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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Finn Banks from Congo, surfing his way to a 10-point-ride and his maiden Gold medal at the 2026 ISA World Surfing Championships. Credit: ISA. Story p3.

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Population projections: When do we stop treating forecasts as facts?

I was recently watching the New Zealand detective series Brokenwood. In one episode, tongue firmly in cheek, the story involved someone who believed dinosaurs and humans coexisted, supported by a picture book used to convince young children. Interestingly, beliefs about the coexistence of humans and dinosaurs were not uncommon well into the 18th and 19th centuries. It was the emergence of modern geology and evolutionary science that challenged and ultimately displaced those beliefs.

It raises an interesting question: at what point do we question what we have been told, reassess the evidence and realign our thinking with reality?

That question is relevant to population forecasts and the housing debate, and was prompted by the release of Shoalhaven City Council's November 2026 Discussion Paper – Proposed Housing Strategy. It is an interesting read. Eurobodalla Shire Council – where is yours?

The paper's Executive Summary includes a table of population projections developed by Council, drawing on historical data and trends. The current population is put at approximately 113,000, with a projected population of 134,000 by 2046. That represents growth of around 6% every five years – a projection that appears broadly consistent with historical experience.

Further into the paper, however, reference is made to the NSW Government's forecast that Shoalhaven's population will reach 152,000 by 2041, based on the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) publication Local Government Area Projections – Shoalhaven 2021–2041.

The obvious question is: how credible is that DPHI forecast in 2026?

If Shoalhaven's current population is approximately 113,000, reaching 152,000 would require an increase of around 39,000 people in just 15 years – growth of over 33%.

That is a substantial acceleration in population growth. It would require a level of growth markedly different from the trajectory suggested by Council's longer-term projections, and any reality. It begins to sound like they need a Weekend at Bernie's – nobody dies!

I question the original assumptions underpinning such a forecast.

Additionally at a time when immigration is increasingly prominent in the political debate, and population policy itself may change, is it sensible to continue relying on projections that may no longer reflect the circumstances in which they were prepared?

Forecasts are not facts. They are estimates based on assumptions, and those assumptions need to be revisited when circumstances change.

Yet the 152,000 figure is likely to be seized upon by those whose interests are served by accelerating development, particularly greenfield development, and shortening or bypassing established planning processes. But ratepayers pay the price, particularly in infrastructure.

Where are the adults in the room?

When the assumptions underpinning the data are no longer credible, shouldn't we reassess them rather than continue to rely on them unquestioningly? Planning should be informed by evidence we can reasonably trust – historical trends, contemporary data and projections that are transparent, defensible and regularly updated.

I see similar questions arising with the population data and assumptions being used by Eurobodalla Shire Council in support of Broulee Ridge.

At what point do we stop treating projections as unquestionable facts and bring the data, assumptions and planning decisions back into alignment with reality?

Dr Tony Martin
Broulee

ALGA Budget Submission released ahead of financial sustainability inquiry recommendations

With the committee tasked with reviewing the financial sustainability of Australia's local government sector expected to present its findings to Federal Parliament today, the Australian Local Government Association has released its 2027-2028 Budget Submission calling for a major funding injection and overhaul of federal-local relations.

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

Appearing before the inquiry in June 2024 and July 2026, ALGA highlighted the widening gap between the responsibilities councils are being asked to carry and the funding available to meet them. Councils are managing growing community expectations, ageing infrastructure, disaster recovery, housing and planning pressures, workforce shortages and rising service delivery costs, while facing significant constraints on their revenue and funding certainty.

In its Federal Budget Submission, published today, ALGA is calling for an additional $3.5 billion a year in Commonwealth funding for local government, indexed annually and delivered through a five-year Federation Compact. The investment could be phased in over five years and used to strengthen councils' capacity to deliver national priorities. It also calls for existing Financial Assistance Grants to be maintained with annual indexation and greater certainty around payment timing. Importantly, ALGA is calling for the proposed funding to be genuinely new Commonwealth investment in local government. The Federation Compact should provide councils with predictable, long-term and direct funding, while reducing reliance on fragmented competitive grants and recognising the different circumstances of councils across Australia, including First Nations councils and those in remote communities.

Read ALGA's full 2027-28 Federal Budget Submission

The submission outlines how the Australian Government's five-year Federation Compact with local government should be shaped to deliver lasting funding reform for councils, and establish a stronger partnership between the Commonwealth and local government. That means a genuine seat at the table when issues affecting local government are discussed, and decisions made, including a seat on National Cabinet.

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World Championship for Congo teen in Southern California



Finn Banks in action



Fnn at the Medal Ceremony Photo Credits: ISA.

Congratulations to Finn Banks who won the Men's VI 2 division at the 2026 ISA World Para Surfing Championship at the Desert Springs wave pool in Palm Desert, Southern California,

Capping off an outstanding year of surfing for the St Peter's Anglican College Broulee Surfing Program athlete in Year 10, Finn was part of the Australia's Para Surfing Team – The Irukandjis who are celebrating an incredibly strong showing at the Championships, with 7 individual medals, including two Australian World Champions, and a fifth place overall team result.

Surfing Australia reported "Australia's youth showcased what the future of Australian Para Surfing has in store on the world stage, with 19-year-old Kai Colless (QLD) claiming Gold in the Prone 1 division, and 16-year-old Finn Banks (Congo NSW) securing Gold in the VI 2 (Visually Impaired) division.

The Australian team also celebrated Silver for Joel Taylor (NSW), Bronze for Emma Dieters (NSW) and Mark 'Mono' Stewart (NSW), and 4th (Copper) for Grace Kennedy (NSW) and Jack Jackson (NSW), rounding out a successful campaign for the Irukandjis.

For Banks, the 2026 Championships delivered a breakthrough Para Surfing performance on the world stage, claiming Gold in the Para Surf VI 2 division, scoring a 10-point-ride and a 9.40 to take out the final.

It was only in March at the 2026 Australian Para Titles where Banks competed in his first ever para surfing competition, where he took home the 2026 VI 2 (Blind) Australia Para Title. The win earned him a place in the Irukandjis national Para Surfing Team, and now, he finishes the 2026 season with an ISA World Para Surfing Title.

On Instagram Finn commented, "What an epic week I've been so grateful to take gold at the 2026 Para ISA world games. I luckily managed to put it together on the last wave after falling on the first I needed a 7.5 and managed to get a 9.5. Stoked to get 2 perfect 10s and many others scores in the high 9s thanks to all my supporters and community for helping me along my journey."

HELLO EV OWNER AND WELCOME TO EuroBEV!

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EuroBEV is an informal group.
We have luncheons every 6 - 8 weeks at chosen venues across our beautiful Eurobodalla Shire.
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We are running out of time



Passionate civil society African particpants at COP31 - Photo Jack Egan

COP31 wrap-up by Jack Egan, Rosedale

Our message was heard. On 14th November the Ringing of the Bell ceremony at St John's church in my local town of Moruya sent a call for fast and fair climate action to the 31st United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP31) in Turkiye. Our voice was amplified by thousands of similar calls from ordinary people in practically every other nation.

I missed the Moruya ceremony because I was in Turkiye with a ringside seat at the mad, shocking and deadly game being played at COP31 by fossil fuel corporations and exporting nations, of which Australia is a major one..

Their game is to see how long they can block, deny and delay action. In their mind they win the game if they get to expand the fossil fuel industry and be the last supplier standing when fossil fuel demand eventually dries up and our children struggle on in a catastrophically wrecked climate.

At this COP though, these blockers did not win. COPs are difficult because they require consensus decisions. Any single country can hold out to water down a good decision or conversely, as just happened, prevent a bad decision going through. A significant number of countries refused to accept a decision that allowed fossil fuel expansion behind the smokescreen of carbon capture and storage and carbon removal which are utter fantasy at the scale needed.

Poorer countries also refused to accept a decision that saw rich countries renege on serious financial assistance. We will not see a global phase out of fossil fuels unless everyone has the means to do it.

The big picture is that in all arenas: science, technology, finance, law and human rights, the long arc of history is bent in favour of renewable energy replacing dirty energy across the globe.

In particular, finance and technology make it certain that ultimately almost all energy will be from renewable sources.

In the long run fossil fuel use will be niche and tiny. Renewable generation backed by storage works and is increasingly cheaper than fossil fuels.

However, that renewables powered long term certain future is only a no-regrets win for all of us if the transition to renewables happens in time - in time to avoid runaway self-reinforcing global heating. How close are we to that the runaway tipping point? Well, the introduction to the just rejected COP31 decision text said we are in for, '... an increase of around 2.6°C based on the full implementation of the current national climate plans.' But that 'full implementation' is not happening. Few countries are achieving their climate targets which means that heating hotter than 2.6°C is fast becoming inevitable.

Even a 2.6°C warmer world is not one you want to live in. If you are not feeling your human rights beingharmed by inaction on climate change then you soon will. You, your family and community will be unable to live the life you want, a life guarded by the 78 year-old UN Declaration of Universal Human Rights. That is why ten ordinary Australians including me who are already frontline survivors of climate catastrophes are mounting the Hard Truths case to defend your rights to the life you want.

Science says we are rapidly running out of time to live that life. We must accelerate climate action to avoid tipping over into runaway global heating.

Between COPs within each nation and in multi-nation 'coalitions of the doers', advocacy and action for urgent practical measures to transition out of fossil fuels must persist. The first necessary step in Australia is no further approvals of new mines or gas fields. The climate movement to restore a liveable climate will not let up because we all lose the game if time runs out and the madness wins its pyrrhic victory.







Welcome to Summer – Dalmeny style

If you're looking to kick-off summer with live music, local markets and family-friendly fun, head down to Dalmeny foreshore playground on Sunday 29 November.

Dalmeny Summerfest runs from 10am to 2pm on Noble Parade, the community event will bring together local businesses, market stalls, performers and activities for all ages.

Organiser Felicity Patterson from Sandy Souls is excited to be doing it all again this year.

"Last year's event was so wonderfully supported by our beautiful community that we had to organise Dalmeny Summerfest 2026 and celebrate the start of summer in a welcoming and relaxed way," says Ms Patterson.

Visitors can enjoy live music, market stalls, tribal dances and Santa photos as local makers and small businesses showcase what they have to offer.

The much-loved puppy fashion parade will also return, giving Dalmeny's four-legged friends – local or visiting - the chance to compete for best dressed.

The event is supported by Eurobodalla Council and local businesses as part of the small towns and villages activation program.

Council's manager of economic development and place activation, Teresa Lever, says the program helps bring communities together while supporting local business activity.

"Events like this create opportunities for people to connect, enjoy the unique character of the town," says Ms Lever.

