

Living in Eurobodalla



Eurobodalla beating emissions targets

69 practical steps to saving over a million dollars a year. That's one headline result from our Emissions Reduction Plan.

This practical plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Council operations has seen significant energy and water savings. For example, solar power has saved us \$195,000 and upgrading our streetlights to LED saved another \$310,000. This plan, however, is about so much more than keeping money in the bank.

“Our goal was 25 percent reduction by 2020, so now we're setting more ambitious targets - an 80 percent reduction in emissions and sourcing 100 percent of Council's electricity from renewable energy, both by 2030.”

Emissions from Council operations have already been reduced by 35 percent – that's savings of more than 21,000 tonnes of CO₂. Our goal was 25 percent reduction by 2020, so now we're setting more ambitious targets - an 80 percent reduction in emissions and sourcing 100 percent of Council's electricity from renewable energy, both by 2030. We are well on track for both.

Some of the things you will see around town include the electric vehicle fast-charge station at Batemans Bay, which was built under license by NRMA, and brighter roads at night thanks to the efficient LED lighting. We've had more than 10,000 people – maybe you were one of them – roll up to Council-run sustainability workshops, learning how to incorporate solar power into business or using worms to compost green waste rather than send it to landfill.

Other work continues behind the scenes, for example we continue to work towards a renewable energy power purchase agreement by 2020. These practical steps to get emissions down saw us announced as a finalist in the 2018 Cities Power Partnership Awards and joint winner of the Knowledge Sharing Award.



New parks more than child's play

We've just opened two great new parks, at Mogo and Tuross, and we're thrilled with how people are using them. Both are chock-full of features for the whole family.

For Mogo, the new park is all about community ties, recognising the town's strong Aboriginal heritage and culture with a traditional yarning circle and a mural by local artists Bronwen Smith and Gavin Chatfield. It's a great result after a lot of effort from the town's businesses, school and Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The facilities at Evans Park, next to Tuross Head shops, include split-level playground, double picnic shelter, extra picnic tables and wheelchair-accessible barbecue. Although the official opening will be at the Tuross Village Fair on Monday 7

October, there's no need to wait; locals have been using the park since the start of September.

You may have noticed we usually develop and upgrade playgrounds during autumn and winter. That's when our parks and gardens team have time to get the work done and equipment installed, and it means the new facilities are ready to go as the warmer weather arrives.

Next up will be Sandy Place Reserve at Long Beach. We're talking with the community and laying plans now, with upgrades to other parks and playgrounds in the pipeline.

Cousins Kizzy Nye and Bronwen Smith celebrate the opening of Mogo playground.

A space to splash and get your art on

Construction of the new Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre is proposed to start in 2020, opening in summer 2022. This facility will include an arts precinct with professional theatre, similar in size to Queanbeyan's The Q, and workshop rooms. Plus there's the aquatic centre with 25-metre pool, warm water pool, leisure and learn to swim pools, gym, waterplay area and waterslides. We're now ready to proceed to a development application, with a detailed design finalised prior to a tender process for construction of the centre. For more information head to www.esc.nsw.gov.au/mackaypark

Are you ready for all kinds of natural?

Eurobodalla's new tourism campaign *All kinds of natural* was launched on 31 July, playing to key markets in Sydney, regional Victoria and NSW, and the ACT for 13 weeks. The partnership between Council and Destination NSW heralds a new direction for Eurobodalla's brand and how we market. Expect to see a Sydney Weekender Eurobodalla episode on air soon, and Sunrise Weekend will be here later this year. The campaign also features online promotion, along with television ads in regional Victoria and NSW. Be sure to take a look at the campaign video on our new tourism website at www.eurobodalla.com.au

Dogs on beaches

If you've been to the beach lately, you'll have seen our great new signs making it easy to know where and when dogs are welcome. There are three levels of access.

-  **24-hour off-leash**
Your dog is welcome here – under control – at any time.
-  **Dogs prohibited**
Dogs not permitted at any time. Fines apply.
-  **Timeshare**
From 1 May to 31 October dogs are allowed on the beach at any time. From 1 November to 30 April dogs are allowed on or off-leash before 9am and after 5pm.

Please remember, dogs must remain leashed until you get to designated off-leash areas and must always be under the care and control of a competent person. We'll have more say about responsible pet ownership in a campaign later this year. Stay tuned.

New community directory online

Eurobodalla is growing and the range of services for the community are vast and widespread. To help get our community connected to the services they need, our community development team has been busy creating an online directory.

Built in-house and available on Council's website, the Eurobodalla Community Directory already lists more than 600 services, groups and community organisations – everything from youth services to sports clubs, charities and health services. Manager of community development Kim Bush said she expects the directory to grow as the community contributes new information over the coming weeks and months. “It will be a one stop shop for information”, she said, “and it's something residents and agencies have wanted for a long time. It's user friendly, and searchable by service type and area, and your results pop up as a list or on a map.”

Any not-for-profit Eurobodalla community organisation, group, association or individual can list. Simply complete the online form to add or update your details.

A better Beach Road

We are continuing to improve safety and reduce congestion on Beach Road, one of the busiest in the shire. There's an additional right-turn into the southern end of Orient Street, an additional left-turn onto the Princes Highway, and lengthening of the two lane approach from Perry Street. A second lane out from the Mackay Park precinct onto the Princes Highway is also planned. New medians, pathways and refuges on Beach Road will improve pedestrian safety and links around the busy area. Extra trees will be planted as work finishes up.

