

# Living in EUROBODALLA

## Community news from your Council

### IN BRIEF

#### Toot! Toot!

We have 67 Council-owned public toilets in Eurobodalla, and we know you're not happy with them.

Used by 40,000 residents and around 3 million visitors annually, the provision and maintenance of toilets is so important but community satisfaction with the facilities is low. We're looking to fix that with our public toilet strategy – yes, work has begun.

While the strategy is broad – considering amenity, design, provision, and life cycle, among other things – we've begun by ranking all 67 toilets from 1 (excellent) to 5 (poor). Unsurprisingly, more than 60 per cent of them are ranked 5 or 4 (poor or fair) and one of the first jobs ahead is to upgrade these to a 3 (good) or better.

We'll keep you updated as the work continues.

#### State of the shire

Eurobodalla has experienced sustainable growth since 2014, with a \$40 million increase in gross regional product (the measure of total goods and services produced) in the last financial year alone, and a growth rate of 2.2 per cent (the NSW average is 1.87 per cent).

This growth is being driven by health care and social assistance, supported by agriculture, and administration and support services. While construction has declined in the last financial year it is still one of the highest contributors to Eurobodalla's economy. Health care and social assistance added almost 300 jobs in the last financial year.

This data is based on the latest census and sourced through ID Profile. Find this data and so much more on the Eurobodalla community profile page on our website.



### MAT LAYS DOWN THE SPAT

Mayor Mathew Hatcher has become a bit of an oyster nerd since helping at the Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline project in autumn, where he joined local divers settling in baby native flat oysters onto the new subtidal reefs.

Larvae were collected from Wagonga Inlet and transported to a Port Stevens hatchery. Once grown out, a couple of million spat were trucked back to Narooma and put in a special tank to settle on clean oyster shells donated by local oyster farmers.

Once settled, Mat helped Joonga Aboriginal divers distribute the bagged oysters across the six small subtidal reefs already installed for the project.



These oyster reefs are specifically for estuary health and biodiversity – protecting the shoreline and creating homes for hundreds of other marine species – not for oyster farming or public harvest.

This rewilding is a first for NSW; it's been decades since wild flat oyster reefs have been seen in the state.

The Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline is a collaborative project between Council, the NSW Department of Primary Industries, The Nature Conservancy Australia, and the Australian Government.

Next up for the Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline project, we're talking with local Aboriginal creatives to develop art for interpretive signs along the foreshore.

#### Bikes mean business

If Australia's Mountain Bike Coast doesn't ring a bell, that's because it's not a thing...yet.

To ready the shire for the upcoming influx of dirt-chasers, May saw our tourism team host workshops for business owners and entrepreneurs looking to capitalise on the opportunities mountain bike riders present.

With two serious mountain bike projects coming online, Eurobodalla will soon be home to more than 200 kilometres of formal trails, with another 100 kilometres more just to the south in Bega Valley.

Narooma Mountain Bike Club's trail network is almost complete with insane jumps and flowing rainforest trails. Trails at Mogo are expected to finish mid-2024. Next Level Mountain Bike are currently onsite with a monthly target of 10 kilometres of built trail, spanning Wandera Mountain the backcountry of Moruya, and Corrigans at Batehaven.

*"...bikers come to ride trails but they remember the whole experience..."*

During workshops at Batemans Bay and Narooma, our team were joined by mountain bikers and a marketing professional able to explain the mountain-biking market, and how business can easily become 'ride ready' or 'bike friendly' with small changes like adding bike racks out front or providing secure parking.

The take home message: bikers come to ride trails but they remember the whole experience – that's authentic attitudes, local beers and oysters, and the sights they visit while resting up their legs between rides.

Interested businesses can contact [Teresa.Lever@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Teresa.Lever@esc.nsw.gov.au) to get involved.

Learn more about the Mogo Trails project at [esc.nsw.gov.au](http://esc.nsw.gov.au) and for Narooma visit [mountainbikenarooma.com.au](http://mountainbikenarooma.com.au)

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## Working with Aboriginal artefacts and places

Did you know it is illegal to harm Aboriginal objects or land, knowingly or not, and that Council can face significant penalties for such offences. That's just one of the reasons Council planners and project managers spend time and effort talking with Eurobodalla's Indigenous communities.

These conversations – along with database checks and advice from archaeologists – are vital to determining if an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit is needed before a project can get underway.

The AHIP is a legal document, granted by NSW Environment and Heritage, that gives us permission to work with Aboriginal objects or declared Aboriginal places. Importantly, it tells us all the conditions we must follow and the actions we must take when working around these objects and places.