"It also creates a valuable boost for local businesses and community groups, heading into the busy summer season."





International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – $10 million to help boys and men prevent violence against women

Snow Foundation - As Australia marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Snow Foundation is calling on organisations who work with boys and young men to help change the attitudes and behaviours that contribute to violence.

To assist, Snow Foundation is providing up to $10 million in funding for prevention programs, through a Positive Masculinities Partnership Round.

The call comes as the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins, amid growing concern about the influence of social media, online misogyny and harmful gender stereotypes on young Australian men.

Research from the University of Melbourne found that one in four teenage boys surveyed agreed that feminism should be resisted with violence if necessary.

However, research published by Jesuit Social Services shows that most young men reject rigid and unhealthy ideas about masculinity. And while 37 per cent of men aged 18 to 30 perceive pressure to conform to these attitudes, only 26 per cent personally agree with them.

Snow Foundation CEO Georgina Byron AM said the gap between what young men believe and what they think is expected of them presents an important opportunity to change behaviour.

"On a day when the world is calling for an end to violence against women, we need to focus on what we can do to prevent that violence in the first place," Ms Byron said.

"Most boys and men want respectful relationships and reject violence against women. But too many feel pressure to conform to harmful stereotypes or stay silent when they see disrespectful behaviour.

"We want to help boys and young men recognise that many others share their values of respect and equality, and give them the confidence and skills to act on those values."

Snow Foundation will provide up to $10 million over five years to organisations working with boys and men to prevent violence against women. The Foundation is seeking between seven and 12 organisations, with grants of up to $250,000 a year for three to five years.

Ms Byron said the 16 Days of Activism was an opportunity to encourage organisations already working with boys and men in sporting clubs, schools, workplaces, youth services and online communities to consider how their work could contribute to violence prevention.

"Fathers, coaches, teachers and other role models have enormous influence over the attitudes boys develop and the behaviours they see as acceptable," Ms Byron said.

"We want to work with organisations that understand boys and young men, have their trust and can help create lasting change."

The funding will prioritise work with boys and young men aged 12 to 25, as well as the adults who influence them, including parents, coaches, teachers and youth workers.

It will also support initiatives tackling harmful online influences, strengthening violence prevention programs and changing the systems and environments that reinforce harmful gender expectations.

In addition to grants, the Foundation will support impact measurement, independent evaluation, collaboration and shared learning to build evidence about effective prevention.

Ms Byron said the investment builds on more than two decades of Snow Foundation support for gender equality and women's safety.

"Almost one in four Australian women has experienced violence by an intimate partner. We need sustained investment in prevention, and boys and men have a vital role to play.

"The 16 Days of Activism reminds us of the urgency of ending violence against women. We want to back the organisations doing the practical work that can help make lasting change possible."

Applications are open to eligible charities, not-for-profits and for-profit organisations across Australia, including organisations whose existing work with boys and young men may not currently be described as violence prevention.

Applications close at 5pm AEDT on Friday 11 December 2026.

Further information and applications: www.snowfoundation.org.au/positive-masculinities/



Eurobodalla turns purple for 16 Days of Activism

ESC - Walk the bridge. Run through colour. Wear purple. Eurobodalla is standing together against violence against women and girls during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

The global campaign runs from 25 November to 10 December. Eurobodalla can expect to see towns turn purple, with bunting on main streets and businesses joining in. Council is also supporting a working group of community organisations and services to deliver local events.

Coordinator of community development and youth Rhonnie South said violence against women and girls affects families in every part of the community.

"Domestic and family violence is never acceptable, and it touches far more people in our community than we often realise," Ms South said.

"These events give everyone a way to show support, whether that's walking the bridge, joining the colour run or making a pledge on the Purple Promise Tree. I thank the community groups and services who have come together to make this happen. I encourage everyone to get involved and help start conversations that lead to change."

So far, more than 50 Moruya businesses have come on board to decorate their shops purple. The Council Building's main entrance will also turn purple from Monday 23 November.

Purple shoes will be displayed for 16 days on the Batemans Bay Foreshore and in several locations in Moruya to remember the lives lost to domestic and family violence. The display aims to start conversations, raise awareness and show support for people affected.



The campaign is a partnership between Eurobodalla Shire Council, Southern Women's Group, Batemans Bay Rotary, Moruya Rotary, South East Women and Children's Services, NSW Health, Roundsquared, Country Women's Association and Directions Health Services. Eurobodalla ClubGRANTS also supports the project.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or family violence, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732. In an emergency, call Triple-Zero (000).

Community events during the campaign include:

- Wednesday 25 November: It Starts With Us film screening and panel, Yuin Theatre, Batemans Bay (Batemans Bay Rotary)
- Thursday 26 November: Purple morning tea, Moruya (Country Women's Association Moruya)
- Saturday 28 November: Youth Against Domestic Violence Colour Run, Gundary Oval, Moruya (Eurobodalla Shire Council)
- Tuesday 1 December: SAGE market stall, Riverside Park, Moruya (Moruya Rotary)
- Thursday 3 December: Trivia night, Bayview Hotel, Batemans Bay (Batemans Bay Rotary)
- Friday 4 December: Twilight Bridge Walk, Batemans Bay (Batemans Bay Rotary)
- Saturday 5 December: Country Markets stall, Riverside Park, Moruya (Moruya Rotary)
- Sunday 6 December: Rotary market stall, Foreshore, Batemans Bay (Batemans Bay Rotary)



NSW SES Moruya Unit farewells Kaz!

NSW SES Moruya Unit reports “After 21 years of dedicated service with NSW SES Moruya Unit, team member Kaz Tritton is hanging up her chainsaw and retiring from her volunteer role.

Over the years, Kaz has been an invaluable part of the Moruya Unit. Her quiet leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to helping the community have made a lasting impact on both her fellow volunteers and the community.

"My time in SES was a wonderful experience. From learning the basics to becoming a qualified operator, I never imagined I'd learn to use a chainsaw or become licensed to drive the 'big rescue truck' (as my granddaughter calls it)! Sometimes I don't think my family really believe I know how to use a chainsaw.

Thank you to all the patient SES members who guided and supported me. I am going to miss you all. You are a great bunch of people, and I hope you all continue your journey in SES and enjoy moving into your new Moruya Headquarters in 2027."

Kaz, Thank you for your 21 years of service, dedication and friendship. We wish you all the very best for your retirement and the adventures ahead. “





Major win for pensioners as health insurance rebate protected

The Australian Health Funds Council (AHFC) has welcomed an agreement between the Federal Government and the Greens to protect the higher private health insurance rebate for pensioners aged 65 and over. The agreed amendment will protect eligible older Australians receiving a full or part-rate pension, including eligible recipients of service pensions and veterans' payments. At least 1.2 million Australians aged 65 and over who have private health insurance are pensioners.

The Australian Health Funds Council, formerly Private Healthcare Australia, is the peak body for health insurers, representing 99% of the sector.

AHFC Chief Executive Officer Dr Rachel David said the agreement was a major win for pensioners who make room in tight household budgets to keep their health insurance.

"Many pensioners have paid for health insurance for years because they want to know they can get the care they need as they get older, including their choice of timely hospital care from specialist doctors they know. Today's agreement means they can keep the higher rebate that helps them afford that cover," Dr David said.
"We opposed this cut because it was unfair to ask older Australians on fixed incomes to pay more for the same cover, just when they were more likely to need it.

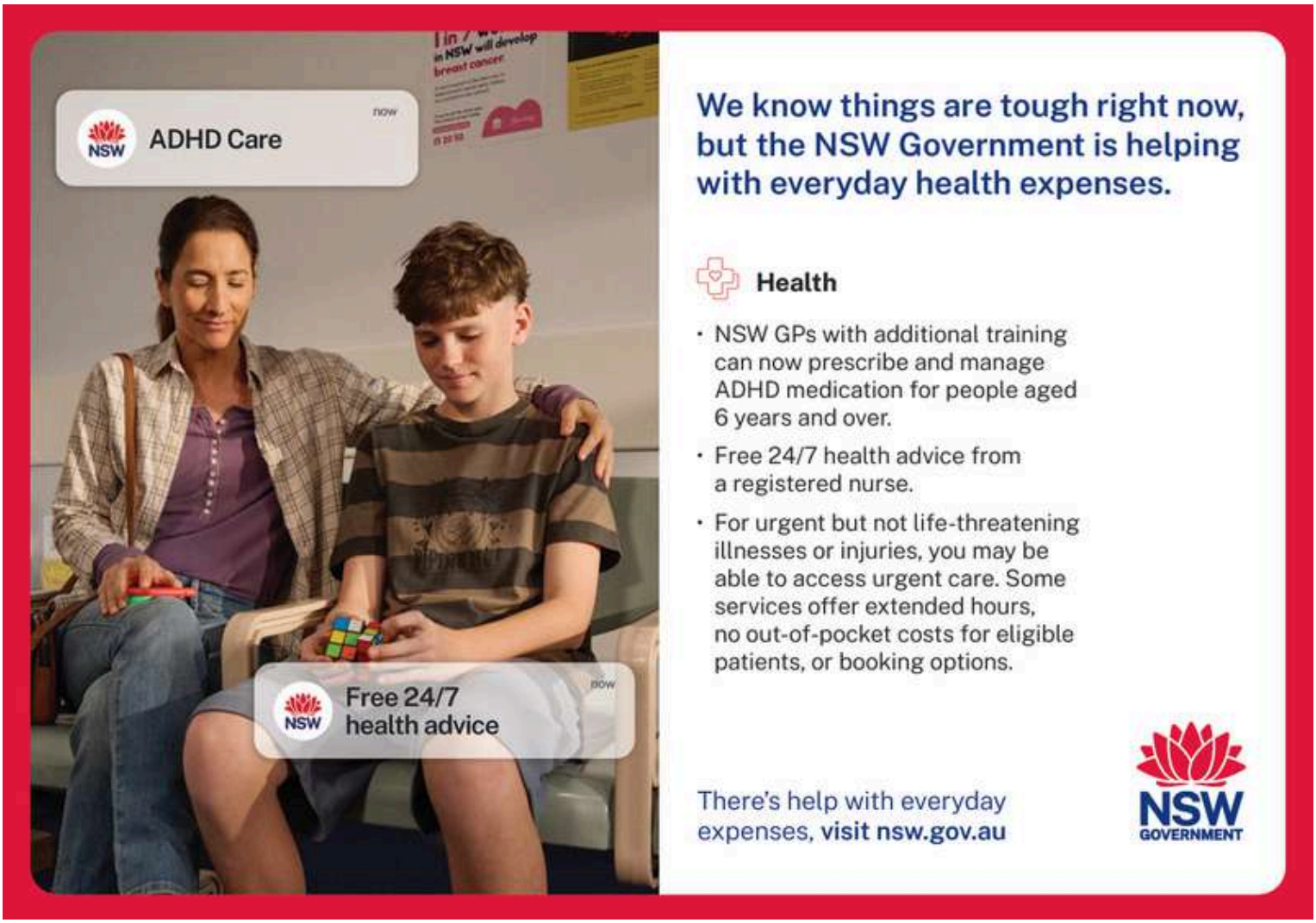
We were concerned many would have little choice but to downgrade or drop their cover and rely more heavily on public hospitals that are already under pressure."

