

Walawaani and Welcome to Eurobodalla on the NSW South Coast.

Just five hours drive from Sydney, a full day's driving from Melbourne and only a few hours from Canberra the NSW <u>South Coast</u> is a secret that has been kept quiet for decades. Come, Explore, Discover and Enjoy the wonders, the pristine, and the nature.

If you hear anyone say "Walawanni" it is Dhurga language for "We hope you had a safe trip here and have a safe journey home"



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The Eurobodalla Region - At a glance:

- · 110 kms of coastline,
- · 85 beaches,
- · 3 stunning river systems,
- · a 3000 sq km forest hinterland
- · 4 picturesque lake systems,
- · 4 National Parks
- · The Batemans Marine Park
- · 400kms of bike routes
- · 175 years of European history
- · 20,000 years of Aboriginal history

The Princes Highway traverses the entire length of the South Coast with most the region's attractions accessible either directly from the highway or just a short detour off the main road. And detour you must from the highway to experience all that this region has to offer.

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Walawaani and welcome to the land of the Yuin people and to Eurobodalla.

The first thing you will notice about this guide is that it is not at all typical. This is a comprehensive guide of the Eurobodalla Region, laid out North to South with the relevant information you need to make an informed decision on what you would like to enjoy about the area during your stay.

The first thing to learn about the Eurobodalla is that every beach is wonderfully different, and as you travel along the 110km coastline you will soon discover that it continually changes from one geology and vegetation type to another. That means that you can enjoy the many faces that make up the region from coastal sand dunes to rainforests, rural sweeps to national parks and the wonderful diversity of our rivers, lakes and coastline.

Unlike most guides we have also paid respect to you and have not bombarded you with advertising or advertorials. There are advertisements but these are for businesses we endorse and we appreciate that you, as visitors, want to be informed of activity and eating out options.

While the information in this Holiday Guide is comprehensive we invite you to visit the South Coast Travel Guide website where you will find so much more information on the region, its history and all the secret little places that your stock standard guides don't reveal.

Enjoy your stay and Walawaani.

Lei Parker—editor



NEED TO KNOW

GETTING HERE:

Just 4 hours drive from Sydney, 10 hours from Melbourne and 2.5 hours from Canberra the Eurobodalla coastline is a travellers secret that has been kept quiet for decades. There are also air services to Moruya and Merimbula and cars and taxis are available from both airports.

WHEN TO COME: We enjoy a temperate climate all year round. Summers on the coast are pleasant and don't have the level of humidity they encounter further north. Winters are surprisingly filled with clear skies so if you can find a spot in the lee away from the prevailing southerly winds that blow up from the snow fields it is possible to sit about in shorts and T-shirt for most of the day.

DOGS: Eurobodalla is a dog friendly place. There are beaches where they can run off lead, most cafes accommodate for them with outside seating and a water bowl if needed. Like any where there are rules and Eurobodalla is quite clear with its signage. The best way to cover your bases is to familiarise yourself with the Dog beaches and some of the local rules.



Visitor Information Centres:

Eurobodalla no longer has Visitor Information Centres where you can call in and talk with a local and find out more of the area and What's On. The Council decided to close them because they consider that you should "Fish where the Fish are" meaning that they were better off spending their budget on media and social media promotions. The Council has a tourism website that links to VisitNSW information. Feel free to go an have a look. https://eurobodalla.com.au/



CYCLISTS, CAMPERS AND BACKPACKERS:

There are many visitors to the Eurobodalla who arrive by bicycle, bus, rented van or thumb. Most of these travellers are equipped with their Lonely Planets, Rough Guides and their Gregories maps however there is actually very little information that is written specifically for that typically budget minded market or to a market wanting to be informed of preferred cycling options that remove them from the highway.

We have created a <u>South East Travel Guide</u> specifically for these travellers that, together with this website will provide additional some good local information for travellers wanting to explore the South Coast by camping, Couchsurfing, cycling or vanning



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation

Many holiday makers to the South Coast like to settle in for a while and take a Holiday Home rental.

While we acknowledge Stayz and AirBnB we also recognise the hard work and commitment that our local agents make to managing holiday homes for their clients.

Home owners who choose to use agents are able to ensure vetting of tenants. Their properties are also inspected on a regular basis and maintenance and improvements are addressed. Holiday home owners expect due diligence and those who rent these homes enjoy the security of dealing face to face with a

VANNERS AND CARAVANERS love the immediate access most of our parks and resorts

have to beaches, rivers and the bush. With the addition of cabins that suit all budgets Park and Resort holidays have the ease of arriving and immediately unwinding

Caravanners and campers can easily navigate throughout Eurobodalla with ease. Our holiday parks and camping grounds are there to serve as your base to explore the region. Your call: riverside, lakeside, beach side or stay for a while and try one of each.

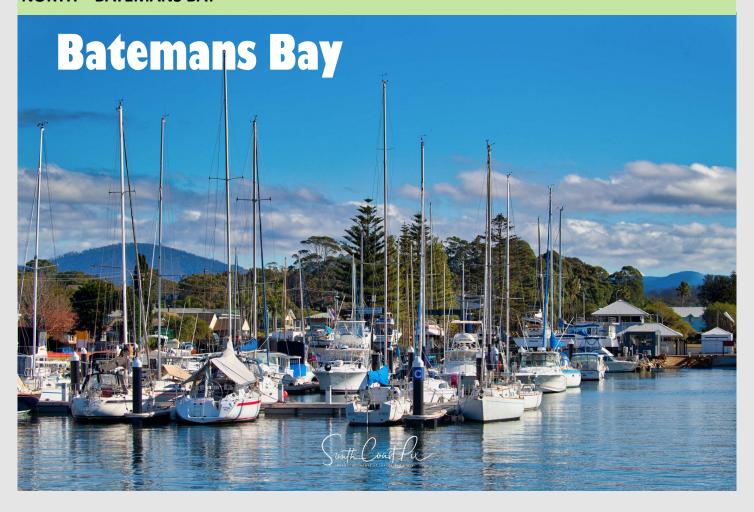
When it comes to "free" camping Eurobodalla is pretty light on. Once it was a camping mecca for families finding their favourite section of river, lake or ocean frontage in one of our many reserves however that has changed and the caravan parks have begun to strongly lobby Council to close down "free camping" options to drive campers and vanners to their businesses. There has been a strong push by Local Government to close down "free camping" and create new by-laws to further control it.

There is a plethora of No Camping signs erected up and down the coast to "cope" with the increase of International vanners and Grey Nomad travellers. Sadly Eurobodalla is one shire that has not risen to the occasion of welcoming vanners and campers, instead choosing to erect more and more signs to advise that overnight camping is not allowed.

ACCESSIBILITY: Eurobodalla is coming of age and beginning to provide for visitors who require specific accessibility needs. The days of installing a ramp and calling accommodation "accessible" are over and this website has looked very closely at those accommodation and service providers who call themselves accessible and we are happy to be able to provide a verified listing in our **ACCESSIBLE** Pages on the South Coast Travel Guide website.

We encourage visitors and providers alike to advise us of any updates and changes we might need to do to ensure this page remains accurate and reflective of quality service provision.





BATEMANS BAY is the northern most of the three main towns in Eurobodalla. It is at the cross roads of the Princes Highway and the Kings Highway which melds visitors from the north as well as from the west including the ACT and south west NSW.

