knowledge of our marine parks and can help make a contribution through this grants program to the way they are managed, now and into the future."

Parks Australia manages 60 Commonwealth marine parks covering 3.8 million km2.

Applications close at 9pm AEDT on Tuesday, 27 October 2026.

For more information, including how to apply, visit:

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Woman drowns after being struck by wave whilst rock fishing North Durras

A woman has died after being struck by a wave whilst rock fishing on the states south coast. About 6pm Saturday 17 October 2026 emergency services were called to North Durras Beach on the South Coast, after reports of two people in the water.

Officers from South Coast Police District responded along with NSW Ambulance paramedics, Surf Lifesavers, Fire and Rescue NSW Marine Rescue.

Police have been informed that a 39-year-old man and a 25-year-old woman were rock fishing at the location when a wave struck the woman knocking her into the surf.

The male entered the surf to retrieve the woman but was unable to do so and was washed back to shore.

A passing vessel located the woman where the crew removed her from the water and returned to shore where CPR was performed. However, the woman could not be revived and died at the scene.

Neither persons were wearing safety equipment.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is managed on a confidential basis. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

Rock fishing safety

The **Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service** is reminding all rock fishers to think safety before heading out.

On Saturday 17 October, the Moruya based Lifesaver 23 crew were called to North Durras after reports of a person in difficulty in the water. It was soon found a 25 female rock fishers and been washed into the water with a male going to her assistance.

Boaters passing by assisted and commenced CPR with the Lifesaver 23 crew winched in and worked with the bystanders to provide emergency life support.

Treatment was continued until the Toll Ambulance Helicopter arrived and she was sadly pronounced deceased. The male treated and taken to hospital. Police, NSW Ambulance and Surf Life Saving NSW also responding.

Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter, General Manager, Shane Daw said 'Rock fishing is known as a high risk activity.'

Surf Life Saving Australia regularly reports rock fishing in the top four activities being undertaken for coastal drowning deaths.

'The importance of wearing a lifejacket when rock fishing cannot be overstated. Tragically most fatal rock fishing incidents we attend the person is not wearing a lifejacket', said Mr Daw.

Both Surf Life Saving Australia and the NSW Government provide safety information for those undertaking rock fishing.

SLSA: <https://beachsafe.org.au/surf-safety/rock-fishing>

NSW Government: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sport-and-recreation/recreational-fishing/rock-fishing-safety-tips#toc-useful-links>

Simple tips include:

- * Wear a lifejacket
- * Watch first, fish later - observe swell/wave frequency for 20-30 minutes first
- * Checks weather and surf conditions
- * Never turn you back to the ocean and watch for waves.
- * Check with locals who know the area
- * Let someone know where you are going and when you will be back
- * Identify and exit area
- * Don't jump in after someone. Find a lifebuoy/angel ring or floatation device to throw to them and dial 000.

The Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter extends is sympathies and thoughts to family and friends."



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Batemans Bay Masterplan - Revised Concept Plan

A concept plan for the Batemans Bay study area is presented to next week's Council meeting as the basis for the drafting of the revised Masterplan. This concept plan considers community feedback, building industry feedback, the flood impact risk assessment and other technical studies in pursuit of the project objectives: 1 Revitalise and activate Batemans Bay town centre and surrounding districts
2 Increase housing diversity, and
3 Promote a climate resilient town centre

The staff RECOMMENDATION is That Council:

1. Endorse the proposed height controls of 50m (approximately 15 storeys), 27m (approximately 8 storeys) and 14m (approximately 4 storeys) as the basis to finalise the drafting of the Masterplan.
2. Note that the height controls are indicative for specific properties.
3. Note that the Masterplan study area has been reduced to exclude land east of Joes Creek (Batehaven) and the Industrial area of Batemans Bay.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council 30 June 2026, Council requested a report back 'by exception' on progress on the Batemans Bay Masterplan. The recent flood impact risk assessment has prompted consideration by Council of a proposed concept plan. The proposed approach would require up to 2m of road raising (over the next 75 years). This has prompted significant exploration of the feasibility of flood mitigation measures in a timely manner. :

The Report to Council says "Approximately 80% of those consulted identified that densification in the town centre is most likely to achieve the first two objectives, and provisions can be made in planning controls to cater for climate resilience in the town centre (Objective 3). Community feedback most strongly sought to protect and enhance the waterfront and public space. People were concerned both about the 'look and feel' of taller buildings and potential overshadowing, wind tunnels and views. A review of previous Masterplan submissions found that views on building height were broadly equally divided as follows:

- one-third supported current height limits or lower,
 - one-third supported medium-density development (5-8 storeys, with a preference for the lower end), and
 - one-third supported higher-density development.
- Approximately half of those supporting higher density were from the building industry.

A survey of builders in the area identified that less than 8 storeys (25-27m) in the study area and less than 12 storeys (42-45m) in the town centre are not likely to be financially feasible.

"This is a result of rising costs of construction, financing issues and the need for above ground parking among other considerations.

Council received significant feedback from businesses regarding declining customer base, and the desire for increased foot traffic in the area. In exploring alternative ways to provide density and housing choice, feedback from community representatives, environment groups and builders noted that residential dwellings 'up the hill' or further than 500m away are not likely to create foot traffic, but instead increase traffic and parking demands."

"As such, areas where this density could be included in the Masterplan that minimises impacts and creates greatest public benefit have been considered. Overshadowing has been considered, with rough models created to identify impacts.

Height at the northern end of town overshadows most, creating significant hours of shade across the town. Height at the southern end of town has more limited impact. Overshadowing of marine and estuarine also needs to be considered. The Marine Park Authority does not encourage any further overshadowing of sea grasses in the bay, nor a walkway in the mangroves, though is willing to support a pathway on the landside of the riparian zone, with the right controls. Exploration of a levee around the town was not supported, and risks trapping water within the town centre if/when inundation occurs."

Flood mitigation measures are being planned concurrently with proposed change of planning controls.

"It should be noted that road raising would require investment above current budget allocation. This can be subsidised through contributions but not fully cost recovered."

"The new concept plan realises 6,254 additional dwellings compared to the current Eurobodalla Local Environmental Plan. Noting that the estimated growth rate is 1%, this should adequately address Eurobodalla's housing requirements.

"Collectively they identified that current market conditions have made multi-unit developments under eight storeys (approx. 26m) are not financially feasible. In the town centre less than 12 storeys (approx. 40m) is not likely to be feasible, due to environmental constraints in combination with market conditions. "

"Development in the town centre relies on road raising as a mitigation measure. Current budgets allow for some road raising but not the extent required here. While developer contributions will subsidise this infrastructure, they are not likely to cover the full cost."

A popup at the Batemans Bay markets and an open session with members of the Council advisory groups is scheduled for first week of November 2026. Council will place the draft policy on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days commencing on 8 February until 8 March 2027, subject to NSW Government approval of the draft.

Copies will be available for viewing on Council's website, at the Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma libraries and Moruya customer service centre.

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Broulee Ridge: Who pays, who gets out, and will the promises be kept?

The rebadged Broulee development may have fewer homes, but the fundamental questions remain: who pays for the infrastructure, how safe is the proposal, and what guarantees exist that promised facilities will be delivered?

The development has re-emerged as Broulee Ridge, proposing 685 homes. But its official website carries a warning: "685 homes is the start." Could Broulee Ridge II be next?

In my view, the financial incentive to develop this site has not disappeared. My original ballpark estimate put the potential profit from the initial proposal at around \$200 million. For the current proposal, my estimate is around \$100 million, although neither figure is a verified financial projection. Further development could increase the eventual return. That raises a fundamental question: is the community adequately protected when private development may require substantial public investment?

Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC) needs a clear, consistent framework for assessing Broulee Ridge and other major developments across the shire. Four principles should guide its approach.

1. User pays — not the ratepayer

Developers generally fund internal roads, pipes and subdivision works and home owners for access to those services. But who pays for the wider infrastructure needed to support thousands of additional residents?

Water supply, sewerage treatment and road capacity must be addressed before development proceeds. Existing ratepayers should not unfairly subsidise infrastructure that primarily enables private development. Residential water use is often estimated at around 200 litres per person per day. If Broulee Ridge eventually accommodates more than 2,000 additional residents, demand could reach approximately 400,000 litres daily, with a broadly comparable volume of wastewater requiring collection and treatment.

The Tomakin Sewage Treatment Plant has been cited as having a nominal capacity of 2.2 million litres per day. But nominal capacity is not spare capacity: existing demand, peak flows, environmental requirements and network limitations all matter. ESC is facing a reported \$62 million bill for upgrades to the Tomakin sewerage system. Has the additional demand from Broulee Ridge been properly accounted for? The development could add around 20% to demand on the Tomakin works, depending on the assumptions used. Water supply also needs scrutiny. What upgrades are required, what will they cost, and who will pay?

Roads are another concern. The Broulee Road-highway connection already experiences delays during holiday peaks. Additional housing will increase pressure on this network. We should not wait for a serious crash or fatality before addressing foreseeable problems. This may be a state issue but who pays?

Council should publish the infrastructure requirements, costs, funding arrangements and developer contributions before approving growth. Any costs falling to existing residents must be transparent and justified.

2. Town Planning

The proposal reportedly includes 293 blocks with a minimum area of just 300 square metres. Is this density consistent with ESC's strategic planning for Broulee and its rural surroundings?

Smaller lots and compact housing can improve affordability and provide valuable options for older residents. Independent living units may also meet a genuine need. But housing diversity must be balanced against the character, services and long-term liveability of the area. A development of this scale risks creating a car-dependent estate without the established town centre and services available in Moruya or Batemans Bay. That is particularly concerning for residents who may eventually be unable to drive.

If further stages proceed, the population could grow substantially beyond the current proposal. Where does subdivision end and the creation of a new town begin?

Council, not developers, must determine the appropriate scale of growth. ESC should explain how the proposed lot sizes and housing mix align with its planning strategy, environmental constraints and vision for Broulee, including what limits apply to future expansion.

The objective should not be to fit the maximum number of homes onto the site, but to create a liveable community for generations.

3. Safety — plan for the emergency, not the aftermath

What happens if a bushfire threatens the estate and its principal exit becomes unusable?

Residents may include older people, people with disabilities and families with young children. Congestion, smoke and rapidly changing conditions can make evacuation far more difficult than plans suggest.

Building-code requirements for multiple exits do not automatically apply to an entire residential subdivision.

Nevertheless, the underlying principle is sound: foreseeable emergencies must be properly addressed.

Council should require a thorough assessment of bushfire exposure, evacuation routes, road capacity, emergency vehicle access and the consequences of a principal access road being cut off. A second access route should be seriously investigated wherever feasible. If only one route is available, the assessment must demonstrate that the resulting risks are acceptable.

A bushfire management plan is not enough on its own. Residents need confidence that evacuation arrangements will work under real-world conditions. Safety must be demonstrated, not simply asserted.

4. Promises must be delivered

The Broulee Ridge website promotes a retail precinct fronting Broulee Road, a clubhouse and outdoor community-event spaces. These facilities could help create a genuine community rather than simply a collection of houses. But what happens if they are delayed, altered or never built?

Approval conditions should specify what must be delivered, when it must be completed, and who will own and maintain it.