"We welcome Minister Butler's decision to protect both full and part-rate pensioners and thank the Greens for securing the exemption. Older Australians who spoke up about what this cut would mean for them made a real difference."

Dr David said AHFC remained concerned about the impact of the proposed rebate cut on older Australians who fall outside the exemption.

"Many older Australians who fall outside the exemption also live on modest incomes. For them, the proposed rebate cut would still mean paying more to keep the same cover. We remain concerned that some will be forced to reduce or drop their cover, with consequences for their access to care and for public hospital waiting lists.

"We also remain concerned about the consequences for some private hospitals that treat high numbers of older people, particularly those in regional areas."



100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner

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After a considerable delay through no fault of his own, Mr. F. Jackson has erected a Plume benzine bowser in front of his garage on the Prince's Highway for the convenience of his patrons.

A successful euchre tournament in aid of the Children of Mary's Social was held at Mr. and Mrs. E. Keating's residence, at Mullenderee, on Tuesday night. Mr. Monfort won the pig, Mrs. J. O'Reilly the pair of ducks, and Mr. J. Honan the glass jug. Refreshments ad lib were served to patrons before leaving for their homes.

The third tournament for the golf and tennis championship and handicap competitions will take place at Tuross today and tomorrow. Mr. H. R. McWilliam wishes us to announce that a cinema picture will be taken of the golf club match, also of boating, fishing and surfing parties in which all competitors are asked to be present. The film will be from 1200 to 1300 feet, and will be screened in Melbourne, Sydney, and all towns in this state.

We are pleased to report the return from Paramatta Hospital of Mr. W. Lyon, of Mt. Oldery, considerably improved in health after his serious operation.

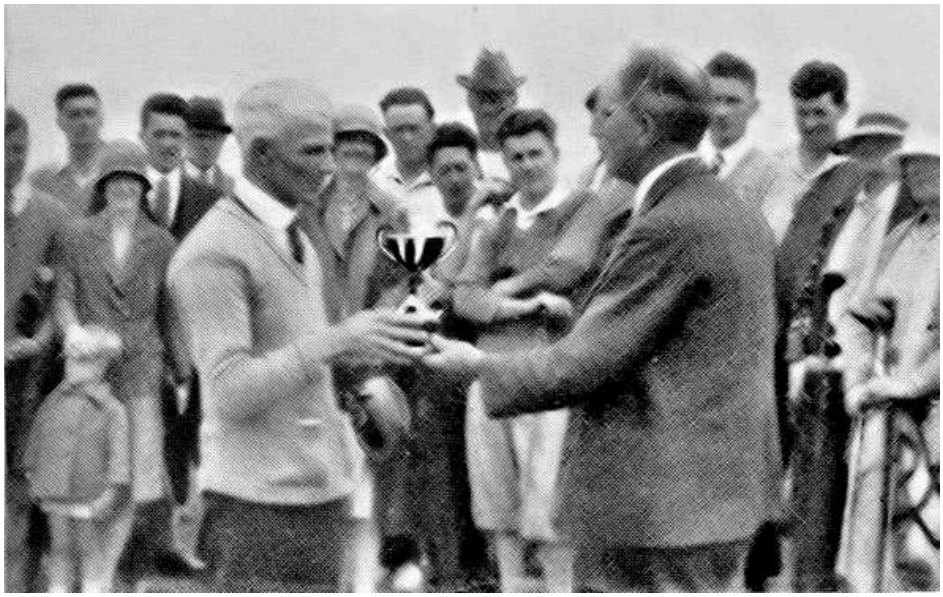
Dwyer's Creek. (From our Correspondent). Our cricketers have put down the best part of a concrete wicket. Last weekend they tried their luck against a Moruya team, and returned victorious by the narrow margin of two runs. They are now anxious for a match with Kiora; The road to town is in a shocking state, it's seldom any other way. It takes our residents all their time to hold on while the old "cuddy" picks the best pieces out and delivers them, somehow or other, safe and sound.



Tuross Golf Women

St. Edmund's Church, Bodalla, was beautifully decorated on Wednesday, the 10th of November, by Mesdames Connors and Stormon for the marriage of Miss Phyllis Hopkins, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hopkins, of Bodalla, with Norman Tarlinton, of "Bredbatoura," Cobargo. Rev. Father McCormack, assisted by Rev. Father Deenilian, celebrated the Nuptial Mass, and performed the marriage ceremony. Miss Doris Hopkins attended her sister as bridesmaid and Mr. W. D. Tarlinton was best man. A reception was held at Hotel Bodalla, where Mrs. Hopkins received her guests. Their honeymoon tour will include visits to Sydney, Jenolan Caves, Bathurst, Canberra and Kosciusko, returning via Eden to their future home at "Bredbatoura," Cobargo.

Amusu Theatre. Special attraction, Constance Talmadge in **Her Sister From Paris,** full of fun, a real snappy comedy of a Frenchy Miss. Also, Pauline Frederick and Conrad Nagel in **Married Flirts**, a sparkling feature that will appeal to all.



McWilliam presenting golf trophy

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Eurobodalla's 10th Heat and Smoke Haven Opens at Broulee Surfers Surf Life Savings Club





The Broulee Surfers Surf and Lifesaving Club Haven will officially be opened by Fiona Phillips, MP for Gilmore and Dr Michael Holland, MP for Bega on Monday 7 December 9.45am – 11am. Everyone is welcome to attend the opening. Refreshments will be provided.

Allan Veness, President of the Surf Club said "the Broulee Surfer Life Saving Surf Club has always seen itself as part of the local community. Besides keeping people safe on our beaches, we make out club hall available to community groups and individuals. Becoming a Heat Haven to support community health and well being is a continuation of this commitment. During the 19/20 bushfires, many people gravitated to the club for assistance. With air conditioning and air filters, we can now be of more help".

Broulee Surf Club is part of a network of 10 heat and smoke havens established by the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) across the Eurobodalla Shire, which will be operational this summer.

SHASA is implementing a multi-year $690,603 Haven Project comprising

- $552,442 from the Australia Government's Disaster Ready Fund, and
- $138,161 cash and in-kind contribution from SHASA, Haven partners, and the NSW Government

This funding is being used to undertake infrastructure upgrades for multiple heat haven locations, improve communications and digital connectivity, community training and preparedness initiatives.

Disaster Ready funding has enabled Broulee Surf Club to install new air conditioning and high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters which can capture up to 99.97 per cent of airborne particulates. In addition, a Starlink terminal has been installed on the roof to enable Starlink internet connectivity.
The havens will provide cool smoke-free spaces for vulnerable community members during extreme heat and smoke events.

"The Eurobodalla Heat and Smoke Haven network is an example of strong partnerships and community driven responses, supported by Government. We are very excited to now have our first Heat and Smoke Haven in Broulee, our 10th operational Haven." said SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell.

"SHASA is calling on residents in Broulee and Mossy Point to become Broulee Surf Club Haven Helpers during extreme weather events" said Kathryn Maxwell.

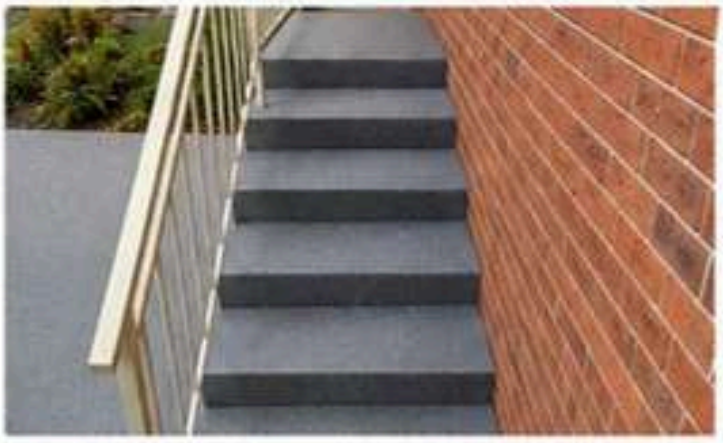


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Ringing the Bell for Climate Emergency at St Johns



On Saturday, concerned residents came together to 'Ring the Bell' - a time honoured tradition in times of emergency - at St Johns Moruya. Ringing of the bell 31 times recognises COP31 being held in Turkiye. Local resident Jack Egan, a 350Eurobodalla Core Team member, is currently attending COP31 as a delegate for the HARD TRUTHS HUMAN RIGHTS CASE.

A Climate Fable about the Little Snail

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived a little snail. I'm sure we are all familiar with snails. They have a shell they carry around on their back. Their soft body protrudes from their shell when they are on the move. And they move very slowly, at the pace of.....well.....a snail.

Now this little snail was very timid and very, very slow to move. As snails do, whenever a threat emerges, it retreats into its shell, which is very fragile and easily crushed.

So, just imagine this little snail feeling threatened by a big.....I don't know.....a big Fossil Fool (Industry)! When faced by this giant our little snail quickly goes into its shell.

But the thing is, although this little snail is slow and easily trodden on, it is actually very powerful. So, imagine if the Spirit of the People rose up as one and said, "Little snail, do not be afraid. We will support you to stand strong against the great big Fossil Fool. We want you to grow a shell so strong that the Fossil Fool will not be able to crush it. We want you to become a symbol, not of timidity and slowness to act, but rather a symbol of the strength of humble courage.

Little snail, we want to be proud, not embarrassed. We want to be known as those who acted swiftly to help save the climate. Let us help you, little snail, to help the world. To stand strong against the great big Fossil Fool so that together we can save the future for all."

Linda Chapman



Linda Chapman addressing the Ring the Bell residents.





Tuross Head News

With the inclusion of town history in Moruya Mail and the gathering of local Tuross Head history and resident's names, interest in town history and family history has been aroused. There are many avenues to track down information including our own Moruya Historical Society who are only too willing to help. Our Caring Group often invites guest speakers and some of those speakers have come from within our membership. One such guest was Vanessa Kiessling who shared her love of tracking down history on the Web. Notes from that talk are included after the following article Vanessa has researched on Kyla Park, which is a section of Tuross Head. Vanessa is also happy to help or look up anything that people might find confusing and can usually read the certificates they might have. Contact her through the caring group contacts given below.

