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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Kerry Davenport from Far South Coast Paddlers snapped this morning on a group paddle around Broulee Island.

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Governance: Lessons from Sandpapergate

A focus of my previous letters to this publication has been governance, particularly issues surrounding Broulee Ridge. However, governance concerns extend well beyond local government. The current questions surrounding Cricket Australia (CA) and the Sandpapergate affair provide another interesting example.

We are told that everything is fine, it is old news, and that the controversy is simply a matter of differing recollections. On the other hand, there is the familiar observation that where there is smoke, there may well be fire.

Questions remain about the review commissioned by Cricket Australia and conducted by Dr Simon Longstaff. His reported observation that he was "left with a blank wall" raises an obvious question: Why did CA not pursue the matter further? Was there a genuine appetite to establish what happened, or was there a greater interest in putting the affair behind them?

I was not there and, like most people, have limited information beyond what has appeared in the press. So, rather than jump to conclusions, I prefer to go back to first principles.

Let us start with an agreed fact: cricketers doctor the ball to gain an advantage. The objective is to create a difference between the two sides of the ball, altering its aerodynamic characteristics and, in particular, its ability to swing. This can be achieved legitimately through vigorous polishing of one side, or illegally through substances such as creams and lollies, or by tampering with the seam. The desired outcome is the same: a material difference between the two sides of the ball.

Now consider the players involved. Professional cricketers who have bowled thousands of overs and handled hundreds of balls in match conditions. They are intimately familiar with how a ball behaves, how it changes over time and how to monitor its condition throughout a Test match in pursuit of an advantage.

Against that background, it is reasonable to ask: could experienced bowlers really have been unaware that something unusual was happening to the ball? I don't know – what do you think?

I suspect Usman Khawaja may have been generalising when he suggested the entire team knew what was happening. However, I am not swallowing the suggestion that only three players were involved or were aware.

Sandpapergate did not happen overnight. Cultural change, particularly within an organisation, takes time. Problems develop when the focus of players and coaches becomes winning at almost any cost, while management becomes increasingly preoccupied with commercial interests and revenue. In such an environment, standards can slip, uncomfortable questions go unasked and accountability becomes blurred. These are, fundamentally, governance issues.

There is a first rule of thumb when dealing with potential governance failures: seek independent scrutiny from outside the organisation.

There may be a lesson here for Eurobodalla Shire Council. Ultimately, the test of good governance is not how effectively an organisation manages its reputation, but how honestly it manages its responsibilities. CA maybe should have been aware of Oedipus Rex "time, which sees all things, has found you out".

Dr Tony Martin
Broulee

Planning decisions should be based on a shire wide strategy

I would like to thank Cid Mateo demographer, governance and public policy specialist for the important points he raised in his article "Is it time to move the Regional Town Centre of the Moruya to Moruya? [November 4, 2026] for his fact check on what development is possible and appropriate in the village of Batemans Bay, as opposed to what the planning directorate suggests on behalf of private developers for profitable heights and land value uplift and presented to the community as acceptable. If growth and housing demand in the Eurobodalla has decreased -according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics - why is the community being presented with a master plan for Batemans Bay to build up to 11,036 apartments, 1,469 commercial units and parking for 25,232.

Developers and landowners in Batemans Bay may be the loudest voice in support of the BBMP 2.0 and influential, but their desires are not more important than the community's desire for Batemans Bay to retain its coastal village feeling and character by limiting building heights to a storey or so above current building heights and not go potential heights of 15-19 stories or 8-12 stories as recommended by the planning directorate. BBMP 2.0 raises questions about influence and power and challenges the commitment to transparency made by some councillors at the last election.

What people love about Batemans Bay is that it is a beautiful coastal village sitting next to the Batemans Marine Park in the Nature Coast. It is for this reason people live and visit here. I agree with Mr Mateo that council needs to make planning and housing decisions based on a shire wide planning strategy in the interests of the whole community in a holistic and considered way, not a plan for the benefit of a powerful interest group.

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Friends of Surfside Beach Grant for dune stabilisation

Friends of Surfside Beach have been successful in gaining at $5,400 grant from ANZ and the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal
The Roots and Resilience project: Saving Surfside Beach Dune will help mobilise volunteers to build resilience to coastal erosion by stabilising and revegetate Surfside Beach dunes for residents, visitors and native wildlife to protecting the community's environmental, social and economic wellbeing.

ANZ and the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) announced the recipients of the 2026 Seeds of Renewal program, awarding $250,000 in grants to 20 not-for-profit and community organisations across regional Australia.
Returning for its 24th year, Seeds of Renewal is a long-standing partnership between ANZ and FRRR, supporting locally-led initiatives that help regional, rural and remote communities build resilience and thrive.
Grants of up to $15,000 will help fund projects across four priority areas: improving access to housing; improving financial wellbeing; improving environmental sustainability; or assisting local communities to thrive.
ANZ Head of Agribusiness, Mark Bennett, said: "For more than two decades, Seeds of Renewal has backed locally-led projects that understand and respond to the unique needs of rural and regional communities across Australia.
"Regional communities are incredibly resourceful, but access to funding and resources can be harder to come by. Seeds of Renewal helps local organisations turn good ideas into practical initiatives that make a real difference for the people and businesses around them.
"We're proud to continue supporting projects that strengthen communities and contribute to the long-term prosperity of regional Australia."
FRRR Head of Granting, Jill Karena, said: "Every community is different, and this year's recipients demonstrate the breadth of ideas being led by local organisations to address local priorities.
"Through our longstanding partnership with ANZ, Seeds of Renewal provides funding to help bring those ideas to life and strengthen remote, rural and regional communities across Australia."

Celebrate schoolies, respect our coast



Eurobodalla Council aquatic and arts contract coordinator Jason Gray with lifeguard supervisor Dave Perry.

Lifeguards will start patrols at Malua Bay next week as Eurobodalla prepares to welcome school leavers. Extra Council crews will also be on hand to keep popular parks and beaches clean. Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said schoolies bring a welcome boost for local businesses ahead of the main summer holidays.
"Finishing school is a big milestone, and we welcome school leavers choosing Eurobodalla to celebrate with their mates," Mayor Hatcher said.
"They support our accommodation providers, cafés, shops and other local businesses, and we want them to have a great holiday here.
"But we know large beach parties have affected nearby residents in previous years. Everyone should be able to enjoy our beaches without finding rubbish and broken glass. Our message is simple: enjoy yourselves, look after your mates and respect the community you're visiting. Keep the noise down around homes and leave our beaches as you found them."
To help keep school leavers safe in the water, Council is trialling a two-week patrol at Malua Bay beach. The schoolies patrol will run from 9am to 5pm, starting Monday 23 November.
"We've timed the schoolies patrol to start just after Canberra Year 12s finish, so lifeguards are there when school leavers arrive. If you're heading in, please swim between the red and yellow flags and ask a lifeguard about conditions before you get in," Mayor Hatcher said.
Council's annual lifeguard service will start on Friday 18 December and runs until Sunday 31 January 2027. During summer school holidays, professional lifeguards patrol eight of the shire's popular beaches daily. Volunteer lifesavers from surf lifesaving clubs patrol selected beaches on weekends and public holidays from October to April. Visit the Beachsafe website to find patrolled beaches and check hazards and conditions. Council's parks team will have extra crews ready to respond to litter in popular parks and public spaces over summer.
"Our crews will be out keeping public spaces clean, but everyone needs to take responsibility for their own rubbish. Use the bins provided, and if they're full, take it with you," Mayor Hatcher said.
To report litter in Council parks and public spaces, contact Council's customer service team on 4474 1000. School leavers can also make the most of their stay by checking out live music and activities in the 'What's On Eurobodalla' events guide.



Response re Broulee Ridge

Tony Martin's 'Broulee Ridge' discourse on available land for housing in Eurobodalla appears to be a logical argument around current housing needs. However, any discussion should not be just about people numbers and buildings. All development and planning should make life better for a whole community.

Doubtless extra housing in Moruya will be welcome. There are acres of land about, you just have to wait over the next 20years for 9,000 people to pop their clogs!

We do however only have one Moruya River and it belongs to and should be enjoyed by everyone. To consider development of the river foreshore with apartments and medium density accommodation would be environmentally destructive, and by any measure reduce the 'nature coast' credentials of our town and shire. Just as you cannot build on the beachfront at Broulee, a residential – or any other building should not be permitted on the foreshore of the Moruya or any tidal river.

Our small town is 'flood prone', this affects development and the village centre is covered with roads, pavements and hard surface parking lots, which are not only ugly but fire up in Summer with little or no natural shade. Leading out of the town centre there has been one small consideration given to amenity for those exercising on foot – and that is a very narrow path along a portion of the Moruya River foreshore.

The existing hospital site should be reintegrated with other surrounding foreshore Crown land, and the riparian area and undercut areas of river shoreline be protected. Native parkland, pathways and rest areas in natural surroundings for public pleasure will benefit our whole community, our visitors, our bird life and the river itself. Regreening this area would make a significant statement about government environment commitment. Perhaps an NFP could be set up to manage it – the Botanic Garden worked?

When NSW may sell Crown land – Ah! Al!

The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure states that Crown land may be sold only when:

- It is the only reasonable way to fix a significant property issue.
- It is not in the public interest to keep the land in the Crown estate.
- Administering a lease or licence over the land is no longer appropriate.

Sales must also pass a detailed assessment considering 1.Social, 2.Economic, 3.Cultural and 4.Environmental factors. (which seems like a good 'pub test' for greening)

Crown Land

The land around Moruya Hospital, 2 River Street includes some Crown land, but not all parcels in River Street are Crown land. The hospital itself sits on land historically administered by NSW Health, with Crown land adjoining it toward the river and the reserve areas.

What is Crown land near River Street, Moruya?

✔️ Moruya District Hospital site (2 River Street)

- The hospital sits on land administered by NSW Health.
- Historically, parts of the hospital precinct wereCrown land, later dedicated for public health purposes.
- Land used for hospitals is classified as public purpose land → not eligible for sale.

✔️ **Crown land adjoining the hospital (riverfront reserve)**

The riverfront area north and west of the hospital includes Crown land parcels associated with:

- Moruya River foreshore reserve
- Public recreation and environmental management
- Access corridors and riparian protection zones

These parcels are Crown land and cannot be sold under the Crown Land Management Act because they serve public access, environmental, and community purposes.

✔️ **Crown land near the old hospital access road**

Small parcels around the old access track and utility easements are Crown land used for:

- drainage
- access
- public infrastructure. These are also **not sale-eligible.**

Helen Wilson
Moruya

CWA Giving Tree



CWA Moruya has a Giving Tree in place for Christmas donations. The rooms are open on Thursday and Saturday mornings. Photo: President Virginia Eddy with the tree.







Buy an electric vehicle (EV) for worry free transport

Your local resilience community group SHASA is running an EV Expo at the Narooma Rotary Markets this Sunday the 22 November 8am – 1pm.

It's your opportunity to talk to local owners of a diverse range of electric vehicles and find out why they switched to all electric and why they chose a particular make and model.EVs captured 23.1% of Australian new car sales in October 2026.

EVs on display will include:

- Skoda ELROQ
- MG4
- BYD Atto 1
- BYD Atto 3
- BYD Seal
- Tesla Y
- Kia EV3
- Mazda 6e GX
- Geely EX5
- Mitsubishi MIEV
- Nissan Leaf

Experience driving an EV with a local owner.
If you own an EV and would like to take part in the EV Expo please contact Andrew Everard on 0407 669 570.