Applying good advice

Residents are taking advantage of our development help desk to get good advice from Council's development assessment staff before they lodge their DA, helping out with more than 7,000 queries each year.

On average we take 34 days to process a development application, with 881 DAs in the last financial year.

The total value of development was \$122M, down slightly on our bumper 2017-18 tally of \$158M.

Museum matters



What's not to admire about communities preserving their rich histories? Eurobodalla's three museums have been built up and run by enthusiastic volunteers, drawing thousands of tourists and locals to learn more of our history.

We're giving a hand as well, matching funding from Museums & Galleries of NSW to secure more help from their museum advisor Lynn Collins.

He will spend 20 days with volunteers from Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay, helping them develop plans for growth, identifying tourism and funding opportunities, and developing new displays, themes and public programs.

Lynn has worked in diverse regional museums, from Lithgow to Broken Hill, during his ten years with the Regional Museum Advisors Program, saying it was a rewarding position.

"I particularly enjoy the interaction with dedicated citizens finding viable ways to keep the stories of their forebears alive."

"There are challenges, the greatest being the busy lives volunteers and museum workers lead, leaving so few hours for museums that are hungry for time in so many areas."

Mayor's message



I'm proud of what we're achieving for the Eurobodalla, working with private investors and our state and federal government counterparts to back some really significant projects for our region. It's a billion dollar story!

- **\$51M** in NSW and Commonwealth funds for the Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre at Mackay Park. Detailed plans are underway for a proposed start in mid-2020.
 - **\$3M** from Commonwealth, NSW government and philanthropic funds delivered us the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre (the Bas). Already 9,000 patrons have been through the doors of Eurobodalla's first professional-standard exhibition space since opening in February 2019.
 - **\$10M** funded by Commonwealth, NSW and Council money for the Moruya Airport redevelopment,
- encouraging more business in the Eurobodalla and ensuring we meet long-term passenger transport needs.
 - **\$3M** sourced from the Commonwealth, NSW, Council and the Friends of the Garden for a new visitor centre and plant science precinct at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden. Due for completion December 2019.
 - **\$102M** government funding for a new water-storage facility west of Bodalla with a 3,000 ML capacity to secure Eurobodalla's water supply, working in tandem with Deep Creek Dam in the north. Subject to funding, this project could start in late 2020.
 - **\$2.3M** from the Commonwealth to begin work on the shellfish hatchery at Moruya this year, with up to 34 jobs and a projected \$25.2M in regional income in the first three years. Construction is expected to start this year.
 - **\$200M** of private investment for new developments in Batemans Bay – encouraged by our easy and efficient development processes – including: the proposed Coachhouse redevelopment, waterfront apartments in the CBD, the arrival of Dan Murphys, completion of luxury apartments on Golf Links Drive, and work well underway for the 5-star hotel at Malua Bay. Plus, there's more in the pipeline!
 - **\$350M** for new bridges in Batemans Bay and Nelligen, **\$500M** towards upgrading the Princes Highway, a further **\$30M** to upgrade the highway and complete connection to the Batemans Bay link road, and **\$150M** for a new Eurobodalla hospital – all from the NSW Government.

These are projects to boost our economy, create jobs, cater to diverse community needs, and make Eurobodalla an even better place to live, invest and visit.

Our ability to deliver these major projects helps develop strong ties between councillors and staff with the NSW and Commonwealth governments, ensuring we get our share when funding is on offer.

There are, of course, still challenges. Retail remains tough and we're seeing too many empty shops. At Council, we're doing what we can to keep our towns vibrant – this newsletter has lots of stories about how.

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Let me leave you with this thought. I understand shopping online or going out of town can sometimes be cheaper. I only ask that before you do, think about the benefits we all get from a strong local economy that supports its small businesses. Why not show your love for where you live and shop local?

Liz Innes, Eurobodalla Mayor



Embracing Babies-making connections

Parents sometimes find the first few months with their new child overwhelming, even isolating. It can be hard to get out and connect with others, particularly if you are new to Eurobodalla or without friends or family with babies of a young age.

Now the shire's bubs and their carers have a new point of connection, thanks to our Embracing Babies program. Jess Bourke

is Council's child development officer, and says the groups are run fortnightly in Moruya, Batemans Bay and Narooma by early-childhood professionals.

"We encourage anyone with an infant to come along and meet other families, make new friends, and get some advice and support if they need it," says Jess. "We know there are people in the community new to the area, from non-English speaking

backgrounds, or simply looking for an opportunity to meet other people in their position."

Leoni Lynch and Rachael Burns relocated from Sydney to Tomakin when baby Alexander was only four weeks old. Rachael moved here to work on the new Batemans Bay Bridge. Leoni had previously had a career in social housing.

"I'm extremely happy that we now have a mothers and baby group here. I have already met some lovely people."

Leaving their support network in Sydney and with all their family in the UK, Leoni says she was craving adult conversation and the empathy of people going through the experience of new parenthood. "I'm extremely happy that we now have a mothers and baby group here. I have already met some lovely people."

