

Living in EUROBODALLA

Community news from your Council

IN BRIEF

Moruya airport taking off

From roaring wartime engines to soaring skydivers, Moruya Airport has seen its share of action over the past 80 years.

With the aerodrome's 20,000 annual passengers set to double by 2040, airport manager Sheldon Jones says the runways are just warming up.

To meet future demand, Council is planning a new subdivision to incorporate a new terminal, a larger aircraft parking bay, and hangarage for businesses and private operators.

The surge in activity brings opportunities for local businesses and jobseekers, as well as new revenue through landing fees, passenger fees, and land leases.

"We want it to become a multi-faceted airport that helps drive economic development in the region."

Sheldon believes proactive planning and collaboration with stakeholders are key to ensuring this once-military airfield continues to serve the region for generations to come.

High praise for world-class drop zone

The nation's fastest athletes descended on Moruya in April for the Australian Skydiving Championships.

It's the second time Skyone has hosted the competition and chief instructor Paul "Poo" Smith has a hunch they'll be back.

"I hear it from the athletes, Moruya is getting a name as the best drop zone in Australia."

Organised by the Australian Parachute Federation, the six-day event brought over 150 athletes, crew, and spectators to town, with local coffee purveyors working overtime to top up the thrill seekers.

Skyone has been at Moruya airport for over 20 years, making them one of its longest lessees.



THRIFTY WINS: Waste project officer Lisa Thomas and parks supervisor Tim Weyman are stoked to see these empty Return and Earn baskets. Safe and easy access for keen recyclers has seen an 82 percent drop in these items going to landfill.

CANS ARE FOR CASH, NOT TRASH!

Stop tossing your coke cans, beer bottles and juice boxes in the bin - pop them in a basket instead.

We've added 100 Return and Earn baskets to public bins around Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay in an initiative to reduce landfill. It's fine if you can't be bothered cashing in payback recyclables but these new baskets give eager collectors a clean and easy way to earn a few bucks at Return and Earn vending machines.

Space at landfill is expensive – for ratepayers and for the environment. Every little saving helps and already the baskets seem to be working, with items quickly snapped up and keeping our busy parks, foreshores and town centres cleaner and greener. An added bonus - less damage to bin surrounds from overzealous collectors means less funds spent on repairs.

In the last year, Eurobodallans have Return and Earn'ed 1 million recyclables – with an 82 percent reduction of these containers in garbage bins. That's equivalent to six garbage trucks of landfill, saving the equivalent of 45 cars yearly carbon emissions and two Olympic pools worth of water. Not bad!

Of course, the baskets are only for Return and Earn items, that's cans, some beer and soft drink bottles, juice boxes and cartons with the 10 cents label attached. Everything else should go in a regular or recycling bin.

Find all the shires waste happenings, along with your hand waste and recycling calendar for 2025-26 on pages 4 and 5.

Ruts to results: New parking for Tuross boaters

The parking area at the Tuross River boat ramp is all fixed up. Just two-kilometres north of Bodalla, off the Princes Highway, this popular spot went from awkward and rutted-out to smooth, sealed and safe.

Whether you're towing a boat or just stopping by, the revamped area has made parking so much easier with plenty of space to turn around. The upgrade has reduced erosion and sediment runoff, which is great news for the river's water quality too. The project was funded through the NSW Government's Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program.

Next gen networking

With the coming-of-age of today's youth so vastly different to their own, adults responsible for their care must grapple with providing relevant support.

For community and youth coordinator, Rhonnie South, bridging the adult-youth gap starts with an honest conversation.

"The youth of Eurobodalla see the issue before anyone else does."

Rhonnie coordinates the Workers With Youth Network, an alliance of over 50 youth and community services committed to improving the lives of young people.

The group meets four times a year to share resources and hear from Council's Youth Committee on the contemporary challenges for youth in the shire.

Collaboration on this scale helps us improve service delivery and continue innovating," Rhonnie says.

A recent joint effort by WWYN members and the Youth Committee saw the production of a short film, 'Refuge', that seeks to break the stigma on youth homelessness.

Find 'Refuge' on our Youtube channel.

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Batemans Bay Mountain Bike club are making the most of Mogo Trails

What it takes to build a road

You've driven on them, probably cursed at them, and wondered why potholes always seem to appear faster than they're fixed. Roads might seem simple, but there's a lot more to building and maintaining them than meets the eye. Here's the inside scoop on what really goes into it ...



The price tag

A straightforward section of road with no hidden surprises usually costs between \$1000 to \$2000 per metre. That means a kilometre of road can be over a million bucks. Earthworks are one of the biggest costs in road construction - about 30 percent of the budget goes to this stage as workers clear, level, and prepare the area.



Under the surface is the pavement

Most people think a road is just that bit you drive on – “the black stuff”. While this top layer is crucial, it's merely the surface that provides extra grip for your tyres and protects the real work underneath – the pavement. After earthworks, crews build the pavement, which is a composite structure normally 200mm to 800mm thick depending on the traffic it needs to handle and the conditions of the earth foundations underneath. Residential streets with low volumes of traffic and good foundations might only need 200mm of pavement, but areas handling heavy trucks and tight turns can be much thicker. The pavement is made of granular gravel material, interlocked rocks both big and small that are compacted to create a strong, load-bearing base to support the road.

"Much as we'd love to use asphalt everywhere, the costs and upkeep are just too high for it to be realistic."



TEAM STEAMS AHEAD: Our crew working on the new Broulee Road roundabout say it's a whopping 900mm thick – this includes the pavement and asphalt surface. On to Malua Bay roundabout next!



