

# Living in

# EUROBODALLA

## Community news from your Council

### IN BRIEF

#### Mother nature shields Narooma's shore

We're thrilled with how the Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline is looking now all the earthworks and restoration are done. Already the sandstone steps are getting a lot of use by locals and visitors.

The 17,500 native plants are growing well, millions of rock oysters have taken root on the rocky reef, and we've just seeded angasi oysters; fingers crossed they like the place as much as we do.

There's still some infrastructure to put in. The boardwalk is already looking good, and those viewing platforms to the reefs will be just the spot to shout yourself five minutes of 'me time'. Next in, the jetty and pontoon to the deep hole, which we expect to have done by September. To finish off, we'll add some fancy educational signs, adding to the dhurga name plates already installed, and a feature sculpture too.

But no need to wait. Get along and enjoy this magic place in the very heart of Narooma right now.

It's been a big project but such a satisfying one, working with our partners from DPI Fisheries and The Nature Conservancy Australia – with funding from state and federal governments – to put in place a natural and, frankly, beautiful way to protect the coastline with a multitude of social, environmental and recreational benefits.

#### Shells longer shelf-life

What to do with 1.2 tonnes of oyster shells? Our Zero Hero volunteers were back at this year's Narooma Oyster Festival, diverting oyster shells from landfill. 63,000 oysters were devoured over a weekend and the shells saved will get a second life on artificial reefs or crafted into homewares. Some will end up in gin and even an oyster stout!



HANG OUT: Kids stop in for arts and crafts, football, board games, or to sit and chat.

## TAKING THE YOUTH SHOW ON THE ROAD

Seeing young people at a skate park certainly isn't uncommon. Seeing a bunch of comfy pillows and colourful mats scattered nearby might make you pause a moment but you'll soon be seeing a lot more of it thanks to our new youth van.

The van has replaced Eurobodalla's Youth Cafés, giving Council's youth team the ability to take their show on the road. Youth development officer Ashley Darby said the van helps remove a big barrier to the team's engagement with young people – transport.

"There's a lot of disparity in this shire and transport is a big problem for young people. We developed this alternative approach so we go to them rather than them to us," says Ashley.

"We got the van last year to provide recreational activities at the Bay on a Wednesday. We're coming soon to Narooma on a Thursday, with more destinations planned as we get rolling."

Ashley said van activities were determined in collaboration with Council's Youth Committee; kids want an unstructured environment where they come along and feel comfortable doing different activities. This easy-going approach allows the youth services team more time to focus on providing that safe space where kids are able to express themselves.

"We can see over time that if something's going on in a young person's life, even if they're not comfortable speaking about it at school or home, they'll still come to see us and let us know because we've built that trust," says Ashley.

"They know they can turn to our staff as a safe and responsible support network."

#### Local voices, local choices

If you're enrolled in the Eurobodalla local government area, then you'll be voting for your preferred candidates for councillors and mayor on Saturday 14 September.

Councillors are your elected delegates, there to make informed decisions representing the collective interests of residents and ratepayers, and steering Council's policies and work priorities.

Over the last term, councillors have worked hard to ensure they're available and accessible, with an improved Council Meeting format incorporating the Public Forum, and monthly Councillor Catch Ups at different locations.

We hosted an information session for potential election candidates at the end of June to make sure your aspiring representatives know what they're in for.

Voting is mandatory and Eurobodalla's local government election will be administered by the NSW Electoral Commission. Remember, it's not only residents who can vote, some non-resident ratepayers are eligible too – find all the info on the NSW Electoral Commission's website.

#### Fixing our finances

Council is committed to getting its budget back in the black. General manager Warwick Winn kicked things off in 2023 with a savings drive, tasking the organisation to find across-the-board efficiencies. And there's more to come in 2024-25 – by reprioritising capital works and modifying some services – we're expecting almost \$5M in further savings, reducing the projected deficit to \$8M, from almost \$14M in 2022-23.

Along the way, the GM - joined by Mayor Mathew Hatcher and finance director Steph Speedy – has enjoyed hosting community information sessions, explaining the steps we're taking to fix our finances and taking plenty of questions from the floor. To find out more, search 'Financial forecast' on our website.

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BAS BLISS: Indi, Sue and Caleb apply final touches to the Geoffrey Odger exhibition 'Stoic Permanence, Spiritual Joy' back in May.

# Bas blossoms with artists-first approach

It's fair to say our much-loved Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre – known to one and all as 'the Bas' – has come of age. Now in its fifth year, the gallery is becoming known for strong relationships; with artists, with other galleries, with volunteers, with art lovers and gallery goers, and – of course – with patron Basil Sellers AM.

The tiny team of two – our arts development coordinator Indi Carmichael and part-time gallery officer Sue Blackburn – lean on a dedicated bunch of volunteers who help make the gallery tick (see Jill Howell story page 4), and this year joined by Council trainee Caleb Sparks, for an all-in collective effort that's pushing the Bas beyond mere best practice.