When an AHIP is needed, obtaining it and working to its stated conditions can easily add six months to a project. If the project also has seasonal considerations an AHIP can push a project's timeline

**SIGNIFICANT FINDS:** We work with nominated monitors to protect Indigenous heritage in sensitive areas.

out by a year. For us it's worth every minute to protect important cultural heritage on Yuin Country.

Every project is unique and every AHIP has its own specific rules and regulations, depending on the objects found and the requirements of the area's traditional owners. In practice, the process might look something like this.

We want to upgrade a small beachside park with a barbecue, some wooden benches, and new swings with soft-fall for the kids. We're going to have to dig up some extra space and level the ground. Given Eurobodalla's rich Aboriginal heritage, we know it's likely this area is culturally significant and artefacts a strong possibility.

We'll engage a specialist archaeologist with AHIP expertise for an initial site assessment and who will touch base with the Local Aboriginal Land Council. If it turns out the area is culturally significant, we obtain an AHIP.

Often the AHIP specifies that monitors are needed and we talk with the LALC to provide these. If we find artefacts these can be collected, stored and returned to a site agreed by the monitors once the work is done. The location of returned items are recorded by GPS and held by NSW Environment and Heritage.

Interestingly, NSW is the only Australian state without stand-alone Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation – instead the state's laws are contained within the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974.

Not all work requires an AHIP – projects designated as 'state significant' are exempt from needing an AHIP, although they generally follow the same assessment and consultation process.

## dhurga corner

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

dhurga is the language traditionally spoken by the Yuin people – including local walbanja and brindja Yuin – from south of Nowra to Narooma and west to Braidwood.

With our front page photos of Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher at Wagonga Inlet it seems right to name some of our common estuary animals.

- **Black bream** - wagal
- **Bream** - burumayal
- **Crab** - dhuril
- **Crayfish** - birruwa
- **Curlew** - gwiyrwurrwurr
- **Eel** - barra
- **Fish (generic)** - marra
- **Fish hawk** - njirra
- **Flathead** - dhagala
- **Jewfish** - yirimbaagun
- **Mullet** - warigala
- **Octopus** - djungga
- **Oyster** - bidhanga
- **Pelican** - garungghuba
- **Seagull** - maaran
- **Seal** - yiragala
- **Snapper** - barraaran
- **Stingray** - baba
- **Whiting** - warrabugan

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



## The kids are alright

Our youth development dynamos have been busy bees. They've hosted nine youth events already this year, connecting with 1,500 of the shire's young people.

Representing 11 per cent of our population, it's important we give young people a voice if we want change and progress. With that need in mind, we've created a Youth Action Plan to guide our youth team over the next four years with a focus on safety, wellbeing and opportunity for the shire's 12–24 year olds. And through Council's Youth Advisory Committee and a range of creative programs and workshops young people have been able to voice what matters to them, bring insights to trends and issues, and offer solutions.

Ashley Darby is one of our youth officers on a mission to tap into youth culture and learn ways to support them.

**FOOZE FIRST:** This year's battle of the bands winner, Fooze, who took out first place ahead of Strawberry Chords and Golden.

"We work with so many incredible, bright and insightful young people and want to support their ability to make decisions in the world as they see it. We want young people to be self-assured and happy.

"Over the past few years, they've missed out on a lot of social development and they're catching up on learning how to navigate their emotions. Mental health and wellbeing is a big one that's pushed us to host more events."

Currents Battle of the Bands competition, held in April each year, is a legacy of more than a decade borne out of the youth committee. It's one of the few local events purely for young people - a safe space for teens to dance with their mates and for aspiring artists to perform.

The Summer Beats Block Party at Moruya Skatepark in January was another big hit, showing more than 250 young people how to have a good time at the skatepark no matter what skill level.

No winter hibernation here – more events on the way! Stay tuned via Instagram @eurobodallayouth





**KIDS BIZ:** Alison Burns started her Family Day Care business in Dalmeny 15 years ago. We can help you start yours.

## Day care dreams are made

You may have heard Alison on the radio or seen her in local news lately. Alison is one of our superstar Family Day Care educators.

We tell her story because there are opportunities right now for people with early childhood qualifications to start their own lucrative business, just like Alison.

If you don't have qualifications, ask us how we can help you to get qualified and get started.

*"...\$1,000 startup subsidies available until the end of June."*

Family Day Care is a popular option for families and more educators are needed to keep up with demand. What's more, there's \$1,000 startup subsidies available until the end of June.

We have 12 Family Day Care educators already in the Eurobodalla, all running very successful businesses in their own homes, on their own terms, and with lots of support from our children's services team.

Contact our Children's Services Team on 44747 333 for more information.

## Dog etiquette

We can have all the signs, facilities, and awareness messaging out there, but ultimately it is the responsibility of owners to do the right thing when their dog is in a public place.

