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IN BRIEF

Councillor Catch Ups

Keen to see your new councillors in real life? Come along to a Councillor Catch Up near you.

An initiative of the new Council, Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher says the monthly sessions are an easy way for Eurobodallans to have an informal chat with their elected representatives.

"We want to make sure we're giving the community what they've asked for, and that is, that we're listening to them," he said.

Councillor Catch Ups will rotate between towns – visit our website for details.

Korner in on new park

If you haven't checked it out yet, the new playground at Korner's Park, just north of the Batemans Bay Bridge, is worth a look.

We worked closely with Transport for NSW and John Holland Group to enhance the space after the swings there previously had to be removed for the bridge's construction.

Bay Public School students had input into the design – they asked for the coloured slide, rock climbing wall, high obstacle course and in-ground trampoline.

A cantilever swing, unique in the shire, is another eye-catching feature.

The deal on debris

We're often asked to clean up debris brought to our beaches by the tides.

It's a problem exacerbated in Eurobodalla by our many tidal creeks and rivers and made worse in recent years by the bushfires and floods. High rainfall upstream washes things like branches, logs and dirt into our creeks and rivers, which flow out to sea and then are brought back to the beach with the tides.

With 143km of coastline in our shire, it's not environmentally or economically wise to physically clear debris from beaches unless there is a safety risk. Debris tends to come and go naturally with the tides so we let nature take its course.



DREAM COMES TRUE

SAY CHEESE: Mayor Mathew Hatcher and friends at the ceremonial opening of Bay Pavilions on 28 April.

Recreation

Saturday 4 June marked the beginning of a new era with the grand opening of the Bay Pavilions arts and aquatic centre in Batemans Bay.

It started as a dream, decades earlier: people wanting somewhere to swim year-round, alongside arts groups calling for a performing and visual arts centre of Batemans Bay's own.

Bay Pavilions has to be seen to be believed - its quality and scale are phenomenal.

With an undercover area of more than 7,800m², the arts pavilion comprises a state-of-the-art theatre, bar, gallery and studios, while the aquatic pavilion is home to a 25m, 8-lane lap pool, warm water therapy pool, leisure and learn-to-swim pool, gym, water slides and splash park. The precinct is serviced by the Black Duck Café, visitor information services and a retail area.

Its building design replicates the forms of Batemans Bay – the shaped awnings

the water on beaches and rivers; timber its logging past, wharves and jetties; and the grey reflecting the Clyde River oyster industry.

More than 150 tonnes of Moruya granite is seen in its walls and garden, as well as in the specialty granite concrete floor laid by a local company.

Bay Pavilions ticks all the sustainability boxes too with a 99kw solar system, electric vehicle charging stations, rainwater collection, energy-efficient lighting, water-efficient fittings and public recycling bins.

In all, ADCO Constructions utilised 10 local subcontractors and seven local suppliers for the build, and employed a number of locals, including a first-year carpentry apprentice and graduate engineer, who will keep on with the company.

That it was delivered on time and on budget with bushfires, COVID and floods in the mix, is quite a feat.

For more head to baypavilions.com.au

Same great stories, fresh new look

Welcome to the new Living in Eurobodalla newsletter. With four extra pages and a fresh new look we're now featuring even more of the great community stories you love.

We're super excited to have local NDIS provider Yumaro Incorporated on board with us. They're helping prepare the newsletters for mailing – a service previously provided by a Melbourne-based company.

We're also proud to announce that Living In Eurobodalla is now printed on 100 per cent recycled Australian-made paper and continues to be printed in the Shire. Design is by our in-house team.

We welcome your feedback on the Living in Eurobodalla newsletter - send your thoughts or story suggestions to media@esc.nsw.gov.au

Hatching soon

Work has begun to build our long-awaited shellfish hatchery at Moruya Airport.

Providing a reliable oyster and mussel spat supply to farmers here and further afield, the hatchery will include aquaculture training facilities, a dedicated research and development space and an export packing centre, which can also be used by other businesses.

Experienced shellfish supplier Sea Perfect is contracted to build and operate the \$4.8m facility, which is funded through the Australian Government's Regional Jobs and Investment Package. Creating five jobs and supporting up to 40 more industry-wide, the hatchery is expected to be operational by the end of the year.

What's on in Eurobodalla

Whether it's navigating eclectic art, toe-tapping to live tunes, tucking into local produce or getting your heart racing with sport action – there's so many great events on in the shire. The best way to stay in the know is through our What's On Eurobodalla weekly newsletter, which sends info on coming events straight to your inbox. It's easy to share with friends and family further afield – why not encourage them to visit?

Sign up at whatson.eurobodalla.com.au - you'll find the 'subscribe' button at the bottom of the page.

BIG WHEELS KEEP ON TURNIN

Your new elected Councillors have hit the ground running, notching up just over five months in the job.



Councillors represent the community's views, provide leadership, and ensure our needs are met by making decisions and advocating on matters of local importance.

They formally meet at Council Meetings, usually held twice a month, and are also involved in a range of committees to share ideas and help inform decisions.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said a highlight of the term so far was the respectful debate between councillors, staff and community on different issues, and working toward an outcome.

Housing affordability, native forest logging

and Congo Road north have been hot button issues so far.

"Managing community expectations versus the reality of what can be done and the speed with which you can do it is a challenge," he said.

"It might seem like small steps at the moment, but we will ultimately be judged by the changes we are making now that will have a bigger impact down the road."

Communication is a big focus of the new councillors and there's a push for the community to get involved.

