

Living in Eurobodalla

The business of reducing waste

Almost 50 Eurobodalla businesses have pledged to reduce their use of take-away plastics through our We Care program.

The program aims to reduce the quantity of single-use plastic packaging sent to landfill or littered into our environment by working with businesses to help them take charge of their waste.

Its focus is on the big five problem waste streams: plastic straws, plastic takeaway containers, plastic cutlery, disposable coffee cups and plastic bags.

Anna Jane Linke – who founded the now international Seaside Scavenge environmental initiative – has been working with Council on the project.

She is helping local businesses find environmentally sustainable products that suit them, connect with local suppliers, trial new types of packaging, and brainstorm creative ways they can reduce single-use and takeaway waste.

Next up is helping local consumers make more environmentally-friendly choices by supporting the businesses that are taking steps to reduce their waste.

Ms Linke says our everyday decisions have big repercussions.

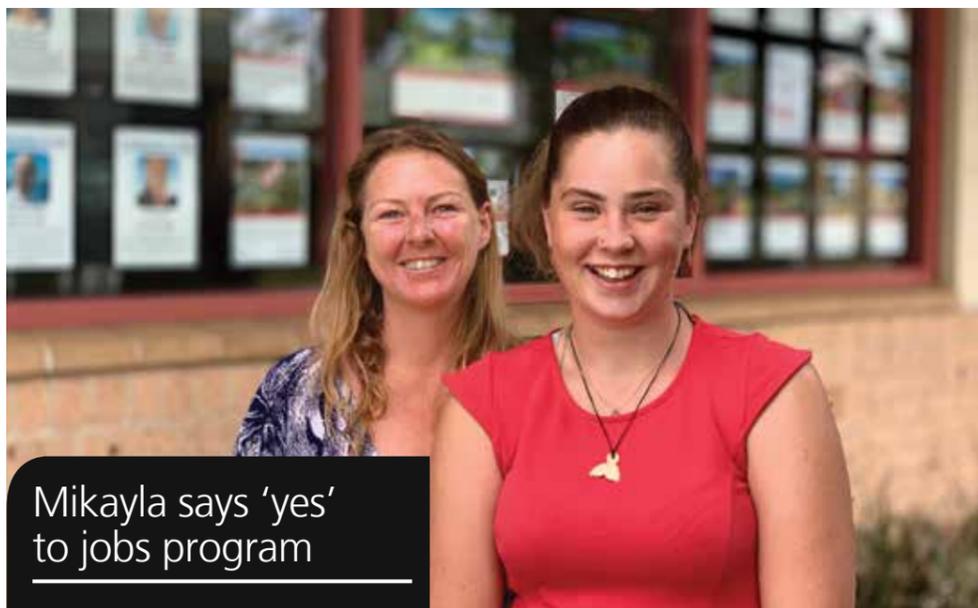
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“The most eco-friendly option is to avoid single-use disposables wherever possible. That means, if you can eat-in and save the packaging, do it. If you can skip on the fork because you have one in the office, do it,” she said.

“Customers can also bring their own clean cups and food containers to participating We Care businesses to reduce packaging - some businesses even offer a discount for this.”

We Care Eurobodalla is funded by the NSW Environmental Protection Authority’s Litter Prevention Grant.

Keep an eye out for the ‘We Care Eurobodalla’ signs in-store, or for information, including the list of participating businesses, visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au and search “We Care Eurobodalla”.



Mikayla says ‘yes’ to jobs program

With some help from our youth employment program, the shire’s businesses are saying ‘yes’ to young people who want to work here in the shire.

Our Eurobodalla Youth Employment Strategy (E-YES), funded by the NSW Government, began in October last year and we’re on target to help 50 young people into work by 2020.

The project is establishing relationships with young people and local employers, with a focus on Eurobodalla’s areas of greatest employment growth - health, hospitality, tourism, retail and construction. Its focus is on providing youth with accredited training, skills development, work experience and involvement with employers who need staff.

Mikayla Carter was the first program participant to land a job, working as a receptionist at Clearwater Real Estate. Mikayla said she kept knocking on the door, even though “that kind of persistence doesn’t come naturally”.