16 Days of Activism Community Events Rotary Club of Batemans Bay

The Rotary Club of Batemans Bay Domestic and Family Violence Committee are stepping up to be part of the change by supporting the global 16 Days of Activism campaign.

Behind the statistics are human lives, families, and futures shattered: approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 8 men have experienced intimate partner violence since the age of 15, and on average, a woman is lost to an intimate partner every 9 to 11 days. These numbers are more than just data - they represent our mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, and neighbours.

To bring this tragic reality to light and honour those we have lost, our committee is undertaking a powerful visual tribute: painting 67 pairs of shoes purple to commemorate the lives of women and children taken by domestic violence.

These shoes will serve as a moving focal point at our community stalls and events to spark vital conversations and show survivors they are not alone.

1. Free Film Night – It Starts With Us & Panel Discussion

Wednesday, 25 November 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start Yuin Theatre, Bay Pavilions

Join us for a special film screening followed by a panel discussion with community voices. It will be an opportunity to reflect, learn, share perspectives and explore how we can all contribute to safer, more respectful relationships.

Stick around afterward for an insightful panel discussion featuring: Patricia Ellis OAM, Detective Inspector Justin Marks, Samantha (Southern Women's Group) and Jack Roach (Clinical Lead, Headspace Batemans Bay & Narooma)

https://events.humanitix.com/it-starts-with-us-film-presentation-and-panel-discussion

2. Respectful Relationships Trivia Night

Thursday, 3 December 6 – 8pm

Garden Area, Bayview Hotel, Batemans Bay $2 entry

Come along for a fun evening of trivia, connection and community spirit while supporting an important cause. Bring your friends, family or group and enjoy a night where we can come together for something bigger than ourselves.

https://events.humanitix.com/respectful-relationships-awareness-trivia-night

3. Twilight Bridge Walk & Community BBQ

Friday, 4 December Meet at Korners Park, North Batemans Bay, at 5.30pm

6.00pm walk across the bridge, followed by a BBQ at the Foreshore. Walk with us as a visible show of solidarity and our collective commitment to ending gender-based violence. Join us to hear international storyteller Anna Jarrett read the Letter from a Survivor - a powerful message dedicated to raising awareness and inspiring action.

https://events.humanitix.com/twilight-bridge-walk-and-community-bbq



Join the 16 Days of Activism campaign this November

From 25 November to 10 December 2026, you are invited join communities across Eurobodalla and Bega for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, a global campaign calling for an end to violence against women and girls.

How to get involved

There are several ways you can get involved across Eurobodalla and Bega to stand united against gender-based violence such as:

- Attend a local event and add a personal pledge to a Purple Promise Tree at participating events.
- Support the campaign by displaying posters, wearing purple or sharing information or turning your workplace or shopfront purple.
- Share the campaign through your newsletters, emails, social media pages and community networks.

Find out more

For the full program of events, downloadable posters and further information visit: Southern Women's Group 16 Days webpage.

The 16 days Eurobodalla Campaign project partners include the Eurobodalla Shire Council, Southern Women's Group, Batemans Bay Rotary, Moruya Rotary, South East Women and Children's Services (SEWACS), NSW Health, Round Squared, Country Women's Association and Directions Health Services. The project has also been supported through Eurobodalla ClubGRANTS.

Moruya Rotary in action against Gender Based Violence



Moruya Rotary have painted 61 pairs of shoes along with a Purple Promise Wishing Tree, as part of our 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence campaign. Each pair of purple shoes represents a woman lost to violence in Australia in 2026. Behind every pair is a life, a family, a story and a future that should never have been taken away. See the shoes around town during the 16 Days. Photo Moruya Rotary.





More than 1,500 charges have been laid during a statewide domestic violence operation that resulted in 681 arrests across New South Wales

Operation Amarok 15 ran from Thursday 12 November to Saturday 14 November 2026 and is an intelligence-led, offender-focused operation aimed at protecting victim-survivors of domestic and family violence and targeting high-risk offenders.
The operation, led by the Domestic and Family Violence Command, also involved officers from each region's Domestic Violence High Risk Offenders Team (DVHROT), alongside specialist officers from Raptor Squad, Youth Command, State Crime Command's Child Protection Register, Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, and Police Transport Command.
Across the three days, 681 people were arrested and charged, with 239 arrest warrants executed.
Police laid a total of 1594 charges and conducted 1218 bail compliance checks and 11,375 apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO) compliance checks, identifying 283 breaches.
During the operation, officers also carried out 109 firearms prohibition order (FPO) searches, resulting in the seizure of 73 firearms and 21 weapons.
Throughout Amarok operations to date, a total of 9,478 arrests have been made with police laying more than 20,000 charges since the operation began in 2023.
Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism Yasmin Catley said Operation Amarok shows the determination of the NSW Police to address domestic and family violence and hold alleged offenders to account.
"More than 1,500 charges laid across three days and dozens of guns seized. These results show the tireless work of police to keep us safe, including by removing weapons from alleged high-risk offenders.
"These numbers are confronting but they're also a reminder of the extraordinary work police do to arrest alleged offenders, protect victims and make our community safer.
"Domestic and family violence is a blight on our society. Police are working hard address it but they're responding at the crisis end. We need a whole-of-community effort to call out this vile offending and help prevent it before it occurs. We all have a role to play, if you suspect anything, you must report it to police."
Domestic and Family Violence Corporate Spokesperson, Assistant Commissioner Peter McKenna, said police would continue to prioritise action against high-risk domestic violence offenders.
"Operations such as Amarok allow police to proactively target offenders, enforce court orders and take action against those who continue to place victims at risk," Assistant Commissioner McKenna said.
"Our message is clear: domestic and family violence will not be tolerated, and offenders can expect to be identified, targeted and brought before the courts.
"We encourage anyone experiencing domestic and family violence, or anyone concerned about the safety of a loved one, to contact police and seek support."

Arrests of note:
SOUTHERN REGION

- Executed arrest warrants: 33
- Persons charged: 86
- Offences: 211
- ADVO compliance checks: 1,946
- ADVO breaches identified: 38
- Bail compliance checks: 82
- Bail breaches identified: 34
- FPO searches: 13
- Firearm seizures: 0
- Other weapon seizures: 4

Information about the NSW Police Force response to domestic and family violence, can be found online: https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/crime/domestic_and_family_violence.

Victims of domestic and family violence can find information about support services by contacting 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) or visiting: https://www.1800respect.org.au.

Reports of domestic and family-related crime or abuse can be made by contacting or attending your local police station. In an emergency, contact Triple Zero (000).

Anyone with information relating to domestic and family-related violence is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



More homes and businesses experience the benefits of nbn full fibre as digital demand grows across Eurobodalla

Fibre upgrades via nbn® Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) are now available across large parts of Far South Coast, with over 19,000 homes and businesses now eligible to upgrade from a legacy copper-based nbn technology.

More than 4,000 customers across the Eurobodalla, from Long Beach and Batemans Bay to Moruya, Tuross Head and Narooma, are already realising the benefits of the fibre upgrades, which include greater reliability, faster speeds and better customer experience.

With more people working remotely, running businesses from home, connecting smart devices and welcoming visitors year-round, reliable connectivity is becoming an essential part of life on the Far South Coast.

Fibre is nbn's fastest technology meaning residents and businesses are able to access wholesale download speeds of up to 2000 Mbps* supporting smoother, higher-resolution video calls, enhanced streaming, faster downloads and the ability to connect more devices simultaneously.

In Australia, data demand and usage has grown dramatically with the average household consuming 557 gigabytes of data per month, and FTTP services averaging 668 GB per month as customers embrace higher speeds.

Customers can check whether their address is eligible for an upgrade to nbn's fastest and most reliable home connection at www.nbn.com.au/CheckRegional

Talk with nbn - The nbn Local connectivity team hosts regular information sessions to answer community questions about connectivity and local upgrades underway in the area. Upcoming events **Outside Woolworths, 185 Princes Hwy, Narooma** Tuesday 17 to Wednesday 18 November 2026 9:30AM to 3:30PM and **IGA 77 Queen St, Moruya Tuesday 24 November** 2026 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM





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Since our last issue Misses Beryl Marsden and Foreman and a 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anderson, of "Lake View," have been admitted to the local hospital and successfully operated on for appendicitis.

After 16 years amongst the bubble and hiss, Mr. J. Hansen has sold the business of his cordial factory to Mr. Arthur Lavis, of Bateman's Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen intend to take a few months rest before going into business again. They will move into their brick cottage in Page St., when Mr. L. W. Jones, the present occupier, is able to procure another house.

Gaily decorated with greenery and colored streamers was the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Coppin on Saturday evening last, when a very enjoyable party was held to celebrate the anniversary of their younger daughter's (Dorrie) birthday. The merry young guests spent a happy time dancing. During the evening Miss Coppin graciously rendered several songs, and with Mr. Lou Mordant, sang "The little Church Round the Corner."

One of Nom Chong's lorries was on its way to Bateman's Bay on Friday night of last week when, failing to grip on the wet soil, it backed after getting off the punt at Nelligen and pushed the punt out. The lorry fell about 30 feet into the river. F. Nomchong and another man jumped out as the lorry was going down, and Hion got free when it reached the bottom. Sherack and Dayball went down with the lorry to the bottom of the river, but soon rose and swam ashore. The electric lights were burning on the lorry and these were still burning brightly on Saturday morning. The lorry was extricated from the river.



At Granitetown, due go the efforts of the Progress Association with its live-wire secretary Mr. Fred Bunker, the residents of the Quarry village will soon find their leisure hours more enjoyable – a public hall will shortly appear. This will certainly alter life considerably, and will be the realization of a long felt want. Already the piles have been driven for swimming baths and a tennis court will also be shortly excavated. It is just two years since the Quarry commenced operations.

Amusu Theatre. Special attraction. Spearfelt's victory, The 1926 Melbourne Cup and the Victorian Derby. Also, Marion Davies in Yolanda, a stupendous production, unbelievably vast and magnificent. Big Matinee every Saturday afternoon at 2.30.



Granite Town

Great Southern Forest will turbocharge tourism, say small businesses



The Great Southern Forest Business Delegation

An end to native logging across 365,000 ha of state forest between Wollongong and Victorian border would be a tourism bonanza, according to a business delegation visiting state parliament today to press for the creation of a new national park.

An open letter signed by over 120 South Coast businesses will be received by South Coast MP Liza Butler on behalf of the State Government. It calls for the establishment of the Great Southern Forest, a new tourism, recreation and wildlife mecca resourced under the same funding model as the recently created Great Koala National Park on the Mid North Coast.

The delegation includes business representatives from recreation, hospitality, sustainable timber, First Nations cultural tourism and landscaping industries showing the diverse support for the proposal.

A recent Destination NSW report shows nature driven tourism already underpins the local economy with the South Coast hosting 10.3 million visitors in 2025, who spent $4.2 billion. And a 2024 Destination Southern NSW report found one in ten regional jobs depend on the industry.

The recently approved Improved Native Forest Management carbon method means an end to logging in the borders of the proposed Great Southern Forest, could generate more than $500 million. That could be earmarked for park infrastructure, First Nation rangers, weed and pest control and bushfire prevention.

Belinda Donovan, a wildlife veterinary nurse who runs Mudgeroo Wombat and Wildlife Refuge at the gateway to Jervis Bay, said wildlife was a central part of the South Coast's tourism pitch.

