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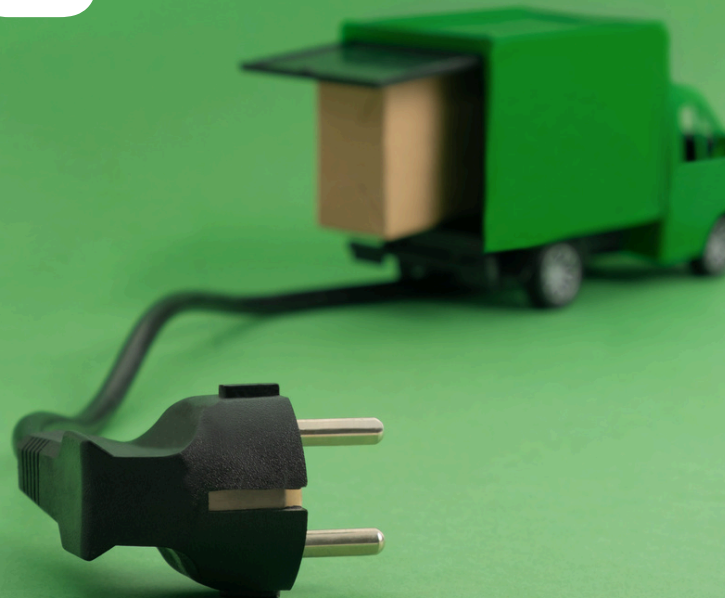
THE SPARK

NEWSLETTER

Resilient Transport

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BUY AN EV AND SAVE BIG \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Lower cost Chinese electric cars have brought electric vehicle (EV) prices to parity with combustion engine vehicles. The cheapest new car of any fuel system on offer in Australia, is the BYD Atto 1 – at a driveaway price of just \$19,990.

We've always known EVs are cheaper to run. Cheaper to buy unlocks first car buyers, price-sensitive households who haven't been in the conversation.

The average car travels 15,000km a year.

- Diesel at \$3 per litre costs \$24 to drive 100km assuming an average use of 8 litres per 100km. Total annual cost \$3,600
- EVs cost about \$5.10 to drive 100km assuming an average use of 17kWh per 100km using electricity at a rate of 30c per kWh. Total annual cost \$765
- EVs cost 51c to drive 100km assuming an average use of 17kWh per 100km and charging only off a rooftop solar system with a feed in tariff of 3c per kWh. Total annual cost \$76.50



Maintenance savings are an extra \$300 to \$500 per annum. EVs have fewer moving parts, no engine oil and less brake wear due to regenerative braking.



Other EVs under \$40k include:

- MG 4 Urban/Excite starting at \$28,888
- GWM Ora 5 starting at \$33,990
- BYD Dolphin Essential starting at \$23,990
- Hyundai Inter SUV starting at \$35,990
- Joule J5E/Jaecoo JS EV starting at \$36,990.



EVERYTHING ELECTRIC EXPO 18-20 SEPT

Andrew Everard, Arno Schaaf, Andrea Charlton, Linda Leung, David Lawrence and Corine Schaaf attended the fourth Everything Electric 2026 Expo in Sydney. According to media partner Carsales.com, 37,421 visitors attended and 5,304 test drives of 104 vehicles enjoyed a circuit of Olympic Park.

SHASA had a lot of conversations with dealers, businesses, government agencies, electricity providers, and many others. This year the expo included a lot of different stalls, not only the predominantly electric vehicle displays from former years. There was a robot dog that was sometimes disturbingly canine, a wearable robotic exoskeleton for humans, solar car ports, boats, camper vans and scooters, tools and toys.



There were a lot of launches of new models at the show. Exhibitors included Cadillac from the US (with its fastest model ever, the Lyriq-V), and Gac (with the tiny Aion 5, very cute), IM, Geely, Polestar (with an early model of the Polestar 5) and Zeekr offering new to Australia models, mostly on the larger side. One model, the Geely 700 is nicknamed the Battleship, which tells you everything you need to know, really.