The Bas team is creating an art space where exhibitors enjoy a close working relationship with the gallery. February's exhibition 'Light Shadow Form Space - 4 conversations' saw Diane Appleby, Margaret Ainscow, Jo Victoria and Stephanie Simko spending hours at the Bas, working with Indi on the lights to get those shadows tweaked just as the artists wanted.

We're also looking forward to seeing Saturday afternoons pump with another Bas initiative. Art-ready Saturday Sessions are practical workshops to help artists become professionals, learning how to stretch a canvas or the techniques to photograph work better.

Budding young artists and art lovers have always been a focus, with the Little Sellers Art Prize attracting many entries from school-aged locals. And now trainee Caleb is tasked with developing a pamphlet for parents to pick up and explore the gallery with their kids. It's been on the radar for a while but that extra pair of hands makes it possible.

That simple piece of paper is an easy way into the arts for young people who, 25 years down the track, become those very adults who go to galleries, who can interpret and enjoy what they see there, and who want to invest in the arts for their own children's future.

Of course, there would be no Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre without the Basil Sellers Art Prize, the two go hand-in-glove.

Now in its 20th year, the \$25,000 acquisitive award – to be judged by Gallery of NSW senior Australian art curator Denise Mimmocchi – opens Friday 6 December. But the work starts now!

## Aboriginal art elevates

You may have noticed we've been introducing Aboriginal art into our work around the place, and there's a few very good reasons why.

Whether it's the town signs, sculptures, murals, or concrete stencilling on infrastructure projects across Eurobodalla, we're actively trying to increase the amount of beautiful Aboriginal art by local artists in our community.

One of the main reasons for this is simple: people want to see it. Visitors and locals want to learn more about the culture of our beautiful area and develop an understanding and connection with the land.

So we've been installing more Aboriginal art in popular spots, including Observation Point at Batehaven and the Living Shoreline at Narooma.

Another big reason for the increase is the improving relationships Council has with our vibrant Indigenous community, the traditional owners of this land.

We've just finished upgrade works on Brierleys boat ramp near the Moruya airport, which includes informative signs telling the story of the Brierley family's long connection to the site.

We worked with the family to create a heritage conservation area under the *Local Environment Planning Act*.

Finally, and possibly most importantly, more Aboriginal art means more opportunities for our talented local artists to showcase their creativity and skill. For instance, we commissioned Bronwen Smith from Gwiyaala Aboriginal Art to produce the mural at Observation Point that reflects the significance that area holds for Aboriginal people. Nigel Stewart is working on the Living Shoreline art for us, and Leanne Brook and Natalie Bateman are producing pieces we'll incorporate into our corporate documents and uniform, and to liven up the Moruya admin building. The feedback has been immensely positive from all corners of the community.

## dhurga corner

This regular column introduces dhurga words and culture, with help from our Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Over the next four issues of Living In Eurobodalla, we'll look at some core principles of traditional lore: land, origins, respect and elders. We'll also feature traditional bushfood and its use.

Historical and current customs, values and codes of behaviour are governed by cultural lore. Of course, lore is present in all cultures, a major influence on how people interact that encourages appropriate and respectful behaviour. Traditionally, Aboriginal lore is passed down verbally through story, song, dance and the land itself.

### Land *minga bagan – Mother Earth*

In yuin culture there was never 'hello' or 'goodbye', only 'safe journey'. The word walawaani is used to welcome people on to Country and farewell them from it.

Land (more currently - Mother Earth) gives us everything we need. Providing shelter, food, warmth, and tools while never expecting anything in return.

A lot of traditional Aboriginal teaching comes from Mother Earth; this is called the language of the land. She teaches caring for self, living in a functioning society, what foods to eat and when to eat them. In yuin culture, country is family and church, a sacred place, centred strongly within culture.

### Bushfood *wadhan – native grass*

Many native grasses were used to make bread, including kangaroo grass and spear grass – both are full of nutrients. Their big root systems also nourish and benefit the land in many ways.

Eurobodalla Libraries and local bookshops have copies of *The Dhurga Dictionary and Learner's Grammar*, authored by Trish Ellis, Kerry Boyenga and Waine Donovan.



# What brings you here?

In four short years since escaping from Canberra and the pandemic, Caroline and Imogen now head up one of the region's most popular cafés. They share their story in this regular feature about Eurobodalla's business owners, entrepreneurs and visionaries changing our region for the better.

Salt, a gorgeous café tucked into the marina on the shores of the Wagonga Inlet in Narooma.

The friends and business partners had first met in 2009 while working at a gourmet food and wine store in Canberra, and spent the next decade on their own adventures before finding themselves living not too far from each other in Tuross Head.

Imogen – or 'Immy' to her mates – was working as a chef at the Pickled Octopus in Tuross Head, but found herself wanting to do her own thing.

*"... it grew from an idea into something where we thought we could do it together."*

"I was imagining in my spare time what I could do on my own and coming up with ideas but doing it solo meant it was always more of an ideas thing than something I could bring into fruition," she said.

"Caroline and I were hanging out and it grew from an idea into something where we thought we could do it together."

Caroline was working online in digital marketing but decided to take the leap and start the business alongside Imogen and it has gone from strength to strength ever since.