To join in contact Jess Bourke on 4474 7333 or jessica.bourke@esc.nsw.gov.au

Leoni Lynch with Alexander at Embracing Babies in Moruya

What we'll build this year

Here's a list of some of the projects, big and small, that Council will be working on in your neighbourhood this year. The projects are funded by Council and also show where we've secured NSW and Commonwealth Government funding to help make our community and our economy stronger. You can find details about these and all our other activities in Council's Delivery Program and Operation Plan 2019-20.

Nelligen and Durras

- *Durras Lake Boat Ramp - car park construction **\$55,000**
- *Nelligen Boat Ramp - upgrade and new carpark **\$126,000**
- Footpath - Durras Drive, South Durras **\$15,000**
- Gravel resheet - The River Road, Nelligen West **\$55,000**
- Gravel resheet - Western Distributor, Currowan **\$80,000**

Batemans Bay and Mogo

- *Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden redevelopment **\$1,188,001**
- *Surf Beach Rural Fire Service Station construction **\$30,000**
- Mackay Park - construction of new storage shed **\$20,000**
- Batemans Bay Tennis - electronic access **\$50,000**
- Burrewarra Point, Guerrilla Bay - parking area and access track **\$127,219**
- *Observation Point, Batehaven - viewing platform **\$772,500**
- Playground - Sandy Place Reserve, Long Beach **\$125,000**
- Playground - Hibiscus Close Reserve, Maloneys Beach **\$19,000**
- Batemans Bay Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade **\$3,000,000**
- Drainage construction - Eric Fenning Drive, Surf Beach **\$100,000**
- Drainage construction - Miller Street, Batemans Bay **\$155,311**
- *Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre **\$18,700,000**
- *Road upgrade - Beach Road and Vesper Street **\$1,000,000**
- Footpath - Northcove Road, Long Beach **\$53,000**
- Footpath - Beach Road, Sunshine Bay **\$70,000**
- Footpath - Edward Road, Batehaven **\$95,000**
- Shared pathway - Sunshine Bay Road, Sunshine Bay **\$40,000**
- Gravel resheet - Runnyford Road, Runnyford **\$75,000**
- Gravel resheet - Maulbrooks Road, Mogo **\$90,000**
- Stormwater upgrade - Wattle Street, Batehaven **\$462,895**
- *Median upgrade - Beach Road, Batemans Bay **\$868,125**
- Road reconstruction - Nuyen Place, Long Beach **\$110,000**
- Road reconstruction - George Bass Drive (Malua Bay foreshore) **\$820,000**
- *Road reconstruction - Dunns Creek Road **\$928,000**
- Reservoir construction - Catalina **\$1,000,000**

Tomakin, Broulee and Rosedale

- *Captain Oldrey Park amenities upgrades **\$353,700**
- Captain Oldrey Park - Field 2 refurbishment **\$80,000**
- Captain Oldrey Park - nature trail **\$49,865**
- Broulee Tennis - toilet improvements **\$15,000**
- Tomakin sewer upgrades **\$3,000,000**
- Tomakin Sewer Treatment Plant augmentation **\$150,000**
- Old Tomakin Road bridge renewals **\$50,000**
- Road reconstruction George Bass Drive (Candalagan Creek bridge) **\$400,000**

Moruya and Congo

- *Shellfish hatchery **\$1,990,000**
- *Moruya Airport - electrical works **\$685,120**
- *Moruya Airport - west precinct infrastructure **\$2,614,880**
- *Eurobodalla Fire Control Centre construction **\$120,000**
- Gundry Oval - new sports amenities building **\$425,000**
- *Gundry Oval - Fields 2 and 3 refurbishment **\$463,613**
- *Gundry Oval - Soccer field 1 lighting upgrade **\$120,000**
- *Moruya Showground - parking, security and access **\$244,847**
- Moruya Showground - new golf club shed **\$300,000**
- Moruya Pool - clubroom disability access upgrade **\$20,000**
- Riverside Park, Moruya - improvements **\$212,032**
- Road reconstruction and sealing - Congo Road South **\$880,000**
- Road reconstruction - Scenic Place, Moruya Heads **\$90,000**
- *Garlandtown bridge widening **\$1,000,000**
- Wamban bridge replacement **\$370,000**
- McGregors Creek bridge renewals **\$109,000**
- Gravel resheet - Araluen Road, Deua River **\$75,000**
- Gravel resheet - Araluen Road, Merricumbene **\$75,000**
- Gravel resheet - Donalds Creek Road, Moruya West **\$85,000**
- Gravel resheet - Noggarula Drive, Bergalia **\$40,000**
- Gravel resheet - Meringo Road, Meringo **\$40,000**
- Gravel resheet - Old Mill Road, Turlinjah **\$35,000**
- Gravel resheet - Western Boundary Road, Turlinjah **\$60,000**

Bodalla and Tuross Head

- *Bodalla Oval - lighting upgrade **\$110,000**
- Kyla Park Tennis - court resurfacing and access paths **\$70,000**
- *Bodalla Sewerage Treatment Scheme **\$700,000**
- Potato Point Sewerage Treatment Scheme **\$3,100,000**
- Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade, Tuross **\$3,000,000**
- Drainage construction - Marlin Street, Tuross Head **\$15,000**
- Footpath - Trafalgar Road, Tuross Head **\$45,000**
- Road upgrade - Trafalgar Road, Tuross Head **\$380,000**
- *Road upgrade - Eurobodalla Road, Bodalla **\$896,291**
- Construction public toilets - Tuross main beach **\$265,267**