"You cannot sell Australia to the world as a wildlife destination while destroying the very habitat that allows its wildlife to exist," Ms Donovan said.

"No visitor wants to see a landscape of cleared forestry coupes," said Andrew Burns of Gondwana Coast Fossil Walks. "It hurts our businesses, discourages visitors and destroys jobs. Protecting the corridor of natural landscapes in the Great Southern Forest is critical to our economy and our livelihoods," Mr Burns said.

Jimmy Woodriff of Pacific Permaculture said places such as Costa Rica had shown the way..

"Costa Rica decided standing forest was worth more than cleared paddock, and it is now one of the world's great nature destinations. We have the same ingredients here: forest, sea and wildlife, a couple of hours from a city of five million. This is an easy win for the state," Mr Woodriff said.

Alasdair Stratton from AJS Solutions, a natural resource management and eco-tourism business owner said "healthy forests are absolutely vital to my business and also to the social fabric of the NSW South Coast. In my work I get to meet local, regional and international visitors to the NSW South Coast and the one message I get loud and clear from them is how beautiful and unspoilt the area is. This is the reputation that the NSW South Coast rides on economically and socially. Without this unspoilt tag and reputation I would not have a business and we would have a vastly reduced tourism industry." Mr Stratton said



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2.5 million reasons not to vandalise trees

The **NSW Government** is arming councils with tougher powers and penalties to crack down on illegal tree clearing in urban areas under new laws that passed NSW Parliament last night.

The changes, which passed Parliament without amendment and with near unanimous support, will allow councils to pursue tree vandals in civil court for the first time.

Through these new civil penalties individuals could face penalties up to $500,000 and organisations up to $2.5 million.

While councils already had the option to pursue criminal charges for serious tree clearing offences, the requirement to prove such an offence beyond reasonable doubt means successful prosecutions have been rare.

These reforms are a common-sense fix that will make sure vandals are facing consequences for illegally clearing trees and other vegetation.

This legislation was a direct response by the Minns Labor Government to community anger over a spate of tree clearing and poisoning incidents.

The changes are expected to come into effect in April 2027 and build on recent regulatory changes including:

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about the changes and your responsibilities visit Protecting our urban trees and vegetation

Firefighting fleet upgrades rollout to protect communities

The **NSW Government** is continuing to modernise the Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) fleet, with the latest generation of fire trucks strengthening emergency response capability across the State.

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib and FRNSW Commissioner Jeremy Fewtrell inspected the latest batch of million-dollar fire engines to roll off the production line.

Forty-five new firefighting trucks, each valued at up to $1.3 million, have been purchased by FRNSW over the past two financial years, including 28 scheduled for delivery in 2026-27.

A further nine 4WD firefighting trucks to protect regional NSW are also scheduled for delivery within the next 12 months.

Approximately $24 million has been allocated to replace fire trucks, aerial appliances and support vehicles across NSW in 2026-27. The fleet replacement program forms part of FRNSW's capital expenditure budget of more than $105 million for 2026-27.

Reforms to protect sexual assault complainants pass NSW Parliament

The **NSW Government** has delivered significant reforms to make the justice system less traumatic for victim-survivors of sexual assault.

Legislation passed by NSW Parliament today reforms the way adult sexual assault trials are conducted to help complainants give their best evidence and strengthen the trial process.

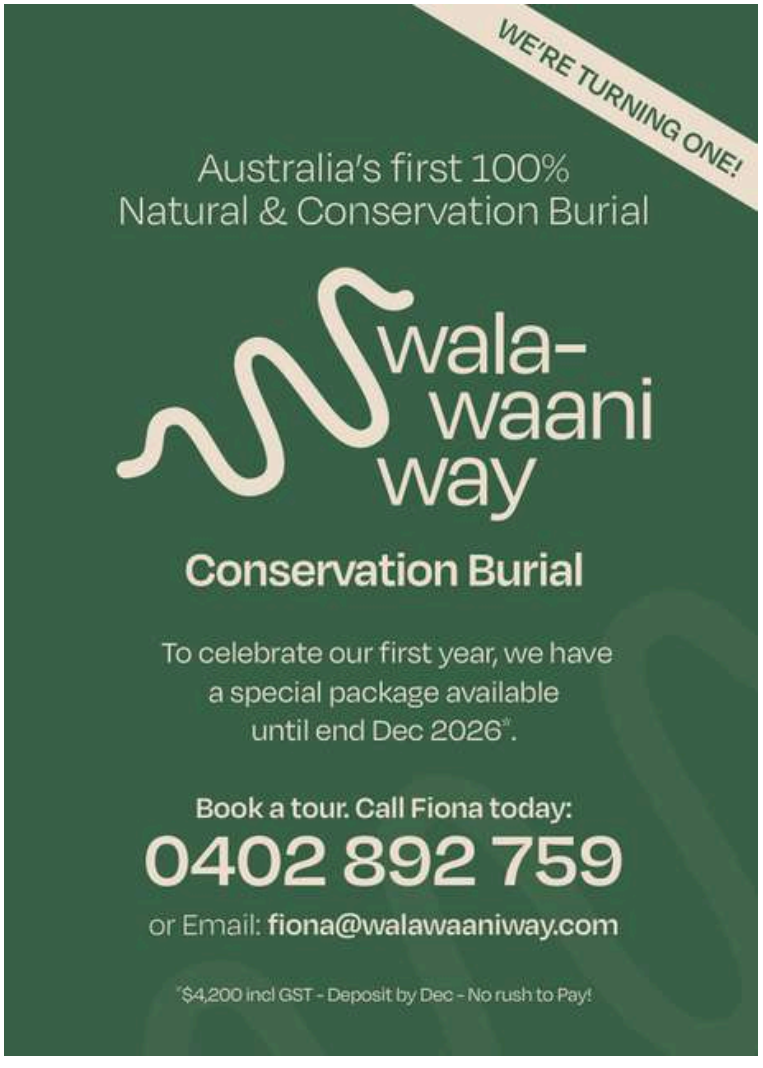
The reforms make it the criminal justice system less traumatising for complainants to navigate while maintaining the accused's right to a fair trial.

Ground rules hearings, which occur before complainants give evidence, will be introduced into adult sexual assault proceedings. This will allow courts to provide directions about how proceedings will be conducted, including complainants' communication needs, parameters around how they will be questioned and likely jury directions to be sought.

The pilot to operate at Parramatta, Wollongong and Dubbo District Courts from 2027 will ensure questions are appropriate, relevant and focused on the issues in dispute and improve the overall quality of evidence.

Recorded evidence - The reforms also allow recorded police interviews with complainants to be used as evidence in chief in adult sexual assault proceedings. This will help minimise distress and trauma for complainants who will only be required to provide their evidence in chief once including in case of retrial. Previously, these recordings were only admissible as evidence in chief for children under 16 and people with a cognitive impairment.

Sexual Assault Communications Privilege - The handling of sexual assault complainants' counselling communications will also be improved. Courts will now only be able to consider complainants' communications records when it is necessary, as opposed to inspecting materials automatically or out of an abundance of caution.



Backpacker backdown

The Federal Government's confirmation that current Working Holiday Maker arrangements will continue until 28 February 2027 gives growers short-term certainty for this summer's harvest.
However, **NSW Farmers Horticulture Committee** Chair Chris Stillard said the revised scheme would leave farmers facing a more restrictive, complicated and uncertain system.
"We'll get through this summer, but growers are already planning for next season, and right now they can't plan with any confidence," Mr Stillard said.
"Raising the third-year visa cap from 5,000 to 25,000 is a positive step. But the caps of 45,000 second-year and 25,000 third-year visas still fall well short of the roughly 57,000 and 31,000 people who qualified last year.
"Those missing workers aren't just numbers on a spreadsheet. They are the people who drive harvesters and chaser bins, pick fruit, prune vines and pack produce."
From March 2027, backpackers will also need to complete 120 days of regional work instead of 88. They will also need to register for a 'Next Year Regional Work Guarantee', which works much like a ballot, with no certainty of securing a second-year visa.
"Working Holiday Makers are crucial for NSW agriculture where labour needs can change rapidly with weather, crop conditions and harvest timing," Mr Stillard said.
"The Government has made lifting national productivity a priority, yet it is capping access to the flexible workforce that keeps farms productive at their busiest times.
"A rigid, capped system can't respond to on-farm realities, and farmers and regional employers are best placed to judge when and where workers are needed.
"What farmers need is a demand-driven Working Holiday Maker scheme where backpackers who meet the requirements for a second or third-year visa can be confident their application will be approved.
"We also need a return to timely visa processing so growers can access workers when they need them, rather than being left in limbo during critical harvest periods."

$250,000 in community grants available to support dementia-friendly initiatives across Australia

Dementia Australia is opening applications on Friday 27 November for Community Engagement grants for at least 15 dementia-friendly community initiatives across the country.
Dementia Australia CEO Professor Tanya Buchanan said community groups are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to $15,000 for projects that support their local community to become dementia-friendly.
"We welcome applications from all community groups, but this year we are particularly encouraging projects focused on diverse communities, including projects led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities that support people living with dementia and carers," Professor Buchanan said.
"There are an estimated 446,500 people in Australia living with dementia in 2026 and without significant intervention, this is expected to increase to more than one million Australians by 2065. Research consistently shows that prevalence rates of dementia in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are three to five times the rate for Australians overall.
"These grants play an important part in creating communities where people living with dementia and their carers are respected, supported and empowered to stay active and connected."
Local community associations, businesses, organisations and groups are encouraged to apply to develop dementia-friendly community projects that reflect the community's need, create local partnerships and draw on in-kind contributions and existing resources.
Dementia Australia will host three information sessions which will include information on the grant application process and a grant writing workshop. To register for:
25 November 1:00-2:00pm AEDT, please visit
https://CEPgrantInformationSession-1.eventbrite.com.au
26 November 4:30-5:30pm AEDT, please visit
https://CEPGrantInformationSession-2.eventbrite.com.au
11 December 1:00-2:00pm AEDT, please visit
https://CEPGrantInformationSession-3.eventbrite.com.au
Priority will be given to projects:

- that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- that work with diverse groups including culturally and linguistically diverse, LGBT+ and regional, rural and remote communities.
- that directly support individuals with young onset dementia and/or younger carers.
- which meaningfully consult and collaborate with people impacted by dementia in the project design and delivery, bring together collaborative local partnerships and meet the needs of diverse communities.