"Before we decided exactly what we wanted to do, the first thing we did was meet other business owners and locals," Caroline said.

"We started talking to people: folks that ran other businesses, producers of different foods, coffee roasters, and then we had divine timing where the spot kind of landed right in our laps.



"It was just incredible. The previous owner was ready to move on and just thought we'd be the perfect people to take over."

Although the middle of a global pandemic may seem like the worst possible time to start a business, Imogen and Caroline described it as "perfect timing".

*Salt has quickly become one of the most popular coffee spots in Narooma, one that is almost exclusively stocked with produce from local suppliers.*

"There wasn't a lot people could do, but one thing they could do was go out and get a coffee," Caroline said.

"We got to meet a lot of the locals, and we formed really special relationships from the beginning.

"We're pinching ourselves still about how great this is, and how it keeps growing as the months go by."

Salt has quickly become one of the most popular coffee spots in Narooma, one that is almost exclusively stocked with produce from local suppliers.

"I've written all the different menus we've done, and it changes often based on seasonality," Imogen said.

Imogen and Caroline's journey in Eurobodalla's hospitality scene may still be young, and looks to be heading in a very exciting direction, but they both agree on one thing: They wouldn't do it with anyone else.

"I love working with Caroline," Imogen said. "I knew we had great complimentary skills to work together as café owners, but my mind has really been blown with how in tune we've been with what we've needed.

"We've never had a problem together."

"The staff have been great as well," Caroline said. "We both had babies within the first year of opening Salt, and we would have drowned if not for the amazing team who love the café as if it's their own.

"We don't have to worry about it when we're not there, and we can happily raise babies and run a business without too much fuss."

## Repair regime

The sun returned after a very wet week in early May, bringing with it that old bugbear: potholes. As always, we deployed our crews to get stuck into the local road repairs as fast as possible.

You will remember though, potholes on the Princes Highway are the responsibility of Transport for NSW. Rest assured Council keeps in regular contact with them to monitor particularly nasty spots.

Our crews continue repairs on the busiest local roads with cold mix shoveled directly into the hole to fix them up. We keep records of these temporary fixes so we can prioritise more permanent works.

So far in this financial year, we've fixed more than 3,500 potholes and completed more than 34,000 sqm of heavy patching. That's about five full football fields of repairs in less than 12 months.

Unfortunately, potholes remain an ongoing problem for every shire in the country, not just Eurobodalla. Our best advice is to drive to the conditions you have on the road, not the conditions you want. It could save you a very expensive trip to the tyre shop (or worse).

## Deua boat-ramp

Eurobodalla is blessed with stunning waterways and access to some of the world's best beaches, and we provide a range of facilities to help residents and visitors make the most of them.

In the last few months we've upgraded two prime spots on the banks of the Moruya River, just in from the river mouth. On the south bank there's a beautiful new timber fishing platform nestled alongside the Preddys Wharf boat ramp.

Almost directly opposite at North Head, Brierleys boat ramp had a major overhaul with new boat-trailer parking, a flash amenities block and undercover barbecue area. It's hard to imagine a more idyllic spot to throw in a line.

The area around Brierleys boat ramp has significant historical importance to local Aboriginal families, so the upgrade was designed with deep respect to cultural values, which also inform the artwork and signs integrated into the build.



## Young scholars challenge councillors

Fantastic to welcome Year 4 students from Moruya's St Mary's to the Council Chamber in April.

These students impressed, participating in a mock Public Access session and definitely holding councillors to account – rubbish and potholes were popular topics! – their youthful vitality brought the Chamber to life.



# Community lifeblood



There are 730 incredible people who donate their time to Council's community programs and services – that's more volunteers than Council staff!

In this edition of Living in Eurobodalla, we feature volunteers from Council's Y drive, Community Care, Botanic Gardens, Environment Services and The Bas. Without volunteers our community would crumble.

## Want to become a volunteer?

Volunteering with Council is easy. Head to our Volunteers webpage to read about the different programs we run and the opportunities they present.

Then register your interest using the simple online form provided. We can't wait to welcome you aboard.



**MILESTONE:** Mayor Mathew Hatcher celebrates the Y drive program's 300th licence with mentor Andrew Border and participant Stephanie Bow.

## Hatcher hails helping hands

Mayor Mathew Hatcher is a busy guy but loves to volunteer when he can – whether that's jumping behind the canteen on game day or fundraising for non-profits. Here's his two cents on the importance of volunteering in our community ...

Living in a rural area, volunteers aren't just a nice addition, they're the lifeblood of our community.

Eurobodalla covers a large area, and within it, each town has its own unique activities and events happening where every pair of hands counts.

We all have something valuable to contribute, whether it's time, skills, or simply a willingness to lend a hand or a listening ear.

Whether it's mentoring someone younger, providing leadership, volunteers not only make a difference—they inspire others to do the same.

If everyone was able to give a little bit of time it would make a huge difference. Time is the valuable thing you need to be willing to give to become a volunteer. It's about choosing to invest your time where it counts most. You can light up someone else's world with your generosity and kindness.