The new monthly Councillor Catch Up sessions have been popular, and there's

increased promotion of Council Meetings on our Facebook page and through local media.

Councillors have seen to it that Public Forum and Public Access sessions can be watched online, and Council Meetings continue to be streamed live on our website.

(Public Forum is where community members can

present to councillors about matters on the meeting agenda, and Public Access is where you can address councillors about pretty much anything else.)

If real life is more your thing, you can join us for meetings in the Council Chamber in Moruya too.

Mayor Hatcher said that in the age of technology, our community was more connected than ever to their elected officials.

Get involved via www.esc.nsw.gov.au/meetings

Just say 'hello'

We asked the community last year how Council could improve attitudes and behaviours toward people with disability through the development of our Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Disability awareness raising was a key priority, as well as helping residents and businesses be more confident when interacting with people with disability.

Our personal support planner Lyn Strong says taking a person-centred approach is important – talk to the person, not their carer, and if you're not sure, ask.



HELLO: Proud Walbunga man Jay Stewart at Batemans Bay Library.

You can start, she says, by just saying 'hello'.

"People with disability can experience loneliness, and social isolation at significantly higher rates than people without disability. So just saying hello and asking how they are can make someone's day," she said.

"Acknowledge people. It doesn't matter who you are, what you look like, or whether or not you have a disability, a little friendliness goes a long way."

CLEAN



SWEEP

EARLY RISER: Brad Freer.

Maintenance

Brad Freer is cleaning up Eurobodalla, one street at a time. While most of us are tucked in bed at 3am, Brad's out on our street sweeper, six days a week.

Shoes, nappies, steak knives, phones, wallets, car keys, sleeping people – he's seen them all in Eurobodalla's gutters.

He even busted two teenagers trying to break into the Moruya Newsagency one morning.

"I was about to get out of the truck to clean the pavement and they just popped up out of nowhere," Brad said. "I rang the police and started slowly following them with my high beams on, but they shot through the carpark behind Harris Scarfe."

The role is more than cleaning the shire's three CBDs twice a week, although it's a regular part of the job. He gets out to wash or blow rubbish outside shopfronts into the gutter before collecting it with the sweeper, which is essentially a giant vacuum that adds water to suppress dust.

It must be done early. From 6am the coffee shops are open and there's more cars parked around the place, so Brad can't get the sweeper in close enough. There's also more people around, so it's more dangerous.

The most common items collected are litter, like fast-food packaging, bottles, cans and leaves, as well as road dust and aggregate. Interestingly, Brad has noticed a reduction in the amount of litter on our streets in the six or so years he's operated the sweeper.

He also sweeps the industrial areas once a fortnight, cleans up after crashes, road works, reseal jobs and broken water and sewer mains, spruces up roadsides before special events, washes bus shelters, and does private jobs under contract. Maintaining, emptying and cleaning the rig take time too.

Brad aims to get every street in Eurobodalla swept at least once every year, but there is a lot of them, and the roads with the most debris take priority.

He says the hardest part is getting up for the 3am start, but it suits his lifestyle.

"By lunchtime I'm finished," he said. "In the middle of summer after work I can go to the beach, and I get to pick up my kids from school every day."

Working from Durras to Akolele, Brad has smoko in a different spot every day, and sees nearly every sunrise.

"The days go pretty quick because there's always something to do. I've got a running joke with my friends that I'm a modern-day superhero - cleaning up the streets."

Helping sports clubs play the long game

Recreation

Eurobodalla's sporting scene has changed dramatically over the past 10 years. Covid in particular has changed the way people spend their down time – active recreation is a popular alternative. Even without natural disasters and a pandemic though, our clubs face significant challenges. Our committees told us last year they needed support, so we gave it our best shot.

We secured a grant under the Commonwealth and NSW Governments Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and created a new Sports Resource Kit to help future-proof our clubs.

It includes information on local grant opportunities and how to apply, templates for future planning, and sports management tips, tricks and checklists.

We also launched the 'Euro 5 Star' sports program, a financial incentive scheme to give our clubs a competitive edge, rewarding those who embed planning and sustainability into their operations. A collaborative forum to discuss issues and trends in sport and recreation has been reintroduced, and we'll be helping seasonal hirers at shire grounds with their bump in and out.

It's vital our clubs are supported to remain sustainable. Organised sport brings so many benefits to our shire; connecting communities, teaching our children lifelong skills and improving our health and wellbeing, to name a few.

Clubs can find out more at www.esc.nsw.gov.au and search 'support for clubs'.

Paul won a prize



Invasive species supervisor Paul Martin has seen a lot of change over his 12-year tenure at Council. He's scored some good successes against the shire's biological pests, and recently scored a top industry award for his efforts.

Paul was honoured to receive the NSW Weed Industry's Stephenson Award, which is awarded to local government professionals who make an outstanding contribution towards protecting NSW from the impacts of weeds.

Paul and his team stopped major invasions of frogbit and coolatai grass in our shire, and he was the first person to identify boneseed in Eurobodalla. Other battles, he said, had proved more of a challenge.

"Roadside blackberry may have been the very first thing I worked on for Council. I am still working on it now," he said.

"I feel very privileged to work in such an amazing vocation with some of the most brilliant minds and hearts of natural resource management." It's like a big family."

Whole lot of potholes

Prolonged heavy rain earlier this year saw our crews fill 1,798 potholes and patch 2,413 square metres of road during March and April. That's 160 tonnes of premix in two months.

More permanent repairs continue, dependent on contractors, machinery, funds and of course the weather. We're prioritising our busiest arterial roads.

