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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Trevor Costa captured this shark with a school of Australian Salmon at Bingie.

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Broulee Ridge – A Solution or a Problem?

Reading Edward Fernon's letter in Melbourne Cup week, I was reminded of former NSW Premier Jack Lang's famous observation:
"Always back the horse named self-interest, son. It'll be the only one trying."
Fact: If there were no housing problem, there would be no reason to entertain Broulee Ridge. Fact:An immediate need for more rental accommodation, a wider housing mix, and improved housing affordability.
I asked Dr Google for the dwelling approval totals for the last 5 FY years: 289 2021-22, 268 2022-23, 188 2023-24, 168 2024-25, 214 2025-26. A significant shortfall in the two years 2023-25. Questions: what caused this decline, and what action did Council take at the time?
The resulting shortfall is a short-term problem – to be resolved in the short-term. Potentially a maximum of around 75 dwellings across the shire - not just focused on the Moruya/Broulee area. 75 dwellings might sound insignificant, but it is more than enough to put pressure on an already tight rental market.

What about future projections?

The more recent Informed Decisions growth projection of 6,680 dwellings to 2046 is of such significant difference to the earlier GYDE Eurobodalla Housing Supply Audit figure of 6,223 to 2041, that in my opinion it warrants ESC investigation before any decision is made.
The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital opening 2027 will have housing issues resolved well before this development. Note, current purchases by Health and the construction of on-site accommodation will assist in resolution.
The current Moruya Hospital site is 29,670 sqm, while the Batemans Bay Hospital site is 17,593 sqm. Assume the cash-strapped NSW Government sells this surplus government land - medium-density accommodation, including apartments? A retirement complex and well over 200 medium density dwellings would be most welcome in Moruya and by its businesses; Batemans Bay likewise.
It would be extraordinary to justify a major new development without first understanding what other significant housing opportunities may become available, not just greenfield sites (Bay Waters Hotel?).

Understanding Eurobodalla's demographics

The average age in Eurobodalla is approximately 54, Australian around 38 - growing regional centres have WFH with connections to Sydney. It is a sobering statistic, but based on demographic patterns, approximately 9,000 Eurobodalla residents will die over the next 20 years.
Housing demand is not simply a shire-wide number, with location and access to employment and services critical. A dwelling constructed at Broulee is of little practical use to someone seeking accommodation north of the Clyde, south of Congo or west of Moruya.

Who is checking the assumptions?

This is where ESC has an important responsibility. The expectation should be simple: accept, but verify.
I believe Eurobodalla has an immediate housing problem but that is not the same as demonstrating an ongoing housing shortage. Indeed, if population projections are accurate, there is a legitimate question about whether the shire could eventually face an oversupply. Falling house values in the long-term are in no-one's interest.
Broulee Ridge may or may not form part of that solution. But it should not be treated as the solution before the need has been properly established and the assumptions and assertions tested.
Dr Tony Martin
Broulee

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Fair hearing, few facts

In his letter of 2 November, Mr Edward Fernon, Founder of the Brightway Development Group, declares, "the Eurobodalla community deserves a debate built on the full set of facts." I think most in the Council and the Eurobodalla community would agree. The problem is Mr Fernon has not provided anywhere near the full set of facts required to make a well-informed decision on his planning proposal at 207 Broulee Road. For example, Mr Fernon challenges the latest population and demographic projections for the Eurobodalla Shire by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, which are helpfully presented, and conveniently available, on the Council's website, for any member of the public to see. Mr Fernon appears to have fallen into the trap of accepting out-of-date demographic information in the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy 2025 including the 2023 consultant reports it relies on. Having been advised of these flaws prior to endorsing the Strategy 12 months ago, the Planning Directorate is yet to publish an update, and some Councillors continue to repeat its flawed information. This has misled Mr Fernon. Now it would appear these oversights are having consequences for housing in the Eurobodalla community.
Using the latest ABS demographic information, and true demographic assumptions of projected population growth, household density and our demographic profile, everyone can observe that there is no genuine need for additional greenfield-zoned land in the Eurobodalla. Even using Mr Fernon's conservative estimates of existing greenfield-zoned land, we appear to have enough to meet housing demand until 2038, taking into account declining fertility and an ageing population.
My reading of the room of the Council Meeting on 27 October, indeed the Motion, was that the Council did not have anywhere near full set of facts to make an informed decision. Three Councillors, Colleen Turner, Anthony Mayne, and Sharon Winslade, articulated an understanding of the capacity of, and the pressure on the Planning Directorate in setting them an improbable task. They acknowledged the implications of a proposal of this nature to set a precedent for development outside of existing Strategies and planning controls. They noted the risks to the reputation of the Council and the Planning Directorate of making poorly informed decisions.

The Eurobodalla Shire Council and the whole community it serves deserve the full set of facts, based on true information and evidence, before it makes a decision on 207 Broulee Road that affects us all in some way. We look forward to genuine planning proposals that add value to the community, not just a few.
Cid Mateo
Bingie

New purpose-built support unit opens at Moruya High School



New Moruya High School Support Unit.

The NSW Government has opened a $7 million purpose-built support unit at Moruya High School, ensuring local students with additional needs have access to a world-class public education with new permanent, state-of-the-art facilities.

The project is part of the NSW Government's record $2.3 billion investment in new and upgraded schools in regional NSW and represents the most significant upgrade to learning support facilities in Moruya High School's history.

Students enrolled in the support unit now have access to modern, accessible, air-conditioned classrooms built specifically around their needs.

Construction of the new support unit began in late 2025, with seven permanent new classrooms replacing five ageing demountables. It also includes practical activities areas, breakout spaces, an accessible kitchen and laundry with a covered outdoor learning area (COLA).

A new dedicated access road with undercover drop-off zone will ensure a smooth daily school arrival for students and families.

Moruya High School is also one of the 33 schools across NSW to receive a share of a $100 million investment from the NSW Government as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) partner schools program.

Under the program, Moruya High School is receiving facility upgrades to accommodate increased enrolments, broaden educational opportunities and facilitate the delivery of tailored HPGE course offerings. The work includes upgrades to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) classrooms, Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) classrooms and music room, performance area and sound studio, along with a sports court upgrade.

Construction is also underway at another HPGE partner school in the Bega electorate, Batemans Bay High School, which include upgrades to the Food Technology and Vocational Education and Training (VET) kitchen, science laboratories, woodwork and metalwork rooms.

These upgrades will provide state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities to ensure local students have the tools to achieve their full potential.

Deputy Premier and NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning Prue Car said

"This brand-new state-of-the-art support unit is a major investment in the future of public education for families in Moruya and provides local students with the facilities they deserve.

"The Minns Labor Government is committed to delivering the vital school upgrades all students need to thrive, whether through modern support classrooms or specialist facilities to deliver high potential and gifted education opportunities."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "I am delighted to see construction completed on the $7 million fit-for-purpose support unit at Moruya High School. This project represents a major investment in our community and a vital upgrade to support students with disabilities and additional needs.

"Every student should have the same opportunity to reach their potential. This support unit will not only enhance learning but ensure that families in Moruya know their children are being given the best chance to thrive."

Moruya High School Principal Mark English said:

"I am very excited to open this wonderful purpose-built facility that will provide outstanding opportunities for our staff to meet the needs of our students in a support setting.

"Our students deserve to learn in an environment that truly reflects their value and potential. This new unit - alongside the expansion of our HPGE programs - will make an enormous difference to every student's experience at Moruya High School."

The investment is part of the Minns Labor Government's plan to rebuild public education, with the NSW Budget delivering $2.3 billion over four years for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW.



Cranbrook Road in the Bay gets heavy duty treatment



Fewer potholes, fewer repairs, and a road built to handle heavy traffic. That's the aim of a major rebuild of Cranbrook Road starting Monday 16 November.

The busy industrial road carries plenty of heavy vehicles and its current surface is showing the strain. Eurobodalla Council will rebuild the first 165 metres of road, between the Princes Highway and Sharon road before contractors lay a new asphalt surface.

Council's acting director of infrastructure Tom Franzen says the rebuild – with stronger base and asphalt top – will last longer and with less maintenance.

"To keep disruption to business and their customers to a minimum, most work will take place between 6pm and 3am during the week. Some weekend work may also be needed," Mr Franzen says.

"We expect the upgrade to take three to four weeks, with the road open under traffic control so businesses are still accessible. On-street parking at the site will not be available during the work. The work will be noisy at times and motorists should allow a little extra travel time."

Vietnam adventure beckons for Moruya grandma after $300,000 Keno win

A Moruya grandma was left shaking like a leaf and in dire need of a glass of water after she discovered her life-enhancing $306,000 Keno win.

The New South Wales resident scored the Keno Classic 9 Spot jackpot in Keno draw 531, drawn Sunday 8 November 2026. She pocketed a total prize of $306,284.50.

When an official from Keno spoke with the winning woman, the reality of her windfall was still sinking in.

"I still can't believe it!" she laughed.

"I was at the Bowls Club when one of the workers came over and told me that I'd won $306,000. I thought he was joking!

"When I realised he was being serious, I had to grab a glass of water to drink. I couldn't stop shaking.

"I'm just so happy. The staff there are fantastic and it was just a great time."

With more than $300,000 coming her way, the delighted grandma already had a few ideas for enjoying her prize.

"I've already thought about planning a trip to Vietnam next year," she said.

"I'll also help the kids out and do some things around the house."

Her winning Keno Classic entry was purchased from Moruya Bowling Club.

In FY26, Keno players across the eastern states of mainland Australia celebrated more than 77.6 million wins collectively worth more than $1.2 billion.

During this time, Keno crowned 24 millionaires and multi-millionaires who collectively took home more than $54.3 million. Twelve of these major winners were from New South Wales and the ACT, including a Winmalee man who won $4.7 million.

Players in New South Wales and the ACT enjoyed more than 39.3 million Keno wins totalling more than $607 million across the region in FY26.



Federal Disaster Ready Fund a boost for Beach Road at Batemans Bay





Aerial photo of the site (Eurobodalla Shire Council), Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has secured funding for planning works at Beach Road.

A $250,000 boost through Round Four of the Albanese Government's $1 billion Disaster Ready Fund will support the first step towards making Eurobodalla's busiest regional transport corridor more resilient to future disasters.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said the $500,000 Beach Road Climate Change Adaptation and Flood Resilience project would develop a coordinated, construction-ready design to improve resilience to flooding and coastal inundation along Beach Road (The Esplanade to Bavarde Avenue) at Batemans Bay.

"I'm proud to support planning for the upgrade of this section of Beach Road that is important for locals and regional transport, to ensure its resilience to natural hazards," Mrs Phillips said.

"Funding for the first stage will deliver detailed design, environmental approvals and implementation documentation, creating a construction-ready project suitable for future funding of significant resilience works."

Once planning is completed, Eurobodalla Shire Council will seek funding from the State and Federal Governments to complete the project which will integrate road raising, rock revetment wall upgrades and utility infrastructure.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said Beach Road was vital for connecting the Batemans Bay CBD with Batehaven and coastal communities to the south.

