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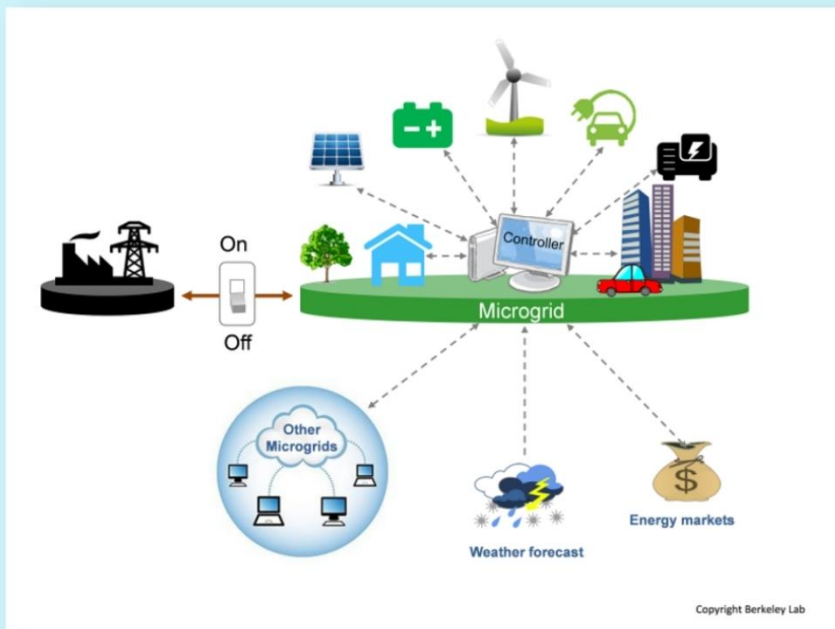
SHASA
Southeast Health and Sustainability Alliance

SHASA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY MICROGRID FOR EUROBODALLA?

The Australian National University (ANU), SHASA, Essential Energy and Zepben have partnered to see whether a microgrid will work in South Durras, Broulee, Congo, Bodalla, Central Tilba/Tilba Tilba and Mystery Bay.

As a resident, business owner or landholder you are invited to the second round of community forums being undertaken by the South Coast Microgrids Feasibility Project (SuRf).



At these forums the project partners will report on where the project is up to and give you the chance to have your say on microgrid options for the communities.

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WORKSHOP DETAILS:

COMMUNITY	DATE PROPOSED	KEY CONTACT	VENUE
Congo	THURSDAY 11 MAY 12 - 2 PM	Russell Fletcher russell.fletcher@bigpond.com lynettesmith@live.com	Congo Creek Park
Broulee	THURSDAY 11 MAY 6 - 8 PM	Mark Smith mm_smith@bigpond.net.au	Broulee Primary School Hall
South Durras	WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 4.30 - 6.30 PM	Kim Holburn kim@holburn.net	Durras Community Hall
Mystery Bay	SATURDAY 17 JUNE 11 - 1PM	Mark Stubbings stubbingsmark@gmail.com 0414 223 925	Tilba Large Hall - TBC
Central + Tilba Tilba	SATURDAY 17 JUNE TILBAS 3 - 5PM	Stuart Absalom shabsalom47@gmail.com	Tilba Large Hall - TBC
Bodalla	SUNDAY 18 June 10AM - 12 NOON	Sharan bodallabakery@gmail.com (02) 44735213	Bodalla Community Hall - TBC

For more information please contact **Phil Shorten**, SHASA's Project Manager for the SuRf project on **0438 217 916** or email phil@impartskills.onmicrosoft.com

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SHASA
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SHASA EV DAY: ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING 2023

More than 1000 people came along to SHASA EV Day: *Electrify Everything 2023*, making it a huge success! The expo displayed an impressive 40 electric vehicles at Hanging Rock, including 18 all-electric car models and four hybrids.

A big thank you to the event coordinator Robert Creed, the Volunteer Coordinator Bill Radley, the EV owners Coordinator Stewart Needham and the nearly 50 volunteers - included the EV owners and eleven members of the SHASA EV committee who worked tirelessly to organise this amazing event. SHASA would also like to thank the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Investing in Rural Communities Future Program for funding Robert Creed's position as Batemans Bay Community Coordinator from August 2022 until March 2023.