Several people were indignant that hybrids of various types were on display and discussions were lively. Dealers who had attended in previous years were absent, notably VW/Audi and BMW/Mini. Subaru launched their new EV wagon which will please loyal customers.

This year's show had a lot of emphasis on heavier transportation, with SANY battery-swapping trucks exhibiting for the first time, and two massive semis for buyers and visitors to sit in and swank! Hyundai's Staria Load Electric van had multiple options to suit many small businesses with a 450km range and able to carry 1,000 kilos, plus on board V2L plugs for appliances and tools. (review here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_hntrkW9MM)

The panel discussions were also well worth a listen, with the standout host this year Sarah Aubrey from Electrify This! Check out her interview with Elliot Richards on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGouBTqYbOA>



Next year's Everything Electric Sydney will be 10-12 September 2027.



**HELLO EV OWNER AND
WELCOME TO
EuroBEV!**

SHASA's

Eurobodalla Battery Electric Vehicles Group

EuroBEV is an informal group.

**We have luncheons every 6 - 8 weeks at chosen
venues across our beautiful Eurobodalla Shire.**

**The aim is to meet with fellow EV drivers and
those interested in purchasing an Electric Vehicle.**

Our next luncheon will be held on

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

GRUMPY & SWEETHEART'S

34-36 Sydney St, Mogo

12 noon

**If you are thinking of coming along or have a question
to ask about owning or driving an EV please contact Andrew Everard.**

andrew.john.everard@gmail.com

Scan the QR Code for more information on SHASA.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US !



ESTABLISH AN ON-DEMAND BUS SERVICE BATEMANS BAY TO MORUYA

Public transport in Eurobodalla, where it exists, is poorly matched with when and where people need buses to go. In other regional areas, on-demand services have made a massive difference.

SHASA is also developing a high-level proposal to improve public transport in Eurobodalla, with an initial emphasis on the Batemans Bay and Moruya bus routes, and in particular targeting bus services to and from the new Eurobodalla hospital and Moruya TAFE that are useful for hospital staff and visitors, and students at TAFE. We have been looking into the Moree and Sapphire Coast on-demand bus services that have been hugely successful.

Do you have a background in public transport and/or the bus industry, or have relevant local connections?

Email us at:

contact.shasa@gmail.com



Arno's BYD Atto 3

Q

What was it that got you excited about the car you chose?

A

I wanted a car that was built as an EV, not a converted ICE. The Atto 3 was the first one at a reasonable price.

Q

Is there one negative you would like to mention?

A

I had to keep my diesel car to tow the caravan. The box trailer goes fine behind the EV.



Q

When did you first seriously think about buying an electric car?

A

When the Tesla Model 3 came out. But when I sat in it, I found I was too tall for the car.

Q

What's the best thing about being an EV driver?

A

Apart from not having to visit petrol stations, the idea of trying to leave a better planet for future generations.

Q

What would be your advice to someone thinking about an EV right now?

A

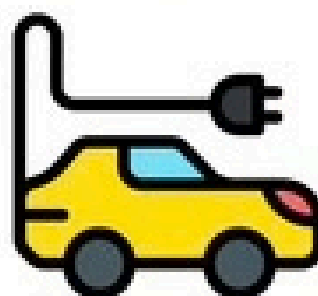
Don't listen to Sky News and the Murdoch press. Just do it.

Q

What's the best, or funniest, or most memorable comment you've received from someone else about your EV?

A

"The Chinese communist party thanks you for your support". Seriously. Outside Ikea Canberra.



COME ALONG AND VISIT SHASA'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026

Narooma Rotary Markets

Nata Oval, Narooma

8am- 1pm

Learn about EV models available in Australia today

Discuss savings, costs and advantages of an EV

Meet local owners with a selection of models on display

Chat about EV charging

Chat about use of home solar plus battery power

**Community resilience
for the Eurobodalla**

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 **SHASA**



Already an EV Owner?