"It is one of our busiest roads and locals rely on it every day," Cr Hatcher said.

"Council is putting $250,000 into this project, matching the Australian Government's contribution dollar-for-dollar.

"We know this section is vulnerable to flooding and coastal impacts, and doing the detailed design now means we're not waiting for the next big weather event before working out what's going to be needed.

"The $500,000 project gets us to a construction-ready design, putting council in a much stronger position to go after the substantial government funding needed for construction. That's sensible long-term planning for a road the shire cannot do without."

Mrs Phillips said the safety of Australians before, during and after a disaster remains a priority with climate change making severe weather events more frequent and intense.

"By investing in mitigation and resilience works now, we can ensure our communities have peace of mind during disasters and are better protected into the future," she said.

More than 80 per cent of Australian local government areas have experienced a natural disaster since July 2022.

In just the last Higher Risk Weather Season, we saw 60 severe weather events impacting more than 190 local government areas with some communities impacted back-to-back.

To address these challenges, the Australian Government is investing up to $1 billion over five years to reduce risk and build resilience to natural disasters.



Mossy Point community takes Council to Court over controversial subdivision

Mossy Forest Matters Association Inc has commenced proceedings in the NSW Land and Environment Court challenging Eurobodalla Shire Council's approval of a 14-lot subdivision at Mossy Point.

The legal action challenges Council's decision to approve Development Application DA0134/26 for land at the corner of Annetts Parade and George Bass Drive, Mossy Point. The application was approved on 30 June 2026, with development consent issued on 10 July 2026.

The proposed subdivision will result in the removal of approximately 76 per cent of the site's native vegetation, including around 1.46 hectares of bushland providing important habitat for native wildlife, including the threatened Yellow-bellied Glider.

The Association's challenge is a judicial review of Council's decision. It asks the Court to examine whether Council acted lawfully and properly applied the planning legislation and environmental protections governing development in an Environmental Living (C4) zone.

At the heart of the challenge are important questions about whether the environmental attributes and established settlement pattern of Mossy Point were properly considered and protected in the approval process.

The Association is particularly concerned about the extent of vegetation removal, habitat fragmentation and whether adequate and enforceable arrangements were in place to ensure the long-term retention and management of vegetation identified as important to the site's environmental character.

More than one development application

The implications of this case extend well beyond the boundaries of the proposed subdivision.

Environmental Living zones are intended to accommodate residential development while retaining the environmental attributes and natural character of an area. They are not simply residential zones where environmental protection becomes secondary to development potential.

The Association believes this case raises fundamental questions about how these planning provisions are interpreted and applied, and whether the environmental protections they are intended to provide are being upheld.

If the environmental values and established character of Environmental Living areas can be substantially compromised through development approvals, the purpose of these planning controls is placed at risk.

A community determined to protect Mossy Point

The proposed subdivision attracted 55 objections from local residents, and a Petition with 120 signatures tabled on 7 July reflecting widespread community concern about the loss of native vegetation, wildlife habitat and the natural character of this important gateway to Mossy Point.

Despite these concerns, Council proceeded with approval. The Association has now taken the significant step of seeking judicial scrutiny of that decision.

A spokesperson for Mossy Forest Matters Association Inc said: "We are not opposed to appropriate development. We are asking that development be lawful, properly assessed and consistent with the planning provisions designed to protect the environmental qualities that make Mossy Point such a special place.

This case is about more than one subdivision. It is about whether the environmental protections and planning controls intended to safeguard places like Mossy Point actually mean something when development applications are determined.

Our community has worked hard to make its concerns heard. We believe there are important questions about whether Council properly applied its planning obligations, and we are seeking an independent determination by the Court.

We owe it to our community and to future generations to ensure that these protections are upheld."

The Association acknowledges the considerable community support and financial commitment required to pursue legal proceedings. It remains committed to protecting the environmental values of Mossy Point and ensuring that planning decisions are lawful, transparent and consistent with their stated environmental objectives.





Busy South Coast Itinerary for Local Government Minister



Local Government Minister Ron Hoenig and Dr MIchael Holland MP talk to Fresh Start Apprentices at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens.

Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig toured the south coast last week visiting various sites from Bega to Batemans Bay.
Last Wednesday Minister Hoenig joined Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland, Eurobodalla Shire Councillors and representatives from Eurobodalla Shire Council at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens in Batemans Bay.
The Minister met with Fresh Start apprentices to hear about the benefits of the NSW Government's Fresh Start Program in strengthening Council's workforce and supporting local service delivery.
The Minister toured the Botanic Gardens and nursery, led by Fresh Start Nursery Apprentice Anna Kearey.
Minister Hoenig also visited Moruya Surf Life Saving Club to see plans for better access for people with disability and upgrades to the women's toilets and showers, the Narooma Mountain Bike track and met with the Mayor, General Manager and Councillors in Moruya.
On to the NSW SES Moruya Unit to see the new specialist flood-rescue vehicle will help volunteers reach stranded residents, deliver essential supplies and carry out rescues.
Minister Hoenig said "It's a $1 million investment by the NSW Government in the equipment our volunteers need. The Moruya team responded to more than 180 incidents over the past year. Behind each callout are people giving their time to help someone else.
It was a pleasure to thank them on behalf of the NSW Government. To everyone at Moruya SES, thank you for being there when your community needs you."
When you're facing cancer, it helps to have someone to talk to and a place to ask questions.
That's help provide.
Dr Holland and the Minister joined Anne Cormick and the Cancer Friendship and Information Group Eurobodalla at Moruya Golf Club to hear about their work supporting others and their concerns about travelling long distances for treatment.
The Southern NSW Local Health District updated the group on the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health facility.
At Moruya Golf Club, Dr Holland and the Minister heard from representatives of Moruya, Narooma, Tathra Beach and Batemans Bay Catalina Country Golf Clubs about their Crown land concerns and the costs of keeping their clubs running.

Minister Hoenig said "More NSW Ambulance paramedics are coming to Moruya, but the station is already short of space. I joined Dr Holland, to hear directly from local paramedics and the HSU NSW about what needs to improve."

At Cobargo the minister and Dr Holland to thank Animal Welfare League NSW's Far South Coast branch with a $42,660 grant to help support that work. Rob and Cindy Jory put their own superannuation into rescuing and rehoming animals, and caring for pets whose owners are escaping domestic violence, in hospital or facing homelessness. They do it with help from just a handful of volunteers.
The Minister also joined Dr Holland and Minister Kristy McBain MP in Bega for the launch of the Directions Health Services' new Rural Outreach Bus will bring health information and support closer to people in rural communities, helping them connect with the services they need.

NSW Government announcement will rob communities of infrastructure and worsen housing crisis

Local Government NSW - The NSW Government's announcement on Friday to permanently defer developer contributions for community infrastructure, and potentially redirect billions of dollars already paid to councils, threatens to worsen Sydney's housing crisis.
The election commitment would delay payments from developers for essential infrastructure and potentially redirect contributions already paid to councils, placing further pressure on communities in Western Sydney and regional NSW and delaying desperately needed housing.
Under the proposed permanent change, developers would pay infrastructure contributions when construction is completed, rather than before it commences. This would delay investment in the roads, footpaths, sports fields and drainage needed to support new homes.
The Government is also threatening to take billions of dollars in developer contributions already paid to councils. Such an unprecedented move could face legal challenges.
Councils and communities were not consulted about these proposals before today's announcement.
The Government is offering no additional capital to help councils build the enabling infrastructure needed to make new housing feasible.
This announcement flies in the face of constructive proposals from councils for interest-free loans to be made available by the Government to fund essential infrastructure and bring forward housing supply by supplementing existing contributions and unlocking new homes in a fairer and more sustainable way.

Communities would bear the cost

Mayor Darcy Byrne, President of Local Government NSW, said the ill-thought-out election policy would take vital funding away from communities already facing major infrastructure shortages.
"This policy will give a handout to developers while worsening the housing supply crisis and short-changing communities in the suburbs and the bush," Mayor Byrne said.
"The Government knows communities in Western Sydney and regional NSW, and their local councils, need capital investment to deliver the infrastructure that makes more homes possible.
"The Premier has repeatedly acknowledged the shortage of community infrastructure on Sydney's western fringe. Yet the Government is proposing to let developers delay their responsibility to fund the basics needed to deliver more homes.
"Western Sydney communities have borne the brunt of Sydney's development for decades without receiving their fair share of the infrastructure and facilities residents depend on.
"This policy would leave councils and communities with even less investment in the roads, parks, pools and playgrounds that make communities liveable.
"This is a gift to developers at the expense of communities that have already paid the price for Sydney's poorly planned growth."

Financing and collection risks

Developer contributions fund essential roads, drainage, parks, footpaths and community facilities in growing suburbs and regional towns.
Deferring these payments would shift financing costs and collection risks from developers to councils and local ratepayers.
During previous deferral arrangements such as during Covid, councils experienced difficulties recovering unpaid contributions, adding administrative costs and the risk of costly legal proceedings.

A practical alternative: build infrastructure first

Mayor Byrne said the Government should instead adopt LGNSW's $5 billion interest-free loan proposal to bring forward infrastructure and unlock housing supply.
"Councils have put forward a practical plan to build infrastructure first and recover the costs as development proceeds.
"Instead of helping councils deliver more homes, the Government wants to delay the contributions that pay for that infrastructure.
"If the Government is serious about solving the housing crisis, it should help councils build infrastructure, not take away their funding."

The scale of the infrastructure challenge

- Blacktown: In 2024, Blacktown City Council reported $631 million in unfunded capital costs for community infrastructure. At 30 June 2025, it held $213 million in developer contributions, despite substantial infrastructure expenditure.
- Penrith: The St Marys precinct alone requires an estimated $235 million in local infrastructure to support forecast population and employment growth. This includes:
  - $108.5 million for roads and transport
  - $23.77 million for stormwater
  - $29.35 million for open space and recreation.
- Camden: At 30 June 2025, Camden Council held $175 million in infrastructure contributions earmarked to support development and population growth.

Backing The Bush: Rural and Regional NSW must be a focus of NSW State Election

Local Government NSW is calling on all candidates to put rural and regional issues at the centre of their campaigns ahead of the March 2027 State election, warning that communities outside our metropolitan areas are being left behind on essential services like healthcare and water security.
The peak body for councils across the state says no party contesting the election has so far adequately prioritised policy solutions to the critical issues facing rural and regional communities.
Mayor Darcy Byrne, President of LGNSW, said regional communities could not be treated as an afterthought.
"Whether it's a town without safe maternity services or a council struggling to keep ageing water infrastructure running, the message from regional NSW is the same: your postcode should not determine the services you can access," Mayor Byrne said.
"Life expectancy for people living in the bush is about three years less than in the city. That's simply unacceptable.
"These regional, rural and remote councils are working hard to build great communities, but too often they need to step in to fill the void, often at the expense of core infrastructure and community services."
LGNSW's Caring for our Regions six-point action plan on rural and regional healthcare calls for a $440 million Regional Health Workforce Investment Package, $150 million for patient transport services and a $20 million program to reimburse councils for filling health service gaps.