KYLA PARK

Camenae Corporation Limited was the prominent development company responsible for designing and establishing the Kyla Park Estate in Tuross Head, New South Wales. [1]

The Connection to Hector McWilliam Drive Hector McWilliam Drive serves as the primary access road into Tuross Head, named after Hector McWilliam, the pioneer who originally bought and subdivided much of the Tuross Head peninsula for modern housing. [1]During the 1970s, Camenae Corporation Limited partnered with visionary Australian architect Ian McKay to design progressive, low-impact master-planned communities. When Camenae acquired the historic Kyla Park dairy farm property—located right off Hector McWilliam Drive—they rejected standard high-density grid layouts. Instead, they developed a pioneering "cluster housing" subdivision concept:

***The Layout:** They divided a portion of the 50-hectare site into four separate low-impact residential clusters (comprising roughly 69 lots under strata titles). [1]

* **Public Land Preservation:** As part of the innovative development, Camenae dedicated 192 hectares of grazing lots and 36 hectares of foreshore reserves to remain completely open. [1]

* **The Legacy:** Their covenant dictated that the sweeping pastures and lakeside boundaries must be maintained in perpetuity for the visual benefit and recreation of the general public. [1] Today, this layout preserves the distinct rural-meets-coastal aesthetic driving into Tuross Head along Hector McWilliam Drive, maintaining the heritage of the original 19th-century farm views.

* **The Survey & Registration:** The raw multi-acre parcel layout was formally surveyed, approved by the Eurobodalla Shire Council, and legally registered with the NSW Land Registry Services in 1983. Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Bruce-Walker (Royal Australian Navy) bought the raw parcel of land under its original legal description before the modern subdivision was fully registered or named. [1]

Patrick Bruce-Walker born London 1921, 1982 his wife Ines died in Queanbeyan 1983 retired as a Royal Australian Navy Officer Lieutenant Commander. Subsequently lived in Tuross Head with Patricia Ludovici who inherited the property after his death - his death date not known. He built sailing boats and was an artist.

The Legal Framework of 40 Skipjack Reach

The Registration Year: 1983 When he purchased the property, it was identified strictly by its title allotment: Lot 40 under Deposited Plan (DP) 260324. In the early 1980s, before Eurobodalla Shire Council officially named the modern streets in that specific enclave, the entire area was addressed conceptually as rural acreage or a continuation of the Kyla Park Estate perimeter boundary. Lieutenant-Commander Bruce-Walker built himself over many years a highly distinct, custom home on the allotment:

* The Architecture: A bespoke cedar dwelling designed with a split-level, open-plan layout. *

The Footprint: The building size is substantial at 387 sqm, nestled intentionally into the environment.

* The Setting: It was intentionally placed at the end of a private road alignment on a sweeping 4,209 sqm (approx. 1 acre) lakefront reserve block to maximise views of Tuross Lake and the ocean.

The overarching blueprint that officially carved out the modern lot parameters is Deposited Plan (DP) 260324, which covers "Cluster 3" of the extended Kyla Park perimeter. [1] **Vanessa adds copies of articles/adverts from the:** Government Gazette issue 176. Sydney, 22 December 1978 p.5280 The Canberra Times 4 April 1982 p.13. and The Canberra Times 16 April 1983 p.28

FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RESEARCHING YOUR ANCESTRY VANESSA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING:

TROVE National Library Canberra. A very interesting site in itself. Put in the name you are researching in inverted commas. Tuross Head 4946 entries back to 1867.

NSW BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES.

Births before 100 years ago, parents first name given. Marriages 50 years. Deaths 30 years, parents first name given. Victorian BDM and some other states kindly give you father's surname and maiden name of mother. Names on death records only as good as people remember – mothers name Nancy – in Scotland Agnes was often called Nancy etc.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES CANBERRA. Name search or passenger list search. Name search has WW! And WW2 enlistments. WW1 has all original documents digitized.

FAMILYSEARCH.COM

You will need to register but it is free. England, Wales, Scotland had a census every 10 years from 1841. Names, Address, ages, work, were all recorded. Often other members of the family as mother-in-law, sister-in-law which gives you another family name. Scotland census only available on 'Scotlandspeople'.

SCOTLANDSPEOPLE

Free for each person you clink on. 1881 census is free. Irish records were burned in a fire so more difficult to find. Some church records have been digitised. ANCESTRY.COM- Ancestry.com - MYHERITAGE.COM - MyHeritage.com

Both sites are by subscription, expensive but copies of birth, marriage certificates available. Tips on where to look and access to family trees of other families who have looked up this person – do not take other peoples research as accurate, check each entry as much as you can. You do not have access to your history when your subscription runs out. So many more places to look for records, counties and towns have historical societies both here and, in the UK, with many records.

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A Beer with Bazz # 259

With John Longhurst

The two schooners of black beer were carefully positioned on the front bar. Their frothy white heads quivering expectantly for a kiss decades in the waiting."

Mick tapped his black armband.
"Here you go, Bazza. A schooner of old to remind us of yesteryear. I think we start with a minute's silence and a respectful bow of the head is appropriate. Here's to an iconic figure."

Bazza raised his schooner.
"Agreed, Mick. He could be divisive at times but had a basic goodness about him. He certainly did not mind shining a light on a few sinners. Some of their antics would have gone unnoticed if not for him. And aren't we the better for knowing about them? At times he really put himself out there … you could almost call him a media tart! He just did not care what the critics said. Come Sunday evenings he would just front up, forgive everyone and do it all again."

A considered pause as Mick rubbed his chin.
"Too right, Bazza … too right! By gee … it is good to be agreeing on something for a change. It gives me hope. Anyhow, he was no great orator but he was good enough to string a sentence together and cause a bit of outrage. He said the things that many of us just thought. He won't have to knock twice on Heaven's door. I think he deserves a State Funeral and the government is being tight denying him a send-off to remember."

Bazza leaned back.
"I am not sure about a free pass to Heaven, Mick, but the government is forking out for a State Funeral."

Mick's eyes were watery as he leaned in.
"No! They're not giving him a State Funeral, Bazza!"

Bazza's voice went up an octave.
"Oh yes they are, Mick! It was announced yesterday."

Mick bit his bottom lip.
"Another bloody backflip from Chris Minns, eh?"

Bazza's forehead creased.
"No … the Victorian Premier has announced a State Funeral for Molly Meldrum."

Mick's jaw dropped and he repeatedly shook his head.
"Well … I cannot tick off on that one, Bazza. Molly Meldrum over Fred Nile! Where's our society going? Anyhow, my gripe is a bit personal with Molly."

The immediate silence was a spotlight on Mick. Bella, the publican, stopped wiping glasses, and nearby patrons leaned in.
"You see, Molly would not give us a leg up back in the eighties. He was all on board promoting Kylie Minogue, INXS, John Paul Young, and not to mention international acts such as ABBA and Elton John … yet under his very nose, he left us undiscovered."

Mick took a sip and enjoyed the attention.
"Back in the eighties, we had a band called Mick and the Maltesers. It was cutting edge, and we were fusing country music with punk … Slim Rotten, if you like. Anyhow, we had this gig as a support act at the Bodalla Bowlo one Saturday night following the Ladies' Semi-Finals. Now … Molly's Grandmother was a gun lawn bowler, and she insisted the visiting young bloke witness her 'wick shot' on the green and join the after-game drinks."

Timeless Tom's blinking eyes accompanied a snore.
"Anyhow, we thought opportunity knocks and decided to play our new single 'Oi Oi! Who Dinged Me Ute?'. Kev had penned on the back of a beer coaster on the Friday night … or was it the Thursday?"

Bazza folded his arms.
"Get to the bloody point, Mick!"

"Okay, Bazza … a bit of context does not hurt. So we belted out 'Oi Oi! Who Dinged Me Ute?' even though our lead guitarist, Smiley … umm, what's his name … you know, lost his two front teeth in the '82 Semi-Final and had a crook finger from working at the abattoir. Anyway, we cornered Molly and asked him what he thought. He says 'Ummmmm … Ahhh … Well … Yeah.' A few more 'Ummms and Ahhhs' and finally says 'Do yourselves a favour … in fact, do us all a favour and …'. He just walks off. Like that! There we are in the Bodalla Bowlo, undiscovered. I reckon Smiley would have given him the finger if it was not so bent."

Bazza chuckled.
"On those grounds alone, Molly should get a State Funeral."

Have a beer with Bazza at john.longhurt59@gmail.com



SAGE Food and Knowledge Share 29 November

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

Please Note The SAGE food and Knowledge Share is permanently locating to the SAGE Gardens at 110 Queen St. in Moruya. Please byo beverage. The last food share of the year will be 29 November.

Everyone is welcome, and you do not need to bring anything. People who can bring items to share can contribute vegetables, fruits, eggs, seedlings/seeds, cookbooks, gardening books, tools, preserves and plants. We will resume the weekly guest speaker beginning February 2027.







Go Get Healthy with Sofia Keady

GO VITA

Chlorophyll Helping with Bad Breath and Body Odour

Bad breath and body odour are awkward topics to talk about. Luckily, there are some really simple fixes, and one of the easiest is taking a chlorophyll supplement.

If you aren't familiar with it, chlorophyll is the green pigment in plants that stores up sunlight and turns it into energy. Along with that, it's well known for its natural cleansing and deodorising powers [3]. Essentially, it helps clear your body out from the inside, getting rid of the toxins that can cause those stubborn odours in the first place [4].

With bad breath it is also helpful to try to find the cause. Quite often the cause may be because of poor oral hygiene, poor digestion, constipation or even sinusitis or bronchitis. If the source of bad breath is from the mouth it is most probably going to be the teeth. Brushing our teeth and flossing regularly removes rotting food particles lodged between the teeth which can cause bad breath and tooth decay.

The next, and a very common problem is poor digestion. To help get your digestive system back on track, it's a great idea to add a good probiotic into your routine. This helps repopulate your gut and bowels with friendly bacteria, which is so important since an overgrowth of "bad" bacteria. And of course, keeping things moving smoothly means making sure you're drinking plenty of water and eating enough fibre to keep constipation at bay.

When it comes to body odour, we're not just talking about underarm body odour but also foot odour. With the warmer weather and humidity, body odour can become more problematic. Once again because chlorophyll cleans from the inside out, it can be quite helpful. [2]

Another important benefit of chlorophyll is its ability to bind to toxins, heavy metals, and some carcinogens, deterring absorption and thereby removing them from our body [1]. One would think this is reason enough to take a daily dose of chlorophyll.