Join us in presenting
your car to the public
at the next EV Expo



Share your knowledge and love of your EV

Drinks and snacks provided



Meet other EV owners
presenting on the day

To register your interest,
contact Andrew Everard
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SHASA Electric Vehicle Expo

“Thanks SHASA for helping me on my EV journey!”

**“I came to a SHASA Electric Vehicle Expo a couple of years ago.
Now I own a Kia EV5 and love it!**

**I have a charger, solar and batteries at home and it is fabulous!
I travel a minimum 500km per week and have no problems at all.”**

Source: Narooma, NSW South Coast, local resident, October 2025

Further reading

TOPIC: Electric Transport

Quarterly sales of electric cars break records in several key markets amid energy crisis



Source:
International
Energy Agency

The world's first solar railway



Source:
Talking
Climate

Source:
Hannah Ritchie



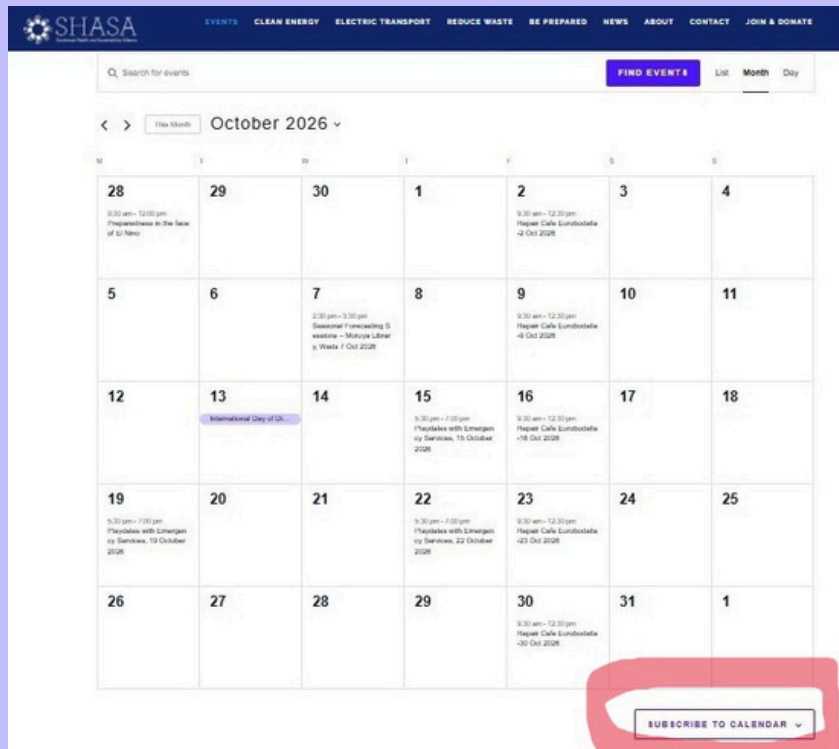
We could produce a lot of electricity on the land used for biofuels

Source:
Solar Citizens



Solar Sharer Offer – is it worth it?

Subscribe to the SHASA Events calendar



shasa.com.au/events

Check here for all SHASA and local events related to electric transport, clean energy, waste reduction and disaster preparedness.

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Subscribe to Calendar".



Saturday 3 October

SHASA stall @ Moruya Markets

Riverside Park Moruya

8am-12.30pm



Sunday 4 October

EuroBEV luncheon

Grumpy and Sweetheart's

34-36 Sydney St, Mogo

12pm



Sunday 22 November

SHASA Electric Vehicle Expo

Narooma Rotary Markets

Nata Oval, Narooma

8am-1pm

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



The Climate Times

NSW SOUTH COAST

1ST OCTOBER 2026

WE NEED TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT HEAT

Heat isn't just unpleasant, it can be downright dangerous and everyone is at risk, even if you don't think you're particularly vulnerable.

Deaths from heatwaves increase when the average heatwave temperature is more than 7C hotter than the average temperatures in that location over the past month.

In Australia, over the past decade, heat has killed close to 300 people and hospitalised more than 7,000, but experts believe these numbers are underestimated.