The Bay has a very rich history and has long been the holiday destination for families coming to the coast from inland attracted by the many beaches, rivers and lakes and over several generations they have built holiday homes along the coastal strip that runs south along the picturesque 40 km coastline to Moruya. This is a drive worth taking.

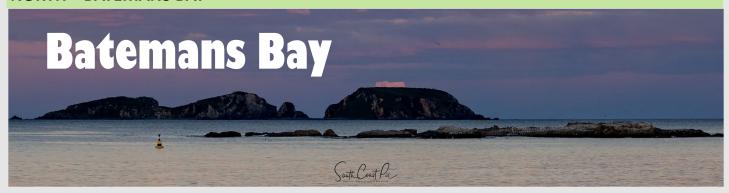
Batemans Bay has become the principle town of the South Coast and offers most of what a visitor might require in entertainment, provisions and services. There is a wide variety of accommodations available in the town along with a good representation of restaurants, cafes and coffee bars. The best way to begin your explore of the town is by taking a stroll along the Murra Mia Walkway that follows the Clyde River's edge from Batemans Bay Bridge to the far end of town via a forefront of jetties, cafes and shops.





In memory of the old Clyde River Bridge replaced in 2021

NORTH—BATEMANS BAY



BATEMANS BAY TO DOs:

Clyde River Cruise

1 Clyde Street, Batemans Bay

The MV Merinda sails daily on a relaxing and informative tour of the Clyde River. Head to Nelligen for a day trip or enjoy a twilight seafood dinner cruise. 0427 106 396

Go for a cycle

A cycleway leads to from Batemans Bay CBD along the Clyde foreshore to Batehaven. In the other direction you can cross the Batemans Bay Bridge to Korners Park Then along the roadway to the end of Myamba Pde and explore the Cullendulla Boardwalk. Approx 18 kms of cycling. Click on the link to visit our CYCLING Page that has all the info you need.



Perry Street Cinemas

Citi Centre Arcade, Perry Street, Batemans Bay

Located on the top floor of the City Centre Arcade in the heart of Batemans Bay, they are open every day and night with Christmas Day our only day closed. There is a Wheel Chair Lift and Hearing aid loops in 4 screens of the complex.

Discover our History

3 Museum Pl, Batemans Bay Tel: (02) 4472 1635 Website: www.batemansbayheritagemuseum.com

The Batemans Bay area has a rich and interesting history. Have a read of the history, maybe visit the museum, follow the Heritage Town Walk with points of interest and watch the town come alive as you walk it with fresh eyes.

Visit the Batemans Bay Heritage Museum - Opening hours are- Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 10.00am to 3.00pm. Additional hours by appointment and during school holidays.

Birdland Animal Park

55 Beach Rd, Batemans Bay 8 acres filled with Australian animals, birds and reptiles. Hands on with the animals. Open 9:30am daily (02) 44725364



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Take in a Personal Wildlife Encounter at Mogo Wildlife Park - Meerkats, Rhinos and Lions await you! www.mogowildlifepark.com.au

The Clyde River and the Pacific Ocean converge at a special place with all the treasured memories of your summer road-trips in the golden seventies and eighties. This magical place is our town - Batemans Bay.

In 2021, Batemans Bay Business and Tourism Chamber launched *Visit Batemans Bay* - a movement to share the incredible stories of our community and the fantastic holiday experiences on offer from Durras to Batemans Bay to Mogo, to Malua Bay, Broulee and Narooma.

There's so much to see and do, and we can't wait to share our stories with you all.

Here's some must-do's for your stay in the Bay and follow us on instagram at @visitbatemansbay

www.visitbatemansbay.com.au



Kick back for a seafood feast at JJ's at the Marina https://jjsatthemarina.business.site/



Start your day the Mossy Cafe way with a cup of Guerrilla Roasters local brew https://www.themossy.com.au/



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https://www.thedans.com.au/ourproperties



Don't miss a Pizza Paddle brought to you by Region X and Sam's Pizza! https://regionx.com.au/



BATEHAVEN is just a few minutes away from the Batemans Bay CBD yet has a different feel all together to its bustling cousin. At its heart are the local shops and there is a village feel to the mood as locals stop to talk, often strolling with a dog or with young ones in prams.

Batehaven was once a busy thoroughfare along the coast road that links the smaller towns together however since it was by-passed it has settled into a quiet, family friendly area that has embraced coastal time.

The local Corrigans Beach is a summer playground of water based sports from kayaking to stand up paddle boarding and off- the-beach sailing. A family safe cycleway connects the town to Batemans Bay while also providing pedestrian and cycling access to the nearby Hanging Rock Sporting precinct that offers quality tennis courts, a basketball stadium, groomed fields to kick a footy and the areas primary boatramp.

The Batehaven area hosts three caravan parks and a choice of motels and restaurants. In summer the area is always abuzz and visitor numbers swell over January when Corrigans Reserve is transformed into an annual day/night carnival.

Just around the corner from Batehaven you will find Observation Point and Caseys Beach, Sunshine Bay,

Denhams Beach, Surf Beach and Wimbie Beach. Each of these residential areas have their own unique little bays and secret beaches that should be explored.

Some are covered in the **BEACHES** section of the South Coast Travel Guide.







SOUTH DURRAS was home to the Yuin people whose land covered much of the South Coast of New South Wales.

The drawcard for Sth Durras is its incredible natural beauty that remains virtually unaltered since its first discovery by holiday makers looking to camp and fish by its beaches and lake foreshores. Surrounded by Murramarang National Park the village is a gem for those who enjoy being close to nature.

Just north of South Durras in the Murramarang Aboriginal Area is what is believed to be the largest midden on the South Coast. While there was some initial hostility between the Yuin and the white settlers, introduced diseases such as smallpox killed off around 95% of the tribe, leaving them in no state to fight for their land.

The first land grant in the area was made to John Whitehead McNee in 1840 and the name Durras was in use at that time to describe the area. For the next ninety years or so, the area was primarily used for timber cutting with a mill in operation at Wasp Head but the mill's closure in 1929 caused a reappraisal of the area's potential.

The land south of Durras Creek was subdivided in 1937 to form the village of Durras which didn't become known as South Durras until the establishment of another settlement north of Durras Lake. In the 1940s and 50s, a school, post office and store were established in the town with electricity introduced in 1960.



NELLIGEN is just 10kms from the Batemans Bay CBD however it could be a lifetime.

Just upstream on The Clyde River is the port of Nelligen. It is still classified as a port because it had long served as a primary port for the South Coast. Now you can sit down at the wharf down by the river bank and wait for the daily visit of the tour boat that comes up the river from Batemans Bay. While you are there take a fishing rod because catching dinner is there is as easy as it gets.

Nelligen is a perfect place to sit back and do nothing at all however if you are drawn to the water then go for an explore up or down the river by kayak.

Looking at the size of the town now your wouldn't realise that it was once a bustling port. Development came rapidly to the area in the mid 1800's, firstly with timber cutters cutting all they could out of the surrounding forests to supply the demands of the rapidly expanding city of Sydney. Nelligen's link to the world was then only by water.



MOGO is a small heritage village located halfway between Batemans Bay and Moruya on the Princes Highway.

The village has a rich **history** and was established after the discovery of gold in the area in the 1850's. This 'gold rush' attracted many diggers to village and overnight a thriving town of hotels, churches and shops was born. Mining continued in the area until the closure of the last mine In 1984. It was then that the small village begun attracting talented artisans and craftspeople.