Applications open on Friday 27 November 2026 and close on Friday 8 January 2027. Previously successful grant recipients of Dementia Australia's Community Engagement Program are not eligible for a 2026/27 grant.
For more information and to apply, visit dementia.org.au/get-involved/dementia-friendly-communities/community-engagement-program-grants





Tuross Head News

Most people I ask to be interviewed say that they wouldn't remember anything and that what they do remember may not be correct. These stories are not presented as historical facts, just a story and sometimes surnames are forgotten, some spelt incorrectly – all things that go into being human. If you can supply a surname, a correct spelling or have another perspective of events in a story, please pass it on. All our stories past future are shared in this way. I am encouraged by those who are offering their stories of how the town was back when they first arrived and others who comment that they are enjoying the town history.
Thankfully the weather drew a calm breath when I attended the 'LURE' café in Evans Rd to interview Michael Taylor where later on Bruce Kennedy joined us.
Michael is a home grown 'Turossian' – born in Moruya Hospital. His father Thomas (Deceased) was a plumber and worked on "The Tin Shed' the original building of the bowling club. His mother Wanda being born in 1925 has celebrated her 101st birthday. The couple met in Sydney after Thomas was 'De Mobbed' from the War.They arrived in Tuross Head 1953/4.
It was at Turlinja Public School that Michael started his schooling years. He remembers a Hawdon female as another student. He moved in Year 6 to Moruya Public School and then onto Moruya High School when he left in 1972. After checking out a possible future in Sydney, he returned to Tuross Head and in 1974 bought his Oyster Lease for a yearly cost of $10.00. After many years working as an oyster farmer Michael advises others not to buy one now. Back then they were not as formal or regulated as they are now and the cost now is very high.
He remembers Phillips and Lewis having a big commercial interest at the time and Ted Rose from Narooma also as lease holders.
Although Michael has played golf, fishing is his passion. There was a lot of talk about 'blackfish' or LUDERICK catching and Michael and Bruce reckoned nearly half the men in town tried to catch them. There was some Abalone fishing.
Some early memories were of Ruth Mount in the Post Office and John Mount the local Estate Agent and bus driver. The shops were in Jutland Ave. then also.
Back then when he was just a boy, he remembers playing in the Evans Road shop area and discovering remnants of the original golf course in the dirt. Michael reflects on it being a time when most boys were given an Air Rifle around the age of 11.
Other people he remembers include: Dick Ceasar and his brothers, Dr John Bannon who did home visits in Tuross Head from Moruya; Ray and Betty Knight, Gordon and Mona Stilling, the Dudleys and Colburns; Ray and Sylvia Lurch, Ron Cox (Builder); Patty and Ross (Deceased) Parker; Bob Marshall who started visiting in the 1960's and his son Russel; Merve Roberts; Tony McKenzie; Arthur Blacker and his son Paul; Cathie Milligan who owned the 'Hot Bakers Shop'; and Jim Laing and the fleet of 'Put Put' boats.
The Bar opening to the Ocean has and remains a problem for boaties and fatalities have occurred over the years and in the 1960's one person who went out and never returned. In 1980 many people joined the VRA, now the 'Marine Rescue'. Thank you, Michael and Bruce. I still have more information not printed here.
Back in 1967 Leslie Willmouth visited Tuross Head. Her parents Stanley and Doris Hore later purchased land. Stan and Doris were involved in bowls and golf and Stan cut lawns on his sit on mower. After the death of her husband Terrance in 1972 she came to live with her parents and finally moved permanently to Tuross Head in 1980. Her son Darren was eight years old.
The first house bought was a portable house and placed in Salmon Street and later she moved into her parent's home in Hector McWilliam Drive. Leslie remembers the Progress Hall on the corner of Jutland and Trafalga streets.In 1967 Opposite the Progress Hall was a Shop with petrol bowsers out the front and the Post Office and Estate Agents next door.
Leslie tried bowling and golf and remembers the fairways covered in rocks so if your ball hit one of those it could end up anywhere. Leslie trained to be a Teacher/Librarian and taught as a casual supply teacher in Bodalla, Moruya Primary, Moruya High and St Mary's.
In 2012 Leslie responded to a Council invitation for interested people willing to establish a Computer Club and became one of the original members. Leslie still remembers the names of the others in the group.Leslie took on the areas of Data collection and shared her knowledge of entering photographs into various computer files. There were groups in Batemans Bay, Moruya, and Narooma. Meetings were held in Moruya Golf Club. The group disbanded in 2020.
When the Christian Brothers from Goulburn owned the house in Trafalgar Street, Leslie and Marion Gibson cooked the visiting Brothers their main meal – turnabout.
Currently Leslie is busy with the Caring Group, Bingo, Book Club, and organising the music for Mass at The Pines.
Once again there is more information and all of it will eventually be sent into the Moruya Historical Society for safe keeping.Thank you, Leslie.
INVITATION: The Tuross Head Caring Group extends an invitation to residents to join us at our Christmas Party being held Thursday 3rd December at 12 noon at Club Tuross. We each pay our own way and order off the new caterer's menu. Our group enjoys setting up and decorating the tables so if you are able to join us, please let us know for seating purposes. 0497 315 534. Transport can be arranged in Tuross Head. The Club also has a community bus 4473 8186. We would love to have you join us. No strings attached. Pat Anderson. Ph.0497315534. Email: turossheadcaringgroup@gmail.com





A Beer with Bazz # 258

With John Longhurst

"Sandpapergate, eh! Just call it beach cricket and forget it, Mick. I am not standing with Uzzie Khawaja. I just don't see the point. Done and dusted … in the past … why go there?"

It was more spittle than froth on Timeless Tom's upper lip, and his cheeks reddened.
"You are turning a quiet Friday afternoon beer into a confessional. I took care of those past sins with countless 'Hail Marys' for the minor misdemeanours and the odd 'Our Father' for the serious sins. Do you want me to kneel to drink my schooner?"

Mick tut-tutted.
"Now, now … Tom. From my understanding, it was more than the odd 'Our Father' when you were a young bloke. People queuing behind you at the Confessional were heard cursing, adding to their own penance, because your list of sins was so long. But all that aside, I think Uzzie is the Jiminy Cricket of cricket and has gifted us with anm opportunity."

Mick paused, waiting for his witticism to register. It didn't.
"Now, my idea is we have our very own reflection time … let's call it 'Fess Up Fridays'. I am not talking about every week … let's say the last Friday of each month. We own some of our past behaviours. You see … I think Uzzie has given us the chance to repent for previous misdeeds that might have gone unchecked or, more likely, undeclared by our good selves. Good for the soul, I say."

Know All Ron cleared his throat.
"It is a tough one, Mick. In law, we have the statute of limitations, and in NSW it is governed by the Limitation Act 1969. Now … it basically sets the maximum time after an event—such as a crime, an injury, or a breach of contract—during which legal proceedings can be started. So can I suggest …."

Mick shook his head.
"Bloody hell, Ron! Keep it simple! Did you swallow an encyclopaedia as a kid? It is just a case of past misdeeds … own up and move on. There will be a limit, of course. I recommend one 'fess up' each per month, otherwise we will be here for ages listening to old Tom … and don't get me started on Bazza!"

Bazza leaned back from his iPad to meet Mick's stare.
"Now come on, Bazza. Don't act all innocent. I think you need to 'fess up' about your role in the Moruya Sharks shocker run in Group 16 in the 1970s and most of the 1980s. The facts speak for themselves. The Sharks were runners-up to the Candelo-Bemboka Panthers in the 1969 Grand Final and then did not make a grand final for the next twenty years."

Mick paused for a sip as Bazza's shoulders slumped.
"Bazza … you joined the Sharks in the early 1970s as a young bloke and immediately tried to emulate Changa Langlands, but you were more focused on admiring your sidestep than the opposition, and we got smashed week after week. The wearing of white football boots halfway through the season was the final straw. We lost our three gun players, who couldn't stand the embarrassment."

Mick took a measured sip.
"You retired in 1988 and the Sharks finally won a premiership in 1989 defeating the Cooma Stallions 38–10. Go figure! So time to 'fess up' your role in the Moruya Sharks' two decades in the football wilderness, Bazza."

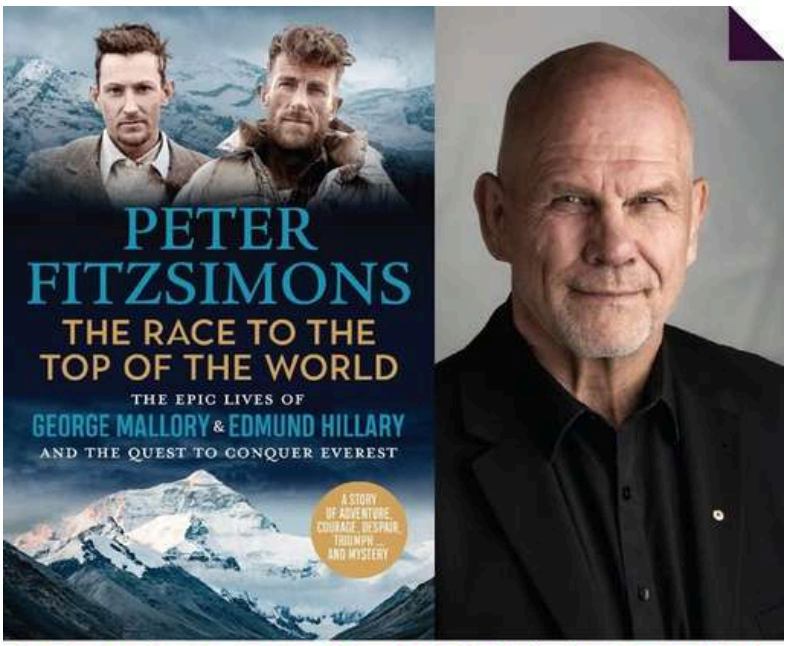
A few 'hear hears!' around the bar and Mick smiled.
"Give us an 'Uzzie, Uzzie, Uzzie!', and we shall try to forgive … if not forget."

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



Moruya Sharks 1976 (Bazza in the change rooms combing his hair)





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Spirulina - High Protein & Great For Weight Loss

I've written about plenty of superfoods over the years, and while I think the term is definitely overused, there are a few standouts that truly deserve a higher rating. Spirulina is right at the top of that list.

Historically found in the natural alkaline lakes of South America and Africa, this saltwater microalga was a dietary staple for many indigenous communities. Today, it stands out as an incredibly nutrient-dense plant, containing between 60% and 70% dry-weight vegetable protein [6] roughly 3 to 4 times higher than beef, pork, or fish. At a time when many of us struggle to get enough protein, adding spirulina is a fantastic way to boost your intake without piling on animal fats. Plus, it's a complete protein source containing all the essential amino acids [2].

It's also often touted as a great weight-loss aid. Because it's so nutrient-rich, taking it about an hour before a meal can help suppress your appetite and promote a feeling of fullness. On top of that, its high protein content helps stabilize blood glucose levels, which is a lifesaver when it comes to avoiding sudden cravings and overeating.

Beyond protein, spirulina packs essential fatty acids like gamma-linolenic acid (GLA), which is well-known for its anti-inflammatory properties [5]. Taking it alongside an omega-3 fish oil supplement is a great way to help manage inflammation, including arthritis flare-ups, and the GLA content also helps support heart health by managing cholesterol [3].

Because it contains a high amount of chlorophyll and demonstrates heavy-metal-chelating activities, spirulina helps clear toxins from the blood and gives your immune system a natural boost [4].

Mineral-wise, it's a powerhouse. It's a great source of highly bio-available iron, perfect for anyone dealing with anaemia and it won't cause constipation (always a bonus!) [1]. It also contains calcium levels comparable to milk, making it a great whole-food supplement during pregnancy.

When it comes to vitamins, it's essentially nature's multivitamin. It offers high concentrations of beta-carotene (pro-vitamin A) and a full complex of B-vitamins and vitamin E.

Are you getting the picture here? With over 100 nutrients, spirulina definitely earns the title. In fact, NASA has used it to supplement the diets of astronauts out in space.

Of course, spirulina isn't just for space travel. It's an incredible all-around daily supplement for everyone from young children to seniors. It's an obvious win for vegetarians looking for clean iron and protein, but for anyone on the go, it's also the ultimate addition to a morning smoothie. You can easily find it in tablets, capsules, or pure powder.