U3A SATURDAY TALK: Margaret Turner: Mum's Story

U3A Batemans Bay invites interested members of the community to join us at our next Saturday Talk when our President, Margaret Turner OAM will be speaking about her mother – Veronica Clancy, who was a nursing sister during World War II and a survivor of three and a half years as a prisoner of the Japanese Imperial Army in the Far East.

Veronica was on the ill-fated ship – the Vyner Brooke which was one of the last ships to sail from Singapore Harbour as Singapore was invaded by the Japanese. In the days following the sinking, the Japanese soldiers were responsible for the on Banka Island massacre of hundreds of soldiers, sailors, nurses as well as civilians. Of the 65 nurses who were taken prisoner in February 1942, there were only 24 who survived to return to Australia following their release in September 1945. Margaret will speak about their days in captivity, what made it bearable as well as describing some of the issues the women faced during this time.

Margaret will also briefly speak about her mother's life post war. Margaret and her brother Don joined a small group of family members of those nurses who returned to Muntok on Banka Island, Indonesia in February 2020. She will speak about this trip and what it was like meeting other family members and visiting the sites of their mother's captivity. Margaret remembers Vivian Bullwinkle saying after a visit in 1993, that it was still a difficult place to get to, but they did it in a lot more style than in 1942.

Talk Details:

Location: The Golfers Lounge, Moruya Golf Club

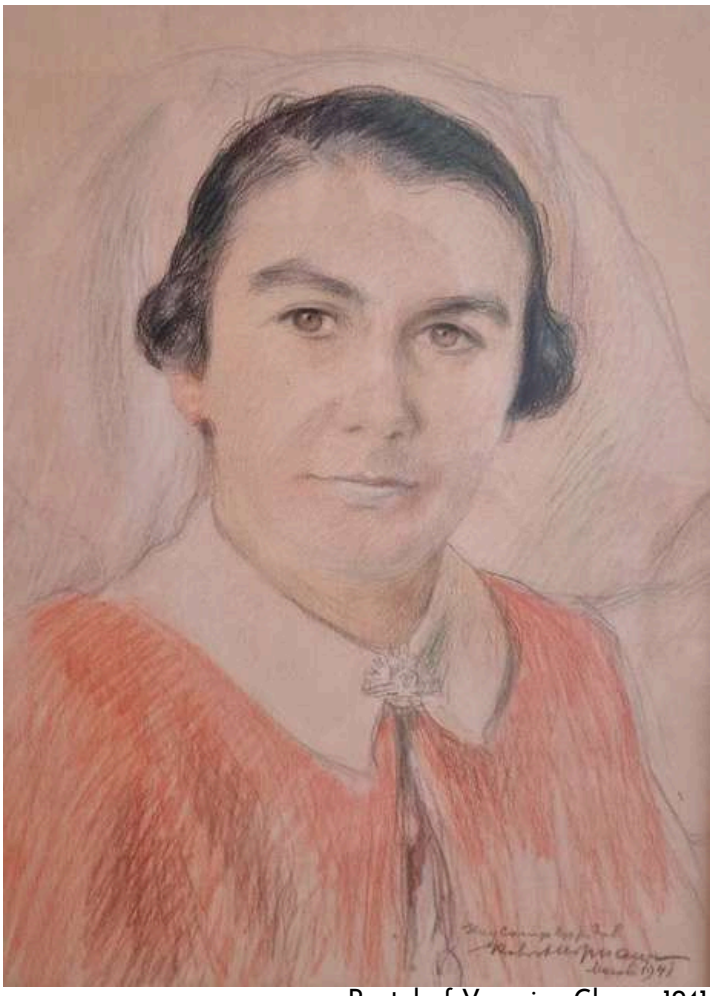
Date: Saturday 14 November

Time: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Guest enrolment

Please let Lyn Farrant know at lfarrant50@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

The Moruya Golf Club restaurant will be open for lunch following the talk. Bookings are advised.



Pastel of Veronica Clancy 1941



100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

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A motorist was fined £1 in Sydney last week for taking water from a horse trough to fill his radiator.

Late frosts have done serious damage to fruit and vegetables in this district. On Saturday morning last the potato crops at Yarragee were cut to the ground.

Messrs. Berriman Bros. have this season grown beautiful crops of oaten and wheaten hay on their farm at Congo. They expect the yield to be 70 tons from the 30 acres under cultivation.

Mr. A. T. Morgan, the new host of the Criterion Hotel has installed an up-to-date electric lighting plant. Two bulbs have been placed at each end of the gable roof, giving the whole of the premises an attractive appearance at night.

Mr. Austin MacKay, the well-known architect, was in Moruya during the week in conjunction with the plans for the proposed new Convent.

Mr. W. H. Corkhill has resigned the position of secretary of Tilba Tilba Progress Association, after 43 years' continuous occupancy of the office. Mr. Corkhill's resignation was due to the fact that his eyesight is failing.

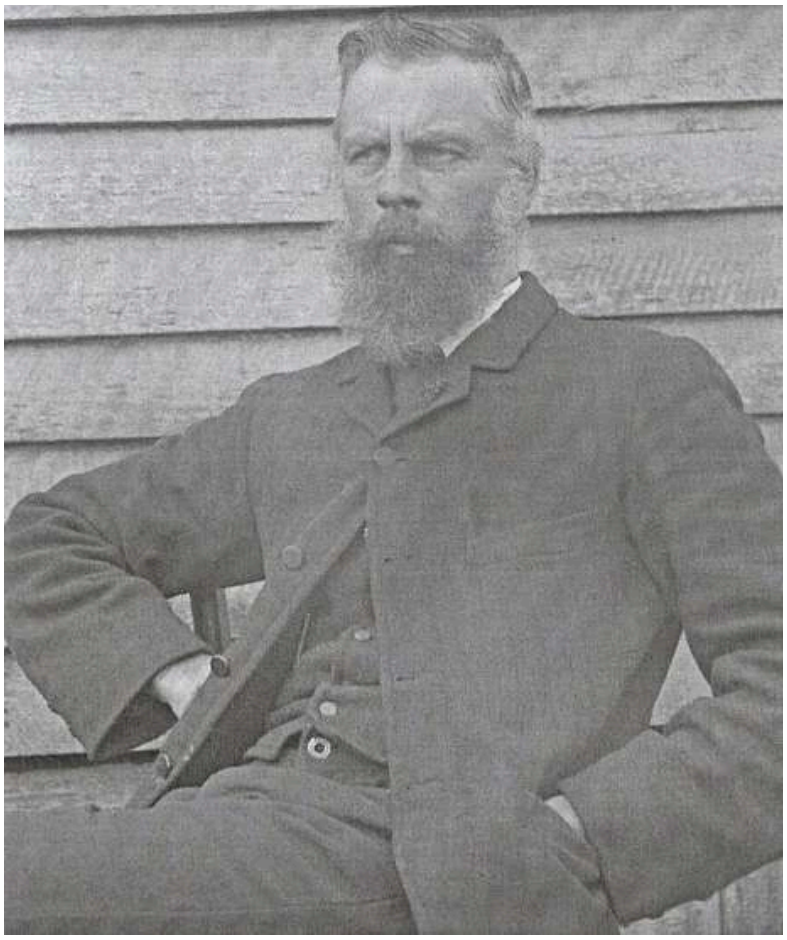
In a Sydney hospital lies a girl near death from peritonitis caused through **excessive dancing of the Charleston.** At the same time a well-known Sydney medical man declares that he has performed ten different operations within a few weeks on girls suffering from acute appendicitis, due to the same cause.

Last week two lorry loads of pupil from Bodalla school, in the charge of their teachers, visited Coila beach to view the whale stranded there.

In Narooma there have been visible signs of the commencement of the Tourist Season during the past week. There is every indication of a most colorful season, as with the gaily colored "pullovers," and fancy checked "plus fours" that are in evidence it would appear that it is the intention of mere man to give the ladies a run this year, and the fair sex will have to make a bold bid for something extra special in the way of mousselines, crepe-de-shines, and jazz garters to maintain pride of place.

Mr. Harold Graham, manager of Malabar Co-operative Store at Granitetown, was married at the Methodist Church, Central Tilba, last week, to Miss Eunice Graham. Prior to their marriage they were tendered a complimentary social, and bride-elect was presented with a silver fruit tray and silver flower vase.

Amusu Theatre. Buster Keaton in The Seven Chances, a riot of laughter, giggles, chuckles and roars, whirled up in a tornado of joy. Also, Conway Tearle and Claire Windsor, and all star cast in Just a Woman, a drama that dares to tell every woman what is deepest in her heart.



William Henry Corkhill



Charleston Steps

Sod turned on Mogo Public School's new hall



Education Minister Jason Clare came to Mogo Public School to turn the first sod on the new hall with Fiona Phillips MP and students.

On Tuesday Education Minister Jason Clare came to Mogo Public School to turn the first sod on the new hall with Fiona Phillips MP.

In 2024, Mogo Public School was allocated $1,700,000 under the Schools Upgrade Fund Round 2 for construction of a cultural learning and gathering space (school hall). This has been increased to $2,020,000.

The project experienced delay in commencement due to development application approval.

Transport for NSW also had to complete road and footpath works at the front of the school before building works could commence.

Mogo Public school is an inner regional primary school, catering for 27 students from K to Yr 6.

The new school hall will be an anchor point for the whole Mogo community to have a space to bring all areas of the community together to incorporate Aboriginal education across surrounding schools.



Mogo Public Schol's goal is to use the space to deliver ceremonies, and cultural programs including Dhurga language, Choir, and traditional dancing. Construction is due to be completed by March 2027.



Repurposing for Resilience 2027 Workshops

Toolbox Talks — Kicking off February 2027!

You spoke, we listened! From February 2027, RfR is moving to monthly Toolbox Talks: relaxed, informal two-hour sessions at the RfR Centre on a Saturday where local tradesfolk will generously donate their time and expertise to share skills, tips and tricks with the community. Watch demonstrations, join the chat and ask questions along the way.

Explore a wide range of trades—from knife sharpening, solar and off-grid systems, plumbing and carpentry to stained glass, painting, mechanics and more. Sessions cost $10, with all proceeds helping fund the services RfR provides to the community. Toolbox Talks are open to RfR members. Not a member yet? You can purchase lifetime membership for just $10. Espresso coffee and morning tea items available.
Topics and dates will be locked and loaded shortly, with bookings available through the website – Registration is essential.

Do you have a trade or skill you'd like to share? We'd love to hear from you – please get in touch.
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Disability Inclusion Matters in the Eurobodalla

Free interactive workshops and payment for sharing your experience for people with physical disabilities.