Today, Mogo Village is a shopping hub full of retail shops specialising in home goods, handcrafted items, gifts and artistry. It also hosts a range of cafes and specialist food stores. Nearby Mogo is Mogo Wildlife Park

Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens (5kms Sth of Batemans Bay)

Over eight kilometres of tracks have been developed within the Gardens, giving access to the natural and man made features of the site. A walk booklet and map is available from the Gardens Visitors Centre. Length:6 tracks from 500m to 2km, 6 km in total Time: from 20 minutes to 2 hours

MOGO TO DOs:

Go Fishing Mogo has great fishing nearby on the Tomago River. Tomago reach and nearby beach options of Tomakin and Mossy Point are available to suit all ages and all abilities. For tips and location info visit our FISHING page

Go for a Walk

Be sure to take the Mogo Bush Walk and be sure to refer to our HISTORY page as you wander around the town.

Mogo Bushwalk in the Mogo State Forest. This 1.6km easy grade walk showcases the eucalyptus forest of the area to those not familiar with large stands of spotted gums and an infill of burrawang cycads on a forest floor. A visitor carpark is available at the start of the walk. The track is a well-defined path. Mogo Walking Track starts near the entrance to Old Mogo Town and is a 20-30 minute looped walk and whilst rated easy there are some steps.

Discover our Local History

Mogo has a wonderful rich and vibrant history that is well worth the read. You will find a wealth of information about the rich history of the region on the South Coast Travel Guide website











CAMPING ADVENTURES

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The following morning will see guests awaken to the distinctive calls of animals and be fuelled with a breakfast overlooking the park's incredible tigers.

Following breakfast with the tigers, guests are invited to explore Mogo Wildlife Park, with the camping package also including a giraffe feeding encounter.

With limited positions, adventurers are encouraged to secure their bookings today.

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for more information about the your next adventure.







For inquiries call (02) 9622 1644

NORTH-MOGO



Visit Mogo Village on the Princes Highway between Batemans Bay and Moruya. Our heritage attraction village is filled with unique shops, food, and smiles.

Discover the difference at Mogo Village.

Our eclectic mix of art galleries, cafes and retail stores offer unique items for your home and garden, beautiful clothing, gifts, jewellery, accessories, and good old fashioned friendly service!











Mogo Village Business Chamber

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CENTRAL—MORUYA



MORUYA is a classical south coast town that authentically retains its heritage in its architecture.

When the town was first surveyed in 1850 it adopted an Anglicisation of the local Aboriginal word 'Mherroyah' which reputedly meant 'resting place of black swans'. At the time of survey there was a considerable clan living adjacent to a riverside lake where the Moruya tennis courts are now located.

The main street is still lined with hints of the pioneer past with its sandstone courthouse, old bank and two story weatherboard shops that still line the streets. Inland from the coast, Moruya has a feel of a quiet river town. To the north of the town on the coast are the beaches and villages at Tomakin, Mossy Point and Broulee and Moruya Heads with Congo, Bingie and Tuross Head to the south east.

The Moruya River is also named the Deua in its upper reaches with a road that follows its course to Araluen .Gain access via Moruya into the Deua National Park, the largest in the South East region.

There are markets on each Tuesday and Saturday with delicious fresh regional produce

Moruya North:

Turn east (towards the airport) after you cross the Moruya Bridge and follow the Moruya River. Along the way call in to Quarry Park that celebrates the connection between Moruya and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Information boards relate tales of quarrying and loading massive granite stones onto barges destined for the pylons of the new harbour bridge which explains Moruya is affectionately called Granite Town by many locals.

Further on drive out to the airport and explore the North Head rockwall. This is a popular place for local fishers and surfers and is also an alternate swimming spot.

If you like cycling there is a well formed track that extends from the airport to Broulee through the banksia forests.

Moruya hosts its vibrant country markets along the river's edge at Riverside Park each Saturday morning offering arts, homemade crafts, clothes, food delicacies and much more. The nationally awarded SAGE Farmers Market are held at the same location on Tuesday afternoons beginning after the town crier's bell is rung at 3pm to signal the start of trading.

Moruya is a cultural hub with a thriving arts community and hosts a full and surprising events calendar.

MORUYA TO DOs:

Go for a cycle

A cycleway leads from Russ Martin Park on the southern shores of the Moruya River to the hospital upstream and to the TAFE at the southern end of town. There is a near complete cycleway that also goes to Moruya South Head with a 2km section that you need to ride on a wide tarred road shoulder. You can cross the Moruya bridge on the eastern side. Click on the link to visit our CYCLING Page that has all the info you need.

Go Fishing: Visit our South Coast Travel Guide FISHING Page

Moruya has great river side fishing. Just find a bit of shoreline along either bank. For those who prefer beach fishing Moruya South Head and Moruya North head training wall are two favoured spots for salmon. For tips and location info visit our FISHING page

Go for a Walk

Walking around Moruya is a pleasure as the old buildings come alive if you do a bit of pre-reading of the towns HISTORY. And be sure to take the Moruya Town Walking details with you. If you enjoy walks further afield then visit our WALKING page for more information

Discover our Local History

Moruya has a rich and interesting history. Have a read of the local history on our website and then watch the town come alive as you walk it with fresh eyes.

Skydive Moruya

Lot 1, Bruce Cameron Drive Moruya Airport NSW 2536

Skydiving to the beach near Batemans Bay / Moruya is an experience not to be missed! Embrace the fear, hop in the plane, soak up the ocean views, feel the rush of a lifetime as you free fall with your experienced instructor, scream out with joy as you fly your parachute and glide back down and land on the beach

Ph 1300 185 180 - Daily: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Surfing or Kayaking

Why not try your hand at surfing or stand up paddle boarding with one of Broulee's two great surf schools. Both Broulee Surf School and Surf the Bay Surf School offer lessons with qualified instructors or simply hire some gear for a fabulous day on the beach. The Moruya River is also a perfect place to explore on a SUP or by kayak.

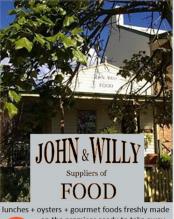








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CENTRAL—TOMAKIN, BROULEE, MOSSY POINT, MORUYA SOUTH HEAD, CONGO

TOMAKIN epitomises unspoilt beaches and waterways and the surrounding area of Broulee, Mossy Point and Barlings Beach are perfect for a day on the beach, snorkelling, kayaking or fishing. Take a walk around Broulee Island, or up to Melville Point at Tomakin and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the area.

Tomakin Cove is a protected sandy cove that is a shallow lagoon making it popular with novice snorkellers and kayakers. The cove is part of the greater Broulee Bay and is almost completely surrounded by rocky outcrops and reefs - on its southern side rocky platforms extend out into the bay, while to the north the cove is sheltered by Melville Point.

MOSSY POINT is located between the pristine Tomaga River and Candlagan Creek.

Once part of the Batemans Bay to Moruya grand drive it has been bypassed and is often overlooked by visitors rushing along George Bass Drive. If only they knew of the little gem that lies to the east.

The Mossy Point Headland is on the south side of the Tomago River where you will find a boat ramp, the sheds of a local kayak and bicycle hire company and the anchor memorial, the village of Mossy Point is a secluded spot comprising mostly residential houses some of which are available for holiday rentals through the local real estate agents.