When heatwave warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, it's not simply based on reaching a certain temperature, like 40C.

The average daily temperature over a three-day period (which includes both the day and the night time) must be unusually hot for the location and the time of year.

The bureau also considers how those temperatures compare to conditions over the last 30 days in the area.

Heatwaves are Australia's deadliest natural hazard. So how does heat kill? And to what extent can the body adapt?

When your core temperature gets to about 41C your body essentially starts to cook from the inside.

To protect itself, your body tries to keep warm blood away from your internal organs and redirects it to your skin.

And your sweat glands release water and salts, which evaporate to cool your body down.

But cooling the engine room comes at a cost.

As you redirect blood to your skin there's less blood (and therefore less oxygen) flowing to your gut. This can cause your intestines to leak toxins into your blood — a condition known as “leaky gut” — which can lead to multi-organ failure, blood clotting and death.

This is what happens when someone has a “classic” heat stroke.

Another way heat can kill is by overworking your heart. As blood is diverted to your skin, your heart has to pump harder to maintain blood pressure.

This could put you at risk of having a heart attack, especially if you have an underlying condition like heart disease.

Re-routing blood to the skin can also be a problem for your kidneys. As less blood flows to your kidneys, your risk of going into renal failure increases. The risk is even worse when you're dehydrated.

Even small increases in temperature for short periods of time can also affect our brain and mood. Heat can disturb communication between nerve cells which can lead to irritability or impaired judgement. It can exacerbate psychiatric conditions like bipolar disorder and depression, and has been linked with increased rates of suicide.

The Eurobodalla has a network of 10 Heat and Smoke Havens for the more vulnerable to go during extreme weather events. Even a few hours in a cool haven can assist your body to recover from the impacts of heat.



Eurobodalla

Heat and Smoke Haven Network

The Havens are intended as community-based places that offer localised support and sit alongside the Eurobodalla Shire's official emergency centres. Instead of developing new, purpose-built infrastructure, our focus is on enhancing existing spaces and supporting the organisations involved to work together effectively.

Uniting Church Catalina*

2 Catlin Ave, Batemans Bay
Melinda Hume-Cook, 0416 251 312
melindahc2@gmail.com

Batemans Bay Anglican

6 Herarde St, Batemans Bay
Ann Burt, 0423 172 203
anglicanbbay@gmail.com

Southern Life Church Moruya*

2837 Princes Highway, Moruya
Julie Brown, 0417 457 388,
Julie@southernlife.org.au or
Elizabeth Farnsworth, 0447 409 844,
emfarnsworth56@gmail.com

Red Door Hall, Anglican Parish Moruya*

15B Page St, Moruya
Lindsay Boydon, 0417 613 689 or
Ruselle Wannell, 0411 424 931,
Anglican.moruya@gmail.com

Moruya Surf Club*

2 Charles Moffitt Dr, Moruya Heads
Marco Cardinale, 0408 846 880
Bert Hunt 0412 440 763
info@moruyasurfclub.org.au

Broulee Surf Club*

Heath St, Broulee
Allan Veness, 0447 431 111
allan.veness@icloud.com
rveness@ozemail.com.au

Narooma Community Men's Shed*

41A Barker Parade Narooma
Liz Clydesdale
naroomamensshed@gmail.com

Moruya Preschool Kindergarten

15 Campbell St, Moruya
Georgie Shepherd, 4474 2431
info@moruyapreschool.org.au

CWA Moruya

64 Queen St, Moruya
moruyacwa@outlook.com

CWA Narooma

96 Campbell St, Narooma
Sally James, 0429 305 905
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*** OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC, OTHER FACILITIES ARE MEMBERS ONLY.**

What is a Heat and Smoke Haven?



1. a comfortably airconditioned, air-filtered, solar-powered environment to keep people safe during heatwaves and bushfire smoke
2. a communication hub with satellite wifi keeping people connected in case mobile phone towers or the NBN goes down.
3. a community facility that can be independently powered with solar panels, battery and backup generator in the event of a power outage.