Narooma and Tilba

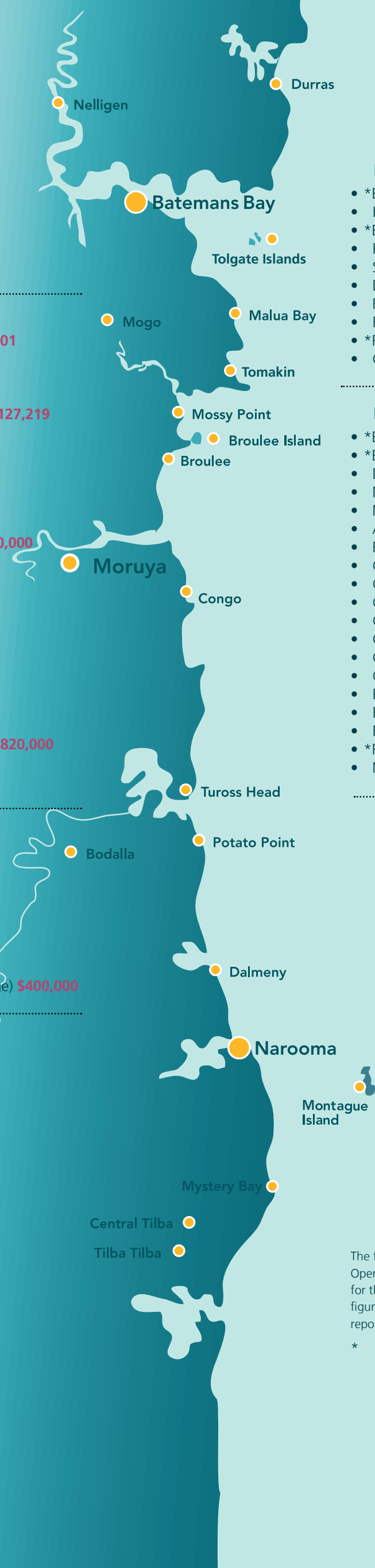
- *Bill Smyth Oval - amenities building extension **\$380,000**
- *Bill Smyth Oval - lighting upgrade **\$120,000**
- Dalmeny tennis court repairs **\$10,000**
- Narooma Pool - minor renewals **\$15,000**
- Narooma Sewer Treatment Plant augmentation **\$200,000**
- Acacia Close bridge renewal **\$80,000**
- Footpath - Noble Parade, Dalmeny **\$60,000**
- Gravel resheet - Eurobodalla Road, Nerrigundah **\$55,000**
- Gravel resheet - Nerrigundah Mountain Road **\$40,000**
- Gravel resheet - Belowra Road, Nerrigundah **\$100,000**
- Gravel resheet - Kianga Forest Road, Narooma **\$70,000**
- Gravel resheet - Nangudga Beach Road, Narooma **\$55,000**
- Gravel resheet - Old Highway, Narooma **\$50,000**
- Gravel resheet - Reedy Creek Road, Narooma **\$40,000**
- Road reconstruction - Bowen Street, Narooma **\$190,000**
- Road reconstruction - Old Highway, Narooma **\$410,000**
- Road reconstruction - Riverside Drive, Narooma **\$430,000**
- *Road reconstruction - Ridge Road Tilba **\$647,312**
- Narooma Depot workshop upgrade **\$178,340**

Eurobodalla-wide

- Cemetery improvements **\$45,028**
- Playground renewals **\$146,702**
- Parks renewals - seats, tables, bbqs **\$172,666**
- Marine facility renewals **\$87,263**
- Litter bin structures **\$10,817**
- Sewer manhole renewals **\$100,000**
- Sewage treatment plant renewals **\$250,000**
- Sewer pump station and systems upgrades **\$1,500,000**
- Water mains and service connections **\$1,000,000**
- Water meter replacement **\$270,000**
- Water pump refurbishments **\$80,000**
- Valves and hydrants renewal **\$190,000**
- Water mains renewal **\$1,500,000**
- New water connections **\$140,000**
- Drainage renewals **\$468,547**
- Road guardrail **\$156,125**
- *Road reseals **\$1,856,915**
- Gravel resheet - spot gravelling **\$30,000**
- Bus shelter upgrades **\$24,953**

The figures listed here may differ from those published in Council's Operational Plan 2019-20. In some cases we've combined figures for the same project for ease of reading. For updated projects and figures throughout the year, please see our quarterly budget review reports at esc.nsw.gov.au

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Ancient ways reap rewards

The grassy headlands north of Narooma are showing reduced levels of exotic grasses and the reappearance of native herbs and grasses, thanks to a return to Aboriginal management techniques

We introduced burning to manage headlands at Duesburys Point, Duesburys Beach and Kianga Beach in 2012, and we've been monitoring the ecological communities there since. The area has extensive middens and burial sites, demonstrating the long-standing management of the coastline by Aboriginal people. This included regular burning to remove shrubs and enable hunting, camping and communication. Dominated by kangaroo grass, or Themeda, these grassland communities on headlands and seacliffs are recognised as endangered. The return to traditional management is a positive step in their long-term conservation.

New stairs for North Rosedale

Thanks to some close work with the Rosedale community, new stairs are providing safe access for beach enthusiasts from Yowani Road in North Rosedale.