We had an overwhelming amount of feedback on social media after sharing some basic dog etiquette pointers ahead of the busy Easter holidays. Here's what we shared:

- Just because your dog is friendly, doesn't mean other dogs are. Some dogs can be anxious and easily overwhelmed.
- Never let your dog run up to another dog. Check with its owner first to see if your dog can say hello.
- Respect others' space and always put your dog on a leash when arriving and leaving the beach.
- Observe your dog's behaviour and keep them in sight. Owners often confuse dominant behaviours with play behaviours. Behaviours like inappropriate mounting and excessive barking are not acceptable.
- Take a bag and pick up your dog's poo.
- Avoid taking your dog to crowded areas and keep them away from children and people fishing.



**DOG DAYS:** Our head ranger Mitchell Stirling hands out some timeshare tips.

- If a beach or public area is not signposted, it means dogs are required to be on a leash.

On Facebook, we had over 100 comments. People shared unpleasant stories of stressed children and abandoned dog poo, while others shared dog training tips and tricks.

A few people asked us for free dog poo bag dispensers at beaches. We offer a bin service, but not the bags. We did have a few dispensers around the shire; unfortunately people would take more than they needed, causing complaints before the next refill round.

Council also decided not to support supplying single-use plastic bags (and on that, you can always recycle your plastic bread bags, fruit and veggie bags for dog poo disposal). If you own a dog, it seems only fair to own dog poo bags, just as you do a leash and collar.

There was also a bit of confusion around timeshare beaches. Over the warmer months of November to April, dogs are prohibited during the day (9am to 5pm) at timeshare sign-posted beaches.

After hours, they're welcomed back and when timeshare ends on 30 April, they have access back around the clock.

We have stacks of info and an interactive map of dog exercise areas on our website.



### Keeping your critters close

The humble microchip is the size of a grain of rice, but these tiny transmitters have reunited hundreds of Eurobodalla's pets with their owners. Lost pets often end up at our animal shelter and we love a happy microchip ending – our rangers still marvel at the missing cat reunited with its owner after seven years.

You can have your pet microchipped for free on Saturday 10 June at the Eurobodalla Animal Shelter. There's

also discount vouchers to get your pet desexed if they're not already, thanks to the Eurobodalla Animal Welfare League Branch.

You'll need to book your free microchipping in advance with our rangers on 4474 1019. And if you're thinking about adopting a pet, pop in on the day to meet the dogs and cats in our care.

We also list these lovely critters looking for their new forever homes on our website and Facebook.

## Youth voice rings clear

Moruya High School's Josie Wassell has been a gung-ho member of Council's youth committee for the past four years.

The 17-year-old is passionate, driven, and upfront about what matters. Josie lives with disability, but she has scaled mountains to grow her leadership qualities.

"I have trouble with reading and a long list of other things. Just because someone looks normal, there's more to them underneath – and I am passionate about that."

Josie enjoys the range of projects the committee is involved in and having a say in Council plans.

On the youth committee she is known for her honesty and getting straight to the point. She loves being in a room of young people brainstorming ideas.

"To see how much the younger generation can bring to the table about topics they're concerned about is really interesting."

Last year was tough for Josie as she dealt with a range of hard-hitting personal issues.

"I have always found a way to make my voice clear and joined the youth committee to help others who might struggle with that – to help them get what they think is important out there."

Planning social events was a top task for the youth committee this year. Thanks to help from our youth officers and NSW Government funding, nine events have taken place so far this year.

"Coming out of Covid no one wanted to socialise which was a real problem. That's where we focussed on creating more youth events to give people a reason to get out." Josie encouraged others aged 12-24 to consider joining the youth committee.

"It has been empowering and supportive. I have learnt so many new skills that relate to any career."

Apply to join the youth committee at [esc.nsw.gov.au/youth](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/youth)



**BORN LEADER:** Moruya High's Josie Wassell has been a stalwart of our youth committee for the past four years.



## Watching grass grow

From footy in the winter to cricket in the summer, our sports grounds get a good workout and take a bit to look after.

Have you ever wondered what goes into oval preparation and maintenance? Anyone who loves their lawn knows it's a challenge to keep grass alive and green through winter. Our sports grounds are kikuyu grass. However, even this hardy grass struggles in the colder weather with hundreds of studs trampling it. It doesn't like heavy rain either as the ground gets so compacted its roots struggle with no wriggle-room.

Back in the day, by the end of the winter season, players would be running on dirt. To keep skin on knees and grounds green, for the past five years we've been oversowing the grass at our main sports precincts; spreading the seed of a cool season grass that grows to protect the kikuyu through winter.