Heat and Smoke Havens matter if you are....

- an older person
- pregnant
- a baby or young child
- a person with illness, disability or medications affected by extreme heat
- living alone
- a person who doesn't have access to affordable cooling



Your vulnerability to heat is increased if you are part of one or more of these groups.

Can you be a Haven Helper?

Can you spare 1 to 4 hours when a Haven is open to work with other volunteers to make the Haven a welcoming space? It might include tasks such as:

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| ☐ setting up for opening | ☐ taking contact details of attendees |
| ☐ putting out Haven banner | ☐ providing emotional support |
| ☐ organising social activities | ☐ transporting people to and from havens |
| ☐ making cups of tea/coffee | |
| ☐ putting out some snacks | |

Register your interest below

Name: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Preferred haven/s (please tick or circle):

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Uniting Church Catalina
2 Catlin Ave, Batemans Bay | ☐ Moruya Surf Club
2 Charles Moffitt Dr, Moruya Heads |
| ☐ Batemans Bay Anglican
6 Herarde St, Batemans Bay | ☐ Broulee Surf Club
Heath St, Broulee |
| ☐ Southern Life Church Moruya
2837 Princes Highway, Moruya | ☐ Narooma Community Men's Shed
41A Barker Parade Narooma |
| ☐ Red Door Hall, Anglican Parish Moruya
15B Page St, Moruya | |

Meet your new Heat and Smoke Haven Coordinator



Nina Shatifan

I'm excited to step into the role of Heat and Smoke Haven Coordinator with SHASA.

Having evacuated twice from Mossy Point during the 2019-20 bushfires, I know firsthand how important it is that we look out for one another. That experience along with a deep concern in protecting our most vulnerable community members is what brought me to this role.

My Background and Local Roots

I've spent over 25 years working in community disaster preparedness, emergency response, and volunteer training across the Asia-Pacific.

Leading the Way with Climate Resilience

Heat and Smoke Havens are pretty groundbreaking in Australia, with very few outside of major cities — putting Eurobodalla at the forefront of regional climate resilience. Connecting the ten local Havens will enable them to share resources more easily, solve problems together, and support each other when extreme weather hits.

What's Coming Up

My initial focus is working with SHASA's Havens and Comms teams to strengthen the Haven network across all ten sites and collaborating with other organisations to make the Havens an integrated part of the local heat response landscape.

Over the next few months, I'll be working closely with Haven managers to recruit and train volunteer "Haven Helpers". I'll also be helping them to share information to the wider community about the health risks of heatwaves and how our Havens can help reduce them.

I look forward to being part of the effort to keep our community safe, cool, and connected this summer!

Stay cool: How Moruya's Southern Life Church is Stepping Up as a Community Heat Haven



Pastor Julie Brown

When extreme heat strikes, where do you go if your home becomes dangerously hot or the power cuts out? Across the Eurobodalla, ten Heat and Smoke Havens are stepping up to answer that question. Among them is the Moruya's Southern Life Church (SLC), where Pastor Julie Brown recently shared how the Haven integrates seamlessly into the church's long-standing tradition of community care.

A Natural Step for Community Support

"Our core mission has always been supporting local families and seniors – especially through our Food Pantry," explains Julie. "Adding a Heat Haven was a natural next step. Thanks to our great facilities and trusted community relationships, we didn't have to build from scratch." Julie acknowledges SHASA alongside co-organisers Elizabeth Farnsworth and Lyn Burden for helping bring the initiative to life.

Cool, Connected, and Off-Grid Ready

During a declared heatwave, SLC transforms its main multipurpose hall into a climate-controlled sanctuary. Designed to keep residents safe even during widespread power outages, the facility features:

- Off-Grid Reliability: air conditioning with air-purification filters, solar power, battery storage, and Starlink satellite internet.
- Family-Friendly Comforts: rest areas, multimedia options, accessible toilets and showers, and a children's playground.
- An Open Door: welcoming everyone – particularly seniors living alone, families struggling with rising cooling bills, individuals with health conditions, and anyone sleeping rough.