Financial security, staged approvals and other legally enforceable mechanisms should be considered where appropriate.

If promised facilities help secure planning approval, there must be credible mechanisms to ensure they are delivered.

The bigger question: What are Council's guiding principles?

Broulee Ridge is an opportunity for ESC to demonstrate how it intends to manage growth across the shire.

Before this application progresses, residents deserve clear answers to four questions:

1. Infrastructure: What will the development require, what will it cost, and how much will the developer contribute? A fixed contribution per residential lot — for example, \$30,000, indexed over time — could be considered, with the actual amount based on properly calculated and audited infrastructure costs and applicable planning arrangements.
2. Density: Does the proposed housing mix reflect Broulee's character and rural setting? Should developments capable of accommodating more than 200 homes require a more comprehensive town planning assessment?
3. Safety: Can residents evacuate safely during a bushfire or other major emergency, including if the principal access route is blocked? Should developments exceeding 100 homes be required to provide two access points wherever feasible, subject to appropriate planning and safety standards?
4. Delivery: What enforceable arrangements will ensure the promised retail precinct, clubhouse and community spaces are built and maintained?

These thresholds are examples for consideration, not established legal requirements. The broader point is that Council should develop a transparent, consistent framework for major developments and rezonings before individual proposals arrive. Development can bring housing, jobs and economic activity. But growth also creates obligations. Private financial returns do not automatically justify public expenditure, deteriorating services or unacceptable safety risks.

Broulee Ridge may be a new name, and 685 homes may be fewer than originally proposed, but the questions remain:

Who pays? Is the density appropriate? Can people get out safely? And will the promises be kept?

ESC needs to answer these questions before the development proceeds — not after the money has been made and the problems become the community's responsibility.

The views and financial estimates in this article are the author's own. Estimates of development profits and infrastructure costs have not been independently verified.

Postscript: I would have been more comfortable with smaller-scale rural development involving blocks of around two hectares. There is a definite need for rural blocks of this size in the area. Such an approach could provide additional housing opportunities while retaining more of Broulee's rural character.

Dr Tony Martin
Broulee

Federal funding for two Safer Local Roads projects rolled out in Gilmore

The Albanese Government is investing more than \$2.75 million to deliver two road safety projects in Gilmore as part of the latest funding round of the Safer Local Roads Infrastructure Program (SLRIP).

The SLRIP funds projects that create safer and more productive roads across Australia.

The successful local projects, located at Broulee and Lilli Pilli, are part of nearly \$140 million in additional Commonwealth funding set to deliver a total of 46 road safety projects across the country. Projects will improve key transport routes, strengthen local infrastructure and provide safer journeys for all road users.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said Eurobodalla Shire Council would receive \$1.23 million towards the upgrade of the George Bass Drive at the intersections of both of Carramar Drive and Lilli Pilli Drive.

"Work at the two intersections will also include associated pedestrian and public transport infrastructure within the road corridor," she said.

Eurobodalla Council will also receive \$1.55 million to improve a 110-metre section of Broulee Road.

Mrs Phillips said works would include widening and sealing of road shoulders, pavement strengthening and resurfacing as well as minor adjustments to the road's horizontal and vertical alignment.

"The project will also include the upgrade of the quarry access intersection to a basic right hand turn treatment and associated works," she added.

"I know road improvements and driver safety is hugely important for people in our region and these works will improve safety and drivability for locals and visitors alike."

The Albanese Government has strengthened Commonwealth road programs, including doubling the Roads to Recovery Program to \$1 billion per year, increasing the Black Spot Program from \$110 million to \$150 million per year, as well as providing \$200 million per year for the SLRIP.

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Kristy McBain said the 46 projects would address known road safety risks while improving access to essential services, workplaces and community facilities.

"I'm proud to be part of a government that is investing in road infrastructure that makes a practical difference to the daily lives of everyone on our roads," she said.

"Importantly, these projects have been identified by local councils as priorities for their communities and will deliver long-term benefits across their regions."

For more information on the SLRIP and a full list of funded projects, visit:

<https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/safer-local-roads-infrastructure-program>.

Prune it. Pile it. Drop it off for free again!

Eurobodalla, it's time to give the backyard a haircut again before the summer arrives.

From Monday 2 November to Sunday 15 November, residents can bring green waste to Council's Surf Beach, Moruya and Broulee waste facilities free of charge.

Whether it's branches that have overstayed their welcome or the aftermath of weekend gone wild with the hedge trimmer, now's the time to load it up and clear it out. Rural property owners can take part too, clearing green waste ahead of the bushfire season. Best of all, green waste has a useful second life.

Council processes it into mulch that can return to local gardens, helping keep organic material out of landfill.

Your garden gets tidier, useful material stays out of landfill, and the tip fee for green waste is taken care of.

Need more information? Call Council's waste team on 4474 1024 or go to our [waste management webpage](#).

Waste facility opening hours

Broulee and Surf beach: 7am - 4.45pm Monday to Friday.

8am - 3.45pm Saturday and Sunday.

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NSW NEWS in Brief

Tree vandals on notice: clear illegally and you'll pay double

The NSW Government is cracking down on illegal tree clearing, introducing tougher penalties for vandals and greater enforcement powers for councils. The tougher measures are a direct response to recent cases of tree vandalism and illegal tree removal which have drawn community anger. While councils already have the option to pursue criminal charges for serious tree clearing offences, the requirement to prove such an offence beyond reasonable doubt and the costs involved means successful prosecutions have been rare.

These reforms will create stronger deterrents to illegal tree clearing and give councils more options to pursue penalties that reflect the seriousness of the offence.

Legislation will be introduced to NSW Parliament to allow councils to pursue hefty civil penalties for tree vandals on both public and private land for the first time.

It means individuals caught illegally clearing trees and vegetation could face court-imposed penalties of up to \$500,000 and corporations up to \$2.5 million.

In parallel regulatory changes will:

- Double on-the-spot fines from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for individuals and triple fines for businesses from \$6,000 to \$18,000 for clearing trees and vegetation without necessary approvals.

- Allow councils to issue orders to stop tree clearing works and enforce replanting.

- Introduce permit requirements for removing dead and dying trees to eliminate incentives to poison trees.

The reforms build on the Minns Labor Government's \$60 million investment to green urban areas and increase tree canopy to reduce heat and improve local amenity.

Research shows trees can reduce ground-level temperatures by up to six degrees, while communities with more than 30 per cent canopy-cover experience improved mental and physical health outcomes.

NSW Health warns of surge in hospital presentations linked to peptide use

NSW Health is warning the community about the risks of using unapproved peptide products following a sharp increase in emergency department presentations associated with their use.

New NSW Health surveillance data shows 1,180 presentations to NSW emergency departments associated with peptide use between 1 July 2025 and 30 September 2026. Monthly presentations increased from just five in July 2025 to more than 217 presentations in September 2026, with presentations previously very rare. People may use unapproved peptides hoping to achieve "wellness" – they have been marketed through social media as promoting weight loss, promoting injury repair or even reversing ageing.

Products may claim to contain peptides such as BPC-157, GHK-Cu, TB-500, retatrutide and CJC-1295.

None of these peptides are currently approved in Australia for any purpose.

NSW Health is urging people not to buy or use unapproved products, particularly those promoted through social media, online retailers, overseas suppliers or informal sellers.

These products may contain unknown or harmful substances, be incorrectly labelled or contain different strengths or ingredients than advertised, posing serious risks to people's health.

Even products that appear professionally packaged or claim to have been tested for purity may not be safe.

NSW Health continues to monitor peptide-associated harm through emergency department presentations, calls to the NSW Poisons Information Centre and reports of serious illness from clinicians, including kidney damage and liver injury.

When a patient with serious illness likely due to peptide use is identified, NSW Health works with the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and where relevant, law enforcement agencies, to investigate the source of the product.

Reforms helping protect victim-survivors pass NSW Parliament

Reforms to help protect victim-survivors of family and domestic violence and hold perpetrators to account have passed NSW Parliament.

The legislation, which passed yesterday afternoon, closes legal loopholes to make it easier to prosecute perpetrators for certain offences and targets the criminal misuse of tracking devices.

Making it easier to hold perpetrators to account Perpetrators who are intent on harming their current or former partner will no longer be able to hide behind a lease or joint ownership agreement to avoid break and enter charges.

Under the Government's reforms, perpetrators who no longer reside at a premises will be able to be prosecuted for breaking and entering regardless of their legal or equitable interest in it.

This will apply in circumstances where a perpetrator who is no longer an occupant commits or intends to commit a personal violence offence against their current or former partner.

The Government has also changed the law to ensure an accused will no longer be considered an occupant if an Apprehended Violence Order, a court order, bail condition or parole stops them from residing there or requires them to live elsewhere.

The reforms responded to the 2023 High Court judgment in *BA v The King*. In this judgment, the court found a defendant who forcibly entered his former partner's home and committed an assault could not be prosecuted for breaking and entering because he was still named on the lease despite having moved out.

Criminalising covert stalking

The legislation makes it a crime to covertly monitor a person where the victim is unaware they are being stalked. It follows the NSW Crime Commission's Project Hakea report which found tracking and other surveillance devices were increasingly used to facilitate domestic and family violence and organised crime.

The pre-existing offence of stalking required the victim survivor to fear physical or mental harm, a threshold which could not be met if the perpetrator successfully concealed their conduct. The new offence under the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 covers covert stalking which would reasonably be considered to cause someone to fear physical or mental harm if they were aware of it. The legislation also makes it an offence to direct a third party to engage in stalking on someone's behalf or promote the unlawful use of a surveillance device. A new offence under the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 ensures someone can be prosecuted for advertising a device in a way which encourages its unlawful use, even if this is not what the supplier intended.



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Reforms pass Parliament, paving the way for a stronger firefighting fleet

The **NSW Government** is delivering a stronger, more reliable Rural Fire Service (RFS) fleet, with legislation to modernise the management of more than 6,000 firefighting and support vehicles passing NSW Parliament.

The passage of the Rural Fires Amendment (Fire Fighting Fleet) Bill 2026 will enable ownership of the RFS's 'red fleet' to transfer from local councils to the RFS from 1 July 2027, aligning responsibility for the vehicles with the service that operates them.

The reform is backed by a \$470 million investment over 10 years to improve fleet reliability, strengthen safety and ensure firefighters have the vehicles and equipment they need to respond to bushfires and other emergencies.

More than \$29 million will be invested over two years to establish a network of up to eight regional maintenance hubs, supporting local jobs, apprenticeships and regional industry. A further \$106 million will be invested over four years in critical maintenance and safety upgrades across the state.

This reform has been supported by councils who have long advocated for this change. The transition will be managed in partnership with local government, recognising their longstanding contribution to the RFS and the important role they continue to play in bushfire prevention, hazard reduction and emergency management.

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said:

"Really proud to deliver this historic reform that will ensure our RFS fleet is safe, reliable and ready to go when communities need it.

"Our volunteer firefighters put themselves on the line to protect people, homes and communities. They need vehicles that are fit for purpose and properly maintained.

"We're backing this reform with a \$470 million investment that will strengthen our firefighting capability and support regional jobs."

RFS Commissioner Trent Curtin said "This is one of the most significant reforms to the RFS in recent years. Bringing fleet ownership and management together will support a more consistent approach to maintaining and replacing the vehicles our members rely on every day.