If you're still not convinced, why not start small? Maybe it's cooking sausages at your local sports club or helping a neighbour with their garden. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, ripples through our community, making it stronger, brighter and more vibrant.



DI CLARK spends her Tuesdays in the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden herbarium.

## Di propagates partnerships

Volunteers are truly the backbone of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden.

More than 100 passionate green thumbs and nature nerds pour their hearts into the looks, upkeep and activities at the garden.

There's volunteers in the herbarium looking after the collection while others prune and buzz about, maintaining the garden grounds. There's a keen group of educators who volunteer with school groups and guide monthly walks. Volunteers also welcome people into the garden's visitors centre with the biggest smiles.

In the nursery, volunteer groups come and go every day to produce and maintain plants – this is where you will find Di Clark.

Di gets a kick out of learning scientific plant names as they are collected, numbered, and entered into the data system. Every Tuesday her group comes in to propagate plants and tend to seedlings.

After school, Di studied botany and zoology then owned a nursery. She moved on to work at Melbourne's royal botanic gardens and was soon ready for a coastal change. In 2016, she scored the supervisor job in the nursery at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden.

Instead of supervising staff, Di was working with volunteers – quite a culture shock compared to the big city.

"Eurobodalla's garden is punching well above its weight; it's amazing what's achieved because of the volunteers," Di said.

Di transitioned to retirement but couldn't let go of the atmosphere and friendships on the job.

"It felt a bit weird coming back to work as a volunteer, but it's such a wonderful place. I couldn't imagine having this much fun anywhere else."

Di settled into the volunteer lifestyle, saying it's tricky to give up being "in the know" all the time, however admired the new supervisors and their collaboration with volunteers.

Every Tuesday she meets the same group of keen green thumbs in the nursery.

"It gets chilly in winter, but it's great working outdoors. There's always so much work to be done, but we do like to take time out to talk about plants and look at insects."

## Andy's investing time for richer lives

A serious accident left Andy Hodson with a life-long injury. After learning to walk again, he realised life was short and you don't need much to be happy.

For the past 19-years, he travelled Australia moving about free campsites with his infamous chihuahua, Rocky.

Life on the road helped Andy slow down and it was a quirky series of events that grounded him in Moruya. The motor blew up in his van and he made some special friendships here, so he's stayed put. "I was so lucky to have landed here, it's such a prime spot."

Andy signed up as a volunteer out of the need to "do something" when his beloved Rocky died aged 23. He's become a popular character supporting Council's Community Care programs, taking elderly men on outings, giving them a new lease on life.

"It means a lot to them; they look forward to it each week and so do I."



ANDY HODSON is a free spirit who fulfills his life volunteering.

Andy also spends three days a week volunteering with Anglicare, and says spending time with older people has reinforced his perception on life.

"They have amazing stories and I learn a lot from them. They have taught me to be patient and let things be as life goes on. I've found that having less can make me feel richer."



## Jill finds fellow travellers

Moving to Eurobodalla in 2014, Jill Howell thought volunteering might be a way to meet others and get to know some faces around town.

One friend was volunteering at the zoo, showing groups of children around, but "I'm not really good with children so that wasn't for me" says Jill.

What was for Jill, it turns out, was our Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, despite not being the least bit artistic herself.

"I enjoy seeing the changes with each exhibition," says Jill. "I don't know enough about art to hold erudite conversations – I tend to hold my tongue. People are very interested in the gallery itself, why it's called 'the Bas', how did it get to be here."

From when it opened in February 2019, Jill's always had an interest, attending the grand opening and a regular visitor since. After chatting with a volunteer behind the desk at a 2020 exhibition, Jill signed up.

*"... it's making Eurobodalla a main attraction for arty folk."*

"They provide an orientation. There's no roster you must stick to, rather it's a matter of do it when you can. I'm not that regular, maybe two or three times each exhibition. Some days it's quiet, others very busy. Some people like to offer their expert opinion – in great detail – while others whip in-round-and-out in no time."



**JILL HOWELL** foregrounding a Geoffrey Odgers painting at the Bas.

Jill says she enjoys shows that attract the locals. One exhibition included streetscapes of Broulee and a couple came in whose house had been painted.

"While painting that house the artist could see the gentleman owner peering out, watching him paint. I pointed out to the couple that the artist had captured that in the painting – the man's shape a shadow behind the screen door."

Making friends with other volunteers, and with Indi and Sue who run the Bas, Jill says volunteering at the gallery suits her well.

"It's a great place and it's close by. We are so lucky to have the patronage of Basil Sellers. This gallery has given us so much – it's making Eurobodalla a main attraction for arty folk."

## Road rules with Robyn

On a winter's evening, Robyn Major drives to the Toyota Yaris parked in Narooma – one of the six Y drive cars. She hops in and goes to pick up the learner driver she is mentoring.

A trip from Narooma to Ulladulla and back should be an easy three hours – a good contribution to the logbook. Nowadays, 20 hours of night driving and a total of 120 hours experience is required to gain a licence.

Over the past four years, Robyn has mentored six learner drivers of the Y drive program.

After working a busy corporate job in Canberra, Robyn chose the quiet countryside of Bodalla to retire with her partner. At times she felt rural life can get a bit "too quiet".