"Our goal is simple: offer people a free, comfortable place where they can stay cool, enjoy refreshments, join in activities, and have company," says Julie. "Most importantly, keeping people safe from heat-related illness helps ease pressure on our local emergency services."

When a heatwave is declared, look for the large Heat Haven banner outside, and check for opening times on Facebook, church emails, Food Pantry flyers, and the SHASA website.

How You Can Help

Julie envisions the Heat Haven becoming a permanent fixture of local emergency response, following in the footsteps of their Food Pantry, which grew from modest beginnings 20 years ago to supporting 85 local families today. Local police even dropped by last summer to check out the Haven and offer their support.

Because the Haven relies entirely on volunteers, community involvement is vital. As the hot season approaches, SLC is calling for Haven Helpers—volunteers who can step up on short notice during extreme weather to offer visitors a warm welcome in a safe space.

3 Ways to Get Involved Today:

1. **Volunteer:** Donate a few hours during a heatwave event. Email Julie directly at julie@southernlife.org.au to register your interest.
2. **Spread the Word:** Share information with neighbours and others who don't use smartphones or social media so they know where they can go when heat strikes.
3. **Lend a Ride:** Offer transport to vulnerable neighbours, friends, or relatives so they can reach the Haven safely.

Keep an eye out for SLC's upcoming Open Day to tour the facility and meet the team before summer hits!

Who's most at risk?

- Older people
- People with existing medical conditions
- Babies and young children
- Outdoor workers
- Socially isolated people
- People who are homeless
- Pregnant people

Source: health.nsw.gov.au

AIDER

**ASSISTANCE FOR INFIRM,
DISABLED AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS**

What is AIDER?

AIDER is a one-off free service provided to infirm, disabled and elderly residents who live in bush fire prone land, to better prepare their properties for bush fire, in conjunction with the development of a bush fire survival plan.

Who is eligible?

Those who live in bush fire prone land, and who are infirm, disabled, or elderly.

AIDER services may include:

- › thinning vegetation
- › removing leaves, sticks and fallen branches
- › trimming branches from around and overhanging the home
- › mowing or slashing long grass
- › cleaning gutters.

An assessment of your property will be completed by NSW RFS staff. Assistance can be provided to complete a Bush Fire Survival Plan. All works are completed by NSW RFS Mitigation crews.



Visit the **AIDER** page on the RFS website



To find out more please call: **1300 011 737**



RFS



Further reading



TOPIC: Disaster preparedness



Community groups'
disaster recovery
work undervalued



Source:
ABC News

Source:
ABC News



Climate costs will
dwarf AI



Coast residents urged to
prepare for El Nino's
volatile impact on
upcoming storm season



Source:
About
Regional

1947 – 2026

Remembering Stuart Absalom

A Tribute from the Southcoast Health And Sustainability Alliance (SHASA)

It is with deep sadness and real gratitude that the Southcoast Health And Sustainability Alliance remembers Stuart Absalom—a valued member of SHASA, a steadfast supporter of his community and a dear friend to many.

Stuart gave extraordinary time and effort to his community. During six years on the Tilba Halls Upgrade, he helped strengthen the halls, improve resilience, and reduce operating costs and their carbon footprint. He worked with Merrimans LALC to install solar and batteries at the preschool and supported Phil Shorten on the Tilba Microgrid Feasibility Project. Last Christmas, he received SHASA's "Man in Tilba" award for his tireless work.

For almost half a century, Stuart's life was woven into the South Coast. His Central Tilba home and garden, the valley's flowers, trees and animals, and paintings shared by friends were part of the landscape he loved.

Stuart was a gifted cook, known for his stained-glass Christmas cake; a keen traveller with his partner Philip, whom he met while both were training in nursing; Tilba correspondent for The Triangle; and unfailingly kind, helpful and good-humoured.



Even while he was in hospital, photographs and clippings from gardens and the valley brought that world to him and connected a wide circle of people through the WhatsApp group he created, "Stuart's Journey".