Highway repairs are the responsibility of Transport for NSW and we've been in regular contact with them to prioritise repairs in our shire, acknowledging the whole east coast is struggling with the same issue after two years of floods after fires.



WATCH THIS SPACE: Bill Smyth Oval before the upgrade.

TACKLING BILL SMYTH UPGRADE

Recreation

Narooma's sporting clubs will soon have more flexibility scheduling training and competitions after we secured funding to create a second playing field at Bill Smyth Oval.

Space around the existing oval will be reduced to allow a second multi-use field to the south. It is designed to have minimal impact on vegetation and will include lighting, irrigation and spectator seating.

Netball and basketball players can rejoice too – work on a new fenced, lit, synthetic multi-sport court is almost complete. After its final coat in spring, the court will be open to all and bookable by clubs. The old netball court will be restored to green space. Nearby, a new sealed carpark serves the court and tennis courts, while new paths improve access and connect the site's facilities.

These projects were identified in our Bill Smyth Oval masterplan, which was

developed with users and the wider community and helped us secure funding for the works.

The \$1 million field, due to start construction next year, is thanks to \$660,000 from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund and Council funds.

The acrylic court and carpark are thanks to the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Long road to recovery for Deua Valley residents

Infrastructure

To say that the good folk of Araluen Road have had a rough trot is an understatement.

First the bushfires, then nine disaster-declared floods and storms - Deua Valley residents have copped them all.

The damage to Araluen Road is on a scale we've rarely seen: bridges destroyed, several landslides and landslips, severely damaged road surface, dangerous burnt roadside trees and multiple road collapses.

The road remains closed to through traffic, however we're focused on restoring safe access and have a dedicated team tackling the huge volume of work.

At the 18km, 19km, 24km and 45km marks (from Moruya) for example, we've been doing urgent stabilisation works on the downhill slopes, which began to collapse after more heavy rain earlier this year.

The uphill side of the road was too steep to cut into so, in consultation with a geo-technical specialist and Transport for NSW, we began soil pinning and constructing retaining walls. It's high-risk work that uses specialist machinery to drill huge, long nails into the hill beneath the road to hold it in place.

At the 43km mark, the road remains closed for the foreseeable future. The site there is higher risk, and even more complex – there's extensive failures about 250m long in the road, and part of the rock needs stabilising in steep mountainous terrain.



RISKY ROADWORKS: Soil nailing, Araluen Road.

A NSW Public Works Advisory investigation found recovering the existing road was the best option. With detailed geotechnical design complete, we'll progress to a construction contract soon.

Hope for housing as lobbying heats up

Housing crisis

Housing affordability is an issue right around the country. Here at home the situation is exacerbated by the loss of 500 homes in the bushfires and the high volume of temporary workers living in the shire for big construction projects like the Bay bridge and Bay Pavilions.

Lesson learned, we're asking the NSW Government to build worker housing ahead of the Moruya Bypass and regional hospital projects.

Once those projects are complete, that housing can be used by locals.

While we love having the construction workers live among us and the benefits they bring, we can avoid their impact on housing supply with the Moruya projects if the state government comes to the party. We'll be pushing hard on this one.

Meanwhile, we've been working with local welfare agencies on a project to provide hot showers and laundry facilities to people experiencing homelessness.

Over winter it is distressingly hard to find a hot shower and laundry facilities and our aim is to restore that basic dignity to people

and better connect them to services and job opportunities if needed. We sourced funding and the pilot project will run from May until December.

We'll use the evidence gathered to lobby for these basic facilities to be available permanently at existing homelessness services.

We also want to see the NSW Government build more social and crisis housing in the shire.

Advocacy, down to the letter

Advocacy

You hear it all the time: Council is advocating for highway improvements, or for health services, or some other worthy cause. But what does it mean when Council says it will advocate on an issue?

Because councils are bound by various state or national legislation, we simply can't change the rules. This is particularly prevalent with NSW planning legislation, which we're required to enforce in local development approvals. To achieve change for our community, we must lobby the NSW and Australian governments. In practice, this generally means writing letters or approaching ministers and departmental staff on a particular issue.

For example, earlier this year we approached relevant ministers, departmental staff and shadow ministers seeking reform of legislation around 'zombie developments' – that is, when decades old development approvals are resurrected without review against contemporary standards.

While that particular issue remains, there have been plenty of wins - particularly after the bushfires, when we successfully lobbied for practical support and legislative changes to ease the path to recovery and rebuilding for our residents.

We went hard calling for more protection for Eurobodalla's communications infrastructure at Mt Wandera to prevent a repeat of the loss of communications we experienced during the fires. We were pleased in May to attract pre-election commitments from both major parties.

Legislative advocacy doesn't let councils off the hook from also taking direct action, however. For instance, while our Climate Action Plan includes plenty of lobbying to reduce carbon emissions, it also includes specific actions Council will implement itself – like using 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030.

The best result is when all three levels of government – and the community – work together to ensure our residents get what they need.

Business survey says...

Economic development

Most Eurobodalla business owners believed their business would hold steady or improve in 2022, according to an independent survey conducted late last year.

We commissioned the Micromex Research and Consulting analysis to better understand sentiment across the shire's businesses and to identify opportunities for support.

Nearly half of businesses predicted an increase in revenue in the 2021-22 financial year, with only 22 per cent expecting a decrease. Staff levels were largely expected to remain the same, with 30 per cent expecting an increase and 11 per cent expecting to cut staff.

Our economic development manager Teresa Lever says 221 business owners responded to the anonymous questionnaire, which will inform Council's response to future economic development.