"I don't like to be bored," Robyn laughed. "I like doing lots of different things."

As soon as she retired, Robyn joined the Rural Fire Service and Council's Y drive program, where she is currently one of 30 mentors to 199 learner drivers.

Y drive supports teens and adults who are facing setbacks to gaining their drivers licence. Access to a car, help with licence fees, as well as a bunch of volunteer mentors have contributed to the success of 340 learners becoming independent on the road over the years.



**ROBYN MAJOR** shares her wealth of knowledge with learner drivers.

"As Y drive mentors, we have helped kids get a better start to life. Transport is a barrier where we live and to gain a licence helps get jobs."

Robyn's enthusiasm for teaching and calm demeanour most likely stemmed from her pastime as a motorcycle rider trainer and yoga teacher.

"A big passion for me has been teaching kids how to spot hazards on the road. Driving is not all about physical skills but having the right mental skills to stay safe and alert – to avoid situations rather than be involved in a crash."



**GEE PERERA** is going gangbusters with gang gang citizen science at her local patch.

## Gee's looking at nature anew

Not five years ago Gee Perera barely noticed the birds in her back yard. Now she's an avid contributor to avian citizen science and a local Landcare volunteer.

"In late 2020 I got interested in birds generally. A long-time friend was photographing birds – I always thought this was reserved for godlike creatures of amazing talent, a species apart – but she's only human, like me, so I thought maybe I could do that too," says Gee.

Recently retired, Gee bought herself a camera. After the fires she noticed gang gangs drinking from her bird bath and all along the Broulee bike path, eating the coastal wattle, obviously desperate for food.

*Gee says her interest is in spreading awareness about the gang gang's plight ...*

"In 2021 I photographed gang gangs at a tree hollow near Broulee's Captain Oldrey Park, including some fledging young. I was contacted to check on the birds while their official watcher was away."

She was contacted by conservation scientist Susan Rhind, who heads up Eurobodalla's gang gang conservation project in collaboration with Council. Listed as endangered, gang gang's have declined in numbers by nearly 70 percent in the last 20 years.

Gee says her interest is in spreading awareness about the gang gangs plight, and she's become famous locally for her terrific photos. Lately she's been spending a couple of hours, morning and night, alongside other enthusiasts recording the behaviour of the Captain Oldrey Park gang gangs, "we're getting a pretty good picture of what the Broulee birds are doing."

Wanting to know more about birds generally led Gee to the Eurobodalla Natural History Group, which in turn led Gee to Landcare – another Council supported volunteer opportunity – quickly joining the Broulee/Mossy Point Dunecare Group.

"I love the people in Landcare. They are so friendly and full of knowledge. It's a place to learn and be around people with similar interests to me ... and of course, you can't save the endangered animals without saving the places they live in."





**SAW SOLAR:** Electrical apprentice Beau Cleary working in the Repurposing for Resilience space at the Moruya Transfer Station.

# Bright ideas make a difference

Every Friday for over eight months, a team of volunteers were busy turning a corner of the Moruya Transfer Station into a solar reuse centre.

Using two shipping containers, a heap of recycled materials and some creativity, the non-profit organisation Repurposing for Resilience (RfR) partnered with Council to create a community hub that intercepts solar panels from landfill.

One container was turned into a workshop where they inspect, wash, and repair the panels and any associated hardware.

The second container is an art space. They are fitted out with 90 percent recycled materials - timber offcuts, roofing iron from the tip and things like bubble wrap from Taronga Zoo used as insulation. And of course, repurposed solar panels power the centre.

Walking into the art space, interesting trinkets made from waste catch your eye - jewellery from old cutlery, baskets from electrical cables. It makes you think twice about how things can be kept forever, instead of throwing them out.

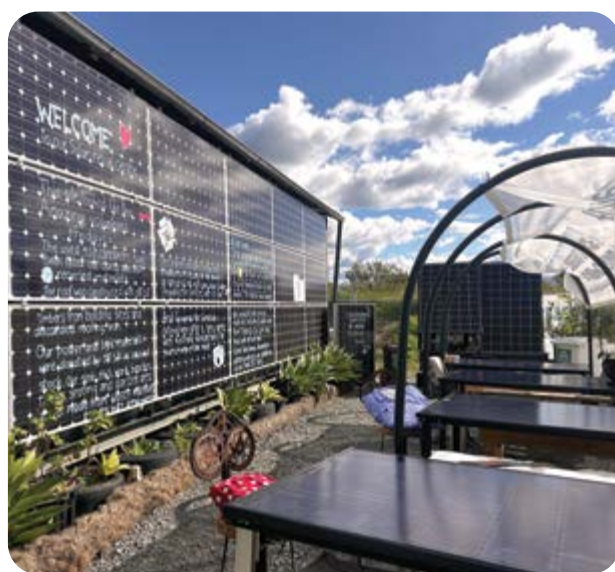
With no time to waste, anything purchased can be taken on the spot – there's no waiting until the exhibition ends.