Choosing the surface - bitumen or asphalt?

Bitumen seals are a simple and effective way to waterproof roads. They're made by spraying a sticky binder and topping it with stones. Asphalt on the other hand, is a composite material that combines bitumen with aggregates like gravel or crushed stone. In some situations, asphalt helps carry some of the traffic load and contributes to the road's structural strength. Much as we'd love to use asphalt everywhere, the costs and upkeep are just too high for it to be realistic. Instead, we choose surfaces based on what suits the purpose best. For places like busy intersections, roundabouts, or areas where heavy trucks are constantly turning, asphalt is the way to go because it's built to handle heavy wear and tear.



Water – a road's biggest enemy

If moisture pools on the road where there are cracks in the surface, vehicles can force water in, separating the materials and weakening the pavement.

"Once the structural layers of the pavement are compromised, potholes are born."

Good drainage is crucial to direct water away from the road and extends its life but also helps prevent aquaplaning.

Even with the best design, roads have their limits. Heavy rains and floods can exceed what they're built to handle and when heavy vehicles divert onto roads not designed for heavy traffic, their lifespan takes a nosedive.

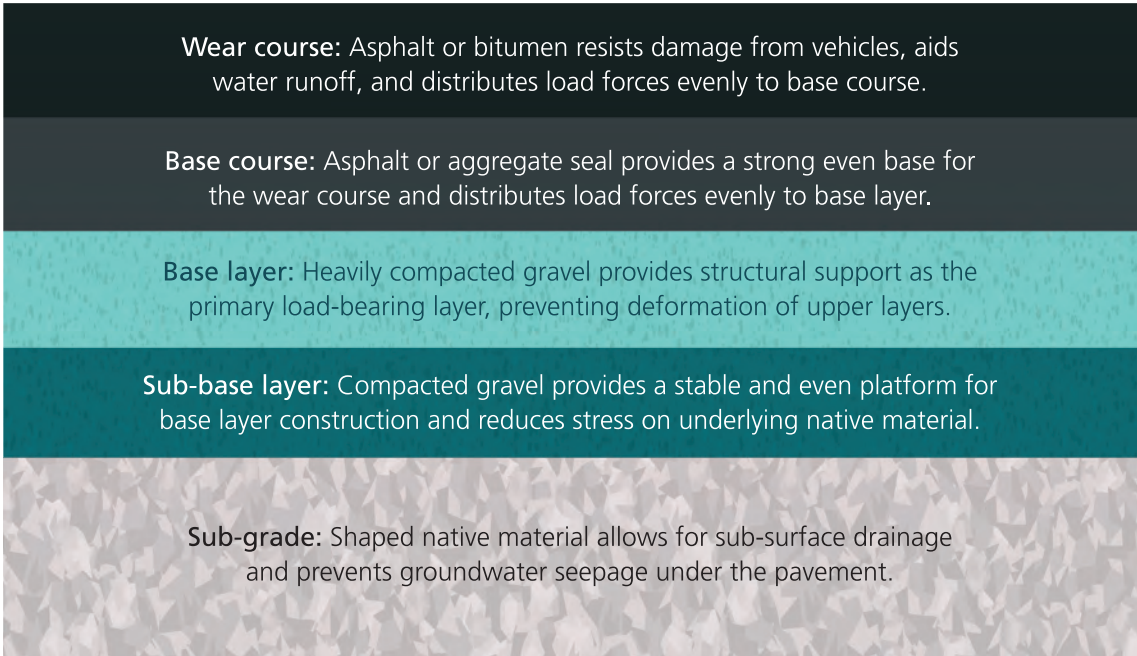
To manage water effectively, roads are built with a slight slope called a crown or camber, helping water flow off and preventing pooling. Over time, the weight of vehicles can compact the road, reducing its slope and impacting drainage.

When planning roads, extra care goes into avoiding flat spots where moisture could accumulate.

Potholes and repairs: A never-ending battle

Potholes might seem small, but they can be a sign of bigger problems underneath. Fixing them isn't as simple as chucking in some cold mix to fill the hole - it often means rebuilding sections of the road's foundation. Add traffic management, safety precautions, and unpredictable weather, and you've got a recipe for roadworks that take time and cause disruptions.

Next time you catch yourself grumbling at roadworks, flip the frustration and think about the complexity behind each repair – the layers that go into building a road and the constant battle against water. Behind every delay there's a team working hard to keep us all safe and tyres rolling smoothly.



“FIRST I’VE HEARD OF IT!”

Our draft plans and strategies sometimes seem to appear out of the blue. We often hear “it’s the first I’ve heard of it” when putting a plan or policy out for public exhibition.

Although you may think these documents arrive without warning, there is actually a very structured process behind them. Our draft strategies, plans and policies are prepared by expert staff and often include input from specialist consultants, key stakeholders, and earlier Council work and resolutions.

Before a draft document is exhibited publicly it must first be approved by councillors as being suitable. That approval doesn’t mean it’s final or endorsed by councillors, just that it’s ready for community input – these are drafts, not finished products.

This public exhibition is a key driver of community feedback, giving everyone their chance for a say. We then use all the submissions and feedback to refine and improve the documents – or even go back to the drawing board entirely, as happened recently with the draft housing strategy – before settling on the final version that will be formally adopted by councillors.

So while it may feel sudden, that draft didn’t come from nowhere. It’s the result of considered work behind the scenes — and your input is vital in shaping what comes next.