"It will strengthen our operational capability and help ensure communities across NSW continue to receive the highest level of emergency service."

Local Government NSW President Darcy Byrne said "This is a great outcome for councils and communities across New South Wales after years of persistent advocacy by LGNSW and our individual councils. On behalf of councils particularly in rural, regional and outer metro areas with an RFS presence, I thank the NSW Government for listening to our sector and acting on this sensible reform. Councils strongly support the incredible work of the RFS and recognise it is a world leading firefighting service. We look forward to working with the Government over the next 12 months to ensure a successful transition, including appropriate consideration of maintenance contracts."

\$560 Million agreement for the future of Free Tafe in New South Wales Program

The Albanese and Minns Labor Governments have locked in Free TAFE for New South Wales, with a \$560 million joint investment to grow the skilled workforce and break down the financial barriers to vocational study.

Federal Minister for Skills and Training Andrew Giles and NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education Steve Whan have signed the Free TAFE Agreement, which will deliver around 160,000 Free TAFE and training places in NSW across five years from 2027. Building on previous time-limited arrangements, the new five-year partnership will deliver greater certainty and stability to the state's vocational education system, supporting long-term planning and sustained access to Free TAFE.

The agreement is the first to be signed since the passage of the Free TAFE Act through the Australian Parliament, delivering on the Albanese Government's commitment to make Free TAFE an enduring feature of the nation's skills system.

This partnership builds on NSW's existing commitments for fee-free training, reducing financial barriers that may have been in place for people who are thinking about training or taking up a new career. Free TAFE will help deliver a pipeline of workers in critical skills areas by removing fees from qualifications in occupations that support priority areas such as housing construction, energy, digital and technology and essential care services.

The Free TAFE Agreement also includes a focus on upskilling those who are typically under-represented in the economy to help meet the skilled workforce shortage challenge.

Federal Minister for Skills and Training, Andrew Giles said "Free TAFE is life-changing. From construction to agriculture, nursing to aged care, cyber security to early childhood education – Free TAFE is backing in Australians to get the skills they want, to do the jobs we need.

"Hundreds of thousands of Australians have benefitted so far from the program, and now hundreds of thousands more will continue to in New South Wales following this agreement.

"I welcome the Minns Labor Government signing on as the first state or territory to the Free TAFE Agreement, leading the country and in doing so ensuring better outcomes for VET students across the state."

NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education Steve Whan said "It's terrific to see the new Free TAFE Agreement in place – an important milestone that provides long-term stability and certainty for the NSW vocational education and training system while delivering real cost-of-living relief for tens of thousands of New South Wales students.

"Backed by the Minns Labor Government's record \$3.46 billion investment in skills, training and TAFE, Free TAFE has encouraged more people in our state to take up vocational education and training in the critical skills areas that will make a real difference to the economic future of our state.

"This is what we mean by delivering the skills that work. By removing barriers, including upfront costs, we're creating pathways into secure jobs and building the workforce needed to deliver more homes, support the clean energy transition and strengthen essential services across New South Wales."



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Vehicle on the Narooma Punt

A baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, of Shallow Crossing, died on Friday and was buried at Nelligen the following day, Rev. E. E. Ashby (Methodist) officiating at the graveside.

The new proprietor of the Criterion Hotel, Mr. Andy Morgan, is making a bold bid for the tourist trade of Moruya. Already he has started to thoroughly renovate the building, and he has now let a contract for the installation of a very up-to-date electric lighting plant, and also for the painting of the interior of the hotel. As the hotel is ideally situated for a tourist house, the new proprietor should get a fair share of the traffic during the coming season.

In aid of Miss Dorie Coppin's queen candidature, a carnival dance, at which all wore jazz caps, promoted by Mrs. L. Walker, was held in the Centennial Hall on Tuesday night. There was a fair attendance and a happy time spent under the mastership of Mr. C. de Saxe. Miss Kurz and Mr. Buckley supplied the music, and the ladies provided choice refreshments. The "Mystery Man," (Mr. Artie Walker) was guessed by Mrs. E. Mulhall, the prize being a trip to Nowra.

Mrs. W. Rose, of the Moruya Pilot Station, has the distinction of being the owner of the first Whippet car in this district, having purchased one through the local agent, Mr. F. Jackson. from <https://macsmotorcitygarage.com>



1926 Whippet

North Narooma had a mild sensation on Thursday when Driver Ford, in a Studebaker car, went down the hill onto the punt, through the gates, and into the river. Fortunately, the driver managed to get free of the car and was quickly rescued. The motor, which was being taken by Ford from Nowra to Bega for a buyer, was afterwards dragged ashore by a number of willing helpers and Mitchell Bros.' lorry. We have not heard the cause of the accident.

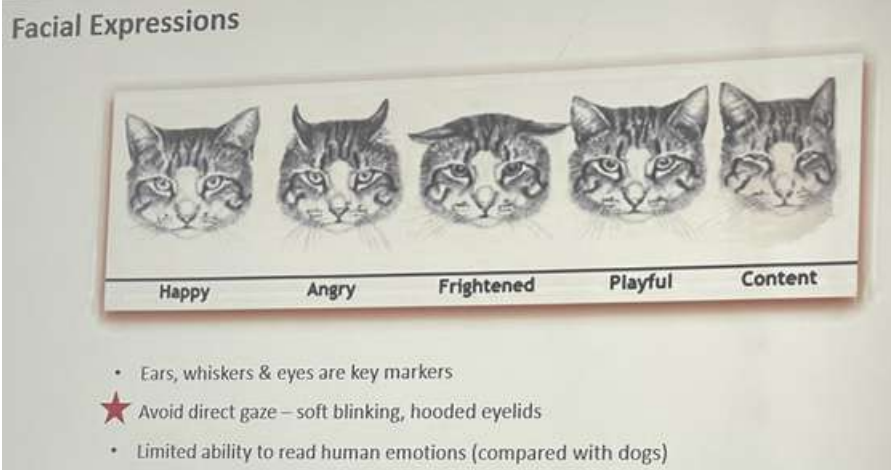
Nerrigundah. (From our Correspondent) There are now about 70 tons stacked at Latty's claim. The shaft is down 40 feet and a winze 25 feet. Rich gold is showing in the bottom. Water is getting very short in the creek and rain will be much needed before any quantity can be crushed.

Mosquito Bay. (from our Correspondent) The Mogo Tennis Club met the Mosquito Bay Tennis Club on Mr. J. Sebben's Court at Mosquito Bay on Saturday. The former came out victorious by 6 sets to 5. After an enjoyable afternoon's tennis, the Mogo club lunched on the beach, and in the afternoon, were entertained by a willing band of workers at afternoon tea.

Amusu Theatre. Tonight - THE CONFESSIONS OF A QUEEN, a mighty drama. Also, ALONG CAME RUTH, a big comedy that will make you roar with laughter.

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.
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What do you know about cats?



By K Dahlweiss
Eurobodalla Shire Council organised public talks regarding responsible cat ownership last week. Their speaker, a zoologist, Dr Heather M Crawford spoke brilliantly about feral cats (for which she has a PhD). She is also an expert on domestic cats. Heather covered topics on cat food, shelters such as catios, preventative care, emergency care, chronic care, euthanasia, humane care and desexing of cats.

It comes down to 'every animal should have a good life – mentally and physically' and in the case of cats, 'made part of the family.' 'Domestic cats don't equal no maintenance even though they come across as "their own masters" and may require lower maintenance than dogs to which they are often compared.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND CAT BEHAVIOUR:

Cats are routine orientated and their typical day is mapped out (by them if they get the chance). They are directly related to the African wild cat and have descended from desert cats! They are lean and long in a natural environment and feed on rodents and snakes. 'They have been valued by humans for 12 thousand years for hunting.'

Cats came on the First Fleet to Australia and are 'perfectly adapted to our Australian desert landscape'. WE LOVE CATS! We admire how they act refined and superior. Egyptians respected them so much that they would mummify them when they died.

Today people select cats from breeders, the RSPCA and animal shelters for their friendliness, fur patterns, cryptic nature and even their vocalisation skills.

Cats are carnivores. They have hundreds of taste buds for protein and fat compared with humans who have less than 10 fat and protein taste buds. Stray cats will eat mice and rats and have been known to eat native animals their size, such as wallabies! Cats can't eat sugar. They must eat meat with fat and sometimes grass, as a digestive aid (it cleanses their digestive system but has no nutritional role).

Cats have unusual vision. They can't see things very close up because of the wide spacing of their eyes. They view things best at 25 metres! They see well in shadows and have great eyesight for blues and greys. Cats have glowing eyes at night with crystals at the back of their eyeballs which 'literally bounce around light in low vision environments.'

Some of the important take-homes included that cats live longer indoors rather than roaming outside. Many cats have died after being hit by a car. If they have been desexed, they don't mark territory and don't have hormone-fuelled urine for attracting a mate. In most states of Australia, domestic cats have to be contained. Not so in NSW nor in WA, where Heather is domiciled. Cats need SUNLIGHT for their health and wellbeing and so even if housed in a catio. It needs to be designed to have sunlight falling on it for some of the day. Cats also have an instinct that they are prey animals not just predatory and so need 'hide holes where they can go if they are stressed or feeling vulnerable.' And last but not least cats prefer cat grass to cat nip.

There is so much more to learn about cats. A visit to our Mogo zoo will confirm that the big cats on display there exhibit the same mannerisms and have many similar characteristics to our domesticated cats.



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Tuross Head News

CONGRATULATIONS & 'THANK YOU' FR. JOSH.

The Tuross Head Caring Group is a ministry of the Catholic Parish of Moruya and our Parish Priest Fr. Joshua Scott VF recently celebrated his ninth year of Priesthood with the parishioners of Sacred Heart Moruya at a morning tea held after Mass. Fr Josh has endeared himself to the parish with his happy and approachable personality and we are grateful for his presence.

ONE TREE INN – also known as THE TAVERN.

On a recent journey to the Inn a large wall mosaic was pointed out. It is a picture of One Tree Point and took the artist, Adam Husband 85 hours and 5003 pieces to construct. I was also able to meet one of the new owners, Kathryn. Since purchasing the premises on 25 September, Nish Patel, together with Mandeep and Kathryn, have been warmly welcomed by the wonderful local community. Kathryn, a former Mrs Australia finalist of Indian heritage who relocated from Sydney, manages the venue alongside a dedicated local team. Both Kathryn and Mandeep are involved in Rights Respect Independence Connect (RRIC), a Sydney-based charity supporting communities.

With Nish's generosity and passion for Australian multiculturalism, the team hopes to build a thriving local business while giving back through charity, cultural celebrations and community connections. I encourage readers to look up RRIC on the Internet.

CLUB TUROSS. Recently the General Manager Annette Smith sent out a letter to all members advising that Tim Watson the Superintendent Greenkeeper for the past 16 years is now moving on to work at the Moruya Golf Club. Going from a 9 hole to an 18-hole course is something Tim has wanted to do for some time. He will be missed. Stepping up to the position is Ben Hewison and congratulations are in order for both. The new restaurant 'The Coastal Table' team of Kensey, Dinesh, Mathew and Jack have been settling in over the past few weeks and were kept very busy during the school holidays. The downstairs renovations have been completed and there are plans for renovating other parts of the club.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ken Parker's funeral will be held at the Broulee Memorial Gardens on Friday 30th October at 12 noon. Sandra Bye's Memorial Service will be held Friday 30th October at 4pm in Club Tuross. RSVP by 23/10/26. 0413015015. We extend our sympathy to their family and friends.