Stuart's commitment to people and the environment reflected SHASA's principles. Thoughtful and measured, he spoke with kindness and good sense, gave friendship generously and supported his community with uncommon constancy. He brought humour to difficult days—naming his recliner "Claude", joking about becoming a "lazy boy", and expressing gratitude rather than dwelling on hardship.

At the centre of Stuart's journey was his partner, Philip Mawer—his carer, his rock and part of the inseparable "Stuart AND Philip". We hold Philip, Stuart's twin brother Paul, his siblings, children, grandchildren and many friends in our thoughts. Stuart enriched many communities: his local choir; Open Sanctuary and Elm Grove Sanctuary; EuroBEV and Electric Vehicle Expos, where this early EV adopter made coffee from a hotplate plugged into his car; the Tilba Halls Future Resilience Project; and the neighbours, friends and animals for whom he was part of daily life.

When further treatment offered no benefit, Stuart chose not to pursue it. He died quietly and peacefully, on his own terms—a final expression of the courage, clarity and dignity with which he lived

Stuart's legacy lives on in the people he loved, the friendships he nurtured, the community he strengthened and the work for a healthier, fairer and more sustainable South Coast. We are grateful for his life, his example and the privilege of knowing him.



Kristy McBain MP  is with ... 

Southcoast Health & Sustainability... in **Tilba Tilba.**

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 Great to catch up with the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance Committee recently to hear about the practical projects they're delivering to strengthen resilience and sustainability across our region.

Thank you for the important work you're doing and the lasting impact it's having in communities across the South Coast. 

[#MightyEdenMonaro](#)

[#CommunityResilience](#) [#Sustainability](#)

[#southcoastnsw](#)



NSW Government and SHASA Bring Your Bills forum puts practical energy savings on the table

Local residents had the opportunity to put their energy bills under the microscope when Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland MP hosted NSW Energy Minister Penny Sharpe at a Bring Your Bills consumer energy forum in Moruya on Friday.

Held at the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club in partnership with the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA), the forum brought together residents and energy experts to look at practical ways households can reduce their energy costs, improve efficiency and make informed decisions about their energy use.



Thomas Schild, Dr Michael Holland MP, Minister Penny Sharpe and Kathryn Maxwell at the Surf Club.

The forum also provided information about solar panels and batteries, electric vehicles, improving home comfort and reducing household energy consumption.

Residents were encouraged to bring their latest energy bill so they could better understand their energy use and explore what savings or assistance may be available to them.

Dr Holland said one of the most valuable aspects of the forum was helping people navigate what can sometimes be a confusing energy market.

Dr Holland said the forum was about giving people practical information they could use immediately.

"With the cost of living continuing to put pressure on household budgets, people want to know what they can actually do to bring their bills down," Dr Holland said.

"Bringing together government agencies, local experts and residents meant people could ask questions specific to their own circumstances and get practical advice."

Minister Sharpe spoke with residents about the NSW Government's energy initiatives and the opportunities available to households to save money, including energy efficiency, solar and battery storage.

Kathryn Maxwell, SHASA President, informed attendees that "SHASA and Repower Shoalhaven will soon be rolling out a multi-year program, funded by the NSW Government, to assist households to reduce their energy bills".

"There are rebates, assistance programs and energy-saving opportunities available, but knowing what you are eligible for and where to start can be difficult," he said.

"Events like this are about making that information accessible and giving people the confidence to make decisions that work for their household."

The forum follows Dr Holland's ongoing focus on helping local residents manage cost-of-living pressures and access government support.

The NSW Government, through services including Service NSW and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, provides a range of rebates and assistance programs, while the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON) can assist customers experiencing difficulties with their energy retailer or paying their bills.

The Bring Your Bills forum was held on Friday 21 August at the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club and was free for local residents to attend.

Government Agencies and how they can help with energy bills

1. DCCEEW / NSW Climate and Energy Action

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water administers a range of energy rebates, financial assistance and household energy-saving programs.