We designed some solid stairs and our carpentry team got sawing and hammering. The nature of the site required a quick and easy way to get around and the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club got onboard, lending us their all-terrain vehicle for the project.

In the good books

One of the few activities better than reading a good book, is talking about that book with your mates. Certainly the good folk of Narooma like to do so, with the Narooma Library acting as a meeting place for not one, but two book clubs.

The 'Last Friday' bookclub has been meeting for a year now. New members are always welcome to this friendly group who read from a variety of genres. They meet at the library from 10.30am to enjoy each other's insights and recommendations over a cuppa.

USA members also have regular catch-ups at the Narooma Library to talk all things books, and there are plans afoot to get book clubs running at the shire's other libraries.

Ships come in

Batemans Bay is expecting visits from two more luxury cruise ships before year's end. There's a great opportunity for local businesses and our tourism team is working behind the scenes to keep improving our offering for passengers.

Meanwhile, the NSW Government has agreed to fund two new pontoons either side of the T-wharf, tripling the wharf's capacity and providing better links between the water and CBD – brilliant for locals and visitors. Transport for NSW say the pontoons will be built in 2020.



Pictured: Marla Guppy

Sculpting the future of public art

Marla Guppy says Australians have big attitudes about almost everything in the public realm – that includes art.

"Economic change throws up surprising things. People visit a place or a region, they come back if they like the feel of the place and the way it presents itself," says Marla. "There's social change along with the economic change – culture is a way a place positions itself for the future. Art is a part of that."

We've brought Marla in to help with our public art strategy. She's an expert with extensive experience advising developers, governments and community groups.

"It's about keeping public art simple to plan, develop, engage and implement. The strategy needs to be an action plan, to make installation easy."

Marla worked as a community artist before moving into art management and development. Work is booming, with many councils mandating art for both public and private development.

"It's a trend. Government is encouraging public art as a serious component of infrastructure, ensuring it's included right from each project's start," says Marla.

"When you get in early, the possibilities open up; the edge of a new building could be itself a sculpture.

"People are talking about public art now. I parked at Batemans Bay this morning and took a brisk walk along the path – I love walking along, seeing the sculptures coming up – and had an interesting conversation with other walkers.

"A sculpture walk is one way of doing things but there are many others – like integrating art within the landscape, having it sit beautifully in space. There's a lot of talk here about the new bridge; there's been fantastic art integrated in and around big infrastructure – how can we get that experience into the new bridge?"

"It has to be easy for commercial properties, for developers, to get public art on the ground, in the lighting, amongst the seating."

Marla says the draft public art strategy should be ready by the end of the year.

"We need to drill down and look at how people envision their neighbourhoods and reflect their aspirations. I grew up in a dairy-farming family in Shoalhaven. I've watched the cultural change follow economic change along the south coast. Now Eurobodalla has an opportunity to focus on culture as part of the way forward."

Way to go



We are acting on visitor feedback telling us that limited, aged and haphazard signage makes it hard to find our beautiful beaches and places of interest. So we're rolling out new directional signage, including blue and white tourism signs that clearly identify which way to go.

These blue and white signs are the first part of a larger wayfinding project, which will help visitors and locals make their way around Eurobodalla. There are larger shire-entry and town signs to come as budgets allow, where we've consulted with communities, traditional owners and businesses for a design brief drawn on local materials and motifs.

Introducing... Linda Wilton



Last year, Linda Wilton's team took 11,500 phone calls.

"You can imagine how time consuming that is," she says, "but it's such a great opportunity to understand the community's needs and concerns."

"For instance, an enquiry about a barking dog averages 30 minutes to manage, but being able to help people solve their problems is really rewarding."

Linda is administrative assistant for Council's environmental division. She works with and provides support for our rangers, environmental health team and a bit here and there for the sustainability team.

For Linda, there's no 'typical day' but there's one guarantee: "The phones don't stop ringing." And she loves it.

Linda began working for us just over 18 months ago. Before Council she was face-to-face with customers at Service NSW and in community services for an employment provider under the federal government.

"It was work I enjoyed. Helping job seekers not only in terms of their meeting their obligations but bashing down obstacles to study and employment."

Many of the enquires Linda deals with now concern compliance – sewer inspections, the food inspection program, rabbit and weed control, illegal building and illegal tree removal.

"If we can resolve these things over the phone, before they escalate, so much the better," she says.

Linda says when compared to the state and national levels, local government allows her to see how decisions play out in the community.



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Getting ready for water restrictions

It's been a dry winter. If there's no decent rain soon, it looks likely that water restrictions will be introduced over the next few months, with Level 1 restrictions likely mid-October and Level 3 restrictions by late December.

The lack of rain and low river flows means we haven't been able to pump water from the Deua to our storage facility at Deep Creek Dam since July.

Although the community shouldn't be alarmed, we're asking residents and visitors alike to think carefully about using water.

Water restrictions are not something we take lightly and always in line with Council's water restriction policy, which outlines five levels of restrictions and their triggers.

If we do move to water restrictions, we'll be providing the community with all the information they need about what can and can't be done under each level. In the meantime, this is a good opportunity to remind visitors and residents that Eurobodalla has permanent water conservation measures in place.