In 1999 Greta Allen started an art space in one of the rear rooms of what is now called The Mossy Cafe. This grew into The ARTery , a gallery and collective of local artists. The once-were galleries are very comfortable lounges as part of the cafe.

BROULEE: everything you might expect of a Aussie seaside holiday town.

It has a great choice of stunning beaches to suit toddlers, families and the keenest of surfers. There is the freedom of a cycleway that services the town from one end to the other and with the holiday houses fronting the main drag there is always the vibrancy of beach towels hanging over railings.

Broulee has a true surf culture and North Broulee is one of the best learn-to-surf beaches in Australia, with a sheltered position and flat sandy bottom. For more info visit our BEACHES page

South Broulee is considered more challenging, with a break suited to intermediate and advanced level surfers. More adventurous surfers should head to Pink Rocks on the northern side of Broulee Island, where the right hander is known to have some monster days.

The Broulee Headland is fun to explore as are the dunes and nearby Broulee Island. The broad rock platform at the far end of the island and of the main beach are safe to explore and the closest you will get to the migrating humpbacks without a boat.

Broulee Island Nature Reserve is a MUST DO when visiting the area. The video below is exceptional. Before to read the HISTORY before you set off.

Just below the headland, Broulee Surf Life Saving Club offers patrolled swimming (in season), amenities and a café kiosk. The beach here stretches unbroken all the way to the Moruya River, and offers an expansive view of ocean, sky and mountains. Broulee is perfect for beach walks.

Heading toward Mossy Point on the beach road, you will find Candlagan Creek. As unassuming as it is stunning, the small sandy creek forms a crystal-clear swimming hole just as it reaches the beach, ideal for anyone wanting flat calm water to relax in. The sandy bottom makes it perfect for wading, and kids get a kick out of adventuring under the small road bridge that crosses it.



TUROSS HEAD is a quiet seaside community located on a headland that juts out into the Tasman Sea with Coila Lake to the north and Tuross Lake and Tuross River to the south making the headland virtually surrounded by water.

The two lakes provide a safe environment for water-based activities with the opportunity for sailing on Coila Lake and for restricted water skiing in the Tuross Lake broadwater. Both have easily accessible waterways to explore by kayak or run-about with boat ramp facilities.

Tuross Lake is a dedicated fishing haven and a must visit location for recreational fishers. There are coastal walks and a cycleway that provides a family safe link from one end of the village to the other.

Tuross Lake oysters are world renowned for their quality. The large number of middens on the Tuross peninsular proves the original Aboriginal settlers were just as passionate about them as we are.

Tuross Head has cycling, kayaking, surfing, sailing, swimming, fishing, golf, bowls and so much more.

The village offers a range of accommodation including bed and breakfasts, camping sites, a motel and a wide selection of holiday houses to suit most budgets. There is a local shopping centre, a golf and bowling club and a choice of cafes and restaurants.

TUROSS HEAD TO DOs:

Walking and Cycling around Tuross. The family friendly 5.5km long 2.5m wide cycleway hugs the Coila Lake shore and the Tuross coastline to finish at Tuross Lake

Scenic Drive around Tuross. Tuross offers a stunning drive around the village calling in to the main points of interest. Just follow the blue and white SCENIC ROUTE fingerboard signs

Fishing in Tuross. Tuross Lake is one of the top 3 fishing havens in NSW. Locals practice catch and release to preserve breeding stock but don't hesitate to take home a good feed if fish is on your menu.

Kayaking in Tuross. Tuross Lake is a family safe waterway with days of paddling to be enjoyed. Be sure to also explore the upper areas of the Tuross River as well

18 hole golf course. Monash Avenue, Tuross Head Tuross boasts a magnificent 9 hole course with double tees that provide for an exciting 18 holes of golf. Enjoy the stunning views. Hire also available





















SOUTH-BODALLA



BODALLA is a thriving community that offers great hospitality and diverse range of attractions including its old church to its historic streetscape.

The Yuin people are considered to be the traditional owners of the region, and it is from their language that the town and the previous estate and station derived its name. Several meanings have been put forward including Boat Alley", "tossing a child up in the arms", "haven for boats" and "several waters".

Heritage buildings house galleries run by talented artists and craftspeople and its choice of award winning cafes using fresh local produce is reason enough to stop for a meal.

The history of the town is based around dairy with the most famous label of all being Bodalla Cheese. You can watch cheese making through the windows of the Bodalla Dairy Cheese factory and then go next door to try the dairy products from designer cheese to the absolute freshest of milk. Down the back of the dairy you will find Ritchey Sealy's art gallery plus a host of poddy calves eager for a pat.

To best appreciate Bodalla it helps to have some history. The Bodalla Walking Guide on the South Coast Travel Guide website will also offer insights into the history of the village.

In 1860 Mort somewhat unwillingly had acquired the Bodalla, originally Boat Alley, estate near the mouth of the Tuross River.

He saw in Bodalla both a potential country estate for his retirement and a challenge to his concept of the productive purposes of capital.

He planned to make it into a model of land utilization and rural settlement: a tenanted dairy estate run as an integrated whole. He had the beef cattle on Bodalla removed, land cleared, river swamps drained, fences erected, farms laid out, imported grasses sown, provided milking sheds and cheese- and butter-making equipment and selected tenants. Butter and cheese of steadily improving quality were produced for the Sydney market.

In 1864, he changed Australian cheese production from a cottage industry into a factory system where, for the first time, milk from different sources was manipulated to produce a uniform quality cheese to rival English imports. Bodalla was regarded as 'one of the few showplaces of the industrial progress and enterprise of the Colony'. Ideas developed here were taken up by dairy farmers elsewhere.

In the early 1870s the whole estate was run as three farms with hired labour. Specialized labour, first-class facilities, efficient stock control, careful stock-breeding programmes and controlled blending of milk from different breeds and farms all paid off in higher quality products.

Mort died on 9 May 1878 from pleuro-pneumonia at Bodalla where he was buried.



SOUTH-BODALLA

It was in July 1887 that The Bodalla Company was incorporated as a way of managing the pastoral estate of Thomas Sutcliffe Mort for his beneficiaries.

During his lifetime, Mort rose from a poor Lancashire clerk to a towering figure of Australian business and industry. After arriving in Sydney in 1838, Mort soon established himself as a successful wool auctioneer, expanding to livestock and pastoral property as well as other business ventures such as Mort's Dock at Balmain.

In 1856 Mort acquired the 13,000 acre Bodalla Estate near Moruya on the NSW South Coast, adding another 4,000 neighbouring acres soon after on which to build his home. Mort planned to establish a "model of land utilisation and rural settlement: a tenanted dairy estate run as an integrated whole". The estate grew to 56,000 acres, with dairy cattle, mixed agriculture and tenant farmers. In 1861 he commenced dairy production and built a cheese factory at Comerang in 1874.

Mort originally operated the property on a share-farming system, but in the 1870s he took back the estate and ran it as three farms with hired workers.

Mort became interested in refrigeration as a means of accessing the lucrative Sydney market, and financed work by engineer Eugene Nicolle which produced commercial refrigeration systems including a cold store at Darling Harbour, milk depot in the Southern Tablelands and refrigerated railway vans.

When the main road crossing of the Tuross River was moved from Widget to Trinketabella, Mort moved the Bodalla village to its present site in 1870.