For more information about spirulina, 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 ... Dr Catherine Ordway



It is a question that would stump any pub trivia expert:
Who grew up in Whyalla, the South Australian industrial city renowned for steelmaking and shipbuilding, and went on to become an internationally recognised sports lawyer and expert in sports integrity?
She has spent more than 25 years advising governments, regulators and major sporting organisations on issues ranging from anti-doping, match-fixing and corruption to gender equality, human rights and athlete welfare.
She also played a key role in evacuating the Afghanistan Women's National Cricket Team toAustralia after they fled the Taliban in 2021.
One final clue: she now calls Moruya home and is regularly called upon by the media to comment on sports scandals, governance failures and the more than occasional case of "men behaving badly" in sport...
The Moruya Mail (MM) checked whether a double-shot latte breached any caffeine rules before catching up with Catherine Ordway (CO) for a coffee last week.
MM: Thanks for joining me, Catherine. You were born during the period that many South Australians fondly refer to as the "Dunstan Decade" – the 1970s when Premier Don Dunstan fundamentally reshaped South Australia into a progressive, culturally vibrant society.
CO: (Laughs ...) Yes, although I wasn't aware of it at the time. Dunstan's socially progressive agenda had a huge impact on me, and my generation. We benefited from an expanded public education system, and a culture of tolerance, respect and social justice.
Coming from what was then the largest regional town in South Australia, sport played a huge part in my childhood. My Grandma and her sisters were mad on sport, playing hockey and golf. Whyalla was home to a legendary sporting family – the Robrans. Julie [Francou] captained the netball Diamonds. Her brother Barry has been described as one of the greatest Aussie rules footballers to ever play the game. My Mum played A Grade netball and tennis. I did the same, dreaming of becoming Steffi Graf – but it wasn't to be.
MM: Now sitting on the Victorian Racing Integrity Board, it is with some amusement that Catherine recalls greyhound races being conducted around the perimeter of her primary school. What are your other memories from that time?
One highlight was winning the Kellogg Rice Bubbles competition for writing '25 words or less' on 'Why I wanted to go on the TAA Airbus', if you can remember TAA 'The Friendly Way'? It was very exciting for our family of four to jet off to Perth – so perhaps that gave me further inspiration for writing – and travel.
I was determined that I wanted to go to university ... a choice my mother was denied. My parents both taught at TAFE (Dad -mechanic apprentices, and Mum - computing and word processing), so I knew education was key to having options.
MM: OK ... stop right there. Do I get this right? It is the late 1980s, and you are a forward-thinking young woman, and studying law is your way of righting some of the injustices in our world?
CO: (Smiles ...) Yes, I felt the law was a way to help people who don't enjoy the privileges we do, but it was not entirely altruistic! In Year 12, I did work experience with Legal Aid - and I was motivated watching the handsome Robert Redford play the role of a lawyer in the movie Legal Eagles.
I feel lucky to been at The University of Adelaide in the era of leading student politicians likeNatasha Stott Despoja, Annabel Crabb, and Penny Wong. We even convinced now Health Minister, Mark Butler, to play in our mixed basketball competition. Our lecturers, like political scientist and feminist Professor Carol Bacchi, blew my mind, and Don Bradman's son, John Bradsen, was a brilliant constitutional law lecturer.
MM: And unlike many young women who drop out of sport, you kept playing?
Yes, I played tennis and netball throughout, and in my final year at Uni, decided to take up fencing. I was also asked to try the Olympic sport of handball, as Adelaide was hosting the National Championships, and they needed a women's team. I loved it and ended up in the national squad as a goalkeeper. Handball gave me the idea to move to Canberra, as I attended training camps at the Australian Institute of Sport.
MM: How did the idea of becoming a sports lawyer come about – as there can't have been too many back then?
True – sports law was really only just becoming recognised then, but with the optimism of youth thought 'If there is one sports law job out there, why not me?'. After hearing Rod McKeogh, bossof the Sydney 2000 Olympic bid, I was inspired to enter the sports law conference paper award. I wrote on the maladministration of the Australian Handball Federation, which resulted in major changes to the funding criteria for Australian sports.
I didn't make the final cut for the Olympic handball team, but the paper prize led to a legal role in Sydney with a firm that acted for the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC). I drafted anti-doping polies and appeared in more than 30 hearings in the lead up the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.
John Coates AC, the then AOC president, had a favourite instruction: 'Catherine ... find a way' — which has been a mantra that has driven me ever since.
The Sydney Games was one of the highlights of my life, and I went to as many events as I could. I even saw the Danish women's handball team win Gold – which is where Prince Frederick met (now Queen) Mary.
In 2001, it was goodbye Sydney and 'Hei Hei' Oslo, Norway, where I worked in anti-doping at the Norwegian Olympic Committee and helped establish what is now iNADO – the global advocacy body for anti-doping.
My son was born there, and we enjoyed 12 months paternity leave, even though we were only on working holiday visas. The Scandinavians know how to support families!
We needed to thaw out, so we moved to Qatar, where I became head of the Doping Control Programme for the 2006 Asian Games. The temperature change from minus 25°C to plus 50°C reflected the cultural differences between the two countries. I like to joke that I earnt my travel stripes for outlasting four Norwegian winters and two Ramadans!
By 2006, we came back to Australia for me to take up the head legal role with the new anti-doping body for Australia (ASADA). That experience encouraged me to study a Graduate Diploma in Investigations Management to better understand how law enforcement and sport could share information to combat sport drug trafficking.
Leaving ASADA, I did consultancy work on Olympic bids and Games including London, Rio de Janeiro and Vancouver. By chance I was asked to back-fill a sports management class at the University of Canberra (UC) in 2012. I loved it so much they convinced me to do my PhD on sports corruption. It took me six years to finish it part-time. I was later promoted to Associate Professor and UC's Sport Integrity Research Lead.
MM: Tell me how a University lecturer then ends up evacuating the Afghan women's cricket team and being given the Spirit of Cricket Award at Lords?
CO: That is for sure a story for another day, but I feel like all the travel and work I had done, networks I had built, and experiences I have had, came together so I could respond to the call from Tracey Holmes (former ABC journalist) to "Find a way" to help Afghan women – who just wanted to play sport. I hope my story shows that ordinary people can do extraordinary things if you put your mind to it – and we all have capacity to do more to help others in need.
MM: I now understand why you are the 'go-to' person for comments on sports integrity, not only in Australia but internationally. If sports integrity were an Olympic sport, you would be a gold medallist — but you still call Moruya home!
CO: (Laughs ...) Thank you! We totally feel at home here. The community has been verywelcoming, and we have made new friends and connections. We are amazed by how many fascinating people live here who have really interesting lives. My husband is enjoying retirement, and loves the coast; surfing, kayaking and now mountain biking. We are loving everything the Eurobodalla has to offer, and I've even taken up a new sport - pickleball.
MM: Now you have left Uni, someone described you as a full-time mischief-maker. Is that a fair description?
CO: (Smiles ...) A full-time mischief-maker? Perhaps. I've never been very good at accepting 'No' or 'That's impossible' as an answer. My mantra is simple: find a way. In my experience, many worthwhile adventures begin with someone telling you it can't be done.

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**

COUNCIL AGENDA 25TH NOVEMBER

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA ON WED 25 NOV 2026 COMMENCING AT 12:30 PM
1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 27 October 2026
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA
(Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. PUBLIC FORUM
7. MAYORAL MINUTES MM26/011 Homelessness workshop outcome MM26/012 General Manager Performance Review Panel
8. NOTICES OF MOTION Nil
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS Nil
10. PETITIONS Nil ii
11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS GMR26/022 Presentation of Annual Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2026
GMR26/023 Annual Report 2025-26 GMR26/024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Quarter ended 30 September 2026
GMR26/025 Investments made as at 31 October 2026
GMR26/026 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes - 17 June 2026 and 21 September 2026 12.
PLANNING, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS
PER26/034 Draft Pathways Strategy 2026
PER26/035 Post exhibition and adoption of the Biodiversity Strategy PER26/036 Eurobodalla Outdoor Dining Trial
PER26/037 Proposed amendment between the locality boundaries of Jeremadra and Mossy Point
13. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS IR26/015 Local Transport Forum No. 4 for 2026-27
14. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS
CAR26/023 2027 Community Grants and Donations Program
15. DELEGATE REPORT Nil
16. URGENT BUSINESS
17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

THE BINGIE POINT Opinion by Cid Mateo



Cid Mateo is a demographer, governance and public policy specialist, who has advised the Australian and Solomon Islands governments and their parliaments on economic, tax, budget, fiscal and social security policy.

Eurobodalla Shire racks up another budget deficit

It's that time of year again. I would like to say pop the champagne, but I'm afraid we can't afford it. Times are tight. The Eurobodalla Shire Council's Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 have been audited and are publicly available on Council's website Eurobodalla Financial Statements 2025-26. The Council's external auditors provided a summary of the Financial Statements in the Information Session to Councillors on 10 November 2026.

So, let's take a look at the highlights. Rates and annual charges in 2025-26 are up by 4.5 per cent on the previous year, 2024-25, to $83.5 million, the biggest component of income from our continuing operations of $195.2 million. Grant and contributions revenue from external sources to our own-raised revenue in the Eurobodalla was $64.8 million. Our non-capital assets, like our infrastructure, are estimated to have rundown through depreciation, amortisation and impairment by a value of $52.8 million over the year, which future Eurobodalla residents will need to pay for at some time.

We ran a deficit of $8.5 million from ongoing operations excluding grants and contributions for capital, and a deficit of $29.3 million excluding grants and contributions for operating expenses as well as for capital expenses. That's a deficit of 22.5 per cent of Council's own sourced revenue, and underscores our reliance on grants and contributions to fund Council business. By way of comparison, the Australian Government's deficit for the year ended 30 June 2026 was around 2.7 per cent of revenue. At face value, you'd have to say that Dr Jim Chalmers, the Australian Treasurer, and Katy Gallagher, the Minister of Finance, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Public Service, are succeeding in responsible fiscal and economic management. At the Local Government level, the Eurobodalla is heavily reliant on taxpayers beyond our communities to help us pay for the Council's activities it provides on our behalf.

Around $44 million for capital grants were mostly spent upgrading Council roads and water storage. We should be grateful to Australian and NSW taxpayers. Without those grants, our roads and water storage would be much poorer.

Over the year Council's repayments on its borrowings was $8.2 million in interest payments, which included repayments on its loan of $40 million for the Southern Water Storage Dam.

Our debt is also at eye-watering levels. At $86.9 million at 30 June 2026, this is 66.6 per cent of our own sourced income of $130.4 million in 2025-26, which excludes grants and contributions. A sell-off of the Bay Pavilions, which cost around $70 million to build, and have costed the Eurobodalla community in the tens of millions of dollars in losses, would make a good dent in our debt and interest payments as interest rates tick up.

This year, for the first time, the losses on the Bay Pavilions are not transparent, as they have not been reported in the Financial Statements as a separate Special Purpose Financial Statement, and as they were in previous years. If the Pavs' losses follow a similar pattern to previous years, and are around their estimated budgeted loss of $6 million at the start of the financial year, 2025-26, the overall losses paid for by the Eurobodalla community would be nearing, or over, $30 million and counting. The community was told the Pavs would incur losses of $1 million, or $100,000 a year, in its first 10 years of operation. Gee, we were hoodwinked on that one. Combined with a $70 million build, if alternate decisions had been made at the time, we may not have needed the debt for the water storage, and could have paid for most of the estimated cost of the Batemans Bay and Tomakin sewerage treatment plants. Of course, we would have retained an outdoor recreational and exercise facility and a part of Batemans Bay history, which could have been improved with some affordable upgrades.