PEAHEN. While visiting Bendan Spencer to interview him I was surprised and delighted to see the last remaining peahen camped at his back door. Brendan walked up to his garage and the bird followed knowing that Brendan was about to feed her. Amongst other things Brendan told me about the BIG FLOOD and that high water marks can still be seen down at the Boat Shed and that land along 'The Narrows' entering Tuross had to be raised to stop flooding washing away the only entry into town. Recently our local RFS have been advising residents on what to do during a bush fire in town as that little strip, 'The Narrows' is the only way in or out of town. We need to listen to them.

LYN GATTY AND SON JAY were recently interviewed and Lyn told me a story from her early days in Tuross about how Gavin O'Shea, a retired Bank Manager gave them a goat to help keep their grass down and as an economic saving but the goat got off its tether and ate all their neighbours plants that had to be replaced at some expense. Also, about one of her children, Kyle (3 or 4 years old at the time) who while attending the local pre-school jumped the pre school fence with a mate and went home to watch T.V. No one knew that and a very wide and extensive search was made of the whole area. Consequently, the pre-school fence was raised higher.

GATHERING OF NAMES. I currently have 342 names of residents both past and present that I am gathering as part of a memorial to those who have played a part in the town's progress. If you would like to add your name to this list just pass on your First name and Surname and what you were involved in OR to be recorded so that in the future there is a genealogical contact to your family, please email or write down your or family member's details and leave it at the post office.

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A Beer with Bazz # 254

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Mick landed the beers on the bar table and stepped back.

"I reckon you can just about declare it summer, Bazza. I think we just trot into November ... and sort out the sweeps for the Melbourne Cup ... a party and maybe a dress-up for the big day. Looking ahead, fill the fridge with tinnies, bring on the cricket and even enjoy the rugby league World Cup this year. It is a cruise through to Christmas Day. It is then sun, surf, sand and sore eyes as we head for the beach all January before we raise the flag for Australia Day. As per that book ... Australia is the lucky country!"

Bazza took a sip of the offered schooner.
"Irony comes to mind when we talk about Donald Horne's book, Mick because ..."

Bazza straightened his back as Timeless Tom cut him off.
"It is not like it used to be, Mick. Where once the signage on the side of the road wished everyone seasons greetings, it now tells us to prepare. It's a toss of the coin whether it is a summer of fires or floods or maybe both. The big summer slumber is no more. I actually get a bit anxious this time of year. There seems to be more sirens than singing as we get closer to Christmas Day. Now ... don't get me on to the news."

Some nods of concurrence as Young Simon leaned in.

"I think you need to set your Facebook feed to eliminate some of that stuff, Tom."

Tom furrowed his brow.
"How does that work, Young Simon? Everyone is an award-winning journalist and/or photographer on Facebook these days. You have to be outrageous to be noticed. Outrage gets repeated and before you know it, outrage becomes 'truth' and everything else is fake news. At least with mainstream journalism there is a bit of editing, you know some checking and reliability. News is presented in some semblance of importance."

Bazza scoffed.

"Semblance of importance, Tom? The ABC News at 7 pm of an evening used to be the flagship of news once upon a time. Tell me why the murder trial of former NSW Police senior constable Beau Lamarre-Condon and the trial of radio broadcaster Alan Jones are headline news night after night? Sure ... important news when the stories broke and some follow-up is in the public interest, but night after night ... come on! It must be cheaper to put a reporter and a cameraman outside a courtroom than covering more important news."

Mick tut-tutted.

"Now come off it, Bazza! I always thought they nicknamed Alan Jones 'The Parrot' because he talked a lot and repeated other people's words and opinions. How wrong I was! It is because of his sense of fashion. He resembles the prettiest parrot of them all; the Rainbow Lorikeet. The footpath outside the courtroom is his catwalk I can hardly wait for tonight's colour arrangement ... and all because of the ABC News has kept me informed."

Young Simon adjusted his Facebook feed.

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Let's do coffee with ... Martin Wisata

Salzburg in Austria sits at an elevation of 424 metres, whereas Mogo, NSW, is almost at sea level, at just under 12 metres. On paper, the difference in elevation suggests a downhill gradient of around 0.0026 per cent over the distance between the two places. One might imagine a downhill bike ride if mountains, oceans and the curvature of the Earth were taken out of the equation. Unfortunately, geography has other ideas.

My AI research means nought to Martin Wisata (MW), founder and managing director of Rocky Trail Entertainment, who has enjoyed anything but a downhill run in his efforts to help establish Mogo as a destination for world-class mountain-bike competition. The Moruya Mail (MM) passed on the Lycra but had a coffee with Martin last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me. Elvis has definitely left the building ... forever ... but the hills are still alive with the 'Sound of Music' somewhere near your birthplace. Take us back.

MW: (Laughs ...) Yes, I was born in Salzburg in 1977. I grew up in Ried im Innkreis, about 70 km west of Salzburg. Mum worked in a doctor's surgery, and Dad had a pretty cool job working for Fischer Sports, a famous Austrian ski manufacturer based in our town. Ried im Innkreis boasts a strong cycling culture, so bikes figured early in my life. In fact, my first bike was a hand-me-down from my cousins. I attended the local schools but was not much of a student ... (smiles) ... although my ski gear was the envy of my peers.

I finished my schooling in 1997, followed by nine months of compulsory military service as a truck driver in Salzburg. In 1998, I got a taste of travel with a trip to Nepal, Bangkok, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney, before heading on to Christchurch.

Tourism was an attractive career option, and following stints in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Montreal, I headed back to Austria to sort out my future.

I went on a trip with my Dad to check out tourism courses and settled on IMC University of Applied Sciences in Krems an der Donau, a historic town on the Danube River about an hour from Vienna.

The four-year Tourism Management course suited me well and included two internships. I headed to Siena, Italy, first up for six months and mastered Italian along the way. Then it was off to Saint Lucia in the Caribbean for my second internship, where I did some intensive work at Sandals Resort. I got acquainted quickly with accounts, reception, entertainment and general hospitality. It was an all-inclusive resort, so, needless to say, I mastered cocktail-making as well as the capacity to party.

By 2001, I was back in Austria and had met my partner, Julianne, through a friend. I sailed through the next two years of study with Julianne studying export management.

In 2003, she received a somewhat random phone call from a former boss with a job offer in the spice industry in Sydney ... so, off to Sydney we went. We lived in Leichhardt, and through a German friend, I taught myself web design to the point where I started my own business in 2004, gaining a crash course in entrepreneurial skills along the way. I also picked up some promotional skills as a marketing manager with a company organising conferences. My main mode of transport around Sydney was a mountain bike. Along with my friend Miguel, from South America, we explored the Blue Mountains and began entering competitions.

It was not hard to share the enthusiasm of fellow mountain bikers, but the common frustration at competitions was the chaotic management of events. Queues were a constant, and the administration was clunky. It was particularly frustrating for riders who had limited leisure time to devote to their passion.

The penny dropped ... let's start a mountain-bike event business, and Rocky Trail Entertainment was born!

(Laughs ...) By 2008, we had our first event. It was a dual-slam race at Sydney Olympic Park, with a total of six competitors, two of whom were Julianne and myself.

Undeterred, we started marketing, and within two years, we were running 10 to 15 events a year, covering cross-country, downhill and dual slalom. We were not overnight sensations by any stretch, but we grew slowly and steadily. By 2010, we had moved to Hornsby and in 2019 Bob Morris, who was working as a technical delegate for Mountain Bike Australia, joined us and boosted our credibility with grassroots cycling clubs.

As Rocky Trail Entertainment grew, Bob and his partner, Jo Parker, became important members of the team. Their event expertise allowed us to expand our mountain-bike racing and cycling events across Queensland, including gravity enduro, cross-country and e-bike events.

Jo and Bob became the godparents of the Rocky Trail school cycling programme called the Academy, which began in 2020 on the Gold Coast. The programme has since expanded into a national school mountain-bike racing series.

On the home front, our son, Cosmo, was born in 2015.

During this period, I stayed in touch with my university and caught up with the rector in Sydney. He suggested creating an entrepreneurship course based on our success, so it was back to Austria to develop and teach it.

(Smiles ...) Lecturing became a bit of a side hustle, and the same course was taken up at Azerbaijan Tourism and Management University in Baku, Azerbaijan, and Sanya University in China. It was all a bit of a leap for the kid who went to extremes to avoid homework at school!

By 2020, everything was going extremely well, and then ... COVID.

It was one of the most challenging times to run a cycling business. We experimented with staggered starting times, virtual instructions and strict rules requiring competitors to leave immediately after an event to comply with restrictions. Nonetheless, we ended up closing for five months.



Giving the whole game away was an option, but one of our racers sent an inspiring email, and by the end of 2021, we were still around ... just. From a business perspective, we pivoted into Rocky Trail Destinations to help regional communities develop mountain-bike trail networks and outdoor tourism destinations. Its aim is to use cycling, walking and other nature-based activities to attract visitors, create jobs and support local economies.

First up was Fox Creek Mountain Bike Park in South Australia, which was devastated by the Cudlee Creek bushfire in 2019. We were involved in its rebuild in partnership with ForestrySA.

MM: Hang on ... you're moving further away from the Eurobodalla. How do we manage to claim you as one of our own?

MW: (Laughs ...) Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC) has been an enthusiastic supporter of Rocky Trail mountain biking since 2018, with events run out of the Botanic Gardens and Deep Creek. The devastation caused by the Black Summer bushfires in 2019–20 provided an opportunity to reinvent Mogo as a mountain-bike destination. A master plan was developed and put out to tender, backed by government rebuilding funds. With our project-management skills, we teamed up with a friend, Marcelo from Next Level MTB, who had the building expertise, and won the contract.

In 2025, Mogo Trails officially opened its completed 125-kilometre network, ranging from beginner routes to double-black technical descents. The network includes 72 purpose-built trails and is one of Australia's major mountain-bike attractions.

MM: Ahhh! Time to put your feet up, eh?

MW: (Smiles ...) World-class trails and no world-class events ... not likely!

Around this time, Sea Otter, an international cycling festival brand, contacted me. It brings together mountain-bike and cycling races, recreational rides, new-bike demonstrations, trade exhibitions and the cycling industry, and has an international reputation.

I nominated Mogo as a venue, and Sea Otter Australia was born. I put our money where my mouth so often goes, and Julianne and I put up our house as collateral to deliver the event. We ended up with sponsors and 175 brands showcasing and selling their products last year. This year, we're up to 250 brands, and it's all happening again from 23 to 25 October 2026, across Batemans Bay and the Mogo Trails. Come join us!

MM: Thanks, Martin. You've exhausted me. I think I'll catch the bus home!

* [Sea Otter Australia — official website](https://www.seaotter.com.au)

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**

Adventures in the Film Trade: Documenting One Nation

By Martha Ansara

For me, documentary filmmaking has not been a profession or even a vocation but a terrible, wonderful sort of affliction.