Mort, a twice-married father of ten, died of pneumonia at Bodalla in 1878 at the age of 61. Trustees of his estate included his second wife Marianne, eldest son James (who later renounced his trusteeship) and his friends Benjamin Buchanan, Leslie Herring and Charles Manning. The Bodalla Company was incorporated under the 'Bodalla Estate Act' to manage the estate with capital of £200,000 divided into 2,000 shares of £100 each. By the Act, the beneficiaries were given 1/10 shares in the Bodalla Company.

In 1925, the Bodalla Cheese Co-operative Society Ltd was formed, being a combination of the farmers working on the Bodalla Estate and the Bodalla Company. The Co-operative purchased two of the Company's cheese factories and continued the tradition of cheese-making that had been pioneered in the early days.

BODALLA TO DOs:

Go Fishing Bodalla has great fishing nearby on the Tuross River. Tuross Lake and nearby beach options of Potato Point and Tuross available to suit all ages and all abilities. For tips and location info visit our FISHING page

Go for a Walk Be sure to take the Bodalla Historic Walk and be sure to refer to our HISTORY page as you do.

Discover our Local History

Bodalla has a wonderful rich and vibrant history that is well worth the read. Be sure to read the Nerrigundah history as well and consider a drive out into Eurobodalla



SOUTH—DALMENY, KIANGA

DALMENY is approximately seven kilometres north of Narooma. Mainly residential, the town looks out over the Tasman Sea or Lake Mumumga, a coastal lagoon on its norther border. Dalmeny has a long history of being a holiday destination with first accounts of camping on the headland back in 1877. The popular Dalmeny Camping Ground remains and is perfectly located in the centre of town overlooking the southern end of Brou Beach.

Be careful if swimming on this beach as most of it is isolated and rip-dominated. The beach is patrolled in summer and this is the best place to swim, though rips are still common.

Brou Beach is 6.5 km long running essentially due south from Jemisons Point to the serrated Mummuga Head at Dalmeny. It is a long and interesting beach backed by three lakes.

In the north is the smaller Lake Tarourga, which exists occasionally against Jemisons Point, with the larger Lake Brou in the centre, and equally large Lake Mummuga in the south which exits hard against the southern rocks.

There is a small shopping precinct in the centre of town and a bowling club with 4 greens with a small restaurant.

Be sure to visit the excellent lookout that is located adjacent to the Dalmeny to Narooma cycleway in Ocean Parade. It offers views south towards Narooma, to Montague Island, and to the north, the cliffs and headlands in the Eurobodalla National park, with Tuross in the distance, and the Eurobodalla National Park just over the water and is a great spot to watch whales during their migration season.

The 7 km of coast between the towns of Dalmeny and the mouth of Wagonga Inlet at Narooma contain eight beaches each separated by generally low rocky headlands composed of 450 million-year-old, tilted metamorphic rocks.

The main Dalmeny Drive, as well as the community cycleway, run right behind these beaches providing excellent access. The community built cycleway links Dalmeny to Narooma and is graded EASY with a return distance of 16 kilometres

Yabbarra Beach just to the south of Dalmeny is not patrolled by lifeguards at any time. This beach is more popular with surfers, as the waves here are usually stronger than Dalmeny Beach. Yabbarra Beach also has many rocks to the side of the beach, which can pose a danger during rips.

KIANGA homes mostly have a commanding panoramic views of the Tasman Sea and Dalmeny. There is one store in Kianga, which acts as a restaurant and small general store.

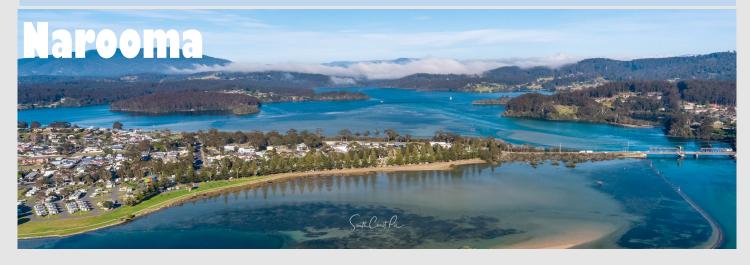
There are three beaches in Kianga, Kianga Beach, Kianga Reef Beach and Carters Beach. These are classified under Beach Safe and care should be taken as they are locally considered as dangerous beaches.

Kianga Lake is part of the Batemans Marine Park and is classified as a Sanctuary Zone, prohibiting all types of recreational fishing. Reef Beach is a favourite with local surfers

Visitors enjoy Kianga as it is quiet, within close proximity to Narooma township, near to the primary boat ramp and also within easy reach of safe swimming for the kids at Bar Beach.

The cycleway that skirts the town takes you to Dalmeny, its shops and beach or, via Mill Bay, to Narooma.

SOUTH—NAROOMA



NAROOMA is derived from the Yuin term for 'clear blue water' and that is exactly what you encounter as you cross over the bridge into the town. The inlet waters are crystal clear and with the backdrop of Gulaga Mountain the old bridge, the waters and the mountain have become an iconic image of this quiet South Coast town.

There is much to explore and Narooma makes it easy with a dedicated shared cycleway that gives safe access around the town so leave the car, grab a bike or pull on some waking shoes.

Narooma North

On the northern side of the inlet are the boatsheds tucked beside the bridge offer delectably fresh local oysters. Narooma plays a key role in the Australia's Oyster Coast, and celebrates in style each May with the annual Narooma Oyster Festival.

Continue on your explorations of the northern side by following the inlet to the Mill Bay Walkway which traces itself along the water's edge. This section of the inlet is part of the Batemans Marine Park so don't be surprised to see huge rays or seals around the boatramp.

The boardwalk leads to Apex Park which has a netted beach (BAR BEACH) for a those who prefer calmer waters. On the southern side of the bridge there are two options to explore.

Make your way along the shoreline to the Narooma Wharf where there is often a parade of wildlife queued up for fisher castoffs.

Continue to Bar Rock Road and then follow it up to the lookout before continuing down the hill to Australia Rock and the southern side of the Narooma Break wall. This area is favoured by a rowdy bunch of Australian fur seals. Don't miss Australia Rock, a natural hole weathered into the remnants of volcanic activity hundreds of millions of years ago that just happens to be shaped like Australia.

The lookout gives extensive water views to Barunguba (Montague island) however you will see it clearer if you now follow the coast road south once again towards the Narooma Golf Course that has to be seen to be believed as having one of the best views of any golf course in the country. Where else can you putt and watch a whale breaching at the same time? Just down the hill from the golf course is the road to the Narooma Beach.

A much favoured though rarely suggested excursion is to the Narooma Cemetery that you can see from the beach on the headland to the south. The cemetery overlooks the Glass House Rocks. The rocks are recognised by the Geological Society of Australia as dating between 510 and 440 million years old and are possibly the most photographed rocks along the Eurobodalla coastline.

SOUTH-NAROOMA

The view of the rocks is quite reasonable from the cemetery which is accessed via Glasshouse Rocks Road at the southern end of Narooma. At low tide you can walk round the headland from the Narooma Beach to Glasshouse Rocks North Beach as well. Just be mindful of the tides -Caution is advised (for clear and also safe directions to Glass House Rocks call into the Narooma Visitors Centre).