The huge paintings sold like hotcakes during the centre's opening earlier this year. No surprise the canvasses used were solar panels! They sparked so much interest, RfR ran a workshop to teach people how to prep an old panel for a painting.

Not everyone is handy on the tools or creative, but anyone interested can learn. The reuse centre is the beginning of more great things to come, with a dust-free space on its way to run electronic workshops. The reuse centre wants to evolve and is open for more people to get involved.

If you're interested, contact the team at RfR or pop in and check it out for yourself on a Friday or Saturday 9.30am – 2.30pm.

A staff of three work Fridays repurposing solar panels alongside a swag of volunteers who want in on the



**TASTEFUL WASTE:** An outdoor meeting space for visitors to soak up some winter sun and brainstorm ideas.

action - fabricators, artists, facilitators and even an aerospace engineer. On Saturdays the volunteers come in and tinker.

There's some amazing hidden talent here in Eurobodalla, smart people with special skills - some retired and willing to stay busy, giving back to the community.

When households upgrade solar panels, the old ones often have life left to give. Solar panels can be dropped at the reuse centre for free, or at any waste facility for a \$10 fee where Council staff inspect and package them up to take to the reuse centre at Moruya.

The panels and hardware are tested and made compliant before being sold back to the community at an affordable price. If they don't come up to scratch, the RfR team finds other ways to keep them in use. Panels that are broken, Council sends off to be stripped and recycled.

RfR is a non-profit organisation reliant on volunteers and government funding to operate. While funding comes and goes, a small income from the solar panels, waste art and workshops helps keep the organisation afloat.

The reuse centre demonstrates the concept of a circular economy. It's like recycling, but better. Instead of just turning things into new stuff, it's about keeping things in use, making sure they don't become trash in the first place.

If we all kept as many things as possible in use instead of throwing them away – it'd make a huge difference.

For more information visit the RfR website: [rfreobodalla.com.au](http://rfreobodalla.com.au)

## What's happening in waste

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

### Soft plastic and textile recycling

Textile recycling is now all-year round! The exciting news comes after trialling a linen collection day last year. The community brought in sheet-loads to be recycled and gave it a big thumbs up. So now you can drop-off your textile materials such as clothes, shoes, home textiles, soft toys, textile accessories and underwear for free at all three waste facilities. The textile waste bins are next to the soft plastic recycling bins. Yes! You read correct ... now it's time to trial soft plastics recycling. Council has partnered with Recycle Smart to deliver soft plastics drop off points at all three of our waste facilities. Drop your stash to a waste facility free of charge.

### Vouchers for remote residents

Remote residents with no bin collection service will receive three tip vouchers to use in the new financial year. Keep an eye on your mailbox for more information soon.

### Free green waste

We are teaming up with the Rural Fire Service ahead of the bushfire season again this September. Winter is a great time to get busy in the backyard, clear gutters, and trim hedges in time for the free green waste drop off over two weeks in September.

### Worms and compost

Everyone's favourite workshops are on again in September. Learn the basics of worm farming and composting and take home a free kit to get started. Call our waste team to book. For dates and locations, check out What's On, page 8.

### Litter bugs beware

Fines have doubled for illegal dumping and littering. It's the first crackdown in decades by the NSW Government, now tightening restrictions to protect the environment and our health. This means if you toss trash out of the car window, you could cop a \$500 fine. For dumping in the bush fines are much greater – tens of thousands of dollars. Council rangers have authority to issue fines and carry out investigations while the Environment Protection Authority oversees enforcement.

**Spot a litter bug?** Report them to rangers on 4474 1019 or email [council@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@esc.nsw.gov.au)



### Don't bin your batteries

You may have seen a splash of colour on the waste trucks lately. The large mural stickers are a reminder to residents that batteries don't go in the bin. We saw three fires in waste trucks and at the recycling facility last year. We're working alongside other councils in our region to get the message out that batteries can be deadly if not disposed of properly.

### Did you know?

Batteries can be recycled. Take them to a waste facility, Council's main administration building, a library or even some supermarkets and retail businesses accept batteries too.



# Household waste and recycling calendar 2024-25

Eurobodalla uses a three-bin system to collect waste every week and recycling and garden organics every fortnight from those residents who live within our domestic collection area. For more information call our Waste Hotline: 4474 1024

## Area A

### Recycling

**Yellow lid bin.**  
Place on the kerb in the orange weeks.

### Organics

**Green lid bin.**  
Place on the kerb in the pink weeks.

### General waste

**Red lid bin.**  
Place on the kerb each week.

## Monday

Akolele  
Tilba Tilba  
Central Tilba  
Mystery Bay  
Narooma

## Tuesday

Turlinjah  
Tuross Head  
Meringo  
Bingie  
Bergalia  
Congo (rural)