A Day in the Life of a Local … Nurse, Barista, Animal Care Worker, Bar Attendant and Trivia Host

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

- **Name: Georgia Dunn**
- **Wake-up time: 6**.00 am
- • **Do you have a personality that goes with each job?** Yes … to avoid asking animals hard trivia questions!
- **Have you thought about getting another job?** Ummmm …. NO!

It is straight to the beach for the morning walk with her dog, Benji for Surfside resident Georgia Dunn.

An avid reader, Georgia can then be found with her head in a book over her favourite breakfast of eggs on bagels.

She spins the daily employment roulette which may land on nurse, barista, animal care worker, trivia host or bar attendant and puts on the appropriate personality as well as identifying uniform.

Today it is … running the cafe at the Catalina Country Club. By 9.00 am she is at work setting up for the day, cleaning and wiping benches and display cabinets before cutting and presenting cakes. Another staff member joins her at 10.00 am and assists in setting up whether it be for bingo or cards. She ensures some staff banter enlivens the atmosphere. Georgia finds time for a joke and a special chat with regulars as well as a friendly greeting for visitors. She even offers a metaphorical shoulder for the frustrated golfer returning after a poor round.

Georgia could easily serve a perfect cappuccino or a latte with a blindfold and still position the complimentary tiny biscuit just right.

11.00 am is break time and more often than not her head is back in a book …. and the current read is 'The Hunger Games'.

Hosting the Club Trivia is her favourite part of the job.

"I am a bit of an extrovert so it suits me to be holding the microphone. I get to gee up the competition and learn new facts at the same time. Overall, it is a fun place to work and most people are in holiday or retirement mode so it is a relaxed vibe."



Why so many jobs?

"Well … I am still young and still working out my career path. I am a registered nurse and do shifts at the Moruya Hospital and I aspire to do a masters degree in social work. In the meantime, the variety of different employments keeps me motivated."

And … after work?

"I am a sucker for my Dad's taste in music … AC/DC, Billy Joel and the like. I also like running and playing soccer."

Perhaps it is her favourite meal of pasta or sushi before she turns in at 9.00 pm.

And your favourite spot in Eurobodalla?

"Hands down …. It has to be Circuit Beach."



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
11 Tilba St Narooma



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Exhibition
5 Nov - Sat 28 Nov
Open Mon-Fri 10am-3pm
Sat 9am-1pm





And the winner of the 2026 St Cecilia Youth Music Scholarship is...



1The 2026 St Cecilia Finalists: (left to right) Sean Peard, Hugo Mitchell, Olive Lloyd, Kobe Ellem (front), Django Dolphin, Isla Blaas, Arielle Brantingham, Evelyn Wilson, Leana Browne, Poppy Mitchell.

Pianist, Evelyn Wilson, was presented with the Senior First Place Prize ($1500) in the 2026 St Cecilia Youth Music Scholarships held on Sunday, November 15. A warm and appreciative audience was held spellbound as she performed 'This Land' by Hans Zimmer. The David Harding Tertiary Award ($1000) was presented to Leana Browne for her moving vocal performance of 'Jane Doe' by Emily Rohm.

More than $10,000 was raised through generous sponsors and the St Cecilia Music Scholarship committee to provide music scholarships for young people on the south coast who want to pursue their music seriously. The scholarship program has been running for 31 years and, like the 10 finalists who performed at auditions and then at the final concert, hundreds of young people have benefitted from the program.

All the finalists expressed their appreciation for the chance to perform and share their music with an audience, and with fellow musicians. And the money will come in handy for their tuition.

"The St Cecilia program has definitely helped me become more confident in my ability to perform and the scholarship I received is going to help me further my studies in music," said Leana Browne.

Winner of the Maria de Rocco First Prize Intermediate ($1250), violinist Poppy Mitchell (Year 9) was also grateful for the opportunity. "It's helped me connect with other people my own age who play instruments, and it's helped to build my confidence," she said.

The scholarship program is open to musicians aged 8 to 18 years and the sentimental favourite this year was 8 year old Kobe Ellem on piano, with his performance of 'Malaguena' by Hans-Gunter Heuman. He enjoyed the performing and said he was not nervous.

Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP and Eurobodalla Mayor, Mathew Hatcher were on hand to present the awards and the committee also expressed its appreciation to the Batemans Bay Rotary Club, Moruya CWA, The South Coast Music Society, the Catalina Club and many private donors who made the awards possible and participated in the presentations.



Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP with Evelyn Wilson and Leana Browne, major winners of this year's St Cecilia Scholarships.

"It means so much to the students and their families that our community is willing to recognise and encourage young musicians and help them improve," said St Cecilia President, Jessica Ferguson. "Some will go on to pursue music as a career and others will continue to have music in their lives, sharing with their communities."

Members of the audience who attended to hear the talented young musicians were impressed by the variety of instruments, the quality of the performances and the sheer delight of listening to beautiful music.

The winners were:

Tertiary: for a student going on to study music at a tertiary level, Leana Browne (voice)

Senior: 1st Evelyn Wilson (piano); 2nd Sean Peard (guitar); 3rd Arielle Brantingham (voice and guitar)

Intermediate: 1st Poppy Mitchell (violin); 2nd Olive Lloyd (piano); 3rd Isla Blaas (voice and guitar)

Junior: 1st Django Dolphin (trumpet); 2nd Kobe Ellem (piano); 3rd Hugo Mitchell (voice)



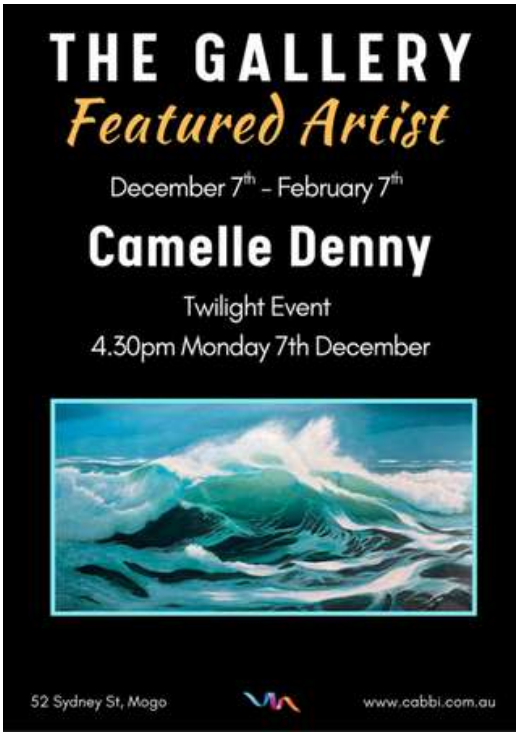
Sean Peard on guitar, winner of the St Cecilia Second Prize



Poppy Mitchell on violin and winner of the Maria de Rocco scholarship.







Local designer takes on first Moruya Country Market



Local swimwear label, Meringo Sun, has made its first appearance at the Moruya Country Markets!

Created by local designer, Elliott Bowyer, Meringo Sun is all about helping women feel strong, confident and comfortable in swimwear made with sustainable fabrics and ethical manufacturing.

Named after our community of Meringo, the label is inspired by a love of the ocean, community and making the most of our life.

You'll be seeing Elliott and Meringo Sun at the Moruya Country Markets throughout summer, so pop by, say hello and check out the collection!

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Crank It Up set to take over the Batemans Bay foreshore



Crank It Up Batemans Bay returns from 20 to 22 November, bringing live music, classic cars, dancing, retro stalls, markets and family activities to the Batemans Bay foreshore.

The weekend includes the Tyre Torque Show 'n' Shine, live bands across two stages, dance performances and lessons, food and market stalls, and other retro-themed activities.

Road and boat ramp closures

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November: Clyde Street will be closed between North Street/Orient Street and the rear exit of the Bridge Plaza car park from 7am to 4pm. Access to and from Clyde Street properties beyond the closure will be available via the rear of the Bridge Plaza car park. Vehicle access to the Clyde Street boat ramp will not be available.

Quantum Brewery
Saturday Live Music
4.30-7.30pm
and Fun time Events *(check website)*

21 Nov	Richard Lawson
27 Nov 6pm	Trivia Night
28 Nov	Jakob Poyner
5 Dec	Giann Cafe
12 Dec	Tommy Steez
18 Dec 6pm	Xmas Trivia Night
19 Dec 12.30-3.30	Boogaloo Express *Funky Jazz*
2 Jan	MoonDog
9 Jan	Laz n Caz
15 Jan 6pm	Stand Up Comedy Night
16 Jan	Sarah Soukieh
23 Jan	Giaan Cafe
30 Jan	Mac & Glenda
6 Feb	Abby May

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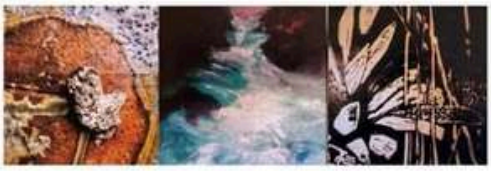
MECHANICS INSTITUTE MORUYA
NOVEMBER 23rd - 29th 2026

OPENING MONDAY
Nov 23rd 4pm - 7pm

Join us in a relaxed salon-style opening on
Monday 23 Nov, 4pm-7pm
Mechanics Institute, Page St, Moruya.

A celebratory exhibition of artistic confluences:
Paintings by Trevor Hyde,
Textiles, collage works, lamps and lino prints by Magella Blinksell
Woodfired ceramics by Jenni Knight
Acoustic folk roots duo Jenni and Stephen Knight will also perform.

Exhibition runs 23-29th Nov, 10am-4pm daily.



MORUYA MAIL Eurobodalla Gig Guide

November

Sat 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
Sat 21 Nov Smoke and Mirrors - Club Narooma (6.30pm)
Sat 21st: Mick McGrath Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 22nd: Ash Bujeya Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 22 Nov Tony Jaggers Tilba Valley Winery 12.30
Sun 22 Nov Oli Statham - Club Narooma (3pm)
Sun 22 Nov Riff - Club Tuross (3pm)
Fri 27 Nov North of the Bridge Club Malua
Sat 28 Nov Mark Smith Club Malua
28th Nov Abbey May at All Saints Bodalla
28 Nov Jakob Poyner Quantum Brewer 4.30-7.30
Sat 28 Nov Giiyong Ganya Jigamy, Eden
Sat 28th: Blue Mallee Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 29th: Dane Kennedy Broulee Brewhouse
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
Sat 5th: Robz Simpson Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 6th: Piper Allan Broulee Brewhouse
Sat 12 Dec Riff Bodalla Pub 2pm
Sat 12th: Natalie Magee Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 13th: Moondog Broulee Brewhouse
Fri 18th: Coastal Fringe from 5:30pm - Brewhouse Xmas Party - everyone welcome Broulee Brewhouse
Sat 19th: The Midlife Ramblers Broulee Brewhouse
Sat 19 Dec Met Fa'oa JJs at The Marina 6pm
Sat 19 Dec Tony Jaggers Quantum 4.30pm
Sun 20th: Inez Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 20 Dec Tony Jaggars Foxdog Distillery 12.30
Thurs 24th: Live music & Santa visits from 2pm Broulee Brewhouse
Sat 26th: Mick Mcgrath Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 27th: Ash Bujeya Broulee Brewhouse
Thurs 31st: Mick McGrath & Waikama Broulee Brewhouse 3 - 9pm
31 Dec New Year's Eve Usual Suspects Moruya Waterfront
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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Christmas Events 2026

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Christmas Shopping Event
Thursday 10th December
Gundary Bakers
from 4:30pm

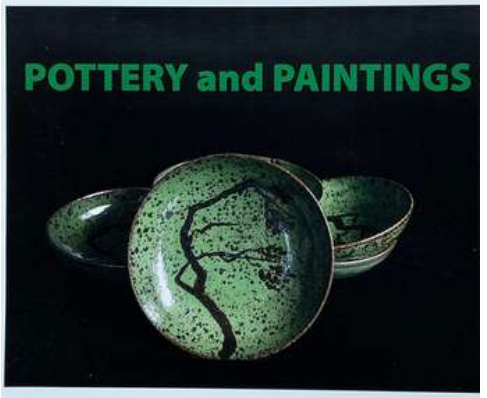
Christmas High Tea
Saturday 12th December
Bodalla General
from 1pm

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Twilight Carols in the Garden

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Sunday 20 December
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Sausage Sizzle Available
Bring chairs or a picnic blanket

Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Inc.