Narooma is a perfect whale watching spot: We have over 50% of the worlds whales skirting our southern seas with an estimate of at least 45 species of whales and dolphins found around our coastline. Experts estimate around 30,000 humpback whales alone migrate north along the NSW coastline in late Autumn to head for warmer waters before returning between September and November with their newborn calves.

Narooma South

Narooma has two sides. The boisterous ocean side with whales, rocks, beaches and

ocean views. And then there is the quiet side of the Wagonga Inlet with its boathouses, cafes, oyster sheds and marinas. This side also has a great area for family safe paddling with cycle, kayak and Stand Up Paddle Board hire in summer

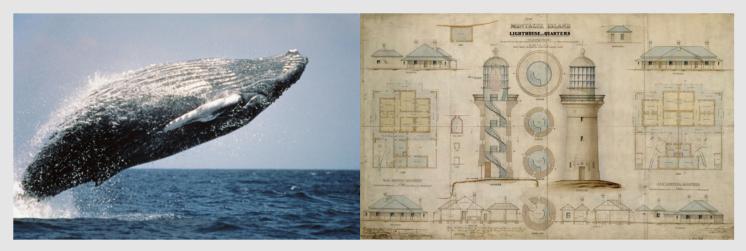
Once you are done with exploring the town there is the draw of MONTAGUE ISLAND.

Barunguba (Montague island) one of Australia's top destinations for a snorkel or diving with seals. For those who prefer to stay above water, Montague Island makes a great day trip, with whales, dolphins, flying fish and over 90 species of bird calling the area home throughout the year.

The granite lighthouse on the Island is almost 140 years old and retains most of its original features. Climbing the original winding stairs provides outstanding 360 degree views and a chance to spot passing whales.

For a unique overnight stay, accommodation is offered in both the lighthouse keeper's, and assistant lighthouse keeper's cottages.

The fishing around Narooma is superb and can be as easy as casting a line from the shore.





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Visit Narooma

Narooma - the Jewel of the South Coast, with pristine turquoise waters and breathtaking unspoilt beaches.

Narooma is centred with the beautiful Wagonga Inlet shoreside, Barunguba - Montague Island seaside and a coastline dotted with gorgeous beaches and significant geological rock formations such as the famous Australia Rock, Glasshouse Rocks and Pillow Lava.





Narooma Accommodation

Book your stay in paradise.

Find accommodation in Narooma and get ready to lie on a beach, tee off over cliff tops, get up close with wildlife, indulge your senses in food and wine or actually live the sea-change!



Montague Island

Unique wildlife & stunning views

A top eco-tourism destination, the island is also home to the largest fur seal colony on the NSW coast and some 15 bird species. See Little Penguins, dolphins, whales and more!

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Walking & Cycling

Take in the views.

The Narooma to Dalmeny Cycleway is a stunning coastal path running for 6 km between the two towns and designed to be shared by bikers and walkers. Plus



Endless Beaches

Spectacular, uncrowded beaches.

Visit Narooma for gorgeous uncrowded expanses of sand and formidable rock formations. There's many child-friendly options with safe swimming conditions



Whale Watching

Watch magnificent whales in action

A sight to behold from September to mid November, watch humpback whales breach & play from land or charter boat during their Southern



Dining & Take Out

A diverse culinary destination

Narooma has fantastic cafes, restaurants, pubs, craft breweries and winery nearby. You'll find many use the And the oysters!



The heritage villages of CENTRAL TILBA and TILBA sit in the shadow of Mount Gulaga, a sacred mountain for Yuin Aboriginal people. This is granite country and the first thing you will see are the granite tors that cover the landscape. Though these appear quite appealing these massive granite outcrops have a darker side of attracting lightning.

The villages are wonderfully old. You might enjoy reading its history on the South Coast Travel website.

This National Trust-classified town has become a must see on the South Coast for its delightful shops and galleries where can enjoy the true feeling of yesteryear as you explore the genuine streetscape. On Saturdays there is a local produce market in the community owned School of Arts buildings.

If you get a chance take a wander up the laneway by the Dromedary Hotel and follow the path to the top of the hill and water tower accessed via the paddock at the back of the fire shed. There is a lovely view of the town and valleys beyond. Be sure to say hello to the horse who lives in the paddock.

There is a great page that covers walking around the town and discovering its heritage.

The ABC Cheese Factory is located in Central Tilba at the end of the main street. It was established in 1891 and was the first cheese co-operative in New South Wales.

Tilba Club Cheese is still waxed at the ABC Cheese Factory and is available at any time. You are also welcome to taste the largest

range of honey on the south coast. They feature local produce including their own jams and preserves, souvenirs, gifts, coffee, ice cream and snacks.

sold exclusively through their shop. Tastings of their cheeses are

South Coast Cheese is also located within the ABC Cheese Factory. It specialises in producing a local product of the highest quality and sources as many local ingredients as possible.

Tilba Real Dairy features cheese making and milk bottling which can be viewed through large glass windows. Along with cheese tastings, honey tastings, ice creams, quality condiments and conserves you can also try the freshest milkshake made from the jersey herd in the Tilba Valley, just milked and available.

Tilba Real Dairy specialises in producing a local product of the highest quality sourcing as many local ingredients as possible





SOUTH—CENTRAL TILBA AND TILBA TILBA

and giving back to the local community. They produce many speciality cheeses including infused and traditional cheddars, soft and hard cheeses, such as Cream Blue, Camembert. Havarti and Romano. Their chilli based 'Firecracker' is not for wary.

Central Tilba normally celebrates Easter Saturday every

year with The Tilba Festival of music, food and all the key things that make a community thrive. Later on in June it hosts the South East Regional Timber workers with their June long weekend display and sale.



Central Tilba also hosts the annual South Coast Knife

Show over the October long weekend each year showcasing the skills

of makers both local and interstate. A chance to meet the makers themselves and buy some truly unique, beautiful and practical pieces. While Central Tilba is well known for its craft stores and the famous ABC Cheese factory nearby **Tilba Tilba** is equally famous for being the starting point for the Gulaga Walk.

There is a gravel road that connects Narooma to Tilba. The road is often referred to as The Ridge Road which leads out of Tilba in a northerly direction and continues, sealed and unsealed, through farms and bush country. Follow this road (from Tilba) to the Old Highway and turn right. Further along this road is Tilba Valley Winery which offers tasting of their great selection, lunch and cellar door sales.

TILBA TO DOs:

Climb Gulaga Mountain.

Gulaga (Mt Dromedary) Length: 14km return. Time: 5 hours return. Grade: Hard.

Mount Gulaga is a 797 metre high extinct volcano rising above sea level and has great spiritual significance to local Aboriginal people, particularly Aboriginal women symbolising the mother and providing a basis for Aboriginal spiritual identity. There is a popular, though solid 14km (up and back) walk from Pam's Store at Tilba Tilba to the top of Gulaga which takes 5 hours or so. The track is easy to follow traversing along an old gold mining road so the mountain also has white-fella history. There are pit toilets at the top and drinking water maintained by the park rangers.

Go for a Walk. Be sure to take the Central Tilba Historic Walk and to also go up by the Fire Station and climb to the top of the hill by the water reservoir for great views over the valley. And be sure to refer to our <u>HISTORY</u> page as you discover The Tilbas.