POINTING TO THE FUTURE: Mayor Mathew Hatcher and planning staff asking for the community’s ideas about the Batemans Bay Masterplan, with hundreds attending the shopfront.

Unlocking 1,000 new homes

A significant infrastructure project is underway in our region, aiming to tackle rising housing stress and housing availability. It’s called the Moruya Housing Infrastructure Project and it’s paving the way for up to 1,000 new homes in south Moruya.

With the support of \$11.5 million from the NSW Government, the \$15.9 million project is building essential enabling infrastructure like roads, drainage, and footpaths to overcome a key blocker for development: the ‘who goes first’ dilemma.

“The first developers typically manage the essential infrastructure setup, a hurdle any subsequent developers bypass” says our manager of technical services, Tom Franzen.

“Reducing that front-end complexity can make the area more appealing for immediate development, allowing homes to be built.”

While all developers will be required to manage their on-site infrastructure, the project is providing the trunk drainage, roads and pathways for them to connect to. As well as new works, the funding has accelerated previously planned upgrades, like crucial improvements to the stormwater system in south Moruya, an enhanced pathway network, and traffic calming measures to ensure a safe road network. Eurobodalla is one of 36 selected council and agency-led projects sharing in \$254.1 million from the NSW Government in their efforts to support housing supply.

Investing in everyday needs

Last year’s Grants Strategy 2024-28 saw us shift gears on fund seeking – refocussing our efforts to work already on the books. Business-as-usual isn’t as sexy as big shiny ribbon-cutting projects, but good initiatives deserve support and advocacy does work. Here are a couple of projects (already planned and costed!) we’re working to fund. In April, councillors considered plans for a new animal shelter to replace the outdated complex at Moruya’s Pollwombra Road, giving the go ahead to find the additional money needed to build the facility. The new roundabout servicing Broulee Road and George Bass Drive has long been needed and we included some improvements to Broulee Road as well. Now, we’re looking for an extra \$2 million to widen the road at the quarry. Also needed is a roundabout servicing Train Street from George Bass Drive, supporting development and safety in this growing village, and particularly obvious at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Unearthing infrastructure with Zane

Cadet civil engineer Zane Davis has been learning the ins and out of pipes for the past three years. We picked Zane’s brain for some interesting facts on shire infrastructure, the building blocks and systems that power our daily lives.

- Excluding water and sewer, 78 percent of Council’s assets are transport and stormwater – roads, pathways, bus stops and bridges. Replacing all these assets today would cost over \$1.26 billion.

- We own and maintain 633km of sealed roads and 390km of unsealed roads. We maintain, renew and upgrade our road network on a priority and risk-based approach. We also inherit new roads from developers – it’s important we make sure these are built to standard to avoid unnecessary maintenance or extra responsibilities.
- We look after 9,600 stormwater systems in the shire, with a combined length of 213km.
- Around 38 percent of your rates go to transport and two percent go to stormwater. In total, we need an average of \$24 million each year over the next 10 years to maintain, renew and upgrade our transport and stormwater infrastructure to maintain the current level of service.
- Our existing funding provides an average of \$17 million each year for the next 10 years. We rely on state and federal funds along with developer contributions to fill the \$7 million gap.

- Road pavements are designed to last 40 - 50 years, but without proper maintenance and resurfacing, their lifespan significantly shortens. That’s why you’ll see us re-sealing roads that might look like they’re in ok condition.
- We’re currently renewing and upgrading roads nearing the end of their life in towns like Tuross Head and Malua Bay, adding stormwater and kerb and gutter infrastructure as well.



How sorting waste saves you money

A little effort can go a long way - sorting waste can reduce fees and landfill space. Sometimes we get hagglers at the weighbridge who think the fees are negotiable. That's not the case, Council's fees and charges are set to recover costs only, not make a profit.

Staff at Brou, Moruya and Surf Beach waste facilities are all about fairness and efficiency. They are trained to assess your load to figure out how much can be recovered and recycled. Sorting your waste ahead of time makes a big difference - not just for the environment, but for your wallet too.

Mixed loads are tricky. If a trailer is piled high with different materials, it's harder for weighbridge operators to determine what's recyclable and can result in higher fees. If you separate recyclable items like steel or polystyrene (which can be dropped into the designated areas for free), you'll save money and help keep unnecessary waste out of landfill.

By working together - sorting waste and doing the right thing - we can keep costs low and look after our environment. See our A-Z guide on waste and recycling on page 5.



Did you know

Surf Beach Waste Facility runs with a multi-million dollar annual budget and we're currently investing to future-proof the landfill cell that was damaged during the 2019/20 bushfires.

Weighbridge banter with Vicky

Like any customer-facing job, operating the weighbridge at Surf Beach tip comes with its challenges, but Vicky Peiti takes it all in her stride - with a smile, a bit of banter, and a great pair of earrings.

Meet Vicky Peiti - a weighbridge operator at Surf Beach Waste Facility. She brings "zhoosh" to the workplace, as she puts it. Her colourful earrings, statement hats and quirky hairstyles - she dresses to impress wherever she goes. "People laugh when they see me and it brightens their day," she said.

Her work at the weighbridge is never dull. From handling tricky customers to witnessing bizarre drop-offs - including a woman who sawed off her beloved horse's head for taxidermy - she's seen it all.

"It boggles my mind when elderly folks make a trip to drop off a single cardboard box or lone piece of polystyrene. For them, it's about the outing and the chat - I love that," Vicky said.