Our employment coordinator Rhonnie South reckons Mikayla’s perseverance got her the job.

“She called us every week, did our career quiz, then found this job. We helped with her resume and interview techniques. Employers appreciate her kind of motivation,” she said.

Ms South said the E-YES program would complement, rather than replace, youth employment and training services already offered in Eurobodalla.

“We want to work collaboratively with registered training organisations, local businesses, JobActive providers, community groups, schools and the young people themselves,” she said.

We’ve got more great jobs on offer – follow the project on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EurobodallaJobsandTraining

Clearwater Real Estate sales agent Sam Sheather and with new employee and E-Yes participant Mikayla Carter.

Brand new approach

‘Eurobodalla...all kinds of wonderful.’

We’ve all known it for years, and we’re hoping this new tagline will help inspire more visitors to come and experience it for themselves.

The new brand positioning was developed by Sydney-based creative agency Jim Jam Ideas to give Eurobodalla an edge in the competitive tourism market.

Council’s manager of strategic and sustainable growth Liz Rankin said the new brand was about encouraging visitors to unleash their natural spirit.

“Our region offers all kinds of wonderful – you can taste all kinds of wonderful, create all kinds of wonderful and explore all kinds of wonderful,” she said.

“We’re trying to attract couples and families with children, as research is showing us they’re the ones looking for these sorts of experiences and activities.

“We’re also working on a nature-based tourism feasibility study that will identify shovel-ready developments to enhance our tourism offering, aligning with the new brand.

“Our goal is to position Eurobodalla as a year-round destination and increase overnight visitation and expenditure by 25 per cent by 2021.”

We’re in the process of rolling out the new brand and working with local tourism operators to help bring it to life.

The next step is developing a plan to guide Council’s promotions to our key visitor markets in Sydney, the ACT, regional NSW and Victoria, in collaboration with the NSW Government’s Destination NSW.

Ms Rankin said the tourism and events team was excited and a lot of work had been going on behind the scenes.

“Eurobodalla has never done marketing like this before, this is a major new approach,” she said.

“We’ll be keeping everyone in the loop as plans emerge but we don’t want to say too much because we want to launch the new campaign with a bang.

“The one over-arching aim of this is to foster community pride, and I hope that through the work we’re doing the community will see and feel that.”

Explainer: Water quality

Eurobodalla has 140km of coastline and numerous rivers, creeks and wetlands. Looking after all that water is a job we take seriously.

Residents and visitors who flock to our stunning beaches for a refreshing dip in summer can swim easy thanks to our voluntary water-testing program. We test 11 beaches five times a month from November to March as part of the NSW Beach Watch program, run in partnership with NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

After heavy rain, stormwater can wash debris and pollutants into waterways. This can impact water quality and safety,

and you should avoid swimming for the following few days. We also keep a regular check on our five major estuaries, testing for water quality and ecosystem health.

In summer, smelly creeks are a natural occurrence when rising temperatures reduce oxygen levels in the water. Warm days and low rainfall make conditions ideal for algal blooms, which use up more oxygen. Sulphur-using bacteria take over, with sulphur dioxide, a smelly ‘rotten-egg’ gas, given off. Events like these can sometimes lead to fish kills.

If you have concerns about water quality at local beaches or waterways, get in touch. Be sure to check out our water-quality star-ratings for beaches and our estuary-health report cards, all on our website.

The Bas opens with a bang



We were more than a little anxious for the grand opening of the Bas, but all was right on the night when a thrilling 600-strong crowd rolled up in February to toast our shiny new Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre.

The man himself, Basil Sellers AM, cut the ribbon and declared our region's first purpose-built arts space ready.

A highlight of the opening was the announcement of the 2019 Basil Sellers Art Prize. The \$20,000 major prize winner was Wollongong artist Ahn Nguyen's acrylic on canvas *Jamboree Morning*. The work has been acquired by Mr Sellers for his extensive art collection.