I often write about the benefits of keeping an alkaline body, and taking a daily dose of liquid chlorophyll is a fantastic way to support that balance.

For me, the fact that chlorophyll not only helps to alkalise my body but also helps to removes toxins and heavy metals, means it's an important part of my everyday health regime.

Chlorophyll is available in a concentrated liquid.

For more information about chlorophyll, 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 ... Elizabeth Fulop

By the time the average reader has read this column, Long Beach resident and women's health coach Liz Fulop (LF) of **Own Your Health*** could have completed more than seventy burpees. As one of a group of six athletes, Liz was part of the team that holds the Guinness World Records title for the most burpees (35,393) in 24 hours. Yet, remarkably, this extraordinary physical achievement is perhaps the least significant part of a career shaped by a much more personal challenge: helping women develop a healthier relationship with their bodies.
The Moruya Mail (MM) managed to keep Liz confined to a chair for a coffee last week.

MM: Thanks for joining me, Liz. You were born and grew up in a sun-drenched coastal idyll, where a mighty river surrendered to the sparkling Pacific Ocean and fishing boats bobbed languidly on their moorings. Ice-cream-smeared faces of barefoot children trailed their parents, who ambled along the foreshore with benches arranged like pews to worship nature's aquatic altar. Ahhh, Liz ... take me there!
LF: (Looks out the window to the Clyde River and smiles) Yeah ... I was born in Batemans Bay in 1987. Mum and Dad were small business people and owned 'Chickenland' in town. I have two older brothers.
My older brother, Tom, and I were pretty much 'joined at the hip' and often referred to as mischief makers. I have early memories of earning that title on Mum's visits to the gym. Of course, owning 'Chickenland' meant going away for holidays was not a real option, so we made the most of our touristy environment.
I began my education at St Bernard's Primary School, Batehaven, in 1993.
I deadset hated school!
The concept of sitting still was an anathema to me, and I would yearn to be outside. I loved athletics and reached state level as a sprinter, as well as representing the Eurobodalla Shire in netball.
My dislike for school did not improve at high school, and I developed a special dislike for Maths and Religion ... somewhat of a problem, since I was attending a Catholic secondary school by the year 2000!
By Year 9, I was puffing ciggies, truanting and doing my best to be anywhere but school.
(Smiles ...) Funnily enough, I argued with Mum and, of my own accord, decided to bail from the Catholic education system and try my luck at the local high school in 2002. My adolescence did not take a turn for the better. In fact, it looked likely I would graduate with honours in smoking, substance abuse, drinking and partying.
The school gave me an ultimatum ... apply myself to school or be expelled.
I took a third option and left. I was 14 years and nine months old.
I did some vocational training and worked in retail and hospitality in the evenings. I lived at home until I was 16 years old before moving in with my partner. We headed off to Jindabyne for a snow season when I was 18 and then to Canberra to live with my best friend and her partner. At this stage of my life, work was simply those five days between partying and lifestyle decisions were not important.

LF: I guess to understand where I am at today, we need to revisit my early twenties in some detail. While it is easy to say social media is responsible for the current obsession with female appearance, it merely inherited a culture that teenage magazines had normalised.
I really did fall victim to 'Dolly' and 'Girlfriend' and the accompanying view of what constituted an attractive female body. The constant comparison of myself with celebrities, models and other girls left me looking in the bathroom mirror and feeling well short of my own expectations.
The fad diet at the time was 'Bodytrim', an Australian commercial weight-loss program that focused on teaching users what to eat, when to eat and why weight loss occurs. It set me on a path.
I took it to the ultimate point and, to be upfront with you, I was experiencing orthorexia. This condition involves an unhealthy preoccupation with eating only foods considered healthy or clean, often accompanied by strict restrictions on foods containing sugar, fats, preservatives or artificial ingredients. I would feel guilty, anxious or ashamed after eating something considered unhealthy, and restrict my diet to a very narrow range of foods. I also avoided restaurants, social occasions and meals prepared by other people.
I was a prisoner of the diet, and a voice in my head would constantly say, 'Don't eat that ... you will get fat.' It dictated how I lived.
I am 157.5 cm tall (5'2") and I went from 65 kg to 42 kg over two years.
By this stage, Mum had moved to Ballarat and, when I joined her, she did not recognise me.
Moving to Ballarat marked a turning point in my recovery and set me on my current journey. It was very personal, and I gradually worked my way out of that period with a more balanced and informed approach to eating.
I began exercising at the gym up to three times per week and qualified as a Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor through the Australian College of Fitness & Bodywork (ACFB). I also went on to complete a Diploma of Remedial Massage with ACFB.
I secured work at a local gym/health centre, but I wasn't prepared to participate in what I saw as the industry's obsession with upselling, and we parted ways.
All my personal and work experiences to date had instilled some pretty clear views of health and fitness. I was determined to build a business 'without the bullshit', so I opened Challenge Fitness. I operated from home, rented a studio and specialised in personal training, group fitness and remedial massage for the next three years.
My personal recovery led me to new challenges, and I ventured to California on numerous occasions for sessions with former US Navy SEAL Mark Divine, including yoga training and burpees for breakfast breaks.



Through this connection, Mark invited me to join a Guinness World Records challenge for burpees, as part of a fundraising campaign for veterans suffering from PTSD in 2018.
My California visits culminated in Kokoro Camp in 2019, a 50-hour simulation of the US Navy SEALs' infamous Hell Week. It included running, endurance exercises, heavy log carries, ocean swimming, cold-water exposure, teamwork, problem-solving and sleep deprivation.
MM: You have overcome the extremes of orthorexia and conquered some very impressive physical and fitness challenges. Now that you are back in Batemans Bay, are you offering something less than a 'Hell Week'?
LF: (Laughs ...) For sure! Obviously, I have struggled through what many young women and, indeed, men experience. It is all pretty simple. Living your best, healthiest life does not have to be a maths equation every time you eat; it doesn't have to be hours of cardio! Living your best, healthiest life is an integration of mindset, physical and mental training to help build resilience and an appreciation of everything your body and mind are capable of! Also, the importance of building a body for your future ageing needs is central to my philosophy.
My mission as a personal trainer/nutrition coach is to help you find YOUR healthy! Incorporating functional training, mindset and nutrition, without diet obsessions, so you can be the best version of you!
My clients range in age from 35-year-olds to those in their seventies. I pride myself on meeting people 'where they are at' and tailoring a programme accordingly.
MM: What advice would Liz Fulop give to her younger self?
LF: Do not stress so much. The stuff you worry about often does not matter.
MM: 35,391, 35,392, 35,393, 35,394 and 35,395 ... sorry, Liz! A great chat though.
* www.ownyourhealth.net.au or call 0435297873

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**

Exceptional service earns two volunteers Marine Rescue NSW's highest honour





Two highly respected and dedicated volunteers have been awarded Marine Rescue NSW Life Membership in recognition of their exceptional service, leadership and lifelong commitment to saving lives on the water.

Ross Constable ESM of Marine Rescue Narooma along with Peter May ESM of Marine Rescue Shellharbour received the prestigious honour at Marine Rescue NSW's Annual General Meeting in Cronulla today (Saturday 21 November).

Life Membership is among the highest honours bestowed by Marine Rescue NSW, recognising individuals whose outstanding contributions have helped shape their units and strengthen the organisation.

Marine Rescue NSW Chair Nola Watson congratulated both recipients, acknowledging their extraordinary skill, dedication and the lasting impact they have made on their fellow volunteers and local communities.

"Peter and Ross represent the very highest standards of professionalism, commitment and community service," Ms Watson said. "Both men have dedicated countless hours to protecting people on the water, bringing exceptional maritime knowledge, operational experience and an unwavering focus on safety to their roles.

"They are highly respected throughout Marine Rescue NSW, not only for their capabilities and leadership but also for their generosity in sharing their knowledge and developing the skills of others. Through their years of service, they have been involved in countless rescues and helped save lives, often in challenging and demanding conditions.

"Their contribution extends well beyond the missions they have attended. They have helped build stronger, more capable volunteers, improve operational standards and ensure their units are better equipped to serve their communities. Peter and Ross have both left an extraordinary mark on Marine Rescue NSW. This Life Membership is a fitting acknowledgement of their service, their leadership and the countless lives made safer through their dedication."

Ross Constable joined Marine Rescue Narooma in January 2000 and became a skipper in 2005. He is now a qualified vessel Master with extensive experience operating in the challenging coastal waters surrounding Narooma.

A highly accomplished mariner, Ross holds Master 5 and Marine Engine Driver 3 qualifications, as well as a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. He is a trusted assessor who travels throughout the region to assess rescue vessel skippers and help maintain the Service's high operational standards.

His intimate knowledge of Narooma Bar, recognised as one of the most dangerous coastal bars in NSW, has made him an invaluable resource for Marine Rescue NSW operations and training.

Ross contributed his expertise to the development of the organisation's Coastal Bar Crossing training material, which is a mandatory requirement for crew members before proceeding to sea or obtaining a bar endorsement.

He has also made a significant contribution to the development of the Marine Rescue NSW fleet, serving on original vessel design teams and the NAIAD design project team. His advocacy helped secure rescue watercraft (jet skis) for Narooma, making it the first Marine Rescue NSW unit to incorporate the craft into its fleet.

A former NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service ranger and qualified vessel Master, Ross also skippered the Shearwater II, operating between Narooma and Montague Island.

Known for his direct approach, strong safety focus and willingness to share his knowledge, Ross is regarded by fellow volunteers as an exceptional source of maritime expertise and a mentor who continually encourages others to improve.

Both Peter and Ross remain highly valued members of their respective units, with their influence continuing through the volunteers they have trained, mentored and inspired.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Todd Andrews said the Life Memberships recognise not only decades of outstanding individual service but also the lasting contribution Peter and Ross have made to the safety of NSW waterways and the strength of Marine Rescue NSW.



A Day in the Life of a Local ... Surf Lifesaver

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



- **Name:** Lexus Knight
- **Wake-up time:** 7.00am
- **Do you have a problem with rust after a surf?** No! ... why?
- **So ... you are not a knight? (Smiles ...)** Yes, I am a Knight, just not royalty.

Of all the soy lattes, cappuccinos, flat whites, chais, teas, espressos, long blacks, piccolos, double shots, hot chocolates and even plain waters available, there is one person in the Eurobodalla who drinks an iced honey latte first thing every morning. It's good morning to Sunshine Bay resident and long-term member of the Batemans Bay Surf Lifesaving Club (BBSLSC), Lexus Knight.