That means watering lawns and using hoses, drip irrigation systems, or sprinklers before 10am or after 5pm and not using water to clean paths or driveways unless absolutely necessary. Cars and boats should be washed on grass areas using buckets, and a trigger-nozzle hose for the final rinse only.

Use water-efficient showerheads and washing machines and toilets is an easy way to help save water. On average, showers account for 30 percent of household water. Council has water-efficient showerheads to swap with your old inefficient ones – for free! We also offer rebates for water efficient washing machines and toilets.



Little penguin pay-off



Snapper Island is one of our last refuges for little penguins, with 15 percent of the local population nesting there. The island just off Corrigans Beach is Council-managed land and our sustainability team is working hard to stack the odds in favour of these endearing birds.

Environmental officers Emma Patyus and Paul Martin say they have been focussing on clearing weeds from the island for the last four years.

"We've been clearing away the bitou bush – a declared weed of national significance – turkey rhubarb and asparagus fern," says Emma.

"There is no reason this island can't be returned to a pristine condition, the way nature intended it to be."

Clearing the weeds allows the native plants to thrive, even on exposed sites and in harsh conditions. And the team is giving nature a helping hand, planting lomandra, dianella and poa to replace the weeds.

Ridding the island of weeds is a worthy goal in itself, however Paul says there's a big pay-off for the little penguins too.

"One of the common weeds here is turkey rhubarb. It grows like a vine and,

like fishing line, can wrap around the penguins' legs and wings. The birds become entrapped and starve to death," he said.

"These birds can't breed on the mainland due to predation by dogs, cats and foxes, so these islands – Snapper and the Tollgates – are essential for their future in our region."

Little penguins are the world's smallest penguin, growing to a maximum length of 40cm. Around Batemans Bay they feed off small fish like pilchards and hardyheads.

Paul says adding nesting opportunities for the penguins is the team's latest project.

"These birds can't breed on the mainland due to predation by dogs, cats and foxes, so these islands – Snapper and the Tollgates – are essential for their future in the region."

"We are placing concrete nestboxes on the island. They're designed by experts to mimic a penguin burrow. All up we'll have thirty of the nestboxes for them this year," he said.

This is work the community can be proud of and Emma took the opportunity to remind people there is a no landing policy on the island.

"We need to minimise disturbance to the penguins, especially during the breeding season, which runs from early spring to early autumn," she said.

"Snapper Island is a special place, made more so thanks to its little penguins."

Environmental officers Paul Martin, Emma Patyus and Tom Gear are adding nesting boxes for use by little penguins (inset) on Snapper Island.

Building bridges



The Batemans Bay Bridge replacement is well underway, bringing an exciting opportunity to extend the recreational and commercial potential of the CBD.

We're talking with the community and urban design specialists (see main story) about bringing vigour and life to the southern waterfront, and involving Transport for NSW and bridge builders John Holland along the way.

So who's responsible for what? Transport for NSW (formerly RMS) owns the bridge and the highway and the waterfront where the bridge meets the shore. Council looks after the rest, but on this project, we're all working together to get the best result we can for the Bay.

Community fronts up for waterfront planning

We've been walking and talking the Clyde River waterfront with the good people of Batemans Bay. By discussing people's concerns and where they see opportunities, we can better use this public space and bring more life to the river bank and CBD.

We're also learning from people outside the shire, people who have already done the hard yards activating their own local spaces, including urban design specialists Inspiring Places.

We also invited Danny Veis to visit Batemans Bay for a chat with shop-owners, school kids, residents, Council staff, and local sport and community groups. The Tasmanian coffee shop owner was keen to talk about the 'Linger Longer in Lenah Valley' project – a collaboration between business owners and Hobart City Council to bring more life to the village of Lenah.

"Three years ago, we were approached by Council and they asked us what we wanted for Lenah Valley," said Danny, "That was our buy in".

Danny said most of the shopkeepers jumped at the chance, and what they

wanted was for customers to stay longer in their shops.

"We did the whole team thing, with shop staff wearing branded t-shirts, we threw a street party – hundreds came, even on a freezing winter day – and we collected quotes about what was great about Lenah Valley."

Hobart City Council stumped up \$2M, some public-space designers were brought in, and work was soon underway. Although some businesses were affected during the upgrade – "they recovered, and more, once the work was done." Danny took to social media to keep his customers rolling in.

"We were given an opportunity and we took it. Before 'Linger Longer' I was selling 35 kilograms of coffee each week. After 'Linger Longer' I was at 50 kilograms."

These are the kind of business results we want to replicate at Batemans Bay.

Next up, we're working with Inspiring Places to reclaim the Clyde River foreshore with a mini-reactivation event – a scaled-down version of how the waterfront could feel in the future.

Moruya Library is open weekends!