## Wednesday

Broulee  
Mossy Point  
Glenduart  
Mogo  
Tomakin  
Guerilla Bay  
Rosedale

## Thursday

Surf Beach  
Sunshine Bay  
Denhams Beach

## Friday

North Batemans Bay  
Nelligen  
South Durras

## Area B

### Recycling

**Yellow lid bin.**  
Place on the kerb in the pink weeks.

### Organics

**Green lid bin.**  
Place on the kerb in the orange weeks.

### General waste

**Red lid bin.**  
Place on the kerb each week.

## Monday

Kianga  
Dalmeny  
Potato Point  
Bodalla  
North Narooma

## Tuesday

Moruya  
North Moruya (to Guthrie Street)  
South Head  
Congo (township)  
Garlandtown  
Donnelly Drive

## Wednesday

Malua Bay  
Lilli Pilli  
Woodlands

## Thursday

Batehaven  
Catalina  
Batemans Bay

## Friday

Maloneys Beach  
Long Beach  
Surfside

July 2024						
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## Household chemical cleanout dates

Rid your home of unwanted chemicals for free at our annual chemical cleanout, usually held in October. Keep an eye on our website for collection dates.

## Hard waste collection dates

Collection begins at Akolele from 22 July, continuing north to finish at South Durras in mid-September. Find more details on our website, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste)

## 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.



For the full A-Z guide scan the QR code or visit [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste)



Cut me out and keep me handy.

### Action key

- 1 General waste: red lid bin
- 2 Recycling: yellow lid bin
- 4 Recycled free at all Waste Management Facilities
- 5 General waste at all WMF
- 6 Community Recycling Centre at Surf Beach WMF
- 7 Household chemical cleanout collection
- 10 Compost bin/worm farm
- 11 Charity
- 12 Call Council on 4474 1024
- 13 Accepted at all WMF

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

Waste type	Action
Jars (plastic/glass)	2 4
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	12

# WHAT'S ON

July-September 2024

For more events in Eurobodalla, visit [whatson.eurobodalla.com.au](http://whatson.eurobodalla.com.au) and [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

## July

**Saturday 29 June to Sunday 7 July Bay Theatre Players: War Crimes, 33 Gregory Street, Batemans Bay.** The powerful story of a group of young women who have fallen through the gaps of society. Recommended for ages 16 and over. Tickets \$25-\$28, [baytheatreplayers.com](http://baytheatreplayers.com)

**Thursday 4 July Chair yoga and meditation, Moruya Library, 10.30-11.30am.** A relaxing guided yoga practice suitable for all ages and mobility levels. \$5 per person, bookings required, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Sunday 7 July Robertson Brothers' 60s Variety TV Show 2024, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 2pm.** Interactive live TV Variety Show featuring the hits from The Beach Boys, The Monkees, The Seekers and more! Tickets from \$74.95, [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Wednesday 10 July NAIDOC Week flag raising ceremony, Council Chambers forecourt, Moruya, 10am-12pm.** Celebrate NAIDOC Week with a traditional welcome, smoking ceremony, song, and dance. Free.

**NAIDOC Week film screenings: The Last Daughter** This moving documentary tells the story of Brenda, who grew up loved by a white foster family before unexpectedly returning to her Aboriginal family she never knew. Rated PG. Free, bookings required, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Tuesday 9 July Batemans Bay Library, 2pm-4pm; Thursday 11 July Moruya Library, 2.30pm-4.30pm; Friday 12 July Narooma Library, 2pm-4pm**

**Wednesday 17 July 3Bs Westpac Helicopter Discovery Day, Moruya Airport.** Youngsters 0 to 12 years and their families can meet the emergency rescue crew, watch parachuters land, and see planes take off at this discovery activity. Multiple free sessions between 10am and 1pm, bookings required, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Friday 19 July ABBAAnche, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 8pm.** The Australian ABBA tribute show brings the legendary hits and unforgettable charm of ABBA to life. Tickets from \$49.90, [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Saturday 20 July Young Gunz Ladies' Night, Surf Beach Holiday Park, Narooma, 7-10pm.** This stage show features male entertainers with meticulously crafted routines for a unique night of spectacle and energy. Tickets \$30 - \$50, [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)

**Beeswax wrap workshops.** Bring your own piece of material and learn how to make beeswax wraps for your home in Plastic-Free July. Suitable for ages 15 and over. Free, bookings required. [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Monday 22 July Moruya Library, 10.30am-11.30am; Tuesday 23 July Batemans Bay Library, 2pm-4pm; Wednesday 24 July Narooma Library, 11.30am-1.30pm**

**Saturday 27 July to Sunday 25 August Art exhibition: Bold Buildings & Beautiful Birds - Megan Dixon Dawes and Debra Smith, Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya, daily, 10am-4pm.** View works by local artists showcasing regional birds and buildings. Free, [thebas.com.au](http://thebas.com.au)

**Saturday 27 July The Name's Bond: The Music of 007, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 8pm.** Experience every Bond theme performed with spectacular vocals and instrumentation by Canberra band, Smooth Ops. Tickets \$45 - \$75, [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Sunday 28 July Plant and clothes swap, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Batemans Bay, 9am-1pm.** Swap environmental weeds from your garden for free native plants, and bring up to five pieces of pre-loved clothing in excellent condition to exchange for second-hand beauties. Free, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