Then it is straight to the beach to check out the prospect of a surf, followed by a catch-up chat with other members of the BBSLSC. That 'chat' could easily be interchanged with a family 'convo', given that almost ten members of her extended family belong to the Club.

By 10.00am the placement of the flags takes into account rips, currents and the swell, and the essential gear such as rescue boards and tubes, the all-terrain vehicle and the inflatable rescue boat are checked and made ready for an emergency.

At any one time, three lifesavers are on the beach. Two respond to a water rescue and one handles radio communications in an emergency. Another lifesaver is stationed in the tower. Much time is spent trying to encourage people to swim between the flags, although Lexus does find time for a chicken schnitzel burger for lunch.

The relaxed scene at the lifesaver hub belies the extensive training involved. Lexus has been an active member of the BBSLSC for the past 17 years, starting out in Nippers. The Bronze Medallion holder undertakes regular refresher training at BBSLSC.

Her skill levels came to the fore when she initiated the rescue of two men swimming OUTSIDE THE FLAGS on Christmas Day 2018. Her brother, Angus, and Lexus pulled them from the surf, with one swimmer unconscious. Their extensive training kicked in until the ambulance and helicopter crews subsequently taking over the resuscitation and arranging transportation to Canberra. It is the biggest rescue the BBSLSC has undertaken.

Lexus and Angus received the NSW Premier's Award for Courage and Bravery in 2019 for their efforts.

"I love the sense of community and camaraderie that goes with volunteering. BUT ... IF YOU WANT TO HELP US LOOK AFTER YOU ... SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS!"

Pack-up time is around 2.30pm and Lexus sometimes heads for some bass fishing at a spot she is unwilling to share, before heading home for a dinner of steak. There may be time to stream a movie, and into bed by 9.00pm.

And it is a well-earned good Knight, Lexus!



$5,000 scholarships open doors for TAFE students to study at UOW

TAFE NSW students can now apply for the University of Wollongong's (UOW) TAFE to UOW pathway, with 50 scholarships worth $5,000 each available to eligible students commencing in 2027.

The pathway lets TAFE graduates use their previous study towards entry and credit for a UOW degree, reducing the time and cost of study. Students can progress into fields including business, engineering, information technology, arts, communications and media, education, social work and health, depending on their previous qualification and chosen course.

"TAFE provides students with valuable practical skills, knowledge and confidence, and for many people it can also become a springboard to further study," UOW Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Professor Helen Partridge said.

"The TAFE to UOW pathway is about recognising what students have already achieved and making the transition to university as accessible as possible. The $5,000 scholarships provide additional support for students taking that next step and can help ease some of the financial pressures that come with further study."

UOW student Reanne Hamers completed a Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting through TAFE Digital before moving to UOW, where she is now studying a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours Stream) with a minor in neuroscience.

"TAFE really eased me back into studying and helped me refresh the skills I needed for university, from keeping up with deadlines to completing assignments," Reanne said.

"After finishing my TAFE course, I realised I wanted to do more and didn't want my education to end there.

"For a long time I wasn't sure whether university was an option for me. TAFE became a stepping stone to higher education and helped me realise I wanted to pursue a degree.

"Since starting at UOW, I've become really passionate about what I'm learning and excited about where it could take me. My advice to other TAFE students would be to take the leap and don't be afraid to ask for help along the way."

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must have completed a Certificate IV (excluding trade certificates), Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Tertiary Preparation Course through TAFE NSW in the 12 months prior to commencing their UOW degree. The scholarship is available for eligible undergraduate degrees at UOW's Australian campuses, excluding the Bachelor of Nursing.

Many TAFE qualifications can also provide credit towards a UOW degree, while students whose qualification does not have an existing credit arrangement can request an individual assessment.

Applications for the TAFE to UOW pathway and 2027 scholarships are now open.

Ginninderra Wind Orchestra

Ginninderra Wind Orchestra, a community concert band from Canberra, are excited to be heading back down to the coast for our annual tour this December.

"We will be playing a mix of film favourites, and pop favourites, so there is something for everyone

- Moruya Country Markets, Ford Street Saturday 5th December, 9:00am - 10:30am
- Batemans Bay and the South Coast Caravan and Leisure Show, Mackay Park Saturday 5th December, 1:00pm - 3:00pm (Please note there is an entrance fee to this event. Please see website for more details.)
- Batemans Bay Sunday Markets, Clyde Street Sunday 6th December, 10:30am - 12:30pm

If you are around, please bring your family and say hello. We would love to see some familiar faces and meet some new ones too.



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Fire Water Light at the Mechanics Institute



Trevor Hyde, Magella Blinksell and Jenni Knight.

The Fire Water Light exhibition is on view at the Moruya Mechanics Institute until Sunday.
Opening on Monday afternoon thew exhibition combines the paintings of Trevor Hyde, lino prints by Magella Blinksell and ceramics by Jenni Knight.
Opem 10am - 4pm daily





Moruya Community Film Group

Well-known local radio host, Alice Ansara will appear in the end of the year screening of short comedies at the Red Door Hall this Saturday, November 28th. Alice, who stars in The Ballad of Betty & Joe, is an actor whose history of comedic performances (with Rebel Wilson and Nazeem Hussain) is perhaps surpassed by her "serious" roles in ABC dramas such as Black Snow and the current mini-series Dustfall.
The night's offering also includes some great classics featuring such luminaries as Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Laurel and Hardy. (Among others!) Aficionados won't want to miss the 1979 Monty Python travelogue or the infamous Case of the Mukkinese Battlehorn (1956), condemned by Kine Weekly as "mainly addressed to the lowbrows".
Newcomers especially are invited to enjoy the wine, nibbles and infamous film quiz provided by the Moruya Community Film Group —aka "a social club for Film Lovers'.
Join us at the RED DOOR, rear of St. John's Anglican Church, Page Street, Moruya. 7pm for 7:30pm screentime. Membership available at the door $40 for four months/$70 for 12 months. Guests are always welcome.



Alice Ansara (Betty) The Ballad of Betty and Joe. Photo: Robert Macfarlane.



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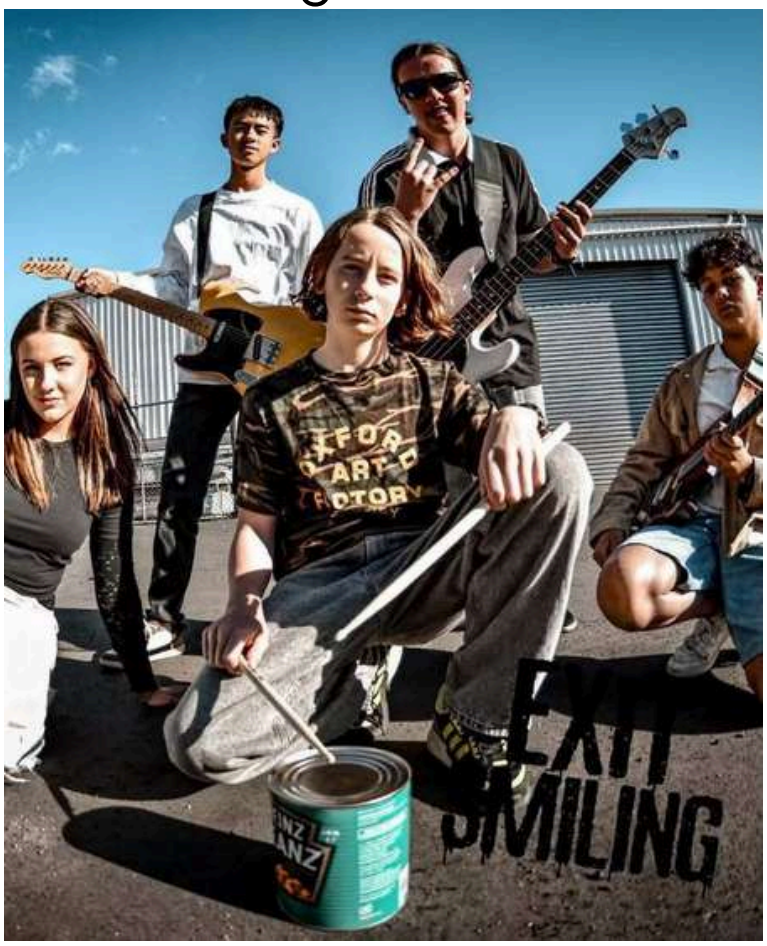
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Inquiries to CWAwriting27@gmail.com

Exit Smiling wins the Battle



EXIT SMILING are still on a high after taking out the Canberra Battle of the Bands! In their words - "Coming from the South Coast to the ACT, being the youngest band in the final and walking away with the win is something we're incredibly proud of. What an experience!

A massive thank you to @battleofthebands.makeascene @tuggeranongarts and all the organisers for putting on such an awesome event and giving young bands the opportunity to get up on stage and do what they love.

A huge thank you to the @actgovernment for sponsoring the event, as well as @bettermusic.au and @dobinsonsbakeryofficial for their support. We also want to thank @caitlinforbrindabella and @david.smith.mp , the judges and everyone who helped make the event possible.

And lastly, to everyone who travelled, came along, cheered us on and supported us along the way, THANK YOU.

South Coast to the ACT. We brought it home."

EXIT SMILING are St Peter's Year 9 students Julian, Orlando, Cadence, Joey and Max.

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JANET GREEN
JANET ISOBEL JONES
JOHN ROUCH
KELLY JOY
LISA SEWARDS
LIZZIE HALL
LUKE KELLY
LUKE WAGNER
LYNN SAVERY
NAOMI DROLL
NEIL HADDON
NELL SYMONDS
NICK OFFER
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STEPHEN HALEY
TONY SOWERSBY

OPENING NIGHT AND WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT
Friday 4 Dec 5.30pm to 7.30pm
The Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya

EXHIBITION
Saturday 5 Dec 2026 to Saturday 30 Jan 2027



Justin Pearson | Pareidolia | Gallery Bodalla

An exhibition of Justin Pearson's outstanding collection of recent oil paintings, Pareidolia, features at Gallery Bodalla from Thursday 17 December 2026 to Sunday 24 January 2027. Please join us for opening drinks and artist's talk with Justin on Saturday 19 December at 3pm. Richard Lawson on guitar with Elizabeth Walton on piano & percussion, will play jazz improvisation inspired by Justin's work. With the luxurious use of paint on generous canvases, Justin's impressive works are full of movement and light, brought together skilfully with the most beautiful use of colour. Exhibition catalogue online at www.gallerybodalla.com.au from 16/12/26







Creative residency program – Caroline Simpson Library EOI

Let the home become your muse. Explore the Caroline Simpson Library's unique collection through a 10-month creative residency at The Mint in the heart of Sydney. Closing Date Dec 13, 2026

Museums of History NSW is inviting applications from cultural practitioners, creatives and organisations to participate in the 2027 Caroline Simpson Library Creative Residency program, commencing in February 2027.