Last month, the Physical Disability Council of NSW (PDCN) enjoyed participating in the Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo's 10th Anniversary. The Expo was founded and organised by local disability advocate Brad Rossiter OAM, who is also a long-term PDCN member.
The Physical Disability Council of NSW is returning to Batemans Bay in November to run two engaging days of free events for people with physical disabilities, their parents and informal carers, as well as an opportunity to be paid for contributing their experiences of life with disability in the PDCN Community Consultation.
PDCN is the peak body representing, empowering and lobbying for the physical disability community in NSW and beyond. They know the many challenges and obstacles faced by people with disabilities and their families, and that these are even greater for people living in regional, rural and remote areas.
To help build opportunities and remove barriers faced by people with disability living in regional and remote Australia, PDCN CEO, Ed Morris said, "We are committed to travelling across NSW, including regional and remote areas, to engage and empower the physical disability community across the state".
Recent important wins PDCN has achieved for the disability community include:
·securing $30 million in funding from the NSW Government to improve the availability and quality of wheelchair accessible taxis;
·a commitment from the State to ensure all new public and social housing is accessible though Liveable Housing Design Standards;
·leading the process with NSW Health to develop the first ever NSW Disability Health Strategy with PDCN co-chairing the NSW Disability Health Strategy Steering Committee.
These are in addition to helping people across the state daily to overcome personal issues and achieve their goals through workshops, peer groups and individual mentoring.
On Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 November, the PDCN team will run free interactive workshops for people with disabilities, their parents and informal carers. Workshops include learning how to speak up for yourself, understanding how Post-Traumatic Growth can improve your life, and self-care for people with physical disabilities as well as for parents and carers of children with all disabilities.
Attendees will be able to enjoy "meet and mingle" lunches, morning and afternoon teas, and meet one-on-one with PDCN's Lived Experience Mentors to discuss pursuing a goal or overcoming a challenge.
People with physical disabilities and their parents and carers will also be paid to share their expertise and experiences of living with disability on the South Coast during the community consultation session. Payment will be $100 for a one and half hour consultation.
Your voices from our Eurobodalla disability community shared during the networking and consultation sessions will raise important matters that PDCN will then discuss with local, state and federal government and will directly influence the issues PDCN represents in their systemic advocacy work to make positive change for people with disabilities.
Come to share your stories, amplify your voices, meet and mingle with the disability community, and leave feeling empowered.
To register go to: https://www.pdcnsw.org.au/batemans-bay-events or call 1800 688 831



Catalina Club wins Gold at the 2026 NSW Tourism Awards



From left- Matt Moran, Courtney Roulston, 1920 Head Chef Atick Elahi, Nathan Hindmarsh and Catalina Club General Manager Guy Chapman at the 2026 Perfect Plate Awards



Chef Atick Elahi prepares fresh, seasonal pizzas at 1920.

1920 at Catalina Club has taken home the ultimate win for its team at the 2026 NSW Tourism Awards in Sydney, after being awarded Gold in the Tourism Restaurants and Catering Services category.

The 2026 NSW Tourism Awards were held at the ICC in Sydney on Monday 9 November, with hundreds of New South Wales entrepreneurs, innovators, and managers in tourism and state government representatives meeting to honour and celebrate the best of the tourism industry.

Catalina Club was awarded Gold for its inclusive dining and hospitality experience, which is anchored in local history, provenance and nostalgia, and named in honour of the Club's earliest days.

Catalina Club's General Manager Guy Chapman said the award win is an important milestone for the Club and community.

"I am extremely proud of the planning, determination and continuous dedication of our team here at Catalina Club. We are a growing team, but we are centred with one purpose, and that is to deliver leading service and bring people together.

"Our gold win at the NSW Tourism Awards is testament to the work of our Head Chef, Atick Elahi, who leads a large team at 1920 to deliver elegant, fresh and honest flavours in every dish, alongside friendly, welcoming and generous service.

"Our bar and café team, led by our Duty Managers and Food and Beverage Manager, Ashesh Pandey, have delivered major improvements to the quality, creativity and accessibility of bar service over the past 12 months, focusing on place, history, local stories and native landscapes to devise new cocktails, make new local partnerships and diversify our offerings."

In 2025, Catalina Club's restaurant was given a new identity, '1920' to honour the longevity of the Club in the local community, celebrate the people who have established the Club and share local recipes, ingredients and produce with local people and visitors.

Each season, new stories shape the food and beverage menus of 1920, interweaving regional provenance from suppliers into a diverse, accessible range of dishes, and drawing inspiration from international cuisine to deliver a holistic, honest neighbourhood dining experience. Head Chef Atick partners with local suppliers including the multi-generational Oyster Shed on Wray Street, and award-winning local butcher Bayside Meats & Deli to shape new seasonal dishes that celebrate our place in the world.

Other winners on the south coast were:

- Willinga Park at Bawley Point was named Gold Winner in Business Event Venues.
- Tathra Beach Eco Camp won Gold in Caravan & Holiday Parks!
- Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council, won Gold in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism Experience.
- Jervis Bay Brewing Co, Huskisson took the Gold in Tourism Distilleries & Breweries.

Winners will now go on to represent NSW at the Australian Tourism Awards in February.

Free textile collection week
Monday 9 to Sunday 15 November
Brou Waste Facility



Help divert textiles from landfill and clean out your wardrobe at the same time!

What we will accept
Items must be clean and dry.
- sheets and pillowcases
- doona covers
- towels
- face cloths
- tea towels
- tablecloths
- shoes
- underwear
- clothes

We won't accept
- wool and acrylic items
- waterproof mattress protectors
- plastic coated aprons and tablecloths
- pillows and doonas
- unwashed items
- furniture
- offcuts
- soft toys
- electric blankets

Collection information
Brou Waste Facility
311 George Bass Drive
Mon–Fri 7am–4.45pm
Sat–Sun 8am–3.45pm
Moruya and Surf Beach waste facilities
See Council's website for opening days and times.

What happens to collected textiles?
All materials collected will be sorted and processed by RRR Australia. Where possible items will be reused. Certain fabrics will be re-purposed into cleaning cloths, rugs and floor mats. Residual material will be re-spun into fibre.

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Tuross Head News

There would hardly be a golfer who does not remember Nellie Brawn particularly when she at first volunteered down in what is now 'The Old Golfie' or as Nellie terms it the 'Bottom Club', which is now used by the Men's Shed. After the Amalgamation she was employed and endeared herself to everyone she served. Nellie remembers some names of the original 'Sunshine Club' that met regularly at the 'Bottom Club' some include: Peter Wilson, Kevin Garn, there was Brian and Adrian. (still thinking of surnames). Eric Crawford was also a regular but not a member of the Sunshine Club. Christine Taylor who did a lot of work and made caricatures of people out of golf balls that were presented to them at functions, Ruth Walsh and Barbara helped with entertainment.Nellie played golf but said she was not very serious about it, just enjoyed being with friends.
Dave Fulcher was the Golf Champion. Russell Taylor and Richard Kelly are also remembered.
Nellie loaned me a photo taken down in the Bottom Club, which includes Phil St Leon (Coco the Clown), Nellie Brawn, Wally Lowder, Harry Watkins and Kevin Gahn.
Nellies parents, the Gschwends are well known in Tuross Head, her mother an artist with many works still proudly hung in many homes and businesses and the males of her family all bricklayers who have laid the bricks for a lot of homes in town. Rudy laid the bricks for the 'Top Club'.
Nellie shared stories of some 'shenanigans' that people got up to including one about someone who made a surprise attack on friends with water balloons. I am sure there are many more. If you can help with supplying names and stories, I would love to hear them. I thank Nellie and her daughter Barbara for their help with not only their story but contacts to other residents.

CALLING TUROSS SINGERS: ESTIA Dalmeny are bringing some residents to Club Tuross on Wednesday 18th November for a lunch and then for our singing group to entertain them. The following Wednesday 25th IRT Moruya and Dalmeny are bringing some of their residents and we would like more singers to help swell our numbers. Please let us know if you would like to join us.

TUROSS HEAD MARKETS. Numbers were down last Sunday for the Markets at Club Tuross because of the Saturday's dynamic weather. They will return next month with lots of items for purchase, especially for Christmas.

TUROSS ALMANAC: I am gathering stories of how the town was when residents first arrived and organising it in year order. While the list of years is growing there is still many missing. It is okay to have more than one story for the same year. Can you fill in any missing years? I have: 1961,1968,1972,1973,1977,1980,1982,1985,1988,1993,1996,1997,1999,2002,2004,2013.

MARLISE WOODFORD arrived in town in 1996 with her husband and three children. Marlise said that the town was fairly self sufficient then. No school. Alex, Jaimey and Samantha attended Bodalla school. Marlise and husband Woodie bought the Oyster Farm from Harry Watkins on 'Fred's Island'. Her family liked to surf and in 2000 with other residents they started the 'BOARD RIDERS CLUB'. It apparently ran for about 10 years and had over 115 members. They ran comps every month and held the 'NATURE COAST HIGH SCHOOL CHALLENGE' for 5 years. Ian Hockey instigated the "LONG BOARD' competition.Mostly seniors joined that and Ian was a great supporter. It ran for 6 years. They always had a BBQ but were strict with no alcohol at events. Apparently, the Yearly Presentation nights received over whelming support from companies like: ROXY-Girls Club. A world champ, Pam Burridge came down with her family to surf with the girls.
Through a member Peter Lockie, an employee with the Eurobodalla Council the Club's youth stencilled 'THE DRAIN IS FOR RAIN' on the foot paths. Marlise has supplied a photo of Alex Facchin, Jordan and Lachlan Sands in action.
The original committee of the Board Riders Club were First President: Peter Carey. (Carpet Layer); Greg Woodford (Woodie): Secretary; Brian Jelfs (recently deceased): Treasurer and Equipment Officer and Mick Challice; Competition Officer.
The Club was very active with 'learn to swim' days. Four boards were donated by Soft Board Co. to the club for training – mostly girls. Boards were loaned – no fees.
John Gamble (Butcher) supplied the sausages for the BBQs. They had to carry everything down onto the sand. Then local residents Garth and Denise Jones who lived in a corner house and loved to watch the activities and even put up with the 'hooter' going off at 7am donated money – anonymously for a permanent BBQ to be built. The members of the Club built it – some names: George Wheatley – (Son of Dasher Wheatley V.C.); Steve Kennedy, Neil Alexander, Troy Kingdom (builder). It is situated at One Tree Point, was originally gas and coin operated, then council took it over and it is now electric and has a shelter over it.
Marlise remembers Myra and Lindsay Stewart who moved over from Perth. Myra was in the garden Club and Lindsay was a sculptor. Pat Dean ran the Bingo on a Friday afternoon for Community Aid.
Hallmark Real Estate ran competitions for the nicest garden in Tuross via the Garden Club. Mr Motbey (Fencer) won Most Beautiful Lawn Competition a couple of years. Ian Wong was also among the winners. There was a bottle shop and TAB on the corner of Trafalgar and Craddock Rd,' PLOYS', run by Barbara and Gunter Ploy. The shop changed hands many times including an Ice Creamery, Thai restaurant and a Pasta Place run by Di and Mick.
The only negative was no access for boats to the ocean.
Thank you Marlise for the insight into a very vibrant time.
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A Beer with Bazz # 257

With John Longhurst

The seven-day growth was hardly designer stubble, the extra-dark Jackie Onassis glasses lacked rockstar status, and the upturned collar was more Inspector Clouseau than some detective in a 1940s film noir, but Mick's entrance to the front bar was decidedly surreptitious.