Eurobodalla has 28 sports grounds – we wish we could oversow them all! But it costs about \$35,000 per year to keep one field in premium shape, so we stick to fields used all year round – Batemans Bay's Mackay Park and Hanging Rock, Captain Oldrey in Broulee, Gundry Oval and Ack Weyman Oval in Moruya, and Narooma's Bill Smyth Oval.

They're no million-dollar Sydney Cricket Ground but we aim to keep our multi-sports fields at a premium rating for a regional area. And we've got our own skilled green thumbs who know the sports grounds like the back of their hands to make that happen.

In March they head out to assess the grass and do the math on how much seed and what machinery is needed as well as the timing to begin oversowing.

We hire a vertidrain - a big drum with spikes to decompact the soil. It rolls over the ground and pokes holes to allow air and moisture into the root zone prior to oversowing.

Mid-March, the team loads up the tractor to disperse seed of cool-season rye grass. From May onwards, we fertilise and keep on top of irrigation – a recipe for healthy grass.

In September as footy wraps up for the season, the grounds are prepared for the transition back to the warm season kikuyu grass. Who said watching grass grow was boring?



**KIKUYU KINGS:** Tony Norris and Jack Drew know the recipe for a healthy sports ground.

## Boost for beaches

With our Open Coast Coastal Management Program now certified, the NSW Government is providing us with \$5 million to implement some of the projects identified at Surfside and Long Beach.

This includes managing beach erosion adjacent to Long Beach's Bay Road, where we'll work with the community to determine how best to reduce further erosion, protect the road from collapse, maintain access to the beach and to properties, and investigate options that retain the Norfolk Pines.



## What brings you here?

Cheeky cocktails and delicious dumplings are stock in trade for the woman behind Mami's Bar. Bloss McClelland shares her story in our regular feature about the shire's business owners – the entrepreneurs, the risk takers, the visionaries who keep this beautiful shire of ours changing for the better.

As a kid, Bloss McClelland would smell her dad's glass of wine - it was a fun game to guess the aromas.

And given she grew up in a hospitality family - owning Batemans Bay favourites like On the Pier, Starfish Deli and the Noodle Bar – it was a safe bet that Bloss would become a chef, working in the Wollongong scene before the bushfires aftermath drew her home again.

Bloss says she was grateful to be with family when the pandemic hit, carving out work as a consultant by helping struggling restaurants find creative ways to survive Covid. It was a time for reinvigorated passions and she commenced a degree in viticulture and wine sciences, with dreams of opening her own small bottle shop.

Dreams change and two years in Bloss ditched her studies to take up a lease with a view in the heart of the Bay CBD. That view was right across the Clyde River and that lease became not a bottle shop but an eclectic and cheeky cocktail bar.

Mami's Bar is every bit a reflection of its owner, in style and name. Bloss tossed with the idea of a light and airy coastal-themed bar...

"But I am not light and coastal," laughs Bloss.

"I was always seen as a motherly figure in my workplaces. I would cook everyone ramen at the end of the shift, making sure everyone was looked after."

Bloss began with no pre-set ideas, except for the bathroom.

"I have always remembered bathrooms. I needed a pink one which had to be a selfie spot. Something iconic to Mami's that could flood social media – a good marketing tool."

Looking to her own preferences, the venue kept developing – adapting ideas from her favourite bars, artwork and décor from her favourite tattoo artists, and a curated drinks menu that's cheeky, playful and all-Australian.

Bloss says starting the business alone during the pandemic was tough.

"I had to work so hard to get people in – a cocktail bar was something so different for Batemans Bay."

Mami's Bar opened in November 2021. Due to Covid, patron numbers were restricted by half – 25 people.

Staff fell ill and had to isolate days before the opening, so Bloss was chucked in the deep end in

her first stint bartending. With her typical modus operandi, she flipped this to a positive, using the restriction to her benefit as "teething time".

"We had time to make a few mistakes before summer kicked in. It was hardcore busy and crazy by December, but super fun once we got in the groove."

Taking stock after summer, Bloss realised food waste was an issue. Her menu was too big.

"Wasting food is a pet hate, so we focussed on a limited menu featuring dumplings and specials."

Bloss says she was both surprised and proud after her first year of business, managing to turn a profit even with rising interest rates and "super-high rent". In her second year, Bloss has dipped into other revenue streams, like coffee – opening up between 8am and 2pm – and events, all the while keeping the space comfortable and welcoming to all.

We'll lift a glass to that – cheers!

For your virtual Bay bar-fly feels, follow Mami's Bar on socials or visit [mamisbar.com.au](http://mamisbar.com.au)

### Pull up a crate for mental health

Beyond Mami's Bar, Bloss McClelland is looking at better ways to make and keep hospitality venues healthy and safe for those who work there.

With Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher and her Mami's Bar right-hand woman Chrissy Bruce, Bloss has created the Milk Crate Foundation; turned over, milk crates make sturdy seats for hospitality workers taking their break.

The foundation is raising funds to bring subsidised 'accidental counsellor' course to the shire to assist the mental health of hospitality workers.

"A lot of chats hospitality workers have with customers can be super heavy. This course equips workers to set boundaries," says Bloss.

Bloss has lost 10 friends to suicide in the past three years. She says she is sick of catching up with mates at funerals.

"All hospitality workers, the majority of these suicides were swept under the rug. There needs to be better support."

To date the Milk Crate Foundation has raised over \$7,000. To find out more visit [milkcratefoundation.org](http://milkcratefoundation.org)



# Money matters: budget squeeze for financial ease

Last November, as one of his first measures as Council's new general manager, Warwick Winn ordered a financial health check of the organisation. The results were sobering: large projected deficits and a capital program too large to manage.

It's no secret that councils across the state are facing financial difficulties. Already, 17 have applied for a special rate variation in coming years. Here in Eurobodalla, we are looking at actions now that will help avoid a special rate variation in the future.

An obvious measure is to ensure we live within our means. With \$1.7 billion in assets, 600 plus employees and an annual turnover of \$140 million, the financial health check confirmed we are a medium-sized regional council trying to do the work of a large one.

Our work programs must be reprioritised. While next year's work is largely locked in, we need to see where we can reduce our capital works program in the future. We need to let our staff catch up with the work already on the books after years of disaster recovery work.

Grant funding is also under review. We currently apply for and receive significant amounts of money from the NSW and Australian Governments through grants. Most often, these assist in building new projects but do nothing to pay for the cost of operation, maintenance, and depreciation.

We will refocus our grant applications toward funding that supports Council's core work and those projects the community wants; we can no longer afford to stretch Council resources so thinly across all these 'nice-to-haves'.

Finally, we must continue to advocate for the reform of how rates are set by

the NSW Government. Last year the Consumer Price Index – the average increase in price for goods and services – was 6.1 per cent. Yet despite clear knowledge of these escalating costs, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal set Eurobodalla's maximum rate increase at 1.7 per cent. It's a broken system needing reform and Eurobodalla has joined with councils across the state to vigorously lobby for change.

## What is a special rate variation?

A special rate variation is a one-off rate hike on property owners, over and above the usual allowed rate.

For example, in the 2023-24 financial year rates across NSW councils will run between 3.7% and 6.8% - the exact value depending on its population. Special rate variations allow councils to set their rates higher.

Examples of recent special rate variation applications in our region include Bega Valley with 48.3% over two years, Snowy Monaro with 53% in one year, and Queanbeyan Palerang with 64.3% over three years.

Back in 2015 Eurobodalla also imposed a special rate variation, which was an increase of 6.5% for three years.

# James finds balance

Tell you what, there's some talent getting about our Moruya depot workshop. Someone we're extra proud of lately is James Biglia.

The 31-year-old was awarded NSW TAFE Stage 3 Apprentice of the Year for 2022 back in April.

None of his colleagues were surprised by this recognition, having watched James navigate most of his fitter-machinist studies online during covid with single-minded determination.

He also holds a bachelor of pharmaceutical science and honours in applied science. Fresh out of uni, James said it was a struggle earning enough money to care for his young family. So he applied for a fitter machinist apprenticeship with Council in 2020, and now has the work-life-balance he was looking for.



**FITTING REWARD:** James Biglia is one of NSW TAFE's Apprentices of the Year for 2022.

A solid, quiet achiever, James' commitment and attitude caught the eye of TAFE judges, who said his interest in the trade was an example to many others in the class.



**POWER HOUR:** Each week Moruya Library becomes an oasis for experienced and aspiring writers who meet for sixty minutes of silent practice.

# Sahaj's right in to Write Ins

Writing for only an hour each week, Sahaj Dumbleton has just drafted his first murder mystery. Sure, it's taken two and a half years, but Sahaj describes every minute of every hour he spends at the Moruya Library's Weekly Write In as joyous.

Arriving in Eurobodalla just over four years ago, Sahaj was soon at the library's door asking after writers' groups in the area and finding none.

"I talked to library staff about the Byron Writers Centre's Hour of Power – spending 60 minutes in silence, writing. They quickly embraced the idea, turned it into a weekly event, and I've been coming ever since," says Sahaj.

The now 77-year-old admits to being something of a fan of those tongue-in-cheek murder mysteries – Agatha Christie, Midsomer Murders, Father Brown – that don't take themselves too seriously. Even so, Sahaj's own tale – about 1950s London teacher Mary Sanderson, posted to end-of-the-bus-line Ravenous Wood in deepest rural England – is not the story he had intended to write.