"It provided insight into the challenges our businesses are facing and highlighted some of the opportunities available to them, and it was good to get clarity on how many businesses are aware of the assistance Council can provide," she said.

Overall, businesses believed either an increase in tourism, or a larger share of the tourism market by attracting customers in new ways, would be the most significant factor in growing turnover. All up, 19 per cent of businesses said they would consider selling or closing.

Business owners can stay up to date on economic development initiatives and available support through our business updates newsletter via www.esc.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

FLYING the flags

Civics

Most folks probably don't give the flags flying outside the Council Chamber a second thought but raising and lowering Australia's flags is a serious business - one that's governed by national protocols.

Flags must be raised "briskly", no earlier than first light, lowered "with dignity", no later than dusk and illuminated if flown at night.

They must be flown "aloft and free", close to the top of the mast, with the rope tightly secured. And, when a flag becomes dilapidated, it should be "destroyed privately and in a dignified way". It may, for example, be cut into small unrecognisable pieces, placed in an appropriate sealed bag, and disposed of in the rubbish.

At Council we fly three flags Monday to Friday – the national flag, the NSW flag and the Aboriginal flag.

All our customer service staff receive training in flag protocols – how to fold them, how to raise and lower them correctly, how to place them on your shoulder so they don't touch the ground.

We also often show visiting school groups the ropes – literally. It's a highlight of the job for our customer



FLAG UP: Kate Smith.

service coordinator Kate Smith – and she's a bit of an old hand at it.

Kate previously worked on yachts in the Mediterranean and Caribbean, where she was regularly tasked with flags for the week.

These days Kate doesn't have to be ready for flag duty at first light, but she's just as keen.

When the anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generation fell on a Sunday last year Kate made a special trip, riding her bike to and from the Council Chamber to put up the flags and lower them to half-mast, then bring them in again before dark.

"I brought my son with me so he could learn a bit about flags too," she said.

"I'm proud to fly our flags and I'm grateful that we have them as a symbol of identity and pride."

Introducing Phil Stubbs

Climate action



It was almost like Phil Stubbs and Bingie were meant to be.

Living in Sydney 13 years ago he read a book about sustainable living, based in Bingie. As an environmental journalist Phil later interviewed the author – James Woodford – and visited Bingie out of curiosity.

Soon after, in the beachside Sydney suburb of Clovelly, Phil met his future wife Lisa whose mum lived in – you guessed it – Bingie.

When Phil saw our sustainability coordinator position advertised last year he jumped at the chance.

At the time he was working in the City of Sydney's sustainable transport team. He also has years of experience pushing councils for change in sustainability as a community campaigner and is currently studying for a Masters in sustainability.

Bingie is a bit of a change from Clovelly and Phil's loving it.

He loves that folks here – even strangers – are willing to chat, provide local surf tips, teach you how to catch bait on the beach, or simply engage on the greenery growing so fast after the rain.

"People here give you time. That doesn't really happen in the city," Phil said. "Our lives are fuller here than in Sydney and the social life is better."

Phil's primary focus is implementing our new Climate Action Plan, once adopted. Some of the actions include sourcing Council's electricity from 100 per cent renewables (we're already at 80 per cent), transitioning our fleet to zero-emission vehicles, installing EV chargers, developing cycle paths, adding urban greening, supporting food security, better handling of food waste, and improving the sustainability of buildings, to name a few.

Phil says there is much to do and he wants to work with the community to get it done.

He sees Eurobodalla's "human resources" as another natural asset that can help make a real difference to the sustainability of the shire.

"It's a beautiful place and I'm loving living here. I've already come across wonderful expertise, ideas and energy here," he said.

"Council has made important steps in becoming more sustainable. My vision is to go boldly further, and with the community's help, make Eurobodalla one of the most sustainable local government areas in the country."



SALVAGE OPERATION: Ecologist Vanessa Place, from Southern Cross Environmental.

Dam taps into CONSERVATION

Water

Work on our new dam west of Bodalla continues apace.

Set to help shore-up Eurobodalla's water supply long-term, the southern dam will hold up to 3,000 mega litres of water pumped from the Tuross River.

Construction of the new river intake pump station is almost complete, and we'll shortly award the tender to build the dam.

We bought 200-odd hectares of land for the project from Forestry Corporation. The dam itself will use about 48 hectares

and the rest will be protected in perpetuity through a biodiversity conservation agreement.

In fact, a whole bunch of work has gone into protecting species at the site.

Prior to clearing we installed 70 nest boxes for microbats, small and large gliders, possums and owl nightjars.

These weren't your typical nest boxes - prototypes replicating real logs and hollows were made using 3D printers. These were then moulded to produce the nest boxes

using polymer plastic, which has great thermal characteristics, with different sizes for different species.

Fifty hollows were also carved into existing trees for large forest owls and glossy black cockatoos.

An ecologist monitored the felling of all hollow-bearing trees – and thankfully, no fauna was harmed.

Felled hollows were salvaged where possible for reuse as ground habitat or attached to other trees.

The whole ecosystem of this parcel of land is set to change from a gully into a lake. We expect more species will be attracted to the water – they'll need shelter too. Ultimately, there will be as many as five hollows created for every hollow removed from the cleared area.

We'll continue monitoring the site for at least five years and assess each habitat option, whether it be fabricated nest box, carved tree hollow, or repurposed hollow.

While tree clearing is never ideal, we did it as well as could, improving the ecological value of the remaining land – some 152 hectares – and preserving it for future generations.