Mick reached for the full schooner on the bar table as Bazza looked up.

"Hang on, mate! ... That schooner is for another bloke."

Mick worked the corner of his mouth for a half-whisper.

"It's me, Bazza. You need to get your eyes checked. I tell you what ... the people running the show get away with too much because people such as your good self are not paying attention. You have not fronted here for the past couple of weeks ... so how would you possibly know what is going on?"

Bazza took a generous sip and leaned back to focus.

"Thanks for the welcome back, Mick. Well, there is a fair bit to talk about. We could go with Sandpapergate, interest rate rises with Bullockatagate, perhaps something local with Brouleegate, or my preference is just Trump and we do not even need to add the suffix 'gate' ... so let's chat about the midterms in the good ole USA."

There was the odd callout from other patrons in the front bar: "Is that you, Mick? How goes the Donald?" had Mick shifting uncomfortably, and he raised his collar further.

"Bazza ... I have had a tough week and got a bump on the head last Tuesday. I am suffering a bit of memory loss, so we need to choose something a bit more recent ... like the last few days ... even the footy ... maaate."

Bazza beamed.

"No worries, Mick. I can bring you up to speed. I reckon the USA Mid-term Election thumping is evidence we have truly passed the high-water mark of Trumpism. War, destruction and death are the legacy. Bigotry, bravado, misogyny, sexism, corruption, nepotism and racism are the calling cards. I won't even mention the economic vandalism."

Bazza rubbed his chin and looked skywards.

"I reckon in years to come we will just add the suffix 'trump' to anything with a whiff of scandal or corruption ... so 'Watergate' would become 'Watertrump' and so on ... do you get it?"

Bazza leaned back and grinned.

"In fact, I nominate 'trump' as a new word. How about 'it smells like a trump', 'it looks like a trump' and 'don't be a trumpwit or a trumphead'. It won't be too long before the saying 'you can all go and get trumped' or 'trump off' is a common insult and we can even go with 'I have had a trump of a day'. Or perhaps express a bit of outrage with 'trump me dead!' or if you cut yourself ... 'trump!!! that hurt!'. It almost suits that this new four-letter word has five letters ... it is a supercharged slur."

Mick's look was furtive and he lowered his voice.

"I was never a big supporter of Trump, Bazza. It was more a repellent fascination. A bit like observing a funnel web up close, if you like."

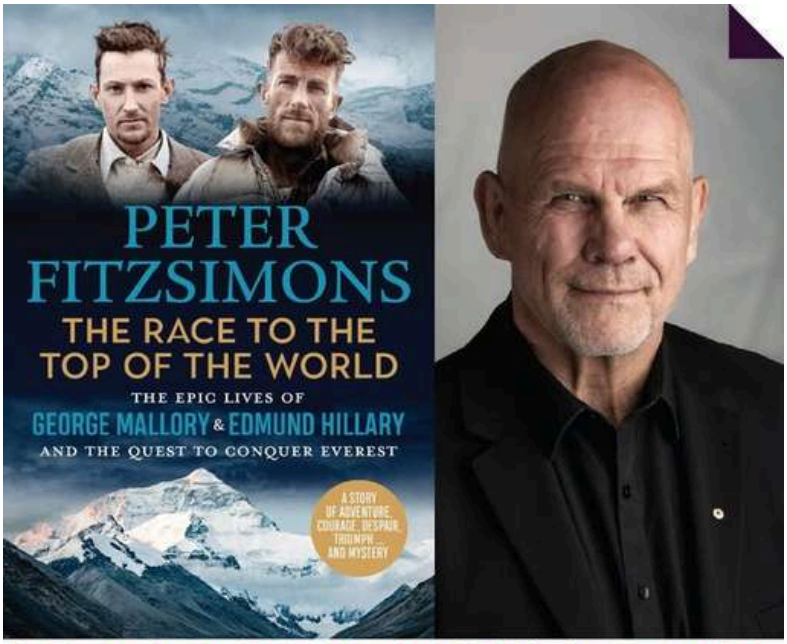
Bazza rubbed his chin.

"You mean a bit like an infection or a disease. Kind of like Covid? Or we could call it Trumpid. You know ... had the world on edge for a few years but we kind of pulled through. Anyhow, all this MAGA has really left the USA ... well, trumped ... and I think they will be trumped for years to come."

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







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BUCKWHEAT – THE VERSATILE PSEUDOCEREAL

There is something undeniably satisfying about stepping out of our culinary comfort zones, which perhaps explains the recent resurgence in cooking new and adventurous foods. With this in mind, I thought this week I would write about a food which is not all that well known, however is rich in minerals and is often used instead of grains such as wheat, barley, oats and rice.

This food is buckwheat. Buckwheat is what is often known as a pseudocereal which means it can be eaten as you would a cereal grain. However, unlike grains such as wheat, barley and oats which grow as a grass, buckwheat is actually derived from the seeds of a plant which is distantly related to rhubarb. There are two other pseudocereals which many may be familiar with, they are quinoa and amaranth.

Because of its name, buckwheat is often believed to be related to wheat however there is no connection at all. In fact, this seed is extremely versatile as unlike wheat it is gluten free which is a bonus for those suffering from a gluten and wheat intolerances.

Also, unlike many common cereal grains, buckwheat is quite rich in minerals, particularly Iron, Magnesium, Copper, Phosphorus and Manganese. Even better, when buckwheat is cooked these minerals are more readily absorbed because buckwheat is low in phytic acid which can often reduce mineral absorption.

When it comes to cooking, buckwheat can be used in many ways. When it is first harvested the seed which is often known as a groat, is protected by a hard outer shell. When purchased, this outer shell has usually been removed to enable easy cooking. Buckwheat groats can be purchased in its raw form which is quite mild in flavour. You can also purchase the buckwheat groats roasted which gives them more of a nuttier flavour. They are also sometime processed into flakes similar to cornflakes, to be eaten as a cereal.

You can also buy buckwheat flour which can be stronger in flavour as the flour is ground from the buckwheat hulls. Buckwheat flour is very popular for making pancakes and is also often used in pasta. One buckwheat noodle some may be familiar with is the soba noodle.

So, give buckwheat a try in your kitchen this week, and discover just how easy it is to make this wholesome pseudocereal a delicious part of your daily routine.

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

Yours in health,
Sofia Keady
Nutritionist- Go Vita Batemans Bay



Let's do coffee with ... Trevor Hyde



At the tender age of 65, Rosedale resident and respected artist Trevor Hyde (TH) found out he was adopted ... and even then, it was by accident. His younger sister (who was also adopted) overheard a conversation. Trevor rang another family member for confirmation: "I was there when you were adopted at age three months". Confronting identity at 65 years of age ... Trevor lost the plot!

It was an interesting way to start our chat when the Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Trevor for a coffee last week.

MM: Let's go back ... Since you were born, Australia has held the Bledisloe Cup in rugby for eleven of those years. A great statistic for us if you were born, say ... this century, but kind of sad for Australian rugby fans, given you were born in ...

TH: (Laughs ...) 1948 in Auckland. Dad was a carpenter/builder and Mum pretty much stayed at home. As you mentioned in your introduction and in hindsight, I had a feeling I did not quite 'fit' from a young age. I always seemed to be walking in front of or behind my parents rather than with them.

Anyhow, we lived on a dairy farm before moving closer to the beach when I was three years old. Fishing, sailing and later on surfing were interests. §Now ...my grandfather stayed with us for some time. He did drawings of English cottages, so I began drawing with him at the age of five.

I commenced my education at Browns Bay School in 1953. While I enjoyed history and mathematics, I was lucky enough to be taught by some inspirational art teachers in primary and high school. This interest extended to throwing pots on weekends. My neighbour was also a commercial artist, so choosing art as a vocation was not a totally alien concept.

Although my Dad was clearly damaged by his experiences in North Africa during WWII, he was supportive of my art. In fact, he was never able to pursue his wish of owning a hardware shop and wanted me to have a choice of career.

At 15 years of age, I left Rangitoto College and headed to Cox Art School in downtown Auckland for the next 18 months, supporting myself with odd jobs and completing extra courses in drawing.

I joined Colorgraphic Print as a junior artist at 16 years of age before securing the position of Senior Art Director at Kirk Advertising Ltd when I was 21 years old, designing concepts for advertisements.

It was now the late sixties, and the place to be and to be seen was 'Bo Peeps Nightclub' in Central Auckland, which was part of the city's rock 'n' roll scene, with live bands. Here I met my wife, Heather.

We married in 1970, and our son Dwayne was born in 1971.

Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and New Zealand Prime Minister Norman Kirk announced arrangements for passport-free travel between the two countries for eligible citizens in early 1973, and I took up a job offer as a graphic artist.

Of course, the seventies in Australia were pretty heady times in the creative world, and I took up various positions in my field before setting up Silver Bullet Design with an old colleague in about 1979.

As fate would have it, our very first client was 'Midnight Oil', and we worked on their second studio album cover, 'Head Injuries', where 'the Hand' became an enduring visual symbol for the band.

With the Australian film industry going through its golden era, we were able to secure promotional work on films, including Australian film posters such as 'BMX Bandits', which starred a young Nicole Kidman.

By the early 1980s, we were ensconced in Neutral Bay, and my wife, Heather, joined our team and brought some much-needed fresh energy.

We secured new clients such as the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (OTC) and the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to design and print their annual reports. Exhibitions such as those at the Powerhouse Museum were another source of work.

The work also included the design of a number of Australia's iconic logos, including Bonds, Oz Lotto, Man and His Van and the National Film and Sound Archive.

By the late eighties and early nineties, the industry was changing dramatically with the advent of computers.

Before computers, the graphic artist sketched the layout, typesetting was used to produce the wording, photographs were prepared separately, artwork was physically assembled, corrections were made by replacing sections, and the finished artwork was sent to the printer for photographic reproduction and plate preparation. Obviously, the work was creatively rewarding but very labour-intensive.

With computers, the designer could open a desktop publishing program, type and format the advertisement, import photographs and logos, adjust the layout on screen, make corrections immediately and supply digital artwork to the printer. The mind boggles at what artificial intelligence (AI) has now done to the industry!

I am very much old-school, or, I guess ... a 'pen-and-paper man', so by the mid-1990s, I was a 'gun for hire', which took me to the Gold Coast.

I took up work on rebranding and promoting a boat-building company that went on to considerable success nationally and internationally. It was fun work in a highly competitive market.

MM: From the glitz of the Gold Coast to the ease of the Eurobodalla. Was it a return to your roots, having grown up on a dairy farm? Paint me a picture!

TH: (Smiles ...) Well ... a friend at Rosedale introduced us to this part of the world in about the year 2000. Buddhism is a major part of my being these days, and our surroundings are a natural fit.

While my career as a graphic artist provided a creative outlet, I have always pursued my parallel passion for art. The pull of the ocean, the mysterious and the unusual—and sometimes the iconic—drive my work. One can't help but be magnetised by the power of light and landscape on the Australian coast, and so many parts of the Eurobodalla provide that backdrop.