"The best part of the job is the people - the characters I meet and the team I work with."

Vicky said the most challenging part of her job was dealing with tricky customers, particularly those frustrated by load warnings. "We're just doing our duty of care to keep everyone safe," she explains. "And you also don't want people getting in trouble with police on the road - a hefty fine isn't something anyone wants."



LOADS AND LAUGHS: Surf Beach weighbridge operator Vicky Peiti loves to make people smile. She says it's the quick chats and cheerful customers that make her day.

What's happening in waste

Here's an update on what's new and what's returning in Council's world of waste...



Rads recycling

Imaging films, like X-rays, are now accepted for recycling at Brou, Moruya and Surf Beach tips. So when you and the doc are done with those radiograph, ultrasound or tomography prints, you know where to take them.



Dob in a dumper

From shopping trolleys to bathroom vanities, car tyres to building foam, each year, an average of 200 tonnes of rubbish is illegally dumped in Eurobodalla. While Council has a ranger dedicated to illegal dumping, it's a big job and we encourage concerned citizens to report dumpers using the Snap Send Solve app, by calling Council directly on 4474 1000 or email council@esc.nsw.gov.au We'll clean up as quick as we can and sometimes we find clues that can lead us to finding and fining the dumper.



Soft plastics on

Soft plastics like bread bags, bubble wrap, cling wrap, chocolate wrappers, zip-lock bags and silver-lined chip bags should not go in your recycling bin. But don't put them in your garbage bin - instead take them to the tip. There's dedicated soft-plastics bins in the recycling area to keep these items out of landfill. Some neighbourhoods have jumped on board too, organising communal bins and taking turns to do drop offs.



Textiles off

Not for the first time, we've had to suspend textile recycling. Unfortunately, our partner Upcycle 4 Better bit off more than they could chew - they're still in business but not taking content from councils. We're definitely - and defiantly - looking for alternatives and expect to have a new solution soon. But if you just can't hold on for a bit, textile waste goes to landfill incurring standard charges.



Deal with food waste at home

Our always popular worm-farming and home-composting workshops are on again in September. Learn the basics and take home a free kit to get you started. For dates and locations, click on the 'Events' link on Council's homepage or see the upcoming free workshops on page 6.



No bin fires here

Batteries should never go in the garbage. They can cause fires in your bin, in the garbage truck or at the tip, putting residents and workers at risk of injury. You can recycle household batteries for free at any of our waste facilities, Narooma and Batemans Bay libraries, or at Council's Moruya administration building on Vulcan Street. There's also plenty of supermarkets and retail businesses throughout Eurobodalla that will take your old batteries, searchable at bcycle.com.au



HOT GARBAGE: A truck forced to dump its load at Surfside when a battery caught fire.

Household waste and recycling calendar 2025-26

Area A	Monday	Wednesday
Recycling	Akolele	Broulee
Yellow lid bin.	Tilba Tilba	Mossy Point
Place on the kerb in the orange weeks.	Central Tilba	Glenduart
	Mystery Bay	Mogo
	Narooma	Tomakin
Organics	Tuesday	Guerilla Bay
Green lid bin.	Turlinjah	Rosedale
Place on the kerb in the pink weeks.	Tuross Head	Thursday
	Meringo	Surf Beach
	Bingie	Sunshine Bay
	Bergalia	Denhams Beach
General waste	Congo (rural)	Friday
Red lid bin.		North Batemans Bay
Place on the kerb each week.		Nelligen
		South Durras

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Area B	Monday	Wednesday
Recycling	Kianga	Malua Bay
Yellow lid bin.	Dalmeny	Lilli Pilli
Place on the kerb in the pink weeks.	Potato Point	West Rosedale
	Bodalla	Woodlands
	North Narooma	Thursday
Organics	Tuesday	Batehaven
Green lid bin.	Moruya	Catalina
Place on the kerb in the orange weeks.	North Moruya (to Guthrie Street)	Batemans Bay
	South Head	Friday
	Congo (township)	Maloneys Beach
General waste	Garlandtown	Long Beach
Red lid bin.	Donnelly Drive	Surfside
Place on the kerb each week.		

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Week	Town	2025 dates
1	Akolele, Tilba Tilba, Central Tilba, Mystery Bay, Narooma, North Narooma	21 July
2	Kianga, Dalmeny, Potato Point, Bodalla	28 July
3	Turlinjah, Tuross Head, Congo, Bingie, Meringo, Bergalia	4 August
4	Moruya, South Head, Garlandtown, Glenduart, Pollwombra, Malabar Dr, Percy Davis Dr	11 August
5	Bimbimbie, Mogo, Broulee, Mossy Point, Tomakin, Woodlands/Dunns Creek Rd, Guerilla Bay, Rosedale, West Rosedale	18 August
6	Malua Bay, Lilli Pilli, Surf Beach inc. The Ridge Rd, Kauzal Cres and Towrang Ave, Denhams Beach inc. Burkes Way	25 August
7	Denhams Beach from Burkes Way, Sunshine Bay, Batehaven	1 September
8	Catalina, Silverdell Pl through to Batemans Bay inc. Crosby Dr and Glenella Rd	8 September
9	North Batemans Bay inc. Peninsula Dr, Nelligen, Surfside, Bay Ridge, Clyde Rd and Cors Pde	15 September
10	Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, South Durras	22 September

Waste hotline – 4474 1024



MULCH MOUNTAINS: Brett and Jeff show off mountains of free mulch available from the Surf Beach tip.