To watch a great video, search YouTube for 'SHASA EV Expo 2023 at Hanging Rock Batemans Bay'



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SHASA EV DAY: ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING 2023



Eurobodalla Shire Mayor Mathew Hatcher, Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland and Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips were among the guests at SHASA EV Day



SHASA's *Electrify Your Art* competition drew many impressive entries!



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SHASA + GOOD CAR COMPANY OFFER

The Good Car Company is a social enterprise - a purpose driven organisation to get as many people driving EVs as soon as possible to reduce household transport emissions.



SHASA has secured a \$1000 discount for people who buy an EV through the Good Car Company!

Good Cars right now are more affordable than ever before thanks to:

- backing from philanthropic and investment venture Boundless, meaning the volume of cars we are now purchasing provides cost efficiencies in our supply chain
- a recent purchase of over 100 cars at a lower than normal price
- a Good Car Co. facility is now open in Victoria which means our car processing costs have reduced
- favourable Japanese Yen exchange rates means we're buying the cars for less at this point in time

All of our Good Cars come with our Good Car Guarantee so you can have peace of mind when it comes to the quality of your new affordable EV, no matter what the price! They also come with 12 months national unlimited roadside assist.

SHASA recommends going with the larger batteries i.e. the 40kwh and 62.5kwh models.

For more information go to www.goodcar.co/shasa



SHASA Public Fund



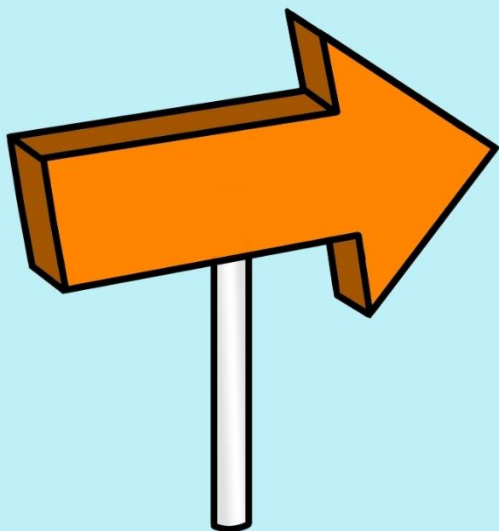
Like most community groups, SHASA relies on membership and donations to enable our work in the Eurobodalla community.

The good news is that all donations are now fully tax deductible!

All donations are used exclusively for community projects within the Eurobodalla. To date the SHASA Public Fund has assisted the following organisations: The Women's Refuge, Yumaro Living Moruya, Uniting Church Batemans Bay, Hope House, CWA Moruya and CWA Narooma.

You can donate as little as \$5!

DONATE



By visiting:

shasa.com.au/membership-and-donations/

Or by bank transfer:

SHASA PUBLIC FUND

IMB BANK

BSB: 641-800

Account: 200924351

EMBERS, EPICORM II

6 May to 4 June, 2023 - Art Exhibition

Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya

Opening Event: Friday 5 May, 5:30 to 7:30pm

Artist Talks: Saturday 13 May, 11am



Image: Julie Mia Holmes

A creative response by seven local Eurobodalla female Artists to the Black Summer Fires of 2019/2020

Following on from last year's exhibition in Sydney, titled *Embers, Epicorm: Art of the Eurobodalla*, a second iteration is returning home to the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya in May 2023. Showcasing both new works and originals from the first exhibition, the creative focus continues to traverse the varied phases of the Black Summer Fires and their aftermath – from the threat of ember attack to the epicormic growth of nature's rejuvenation.

**Presenting: Walbunja/Ngarigo -
Cheryl Davison-Overton
Mirabel FitzGerald
Jennifer Hawkins
Julie Mia Holmes
Raewyn Lawrence
Amy Schleif
Jo Victoria**

Together, the artists capture the environmental, cultural, spiritual and mortal realities of the event. The exhibition is a representation of people's individual experiences, observations and reactions to the event, acknowledging that everyone has a unique story - achieved by bringing together multigenerational artists utilising different art making techniques. Encapsulating human and environmental loss, resilience and community

healing - the exhibition presents a delicate navigation of personal experiences, balancing inner torment with emotions of jubilation at the signs of revival.