Moruya's own Stephanie McClory won the \$5,000 Eurobodalla prize, sponsored by Council, and her work *Some days are rough* will enter our new collection showcasing artistic excellence in the shire.

With the Bas serving as a major platform for local artists and visiting shows, its grand opening was an incredibly special occasion that marked a turning point for creative arts development in the shire.

It not only gives the community the opportunity to be exposed to and appreciate quality art, but also provides an aspirational place for local artists to exhibit their work. We also see the space being used for special events like floor talks and long-table dinners, even weddings.

The Bas is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. It hosts Shirley Goodhew's exhibition 'Deep Waters' until Sunday 14 April, followed by Jennifer Hawkins' 'We are made of star stuff' from Saturday 20 April to Sunday 12 May.

The Bas was made possible thanks to funding from the NSW and federal governments, Council and a generous donation from Mr Sellers. Visit www.theBas.com.au for more on upcoming exhibitions and volunteer opportunities.



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Ydrives on

The success of our Ydrive program speaks for itself.

All eight graduates who gained their driver's licence through the program, now have a job.

Two are studying, one is able to drive their child to child care, and one is the first person in their family to get a licence.

Over 18 months, volunteer mentors have spent 636 hours, travelling 28,867km, supervising learner drivers to help them get the required hours to achieve their P-plates.

Following the successful 12-month pilot, and funding from the NSW Government, the program hit top gear this year and an additional learner car is now based in Batemans Bay.

We already have 18 new young people on the books and we're still on the hunt for more mentors, particularly from Batemans Bay and Moruya.

Ydrive coordinator Angie McMillan said the program had attracted a lot of attention from other councils and praise from the NSW Government's Roads and Maritime Services.

"The RMS thinks it's the best project and it should go Australia-wide," Ms McMillan said.

"It can be a life-changer for disadvantaged young people; those who can't afford driving lessons, or who lack access to a car or qualified driver."

For more information or to sign up as mentor visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au and search "Ydrive". Alternatively contact Ms McMillan on 0417 359 705 or email angela.mcmillan@esc.nsw.gov.au

Narooma's Dylan Harvey-Phillips (right), with driving instructor Alan Close. Recent graduate of our Ydrive program.



Our new recruits

We said a big 'welcome aboard' in February to 16 new trainees and apprentices as part of our annual intake.

Our trainee program has provided training and employment opportunities for local young people for more than a decade.

It includes on-the-job and formal training in roles as diverse as water operations, business administration, community care and horticulture. Some will stay on with us while others will take valuable skills and a qualification to other organisations.

Our customer service and information team's new recruit James Walker is feeling comfortable in his new role.

"It's a specialised area and requires attention to detail and the ability to listen,"

says James. From helping our shop-front customers, we've also taken James behind the scenes to help with records management.

"It's really cool to see what happens in our records section," he said. Despite no previous records experience James considers the work "very logical".

"We have a process for just about everything and the team really helps. I can rely on their experience."

(From back, left to right) New recruits Jeremy Cuthbert, Lachlan Armstrong, Molly Carter, Tahlia Little, Tia Galvin, Liam McNeily, Max Hadley, James Walker, Jarrod Bloomfield, Stephen Boardman, Jamie Field, Stacey Wade, Arlo Crowley, Gabrielle Kilborn, Jason Brown and Tristan Richards.

New order unfurls 1 May

Dog owners can enjoy more off-leash access across the shire from Wednesday 1 May, when new arrangements for dogs on beaches and reserves come into effect.

The changes follow last year's extensive review of Council's Companion Animal Management Plan, which seeks to cater for people who want to exercise their dogs on local beaches and those who do not want to interact with dogs.

We'll be progressively rolling out new signage, in the meantime check out the existing and new arrangements at www.esc.nsw.gov.au/pets or phone 4474 1019.

Centre design draws near

The architects of the new Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre will soon begin work on a final design after the community provided feedback on three concept layouts in January and February.

The feedback has been given to the architects to consider in preparing the final design, which is expected to incorporate elements of all three layouts.