Free green-waste drop-off becomes free mulch

Once again, we’re helping you prepare for the bushfire season with a couple of weeks of free green-waste disposal. You can dispose of vegetation at no cost at all three tips from Monday 15 to Sunday 28 September, to tie in with the Rural Fire Service’s ‘Get Ready’ weekend. So clean out your gutters and prune back shrubs and trees and drop it at the tip for free!

What happens to all that green-waste? Well we turn it into mulch for your garden available for free from our three waste facilities. Mulching helps retain soil moisture and control soil temperature – it even helps stop weeds

growing. Mulch is made from your green waste according to EPA requirements. To help ensure it’s quality, please refrain from putting plastic bags in your green bins.

Bin there, compost that – first steps to FOGO

We’re often asked about FOGO – Food Organics and Garden Organics – collection. What is it and when is it coming to Eurobodalla?

In a nutshell, all NSW households must have access to FOGO by 2030. It’s part of a push by the NSW Government to divert organic waste from landfill and that’s something we fully support. FOGO has benefits like reduced waste and methane emissions (a potent greenhouse gas) at landfills and the composted material can really give soil a boost. But there are challenges too, particularly around community education, prevention of bin contamination, infrastructure upgrades, and logistics around processing.

Rest assured; the process has started. Right now, we’re working with EPA to investigate opportunities for the Eurobodalla. We’ll keep you posted as the project moves along. In the meantime, you can take ownership of your food waste at home with easy home composting and worm farming. Check out our free workshop dates on page 6 or visit Council’s website for more information.

Eurobodallans divert 56% of their waste from landfill, comparing very well to other local government areas. Keep up the great work folks!

Free workshops

Get tips and tricks on worm farming or composting at Moruya Transfer Station. After the workshop you'll receive a free kit to get you started.

Composting

- Friday 12 September, 9.30am to 11am
- Saturday 13 September, 9.30am to 11am
- Saturday 20 September, 12pm to 1.30am

Worm Farming

- Friday 12 September, 12pm to 1.30pm
- Saturday 13 September, 12pm to 1.30pm
- Saturday 20 September, 9.30am to 11am

Bookings


Call Council's Waste Services on 4474 1024.

A-Z guide for waste and recycling

Unsure what goes where? Find the best way to dispose of unwanted items or recycle by using our A-Z guide.

Action key	Waste type	Action
1 General waste: red lid bin	Aerosol cans (empty)	2 4
2 Recycling: yellow lid bin	Batteries (household)	4 6 7 12
4 Recycled free at all Waste Management Facilities	Bottles (plastic/glass)	2 4
5 General waste at all WMF	Broken glass	1 5
6 Community Recycling Centre at Surf Beach WMF	Cardboard	2 4 10
7 Household chemical cleanout collection	Cling wrap/soft plastics	1 4
10 Compost bin/worm farm	Clothing/textiles	1 11 12
11 Charity	Coffee cups	1 5
12 Call Council on 4474 1024	Disposable nappies	1 5
13 Accepted at all WMF	Fluorescent tubes	4 6 7
	Jars (plastic/glass)	2 4

For the full A-Z guide scan the QR code or visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste



Waste type	Action
Ink cartridges	4 12
Lids (< credit card)	1 5
Lids (> credit card)	2 4
Meat trays (foam)	1 5
Newspaper	2 4 10
Polystyrene packaging	1 4
Shredded paper	1 5 10
Televisions	4
Waxed cardboard	1 5
X-rays	4



dhurga corner

This is the final edition of our regular column introducing dhurga words and culture, with help from our Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

In recent issues we've looked at some core principles – Land, Origins and Respect – of traditional LORE. This issue we'll consider the last principle – Elders. While E is the last letter, Elders come first because LORE is nothing without Elders

Elders carry the teachings of the land, story origins, and enforce respect for all beings. Elders show the way through responsibilities to the land. The give totems and help explain identity.

While Elders deserve and receive utmost respect, they also give back that respect to those who need it. LORE is like a puzzle created over our lifetimes and Elders help put that puzzle together. They are teachers but also know that we are – all of us – learners. They too are learning the next steps of life; how to be a teacher, how to be a listener, how to guide younger generations. Elders are not self-selected, they are selected through respect, reputation and knowledge.

- Muladha – old/wise woman
- Gamara – old/wise man
- Babadhal – geebung

The geebung tree grows edible berries, the fruit ripens and is best eaten as it falls from the tree. Be quick or wildlife will get the berries first!

Want to keep learning dhurga? Eurobodalla Libraries and local bookshops have copies of The Dhurga Dictionary and Learners Grammar, authored by locals Trish Ellis, Kerry Boyenga and Waine Donovan.

Find your fit, join a social group

According to a recent report, more than half of NSW adults aged 50 and over experience loneliness and isolation, with regional areas and groups such as those with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and carers experiencing even higher rates.

Eurobodalla's largest population age group is people aged 65+ and our median age of 54 is much higher than regional and state comparisons. Social groups are so important for this demographic.

While Council is transitioning out of providing disability and aged care services, social support groups and community transport services are here to stay.

Our team provides a number of group activities and outings. Whether enjoying lunch out, catching a movie, shopping, light exercise classes, or crafting – there's a friendly group ready to welcome new faces.

To attend you will require a CHSP referral code for Social Support Groups from My Aged Care or have approval from your Home

Care Package provider to have your package billed. Community Transport can also be arranged if required.

Interested? Give the team a buzz on 4474 1040 to find out more or join. If you want to give back, you can volunteer too. Opportunities include helping seniors stay independent, providing transport, and supporting social activities. It's a chance to make a difference and meet new people.