*"I've never been able to write the way I can in this space. I love every minute of it."*

"I had a half-dozen good story ideas, with one in particular I wanted to write," say Sahaj, "I tried for 18 months to get it down, very frustrating".

At his wits end, Sahaj sat down, closed his eyes and waited to see what would happen.

What came into my mind was...*Mary*. I wrote that down, closed my eyes...*What*

*happens next*. I wrote that down, closed my eyes and ever so quickly I saw the whole scenario. And it kept flowing from there."

This was shortly before Covid hit. As soon as the libraries reopened Sahaj was back, though for half a year he was on his own, "I instigated this thing and felt a responsibility to anyone else who might turn up".

Eventually people did turn up, at times up to a dozen people have found a seat in the library's gubar buran (ochre cave) meeting room, with its distinctive red back wall.

*"I would be very happy to see more people here. You don't need to write a novel or anything..."*

"I would be very happy to see more people here. You don't need to write a novel or anything for publication, unless you wish too. It can be an entirely private affair," Sahaj says.

"I've never been able to write the way I can in this space. I love every minute of it."

Weekly Write Ins happen at the Moruya Library every Tuesday from 11am to 12.30pm, with an hour of quiet writing time followed by a half-hour of informal discussion – you can share your writing if you wish but there's no pressure.



# Answers to frequently asked questions on waste and recycling

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

**A. YES to clean:**

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

**NO to:**

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

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

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

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

**Q.** Why do the tip fees cost so much?

**A.** The cost of landfilling is substantial.

Tip fees cover the cost of operating and maintaining transfer stations and landfills, - including staff, plant and equipment - environmental monitoring and other legislated processes. Some waste fees are charged to recover the cost of recycling or disposal, such as tyres, mattresses, or asbestos.

**Q.** When are we getting FOGO?

**A.** All NSW councils are required to commence Food and Organics and Garden Organic collection by 2030.

While FOGO has many benefits, it requires a concerted and committed buy-in from the community and, importantly, large-scale space and infrastructure.

We're considering which strategies and infrastructure will best support a successful implementation and don't yet have a start date.

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

**Q.** What goes into the green bin?

**A.** Garden waste, lawn clippings and tree prunings. The contents of your green bin are shredded into mulch – don't put weeds or garbage in the green-lidded bin because it contaminates the mulch, making it unusable.

## Evan's top waste tips

Here's some fun facts and hot tips from our waste operations coordinator Evan Brooks:

- **Make your visit to the tip cheaper by sorting your load.** Things like recyclables, steel waste and electronic waste are free to get rid of. You'll minimise your dump to landfill and cut down the cost if you keep these items separate from general waste.
- **Household batteries have been known to catch alight inside garbage trucks.** To avoid this, there's free battery drop-off at the tips and community recycling cabinets.
- **What's a community recycling cabinet you ask?** It's a free drop-off cabinet located at Batemans Bay and Narooma libraries and Council's administration building at Moruya. You can drop your X-rays, batteries, mobile phones and ink cartridges.

### Need help with an old mattress?

Call us on 4474 1024 or visit [esc.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/waste) for more information

### There's great stuff at our buy back shops

Visit our website for locations and opening hours.

- **52,000 tonnes of polystyrene comes into Australia each year with only a quarter recycled.** We provide Eurobodalla businesses with bale bags and frames to fill up and drop off at the waste facilities for free. We also accept polystyrene from residents for free. Drop it off to us at the tip so it can be turned into hard plastic items like plastic buckets and kids toys. Last financial year, we diverted 18 tonnes of polystyrene from landfill.
- **There's some good stuff at our buy back shops.** For the tinkerers, you should visit Brou's buy back shop – the hardware section is nuts. At the Bay shop, you could spend a whole day shuffling through the gems - it's a bargain hunter's paradise.
- **Do you need help getting rid of an old mattress?** Contact the waste team on 4474 1024 to find out more.
- **Last financial year, 4,341 tonnes of vegetation from green-lidded bins was processed into mulch and offered back to residents for free.** It's a wonderful product that's great to bulk up soil or can be used to top your garden as a water saver. Pick some up for free from our tips.
- **The waste team and SAGE run pickling and preserving workshops to help make the most of your food scraps.** 1.7 million tonnes of food is wasted in NSW each year. Households are the largest contributor, accounting for 688,000 tonnes of food waste annually. We can all be part of the solution by making simple changes to reduce the amount of food we throw away.
- **We run 16 worm farm and compost workshops each year and they're free.** Keep an eye on our socials or visit [esc.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/waste)

# Household waste and recycling calendar 2023-24

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

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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, [esc.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/waste)

## Hard waste collection dates

Hard waste collection starts at Akolele 17 July, working north to South Durras in mid-September. Find more details on our website [esc.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://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.