From as far back as the 1980s, I have experimented with stripped-back landscapes using acrylics. These days, I paint most days and have a studio at home.

Funnily enough, it's best that I do not know what I'm doing with my work, so there is a rawness, a lack of control and an expression of energy ... if that makes sense. An abstract outcome is often the result.

I am mesmerised by what seems to be a stage for dramatic, almost surreal exchanges and events within nature. The significance of these exchanges or events comes across as heightened when set against backgrounds of natural beauty.

I do have to identify with a place, and if there is something the places I want to paint have in common, it is a kind of meditative quality that attracts me. This comes from spaciousness, stillness and the light that pulls or pushes things into the foreground—typically early morning or late afternoon.

I guess my own creative journey has been one of placing myself within new landscapes. Settling into new architecture, new conversations and dramatic natural contexts has marked my own personal journey.

MM: It all comes together later this month at - the exhibition 'Fire Water Light' with Jenni Knight and Magella Blinkself on Monday 23rd to Sunday 29th November, from 10 am to 4 pm at Mechanics Institute, Page Street, Moruya. Now, the sticky-beak in me cannot let you go without an update on your adoption!

TH: (Shakes his head ...) Well ... I do know my birth grandfather was an Indian Gurkha and a travelling magician.

MM: Wow ... I think that is another cup of coffee! It has been a pleasure, Trevor.

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**

SINGING FOR NEPAL – over $1000 raised at Soul Tribe, Mogo



Nepal's Glacier Collapse

By K Dahlweiss

On Sunday 1 November, Soul Tribe held a mantra singing event in the early evening. It was a fundraiser for Nepal, a country known for severe weather events and according to Clare, the owner and lead teacher at Soul Tribe, more than $1000 was raised for the cause, from on the night payments, $20 per attendee and also generous donations.

SINGING FOR NEPAL was opened by Wayne who offered a 'Welcome to Country.' He informed us that Mogo, where the event was held means 'stone axe.' Many of us know that Mogo is also known for its floods and fires. Wayne went beyond the usual 'Welcome to Country' and offered us some life-coaching on how to deal with the tragedy of life:

Make love the biggest part of your giving
and keep being beautiful and the best you can

Deepika, a yoga teacher, officiated the event. She made special mention of Michael Keats, who was a local resident and Moruya High School educator, lost his life in the Nepalese floods. The event in many ways was a tribute to him.

It was beautiful with candles lighting up the musicians. There were a couple of guitarists, two drummers, a harmonium player, percussionists using shakers, singers and most delightfully, a didgeridoo player. The format consisted of the leader singing a couple of lines and then the audience echoing the same chant, known as 'call and response.'

Most of the mantras sung were well known to the attendees and sung in Sanskrit. The first mantra sung was 'Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu,' then 'Om Ganapataya Namaha' followed by the revered 'Om Mane Padme Hum' which can be translated to 'The Jewel is in the Lotus.'

There was a smattering of English songs such as 'Walk Each Other Home,' 'Are you Listening,' and Medicine Buddha.'

The mantra which really captured the feeling of the night was 'Kali burn it all away.' It described how to deal with grief:

Oh, great mother, we invoke you in this space
Please take away our pain and fill us with your grace
If it doesn't serve us, burn it all away

It was a sombre event but joyfully participated in. Many of us there may well have reflected on our Australian floods over the past few weeks,in northern NSW and SE Queensland which have been inundated with rain, our version of flooding.

Australia is in the fortunate position of not having glaciers and therefore will not experience the same sort of flooding as the Nepal floods of August 2026. They occurred because of a breakaway glacier which raced down a mountain and destroyed whole towns in minutes. Australia is the only continent in the world to have no glaciers.

Healing events such as meditation, pranayama and sound bathing occur on a regular basis at Soul Tribe. There is always a lovely ambience and a peaceful space in which to lie, chant and engage as you feel fit.

Moruya CWA and Arts Council of Eurobodalla 2027 Women's Writing Competition

Title: ***Life in the Eurobodalla: Yesterday, Today and/or Tomorrow***

The Eurobodalla Women's Writing Competition has been introduced to recognise, encourage and promote awareness of the contribution of women to community harmony, support, creativity and progress of the Shire.

Terms and Conditions

All entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed application form.

* All women residents and former residents of the Eurobodalla Shire over the age of 18 years (at 1st December 2026) are invited to enter

*Work must be original, unpublished and entirely the entrant's own work

*Word length: 2000-2500 words for fiction, nonfiction and drama scripts; poetry entry to be a minimum of 1000 words.

*AI generated or other assisted content is strictly prohibited

*AI, copied or plagiarised content will result in immediate disqualification

*One entry per person

*A submission may take the form of one of the following:

·Fictional narrative
·A suite of poems (1000-2000 words)
·A short drama script
·Non-fiction

* The winning entry will receive $700. Second prize: $350 and a Highly Commended prize of $200

* The Competition entries open on 1st December, 2026. Competition closure date for entries is COB Friday 12th February 2027. No late entries will be accepted.

*Entries will be judged by 3 independent judges

*The prizes will be awarded on the advice of the judges. The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the prize winners.

*Recipients of Awards will be contacted by the 12 March 2027

*Awards Evening and announcement of the prize winners will be held at the CWA Rooms in Queen Street, Moruya on Friday 19th March 2027 5.30PM.

Formatting Guidelines for entries

Ø File types: Word or Google Docs
ØFont: Arial 12pt 1.5 or double spaced
ØMargins: 20mm left margin
ØEntries MUST include a Title Page, with name, contact details and
Øword length
ØSubmissions via link provided

Copyright

Copyright for submitted work remains the property of the entrant. Subject to the winning author's approval, the winning entry will be available to the public online from the websites of the Moruya CWA, Eurobodalla Shire Libraries and the Arts Council of Eurobodalla (Art Central).

More Information

For more information, email cwawriting27@gmail.com

A Day in the Life of a Local ... Supercar Driver

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

- **Name:** Bailey Sweeny
- **Wake-up time:** 7.00 am
- **How long does it take you to drive to the shops?** Ummm ... same as you!
- **Are breaks important in this profession?** Shake of the head.

It is straight to the track on race day mornings for 23-year-old Batemans Bay local, Bailey Sweeny. It is more excitement than nerves as he tucks into an egg and bacon roll with team members.

Family are a fundamental part of his team and the enthusiasm for the race is infectious.

There is great faith in all the pre-race mechanical preparations and race day is all about planning, studying conditions and tactics in the office come workshop car transporter.

Video viewing is an important part of preparations and all likely scenarios are chatted through.

The morning is taken up with a practice session to iron out any final preparations, but there is generally a sense of calm as race time nears for Bailey.

“Before the race, when I’m sitting in the car I like to have a visualisation of the perfect lap or race situations to prepare myself. During the race, the adrenaline flows and I am just hyper-focused for the entire time.”

Bailey goes with the highs and lows of race day.

“It all depends on how the race went. On a good day, we have a celebration with the team and enjoy the moment on the podium. On a more difficult day, I debrief with the team about what went wrong and what we can improve on. It is all about learning and realising even a small change or different tactic can make a major difference. I may be the driver but the teamwork is where the success lies.”

Debriefs can sometimes go for hours, sifting through data, footage and analysing all the variables.

Dinner is normally around 7.00 pm and Bailey calls it a day by 8.00 pm.



From a five-year-old watching the Bathurst 1000 with his Dad on the lounge to racing go-karts and then being selected to race in a Supercar team in 2019 at 16 years of age, Bailey likes to move quickly. From the couch to speeds of up to 300kms per hour on Conrod Straight at Mount Panorama in 2026 is a huge achievement for the former Batemans Bay High School student.

Bailey achieved the best results of his career, finishing the Super2 Series with two pole positions for the Blanchard Racing Team at this year’s Bathurst 1000.

With success in karting, Toyota 86, TCR, Super3 and Super2 racing with the ultimate goal of competing in Supercars full-time, level headed Bailey is a local to keep an eye on.
And that is the chequered flag for Bailey Sweeny!



Community Bank Airing of the Quilts returns to Braidwood



Braidwood Airing of the Quilts. Further information: https://thebraidwoodquiltstore.com.au/airingofthequilts2026



Braidwood Artists Jake the Thread Man and Angela owner of Pendor's Realm.

Braidwood's historic main street will once again be transformed into a spectacular outdoor exhibition of colour, pattern and handmade creativity when the Community Bank Braidwood Airing of the Quilts returns on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November 2026.

For more than three decades, this much-loved annual event has brought quilters, textile artists, visitors and the wider community together to celebrate their creativity, craftsmanship and stories held within handmade quilts.

What began in 1995 with just 25 quilts displayed along Wallace Street this event has grown into a distinctive regional attraction, drawing visitors from across NSW and beyond. Inspired by the traditional practice of airing treasured quilts after the long winter, the event brings this simple domestic ritual into the public realm. Quilts are hung from the facades of Braidwood's heritage buildings and 19th-century verandahs, creating a vibrant street exhibition that celebrates both the town's historic character and the enduring appeal of handmade textiles.

The event has received national attention, including a feature on ABC's Back Roads, introducing audiences across Australia to Braidwood's unique celebration of quilting and community. Generously supported by Community Bank Braidwood, the 2026 event continues this tradition while welcoming new participants, fresh ideas and a broad range of quilt styles.

From experienced quiltmakers to those just beginning their creative journey, the exhibition invites people to share their work and be part of a much-loved community tradition. New to the 2026 event is a $1,000 prize for the Best Quilt on the Street, with additional prizes awarded to second and third place.

Visitors can also take part in the People's Choice voting, helping to celebrate the quilts that capture their imagination. The event will also recognise the next generation of quiltmakers, with a junior exhibitor prize proudly sponsored by The Braidwood Quilt Store. Beyond the quilts themselves, visitors can take part in sewing workshops, admire classic cars on display, and explore a contemporary textiles exhibition at BRAG (Braidwood Regional Arts Gallery).

The annual Bungendore Quilters Exhibition at Bungendore Memorial Hall provides another opportunity to celebrate the region's quilting talent, while The Braidwood Quilt Store's Festive Table Runner Challenge showcases creative interpretations of this versatile textile form. Whether visitors come to admire the quilts, discover new textile techniques, meet local makers or simply enjoy a special weekend in Braidwood, the Community Bank Braidwood Airing of the Quilts promises a memorable celebration of art, heritage and community.

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The Narooma Art Centre is open





With much pride and excitement, the new Narooma Arts Centre was opened to the public on the weekend with a community open day.

With big windows, beautiful light and stunning views to Gulaga, the NAC is a community initiative on community-owned land held and managed by Narooma School of Arts on behalf of the local community.

The building includes studios for art workshops, yoga classes, community meetings and small functions that can be hired out by individuals, groups and businesses.

Construction of the NAC was jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund in association with Narooma School of Arts. Funds were secured in 2021.

Inaugural exhibition 'Be/Longing' is on view until Sunday 6 December 2026

To mark the opening of the Narooma Arts Centre, artists were invited to submit works responding to the theme of belonging.