SENSIBLE SENIORS: Community health professionals from Meridian led a Seniors Week info session in March, addressing rising STI rates among older adults. They encouraged open conversations about sexual health and handed out specially designed condoms to the group.

Shaping the leaders of tomorrow

Hey teachers! We're bringing civic education to life for local schools. Come for a guided tour of the Council chamber and an instructional talk tailored to your curriculum. Your class can pitch big ideas at a simulated public access session or debate a local matter in the historic chamber. While discussions may get animated, Mayor Mathew Hatcher will be there to moderate. For more information or to book, call 4474 1358 or email executiveservices@esc.nsw.gov.au



WHAT'S ON

July-September 2025

For more events in Eurobodalla, visit whatson.eurobodalla.com.au and www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

July

Wednesday 2 July. NAIDOC Week Weaving Workshop with Toni Hill. Narooma Library, 10.30am-12pm. Learn simple weaving techniques to create a small woven basket to take home while connecting with cultural knowledge and traditions. \$5 per person, bookings required. Places are limited. esc.nsw.gov.au/events

Sustainable Kitchens Workshop. Join this hands-on workshop to create an all-natural cleaning product and discover simple, everyday changes that reduce waste and embrace eco-friendly habits. Cost is free. Bookings required. esc.nsw.gov.au/events
Thursday 3 July, Moruya Library, 10.30am-12pm.
Tuesday 22 July, Batemans Bay, 10.30am-12pm.
Wednesday 30 July, Narooma Library, 10.30am-12pm

Saturday 5 July. Boo Seeka Raw Files Tour. Smokey Dan's, Tomakin, 5-10pm. Expect reimagined versions of fan favourites, unreleased gems, and honest storytelling from one of Australia's most magnetic voices. Tickets \$45. events.humanitix.com

Junior ranger: Eurobodalla coastal adventure. Become a junior ranger these school holidays on this family-friendly guided tour in Eurobodalla National Park. Get close to nature during a range of hands-on activities like a scavenger hunt and orienteering. Cost is \$15. nationalparks.nsw.gov.au
Tuesday 8 July. Dalmeny Beach, 9-11am and 12-2pm.
Wednesday 9 July. Broulee Island, 9-11am and 12-2pm.

Friday 11 July. Abbalanche - The Australian Abba Tribute Show. Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay. Whether you're a die-hard Abba fan, or just looking for a night of pure entertainment, Abbalanche promised an unforgettable experience that will leave you beaming and reminiscing long after the final song. Tickets \$64.95 - \$69.90. baypavilions.com.au

12-13 July. Fox Superflow Mogo Mania. Mogo Trails. A multi-day gravity adventure with six thrilling race stages. Ride at your own pace, tackle up to five runs per track, and compete in age-based categories. The race village will be buzzing with live timing, bike exhibits, music, and food. Cost to enter. rockytrailssuperflow.com

Friday 18 July. Disco Revolution: Night Fever Tour 2025, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 7.30pm. Enjoy classics from Earth Wind and Fire, Donna Summer, Chic, Bee Gees, The Village People, and new hits from the Night Fever album. Tickets \$65-\$80. baypavilions.com.au

Saturday 19 July. Nightshift "Blast from the Past". Moruya Golf Club, 7.30pm. A reunion performance by Nightshift, the rock and roll band that entertained crowds from Nowra to Eden in the '80s and '90s. The five-piece will play two 75-minute sets featuring hits from Mondo Rock, Crowded House, Billy Joel, AC/DC, Van Halen, INXS, Dragon, and Midnight Oil. Tickets \$15. moruyagolfclub.com.au

Monday 21 July. Thoroughbred Racing. Moruya Jockey Club. 12-5pm. Experience the thunder of hooves and the thrill of the finishing line at the legendary Moruya Jockey Club. moruyajockeyclub.com.au

Friday 25 July. Akmal. Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 8pm. Australia's comedy powerhouse Akmal returns with his smash-hit tour, delivering lightning-fast, unscripted comedy gold. As seen on Thank God You're Here, Have You Been Paying Attention? Just for Laughs, and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala. Tickets \$49.90-\$54.90. baypavilions.com.au

Sunday 27 July. National Tree Day: Plant, Toy, and Clothes Swap. Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, 10am-2pm. Eurobodalla residents can swap environmental weeds for free native plants and get expert gardening advice from Council's environment team. Joining forces with Vinnies Moruya, there's a clothes swap too. Bring up to five items of clean, undamaged clothing. You can also bring used toys in good working order to swap. Free event.

Sunday 27 July. 5 Easy Trees for the Home Garden with Dylan Morrissey. Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden Visitor Centre, 10.30am-12pm. Join this National Tree Day workshop dedicated to tree planting and garden design. Learn how to select the perfect species and create a thriving landscape with native trees and shrubs. Cost is \$10. Bookings essential. erbg.org.au

August

Tuesday 5 August and Sunday 17 August. Thoroughbred Racing. Moruya Jockey Club. 12-5pm. Experience the thunder of hooves and the thrill of the finishing line at the legendary Moruya Jockey Club. moruyajockeyclub.com.au

Wednesday 6 August. Dance it Up 50+ dance classes. Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay. These weekly classes are perfect for anyone wanting to improve their overall fitness, coordination, flexibility, balance and strength. Learn multiple dance styles ranging from Ballet to Bollywood. A chance to find your groove and move expressively to uplifting music. Cost \$15. eventbrite.com.au