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

- 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's Waste Hotline: 4474 1024

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



Cut me out and keep me handy.



# WHAT'S ON

June-August 2023

For more events in Eurobodalla, visit [whatson.eurobodalla.com.au](http://whatson.eurobodalla.com.au)

## June

**Saturday 27 May to Sunday June 4 Sculpture on Clyde. Clyde Street and Beach Road, Batemans Bay.** Original sculptures from Australia and overseas line the Batemans Bay foreshore. [sculptureforclyde.com.au](http://sculptureforclyde.com.au)

**Friday 2 June Let Me Entertain You – Robbie Williams Show, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 8pm.** Corey Boyde sings hits like Let me Entertain You, Monsoon, Let Love Be Your Energy, Betterman, Rock DJ, Feel, and Angels. \$55-69, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Monday 5 June World Environment Day garden walk, Moruya Library, 10.30-11.30am.** Tour the library's beautiful native garden and learn how to grow your own lovely wildlife-friendly oasis. Free, bookings required. [esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries)

**Friday 9 June This Is Us – Grigoryan Brothers, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 8pm.** Guitarists Slava and Leonard Grigoryan play a suite of music inspired by objects from the National Museum. \$35-38, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Saturday 10 June Free pet microchipping, Eurobodalla animal shelter, corner Shelley and Pollwombra Roads, Moruya, 9am-2pm.** Pet microchipping, desexing vouchers, dog training tips, facility tour, pets for adoption. Free for residents, bookings essential. [esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Saturday 10 June Eco-dyeing workshop, the Bas, Moruya, 12.30-3.30pm.** Create and take home a fine woollen wrap created with small samples made from leaf and flower prints under the guidance of Sue Barford. \$120, bookings essential. [thebas.com.au](http://thebas.com.au)

**Saturday 10 to Sunday 11 June Annual Book Fair, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Batemans Bay, 10am-3pm.** Bigger and better than ever the annual preloved book fair is back – for your perfect winter reads. Free. [erbg.org.au](http://erbg.org.au)

**Saturday 10 to Sunday 11 June Tilba Woodwork Show, Bate Street halls, Central Tilba 9am-4pm Sat, 9am-3pm Sun.** The 27th annual exhibition of wood craft from across the region. Free. [whatson.eurobodalla.com.au](http://whatson.eurobodalla.com.au)

**Sunday 11 June Abbasback, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 2pm.** Bringing a modern edge and sophistication to a 70s favourite. \$30-55, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Friday 16 June milinga began – opening night, the Bas, Moruya, 5.30-7pm.** Enjoy drinks and nibbles at the opening of Walbanja-Yuin artist Natalie Bateman's new exhibition. Free, booking essential by 14 June. [thebas.com.au](http://thebas.com.au)

**Saturday 17 June to Sunday 16 July milinga began (Mum's Country) – exhibition, the Bas, Moruya, 10am-4pm daily.** Natalie Bateman's exhibition represents who she is, her DNA, and her connection to land and songlines. Free. [thebas.com.au](http://thebas.com.au)

**Saturday 17 June Goodness Gravel, Mogo Oval, Mogo, 7.30am-3.30pm.** Bike the gravel trails of Mogo – 75 and 130 kilometre options. \$105 and \$145, bookings essential. [goodnessgravel.com](http://goodnessgravel.com)

**Saturday 17 June Jade Hurley in concert, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 2pm.** Rock and roll classics from one of the Aussie greats. \$35, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Home-grown mushrooms workshops**  
Josh Whitworth steps you through growing mushrooms indoors and out. Bookings essential. [esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries)  
**Saturday 17 June, Batemans Bay Library, 10.30am-12pm; Saturday 24 June, Narooma Library, 10.30am-12pm.**

**My Aged Care information sessions**  
Everything you need to know about My Aged Care services and provisions, presented by local expert Lisa Wadham. Free, bookings essential. [esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries)

**Monday 19 June, Batemans Bay Library, 2-3pm**  
**Wednesday 21 June, Moruya Library, 2-3pm**  
**Thursday 22 June, Narooma Library, 2-3pm**

## July

**Sunday 2 July Encounters with Fungi, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Batemans Bay, 10.30am-2.30 pm.** Renowned ecologist will step you through the curious diversity and ecology of the fungi kingdom. \$80, bookings essential by 1 July. [erbg.org.au](http://erbg.org.au)