The final design will be presented to councillors for their consideration later this year and, once approved, we will go out to tender for construction of the centre. More on the project is at www.esc.nsw.gov.au/mackaypark

To-do list on show

We're seeking the community's input throughout May on the projects and services we plan to carry out over the next financial year.

Council's draft Operational Plan 2019-20 will be on public exhibition for residents to provide feedback before it's adopted by councillors. The Operational Plan is where you can check out what projects are planned for your area, view our budgets, and find out the rates, fees and charges proposed for the year.

You will find the Plan and information about how to make a submission at www.esc.nsw.gov.au/publicexhibition from Wednesday 1 May to Tuesday 28 May 2019. Hard copies will also be available at local libraries, Council depots and the Moruya customer service centre.

Water right as rain

We lifted Eurobodalla's water restrictions back in January thanks to the community's wonderful efforts in conserving our water supply - but it's no cause for complacency.

We're asking residents to remain mindful of using water wisely and observe the permanent water-conservation measures in place year-round. These include watering gardens and lawns before 10am or after 5pm, no hosing hard surfaces, except to clean hazards, washing private vehicles (including boats and flushing motors) on grass, and covering swimming pools and external spas when not in use.

For more information head to www.esc.nsw.gov.au/water or contact Council on 4474 1000.

Bay buoyed by cruise ship visits



We've been testing the waters by attracting cruise ships to Eurobodalla to give our economy a boost and help put the region in the minds of international travellers.

Our tourism and events team has been working with the Port Authority of NSW to establish a regular timetable of cruise ships visiting Batemans Bay.

We've had three sail in so far, and a further four visits are set for the 2019/20 cruise season – the Caledonian Sky in October 2019, the Seabourn Sojourn in December and the Seabourn Encore in February and March 2020.

Batemans Bay has proved an appealing destination for smaller expedition and luxury cruise ships. It's the closest port to Canberra, with amazing nature and aquatic experiences, and it's the only regional NSW port where tender boats arrive in the CBD within walking distance to the town's attractions.

We've also had feedback from the Seabourn cruise line that we're one of the most welcoming ports.

Planning is well underway to improve resourcing and work with local businesses and tour operators to help give passengers great experiences for the coming season.

The cruise ship industry is overseen by an international network – it's a huge industry – so we need to work with the already established ground handlers, who are a liaison between the ship and the shore.

This is really exciting for our shire and we'll continue to work with the Port Authority of NSW to attract these wonderful opportunities.



VIP poo pipe

Contractors have been drilling in to a massive project in the north of the shire to relocate a sewer pipe impacted by coastal erosion.

The \$3.17 million project involved constructing a new pipe inland, from Long Beach to Surfside, passing deep beneath Cullendulla Creek.

We laid the original pipe to service Long Beach in the mid-1980s in what was then heavily-treed land, 15 metres back from the beach. National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) later inherited the land for protection.

Erosion and weather changes over 30 years caused the beach to recede and the pipe became exposed in large swells.

Following an extensive planning process that spanned more than four years, including collaboration with NPWS and the Marine Parks Authority, contractors started work on the project late last year.

A specialised machine worth millions of dollars – one of two in Australia – was brought in to drill a 1.2km-long, 660mm-wide hole up to 30 metres below Cullendulla Creek Reserve.

Drilling was conducted from each end at Long Beach and Surfside, creating the tricky task of meeting up in the middle.

With limited space in Long Beach it was not possible to weld the 1.2km pipe into

a single length to pull through the bore hole. Individual pipes 12 metres long, weighing just under one tonne each, were welded together on site to form three 400-metre sections. Once each length was pulled into the drilled hole, it was welded to the next, and so on.

Contractors pressure tested the buried pipe before connecting it to the existing sewer network.

The old pipe was decommissioned, flushed and decontaminated, with its contents emptied into a septic tanker. Exposed sections of the old pipe should be removed by the end of April.

Our senior water and sewer technical officer Richard Dixon said the pipe relocation was a critical project all about managing the risk.

"Without the relocation and replacement of the exposed section of pipe, the sewer service to Long Beach was compromised, not to mention the risk to the environment," he said.