Impulsively fascinated by a person or a situation, I'm into the project with no finance and no idea how the film will ultimately find its final form. I can't help myself and it doesn't always work out.

But then, sometimes it does. Something in the collective universe gets me by the short and curlies, and when the film works, it endures.

Ordinary People, which will be screening at the Red Door on Sunday, October 25th is an almost miraculous example of the unpredictable elements which can bring a documentary to fruition.

In 1998 Pauline Hanson had been on the scene for a couple of years, variously idolised and publicly ridiculed, when an academic named Dr. Jennifer Rutherford approached me to help her make a film out of the footage she had been filming in Queensland of One Nation. She declared that she wanted to give One Nation people their "subjectivity". That was okay by me, but being involved in a film with her was not. So I referred Jennifer to my longtime collaborator, filmmaker and editor extraordinaire Kit Guyatt. In the early 1970s Kit had fled to NSW from political notoriety in Joh Bjelke-Petersen's Queensland and was willing to put together a showreel from Jennifer's footage.

When I saw what Kit had cut out of Jennifer's hours and hours of amateur footage, largely junk, everything changed.

Popping up here and there was a woman whose passion, prejudices and honesty made her — in my eyes at least — a star!

This was Colene Hughes, running for parliament in Ipswich, Pauline Hanson's original stomping and stumping ground. I believed that if we stuck with Colene, Things Would Happen. It's this sort of blind instinct that gets filmmakers into the sort of trouble we thrive on. If we followed this thread, we would (I hoped) end up with an insightful film.

Because Jennifer — Dr Rutherford — was herself such an oddball, it was clear to One Nation followers that she was not part of the hated media which even then was banned from One Nation events and she and Kit were able to film where none other dared to go!

This included the One Nation Annual General Meeting at Rooty Hill RSL where Colene came to many realisations about her commitments. Kit, of course, being such a good filmmaker, shot remarkable footage.

Meanwhile, I was being a producer: working with Kit in the editing room (fun), finding finance for the film (not fun), finding or creating additional material to give a context to Colene's journey through the Party (fun) and ultimately dealing with the competing demands of Jennifer's academic approach to the film and those of the experienced Executive Producers we were now financially beholden to (not fun).

Finally, when it was time for the music composer to enter the equation, I was lucky to obtain the services of a familiar colleague, Jan Preston (aka Australasian Queen of Boogie Woogie). People outside of the film business may not understand the critical role of the film composer. Not only can music make or break a film but a composer like Jan can and did get us out of impossible expenses.

For events we had filmed which included music with enormous, unaffordable copyright license fees, Jan wrote substitute music with a similar sound and similar fingering and Jennifer and Kit returned to Queensland to record it with the original on-screen bands.

I mention this as the kind of thing filmmakers get into by making the deceptively simple decision to follow the story of a wonderful main character wherever it leads us. Fortunately, with Ordinary People we succeeded. Exceptionally, I love this film for the insights it gives into a significant development in Australian society and politics, for Colene Hughes herself and also for the quality of Kit's work which makes it so enjoyable to watch. Give yourself a treat and come along to see it! Everyone is welcome to share their opinions and questions after the film.

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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.

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Fast Facts:

- **Name:** Megan Goucher
- **Wake-up time:** 6.30 am
- **Why is there a phone growing out of your ear?** No comment!
- **Favourite word:** Sold!

Megan Goucher, a licensed agent at My Agent Real Estate* in Batemans Bay, starts her day at 6.30 am with the pings of emails. Her tenet of "answer the phone, be available, be transparent" is practised throughout the day, all the way through to bed at 8.30 pm. She promptly responds to emails, social media, and phone calls.

A smoothie fuels her morning as she prepares her daughter for school. By 7.30 am phone calls begin.

"Selling a house is a significant life moment, and clients want assurance that you're focused and accessible. Being easily contactable is a huge stress reliever for them."

By 8.30 am, Megan is at the My Agent office in downtown Batemans Bay for a sales assistant meeting with administration and legal to plan her day.

"Yes, it's an all-female office, and before you ask, it's not bitchy at all. We're all friends and often socialise outside of work!"

With nine years of experience, Megan manages property sales from Depot Beach to Tuross Head, keeping her finger on the market and understanding her clients' needs.

The rest of her morning involves meetings with clients, pitching for business, and preparing for midday showings of properties or photo shoots.

Back at the office, Megan continues with meetings, chasing solicitors and conveyancers, and constantly updates social media. She also responds to emails, makes phone calls, and solves problems. There is no set finish time.

Despite the hectic pace, Megan loves her work.

"I meet all sorts of people and I genuinely enjoy playing a part in changing their lives. Selling or buying a property is a significant moment for everyone involved, and making it easier and smoother puts a smile on my face."

Of course, there are challenging times.

"It's frustrating when people make offers without being prepared or when the stakes are high with strong emotions tied to death or divorce. My experience allows me to read situations and adapt accordingly."

Megan sponsors the local Batemans Bay Tennis Club and enjoys time with her forgiving family often on the court.

She has no aspirations to be a MasterChef contestant. Her go-to meal is chicken schnitty and three veg, while listening to nineties music.

Oh, and is that a rerun of the Jerry Maguire movie playing in the background?

Somehow, Megan makes it all work - selling over 60 properties a year, doing a job she genuinely loves alongside her trusted team, and keeping up with demands of a busy family life - all with a smile on her face and an infectious enthusiasm for everything she does.

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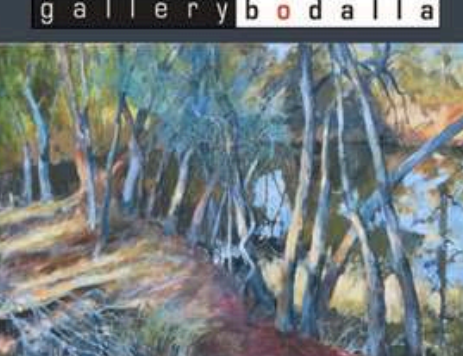
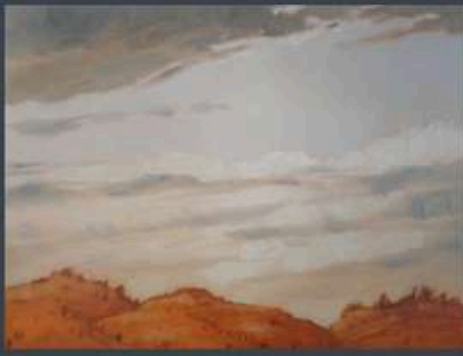
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'Life Without Me' Asks the Big Questions at Bay Theatre

Review by John Longhurst

Batemans Bay Theatre Players (BTP) production of Daniel Keene's 'Life Without Me', first performed as part of the Melbourne International Arts Festival in 2010 and winner of the Queensland Premier's Literary Award for Best Drama Script in 2011 (Stage), invites the audience to indulge in a 'big think' about life.

The Moruya Mail was invited for an exclusive preview last Sunday. The play opens with the Eagles classic song 'Hotel California' reverberating around the theatre, and the lines; *'You can check out any time you like, But you can never leave'* take on an ominous meaning as the audience immediately focuses on a painting on the back wall crookedly hung. Something is 'just not right' in this stage of a cheap hotel lobby set back in the late seventies to early eighties.

Sam Aspinall, who plays Nigel, the world-weary hotel receptionist, commands an opening that reinforces 'the just not right'. His attempt to adjust the painting is also 'just not right'.

The play takes on a 'Fawlty Towers' feel as John (Jimmy Roe), whose life is some kind of 'Groundhog Day' existence, tries to repeatedly escape his city. One of the central themes of the play, identity and existence, is explored with great humour as John attempts to check in.

John laments; *"My life just seems to go on but...without me in it."*

This sense of detachment is picked up by other characters as they enter this 'pause in the world' that the hotel lobby invites. Mrs Spence (Candy Burgess) peers into the fish tank;

"They're hardly there at all. Sometimes I feel like that."

Roy (Jeremy Kemp) reflects on age and the changing self;

"I'm that same different man."

Nigel (Sam Aspinall) summarises the dilemma of the characters;

"They ... mope around here like their lives have stopped and they're waiting for them to start again."

Perhaps John (Jimmy Roe) provides some glimpse of the future with his comment after observing the fish in the tank;

"That little journey ... is always the first journey, into an unknown future."

The comedy in the play can easily be understated, but the brilliant timing in the delivery of the lines ensures the laughs.



However, it is the sensitive portrayal of each of the characters by the cast that explores the vulnerability across age, gender, and 'the moment in life' of each character. It is a must-watch. Director, Sharon McCutcheon, succeeds in taking the audience on a cerebral journey in a humorous and entertaining production that does prompt a degree of self-reflection in us all.

The closing with the Eagles 'Hotel California' perhaps reveals the long debated meaning of the song. 'Life Without Me' opens at Bay Theatre on 30th October through to 8th November.

Tickets available at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1647562>



'Surrounded' exhibition at Cobargo

Surrounded - to feel encircled, to be enclosed, besieged, protected or embraced

'Surrounded' Opening Sat 7 Nov

4.30pm Exhibition runs Thurs 5 Nov - Sun 29 Nov at The Lazy Lizard Gallery Princes Highway, Cobargo.

Two south coast artists pay a heartfelt homage to sea forests, kelp, moths and migration, in an intriguing exploration of what it means to be surrounded.

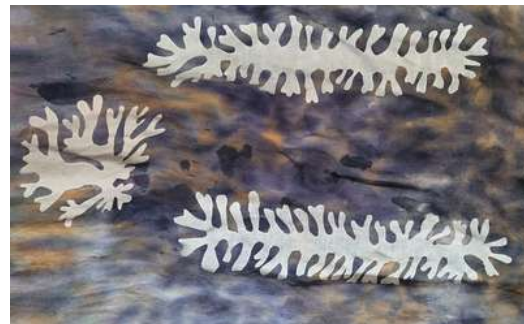
Featuring artworks by Nelia Eichler and Magella Blinksell, 'Surrounded' opens on Sat 7 Nov at the Lazy Lizard Gallery's sideroom in Cobargo, and runs until Sun 29 Nov.

"Nelia lives on Djirringanj Country in Cobargo and I live at Guerilla Bay on beautiful Walbanga-Yuin Country" says artist, Magella Blinksell

"During the 2019-2020 fires the word 'surrounded' held its own resonances and realities."

"As the south coast came under siege from all directions, I had a brief phone call from Nelia right as the township of Cobargo came under attack. Seeking emergency refuge on an oval, she let me know she was OK but said she was leaving her car and climbing into the back of another vehicle to be with friends."

As they held their breath, a fire truck stood on standby to hose vehicles in case the fire front continued to move over them."



The word 'surrounded' conveys so many different things," says Ms Blinksell, "flipped sides of strength and fragility, threat and safety. We can also be surrounded with presence, comfort, and a sense of awe and connection."

"In the long aftermath of healing within our communities, the act of surrounding ourselves with nature's beauty has felt like medicine. Particularly through increasing uncertainties in the world, and through Cov-19." adds Ms Blinksell. "Sharing time together exploring Burrewarra Point - and Nelia's travels in Lutruwita/Tasmania - have given rise to our joint exhibition in Cobargo."