Moruya Library opening hours:

Monday to Friday
10am - 5pm

Saturday and Sunday
10am - 4pm

Vulcan Street, Moruya

the Bas opening hours:

Tuesday to Sunday
10am - 4pm

Corner Campbell and Vulcan streets, Moruya

Batemans Bay Library hours:

Monday to Friday
10am - 5pm

Saturday
9.30am - 12pm

Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay

Narooma Library opening hours:

Monday to Friday
10am - 5pm

Saturday
9.30am - 12pm

Field Street, Narooma

What's on

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

October-December 2019

October

Djembe Forte African drum and dance sessions. A fun school-holiday activity for kids primary school-aged and up. Learn how to drum and dance to the beat. \$7 per child, bookings essential. **Mon 30 Sep** Batemans Bay Library, 2.30-3.30pm, 4472 5850 **Tue 1 Oct** Narooma Library, 2-3pm, 4476 1164 **Wed 2 Oct** Moruya Library, 2.30-3.30pm, 4474 1333

Thu 3 Oct DreamWorks Animation virtual tour, Batemans Bay and Moruya libraries, 1.30-3pm. A virtual showcase of the National Museum of Australia's exhibition featuring 400 unique objects from the DreamWorks animation studio - creators of Shrek, Kung Fu Panda, How to Train Your Dragon and other favourites. Free, bookings essential, Batemans Bay Library 4472 5850, Moruya Library 4474 1333

Fri 4 Oct Batemans Bay Cup, Moruya Race Course, Donnelly Drive, gates open 11am. Enjoy the atmosphere of country racing. 4474 4409, moruyajc@bigpond.com.au

Fri 4 Oct - Wed 9 Oct Fibre Fest, Narooma School of Arts, Campbell Street. Six days of fibrous colour fun. Browse the handmade marketplace and join workshops in traditional basket making, loom weaving, crochet, felt and more. naroomaartscentre.com.au, 0400 442 945, studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

Sat 5 to Sun 27 Oct Eurobodalla Literary Salon, the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya and Eurobodalla libraries. A visual, literary and musical feast! Artists create work inspired by each other's creative processes. Includes full exhibition, salons where artists discuss and present their pieces, and workshops where your own literary-inspired masterpiece. **Exhibition Sat 5 Oct to Sun 27 Oct** Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya, open Tues-Sun 10am-4pm. **Salons Fri 11 Oct, Fri 18 Oct and Fri 25 Oct** Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya, 6-8.30pm, Free, 4474 1061, www.theBas.com.au **Workshops Tue 15 Oct** 1-2.30pm Batemans Bay Library, 4472 5850, **Wed 16 Oct** 1-2.30pm Moruya Library, 4474 1333, **Thu 17 Oct** 1-2.30pm Narooma Library, 4476 1164

Art on the Path Sun 6 Oct



Sun 6 Oct Art on the Path, shared pathway Coronation Drive, Broulee (opposite general store) 8am-1pm. Be inspired by local artists who upcycle materials to create new treasures. Bring environmental weeds from your garden to swap for free native plants. Free. 4474 1037

School holiday craft time. A range of crafty activities for primary school-aged children. Create a masterpiece to take home. Free, bookings essential. **Tue 8 Oct** Batemans Bay Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4472 5850 **Wed 9 Oct** Moruya Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4474 1333 **Thu 10 Oct** Narooma Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4476 1164

Thu 10 Oct Sounds of music - live stream of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Batemans Bay Library, Hanging Rock Place, 6-7.30pm. A magical music experience, live streaming the Sydney Symphony Orchestra playing Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Free. Bookings essential, 4472 5850

Sat 12 Oct Eurobodalla Jobs Drive at the Health and Wellbeing Expo, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, Beach Road, 10am-2pm. Discover services and positions available in Eurobodalla's health and social assistance sector. Free. 444 7380

Sat 12 Oct - Sun 13 Oct Eurobodalla Live Music Festival, Moruya Golf Club. All music lovers are invited to enjoy the rhythms of jazz, contemporary, and original music. **Sat 12 Oct** Festival of Voice, 1.30-4.30pm, featuring soloists, ensembles and a choir. Tickets \$20 at the door, children free. **Sun 13 Oct** Gospel service, 10.30am-12pm. **Sun 13 Oct** Festival concert, 1-4pm. moruyagolfclub.com.au

Sat 19 Oct - Sun 20 Oct Garage Sale Trail. Encourages reusing, recycling and community spirit. Put secondhand first and join the trail to find a bargain. www.garagesaletrail.com.au

Eurobodalla Spring Show Sat 19 Nov & Sun 20 Nov



Sat 19 Oct - Sun 20 Oct Eurobodalla Spring Show, Moruya Showground, Albert Street. Enjoy a weekend of family fun with Pony Club, breed classes, show jumping and more. 4474 2517, eurobodallashow@live.com.au, eurobodallashow.org.au

Motorcycle skills training, Captain Oldrey Park, Broulee. Improve your riding safety skills and build confidence on the road. Bookings essential, 4474 1353 **Sat 19 Oct** Beginner riders session, 9am-1pm, \$50 **Sun 20 Oct** Intermediate riders session, 9am-4pm, \$100

Wed 23 Oct Children's Week family fun day, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Deep Creek Dam Road, Batemans Bay, 10am-12pm. Enjoy games, nature, face painting, storytelling, and plenty of fun family activities to celebrate Children's Week.