"We sincerely thank the nearby residents for their patience and understanding during the construction period, as it was at times a pretty noisy operation."

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No myna pest



If you've seen Indian mynas at your place, we want to hear about it.

These invasive and aggressive birds are putting the squeeze on native birds and animals by dominating food and nest sites, and we want them gone from Eurobodalla.

Now listed as one of the world's 100 most invasive species, mynas were introduced to control bugs in Melbourne's market gardens in the 1860s.

You'll find them these days all along the east coast.

Our natural resources officer Courtney Fink-Downes initiated a control program in 2009 and it's been a great success.

"We started with 24 volunteers monitoring 44 traps. We caught more than 70 mynas in the first 10 weeks," Courtney said.

"Over the past 10 years, we've removed hundreds of birds across the shire. Now we have areas like Tuross Head and Broulee which are myna free."

She said some of the remaining birds were harder to trap.

"We're using 'Judas' birds – mynas caught elsewhere and used to lure more cautious birds into the traps," Courtney said.

"In another 10 years there is a great chance the Eurobodalla will be myna free."

The program owes its success to strong community support. Volunteers have been integral to controlling mynas from the start.

In the 10 years the eradication program has run, hundreds of residents have been involved.

One for the books

Book lovers rejoice! You can now enjoy the offerings of Moruya Library seven days a week.

The newly-renovated library is now open 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Following its summer makeover, Moruya Library patrons will love its new spacious feel, revamped interior, new furniture, meeting room, and colour-coded zones.

The Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, which adjoins the Moruya Library, is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm.

For more on library services and events, visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries or pop in to your local.

When a hero comes along

Know someone who goes above and beyond? Nominate them for our Local Hero Awards! The awards seek to recognise Eurobodalla residents who make outstanding contributions to our community in any field – from sports, community service and health to education, arts, or the environment.

They may have excelled in quality, quantity or value of service or they may be responsible for individual acts of compassion, generosity, bravery, ingenuity, or professional accomplishments. Award nominations are open from Monday 1 April until Friday 3 May 2019. For more information head to www.esc.nsw.gov.au and search 'Local Hero Award' or phone 4474 1005.

Make a splash in Narooma

Narooma Swimming Centre will soon have a fun new attraction for children to enjoy. Construction is almost complete on a new outdoor shaded water-play splash pad, featuring spurting water jets and a water-falling whale tail.

At no extra cost than the entry of the pool, the area is a fun and safe environment for young children to play while parents can grab a coffee and watch the kids splash around. It adds another reason to come and visit Narooma's wonderful indoor pool, which is open year-round and located just metres from the amazing waters of the Narooma inlet.

For more information on programs and activities at Narooma pool, visit <http://eurobodallaaquatics.com.au>



Our first volunteer was Tuross Head's Peter Christie. Peter was familiar with the havoc mynas caused, so when a large flock arrived at Tuross Head, he wasn't having

a bar of them. He caught about 40 in a couple of days.

In the decade since, Peter has logged six or seven years trapping birds and handing out educational pamphlets. His hard work has paid off.

"I haven't had any reports of mynas in Tuross for a while now," says Peter.

Main: Courtney Fink-Downes, natural resources officer.
Inset: Myna bird

What's on

For more information, visit:
www.esc.nsw.gov.au
www.eurobodalla.com.au

April - June 2019

April

Sat 23 Mar - Sun 14 Apr Shirley Goodhew exhibition - Deep Waters, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner of Vulcan St and Campbell St, Moruya, Tue to Sun 10am-4pm.

Unique oil and acrylic paintings and 3D works by local artist Shirley Goodhew. 4474 1061, www.theBas.com.au

Easter hat workshop Make a hat for this year's parade. Cost \$5, bookings essential. **Mon 1 Apr** Batemans Bay Library 3.30-4.30pm, 4472 5850.

Wed 3 Apr Moruya Library, 3.30pm-4.30pm, 4474 1300. **Thu 4 Apr** Narooma Library 3.30-4.30pm, 4476 1164.