Ms Eichler's paper and wire sculptures are an ode to the power of sea kelp forests. Vital ecosystems, they act as important climate mediators; capturing carbon amidst the rising level of fossil fuel pollution impacting lives and habitats.

Ms Blinksell's works - prints, cyanotypes and screen printed fabric hangings - pay homage to Yuin Sea Country - something that delights, surprises and physically surrounds her at Burrewarra Point.

"Both our works depict holdfasts - the part of kelp that anchors on to rock or seabed."

"In a world surrounded by forced exoduses and disruption, and existential climate threats, holdfasts remind us of the important anchors that we seek out, amidst dramatic events."

In October a spring migration of Bogong moths spectacularly surrounded our south coast communities. Amidst the devastating impacts of droughts, habitat loss, climate pressures and bushfires - this epic 1000 km odyssey saw vast swarms of moths show up on Bureau of Meteorology weather radars as rain bands.

"As the Bogongs make their way to the cool caves of the Alpine area - guided by the 'Milky Way' - known by Yuin peoples as the celestial Mooreeya emu - printmaking has been a way to honour the perseverance and beauty of the Bogong, and to celebrate the place of awe in our lives." says Ms Blinksell.

MORUYA MAIL Eurobodalla Gig Guide



October

Fri 23 Oct Val Moogz with Blue Mallee & Benji Fowler Kinema 6.30pm
 Fri 23 Oct Jack & George Steampacket Hotel 5.30-8.30pm
 Sat 24 Oct Alex Clarke Steampacket Hotel Nelligen 6-9pm
 Sat 24 Oct Rob Simpson JJs at The Marina 6pm
 Sun 25th Oct Tim Pringle Moruya Waterfront 12pm.
 Sun 25 Oct Mick McGrath Foxdog Distillery 12.30-3.30pm
 Sun 25 Oct North of the Bridge Steampacket Hotel 12-3pm
 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
 Sat 28 Nov Giiyong Ganya Jigamy, Eden

December

5 Dec Solo West- JJs at The Marina 6pm
 5 Dec Starfish Sessions - Jack Biilmann Starfish Deli 6.30pm
 9 Dec NSW Seniors Regional Christmas Concerts 2026 - Batemans Bay 11-12.30pm
 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

ONGOING

- Pub Choir Thursdays Broulee Brewhouse 5.30- 6.30pm
- Every Friday Night Open Mic Broulee Brewhouse from 5.30pm
- Every Thursday Night Open Mic Moruya Waterfront from 5.30pm
- Every second Sunday of Month Open Mic Oyster Cove 1- 5pm
- Every Thursday Open Mic Steampacket Hotel Nelligen

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

Opening of 8x 8 Exhibition – Bodalla Arts Factory

7 November 3pm

The South Coasts new home of art, exhibitions, & community events

Bodalla Arts Factory. This is the first group show of this kind – celebrating local artists and creators. 66 Artists – 200 Artworks – All work 8x8 inches –

All work for sale at \$88

Come and join us for the opening of the 8x8 Exhibition at Bodalla Arts Factory on Saturday 7th November at 3pm.

“A Fair Ground for Fibs” and “The Worst Day of My Life”

The **Moruya Red Door Theatre** group's next plays this November at Moruya RSL

Two one-act comedies: 'The Fairground Attraction' by Collin Barrows & "The Worst Day of My Life" by Alan Richardson.

If you enjoy a laugh, a few quirky twists & a fun time.... – table seating at both night & matinee shows

Save the dates – 6 shows only:

Fri 20 Nov 7pm

Sat 21 Nov 2pm matinee & 7pm

Fri 27 Nov 7pm

Sat 28 Nov 2pm matinee & 7pm

Exit Smiling Battle it out

Moruya band Exit Smiling -are buzzing from winning Eden Battle of the Bands last weekend! "Huge shoutout to all the other bands who killed it, and thanks to the Eden Whale Festival for having us and organising a great weekend."

Exit Smiling will be performing at Sea Otter this weekend



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Moruya Community Film Group - Thelma

Thelma is a 2024 American comedy-drama directed by Josh Margolin.

The film stars June Squibb as a woman who falls victim to a phone scam, and sets out to find the perpetrators with the help of her grandson (Fred Hechinger) and a friend (Richard Roundtree, in his final role). Thelma premiered at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival. The film received positive reviews and was named one of the top ten independent films of 2024 by the National Board of Review. 93-year-old Thelma Post lives alone in Los Angeles. Her loving grandson, Daniel "Danny" Markowitz, often visits and looks after her needs.

A phone scammer posing as Danny calls Thelma, claiming he has been arrested.

Thelma sends \$10,000 to a local address as instructed. Thelma finds out Danny is safe and she was scammed. Unable to get help from the police and unwilling to let the scammer get away with her money, Thelma evades her family and sets out to the address to retrieve it.

Moruya Community Film Group is a social club for film lovers. We meet once a month to enjoy wine, nibbles, film quiz and of course, a great film! Join us at the RED DOOR, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page Street, Moruya. Membership available at the door. Guests are welcome.

SCREENING ON SATURDAY 31 AT 7PM FOR A 7.30PM SHOWTIME ST – PLEASE NOTE NEW SCREENING TIME TO REFLECT THE SEASON THIS MONTH'S FILM THELMA



NAC Handover & Men's shed delivery

The Narooma Arts Centre occupation certificate was officially handed over to the Narooma School of Arts Management Committee on Friday 16 October. Narooma School of Arts reports: "Thank you Zauner Construction for transforming TAKT Studio for Architecture's inspiring design into a beautiful building. Next week we begin our bump in of all our furnishings and fittings. Narooma Men's Shed recently delivered to Narooma Arts Centre's Cottage Studio four specially designed robust tables they had made for ceramics. The men are so proud of this and all the other commissions they are providing for the NAC.

Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke, a noted ceramicist, is absolutely thrilled with their work and is looking forward to many ceramicists offering to run workshops and classes in this wonderful space.

Join us for Our Community Day at the new Narooma Arts Centre on Saturday 7 November 10 am – 3 pm."

Visit our website to see more information about the Narooma Arts Centre:

www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

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2026

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 9AM-2PM

NAROOMA LEISURE CENTRE



Julie Pia Holmes
Printmaking Workshops
November 2026

Laissez-faire Linocut

2 days, 7/8 Nov, 10am-1pm

\$355

The relief print.....carve out some time for yourself. Students will develop and print lino plates using diverse cutting techniques and experimental mark making. Lino is great for the first time printmaker, a lot can be achieved with very little.

Drypoint with Tetra Pak

Saturday 21st Nov, 10am-2pm

\$265

Scratch about in the burr-illiant art of intaglio printmaking! Students will create drypoint prints using recycled tetra paks, exploring different tools for mark making.

@ Moruya Heads, address supplied on booking

Limited to 3 participants per class

Booking confirmed on payment

Price includes all materials

Bookings & Enquiries

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THIRD PRIZE: \$1,000 Store Credit at Batemans Bay Betta
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Monies raised will assist in funding the construction of accommodation for close relatives and primary carers of patients receiving treatment in the new hospital. The facility will be located on site at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Tickets can be purchased at local markets or by contacting:
Secretary@caerh.org Telephone: 0412 699 535

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

Enjoy reading the Moruya Mail? You can support this free publication when you

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WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING TO THE EUROBODALLA REPAIR CAFE ?

The Eurobodalla Repair Cafe is held at the
Red Door Hall
St John's Commons
Page Street, Moruya
The doors will open on a Friday
at 9.30am until 12.30pm.
Gather up what you need
repairing and repurposing!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



You are warmly invited

COMMUNITY MEAL

12 - 1:30 PM
RUSS MARTIN PARK MORUYA
Sunday 25th October

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THE MANOR MARKETS

Saturday 31 October 2026 9am to 1pm
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Arts & Crafts, Devonshire Tea, White
Elephant, Sausage Sizzle, Books and DVD's
Garden Stall. To book your own stall, donate
goods or wanting more information, phone
Don on 0407 093 054

Council will be conducting drop-in sessions for input into a revised Batemans Bay Masterplan.

When – Sunday 1 November 9am – 1pm
Where: Rotary Markets, Clyde Street,
Batemans Bay. Have your say about a
revised Batemans Bay Masterplan. Explore
housing options for the town centre, discuss
ideas for revitalising the area, and contribute
to conversations about transport, heritage,
the waterfront and more.
Drop in, ask questions, and help shape the
future of Batemans Bay.

Saturday Talk: Keeping Safe as We Age Batemans Bay U3A

Join us this Saturday for a vital presentation
on personal safety, home security, and fraud
prevention with Chief Inspector John
Sheehan, Officer in Charge of Batemans Bay
Police Station. He will discuss local crime
statistics and share practical methods to
manage our safety risks.

When: This Saturday, 24 October | 2:00 pm –
4:00 pm at Moruya Golf Club

Key topics include:

- Fraud Prevention: What to do if you are
scammed.
 - Elder Abuse: Recognising the signs and
understanding your rights.
 - Home & Road Safety: Protecting your
property and what to do after an accident.
 - Tech Safety: Why you should install the
Safety App on your phone.
- There will also be a Q&A session to get all
your questions answered!

Please note: While the club restaurant is
currently closed, sandwiches and drinks are
still available to purchase.

Members & Guests Welcome!

Our Saturday Talks are open to the public, so
feel free to invite friends and neighbours.

How to Enrol:

- Members: Please enrol via Member Wizard
(Go to the Member Portal/Classes page
select class 26SAT03 Keeping Safe As We
Age click 'Enrol Now').

- Guests: To register as a guest, please email
Lyn Farrant at lfarrant50@gmail.com to help
us track numbers.

Looking forward to seeing you there and
learning how to keep safe together

CWA BATEMANS BAY

invites you to a Melbourne Cup
Afternoon Tea at our Hall in Edward Rd.
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1PM. Entrance is a small plate to share
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for men and women and the race of
course! Dress Up! Come and join the
fun!

Moruya Museum

Learn from RAHS experts about
researching local and family history
Saturday 7 November 10am to 3.30pm at
the Mechanics Institute, Moruya.
Bookings essential and for more
information see
<https://www.rahs.org.au/shop/tickets-moruya-regional-seminar/>
Cost including lunch and am/pm tea \$25
(members) and \$30.

Net Zero Planning Grant for businesses,
to support with long-term net zero
planning. Open to businesses that spend
at least \$200k annually on energy bills at
a single site in NSW or a total of
\$500,000 per year across multiple sites
and operations in NSW. This includes all
purchased fuels. Grant amount is up to
\$25k. The grant is open now, with a
closing date of 30 November or earlier if
funds exhausted. Applications are
assessed on a rolling basis.

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5th Annual General Meeting Thursday 19 November 2026 Moruya Golf Club at 10.00 am

All executive positions are made vacant,
including the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary,
Treasurer and committee members. We invite all
members to consider nominating to assist on the
Executive.

The business of the meeting is to:

- Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual
General Meeting
- Receive from the Committee reports of the
association during the previous year
- Elect office bearers of the association and
ordinary committee members
- Receive and consider the annual financial
statements
- Consider any other business

Visitors and intending new members are
welcome – please email secretary@CAERH.org
for further information or come along to the
meeting

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

Moruya – Red Door Hall – 15a Page Street

unspeakable facing up to the climate catastrophe and its consequences



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, civil 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."