Discover our Local History. The Tilbas have a wonderful rich and vibrant history that is well worth the read. We have a great page that covers the History of the town and area <u>HERE</u>

Tilba Valley Winery & Ale House. 947 Old Hwy Dr Narooma

Just a short drive from Narooma or Tilba. A visit to the winery which is the only one in the Eurobodalla is a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours. Call in for wine tasting and lunch. Ph 4473 7308

Visit Foxglove and Co. Gardens. 282 Corkhill Drive., Tilba Tilba

This absolutely enchanting property encompassing 3 ½ acres of exquisite open gardens has been featured on major TV shows including Burke's Backyard and Better Homes and Gardens and is the subject of the book "Velvet Pears". A large section of the grounds have been extensively and beautifully developed over many years, with water features, a gardened ruin and the Willow House overlooking the duck pond. Open 9am to 5pm Takes approximately 1 1/2 hours to view. Ph 44737375

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Eating & Drinking

From delicate handmade chocolates to rustic cheeses and hearty pub lunches, eateries around Tilba District offer a swag of tasty treats





Natural Wonders

Set in the shadow of Gulaga (Mt Dromedary), Tilba District is surrounded by beautiful scenery, beaches and interesting places to explore

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Tilba District hosts several events which offer a great opportunity to meet the locals and enjoy the buzz...

Events

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Shopping & Gifts

Central Tilba is a boutique shopper's paradise with not a chain store in sight. Tilba Tilba is home to iconic Tilba Nursery and French style cafe - La Galette

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Geology & Mystery

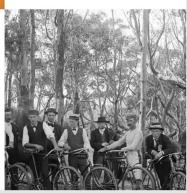
Tilba District offers some unique geological wonders dating back millions of years - and also one of the greatest Australian seafaring mysteries!



History & Stories

Tilba District's enormous history put us on the National Trust list

> we're literally a National Treasure!





The MUST DOS of the Nature Coast are exhausting, from rising in the morning to swim, to cycle or kayak, and then there are the local markets, the art galleries, the walks, the drives, the whale watching from a land based vantage point or from the air on a scenic flight which leaves little time for fishing, golfing or just sitting back under a tree bird watching of learning about our local history.

Maybe take time to have a picnic at one of our many parks and reserves that provide free BBQs. Eurobodalla has dozens of parks and public spaces in many picturesque locations to chose from. You will find an interactive map on the website.

And somewhere in between that make some time to spend in our many cafes or in restful slumber. It might be best if you stay longer.



Relish an Oyster Tasting Kayak Tour

The magnificent Clyde River
Estuary system is home to
some of the most successful
oyster farmers on the South
Coast of NSW, paddle and taste
the romance of the finest
oysters from the purest
Australian waters.

Learn about the local cultivation techniques,

the science behind farming, oyster varieties and life as an oyster farmer from Jade, Greg and Enola from the Oyster Shed on Wray Street.

Be treated, eating the freshest oysters you can, taken from the river that morning. Local experience provider **Region X** operate this tour and so many others.

Following the tasting and talk, kayak through working oyster farms, between live racks brimming with product, past packing sheds all within easy floating distance of your starting location at the Batemans Bay bridge, all part of the Batemans Marine Park and Clyde River National Park.

Must Dos

Art Galleries

Cinemas

Cycling

Discover Our History

Bird Watching

Drives

Fishing

Golfing

Tennis

Kayaking

Local Markets

Scenic Flights

Skydive

Surfing

Snorkling SCUBA

Tours

Walks

Whale Watching

This Eurobodalla Holiday Guide is just a quick overview. There is SO MUCH more information on our South Coast Travel website. Be sure to visit the website whilst you are planning your journey, or holidaying as there are also videos and interactive maps that cover everything from EV charging stations in the region, Dog Friendly Beaches, BBQs and where to Eat Out.

Eurobodalla has a wonderful depth of ART AND CRAFT which isn't surprising when you learn the average median age of our residents is 54.

What that means is that there is a true depth in the maturity of the art we have in our galleries and that art, that craft and the skill of the artist represents years of understanding, of travel and of taking the time to develop the skills and the eye.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a depth of talent and we are fortunate to have a community that celebrates and supports the depth we have. Find a gallery from the list below and enjoy the artisans that live on this coast.

CYCLING in the Eurobodalla is one of the true pleasures that the Eurobodalla Nature Coast offers. With almost 400kms of easy pathways and trails along the coast and through villages and towns Eurobodalla does more than encourage you to bring your bike on holiday.

Be it easy shared cycleways by stunning ocean foreshores or mountain bike riding through one of the many national park and state forests trails Eurobodalla has a cycle experience for all levels.

DRIVING Tours of the Eurobodalla. Not everyone wants to bushwalk, to kayak, cycle or swim. To many a holiday is a drive, an explore, an opportunity to have see something new, to find good food and do it from the comfort of a car.

With unspoilt coastline, stunning forests, hidden valleys and backwaters and stunning lookouts with spectacular views from the mountains to the sea all within a few easy steps from your vehicle a driving tour of Eurobodalla is a pleasure.

FISHING in Eurobodalla is a must, even if you aren't a regular angler. The Eurobodalla has some of the most stunning foreshores estuaries and lakes you might find anywhere in Australia. No matter what the season there are plenty of fishing options on our coast. The primary estuary based fishing grounds in South East NSW extend from just north of Batemans Bay to just south of Narooma and with locations like Tuross Lake being classified as a fishing haven for anglers it is evident that this coastline is an anglers paradise.

GOLF in the Eurobodalla comes with the distraction of scenery and wildlife. Each course has its own unique characteristics offering stunning views of our coastline and mountain ranges. Golfers come from far and wide to play here in the various tournaments held over the course of each year and golfing holidays on the South Coast are popular. While we enjoy usually quiet courses our clubs do hold their regular comps so it is best to phone ahead to ensure you lock in a booking.

KAYAKERS, CANOEISTS AND STANDUP PADDLEBOARDERS. With

three major rivers being the Clyde, Moruya and Tuross and the added bonus of twenty stunning lakes and a 110 kilometre coast line it is a must to bring your kayak with you. If you can't add the kayak to the holiday packing then quality kayak hire is available for all members of the family. Check the website for maps.

Not overly confident of kayaking - then you can book a lesson or take a guided tour with experts. There are three Kayak tour companies that offer a wide choice or kayak tours in the Eurobodalla



SURFING is a big drawcard of the area. Not just because we have 83 beaches stretched along 110 kilometres of coastline but because of the pristine waters and the fact that you can get a wave without heaps of surfers competing you for them.

The Eurobodalla region has some of the most spectacular and unspoilt coastline on the South Coast of NSW. There are plenty of beautiful sandy ocean beaches to choose from, as well as quiet beaches in sheltered bays.

There are protected beaches with gentle waves for the kids and serious breaks if you love surfing. This is a rugged coastline though, exposed to the Tasman Sea and care should always be taken, even in the calmest bays and lakes.

WALKS in the Eurobodalla. Bush walks and coastal walks are one of the true pleasures that the Eurobodalla Nature Coast offers.

While there are 83 beaches to pick for a highly rewarding stroll and endless fire trails to experience the forests there are some more regulated walks that showcase the unique geology, flora and fauna of the area.

SCENIC FLIGHTS: A perfect way to experience the beautiful South Coast of New South Wales from a perspective you've never imagined.