Sun 7 Apr Guided Garden walk, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden visitor centre, off Deep Creek Dam Dr, Mogo, 11am. Explore the hidden wonders of the Garden with a trained volunteer. Group ability dictates route. Free

Mon 8 Apr Moruya Race Day, Moruya Jockey Club, Donnelly Dr, 11am-5pm, first race 1pm. Enjoy the atmosphere of country racing. \$10 adults, \$5 concession, under-18 free. 4474 4409, www.moruyajockeyclub.com.au

Wed 10 Apr Health and aged-care careers info session, Narooma Library, 10.30-11.30am. Learn about training and job opportunities in health and aged care. Free, 4474 7380

Fri 12 Apr Bike safety program for Aboriginal and disadvantaged children, Gundry Oval, Campbell St, Moruya, 2-5pm. Learn how to look after yourself and your bike. Includes helmet, bell and bike service. Free, 4474 1289

Sat 13 Apr Youth Street @ Moruya Country Markets, Riverside Park, Moruya, 8am-12.30pm. Young entrepreneurs showcase their ideas and products. Free, 4474 7470

Sat 13 Apr - Sun 14 Apr South Coast Mighty Bonanza Fishing Competition, Clyde St Foreshore, Batemans Bay. Family-oriented competition celebrating recreational fishing. Adult and junior categories, big prizes, giveaways, entertainment, and the Shimano Reef Science Fishing Show. 0418 570 131, scmb.com.au

All Aboard Skate Competition For young skate, BMX and scooter riders of all abilities. Free, 4474 1302. **Sat 13 Apr** Narooma Skate Park, Riverside Dr, 10.30am-2.30pm. **Sun 14 Apr** Moruya Skate Park, Shore St, 10.30am-2.30pm.

Sat 13 Apr Eurobodalla Relay for Life, Vesper St, Batemans Bay, 1-9pm. Fundraising challenge for Cancer Council NSW. 4223 0200, www.cancercouncil.org.au/relayforlife

Art with nature workshop Kids can use natural resources to create unique art. Cost \$5, bookings essential. **Mon 15 Apr** Batemans Bay Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4472 5850. **Mon 15 Apr** Moruya Library, 2.30-3.30pm, 4474 1333. **Thu 18 Apr** Narooma Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4476 1164.

Tue 16 Apr Innovation workshop for businesses, Moruya Golf Club, Evans St, 9.30am-12.30pm. Discover how creative thinking and new ideas can be profitable. Free for businesses, 6297 3121, srbec.com.au/events

Tue 16 Apr Kids fishing workshop, Wharf Rd, Batemans Bay. NSW Fisheries workshop for ages eight-14. Cost \$40, 0438 245 190, stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Wed 17 Apr Drive-in movie night, Riverside Park amphitheatre, Moruya, 6.30-9pm. Bring your car and listen through FM radio or grab a blanket and watch hillside. \$10 cars, gold coin on rugs, 4474 7470

Thu 19 Apr - Sat 27 Apr Pastel exhibition - Journey of Survival, 560 George Bass Dr, Malua Bay, daily 10am-4pm, Sat 27 Apr 10am-2pm. South Coast Pastel Society brings a little-known local shipwreck story to life. Gold coin donation, 0448 496 998, southcoastpastelsociety.com

Thu 18 Apr Youth Week Silent Disco, Twist Factory, 3/4 Hopkins Street, Narooma, 6-9pm. Event for youth to party safely in silence to celebrate 2019 NSW Youth Week (ages 12 and up). Cost \$5, 4474 1081

Sat 20 Apr Giant Plant Sale and Easter Fair, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Deep Creek Dam Rd, Mogo, 9am-2pm. Family fun day including free kids activities, plant bargains, Easter bilby, garden advice, cake and white elephant stalls, sausage sizzle. Free, www.erbg.org.au

Sat 20 Apr Moruya Race Day, Moruya Jockey Club, Donnelly Dr, 11am-5pm, first race 1pm. Enjoy the atmosphere of country racing. \$10 adults, \$5 concession, under-18 free. 4474 4409, www.moruyajockeyclub.com.au