The southern water storage is expected to be complete by mid-2024.

It is funded thanks to \$51.2 million from the Australian Government's National Water Grid Fund, \$25.6 million from the NSW Government's Restart NSW Fund, and Council funds.

Work begins on living shoreline

Environment

A new living shoreline complete with improved access to the water will manifest on the Wagonga Inlet between Ken Rose Park and Narooma Swimming Centre in time for the summer holidays.

Work began in May to install 2,700 sqm of oyster habitat, and later this year we'll install a new fixed jetty, gangway and floating ponton accessible for all abilities, and plant low-growing native salt marsh.

You'll even be able to take a running jump straight into Deep Hole, a beautiful natural pool around 10 metres from shore.

The living shoreline showcases nature-based approaches to coastal protection – a much better alternative than rock walls, while also improving opportunities for folks to interact with the water.

The project is a collaboration between Council, NSW Department of Planning and Environment, The Nature Conservancy, and the Australian Government.



COMING SOON: A concept image of the Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline.

BAY PAVILIONS NOW OPEN

Swim or gym? Why not both!

Memberships are on sale now. Our friendly team can tailor an option to suit you.

Swimming lessons

Get your child summer ready in our nationally-accredited program. Places available from 6 months+.

Arts and theatre

We've already locked in some exciting performances. Secure the best seats in the house – tickets on sale now.

Want more info?

Learn more about memberships, swim school, coming shows and events and more at www.baypavilions.com.au or scan the QR code.



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ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON WASTE AND RECYCLING

SIX COMMON RECYCLING MISTAKES

1. Putting recyclables in a plastic bag

Don't do it! Our sorters working quickly on the conveyer belt don't have time to open the bag, so the whole thing will end up in landfill.

2. Single-use coffee cups Most contain a soft plastic liner and cannot be recycled. Take your own out and about or take advantage of the new Green Caffeine swap-and-go cup system.

3. Soft plastics Soft plastic packaging should never go in your yellow-lid bin. Try the scrunch test – if the packaging is firm enough to bounce back after

GET IT SORTED: Your recycling is hand sorted.

scrunching – like the inside tray of a biscuit packet – it can go in your yellow-lid bin. The soft wrapping on the outside goes in your red bin or to Redcycle to be recycled.

4. Biodegradable' or 'compostable' plastics These are not suitable for recycling and contaminate the plastics recycling process.

5. Single-use cutlery No type of single-use cutlery can be recycled via kerbside recycling. They too go in the red-lid bin, or better yet, avoid them completely.

6. Let's talk labels Recycling labels on packaging are improving, however not all council areas recycle the same products. Learn what can and can't be recycled in our area in this guide – or head to www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste

Q. What can I put in my yellow-lidded bin?

A. YES to clean:

- plastic bottles and containers
- milk and juice cartons
- glass bottles and jars
- magazines, newspapers, paper, flattened cardboard boxes and pizza boxes
- steel and aluminum, foil and empty aerosol cans.

NO to:

- soft plastics, such as plastic bags, cling wrap and plastic packaging
- light bulbs, glass from windows, mirrors, drinking glasses and crockery
- vegetation
- nappies
- paper towels, tissues, serviettes and shredded paper
- cardboard or paper with food on it
- garbage or food scraps
- clothes, pillows and blankets
- lids smaller than a credit card
- waxed cardboard and polystyrene.

Q. Why are there no recycling bins in public places?

A. We previously offered public recycling drop-off points throughout Eurobodalla but they were so highly contaminated with general waste it was not practical and it ended up in landfill.

We encourage residents to avoid purchasing unnecessary packaged items in the first instance when out and about.

Q. What do I do with soft plastics?

A. Plastic bags, chip and lolly packets, food wrapping, garbage bags and basically anything that acts as a bag around your food is considered soft plastic. Soft plastics should never go in your yellow-lid bin as they wreak havoc on the machinery. Instead, drop them off for recycling at a participating RedCycle collection point – including all Woolworths and Coles supermarkets and some schools.

Q. Why is the red-lid bin so small?

A. We did a waste audit of bins from randomly-selected homes across the shire back in 2017. On average, the bins were only 74 per cent full, indicating our three-bin system had enough capacity to meet the needs of the average household.

You can request a second bin by phoning us on 4474 1024. An annual fee of \$248 applies, which covers the greater impact on landfill.

Q. What can I take to the tip for free?

A. Surf Beach accepts household quantities of paint, solvents, aerosols, smoke detectors, household and car batteries, cooking oil, motor oil, mobile phones, fluorescent light globes/tubes, empty drumMUSTER chemical drums, empty gas bottles and other hazardous substances, such as automotive coolant, wax and brake fluid.

Surf Beach and Brou tips also accept domestic quantities of polystyrene, steel, metal, whitegoods, hot water systems, excess household recycling, TVs, computers, DVD, video and audio players, cars, motors, trailers and caravans.

Q. Where does my recycling go?

A. It's taken to a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) where it's sorted by hand into the various waste streams. Glass is crushed into sand - about 2,000 tonnes is produced each year. The remaining recyclables are baled and sold to companies for reprocessing in Australia and overseas. Council's contractor decides where the materials go. This is a commercial decision depending on the commodity value, however, we specify which products are to be recycled. On average, nine per cent will end up in landfill due to it being non-recyclable (ie, nappies, plastic bags full of rubbish) or from production loss.

Q. Do I have to wash my recyclables?

A. Your recycling should be as clean as possible so it does not contaminate other recyclables. If you put in a full yoghurt tub for example, it will likely spill and spoil other recyclables along the line, such as cardboard items. Contaminated recycling like this goes to landfill.