## August

**Thursday 1 August Chair yoga and meditation, Moruya Library, 10.30-11.30am.** A relaxing guided yoga practice suitable for all ages and mobility levels. \$5 per person, bookings required, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Saturday 3 August Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase 2024, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 7.30pm.** Boasting a line-up of festival favourites and fresh talent, this touring showcase is bringing the best of the fest direct to you. Tickets \$40, [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**National Dying to Know Day community sessions.** Hear from end-of-life educator and author Shanna Provost about decision-making and having sensitive discussions with family towards the end of life. Free, bookings required, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Tuesday 6 August Batemans Bay Library, 2pm-3.30pm; Wednesday 7 August Narooma Library, 2pm-3.30pm; Thursday 8 August Moruya Library, 10.30am-12pm**

**Write your family history workshops.** Writing teacher and editor Rae Luckie will equip you with insights, ideas, and resources to ignite your family research project. \$5 per person, bookings required, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Monday 12 August Batemans Bay Library, 1.30pm-4.30pm; Tuesday 13 August Narooma Library, 1.30pm-4.30pm; Thursday 15 August Moruya Library, 10am-1pm**

**Friday 16 August Magic Men, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 8.30pm.** This live performance featuring Channing Tatum lookalike Will Parfitt delivers ripped bodies and jaw-dropping dance moves. Tickets \$50 - \$95, [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Sunday 18 August Hot August Night, Pure Diamond tribute show, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, 1-4pm.** This tribute to the life and music of Neil Diamond will take you on a musical voyage. Tickets from \$22.50, [stickytickets.com.au](http://stickytickets.com.au)



## Goodness Gravel Mogo

Saturday 20 July

Gravel and mountain bikers can choose from three riding courses through Mogo State Forest. Registration \$80 - \$145, [goodnessgravel.com](http://goodnessgravel.com)

**Saturday 24 August Plant and clothes swap, Moruya Country Markets, 8am-12.30pm.** Swap environmental weeds from your garden for free native plants, and bring up to five pieces of pre-loved clothing in excellent condition to exchange for second-hand beauties. Free, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Saturday 24 August ARC by Erth, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 6pm.** This exquisite puppetry performance has an enigmatic host, audience interaction, and a world of rare and exotic animals. Tickets from \$25, [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Sunday 25 August Musicians of the Sydney Symphony, St Bernards Catholic Church, Batehaven, 2-4pm.** A select group of performers from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra play a program of works by Bach, Mozart, and Debussy. Tickets \$45, pensioners \$40, accompanied children free, [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)

**Saturday 31 August Elvis and Buddy, Rock and Roll Sensation, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 7.30pm.** Entertainer Mark Caligiuri and The Sensational Memphis Beat Show band bring to life the songs of Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly. Tickets from \$53.90, [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

## September

**Saturday 14 September Sustainable Choices Festival, Riverside Park, Moruya, 9am-5pm.** This fun day out for the whole family is full of stalls, presentations, panel discussions, workshops, markets, food, music, all with a focus on a sustainable future. Free, [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Home composting and worm farming workshops, Moruya Waste Transfer Station.** Get tips and advice about composting and worm farming at home, and get a free starter kit for your household. Free, bookings required, 4474 1000 or [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)  
**Composting Friday 20 September, 9.30-11am; Saturday 21 September, 9.30-11am; Friday 27 September, 12-1.30pm**  
**Worm farming Friday 20 September, 12-1.30pm; Saturday 21 September, 12-1.30pm; Friday 27 September, 9.30-11am**

**Saturday 28 September Tattered 'n' Torn punk rock festival, Tilba Valley Winery and Alehouse, Corunna, 10am.** Featuring groups from near and far, the lineup includes Rubix Cuba, Human Alien, Nancy and the Jam Fancy, Petrol Bomb, Collider, The Pingers, Rick Dangerous and the Silkie Bantams, and more. Tickets from \$56.10, [oztix.com.au](http://oztix.com.au)



## Horizon Apartments Narooma Forest Rally

Saturday 31 August

The best rally drivers on the coast race against the clock in highly modified vehicles. Spectators free, [naroomaforestrally.com.au](http://naroomaforestrally.com.au)

## Markets

**SAGE Farmers' Markets, Moruya**

**Tuesdays, 3pm-5pm Riverside Park, Shore Street, Moruya.** Award-winning market showcasing local produce. [sagefarmersmarket.org.au](http://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, vintage treasures.

**Moruya Country Market**

**Saturdays, 8am-12.30pm, Riverside Park, Shore Street, Moruya.** Live music, arts and crafts, food, coffee, fresh produce, clothing, books. [moruyacountrymarket.com.au](http://moruyacountrymarket.com.au)

**Nelligen Village Markets**

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

**Tilba Market**

**Saturdays, 8am-12pm, Central Tilba Hall, Bate Street.** Local produce including eggs, honey, jams, preserves, baked treats, 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, second-hand items.

**Dalmeny Community Markets**

**Second Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm, Dalmeny Community Hall, Mort Avenue.** Handmade focus - clothing and jewellery, local produce, plants, art.

**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. Everything you need to know; registering, presenting, meeting times, agendas, minutes can be found at [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/meetings](http://www.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](http://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](http://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.

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