The Artists and Curator are pleased to be supporting SHASA, and grateful for their administrative role in securing grant funding. These funds will be directed towards the heatwave strategy for 19 buildings across the Eurobodalla.

Curated by Nicole Wallace @curatus.co

*The exhibition is supported by
Create NSW &
South East Arts*



For more details visit www.thebas.com.au



BUILDINGS ACROSS OUR SHIRE ARE OPENING THEIR DOORS!



DOORS!



EUROBODALLA
HEATWAVE AND
BUSHFIRE HAVENS !

SHASA is seeking funding to help protect the more vulnerable in our community from extreme weather events by creating Havens. To date 4 Haven projects have been successfully completed. A Eurobodalla Heatwave and Bushfire Strategy has been developed which includes business cases to upgrade 13 community owned buildings and 7 Eurobodalla Shire Council owned buildings. Some of the Havens are open to the public and others are for the use of their members and their families only.

THE PROJECT IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY SHASA
SOUTH COAST HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE
CONTACT KATHRYN MAXWELL FOR MORE INFORMATION
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CAPABLE COMMUNITIES WORKSHOPS: EUROBODALLA

Capable Communities will deliver specialist workshops over the course of 18 months for active community leaders, groups, businesses and members to walk away with robust disaster risk reduction plans and be supported in the implementation.

In these tailored workshops, designed by communities themselves, the focus is on bringing in required disaster risk reduction and recovery experts, skilled volunteers and facilitators to collaboratively develop authentic plans which draw on local capacity and knowledge, ensuring their communities are well placed in the face of future floods and other hazards.

For more information about the Capable Communities workshops, or to get involved, visit their website: abv.org.au/capable-communities-nsw

MORUYA HAVENS FEATURED

The Community Power Agency has produced a video about SHASA's pioneering work in creating heatwave and bushfire havens.

To watch + share this fantastic video, visit **Community Power Agency** on YouTube:

[@communitypoweragency7548](https://www.youtube.com/@communitypoweragency7548)



Like many towns along Australia's east coast, Moruya was hit hard by the 2019/2020 Black Summer bushfires. Enter the South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA), a small group of volunteers with big ideas.

They are equipping local community buildings like the Anglican Church, Country Women's Association hall and Community Preschool with solar, batteries and other upgrades to make them safer places for locals during heatwaves and other extreme weather events.

community power
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RfR Community Workshops 2023

TEST & TAG; nationally accredited portable appliance training for members of community organisations to help reduce annual inspection costs	IWO Training
SOLDERING 101; practical workshop covering soldering techniques for the basics of high reliability hand soldering	STEPHEN CORNTHWAITE
SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DESIGN; principles & practices of passive design for energy efficiency in the home	PDH BUILDING DESIGN
SOLAR PANEL TESTING; hands on instruction in assessing solar panel performance	RfR TEAM
DONT FLING IT, BLING IT; repurposing e-waste materials into wearable art using jewelry techniques and your imagination	CARDOG DESIGNS
SOLAR PANEL ART; paint a panel for exhibition	CREATIVE SPIRIT
ROBOTICS WITH WASTE; you heard it...let's see what we come up with	TINDALE SYSTEMS
POWER UP YOUR TABLE; build a solar panel table to keep your electronics charged!	RfR TEAM
ALL THINGS SOLAR; grid connect, battery storage & off grid power supplies	MICRO ENERGY SYSTEMS
BUILD A POSSUM OR NESTING BOX; knock up your own possum or nesting box using materials destined for landfill	RfR TEAM