**Thursday 6 July Liam Cooper's King of Keys, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 7.30pm.** Forty songs by fifteen of the world's best piano-men; Liam takes you through the stories behind the music. \$50-80, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Friday 7 July Bash at the Bay – All Star Wrestling, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 7.30pm.** Your favourite performers like Aries, Jasin Brett and Johnny Starr. \$28-35, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Saturday 8 July Introduction to Colour Theory workshop, the Bas, Moruya.** Amy Schleif introduces the physics and psychology of colour awareness using a variety of exercises. \$120, bookings essential by 5 July. [thebas.com.au](http://thebas.com.au)

**Wednesday 12 July 3Bs Westpac Helicopter Discovery Day, Moruya Airport, Moruya, 10am to 12pm.** Explore the chopper and airport activities – for children 0-12 but sure to be enjoyed by all ages. Free, bookings essential by 7 July. [esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Sunday 23 July Elvis – Greatest Hits, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 2pm.** Relive the King's best loved songs as David Cazalet takes you through this intimate live show. \$50-70, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Saturday 29 July The 2023 Tilba Festival, Central Tilba, 9am to 4pm.** A day of markets, music, kids activities and street fairies, food and drink, and performers. Free. [whatson.eurobodalla.com.au](http://whatson.eurobodalla.com.au)



## Mogo Big Day Out – NAIDOC 2023

Traditional ceremony, live music, art and craft, rides and cultural activities. Free. [whatsoneurobodalla.com.au](http://whatsoneurobodalla.com.au)

**Sunday 30 July National Tree Day Plant Swap, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Batemans Bay, 10am to 2pm.** Residents can bring environmental weeds from their garden to swap for free local native plants to create their own wildlife friendly oasis. Free. [erbg.org.au](http://erbg.org.au)

## August

**Tuesday 1 August The Sunshine Club, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 8pm.** Gloriously energetic while thought provoking, this joyful musical follows Aboriginal soldier Frank Doyle on his return from WWII. \$63-68, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Friday 4 August National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day celebrations, Riverside Park, Moruya, 10am-12pm.** With traditional dancing, games, art and craft, songs and stories; taking part is a chance to learn and to respect the oldest continuing culture on earth. Free, bookings by 2 August. [esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Sunday 6 August Bronwyn Douglass and Alan Hicks – Great Romantic Arias, St Bernards Catholic Church, Batehaven, 2-4pm.** Douglass sings arias by Verdi, Wagner and Strauss accompanied by Hicks on piano. \$40-45, bookings essential. [whatson.eurobodalla.com.au](http://whatson.eurobodalla.com.au)

**National Dying to Know Day community sessions**

Leading educator on end-of-life matters Shanna Provost explains ways to make the best decisions for you and your family. Free, bookings required. [esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries)

**Monday 7 August, Narooma Library, 10.30am-12pm; Tuesday 8 August, Batemans Bay Library, 2-3.30pm; Thursday 10 August, Moruya Library, 10.30am-12pm.**

**Wednesday 9 August Local History Talk with Helen Ryan, Narooma Library, Field Street, Narooma, 2-3pm.** Helen will share interesting stories of Narooma's past, explain local resources and help get you recording your own history and stories. Free, bookings required. [esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries)

**Thursday 10 August Tenori Moment by Moment, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 11am.** Tenors David Kidd, Steward Morris and Andrew Pryor entertain with songs from opera, musical theatre and jazz. \$35, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Saturday 12 August Advanced Beading workshop, the Bas, Moruya, 12.30-3.30pm.** Make your own beautiful bespoke silver and gem bracelet under guidance of Virginia Aland. \$150, booking essential by 9 August. [thebas.com.au](http://thebas.com.au)

**Saturday 19 August Science Space – mini museum and show, Moruya Basketball Stadium, Moruya, two sessions: 10am-12pm, 11am-1pm.** Be amazed at this all-ages show with fire tornadoes, giant bubbles and liquid nitrogen clouds. Get your science questions answered. Free, bookings essential by 18 August. [esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/events)

**Sunday 20 August Menopause the Musical, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, 11am.** This side-splitting musical parody was inspired by a hot flush and a bottle of wine. \$70-80, bookings required. [baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

**Thursday 24 August Family History for Beginners, Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya, 10.30am to 12pm.** Experienced researchers from the Moruya and District Historical Society will guide you through resources as you begin your family history research. Free, bookings required. [esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://esc.nsw.gov.au/libraries)

**Tuesday 29 August Moruya Jockey Club Thoroughbred Racing, Moruya, 12 to 6pm.** Great racing action, bookies, bar, hot food, coffee and TAB. \$10-15. [morujockeyclub.com.au](http://morujockeyclub.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, 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, 8am-12pm, 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, local produce.

## Council meetings

Attend a council meeting – in person or online – for your dose of democracy in action. Everything you need to know is online; registering, presenting, meeting times, agendas, minutes.

[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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