Sunday 10 August. Swingin' Sixties & Boogie Wonderland with PLATINUM. Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, 1.30-4pm. PLATINUM brings a high-energy double live show featuring rock 'n' roll hits from the sixties and dancefloor classics from the disco era. Tickets \$22.50. baysoldiers.com.au

Saturday 16 August. Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase. Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 7.30pm. A jam-packed night of pure entertainment featuring some of the hottest acts from the 2025 Sydney Comedy Festival. Enjoy two hours of hard-hitting laughter with a mix of veteran favourites and fresh emerging talent. Tickets \$45. baypavilions.com.au

Tuesday 19 August. Waltzing the Wilarra. Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 7.30pm. An Australian musical that will take you back to 1940's post war Perth. The trio reflects upon loves lost and found, old arguments and alliances resurface. Tickets \$43.90 - \$48.90. baypavilions.com.au



September

Saturday 6 September. Darren Coggan - Fire and Rain the James Taylor Songbook. Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay 7.30pm. Multi award winning performer, Darren Coggan, takes us on an eloquent journey through the songbook of one of the most magnetic figures in the music world, James Taylor. Tickets \$65. baypavilions.com.au

Thursday 11 September. Confetti & Chaos. Club Malua, 6.30pm. This immersive theatre experience features four talented performers portraying nine outrageous characters, delivering quick-fire laughs, unexpected twists, and heartfelt moments—all while you enjoy a delectable three-course meal. From the moment you arrive to the final dance, you'll be part of the action in the most unforgettable (and hilariously disastrous) wedding reception you've ever attended! Tickets \$89. clubmalua.com.au

Home composting workshops Learn how to use a hot composting machine and get a free composting kit for the household. Held at Moruya waste transfer station. Free, bookings are essential, esc.nsw.gov.au/events
Friday 12 September, 9.30-11am
Saturday 13 September, 9.30-11am
Saturday 20 September, 12-1.30pm

Worm farming workshops Get your hands dirty and learn how to start a home worm farm. Get guidance, a goody bag, and free worm farming kit for the household. Held at Moruya waste transfer station. Free, bookings are essential, esc.nsw.gov.au/events
Friday 12 September, 12-1.30pm
Saturday 13 September, 12-1.30pm
Saturday 20 September, 9.30-11am

Saturday 13 September. Horizon Apartments Narooma Forest Rally. Bill Smyth Memorial Oval, Narooma, 9am-9pm. A competitive motorsport event on closed gravel roads within the forests surrounding Narooma and Bodalla. Experienced competitors compete against the clock in highly modified vehicles, providing a fantastic attraction for spectators of all ages. Spectating is free.

Monday 15 to Sunday 28 September. Free green waste drop-off. Surf Beach, Moruya, Brou waste facilities. Get your property ready for bushfire season and drop off your green waste for free. Clean up those leaves and twigs, prune back your trees and shrubs, and bring them to your waste facility during opening hours. esc.nsw.gov.au/waste

Tuesday 16 September. Thoroughbred Racing. Moruya Jockey Club, 12-5pm. Experience the thunder of hooves and the thrill of the finishing line at the legendary Moruya Jockey Club. moruyajockeyclub.com.au

Saturday 20 September. Hans 'Young Fun & 21'. Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 7.30pm. International cabaret sensation Hans is turning 21! After decades of global fame, the Berlin-born star is finally revealing (almost) all in this highly anticipated coming-of-age cabaret show. Expect a wild ride full of laughter, music, and glittering moments. Tickets \$74.95 - \$79.95. baypavilions.com.au

River of Art

Friday 26 Sept – Monday 6 Oct
Celebrating the arts scene along the South Coast. Paintings, sculpture, performances, music and creative workshops. riverofart.com.au

Sunday 21 September. Luminescence Chamber Singers, 'Garden of Earthly Delights'. Saint Bernard's Catholic Church, Batehaven, 2-4pm. A six-voice ensemble that celebrates the expressive potential of our original instrument: the unaccompanied human voice. Tickets \$55. southcoastmusicsociety.com

Markets

SAGE Farmers' Markets, Moruya Tuesdays, 3-5pm Riverside Park, Shore Street, Moruya. Award-winning market showcasing local produce. sagefarmersmarket.org.au

Batehaven Mini Market Wednesdays, 11.30am-2pm, Country Women's Association, Edward Road, Batehaven. Produce, unique arts and crafts, woodwork, preserves and baked goods.

Edward Road Market Place Wednesday to Sunday, check Facebook for businesses and opening hours, Edward Road, Batehaven. Plants, art, music, flowers, produce, craft and vintage treasures.

Moruya Country Market Saturdays, 8am-12.30pm, Riverside Park, Shore Street, Moruya. Live music, arts and crafts, food, coffee, fresh produce, clothing and books. moruyacountrymarket.com.au

Nelligen Village Markets Second Saturday of the month, 9am-2pm, Nelligen Community Hall, Braidwood Street, Nelligen. Origami, quilting, pottery, plants, produce and old wares.

Tilba Market Saturdays, 8am-12pm, Central Tilba Hall, Bate Street. Local produce including eggs, honey, jams, preserves, baked treats and handmade items.

Batemans Bay Sunday Markets First and third Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm. Waterfront, Clyde Street, Batemans Bay. Local produce, arts and crafts and second-hand items.

Narooma Rotary Markets Fourth Sunday of the month, 8.30am-1pm, NATA Oval, Bluewater Drive, Narooma. Food, coffee, clothing, books, arts and crafts, plants and local produce.