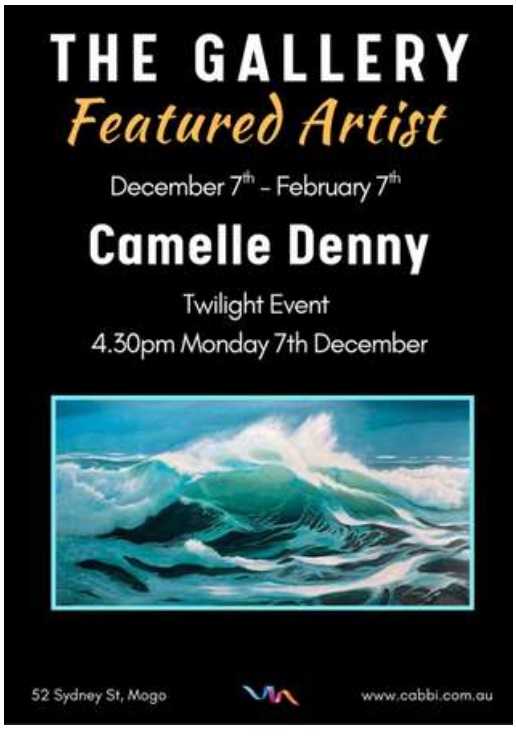
Take inspiration from the rich and varied collection of the Caroline Simpson Library and Research Collection, located in the heart of Sydney's Macquarie Street precinct on Gadigal Country. Be inspired by vibrant wallpapers, fabrics and floorcoverings; browse servant manuals, architectural pattern books and trade catalogues; hum along to domestic sheet music; or explore letters and photographs that bring the home to life.

The Caroline Simpson Library Creative Residency Program offers time, space, connection and inspiration. This multidisciplinary, non-residential program provides fully subsidised access to studio space at The Mint for ten months, encouraging engagement with the library's unique collection dedicated to the history of houses, interiors, gardens and domestic life.

The program is open to all NSW-based creative practitioners aged 18 and over at any stage of their career who are enthusiastic about the opportunity to engage with the Caroline Simpson Library and Research Collection to develop new work.

Applications for the program close on 13 December 2026. For queries about eligibility or how to apply please contact creativeresidency@mhnsw.au.

For more information click here







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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

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



MORUYA MAIL Eurobodalla Gig Guide

November

Fri 27 Nov North of the Bridge - Club Malua (7.30pm)
Fr 27 Nov Backlash Bay Soldiers Club
Sat 28 Nov Backlash Bay Soldiers Club
Sat 28 Nov Coastal Fringe - Club Catalina (7.30pm)
Sat 28 Nov Mark Smith Club Malua
Sat 28th Nov Abbey May at All Saints Bodalla
Sat 28 Nov Jakob Poyner Quantum 4.30-7.30
Sat 28 Nov Dave Berry - Tomakin Club (5pm)
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

Fri 4 Dec Gedupndans Bay Soldiers Club
Sat 5 Dec Gedupndans Bay Soldiers Club
Sat 5 Dec Solo West- JJs at The Marina 6pm
Sat 5 Dec Starfish Sessions - Jack Biilmann Starfish Deli 6.30pm
Sat 5th: Robz Simpson Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 6th: Piper Allan Broulee Brewhouse
Fri 11 Dec RIFF Bay Soldiers Club
Sat 12 Dec RIFF Bay Soldiers Club
Sat 12 Dec Riff Bodalla Pub 2pm
Sat 12th: Natalie Magee Broulee Brewhouse
Sun 13th: Moondog Broulee Brewhouse
Fri 18 Dec Drill Bay Soldiers Club
Sat 19 Dec Drill Bay Soldiers Club
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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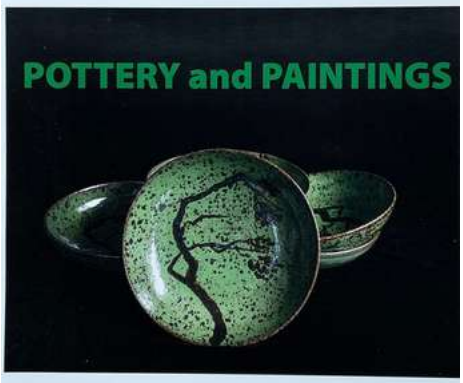
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ASK BIG HEAD

G'day my curious canine comrades! This week's pack puzzler comes from Peter in Mogendoura who has been scratching his head about hackles.

Q: What does it mean when my dog's hackles go up? Is it always aggression?

Short answer: nope. Those raised hairs, officially called piloerection, are not an automatic declaration of war. Rather, when a dog's nervous system hits the accelerator, tiny muscles at the base of the hair follicles contract which makes the fur along the shoulders, spine, or base of the tail stand up.

To our doggy brains, this is completely involuntary - just like when you humans get goosebumps from a spooky noise or listening to your favourite music. When you see those hackles go up, it simply means your dog has shifted into a state of heightened arousal or alertness, which isn't automatically a sign of aggression.

Throughout a dog's day, our hackles pop up for all sorts of reasons, like the excitement of meeting a mate, insecurity around a noisy garbage truck, or the thrill of playing with our favourite toy.

It does happen during a territorial warning or defensive stand too, so it's helpful to look at the rest of a dog's body to better understand their emotional state.

A loose, wiggly body, soft eyes, open mouth, bouncy play-bows and an arched approach mean any hackles are most likely just a physical reaction to being excited or overstimulated. On the flip side, a stiff posture, hard staring, closed mouth, and a high erect tail or a tail tucked under the belly usually signal stress, fear, or a warning cue to create distance. In this case, try to calmly break the tension and create space between all parties at the earliest point.

If your dog's hackles go up on walks, treat it as an early warning sign they are either worried or getting overexcited. Don't soothe them. Instead, regain their focus with a calm "leave it" command and give your dog extra distance from the trigger, putting yourself in between to block their line of sight. You can reward them for checking back in with you once their nervous system settles.

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



The King's Foundation Australia is now inviting applications for its inaugural Summer School in Architecture, Design and Building Crafts, taking place from 3–14 February 2027 at Hillview in the Southern Highlands of NSW.

The 12-day programme will introduce participants to traditional architecture, design and building crafts through practical workshops, drawing exercises and site visits, working alongside craftspeople to explore how traditional knowledge and techniques can be applied to contemporary design, construction and conservation.

All 12 places are fully funded through generous bursaries covering tuition, accommodation and some meals. The programme is open to Australian citizens and permanent residents aged 18 and over, with no formal qualifications required, and applications close Friday 11 December 2026.

For more information, scan the QR code. or see https://kings-foundation.org/

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."
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2026 Diary Dates

- 28 Nov **– Youth Against Domestic Violence Colour Run**
- 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 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).
When: Tuesday 8th December 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm
Where: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay
How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment



Annual Christmas of Remembrance Service
Batemans Bay Funerals, in collaboration with Broulee Memorial Gardens warmly invites you to our Annual Christmas of Remembrance Service.
As the Christmas season approaches, we gather to reflect on treasured memories, honour those we miss, and find comfort in community.
Broulee Memorial Gardens, East Chapel
Thursday, 10 December 2026 5:00 PM
Following the service, guests are invited to stay for complimentary refreshments in our Sidney Lounge.
Please let us know if you'll be attending by 10am, Friday, 4 December using the RSVP link: https://brnw.ch/21x6Sv9

BATEMANS BAY SANTA RUN 2026
Batemans Bay RFS with our friends at Fire and Rescue NSW Station 217 Batemans Bay are back for our annual Santa Run 2026 and Santa is coming to town! WHEN? From 4:30pm Saturday 19 December 2026 WHERE? Batemans Bay and surrounds, maps of our exact route to be published soon with live tracking on the day



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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Yoga pose of the week
with Christina Carroll



Rocking & Rolling - Jhulana Lurhakanasana
A great yoga pose to stimulate and bring suppleness to the whole spinal column. It increase heat in the body and massages the back, buttocks and hips. Renown for removing lethargy, and useful for eliminating nervous tension.
To practice - Stage 1 - Lie on your back and draw the knees in towards you with the hands wrapping around the knees. Roll the body to the right and touch the side of the right arm to the floor. Using the abdominal muscles and support of the right arm, roll back to the centre. Do the same to the left side. Continue to roll from side to side 5-10 times. Stage 2 - Begin in the starting position and rock the whole body backwards and forwards on the spine. As you increase momentum, when rocking forward come up onto the feet in a squatting position. On the backwards movement, extend the legs so that they come over the head. Practice 5-10 backward and forward movements.

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 20.11.26

Moruya River.
The forecast for the weekend is looking a little suspect, but what will actually happen is anyone's guess. Water temps are around 20 deg at the moment along the coast. This equates to warm waters pushing in on a rising tide, making for active fish within the local estuaries.
Bream and Flathead are going to be the most active species this weekend, but don't be surprised to see the odd whiting mooching around as the tide pushes in over shallow sand flats. The back of the hole in the wall is a great small area to explore, in a small tinny or kayak on a rising tide. This area is well protected by the fringing mangroves, so even with a bit of wind, you can find shelter within the narrow areas towards the back. Bream, flathead, whiting can all be found around this area amongst the oyster racks, mixed ground and shallow sand flats. The airport flats, under the town bridge and the flats across from the hospital will all fish well on a rising tide.
Both bait or artificials presentations have the ability to attract attention at the moment.
While we have been getting small amounts of rain here and there, it hasn't been enough to really bring the height of the Duea up to a point where the big Bass can continue their journey back upstream. Rainfall is a double edged sword, good for the land owners, good for the bass, but in enough quantity, temporarily bad for the salt water system.
Tuross River.
The Flathead continue to dominate this local gem of a waterway. Every year this system gets better and better. Being a rec only fishery with no commercial pressure, allows it to improve year after year. The local mulloway population also improves, what this system could be in another 20 years of no Comercial netting leaves the imagination bubbling over.
The whole system is fishing very well, with flathead spread from the lower sand flats all the way up to the several back lakes. Bream are readily available around the edges of the oyster rack systems. Look to the weed bed edges, rock bars adjacent to the actual racks themselves to find bream holding close by.
The main river channel, drop offs and adjacent sand flats will also hold numbers of mixed species, being bream, flathead, whiting, estuary perch, trevally, salmon and tailor.
Rock and Beach.
The Moruya Breakwall will fish depending on what happens to swimming by at the time. You could find large schools of travelling salmon, resident bream, flathead and Trevally or tailor. Keep an eye on the Moruya Bar Cam, if you can see anglers on the wall, you have a better than average chance at there being fish activity along the wall.
This resource is a great way the determine if a trip across the bar is worth the effort.
The salmon have been thick along the coast, with the beaches around Tuross attracting a lot of attention from both fish, fisherman and sharks. Facebook has been full of images along this stretch of coast over the last few weeks.
Offshore.
The a belt of really warm water sitting only a little bit offshore should be holding good numbers of fish, from marlin to dolphins fish, tuna species and many others.
The snapper guys are having to look a little deeper generally, but the shallow reefs will hold resident fish that refuse to read the literature on where fish will be at certain temps. Always check the ground you are motoring over before blasting out wide! You could be surprised.
The bait freezer was restocked this week, with Hawksbury prawns and 1lb USA squid unavailable.
The shop is looking full at present, but there will be a few items in need of restock at the beginning of December, which is to be expected this time of year.
Have a great weekend and stay safe, remember "Every day's a good day for fishing..."
Team Tackle World Moruya.