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Monies raised will assist in funding the construction of accommodation for close relatives and primary carers of patients receiving treatment in the new hospital. The facility will be located on site at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

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

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





ASK BIG HEAD

G'day mates! It's your big-headed buddy here, back to unpack another pack puzzle. This week's mind-boggler comes from a reader stressing over her German Shepherd's boundary barking.

Q: Why does my GSD bark at anyone who goes past my fence? She's scaring people and upsetting my neighbours.

While this behaviour might be causing stress for the neighbourhood, your dog is actually trying to do a good job and expend their excess energy. Fence-line barking is not motivated by 'disobedience', it's usually a combination of territorial instinct, boredom and barrier frustration. When a territorial dog scans the fence and sees a human or dog walk by, they rush over, bark loudly, and the passersby keep walking (or running) away.

And to our doggy brains, those protective actions successfully defended our den. So you need to interrupt that cycle as often as possible.

And with German Shepherds, you're dealing with centuries of selective breeding working overtime. GSDs are hardwired to patrol perimeters, alert their humans to changes in the environment, and guard their patch with serious dedication. So if you don't give a GSD clear parameters for their guarding job - i.e. when and how much to bark - they'll employ themselves as the 24 hour Head of Security and take that role very bloody seriously.

The physical barrier of the fence blocking your dog from properly investigating and vetting the strangers means that bottled-up energy quickly boils over into frantic guarding, loud barking and fence running. It's called barrier frustration and can also happen when dogs on-lead are excited/impatient to meet other dogs so end up pulling, lunging and barking loudly. Resolving this challenge is multi-faceted. First, try managing the environment by setting up visual barriers like dense shade cloth on the fence and removing access to high points in the yard. Make sure your dog always has somewhere calm and shady to sleep, ideally without line of sight to the fence or passersby. Secondly, drain your dog's battery every morning before the guarding pattern sets in motion every day. Let them use their noses and brains on a walk or by playing games in the yard. A tired dog is a calmer dog!

Importantly, you can't correct behaviour you don't witness. So spend time in the yard calling your dog away from a barking session as early as possible (i.e. when they first notice a passerby) and reward them for returning to you away from the fence. You can also practice doing fence patrols with your dog on-leash and correct them when they get too close to the fence. Reward your dog for keeping their attention on you in your property and make the centre of the yard the place where exciting times happen - not the fence!

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

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

NAZA at Narooma Kinema

The Narooma Kinema will be screening the documentary NAZA for 2 weeks, including a panel discussion after the screening on Sunday 6 December.

NAZA documentary
Narooma Kinema November 26-December 10.
Panel discussion Sunday afternoon, Dec 6

- New York Times - "tough to watch, and impossible to ignore."
- Time out - "As a work of journalism, it is unarguable "
- Rotten tomatoes 100%
- Special Jury prize Venice with 25 minute standing ovation



WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING TO THE EUROBODALLA REPAIR CAFE ?

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

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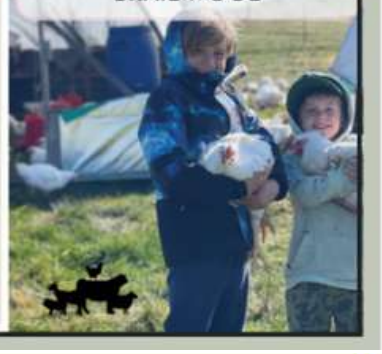


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Next one is December 5th

BAY POOL SERVICES

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A new Pool and Brew shop has opened at 4/7 Cranbrook Road Batemans Bay (next to 3d shade sails). We are your exclusive dealers for Dolphin pool cleaners. Stockists of pool and spa chemicals and Coopers and Morgans HOME BREW supplies. We also service swimming pools from North Durras to Moruya from $65 a service plus chemicals.

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2026 Diary Dates

- 22 Nov - **Tomakin Community Day 12–4pm**
- 28 Nov **– Youth Against Domestic Violence Colour Run** Riverside Park
- 29 Nov Dalmeny Summer Fest 10-2pm
- 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**

Councillor Catch Ups

The final catch up for the year will be held at Dalmeny on Wed 9 Dec.

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.

Braidwood's Community Bank Airing of the Quilts

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November 2026.

Moruya Carols By Candlelight

Sat 19th December 5.30pm Riverside Park in Moruya. Pre-entertainment will start at 5.30 pm, with Carols from at 6.30 pm.

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).
When: Thursday 3rd December 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

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Memorial Service Notice

In Loving Memory of Alice Sinclair
Born: 1933
Passed Away: September 2026
It is with deep love and remembrance that we invite you to join us in celebrating the life of Alice Sinclair.
Service Details:
Date: 28 November 2026
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Moruya Golf Club, 28A Evans St, Moruya New South Wales 2537
We welcome all who knew and loved Alice to share memories, stories, and moments of joy.



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.
So please, if you notice something is not quite right with your animal, please do not wait and watch, please contact us before 9pm on (02) 44742532"

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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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

Workshop: Sustainability, closing the loop

Moruya Library Thursday 26 November 2026 10:30am - 11:30am Free

Join Council's Sustainable Education team for this closing-the-loop workshop. This workshop covers the basics of the circular economy model, which helps us to live more sustainably. By adopting circular economy behaviours in all areas of our lives: our homes, offices, farms, schools, sporting clubs and all the other spaces we move in, we can save money, reduce waste and be kinder to the planet.

Bookings: https://tinyurl.com/5n6353ny



Repurposing for Resilience 2027 Workshops

Toolbox Talks — Kicking off February 2027!

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. Repurposing for Resilience Eurobodalla

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Yoga pose of the week
with Christina Carroll

Raised Hand To Big Toe Variation - Utthia Hasta Padngusthasana Variation

A pose to improve the sense of balance. It stretches the hamstrings, calves and thighs and strengthens the hips, thighs, knees and ankles. Great pose to develop concentration and focus, which in turn calms and balances the mind.

To practice - Stand with the feet together and the arms beside the body. Find a point in front of the body to fix the gaze. Bend right knee towards the chest and take a hold of the right big toe with right hand. Straighten the right leg in front of the body and once straight slowly pull it up closer to the torso. Raise the left arm to the side for balance. Place the left hand in jnana mudra, by curling the index finger to the base of the left thumb. Once balanced take the outstretched leg to the side. Hold the position for as long as comfortable then bend the knee, release the toe and lower the foot to the floor. Relax the arms and then repeat to the other side.



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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 13.11.26

Moruya River
The fishing this week has continued to maintain that of previous weeks. The shallow sand flats continue to produce good fish on a rising tide. Flathead, Bream and Whiting can all be found moving up onto the shallow sand flats on a rising tide. Both baits and lures have been working well, with soft plastics and hard body lures always attracting the attention of marauding fish. The dropping tide, will see bream and whiting moving into the cover of deeper water as the shallow sand flats drain. Expect to see the flathead already positioned along the drop offs waiting for these fish to escape the dropping tide. Focus your lure presentations along these edges to intercept a flathead laying in an ambush position.
The flats around the Malabar creek drainage have been fishing well, along with the sand flats under the town bridge and in front of the hospital. All good areas to explore.
For those that like to chase bass, the upper Duea is really in need of good rains to bring the levels up. This will allow already pressured fish, to move further upstream. The Cicadas have started to chirp off a night time, so a night surface session may be a good way to mix things up.
Tuross River.
As always, the shires premier stretch of water continues to impress. Whether your species is flathead, mulloway, bream or whiting, Tuross has it all available at your finger tips.
From the lower reaches around the mouth and the potato point flats, to the boat shed area, four ways and the back lakes, Tuross really has something for every occasion or angler.
Flathead are by far, this water ways, brightest shining star with some true trophy fish caught regularly within this system. Mulloway also put in a fair appearance, when you know when and where to search for them.
The mass of oyster rack this system holds have shifted from surface feeding bream, to the bream working the undersides and edges of the racks as farmers have moved away from the open top style racks to enclosed floating racks. This allows for greater retention of oysters as they don't get as many eaten by the local bream populations. The days of watching big bream feeding over the racks have, for anglers long gone. I tend to fish the gravel beds along the shore lines more these days if I am targeting bream in the shallows.
The upper Tuross system is in desperate need of a good rains to allow trapped bass to move further upstream.
Rock and Beach.
We have all seen the drone footage of big salmon and shark schools down around Tuross over the last few weeks. These schools are still hanging around, so those chasing salmon on metals or sharks on salmon can get their fill of excitement this weekend.
The coast line has potential for fish to turn up anywhere , at any stage , so fish the areas you like . Bream and whiting will also be more of a presence in the shore break gutters as we move more towards summer. A bit of burley allowed to work into these gutters will tempt fish to you. Beach worms or pipis are going to be you best bait options for these areas.
Offshore.
Snapper are for the most part, deep at the moment, so start looking around the 50m mark. The flathead are in closer over sandy areas that are adjacent to shallow reef areas. Start looking around 20m.
The shop is looking great, with plenty of stock on hand for most of your angling needs. The bait freezer is between deliveries this week, but is a pretty good state for the most part. With exception of hawksbury prawns , that have been unavailable for several months now.
Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."
Team Tackle World Moruya.





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How self-powered life jackets could turn wave motion into an emergency signal

Liquid metal device developed with UOW researchers harvests energy from movement to power emergency signals, wearable sensors without batteries

A life jacket that powers its own distress signal could soon provide protection for people on the water thanks to a device developed by **University of Wollongong** (UOW) researchers and their international collaborators.

The groundbreaking gadget generates electricity from movement, such as the rock of a wave or the flick of a wrist, paving the way for wearable sensors that don't rely on batteries.

Senior Professor Weihua Li from UOW's School of Engineering is a co-author on the research paper, published in Science Advances.

"In remote or harsh environments, replacing or recharging batteries is not always practical, but it can have a big impact on a person's safety. A device that draws small amounts of power from its own movement could be very helpful," he said.

The soft device contains two droplets of gallium-based liquid metal in a solution that conducts electricity. As the device moves, the droplets shift and touch the liquid and the air in different amounts. This changes the chemical reactions on their surfaces and creates a small electric current.