Fri 25 Oct Last Friday book club, Narooma Library, Field Street, 10.30am-12pm. Join a group of book lovers who talk books over a cuppa on the last Friday of the month. Free. 4476 1164

November

Be Connected seniors' technology workshops For older residents to learn basic skills using digital technology at Eurobodalla libraries. Multiple sessions during November. For more information phone your library: Batemans Bay - 4474 5850, Moruya - 4474 1333, Narooma - 4476 1164

Tue 1 Nov - Thu 24 Nov ReVive art exhibition, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner of Vulcan and Campbell streets, Moruya, open Tue-Sun 10am-4pm. Showcasing local artists' creations giving new life and meaning to rescued and repurposed materials. Free, 4474 1061, www.theBas.com.au

Fri 11 Oct - Sun 13 Oct Mirrabooka Show Jumping Cup, Moruya Showground, Albert Street. Two days and two rings of show jumping glory. Competitions include 1.4m Grand Prix and Roger Whyte Memorial Speed Derby. 0427 522 227 mirrabookarc@gmail.com

National Recycling Week storytime. Environmentally conscious storytime focusing on the important message of recycling. Free. **Mon 11 Nov** Batemans Bay Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4472 5850 **Wed 13 Nov** Moruya Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4474 1333 **Thu 14 Nov** Narooma Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4476 1164

Author talks with Steve Matthews. Meet author Steve Matthews to hear about his new book *The Skinny Girl* - a thought-provoking story about a victim of domestic emotional abuse. Free. **Tue 12 Nov** Narooma Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4476 1164 **Tue 12 Nov** Batemans Bay Library, 2-3pm, 4472 5850

Fri 15 Nov - Sun 17 Nov Narooma Boats Afloat, Forster Bay, Narooma. Celebrate traditional boats in all their forms. From clinkers and putt-putts

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.

to launchers, cruisers and yachts, all sailing into Narooma. Free. www.naroomaboatsafloat.com

Home composting workshops, Moruya Waste Transfer Station, Yarragee Road. Learn how to use a hot composting machine to convert food waste into a valuable soil conditioner. Attendees eligible for one free composting kit per household. Free, bookings essential, 4474 1024 **Fri 15 Nov** 9.30-11am **Sat 16 Nov** 9.30-11am **Fri 22 Nov** 9.30-11am

Worm farming workshops, Moruya Waste Transfer Station, Yarragee Road. Get practical tips for starting or continuing a worm farm at home. Attendees receive a worm farm on completion (one per household). Free, bookings essential, 4472 9202 **Fri 15 Nov** 12-1.30pm **Sat 23 Nov** 9.30-11am

Tue 19 Nov Author talk with Bruce Nash, Narooma Library, Field Street, 11am-12pm Meet author Bruce Nash for a discussion about his debut novel *An Island in the Lake* - an exploration of the absurdities of the education industry. Free.

Fri 29 Nov - Sat 5 Jan Vida Sobottka exhibition - Remains to be Seen, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner of Vulcan and Campbell streets, Moruya, open Tue-Sun 10am-4pm. See Vida's works on show at the Bas. Free, 4474 1061, www.theBas.com.au

Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec JetBlack Wild Wombat Mountain Bike Event, Batemans Bay. Ride at your own pace or race against others across two days of events. rockytrailentertainment.com

December

Fri 6 Dec - Sun 8 Dec Batemans Bay Caravan, Camping and Leisure Expo, Hanging Rock Sports Complex, off Beach Road, Batemans Bay. An epic show of outdoor holiday and lifestyle gear. 1300 665 059, www.eurobodalla.com.au

Musical Christmas Storytime It's the most wonderful time of the year! Preschool-aged children can celebrate with a very special musical storytime at their local library. Free. **Mon 9 Dec** Batemans Bay Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4472 5850 **Wed 11 Dec** Moruya Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4474 1333 **Thu 12 Dec** Narooma Library, 10.30-11.30am, 4476 1164

Sun 15 Dec Art on the Path, shared pathway Coronation Drive, Broulee (opposite general store) 8am-1pm. Highlighting sustainable practices and hand-made goods, this much loved market is back just in time for Christmas. Free. 4474 1037

Sun 22 Dec Christmas Cup, Moruya Race Course, Donnelly Drive, gates open 11am. Dress up for fashions on the field or dress down and enjoy the races. 4474 4409, moruyajc@bigpond.com.au

Sun 29 Dec - Sat 4 Jan George Bass Surfboat and Ski Marathon. Held every second year and going strong since 1975, the marathon covers 7 days, 7 legs, and 190km from Batemans Bay to Eden. 9am start each day. www.georgebassmarathon.com.au

Broulee Sand Modelling Tue 31 Dec



Tue 31 Dec Broulee Sand Modelling Competition, Broulee Beach. See the beach transformed with sand sculpture magic. Register at North Broulee Beach toilet blocks, \$10 per team, maximum of five people. Spectators free.

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. Details are on our website.

Bells Carnival Fri 20 Dec - Sun 26 Jan



Corrigans Beach Reserve, Batehaven, 7-10pm daily (weather permitting).

This family favourite returns bigger and better than ever before. Carnival fun includes rides, sideshow alley, and fireworks on New Year's Eve and Australia Day. Unlimited ride arm bands \$30 each or four for \$100.

www.bellsamusements.com.au



Markets

Discover delicious fresh food, produce, hand-made treasures and entertainment at regular markets across Eurobodalla.

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

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

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

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

Batemans Bay Marine Rescue Markets
First Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm Corrigans 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 Street. Antiques, books, craft, produce, preserves, baked treats.

Dalmeny Community Market
Second Sunday of the month, 8.30am-12pm Dalmeny Community Hall, Mort Avenue. Hand-made and home-grown products including chutneys, sourdough, jewellery, natural soaps, dog clothing.

Batemans Bay Rotary Markets
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 Drive Food, clothing, art, crafts, local produce, handmade gifts.