Sat 20 Apr Tilba Festival, Bate St, Central Tilba. Iconic street fair with food and makers stalls, kids' zone, entertainment, performances, and activities including boot throwing, cheese rolling, egg tossing and donut-eating comps. Family \$30, concession \$5, adult \$10, child \$5. 4473 7805, www.tilbafestival.com.au

Sat 20 Apr - Sun 12 May Jennifer Hawkins exhibition - We are made of star stuff, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner of Vulcan St and Campbell St, Moruya, Tue to Sun 10am-4pm. Works by Narooma-based artist Jennifer Hawkins on show at the Bas. 4474 1061, www.thebas.com.au

Sun 21 Apr Mogo Easter Gala, Mogo Village, 11am-3pm. Fun Easter celebration including Easter egg hunt, hat parade, markets, music, children's entertainment, and more. Free, 0438 733 760, mogoevents@gmail.com

Mon 22 Apr Tuross Village Fair, 34 Evans Rd, Tuross Head, 8am-1pm. More than 70 stalls, including produce, jewellery, clothing, homemade cakes, jams, preserves, handicraft, plants, food, coffee, pre-loved goods and more. Free

Thu 25 Apr ANZAC Day commemorations, various locations. Honour and remember those who served and died in war and service. www.eurobodalla.com.au

Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge Sat 27 Apr



Sat 27 Apr Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge, Korner's Park, Wharf Rd, 11am-2.30pm. Events for serious competitors, casual paddlers and families on the beautiful Clyde River. Watch the spectacle unfold onshore. batemansbaypaddlechallenge.com.au

Sat 27 Apr - Sun 28 Apr Batemans Bay Regatta, Batemans Bay Sailing Club, Hanging Rock Rd. Annual Batemans Bay Sailing Club event. 4472 8204, lachlantbrown@gmail.com

Storytelling with picture quilts Children can see stories brought to life with quilts, presented by the Night Owl Quilters at Batemans Bay Library. Free, 4472 5850

Mon 29 Apr 10.30-11.30am
Mon 6 May 10.30-11.30am

Tue 30 Apr NDIS marketing and customer connections, Moruya venue TBC, 9.30am-12.30pm. Helping small businesses and not-for-profits connect to customers. Free for businesses, 6297 3121, srbec.com.au/events

May

Wed 1 May - Thur 4 May Australian four-day Motorcycle Enduro, Moruya. The world's second largest off-road sanctioned event showcasing Australia's best off-road riders. Spectator vantage points TBC. www.facebook.com/Aussie4day

Storytime

Storytime for kids is free at your local library, 10.30am every Monday at Batemans Bay, Wednesday at Moruya and Thursday at Narooma, except during school holidays.

Narooma Oyster Festival Fri 3 May and Sat 4 May



Fri 3 May - Sat 4 May Narooma Oyster Festival, Quota Park, Riverside Dr, Sat 10am-6pm.

Celebrating the region's oysters, growers and chefs. Something for everyone - from foodies to families. Live music, art and culture, fresh produce, and the world's best oysters. Free fireworks Fri 3 May. www.naroomaoysterfestival.com

Sat 4 May Free plant swap, Moruya Country Markets, Riverside Park, 8.30am-1pm. Bring weeds from your garden to exchange for free native plants. 4474 7493

Sun 5 May Guided Garden walk, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden visitor centre, off Deep Creek Dam Dr, Mogo, 11am. Explore the hidden wonders of the Garden with a trained volunteer. Group ability dictates route. Free

Tue 7 May Superhero and superstars' picnic at the park, Gundry Park, Campbell St, Moruya, 10am-12pm. Fun day celebrating National Family Day Care Week. Free, 4474 1338

Tue 7 May - Tue 28 May Tech Savvy Seniors, Batemans Bay Library, 10.30am-12pm. Held on Tuesdays for four sessions. Helping older people develop skills and build confidence using technology. Free, 4472 5850

Sun 12 May Mother's Day Classic, Corrigan's Beach Reserve, Batehaven, 8am-1pm. Annual 6km fun run and 4km walk, raising funds for breast cancer research. www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