A-Z guide for waste and recycling

Unsure what goes where?

Find the best way to dispose of or recycle unwanted items in this abridged list.

For the full list scan the QR code or visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste



- 1 General waste: red lid bin
- 2 Recycling: yellow lid bin
- 4 Recycled free at all Waste Management Facilities (WMF)
- 5 General waste at all WMF
- 6 Community Recycling Centre at Surf Beach WMF

- 7 Household chemical cleanout collection
- 10 Compost bin/worm farm
- 11 Charity
- 12 Call Council on 02 4474 1024
- 14 Select local supermarkets

Waste type	Action
Aerosol cans (empty)	2 4
Batteries (household)	4 6 7 12
Bottles (plastic/glass)	2 4
Broken glass	1 5
Cardboard	2 4 10
Chip packets	1 5
Cling wrap/soft plastics	1 5 14
Clothing	1 5 11
Coffee cups	1 5
Disposable nappies	1 5
Fluorescent tubes	4 6 7
Jars (plastic/glass)	2 4

Waste type	Action
Ink cartridges	4 12
Lids (smaller than a credit card)	1 5
Lids (larger than a credit card)	2 4
Meat trays (foam)	1 5
Newspaper	2 4 10
Paint	6 7
Polystyrene packaging	1 4
Shredded paper	1 5 10
Televisions	4
Waxed cardboard	1 5
X-rays	12

SORTED

Q. Should I put weeds in my green bin?

A. No. Your green-lid bin contents are shredded and turned into mulch, which is given out for free. All noxious weeds should go in the red-lid bin. For proper disposal leave weeds in the sun to die first.

Q. Why do the tip fees cost so much?

A. The cost of landfilling is substantial. Tip fees cover the cost of waste management services including operating and maintaining transfer stations and landfills, environmental monitoring and other legislative processes. Some waste fees are charged to recover the cost of recycling or disposal, such as tyres, mattresses, or asbestos.

Q. When are we getting FOGO?

A. All NSW councils are required to commence FOGO (Food and Organics and Garden Organics) collection by 2030.

While FOGO has many benefits, it requires a concerted and committed buy-in from the community and, importantly, large-scale space and infrastructure. We're considering which strategies and infrastructure will best support a successful implementation and don't yet have a start date.

In lieu of FOGO we currently provide the fortnightly Garden Organics (GO) collection, and host composting and worm farming workshops, which empower residents to take ownership of their own food waste.

Q. Can I get free mulch?

A. Yes! Free mulch is periodically available from the Brou and Surf Beach tips during opening hours. Our friendly tip staff can even help load it, but you'll need to cover the load. We recommend phoning ahead to check availability - phone numbers and opening times are on our website.

Q. Why do you charge for green waste at the tip?

A. We pay contractors to process green waste and – unlike other tips where it is sold – we give the resulting mulch away for free. Mulching / stump grinding is expensive, time-consuming and requires specific machinery. The cost of this service is partly supported by the gate fee. The fortnightly kerbside green waste bin collections meet most residents' needs. Those with additional needs are required to pay.

Q. How do I get rid of fuel and other toxic chemicals?

A. Please don't put them in the drain or on the ground. Store them safely and take them to the annual Household Chemical Cleanout, usually around October. The annual cleanout accepts oxidisers, solvents, paints, varnishes, household cleaners, poisons, pool chemicals, acids, alkalis, medicines, pesticides, fungicides, weed killers, fertilisers, fuel, oils, gas cylinders, smoke detectors, household batteries, compact fluorescent light globes and sharps (syringes).

Q. How can I get a bin service to my property?

A. Phone our waste team on 4474 1024 to find out if your property is within the service area. If not, a private waste disposal company may be able to provide a service.

Q. Can I get my bin fixed or replaced?

A. You sure can. Give our waste team a call on 4474 1024.

Q. Can I get a second bin?

A. Residents who produce a larger volume of waste can request a second bin, which costs \$248 in 2022-23. The existing 80L garbage bin meets the majority of residents' needs – those with additional needs pay for additional service. Phone us on 4474 1024 to arrange an additional bin(s).

Q. What does the waste management charge pay for?

A. This charge on your rates helps cover the cost of waste management. This includes the substantial cost in operating our landfill and waste transfer facilities, as well as waste minimisation and recycling programs, such as the free composting and worm farming workshops and educational programs in schools.

Q. What do I do with e-waste?

A. E-waste has the potential to contaminate landfill leachate due to the toxic substances products are made from. Domestic quantities of e-waste, including TVs, computers, DVD and video players and sound systems can be dropped off for free at our waste facilities, where they are collected by contractors for recycling.



Hard waste collection dates*

Town	Collection begins
Akolele, Tilba Tilba, Central Tilba, Mystery Bay, Narooma, North Narooma	18 July 2022
Kianga, Dalmeny, Potato Point, Bodalla	25 July 2022
Turlinjah, Tuross Head, Congo, Bingie, Meringo, Bergalia	1 August 2022
Moruya, South Head, Garlandtown, Glenduart, Pollwombra, Malabar Drive, Percy Davis Drive	8 August 2022
Bimbimbe, Mogo, Broulee, Mossy Point, Tomakin, Woodlands/Dunns Creek Road, Guerilla Bay, Rosedale	15 August 2022
Malua Bay, Lilli Pilli, Surf Beach, Denhams Beach including Burkes Way, including The Ridge Road, Kauzal Crescent and Towrang Avenue	22 August 2022
Denhams Beach from Burkes Way, Sunshine Bay, Batehaven	29 August 2022
Catalina, Silverdell Place through to Batemans Bay including Crosby Drive and Glenella Road	5 September 2022
North Batemans Bay including Peninsula Drive, Nelligen, Surfside, Bay Ridge, Clyde Road and Cors Parade	12 September 2022
Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, South Durras	19 September 2022

Household chemical cleanout dates

Due to a fire at a Cleanaway facility impacting chemical recycling services state-wide, a date has not been locked in for the annual chemical cleanout. We're hoping it will take place in October - keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates.