Book Launch & Conversation
9:30am – 10:30am
no registration needed

Community Resilience Workshop
11am – 2pm
register via QR code

Thursday 5th November
Broulee Surf Life Saving Club



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2026 Diary Dates

- 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).

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

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

When: Thursday 5th November 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

Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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

Moruya Community Workshed

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

Tuross Community Markets

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

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
Discover the secret life of flies and their crucial role in pollination. Flies play a surprisingly important role in pollination - and there's much more to them than meets the eye! Led by Dr Keith Bayless, passionate CSIRO fly expert, our special seminar will also include PhD candidate Brett O'Keefe and local naturalist and photographer Phil Warburton.

Bookings essential Book now through Eventbrite.

More information For more information, please contact our visitor centre:
T: 4471 2544 E: Friends of the Garden

NEDERLANDERS IN MORUYA - 05 November 2026

Heeft u zin in een gezellig babbeltje met Nederlanders!

Kom dan aanstaande Donderdag (05 November 2026) om 11.45am uur naar de Gundry Cafe, Campbell Street, Moruya NSW 2536 voor een gezellig kabbeltje.

Zoals van tevoren, stuur mij een bericht om te laten weten wat uw wilt

bestellen, als uw er wilt eten, zodat ze het kunnen klaar maken voor wanneer iedereen er is. Je kunt dit doen via mij een bericht te sturen.



Elegant High Tea Fundraiser at Historic Henkley Farm - Central Tilba

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

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

Gala Cancer Fundraiser - Raising Money for Breast & Prostate Cancer

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

Batemans Bay Reunion "Yesterday Today and Tomorrow"

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

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Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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



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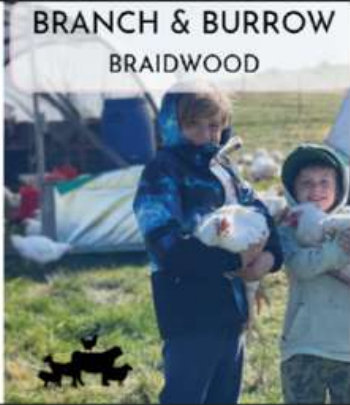


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AI on the Farm**



A practical starting point
for farm businesses

30 October
10:30am - 12:00pm
Online






FREE online workshop AI on the Farm: A Practical Starting Point for Farm Businesses

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- How to identify opportunities for AI in your own business
- Simple first steps to start using AI with confidence

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

Free - registration essential Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/online-ai-on-the-farm>

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LATIN WEDNESDAY

BACHATA - SALSA

6 PM
from Wed 14th Oct

Info on 0450 690 860

Moruya Waterfront HOTEL

Focus on Connection Creation and Love

By John Longhurst

A two day women's retreat from the 6th-8th November at Oaks Ranch, Mossy Point, is an opportunity to reconnect with yourself and offer time out with a program designed to nourish the souls. The two day celebration of the soul will be hosted by Anita Stevens who was recently profiled in the Moruya Mail*. Apart from being a well established small business person with her own hair salon, 'Perfect Wave' at Surf Beach, Anita held a recent women's circle with 6 women called 'Wild Heart Circle' and has previously hosted many circles.

Anita said "Many have said they have enjoyed the best sleep in years. Most I felt so safe to be seen and heard. From 2022, I have dreamed of creating something bigger and it took much believing in myself to step out of my comfort zone to create this opportunity for women. It will be an opportunity to come back to oneself, releasing the pressures of everyday living. We will gather as strangers and leave with many connections."

Anita is willing to share her life experiences, offer a listening ear and promote connections with all participants.

Anita said "The retreat is a two day experience designed to hold you from beginning to end. On offer will be Reiki healing sessions, oracle card readings, horse connection and wild spirit energy, breath work and guided meditation, creative expression and journaling, nourishing meals and supportive sisterhood and of course lots of space to rest and integrate."

The serene surrounds of Oaks Ranch at Mossy Point is the ideal location to reset and ease into summer and the busy Christmas period.

Contact details as below; * https://moruyamail.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/MM140-20260819_compressed.pdf (edition 140, p.15)

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Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll



Plank Pose - Santolanasana

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Learn to paint a native bee in watercolour workshop

Paint a Green Carpenter Bee in Watercolour



with Cheryl Hodges

Sunday 8 November 2026

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden

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Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens

8 November 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm

Sunday 8 November 2026

\$150.00

Learn watercolour techniques to paint a realistic Green Carpenter Bee. You'll study the bee's form using specimens and reference images, practise observing fine details with a magnifier, and learn washes, glazing, and dry-brush techniques to create a shiny, iridescent, three-dimensional effect. Suitable for beginners to intermediate artists. Materials list provided; optional kit \$55.



Food and Knowledge Share 25 October

The next SAGE Food and Knowledge Share will be a group discussion on seed saving and a share on trellising techniques that have worked well in your garden.

Please Note The SAGE food and Knowledge Share is permanently locating to the SAGE Gardens at 110 Queen St. in Moruya. Please byo beverage. The last food share of the year will be 29 November. Everyone is welcome, and you do not need to bring anything. People who can bring items to share can contribute vegetables, fruits, eggs, seedlings/seeds, cookbooks, gardening books, tools, preserves and plants. We will resume the weekly guest speaker beginning February 2027.

Flies to flowers seminar: Nature's unexpected pollinators - Batemans Bay
Saturday 7 November 2026 1pm - 3pm Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Cost Free
Discover the secret life of flies and their crucial role in pollination. Flies play a surprisingly important role in pollination - and there's much more to them than meets the eye! Led by Dr Keith Bayless, passionate CSIRO fly expert, our special seminar will also include PhD candidate Brett O'Keeffe and local naturalist and photographer Phil Warburton. Bookings essential Book now through Eventbrite. More information For more information, please contact our visitor centre:
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2026 <<<<<<

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Moruya Town Wharf

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Registration from **4:30pm** | First starters from **5:30pm**

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 16.10.26

Moruya River

The fishing has been a limited proposition this week, as the cold southerlies have made being out doors a bit difficult this week. The winds we have been having are forecast to hang around for a few more days unfortunately. With them slightly increasing through the weekend into next week.

The river is in good condition however, and I am starting to get reports of whiting over the flats on surface, positive news indeed. Time to dust off the surface lures.

The flathead, bream & trevally have also been on the chew. The flathead have been over the shallow flats on a rising tide, the back on the drop offs when the tide starts to recede.

Airport flats, back of the hole in the wall, the flats under the town bridge are all good areas to start prospecting.

Up in the fresh, good bass continue to be caught, with more 50cm being taken. I managed a few fish last week on spinnerbaits, I would have thrown frogs, but my stash in the car had be put somewhere safe.

Tuross River.

Flathead have been dominating the captures this week, yet again proving that this south coast gem, definitely has its reputation for a reason.

The whiting should be in over the flats as well, with live nippers and surface presentations the go. Expect a bream or two also when applying these techniques, as well as the chance of a flathead.

The deeper sections of this system will be holding a mullet on the turn of both tides also. Live mullet baits or good quality squid baits will tempt the humble mullet, but soft plastics presentations will also work. Anything from 3"-6" can tempt a silver ghost to play ball.

Up in the fresh, the bass are also around, with small surface presentations imitating bogong moths or frogs being the go. I for one will always start with a spinnerbait.

Rock and Beach.

Now that the whiting are starting to show in the estuaries, then they are areal option on the beaches as well. Beach worms, live nippers or Pipies are all great baits for both whiting and bream.

Salmon are an ever present option, if you manage to cross paths with a traveling school.

Offshore.

Flathead are likely in the 15-30m marks, with the snapper continuing the run into deeper water as the temps continue to rise. Try around the 40+m mark and head out from there.

There haven't been any reports or billfish as yet, but they can't be too far off.

The bait freezer was restocked last week, and is still looking ok. We did have a big shipment from Tackle Tactics and Zman today, hence the lateness of this report, and there is another box to tackle straight after lunch.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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31st October
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Location
Moruya Shpwground





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6-8th Nov 2026



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MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 7PM
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"Three days of premier campdraft competition on the NEW South Coast"

FRIDAY 6 Nov 2pm Start

Kerin Kay Transport Ladies - \$40
1 run limit, no juveniles
Moruya Jockey Club Maiden A - \$40

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
- Payment due Friday 23 October
- Full or Weekend membership required
- Cattle levy \$15.00 included in entry
- 60% payback and ribbons to 6th
- Entries taken to availability of cattle
- Refunds will not be given for scratchings received after 30 October.
- The committee reserves the right to alter the program

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SAGE Farmers Market

Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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growing the community

Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Mark Jackson with Captain Lars Gaupset

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 15th October 2026

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

The Winners were:

- 1st: Mark Jackson (26) with 42 points
- 2nd: Ian Kingston (23) with 39 points
- 3rd: Bruce Lidbury (25) with 38 points
- 4th: Peter Garn (26) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Paul Scholze 3.82 A Grade
- 4th: Ron Rogers 4.59 B Grade
- 4th: Wayne Kaye 6.76 C Grade
- 6th: Ray Bollard 2.63 A Grade
- 6th: Wayne Lilley 4.27 B Grade
- 7th: John Harb 9.00 A Grade
- 7th: Mark Forrest 6.61 B Grade

Balls went to: Ian Manton 37, Bruce Martin 36, Colin Houghton 36, Leonie Snodgrass 36, Ray Bollard 36, Grant Kiely 35, Mark Haberkorn 35, Maree Coffey 34, John Harb 34 and Peter Coffey 33.



Winner: Michael Coloe with President Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 17th October 2026

A field of 55 players, including visitors, took to the course to compete in a Medley Stableford event. The competition was fierce and there were some fantastic scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Michael Coloe (15) with 41 points
- 2nd: Peter Garn (26) with 39 points (countback)
- 3rd: Jim Wade (15) with 39 points
- 4th: Shane Gschwend (16) with 38 points
- 5th: Ruth Gschwend (16) with 37 points (countback)
- Hole Prize: 6th hole: John Eglitis Distance: 0.10

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ken Hush 8.40 A Grade
- 4th: Mark Haberkorn 3.65 B Grade
- 4th: Theodore Turner 2.11 C Grade
- 6th: John Eglitis 0.10 A Grade
- 6th: Theodore Turner 2.75 B Grade
- 6th: Tony Brown 2.49 C Grade
- 7th: Troy Kingdom 4.22 A Grade
- 7th: John Phylant 6.30 B Grade
- 7th: Robert McDonnell 9.60 C Grade

Place Getters: Tony Brown 37, Wayne Lilley 37, Jenny Reilly 37, Troy Kingdom 37, Frank Pomfret 37, Gavan Wheelahan 36, Mark Forrest 36, Ian Kingston 36, John Eglitis 36, Brad Doolan 35, William Steenbergen 35, Allan Langford 35, John Harb 34, Ian Lawson 34 and Cody Wehmeyer 34.