Fri 17 May - Mon 27 May River of Art, various locations. Multi-award winning festival featuring more than 100 events. Live music, visual arts, film, theatre, literature, creative workshops and cultural activities. www.riverofart.com.au

Sun 19 May Million Paws Walk, Riverside Park, Moruya, 9.30am-11am (walk starts 10am). Enjoy a 1.5km or 3km fun walk for dogs and their humans along Moruya River. Fund-raiser for local RSPCA branch. www.millionpawswalk.com.au

Wed 22 May NDIS costs and future proofing, Moruya venue TBC, 9.30am-12.30pm. Workshop to help businesses understand profit and loss under the NDIS. Free for businesses, 6297 3121, srbec.com.au/events

Sat 25 May Australian National Busking Championships regional competition, Narooma, 9am-4pm. Enjoy a feast of fabulous music with performers from all over, all styles. Finals 5pm, Narooma Golf Club. busking.naroomarotary.org.au

Sun 26 May Art on the Path, shared path, Coronation Drive, Broulee, 8am-12pm. Sustainable market where local artists and artisans showcase their products. Free

Mon 27 May Nominations open for Eurobodalla Business Awards. Nominate local businesses for recognition across a range of categories. eurobodallabusinessawards.com.au

June

Sat 8 Jun - Sun 9 Jun Huntfest, Bluewater Dr, Narooma. Expo on hunting and outdoor activities including camping, bushwalking, horse riding, fishing, 4wd, trail bike riding, ATVs, UTVs, archery. \$10, www.huntfest.com.au

Sat 8 Jun - Mon 10 Jun Batemans Bay Open, Hanging Rock Place. The region's most prestigious tennis event, \$10,000 prizemoney. Spectators free, food available. www.batemansbaytennis.com.au

Sat 8 Jun - Sun 9 Jun South Coast Regional Exhibition of Woodwork, Bate St, Central Tilba. View stunning hand-crafted exhibits and meet the artisans. Entry \$2

Council meetings

Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Public access is from 9.30am for a 10am start. Present to Council, or watch a video of the meeting online. Details are on our website.

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Sat 29 Jun Rally of the Bay, Batemans Bay. Part of the NSW Rally Championship, eight stages of challenges, skids and fun. www.rallynsw.com.au



Markets

SAGE Farmers Markets, Moruya Tuesdays, 3-5.30pm Riverside Park, Shore St. Award-winning market showcasing local produce. sagefarmersmarket.org.au

Batemans Bay Makers and Growers Market Thursdays, 11.30am-2pm Batemans Bay Community Centre, Museum Pl. Fresh produce, baked treats, handmade items.

Moruya Country Markets Saturdays, 7.30am-12.30pm Riverside Park, Shore St. Over 120 stalls, live music, arts and crafts, food, fresh produce. www.moruyacountrymarkets.com.au

Tilba Growers Markets Saturdays, 8am-12pm Central Tilba Hall, Bate St. Local produce including eggs, honey, jams, preserves, baked treats.

Batemans Bay Marine Rescue Markets First Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm Corrigan's Beach Reserve, Batehaven. Fresh food, coffee, craft, fruit and veg, clothing, timber products.

Nelligen Village Markets Second Sunday of the month, 9am-2pm Nelligen Hall, Braidwood St. Produce, preserves, baked treats, antiques, books, craft.

Dalmeny Meet the Makers Market Second Sunday of the month, 8.30am-1pm Dalmeny Community Hall, Mort Ave. Handmade and home-grown products including chutneys, sourdough, jewellery, natural soaps, dog clothing.

Batemans Bay Rotary Markets Third Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm Corrigan's Beach Reserve, Batehaven. Produce, pet products, takeaway food, gifts, second-hand items.

Narooma Rotary Markets Fourth Sunday of the month, 8.30am-1pm NATA Oval, Bluewater Dr. Food, clothing, arts and crafts, local produce, handmade gifts.

Malua Bay Quota Markets First Saturday of every second month, 8am-12pm Malua Bay Beach Reserve, George Bass Dr. Sausage sizzle, cake stall, handmade arts and crafts.