Key support includes:

- Low Income Household Rebate – up to \$285 per year for eligible retail customers, or \$313.50 for eligible embedded-network customers.
- Family Energy Rebate
- Gas Rebate
- Seniors Energy Rebate
- Medical and Life Support Energy Rebates
- EAPA for people experiencing short-term financial crisis
- Home Energy Saver – incentives of up to \$4,000 or zero-interest loans of up to \$15,000 for eligible energy-saving upgrades such as insulation and batteries.
- Discounts for energy-efficient air conditioners and hot-water systems.

2. Service NSW

Service NSW is probably the best first port of call for households because its Savings Finder can identify rebates, vouchers and discounts a person may be eligible for.

They can:

- identify available energy rebates
- help people apply
- compare energy plans through Energy Made Easy
- provide information about EAPA and other assistance
- arrange a free 45-minute appointment with a Savings Finder specialist to work through available savings.

There are currently more than 70 NSW Government rebates and vouchers in the Savings Finder.

Service NSW – Energy and utilities

3. EWON – Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW

EWON is particularly useful when someone is struggling with their energy retailer or can't afford their bill.

They can:

- negotiate with the retailer
- help arrange more time to pay
- assist with a payment plan
- explain hardship programs
- identify government rebates and assistance
- help resolve disputes with an energy provider.

Importantly, NSW energy retailers are required to have hardship policies and customer assistance programs. These can include flexible payment arrangements and protection from disconnection while someone is participating in the program.

4. Service NSW EAPA

For someone who is currently unable to pay an electricity or gas bill because of a short-term financial crisis, EAPA can provide assistance towards the bill. Circumstances can include loss of income, unexpected medical expenses, natural disaster or receiving a disconnection notice.



Doctors for the Environment Australia

STAYING SAFE IN THE HEAT



Stay indoors during peak UV hours 11am to 3pm



Stay cool in a HEAT HAVEN



Further reading

TOPIC: Clean Energy



Why put solar panels on green space when we could put them over car parks?



Source:
The Guardian

Source:
Oilprice.com



Australia's Clean Energy Boom Is Gathering Speed



Incentives to entice more factories and farms to put solar panels on their roofs



Source:
Region

Further reading



TOPIC: Local and international environmental issues

[The Next Basin Plan – a disaster in the making](#)



Source:
Global Water Forum

Source:
The Conversation



[Britain needs to build a wildfire-resilient society](#)

[India unlocks disaster risk funds for heatwaves](#)



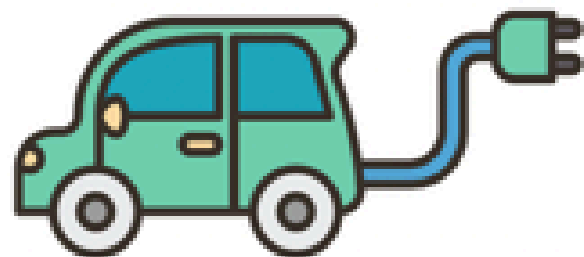
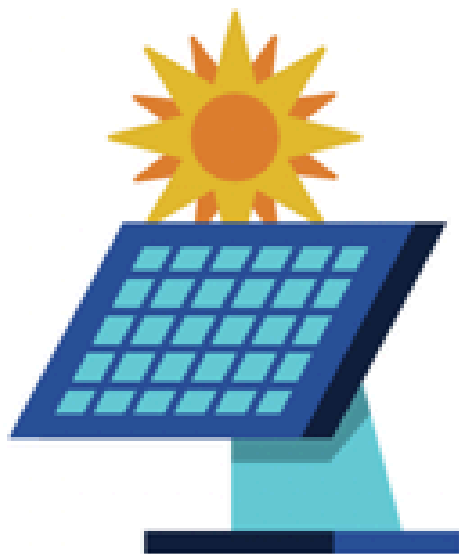
Source:
Nature



SHASA

HOW TO CONTACT US AND FIND OUT MORE!

**Southcoast Health & Sustainability Alliance
(SHASA) is a local Eurobodalla community group
which undertakes projects
to achieve a more resilient community
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