The selected artists works range from deeply personal stories to broader observations of place, community and the world around us.

Gallery hours: Wed - Sun 10am - 5pm Photos: Narooma Camera Club











Art & Craft Exhibition

Starting December 30th 4pm
ClosingJanuary 16th 4pm
10 to 4 pm daily
Opening and Awards night 6pm 30th December
Batemans Bay High School Auditorium



A Fabulous Feast of Short Movies

Moruya Community Film Group
Come join us for a fabulous feast of classic short movies, food and wine at 7pm for 7.30pm showtime on Saturday 28th November @The Red Door, Moruya.
The short movies are:
La paresse (1986) Comedy Directed by Chantal Akerman - 8 minutes
Ten bob in winter (1963) Early classic of Black British cinema (12 minutes)
Big business (1929) Laurel and Hardy (20 minutes)
Quiz & followed by food/drink.
Case of the Mukkinese Battlehorn (1956) Peter Sellers & Spike Milligan (30 minutes)
Away from it all (1979) Monty Python travelogue (15 minutes).
Ballad of Betty and Joe (2009) silent comedy directed by Martha Ansara (12 minutes).
Membership available at the door $70 for 12 months / $40 for 6 months – Guests welcome.

Community Carols

Wednesday 9th December 2026 - 7pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
9 Canty Street Narooma



Guest Speaker: Fr. George Azhakath
Collection: Quota Club Narooma
Followed by supper at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall
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Exhibition
5 Nov - Sat 28 Nov
Open Mon-Fri 10am-3pm
Sat 9am-1pm





Moruya's Red Door Theatre Company is celebrating its 10th Anniversary with its next show, "A Fair Ground for Fibs"



A Fair Ground for Fibs opens on Friday 20 November at Moruya RSL Hall. Audiences will be delighted with two One-Act comedy plays, **Fairground Attraction**, by Colin Barrow directed by Phil Barr and **The Worst Day of My Life**, by Alan Richardson, directed by Camilla Barr. Both plays are produced with permission by Stagescripts Ltd. A great cast of characters, and unexpected twists, A Fair Ground for Fibs promises laughter that you won't want to miss!

Fairground Attraction is a tongue-in-cheek, lighthearted story, set at a fairground psychic reading attraction.

The action revolves around Gypsy Rosa and a pair of friends who kick off their night out by visiting the booth. But what does the future hold? And will they like what they hear?



The Worst Day of My Life finds Charlie Brown's day in hospital beginning well. His devoted wife is at his bedside; a scene of conjugal bliss, that is until another visitor arrives. Charlie's got some explaining to do. As his previously secret life is hilariously disentangled, a third visitor arrives. You'd think Charlie's day couldn't get much worse, but it does.

The six shows will be held at Moruya RSL Memorial Hall, 11 Page Street, Moruya 2537. Table seating is available at both night & matinee shows!

Evening shows are
Fri 20th, Sat 21st and Fri 27th, Sat 28th November at 7.30pm.
Matinee shows are Sun 22nd & Sun 29th November at 2pm.
Tickets are from $20
https://moruyareddoortheatrecompany.com.au
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Rocky Horror takes over Friday 13th at Bay Pavilions

Experience an immersive screening of one of the world's most iconic cult classics at the Yuin Theatre – The Rocky Horror Picture Show! Join in for a wild night of glamour, mischief, music and mayhem as The Rocky Horror Picture Show takes over the Yuin Theatre on Friday 13 November. The evening will transform the Theatre precinct into an immersive Rocky Horror experience, featuring a singalong screening hosted by fabulous drag MC Toni Kola.

Enjoy a complimentary drink on arrival, themed cocktails, food trucks, prize for best dressed and all the outrageous audience participation that has made Rocky Horror a cult phenomenon for over 50 years.

Feeling adventurous? Professional piercer Piercing Poppets with Rin and tattoo artists from Free Spirit Tattoo will be there to help you channel your inner Frank-N-Furter with optional piercings and flash tattoos.

Continue the evening with us as the party kicks into another gear. The lights go down, the music turns up, and the Theatre becomes a late-night dancefloor celebration. Whether you're a sweet transvestite, a Rocky Horror veteran, or a just have a monstrous curiosity to experience it for the first time, come dressed in your finest fishnets, corsets, sequins and sparkle and prepare to do the Time Warp again. Book now – time is fleeting. 18+ event. Ticket includes one complimentary drink on arrival. Additional food and beverages, including themed cocktails, are available for purchase and are not included in the ticket price.

Timeline: Doors 5pm - (Bar open, Pre Party, Tattoos & Piercing Accessible)
7:30pm MOVIE SCREENING (Movie wraps 9/9:10pm)
9:10pm Afterparty in the Theatre till late.

We are committed to making our events accessible for everyone. As with all of our shows and events, front row accessible seating is available for patrons who require it. To make arrangements, please contact us on (02) 4474 1007.

MORUYA MAIL Eurobodalla Gig Guide

November

Fri 13 Nov Claude Hay & The Kungfu Mustard w Spindrift Saga Starfish
Sat 14 Nov Richard Lawson Club Malua
14 Nov Molly Dookers Quantum Brewer 4.30-7.30
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 Moruya 8pm
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
Sun 15 Nov Kenny Rogers & Friends Bay Pavilions 2:00pm
Sun 15 Nov Rob Simpson Bodalla Pub 3-6pm
21 Nov Richard Lawson Quantum Brewer 4.30-7.30
Sat 21 Nov Cam Harding Club Malua
20-22 Nov Crank it Up Festival Batemans Bay
21 Nov Shawn Baxter JJs at The Marina 6pm
Sun 22 Nov Tony Jaggers Tilba Valley Winery 11am
Fri 27 Nov North of the Bridge Club Malua
Sat 28 Nov Mark Smith Club Malua
28 Nov Jakob Poyner Quantum Brewer 4.30-7.30
Sat 28 Nov Giiyong Ganya Jigamy, Eden
Sun 29 Nov Driving Sideways Bodalla Pub 3-6pm

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 Jaggers Quantum 4.30pm
31 Dec New Year's Eve Usual Suspects Moruya Waterfront
NYE 31 Dec The Spindrift Saga Club Malua 8:15-12:15am

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

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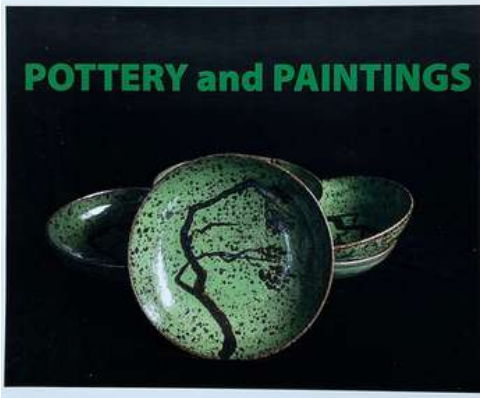
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Bodalla General
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Sunday 20 December
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Tickets can be purchased at local markets or by contacting:
Secretary@caerh.org Telephone: 0412 699 535

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









Carer Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Inc.

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





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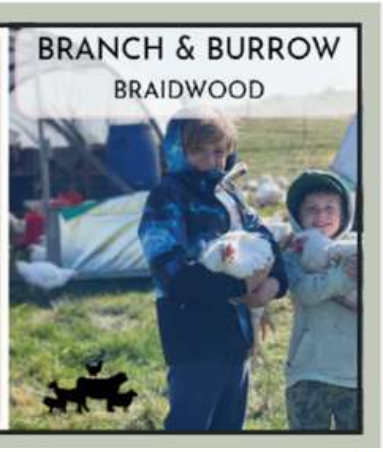
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2026 Diary Dates

- 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 Feastival**

Batemans Bay Hospital Auxiliary Handmade Market

28th November at 10am. Sponsored by Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

Sage Food Share

Sun 29 Nov at 10am @ Sage Garden.
A monthly food share event celebrating all things local food. Bring your questions, garden excess, seeds, curiosity and generosity.

Free Legal Advice

South Coast & Country Community Law provide in person legal appointments for clients.
When: Thursday 19 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 Business Breakfast

The November breakfast is a popular annual panel discussion on the summer-holiday forecast. Join Sally Boukley, Teaghan Abbot and Teresa Lever to hear their insights: what to expect over summer and what influences travel and spending behaviour.

- Where: Narooma Surf Lifesaving Club
- When: Wednesday 18 November Time: 7 to 8am
- Cost: $10 (includes breakfast)

RSVP: Laurelle Pacey by email



EXTRA TEENSAFE COURSE for teen L & P Drivers

Parents please note we are providing a Teensafe course on Saturday 28 November. Practical behind-the-wheel safe driver training 10am - 2pm at Moruya Speedway. Some students missed the October school holiday course so we are trying a Saturday. Cars and instructors provided. Fee $100 or $80 if you prefer to use your own car .
Please phone Sean at Bay Beginners on 0412240516 or email garys.home@bigpond.com Safe driving, Gary Smith for Teensafe

Councillor Catch Ups

Got something on your mind? Catch up with your elected representatives and spill the tea.
Where: Seven Cafe - Lions Park, 31 Clyde Street, Batemans Bay
When: Wednesday 18 November 10.30am - 12pm
The final catch up for the year will be held at Dalmeny on Wednesday 9 December.

Moruya Veterinary Hospital *NOTICE*

"We wish to inform our clients that due to staff shortages we are no longer able to maintain our 24hr on call service. This decision has not come lightly but for the sake of our staff we will only be available for emergencies before 9pm. After 9pm all emergencies will need to go to Canberra. Our on call triage nurse system will remain in place between 9pm - 7am on (02)44742532.
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Dalmeny Summer Fest 2026

Offering a lineup of local market stalls, live music, delicious food and drinks, free face painting, kids' activities, Santa and Christmas photos, the Dalmeny puppy parade and plenty of festive fun for the whole family.

- Where: Dalmeny Foreshore Playground
- When: Sunday 29 November 10am-2pm

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.

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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
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Where's Carol?

It's the annual question this time of year: 'Where's Carol?'
Most reply 'Carol's in the Domain' and, with long faces, settle for the long trip to Sydney to hear some Christmas cheer.
It does not need to be!
Carol's at Moruya Surf Club come 5.30 on the 11th of December, leaving hr plenty of time to get to the Domain.
The Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra (ECO) is accompanying Carol to the Moruya Surf Club this year as part of the annual tradition to amp up the South Coast in the lead-up to Christmas.
The ever-expanding and popular ECO is now 26 members strong under the watchful eye of accomplished conductor Ben MacPherson*, who was profiled by the Moruya Mail earlier this year.
The ECO has an age range from the early 30s all the way through to the legendary Jeff Holley at 96 years of age, also profiled by the Moruya Mail**.
The ECO is also on the lookout for French horn players to round off the ensemble and is invited to contact Penny Cook at pencook95@gmail.com
It promises to be an exciting family evening, and a bloke in the red suit and white beard will be ensuring Carol's on time. Details as below:
*Moruya Mail Edition 124 p.16
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By John Longhurst









Yoga pose of the week
with Christina Carroll



Hero's Meditation Pose - Dhyana veerasana
As the name suggests, this is a meditation pose and the shape of the legs forms the base for cow face pose. It stretches the outer thigh muscles and massages and tones the pelvic and reproductive organs. A great pose to sit in after eating to aid in digestion.
To practice - Sit on the floor with your legs extended. Bend the left leg underneath the right leg so that the left heel is touching the right buttock. Bring the right leg over the top of the bent left leg so that the right heel is touching the buttock. Adjust the right knee so that it is above the left knee. Place both hands on top of one another resting on the right knee. Ensure the head, neck and back upright and straight. Close the eyes and relax the whole body. After some time, release the legs and practice to the other side with the right leg underneath, left leg on top.