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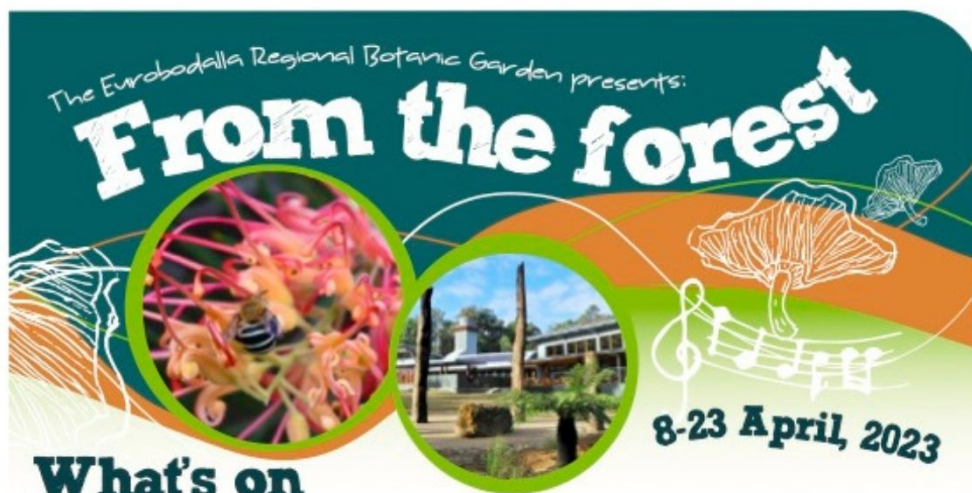
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THIS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY WWF-AUSTRALIA



What's on

A fourteen day festival celebrating the resilience, beauty and bounty of south coast forests. All events are held in the beautiful Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Deep Creek Dam Rd, Batemans Bay. For more information or to book, go to www.erbg.org.au

ART EXHIBITION

Official opening April 8 (5.30pm-7pm)
Exhibition period April 8-23 (9am-4pm daily) Over 100 works from our talented regional artists

SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

SUNDAY 9 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Kids Craft: Grow

Activity for children aged 5-12. Help create a public art piece. 10am-2pm

Children's Discovery Walk

Learn about fascinating plants while rambling through the forest seeking creatures big and small 11am*

Guided Walk

Stroll through the garden and learn what makes it special 11am*

MONDAY 10 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Literary Walk

Come on a guided walk highlighting trees that feature in popular fiction 12pm-1.30pm*

Live Music

Listen to Deep River Choir 11am

TUESDAY 11 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

THURSDAY 13 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

FRIDAY 14 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Moonlight movies

Join us for our inaugural Cinema in the Garden. 5.30pm-7.30pm*

SATURDAY 15 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Breakfast with the Birds

Meet the birds that live in the Garden; breakfast to follow this guided walk: 7.30am*

SUNDAY 16 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Fungi Walk

Enter the magical world of fungi with experts Theresa and John Van der Heul. A walk and lab study. All ages. 10am-12pm* or 1.30pm-3.30pm*

Literary Walk

Come on a guided walk highlighting trees that feature in popular fiction 10.30am-12.00pm*

MONDAY 17 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Guided Walk with Dylan Morrissey

Take an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the

gardens, nursery, seedbank and Herbarium with our Nursery Supervisor. 11am - 12.00pm*

TUESDAY 18 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Kids Craft: Fungi Fun

Make a range of fungi and learn some fun facts 10am-12.00pm*

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

THURSDAY 20 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Kids Craft: Birds Nests

Make a range of birds nests and learn some fun facts 10am-12.00pm*

FRIDAY 21 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

SATURDAY 22 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Kids Craft: Earth Day Mandala

Contribute to a public mandala made out of forest finds. 11am

Spotlight Wildlife Walk

What happens in the Garden after dark? Led by Forest Ecologist, Craig Dunne 6pm-8.30pm*

SUNDAY 23 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am-4pm

Guided Walk with Dylan Morrissey

Come on a walk with Dylan, our Nursery Supervisor (and orchid specialist) 11am*

*Bookings required



Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden open
9am to 4pm every day during NSW school holidays.

Look out for the next issue of the SHASA newsletter in late May... a bumper double issue for May/June!

For more: www.shasa.com.au



Southcoast Health & Sustainability Alliance