Winners: Dianne Brown, Pam Alexander and Beverley Theobald

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 20th October 2026

A field of 22 ladies competed in a Stableford event. The event was sponsored by R & R Hardware. It was a sunny, windy day and some brilliant scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- A Grade:
- 1st: Dianne Brown (31) with 38 points
- 2nd: Chelsea Mayes (30) with 36 points

B Grade:

- 1st: Pam Alexander (34) with 42 points
- 2nd: Jeanette Miller (38) with 40 points

C Grade:

- 1st: Beverley Theobald (45) with 47 points
- 2nd: Jenny Reilly (41) with 42 points

Hole Prize:

- 7th: Dorothy Madden Golden Shot A 0.19
- 7th: Elsa Shearer Golden Shot B 1.29

Nearest to the Pins: 2nd Shot

- 6th: Pauline Nash Distance 0.55
- 15th: Jennifer Gray Distance 2.00

Place Getters: Kerrie Sands 38, Elsa Shearer 37, Pauline Nash 35, Dorothy Madden 34 and Leonie Doolan 33.



Winner: Lisa Gray

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 21st October 2026

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

The Winners were:

- 1st: Lisa Gray with 34 points
- 2nd: Peter McRae with 27 points
- 3rd: Odette Goodwin with 26 points

Balls or Chocolates: Ron Hanlon 25, Tory Puglisi 24, Steve Lymbury 24, Chris Wratten 24, Greg Geelan 24 and Greg Smith 23.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Greg Geelan (2nd Shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Leonie Snodgrass (2nd Shot)

Mens: Steve Lymbury (2nd Shot)

In the hole!

Accuracy: Chris Wratten (5th hole)

Bradman's: Peter Coffey

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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls

President Robbo welcomed 23 Twisties on a lovely morning of warm sunshine.
 Winners on Biggest Winning Margin Chanty, Bert and Moby. (Photo)
 Runners -up, Hot Lips and Spike with Smiley.
 Jackpot \$350, Smiley cut cards and found 10 of Spades.
 High/Low Scores 33/10 not won , now \$90.
 Lucky numbers, 6 McGooley, 19 Dobbo.
 Winning teams, Rob and Stuart.
 Bob the Builder and McGooley.
 Ruthless and Megoo.
 Thanks to Whizza for results this week much appreciated.



Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



No bowls for me today but 22 out on the Green enjoying their morning together in the sunshine all dressed in Pink. (Photo)
 Club Malua hosted "Pink Day" once again today so thank you to Melita, Juliana and team, also Chef Troy and kitchen staff for the delicious luncheon provided.

Kimmy from 2EC was once again MC for this fantastic event also giving out the beautiful Raffle Prizes along with recently retired Belinda from Club Malua.

Leanne Manarita from " Look good, Feel better" spoke about all the wonderful support she and her volunteers are able to give to cancer patients.

Special thanks to Di Wotherspoon one of our bowling friends who shared her story with us so generously. Initially diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and 25 years later is cancer free.

The absolutely fabulous Robyn Dawson from Cancer Council NSW providing all the information that is available, the research that continues for all types of cancer.

Cancer Council is the largest non-government researcher in Australia. Thanks to everyone who attend and support these fundraising events.

South Coast stars at Special Olympics

From October 19-23, athletes from every corner of the country come together in Melbourne, competing across 12 sports at the Albert Park sporting precinct.

Over 2,000 athletes, coaches, volunteers and fans are expected to attend. The Games coincide with the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics in Australia

South Coast has 5 athletes and 3 team officials selected to represent the 200-strong Team NSW. Laurie and Heidi are making a splash in swimming; Liz and Jason are knocking them over in ten pin bowling and Holly will roll along in bocce.

Team officials include Karen Hawke as Head Coach, ten pin bowling with Kathy Godwin as Assistant Coach. Mark Levers is Assistant Coach in bocce.

On day one the team collected 8 Gold Medals, 12 Silver Medals, 8 Bronze Medals, 8 Fourth Places, 6 Fifth Places, 4 Sixth Places, 2 Seventh Places.

Head coach Kathy Godwin says "What an outstanding effort from every single athlete! I couldn't be prouder of our team and everything they have achieved."

Congratulations to Bowlers Jason & Adam winning 4th in their division, and Liz & Gaye taking bronze in their division.

On Day 2 of National Games there was lots of bling for the South Coasters



Laurie - Silver in 50m breaststroke, Heidi - Bronze in 50m breaststroke, Jason - Gold in Ten Pin Bowling Teams, Liz - Bronze in Ten Pin Bowling Teams, Holly competed in Bocce Singles.
 Good Luck for the remaining three days.



Offshore fishers set for another big season as 'fish magnets' return to NSW coastline

Recreational fishers along the NSW coast now have more opportunities to target prized offshore game fish, with the Minns Labor Government deploying its annual Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) network at 34 locations from Tweed Heads to Eden.

FADs are GPS-tracked floating buoys anchored up to 20 kms offshore that attract baitfish and other marine life, which then attracts larger ocean species including Mahi Mahi (Dolphinfish), tuna, marlin and wahoo.

A FAD acts like a fish magnet, it draws marine life into known offshore locations, giving recreational fishers the best chance to target these highly prized sportfish.

The FAD network is deployed annually ahead of the summer peak fishing period and remains in the water through the warmer months before being retrieved in early winter for maintenance and cleaning.

The network is funded by the Recreational Fishing Trust and delivered by the Minns Government as part of its ongoing investment in recreational fishing across NSW. Fishers are encouraged to check marine safety and weather conditions before heading offshore.

FAD coordinates, deployment schedules and responsible fishing practices are available through the [FishSmart app](#) and on the DPIRD website [here](#). The FAD locations are available from the NSW DPIRD FishSmart App. The latest fishing rules are also available in the NSW Recreational Fishing Guide from DPIRD Fisheries offices, bait and tackle shops, fishing fee agents or [online](#).

Anyone planning to fish in NSW should ensure they hold a current NSW Recreational Fishing Fee Receipt, unless exempt. Fees start from \$7 for three days and can be purchased online through Service NSW or from a fishing fee agent.

The Big Dance Race Day 3rd November

Moruya Jockey Club

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Prior to the Melbourne Cup, the dinosaurs are coming out of extinction with 10 racers pulling on their inflatable dinosaur suits to hit the track together for one chaotic 100-metre sprint!

The first male racer and first female racer across the finish line will each take home \$500!

That's \$1,000 up for grabs and some serious Dino Dash bragging rights.

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Timetable TBA

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Past & Present PADDLE

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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

Batemans Bay Sailing Club report October 17th



Harriet



The Start



Paikea



Accolade

"It was a great day for sailing last Saturday when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the annual sprint race day on Batemans Bay. An excellent fleet of 8 boats went out including the Noelex 25 "Harriet" (David Lamb) which was visiting from Bermagui. She sailed in Division 2 along with the Far East 19R "Red Dwarf" (Jack Egan). The other boats sailed in Division 1. "Moonmist" had Dave Boardman as guest helmsman standing in for Tony Sutton, who was recently injured during the CYCA Flinders Island race. "Attitude" and her Canberra based crew made a welcome comeback. Greg Taylor steered the "Attitude" on the day. There were two races held around a 2 lap windward leeward course. Each race lasted about an hour.

There was a moderate nor'easter in for the afternoon. Race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekicks Fred Tromp and Michelle Grybaitis set a well composed pin end favoured start line. The Thompson 7 sports boat "Buccaroos" (Warren Buchan) cracked a port tack start and crossed the fleet heading for the right side of the course. However, the breeze was backing as forecast which meant the left side was favoured so the Adams 10.6 "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) led around the top mark. "Moonmist" came past on the first downwind leg but her crew fluffed the spinnaker drop allowing "Accolade" back through. "Accolade" ended up first over the line but "Buccaroos" (formerly "Anger Management") was close behind and won on PHS from "Attitude".

At the second race start, "Buccaroos" again did a well timed port tack start. Approaching the port tack layline, "Accolade" was able to tack onto port and pass ahead of "Attitude" by half a boatlength. The crew of "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond) were so motivated they even set a spinnaker on the downwind legs. "Paikea" (Paul Hutchinson) sailed well but not as well as during her brilliant winter series. "Accolade" went on to win on line honours and PHS in the second race. In Division 2 it was "Red Dwarf" all the way ahead of "Harriet". Full PHS results will be up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au. " Lachlan Brown

Photos: Terry Paton, Fred Tromp and Michelle Grybaitis.



Buccaroos

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Team Alyce, Rhys, Gaz & Jay : Photo BBSLSC

Eurobodalla Shines in the Coolangatta Gold

By John Longhurst

The Batemans Bay Surf Lifesaving Club (BBSLSC) and Broulee junior, Elani Van Der Meulen, have won big time in the iconic Coolangatta Gold over the weekend.

The BBSLSC Mixed Masters (+140) took out first place in the gruelling event with a time of 3 hours and 36 minutes, a four and a half-minute lead over second-place getters, Tacking Point Turtles OG's.

The combined ages of the competing teams of four must exceed 140 years. The BBSLSC Team included Garry Griffiths, Rhys Davies, Alyce Reid and Jay Reid.

The event required two 7km ski paddles, 2 one kilometre swims, 2 two kilometres board paddles, six 500m transition runs and a one 2.5km run to the finish line.

The Coolangatta Gold attracts 1200 competitors and over 100 teams from across Australia and is an iconic event on the surf lifesaving calendar.

Garry Griffith, captain of the BBSLSC, is ecstatic about the result. Garry said, "The conditions on the day were howling SE winds, strong cross currents which made things even harder. We have been training for three months, and the effort has paid off. It is BBSLSC's biggest win from here and a great way to start off the season. The win will bring confidence to our performances in upcoming local carnivals."

Neighbouring club Broulee Surf Lifesaving Club (BSLSC) also shared in the glory with under-12 competitor, Elani Van Der Meulen, blitzing her event to win.

As the commentator on the day drily noted "It is yet another win for the South Coast."



Pictured is Catalina Club President Cathie Flynn, and Assistant General Manager, Mitchel Judd, who was also presented the Future Leader in Management Award.

Country Club of the Year – Catalina Club

Catalina Club took out Country Club of the Year following an impressive period of growth in participation, junior development and community engagement.

Amongst industry leaders, innovators and PGA professionals, Catalina Club was awarded the prestigious title at the 2026 NSW Golf Industry Awards hosted by @golfnsw last week at Sydney's Shangri-La Hotel.

The South Coast club recorded a 60 per cent increase in ladies' nine-hole competition bookings, a 58 per cent rise in Ladies Open entries and 14 per cent growth in junior membership.

More than 40 juniors now participate in weekly MyGolf programs, while a partnership with Empower Golf Australia has introduced free monthly clinics for people living with a disability.

The Batemans Bay Open, Ladies Open and Catalina Classic also attracted full fields, highlighting the club's growing appeal.

With a new fleet of 55 golf carts featuring distance and mapping technology, alongside a draft masterplan for a 27-hole redesign and new driving range, Catalina continues to plan for the future of golf on the South Coast.

The Catalina Club reported: "Following a huge year of growth in golf here at Catalina Club, this award is shared with every team member, Club golfing and social member, volunteer, and community member of Batemans Bay that makes our Club so supportive, accessible and welcoming."

Led by Director of Golf, Rodney Booth, Catalina Club has welcomed full fields in major 2025 and 2026 golfing events, and continues to see growth in participation in junior and ladies events, clinics and bookings."

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