Linking 40 devices produced about two volts, enough to light small LEDs, although a single device generated only a small amount of power.

In a life-jacket prototype, wave-like movement generated electricity that was stored and used to illuminate an LED 'SOS' display. The device produced more power in laboratory conditions but also operated in seawater.

The technology can also detect movement through changes in its electrical signal. Pressing, tilting, bending or twisting the device changes its output, allowing it to act as a sensor without an external power supply. The team showed it could detect movements as subtle as a wrist pulse, as well as walking, running and falling.

By placing sensors across a surface, they could also tell where pressure was applied. This could help in the development of wearable devices that track movement, and soft robots that can sense touch.

"Many wearable devices need regular charging, and that's a barrier for people who want to use them every day. We want to reduce that dependence," Professor Li said.

"What makes this approach interesting is the range of movements it can respond to, from a small movement at the wrist to much larger movements of the body. The same principle allows us to collect electrical energy and produce a signal that tells us about movement."

The researchers will now focus on increasing the devices' power, durability and reliability in real-world conditions.

NSW expands support for wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and emergency response

Wildlife rehabilitators across NSW can now access a suite of new funding to help cover the costs of rescuing and caring for sick, injured and orphaned native animals.

The **NSW Government** has opened applications for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Emergency and Operational Support Program, delivering immediate support to volunteers and carers who provide essential care to the state's wildlife.

This funding includes the first tranche of the NSW Government's $9 million Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector package, as well as new emergency support funding for bird flu preparedness and flying-fox relief.

The H5 bird flu preparedness funding will help eligible rehabilitators purchase PPE including masks, disposable protective clothing, gloves, eye protection and disposable footwear covers where required for identified events in eligible locations.

Emergency relief funding for flying-fox rehabilitators will help meet additional costs associated with responding to emergencies, including food and feed, transport, accommodation, consumables and intensive rehabilitation services.

Beyond grants, the package will support training and resources for volunteers.

Wildlife carers can now apply for the following grants:

- $1.09 million for everyday wildlife rehabilitation expenses
- $250,000 in joint Australian and NSW Government funding to help wildlife rehabilitators prepare for H5 bird flu through the purchase of eligible personal protective equipment
- $100,000 in emergency relief for authorised flying-fox rehabilitators responding to current flying-fox emergencies, including starvation events.

Further support available soon includes:

- $500,000 for durable assets, such as rescue and transport equipment, enclosures, monitoring equipment, quarantine and biosecurity equipment, and food storage
- $900,000 for strategic projects, supporting sector-wide initiatives including training, volunteer support, specialist facilities and shared tools.

If a wildlife carer or volunteer is eligible for multiple funding streams, they may apply for more than one program. Rebates are paid directly to eligible individuals and not to wildlife rehabilitation organisations.

The NSW Government is also announcing $6.5 million for the Wildlife Vets Program, expected to commence in mid-2027, to support eligible wildlife hospitals and veterinary practices. The program will help them deliver best-practice care for sick and injured wildlife.



Tuross Head Golf





Winner: Wayne Lilley with Secretary Michael Coloe



Medal Winners: Wayne Burgess, David Schmid and Theodore Turner all with sponsor Bruce Brawn.



Winners: Jane Eglitis, Chris Wratten and Jeanette Miller

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 12th November 2026

A field of 48 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The competition was fierce and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:
1st: Wayne Lilley (16) with 41 points
2nd: Chris Wratten (34) with 40 points
3rd: Lars Gaupset (14) with 39 points
4th: Bruce Harding (16) with 38 points

Nearest to the Pins
4th: Malcolm Gilbertson 0.37 A Grade
4th: Bruce Harding 2.00 B Grade
4th: Beverley Theobald 6.45 C Grade
6th: Jim Wade 2.85 A Grade
6th: Bruce Harding 0.64 B Grade
6th: Daniel Nickson 7.03 C Grade
7th: Ruth Gschwend 1.81 A Grade
7th: Marie Muriwai 2.35 B Grade

Balls went to: Matthew Kennedy 37, Nick Brice 36, Mark Forrest 36, Marie Muriwai 36, Cate O'Brien 35, Ray Bollard 35, Brad Doolan 35, Jim Wade 35, Robert McDonell 34 and Peter Johnston 34.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 14th November 2026
A field of 42 players took to the course to compete in the Men's Stroke Medal of Medals event. The event was sponsored by Bruce Brawn. The competition was fierce and there were some brilliant scores.

The Winners were:
A Grade:
1st: Wayne Burgess (2) with 70 nett (Medal)
2nd: Mark Haberkorn (14) with 70 nett

B Grade:
1st: David Schmid (19) with 69 nett (Medal)
2nd: Simon French (18) with 70 nett

C Grade:
1st: Theodore Turner (21) with 54 nett (Medal)
2nd: Ross Hendy (33) with 69 nett

Hole Prize:
2nd Hole Theodore Turner Distance: 3.32 Golden Shot Moruya Jockey Club

Nearest to the Pins
4th: Thomas Engelbrecht 1.66 A Grade
4th: John Phyland 2.58 B Grade
6th: Colin Houghton 1.31 A Grade
7th: Troy Kingdom 6.36 A Grade
7th: Stephen Swanbury 3.21 B Grade

Putting Comp: Matthew Kennedy
Balls went to: Greg Smith 70, Stephen Swanbury 71, Brad Doolan 71, Colin Houghton 72, Tony Brown 72, Troy Kingdom 72, John Harb 73, Lars Gaupset 73, John Phyland 74 and Greg Booth 74.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 17th November 2026
A field of 21 ladies competed in a Stableford event. The event was sponsored by Better Bodies Gym. It was a sunny day and some brilliant scores were achieved.

The Winners were:
A Grade:
1st: Chris Wratten (33) with 38 points
2nd: Leonie Snodgrass (17) with 36 points

B Grade:
1st: Jeanette Miller (39) with 39 points
2nd: Kerrie Sands (36) with 30 points

C Grade:
1st: Jane Eglitis (41) with 32 points
2nd: Elsa Shearer (41) with 31 points

Place Getters:
Chelsea Mayes 34, Sandra D'Onofrio 33, Leonie Doolan 32, Teri Swanbury 32 and
Maree Coffey 30.

Hole Prize:
7th Chris Wratten Golden Shot A Distance 1.23
7th Jeanette Miller Golden Shot B Distance 2.64

Nearest the Pins:
6th Marie Muriwai Distance 0.75
15th Leonie Snodgrass Distance 0.08



Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 18th November 2026

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

The Winners were:
1st: Tony Crook with 27 points
2nd: Odette Goodwin with 25 points (countback)
3rd: Stacey Davidson with 25 points

Balls or Chocolates:
Linda Puglisi 24, Chris Wratten 24, Bruce Martin 24, Paul Pereira 23 and Gai Forrest 22.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Derek Hoare (2nd Shot)
6th: Ken Hush (1st Shot)
7th: Ladies: Odette Goodwin (2nd Shot)
Mens: Bruce Harding (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Chris Wratten (5th hole)

Bradmans: Lisa Gray

< Photo - Winner: Tony Crook

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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



President Robbo welcomed 22 Twisties on Sunday morning after an overnight soaking of rain making Green a little heavy. Everything set for Christmas Party on 13th December .
Final day for bowls 20th December returning on Sunday 10th January.
Congratulations Laurie Masterson winning a medal in Basketball in Special Olympics. (Photo below)
Winners with Lowest Losing Margin -2, Matilda and Pattycake (photo)
Runners-up -6 on a countback ,
Ruthless and Robbo.
Lucky numbers, 2 Robbo, 1 Dave K
High/Low scores 25/10 not won.
Winning teams, Drek and Rols 15/13. Dave K and Irish 16/10
Clark Kent and Smiley 21/15
Chrissy, Kaz and Gilligan 23/10
Lois Lane and Chanty 25/10



Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Di Mac opened proceedings with a welcome to 32 ladies for Social bowls on a warm and windy day.
A special welcome to bowling friend Connie Anderson who joined us for the morning.
Congratulations to Di Mac and Di Wotherspoon who proudly wore their medals won last week at Pan Pac Masters Games in Women's Pairs and Open Fours with Yarth from Ingleburn and Barbara from Ulladulla . (Photo)
Di Wotherspoon called cards for 2 Pairs and 4 Triples matches assisted by Jenny Blyth.
Winners Rink 1, Robyn Butcher, Anna Stewart and Kim Giannasca. (Photo)
Runners-up Rink 4, Fran Lucas, Patricia Weekes and Yvonne Huddleston.
Money Club, 12 Anna Stewart, 20 Patricia Weekes.
Saturday 21st November Bowls and Barbecue event starting @ 11 am so come along and join in the fun to support Club Malua Stingrays.



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Batemans Bay SC sailing report 14/11/26



Race start with Moonmist, Accolade and Buckaroos to leeward



Free Spirit on the tow



River Girl in a spot of bother as the southerly hit.

It was a great day for sailing last Saturday when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the 1st Lady Skipper/Crew Skipper race of the 2026/27 sailing season followed by the 5th Bay Cup race of the season.

In the Lady Skipper/Crew Skipper race some of BBSC's leading female sailors had the chance to grab the helm and show how it is done. Those boats without a willing female skipper were steered by helming newbies while the regular skippers had to obey orders. It was a handicap start race with boats being given a headstart based on their previous performance. Theoretically all the boats would finish at the same time.

The all female crew aboard "Horizon" (Michelle Grybaitis) were supposed to be first off but a near irretrievable override on the main halyard winch meant their day was over before it started. The talented Elise Gresty did a horizon job at the helm of "Buckaroos" which was nearly at the Chain Bay mark by the time "Moonmist" (Simon Ramsey) and "Accolade" (Tony Bonouvrie) started. "Accolade" got the inside running on "Moonmist" at the first mark but there was no catching "Buckaroos".

For the Bay Cup race Terry Paton and his trusty sidekicks Fred Tromp and Andrew Bain set an even start line. The wind strengthened from the NW as the race was about to get underway. The "Accolade" crew tucked a reef in the main with less than 4 minutes to go. Tony Sutton was making a return from injury at the helm of "Moonmist". After an even start "Accolade"(Lachlan Brown) was able to cross "Moonmist" and take a narrow lead around the top mark at Square Head.

The next leg was a square run to the Marine Park Middle mark. The "Accolade" crew got the spinnaker wrapped around the forestay on the gybe allowing "Moonmist" past although Brown foresook the opportunity to force a port and starboard in the process. "Moonmist" then overstood the port layline on the work back to the Chain Bay mark to hand the lead back to "Accolade". "Accolade" stayed in better breeze for the remainder of the race and was able to pull away to a 12 minute margin over "Moonmist" at the finish. "Buckaroos" (Warren Buchan) scored a DNF.

Meanwhile the trailerable yachts "River Girl" (Thomas Schild) and the club RL24 "Free Spirit" (Owen Abbott) were sailing a shortened windward leeward course to the top mark at Square Head, the leeward mark at Chain Bay and hence to the finish. "Free Spirit" finished 11 minutes ahead just as a forecast southerly change came through. "River Girl" was able to motor back in unassisted, but "Free Spirit" needed a tow after the motor wouldn't start. For once it was the BBSC committee boat "Dave Magill" doing the towing rather than being towed in.

Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au . The next BBSC keelboat/trailerable yacht event will be a coastal race on November 28th.

By Lachlan Brown
Photos:Terry Paton and Dave Magill.