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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 6.11.26

Moruya River.

With the forecast for the weekend, kite flying may be a good option! The winds on Saturday and Sunday look spicy to say the least. But we always take what the BoM say with a large chunk of rock salt. Stick your head outside and make a determination for yourself.

The river has been fishing well this week, with bream, flathead, whiting, trevally and the salmon and tailor all being on the cards for several lucky anglers this week. All the sand flats have been producing, while the deeper sections of the river have been fishing better on the run out tide.

Live nippers pumped from the Garlandtown area are one on my favoured baits when chasing bream, whiting or even Luderick. You can also expect flathead and Trevally to take a liking to a live nipper. A bait pump, sieve and bucket are all you need to catch and keep a supply of one of the best live baits available in the river.

Up in the fresh reaches, the bass continue to be readily available. Sub surface presentations are tending to be better at the moment with the current absence of a cicada hatch. The local area is desperate for some decent rainfall to help lift the current river levels. I don't see that happening this weekend, however there is a bit on the forecast.

Tuross River.

This premier system continues to provide plenty of action for local and visiting anglers alike this week. Flathead, bream, whiting, trevally, Luderick and mulloway have all been regular captures this week throughout the entire system.

Flathead, bream and whiting are all available on this systems extensive series of sand flats, from the mouth to the extensive series of back bays. The mulloway anglers have been targeting the deep holes with success using bigger soft plastics along with quality squid baits or live poddy mullet.

There are soo many option in Tuross, that choosing one can be the hardest decision you will make.

Rock and beach.

The local beaches have been inundated with vast schools of salmon this week, which in turn has attracted multiple sharks species also looking for a feed. With the water conditions so good, seeing both the salmon and the sharks is a relatively easy task. If you are worried about shark activity, don't swim where they are feeding. Not all beaches have salmon schools, so finding a safe beach to swim, shouldn't be too hard. With the warm water conditions, bream and whiting are regular finds in the close to shore gutter sections, literally in ankle deep water. Live beach worms or pipis will be the go to baits for those interested in some light tackle fishing.

Offshore.

Snapper are continuing their move into deeper waters, with the 50m+ depths the better place to start looking. Sand and tiger flathead will be found in depths around 20m or so, so you should be able to get a mixed bag if you put the time in.

The bait freezer was restocked earlier this week, with 500gm squid, Hawksbury prawns being the notable missing baits again this week. When they will be available is anyone's guess.

The shop is well stocked at the moment, with top ups happening each week, as we get closer to the silly season kicking off.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya





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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Dorothy Madden



Winners: Elsa Shearer, Kerrie Sands and Leonie Doolan



Winners: Sandra and Ron Hanlon

Tuross Head Golf Results
Thursday 5th November 2026

A field of 40 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The competition was fierce and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:
1st: Dorothy Madden (21) with 42 points
2nd: Mark Forrest (13) with 37 points (countback)
3rd: Troy Kingdom (10) with 37 points
4th: Gavan Wheelahan (23) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins
4th: Colin Houghton 5.60 A Grade
4th: John Phyland 0.78 B Grade
6th: Mark Forrest 1.78 A Grade
6th: Ron Rogers 4.76 B Grade
6th: Gavan Wheelahan 4.78 C Grade
7th: Leonie Snodgrass 3.33 A Grade
7th: Sandra D'Onofrio 6.13 B Grade

Balls went to: Steve Johnston 36, Dianne Brown 36, Bruce Lidbury 36, Elsa Shearer 36, John Phyland 36, Sandra D'Onofrio 35, Allan Langford 35, Ian Miller 35, Ron Rogers 35 and Chris Wratten 35.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results
Tuesday 10th November 2026

A field of 20 ladies competed in a Stableford event. The event was sponsored by Saltwater Breeze. It was a sunny day and some brilliant scores were achieved.

The Winners were:
A Grade:
1st: Leonie Doolan (28) with 38 points (countback)
2nd: Annette Manton (27) with 38 points (countback)

B Grade:
1st: Kerrie Sands (37) with 38 points
2nd: Jeanette Miller (39) with 32 points

C Grade:
1st: Elsa Shearer (42) with 38 points
2nd: Jennifer Gray (45) with 37 points

Place Getters:
Sandra D'Onofrio 38, Marie Muriwai 35, Pam Alexander 31, Teri Swanbury 31 and Beverley Theobald 29.

Nearest to the Pins: 2nd Shot
7th Golden Shot A Distance0.51
6th Marie Muriwai Distance 1.89
15th Elsa Shearer Distance1.90

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results
Wednesday 11th November 2026

35 players competed in a 4BBB Stableford event today. It was a fun team game and some wonderful scores were achieved. A minute's silence was observed following the game on Remembrance Day.

The Winning Teams were:
1st: Sandra and Ron Hanlon with 28 points
2nd: Jane Eglitis and Derek Hoare with 27 points
3rd: Dorothy and Blaise Madden with 25 points (countback)

Balls or Chocolates:
Paul Green and Mark Maher 25 points.

Nearest to the Pins:
4th: Frank Pomfret (2nd Shot)
6th: Frank Pomfret (1st Shot)
7th: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan (2nd Shot)
Mens: Ian Miller (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Graham Moore (5th hole)

Bradmans: Deirdre and Greg Geelan



Speed Golf World Championship

Moruya Golf Club reports: "We have received some fabulous news all the way from New Zealand. After participating in the Toro Speedgolf World Championships 2026, our very own Colette Blacklock has officially taken the Senior Women's World Champion title! Congratulations Colette, we could not be prouder of this incredible feat! We look forward to hearing all about your trip.
Colette wasn't alone on this with three more Moruya Ladies -Lyn Gibbs, Barbara Roberts and Jenny Ellis - in the crowd cheering her on."
Originally from Scotland Collette is now based in New South Wales, as a Dual National. Colette has been a passionate part of the Speedgolf community across the Southern Hemisphere since 2018, regularly travelling across the Tasman to compete in the New Zealand Speedgolf Opens.
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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls

There were 27 bowlers on the Green on Sunday morning all welcomed by President Robbo.
A special welcome to Kevin Wild and Bob Geddes from North Albury. Dave Shephard Weston Creek also Nick from Murrembateman.
Cards were called for 1 Triples and 5 Pairs matches in 2-4-2 format. Winners with Highest Losing Margin -12 K.C. and Megoo (photo)
Runners-up -6 on a countback, Pattycake and Scottie.
High/Low scores not won, but some very close, now $110.
Lucky numbers, 29 Kate two weeks in a row, 19 Lois Lane.
Winning teams with some close scores, Road Runner and Kaz 21/9
Clark Kent and Smiley 16/10
Hot Lips and Spike with Sumpy and Witto 19/13. Whizza and Rols Drew with Bob and Gilligan 16 all.
Kevin and Dave 20/16.



Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



There were 34 Social bowlers on the Green on a lovely sunny day although the windy weather was quite a challenge
The morning started off with a special morning tea to celebrate the 80th Birthday of Gay Biggs.
Thanks to everyone who baked the delicious cakes and slices.
Thinking of Di Wotherspoon and Di Mac who are on the Gold Coast taking part in Pan Pac Games . Haven't heard of any results so far.
Welcome back to Tania Calder who has been away visiting family.
Pat Bill called cards for 1 Pairs and 5 Triples games with the help of our Treasurer Julie Knorpp.
Winners Rink 6, Judy Davis, Colleen Ashby and Nancy White. (Photo)
Runners-up Rink 4, 'Tricia Wheeler, Raija Johnston and Sue Morgan.
Money Club , 32 Birthday girl Gay Biggs, 29 Wendy Geary.
After cutting her beautiful cake Gay thanked everyone with much appreciation. (Photo)
There will soon be another Bowls & Barbecue Saturday coming up, info will be on Team app.



Medals all round for our South Coast basketballers.



At the State basketball comp at Sutherland on the weekend, South coast Compteitors brought back medals with Gold to Craig & Liz; Silver to Zach & J; and Bronze to Laurie & Oscar.

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Full field for Moruya's Lightning Singles debut



Kevin Nutter



Keith Pickett



Peter Keatley

Every available place was taken when 42 bowlers gathered at Moruya Bowling Club on Saturday 7 November for its first Open Lightning Singles tournament. The field brought together Moruya members and visiting bowlers from Sydney, the ACT and other South Coast clubs.

The day was originally planned across three sessions, with seven ends per set. Competitors were grouped in sections of three and shared the marking duties, with the format providing for a random draw each session and a tiebreak of one end when required.

Organisers worked around the rain and a brief hail interruption to complete two sessions, adjusting sets to five ends for the final session. The shorter format kept the focus on making every end count as bowlers adapted to the changing greens.

A $1,000 first prize gave bowlers a sizeable reward to chase, headlining the advertised $2,100 prize pool. With $700 for second and $400 for third also on offer, there was plenty riding on the shot margins when the points were tied.

Club president Brett Vickers said the turnout reflected strong support for the new event and the willingness of visiting bowlers to make the trip.

"To fill all 42 places for our first Lightning Singles was a great response," Vickers said. "Having players travel to Moruya gives our members the opportunity to meet different opponents, and we want those visitors to enjoy their bowls and feel welcome at the club."

When the results were tallied, Kevin Nutter emerged as Moruya's inaugural Lightning Singles champion, finishing on 20 points, two clear of his nearest challengers.

The contest for the remaining prize places required a countback. Keith Pickett and Peter Keatley each finished on 18 points, with Jay Breust and Mat Dart also recording that total. Pickett's shot margin of +47 earned him second place ahead of Keatley on +29. Shot margin measured the difference between shots scored and shots conceded.

Bowls Coordinator Pete Davies said the shortened sets placed a premium on making the most of each opportunity.

"With the final session played over five ends per set, players had to adjust quickly and make each end count," Davies said. "Congratulations to Kevin, Keith and Peter, and thank you to every bowler who took part in our first Lightning Singles."

Tournament Coordinator Robbie Strahan acknowledged the cooperation of players and the work behind the tournament's debut.

"We appreciate everyone who helped with the preparation, organisation and marking," Strahan said. "Thank you to the players for working with us as we adapted the program, and to our visitors for making the trip to Moruya."

The capacity field gave Moruya an encouraging start for its new tournament. Support from members and visiting bowlers demonstrated interest in the format, providing a foundation for the club to build on.

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