SAGE Farmers Market
Tuesday 3pm Moruya
sagefarmersmarket.org.au growing the community

The Enhancing Recreational Fishing in NSW Action Plan 2026-2031 is here

The NSW Government has released the final plan that sets out further direction for recreational fishing programs, investment and partnerships across NSW over the next five years.
Building on successful programs already delivered by DPIRD and sector partners, the plan supports a thriving, accessible and sustainable recreational fishing sector.
Over the next five years, the plan will aim to

- Support greater participation and diversity in recreational fishing, including 10% more women and children fishing
- Stock 30 million fish in NSW waterways
- Deliver 50 new recreational fishing locations
- Improve fishing access, facilities and education opportunities
- Strengthen fisheries management and promote responsible fishing practices

The plan was informed by feedback from recreational fishers, clubs, community groups and stakeholders across NSW.
Read the final plan:
https://www.dpird.nsw.gov.au/.../enhancing-recreational...

Farann Bussa selected for Zimbabwe tour



Former Moruya High School student Farann Bussa has been selected to represent Australia at the 2027 Polocrosse World Cup in Zimbabwe.
Bussa will compete alongside seven teammates selected by Polocrosse Australia Women's Squad. Farann Bussa, Lucy Grills, Lindsey Mullins, and Lauren Sibley.
Men's Squad. Matt Davison, Jim Grills, Russell Owens, and Harry Semmens
Photo: Ranvet

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



There were 26 bowlers on the Green on a very hot summer's day.
President Robbo welcomed everyone including Beth and Alby from Newcastle and Rod from Moruya who joined us for the day.
Lovely to have Dobbo with us as a spectator hope he will be back on the Green very soon.
Winners with Highest Winning Margin + 15 Rink 7, Gilligan and Dave K. (Photo)
Runners-up + 11 Rink 3, K.C. and Chanty.
Hi/Low scores not won.
Lucky numbers, Kaz and K.C.
Winning teams, Matilda and Alby 17/8. Ute and Scottie 16/14
Hot Lips and Spike with Robbo 18/15. Witto and Pattycake 14/10

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



What a day on Tuesday for Social Bowls it was so cold it felt like we were back to Winter weather.
There were 30 ladies on the Green all teams bowling Triples.
Winners Rink 6 , 19 all on a countback, Olga Geshwend, Wendy Geary and Beja Smith not in photo.
Runners-up, Tania Calder, Noleen Taylor and Judy Armstrong.
Money Club, 14 Olga Geshwend,
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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Elsa Shearer with Vice Captain Paul Scholze

Tuross Head Golf Results
Thursday 19th November 2026

A field of 46 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. The players braved the ominous weather and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:
1st: Elsa Shearer (41) with 38 points
2nd: Leonie Doolan (27) with 37 points (countback)
3rd: Chris Wratten (33) with 37 points (countback)
4th: Jim Wade (13) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins
4th: Jim Wade 1.08 A Grade
4th: Ron Rogers 5.63 B Grade
4th: Gavan Wheelahan 2.00 C Grade
6th: Jim Wade 3.50 A Grade
6th: Ron Rogers 9.80 B Grade
7th: Ruth Gschwend 4.63 A Grade
7th: Marie Muriwai 2.29 B Grade

Balls went to: Shane Gschwend 36, Nick Brice 36, Ian McManus 36, Teri Swanbury 35, Cate O'Brien 34, Michael Brice 34, Dianne Brown 34, Ricky Hayes 34, Brad Doolan 34, Robert McDonell 34, Sandra D'Onofrio 33, Marie Muriwai 33, Chelsea Mayes 33, John Harb 33 and Bruce Lidbury 32.



Winner: Rob McDonell with Vice Captain Paul Scholze

Tuross Head Golf Results
Saturday 21st November 2026

A field of 51 players took to the course to compete in a Medley Stableford event. The day was sunny and warm and there were some brilliant scores.

The Winners were:
1st: Robert McDonell (23) with 44 points
2nd: Ken Hush (13) with 39 points (countback)
3rd: Greg Smith (29) with 39 points
4th: Ross Hendy (32) with 38 points (countback)
5th: Colin Houghton (6) with 38 points

Great Score: Wayne Burgess Eagle Voucher

Nearest to the Pins

4th: John Harb 0.82 A Grade
4th: Bruce Harding 2.08 B Grade
4th: Ross Hendy 2.11 C Grade
6th: Brad Doolan 0.32 A Grade
6th: Shane Gschwend 1.68 B Grade
6th: Peter Coffey 5.03 C Grade
7th: Brad Doolan 3.76 A Grade
7th: John Phyland 11.60 B Grade

Place Getters: Wayne Burgess 37, Graeme Sindel 37, John Phyland 37, Greg Bush 36, Teri Swanbury 36, Cathy Milliken 36, Mark Haberkorn 35, Brad Doolan 35, Shane Gschwend 35, Jenny Reilly 35, Chelsea Mayes 34, Ian Kingston 34, Jim Wade 34, Paul Scholze 33 and Ray Bollard 33.



Winners: Jeanette Miller, Chelsea Mayes and Jane Eglitis

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results -
Tuesday 24th November 2026

A field of 25 ladies competed in a Stableford event. The event was sponsored by Apricot Tree Cottage (formerly Jayne's Hairdressing).It was a cold, overcast day and some brilliant scores were achieved.

The Winners were:
A Grade:
1st: Chelsea Mayes (30) with 40 points
2nd: Pam Alexander (33) with 38 points

B Grade:
1st: Jeanette Miller (38) with 40 points
2nd: Kerrie Sands (36) with 32 points

C Grade:
1st: Jane Eglitis (41) with 37 points
2nd: Linda Puglisi (43) with 36 points

Place Getters: Pauline Nash 37, Marie Muriwai 36, Stacey Davidson 34, Bron Davies 33, Sandra D'Onofrio 32, Chris Wratten 32 and Teri Swanbury 31.

Hole Prize:
7th Chelsea Mayes Golden Shot A Distance 1.00
7th Jeanette Miller Golden Shot B Distance 1.68

Nearest the Pins:
6th Maree Coffey Distance 0.74
15th Chelsea Mayes Distance 0.40



Winners: Greg Haywood, Graham Moore, Jane Eglitis and Derek Hoare

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results
Wednesday 25th November 2026
34 players competed in a Coloured Ball Team Stableford event today. It was a challenging game and some wonderful scores were achieved.

The Winning Teams were:
1st: Jane Eglitis, Graham Moore, Derek Hoare and Greg Haywood with 50 points
2nd: Paul Pereira, Mike Birks, Herb Muriwai and Frank Pomfret with 49 points
3rd: Leonie Snodgrass, Dorothy Madden, Bruce Martin and Steve Johnston with 47 points

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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Keeping swimmers safe on Australian shores

With summer just around the corner, Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA), with support from the Albanese Government, is urging people to know their limits and be safe in and around the water.

SLSA's National Water Safety Campaign highlights findings from the National Coastal Safety Report 2026 released by SLSA today, which shows almost nine in 10 people who drowned on the Australian coast in the past year were men.

It encourages every Australian to have conversations with men in their life and pass on the vital message to swim between the flags and know your limits.

Funding for the campaign is being delivered through the Albanese Government's Water and Snow Safety Program.

The campaign is running across television, online and social media now and throughout the summer.

Minister for Sport, Anika Wells "Heading to the beach, pool, creek, river or waterhole is part of the fabric of Aussie life, and we are a proud water-loving nation.

"This year's report is a wake-up call to everyone, but especially for men, to always swim between the flags and, as the campaign says, 'Stop. Look. Stay Alive'.

"The Albanese Government is committed to increasing water safety for all Australians. As we head into summer let's make sure we are all enjoying our beautiful waterways safely."

Assistant Minister for Immigration, Matt Thistlethwaite said "Australians love spending time in and around the water, especially during summer. Too often, tragedies occur when people underestimate conditions or overestimate their abilities.

"Take a moment to think about the risks, know your limits and always swim between the flags."

Surf Life Saving Australia CEO, Adam Weir said "We know that men continue to be disproportionally represented in coastal drowning statistics, and it is a trend we cannot afford to ignore. We need to encourage men to make safer decisions around the water, understand the risks and look out for those around them.

"Addressing this challenge requires a sustained commitment from all levels of Government and the community, alongside greater community awareness and safer behaviours around the water.

"As we head into the summer season, our message for people is simple: know your limits, never underestimate the risks and always swim between the red and yellow flags."



Kimberli and Zara from MSLSC at Parliament House Canberra

Moruya Surf Life Saving Club President Kimberli & cadet Zara were honoured to attend the Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving Australia Start of Summer and National Coastal Safety Report Launch at Parliament House.

Kimberli said "It was a fantastic opportunity for our little club to represent the big difference we make and to connect with some inspiring people who are making a real difference in surf lifesaving and coastal safety across Australia.

They had the pleasure of meeting:

- Adam Weir, CEO of Surf Life Saving Australia.
- Charlie Verco, shawandpartnersironseries leader and one of the rescuers involved in the Coogee shark attack.
- Rebecca Woods, inaugural recipient of the John Baker AM ESM Fellowship.
- Ms Angie Bell MP and The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP

Kimberli said it was "a great day of networking, sharing stories and celebrating the important work being done to keep Australians safe in and around our coastline. The key message heading into summer is simple: STOP. LOOK. STAY ALIVE."

"Surf Life Saving Australia is calling on every Australian to help get one very important message across this summer; particularly to the men in our lives to swim between the red and yellow flags. The statistics are a sobering reminder of why this message matters: 9 out of 10 coastal drowning deaths are males. This summer, let's look out for each other, make safe choices and enjoy our beautiful coastline."