Composting and worm farming workshops

Learn how to turn your kitchen scraps and garden waste into a rich fertiliser at our free worm farming and composting workshops throughout the year. For more information phone on 4474 1024 or visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au and search "compost".

Household waste and recycling calendar 2022-2023*

Area A Recycling	Monday	Wednesday	Area B Recycling	Monday	Wednesday
Yellow lid bin. Place on the kerb in the orange weeks.	Akolele Tilba Tilba Central Tilba Mystery Bay Narooma	Broulee Mossy Point Glenduart Mogo Tomakin Guerilla Bay Rosedale	Yellow lid bin. Place on the kerb in the pink weeks.	Kianga Dalmeny Potato Point Bodalla North Narooma	Malua Bay Lilli Pilli Woodlands
Organics	Tuesday Turlinjah Tuross Head Meringo Bingie Bergalia Congo (rural)	Thursday Surf Beach Sunshine Bay Denhams Beach	Organics	Tuesday Moruya North Moruya (to Guthrie Street) South Head Congo (township) Garlandtown Donnelly Drive	Thursday Batehaven Catalina Batemans Bay
Green lid bin. Place on the kerb in the pink weeks.		Friday North Batemans Bay Nelligen South Durras	Green lid bin. Place on the kerb in the orange weeks.		Friday Maloneys Beach Long Beach Surfside
General waste			General waste		
Red lid bin. Place on the kerb each week.			Red lid bin. Place on the kerb each week.		

Hard waste collection dates

* For properties on Council's domestic waste collection service

July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022
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WHAT'S ON

Council meetings

Council meetings are held from 11am on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Present to Council, or watch a video of the meeting online. www.esc.nsw.gov.au/meetings

Storytime

Storytime for kids is free at your local library, 10.30am every Monday at Batemans Bay, Wednesday at Moruya and Thursday at Narooma during the school term. www.esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries

July-September 2022

www.esc.nsw.gov.au whatson.eurobodalla.com.au

With COVID-19 rules and event requirements subject to change, Eurobodalla Council cannot guarantee the accuracy of these listings. Please check details and if bookings are required on the listed website or whatson.eurobodalla.com.au

JULY

Sat 25 Jun – Sun 31 Jul Ngaranggal Djinama art exhibition, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya, Mon-Sun, 10am-4pm. Curated works by female Aboriginal artists from across Australia. Free, www.theBas.com.au

Thu 30 Jun – Apprenticeship and traineeship info session, online, 5.30-6.30pm. Students, parents, employers and jobseekers can learn more about apprenticeships, traineeships and school-based apprenticeships/traineeships. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Thu 30 Jun – Pressure-free painting workshop, Moruya Library, 5.30-7.30pm Put paint on canvas and have a go. \$12, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Fri 1 July – Moruya races, Moruya Racecourse, 100 Donnelly Dr, 11am-6pm. Tradies race day. Drop the tools early and set yourself up for an eight-race card. Admission \$10, moruyajockeyclub.com.au



Fri 1 and Sat 2 Jul – Winter night market, NATA Oval, Narooma, 4.30-9.30pm. Throw on your winter woollies, listen to live music under twinkling lights, taste scrumptious street food and seasonal goodies, and sample local craft beers and drink. \$20 entry, under 16s free. naroomanightmarkets.com.au

Sun 3 July – Compass, The Bay Playhouse, Batemans Bay, 2pm. Bay Theatre Players Inc bring you Compass, directed by Lyn Sterling. www.baytheatreplayers.com

Mon 4 Jul – NAIDOC Week flag raising ceremony, Council Chambers, 89 Vulcan St, Moruya, 10am. Celebrate the start of NAIDOC Week. Guest speakers, morning tea. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Men's resilience building workshop Presented by ex-NRL players Chris Houston and Dan Hunt. For age 16 and over, refreshments provided. Free, bookings essential, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Tue 5 Jul – Club Narooma, 6-8.30pm

Wed 6 Jul – Bay Pavilions 6-8.30pm

Thu 7 Jul – Moruya Golf Club, 6-8.30pm

Kids comedy magic show

Professional children's entertainer Zamboni will delight kids aged 6-12 with a hilarious magical show. \$8 per child, bookings essential www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Wed 6 Jul – Moruya Library, 10.30-11.30am

Wed 6 Jul – Batemans Bay Library, 2-3pm

Thu 7 Jul – Dalmeny Hall, 10.30-11.30am

Sat 9 July – Advanced writing workshop, The Old Dairy at Meringo, 9am-4pm. Aimed at prose writers, author Julie Keys will help writers refine on voice, character and point of view. \$350, www.theBas.com.au

Sat 9 Jul – NAIDOC Big Day Out, Mogo Oval, 40 Buckenbowra Rd, 10am-2pm. Celebrate NAIDOC Week with free fun! Carnival rides, food, activities, music, cultural dancing. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Sat 9 Jul – Leadlight workshop, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya, 12.30-3.30pm. Join arts practitioner Andrea Warren learn the basic art of lead-lighting. Create your own sun-catcher. \$120, www.theBas.com.au