Council meetings

Attend a council meeting in person or online for your dose of democracy in action. Find everything you need including registering and presenting, meeting times, agendas and minutes esc.nsw.gov.au/meetings

Storytime

Storytime for kids is free at your local library. Every Monday at Batemans Bay, Wednesdays at Moruya, and Thursdays at Narooma from 10.30am during the school term. esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries

3Bs playgroups

Families with children under school age can join in free playgroups with stories, music and activities that promote school readiness. Various locations across Eurobodalla. esc.nsw.gov.au/children

Library sensory-friendly

Once a month Eurobodalla Libraries adjust their environment for people with sensory needs, so they can browse the library with reduced lighting, noise and distractions. esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries



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TRAIL TROOPS: It's been a massive effort with a cast of thousands. Here's just some of the crew bringing Mogo Trails to life.

Mogo Trails fast pacing into racing

From social rides and club races to coaching clinics and working bees, Batemans Bay Mountain Bike Club volunteers are making the most of this 125km network right in their backyard.

Club president Jamie Clout said the trails aren't just tracks in the dirt - they're a game-changer for the community.

"The trails are drawing riders in and giving us a world-class playground right in our backyard," Jamie said.

With more than 150 members and still growing, BBMTB has been there every step of the way, building the hype and making sure riders of all levels feel welcomed.

"The buzz is real, and we're just getting started - there's so much more to come!"

Over the past few weekends, the club held

its first season of cross-country style racing to suit different age groups and skill levels.

"From our member survey, riders said they were itching to get back into club racing, so we designed a series to be fun, competitive, and accessible."

Jamie said AusCycling Race memberships can be pricey, so the series was an opportunity for newcomers to try before they buy.

"We had a number of riders use the four-week free trial and race all three rounds - they loved it."

On top of the local racing action, the club is gearing up to host round three of the NSW/ACT XCO State Series in collaboration with AusCycling over July 5-6.

"This state-level event is a great chance to showcase Mogo Trails and give our riders the competitive challenge they've been asking for," Jamie said.

Interstate event organisers have their eyes on Mogo Trails too. A gravity enduro race called Capital Kamakaze is coming to Mogo and Narooma in August and September. And the biggest of them all will be Sea Otter Australia in October!

Trail talk on the tip of tongues

Are you riding electric or acoustic? Oh, you're running a mullet. Well expect even more speed because the trails are dialled right now, they're running hot and rolling fast.

This is the kind of lingo you can expect to hear as we see more and more mountain bikers come to ride, stay and explore.

And it's not just riders who've been gearing up for Mogo Trails - more than 130 local businesspeople joined our Ride Ready sessions to learn that lingo, understand the trail networks, and get a head start connecting to our mountain biking buddies to keep them coming back. It's not too late

to access these resources - contact us to find out more at council@esc.nsw.gov.au

We took the success of Narooma Trails as a guide to help pave the way. Narooma Mountain Bike Club president Georgie Staley shared some great advice at the March 2025 Ride Ready session: "You don't need to jump on a bike yourself, but understanding the trails and what riders are looking for goes a long way - visitor experience is everything," she said.

"When riders have a great time, they spread the word - and that impact is huge." The club's surveys back that up, showing over half their trail visitors came through word of mouth.

Good trails get locals talking, exploring, and showing off their backyard to visitors.

The 29 kilometre Burnaaga trail from the top of Mt Wandera to Mogo is already a crowd favourite.

Juliane and Martin Wisata directors of Rocky Trail Destinations have been sharing the stoke for Mogo Trails far and wide. But they didn't just spread the word, they helped make it happen. Contracted to build Mogo Trails, they poured their expertise into shaping something special. And it wasn't just a job - it was a passion project that pulled them in for good. They relocated to Eurobodalla to live their mountain bike dream, growing their business and backing the local riding scene.

"Good trails don't just attract riders - they create communities and fuel adventures. They've turned our love of riding into a way of life," Juliane said.

From one project onto another, the Wisata's are taking things to another level, bringing the global mountain biking event Sea Otter to Batemans Bay in October.

Check out www.mogotrails.com

Sea Otter Australia – could this be Eurobodalla's biggest sports event?

It's happening this October. The team at Rocky Trail Destination - the same crew who helped bring Mogo Trails to life - are bringing a global mountain biking expo and racing event to Batemans Bay.

Picture a massive festival at Hanging Rock, with over 150 top brands showing off the latest gear, offering demo rides, and serving up exclusive deals. Across the weekend, there'll be marathon and sprint races on Mogo Trails, plus a big gravel ride through Mogo State Forest.

For extra entertainment, there'll be freestyle stunts and even beach battles on bikes back at Hanging Rock. While the spotlight is on the riders, the celebrations go well beyond the podium. Expect kids' activities, skills sessions, games, and plenty to see and do. Daily social rides and shuttled experiences to Mogo and Narooma trails round out three days of excitement.

Sea Otter Australia is the southern hemisphere debut of the renowned Sea Otter Classic in Europe and America. The US event attracts over 80,000 visitors annually. While expectations aren't that high, numbers are expected to grow after its first year here. Rocky Trail secured a 10-year license for this event, which is big news for our region. It will bring in thousands of visitors, local businesses will get a boost, and Mogo Trails will become a global name.

Save the date October 24-26

If you want to get involved as a volunteer, event staff, supplier or just a curious visitor - head to the Sea Otter Australia website and connect with the Rocky Trail team.