Sun 10 Jul Sunday movie screening, Moruya Library, 1-3.30pm. Enjoy the 1983 Australian animal sporting classic *Phar Lap*. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Coco the Pig show See Coco, the very talented pig, do an array of tricks including rolling out a red carpet, pushing a trolley, playing soccer and riding a skateboard. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events
Mon 11 Jul – Batemans Bay Library, 10.30-11.30am **Wed 13 Jul – Moruya Library, 10.30-11.30am**

Thu 14 Jul Dog show and craft, Narooma Library, 10.30-11.30am. See Eurobodalla Canine Club pooches do tricks, enjoy dog-themed craft. For children aged 7-12. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Thu 14 Jul – Lloyd Webber and the Great Composers, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 11am. Take a seat and enjoy a celebration of the life and hit songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber, spanning 50 years on Broadway and London's West End. www.baypavilions.com.au

Sat 16 Jul How to write a novel workshop, Batemans Bay Library, 10am-2.30pm. Join award-winning local novelist, playwright and lecturer Julie Janson as she guides you through the process. \$5, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Mon 18 Jul Annual hard waste collection begins, shire-wide. Council's free kerbside hard waste collection begins in Akolele, continuing up to Durras until September. Domestic waste collection customers only - two cubic metres per household. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste

Wed 20 Jul Councillor Catch Up, Bodalla (venue to be confirmed), 10am-12pm. Chat with your councillors about any topic. www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Fri 22 Jul – Artist talk: Debbie Osiecki, Narooma Library, 3.30-4.30pm. Hear from local photographer Debbie Osiecki about her life, inspiration and work. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Tue 26 Jul – Tech and tea, Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma Library, 10.30am-12pm. Learn more about free eResources at the library while enjoying a cuppa. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Resilience building workshop Be inspired to run your own brain, presented by Cheryl Gilroy from People Dynamics. Includes lunch. Free, www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Wed 27 Jul – Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, 10am-2pm

Wed 27 Jul – Narooma Golf Club, 5.30-9pm

Thu 28 Jul – Moruya Golf Club, 5.30-9pm

AUGUST

Sat 13 Aug – Lazer Rally of the Bay, Corrigans Beach Reserve, Batehaven, 8am-7pm. Motorsport action featuring Australia's best rally cars, drivers and co-drivers from across the state and the country. Racing action in forests surrounding Batemans Bay. nsscc.com.au/rally-of-the-bay

Sat 13 Aug – Macrame workshop, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya, 12.30-3.30pm. Join artist Annette Boyd and make your own textile creation. \$120, www.theBas.com.au

Sat 27 - Sun 28 Aug – Eurobodalla Orchid Club Spring Show, Narooma Sports and Leisure Centre, Narooma, 9am-4pm. Orchid sales, posies and raffles. Free, eurobodallaorchidclub.com.au

Sat 27 - Sun 28 Aug – Capital to Coast Multistage Trail Race, South Durras, 9am-5.15pm. A 100km multistage running event held at various locations between Canberra and the coast. capitaltothecoast.com.au

SEPTEMBER

Sat 10 Sep – Narooma Forest Rally, Bluewater Dr, Narooma, 9am-6pm. The forests surrounding Narooma will again be filled with motorsport action and thrills attracting some of the top competitors in rallying. naroomaforestally.com.au

Sat 10 Sep – Art of wire workshop, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya, 12.30-3.30pm. Learn the basic art of wire manipulation and create a small sculpture with artist Andrea Warren. \$120, www.theBas.com.au

Sun 18 Sep – Animal Welfare League Tailwaggers Day and annual car boot sale, NATA Oval, Narooma, 9am-2pm. Games for dogs and their people, prizes, drinks and food vans. awl.nsw.com.au/Eurobodalla

Wed 21 Sep – Councillor Catch Up, Tuross Head (venue to be confirmed), 10am-12pm. Chat with your councillors about any topic. www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Fri 16 – Sun 25 Sep – River of Art Festival, various locations and times across Eurobodalla. Ten-day festival showcasing the spectacular creative arts scene across the region. See local artists at work in their studios, view special exhibitions, join workshops, see the live mural painting, listen to music, enjoy performances and wander through galleries and art markets. riverofart.com.au

Sat 24 Sep – LUMINOUS: Art After Dark, Riverside Park, Moruya, from 4pm. An internationally-recognised laser and light show set to music with vivid colours and imagery erupting over the beautiful Moruya River. Artisans and local produce marketplace, performing artists and live bands, feature lighting throughout, kids zone. Ending the River of Art Festival. riverofart.com.au

Thu 22 Sep – King of the High Cs, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 11am. The lives and hits of Pavarotti, Domingo and Carreras in one big show. bpav.sales.ticketsearch.com



MARKETS

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

Batemans Bay Makers and Growers Market Thursdays, 10.30am-2pm, Edward Road Market Place, 2 Edward Road, Batehaven. 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 Market Saturdays, 8am-12pm, Central Tilba Hall, Bate St. Local produce including eggs, honey, jams, preserves, baked treats.

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

Dalmeny Community Markets Second Sunday of the month, 8.30am-12pm, Dalmeny Community Hall, Mort Ave. Handmade focus - clothing and jewellery, local produce, plants, art, cards, food, coffee.

Batemans Bay Sunday Markets First and third Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm, Corrigans 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.