There is nothing quite like the experience of gracefully speeding across the water and slipping into the sky and that's all before you take in the views. With incredible unspoilt beaches on one side of the aircraft, and stunning mountain views on the other, a coastal scenic flight is a journey you will never forget.

The Eurobodalla is well serviced by two companies that operate out of Moruya Airport with the seaplane also operating from the Moruya River or Wagonga Inlet, Narooma

TOURS

Most often visitors are happy to explore on their own BUT SOME TIMES YOU just want to relax and let someone else take care of the itinerary.

This website provides lots of information to enable you to set off by foot, bike, kayak or car and be suitably informed of where to go and what to see.

There are kayak trips, fishing trips, whale watching expeditions and walks all listed on this site to help you organise your holiday. There are flyers and suggested drives and all the activities we could muster but that all takes valuable holiday time if you have only just arrived.







WALKS in the Eurobodalla—North to South

Bush walks and coastal walks are one of the true pleasures that the Eurobodalla Nature Coast offers. While there are 83 beaches to pick for a highly rewarding stroll and endless fire trails to experience the forests there are some more regulated walks that showcase the unique geology, flora and fauna of the area.

Below are some of some of the many walks within the shire - divided into degrees of difficulty:

Easy Walks:

Wasp Head walk. Murramarang National Park. Distance 2km return Time suggested 30min - 1hr 30min

Dark Beach walking track in Murramarang National Park is only a distance of 0.5km return with a suggested time of 15 - 30min.

Myrtle Beach walking track in Murramarang National Park is pretty special to most locals. Get away from it all and escape to this beautiful, isolated beach for the day. **The beach is isolated and is often used by locals** who prefer to not wear togs so just be aware and try not to stare.

Cullendulla Creek Nature Reserve, Surfside (Length: 2 km loop Time: 50 minutes) is an easy walk offering great birdwatching opportunities.

Square Head walk, Long Beach

Two walks in the Square Head are available. Both with their own unique attributes and sights. There are picnic facilities available so take the family and a feed and explore.

Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens (5kms 5th of Batemans Bay) Over eight kilometres of tracks have been developed within the Gardens, giving access to the natural and man made features of the site. A walk booklet and map is available from the Gardens Visitors Centre. Length:6 tracks from 500m to 2km, 6 km in total Time: from 20 minutes to 2 hours

Mogo Bushwalk in the Mogo State Forest. This 1.6km easy grade walk showcases the eucalyptus forest of the area to those not familiar with large stands of spotted gums and an infill of burrawang cycads on a forest floor. A visitor carpark is available at the start of the walk. The track is a well-defined path. Mogo Walking Track starts near the entrance to Old Mogo Town and is a 20-30 minute looped walk and whilst rated easy there are some steps.

Banksia Walk, Burrewarra Point (Guerilla Bay) Length: 1.5 km return Time: 50 minutes. RAAF No 11 Operational Base Unit was situated at Moruya Aerodrome during World War 2 and RAAF No 17 Radar Station at Burrewarra Point was an allied unit.

Tuross Head Foreshore - One of the great walking treasures in Eurobodalla is the Tuross Head shared cycleway that hugs the shore of Coila Lake, tracing along the stunning Tuross coastline and then finishes at

the Tuross Boatramp on the shores of Tuross Lake - a 5.5km path that allows you to explore from one end of the village to the other. The Tuross Head Walking Guide and Map are available Length: 5.5 km return Time: allow 2 hours to fit in a coffee at one of the boatshed cafes.

Mill Bay Boardwalk, Narooma. This timber walkway, starting from Apex Boat Ramp, wraps around the banks of the Wagonga Inlet offering walkers and cyclists the opportunity to fish, watch the marine life or just stroll. It is suitable for all levels of walkers and is a must see for visitors. Length: 850m to 4 km return Time: 30 minutes to 2 hours Grade: Easy, level, wheelchair access on boardwalk

Mystery Bay to Billy's Beach Length: 1km return Time: 40 minutes

Moderate Walks:

Ancient Headlands, Murramarang National Park, Sth Durras Length: 2.5km return Time: 1 hour

Broulee Island, (Broulee) Length: 3.5 km return Time: 1 hour, 2 hours if you include the beach walk

Box Cutting Rainforest Walk (Near Narooma) Length: 700mTime: 35 minutes Grade: Easy with some steep sections

Ringlands Bay Walk (Near Narooma) - This walk was an initiative of Rotary Narooma Distance 4km one way. Graded Moderate

Mystery Bay to 1080 Beach Length: 5km return Time: 2 hours return

Moderate to Hard walks:

Bingie Dreaming Track: Length: 25km return Tuross Head to Congo; 11km return Tuross Head to Bingie Time: 8 hours Tuross Head to Congo; 5 hours to Bingie Grade: Moderate to difficult.

Gulaga (Mt Dromedary) Length: 14km return. Time: 5 hours return. Grade: Hard Gulaga (Mount Dromedary) is located at the southern end of the Eurobodalla, towering above the Tilba towns of Central Tilba and Tilba. Mount Gulaga is a 797 metre high extinct volcano rising above sea level and has great spiritual significance to local Aboriginal people, particularly Aboriginal women symbolising the mother and providing a basis for Aboriginal spiritual identity. The Gulaga National Park was handed back to its traditional Aboriginal owners in an historic agreement in 2006. There is a popular, though solid 14km (up and back) walk from Pam's Store at Tilba Tilba to the top of Gulaga which takes 5 hours or so. The track is easy to follow traversing along an old gold mining road so the mountain also has white-fella history. There are pit toilets at the top and drinking water maintained by the park rangers.

The Corn Trail walking track is a historic trail for hikers and horse riders to traverse a wide variety of landscapes and follow in the footsteps of the past. It is a12.5 km trail in Buckenbowra State Forest which starts at Clyde Mountain about 40 km from Batemans Bay

Pigeon House Mountain. National Parks and Wildlife service grade this track at Grade 4, its rough, steep and a challenging hike. It is NOT recommend that anyone with knee, ankle, heart or lung conditions attempt the hike.

Murramarang Coast Journey

Experience one of the Worlds signature walks. Magnificent beaches, intricate geological patterns and amazing forest on this guided three day walk along the breathtaking South Coast of NSW all within Murramarang National Park just north of Batemans Bay

WHALE WATCHING

Australia is unique when it comes to whales and in terms of population we have over 50% of the worlds whales skirting our southern seas. They now estimate that at least 45 species of whales and dolphins can be found around our coastline.

Experts estimate around 30,000 humpback whales alone will migrate north along the NSW coastline this year to head for warmer waters before returning between September and November with their newborn calves.

Whale watching season on the South Coast initially starts in late Autumn as thousands pass by on their annual journey north to escape the cool waters of the south. They rarely pass in close to the coast on their way north as they hurry by however from September to November their southern migration whales move more slowly and are often with calves travelling closer to the coastline.

Southern right whales are known to come in close and just hang around for hours as too do the humpback whales with calves returning from their northern birthing and mating grounds.

Southern right whales are easy to tell apart from humpbacks as they have a flat, broad back without a dorsal fin, and a long arching mouth that begins above the eye. The head is often covered with white growths, known as callosities.

The species is listed as "endangered" and there are around 10,000 southern rights thought to be in existence. They were called the "right" whale as they were easy to harpoon by whalers.

For those who want to see the whales breaching the best time is when a breeze comes up. As females migrate south with calves you will often see the young ones practicing leaps and flipper flapping.

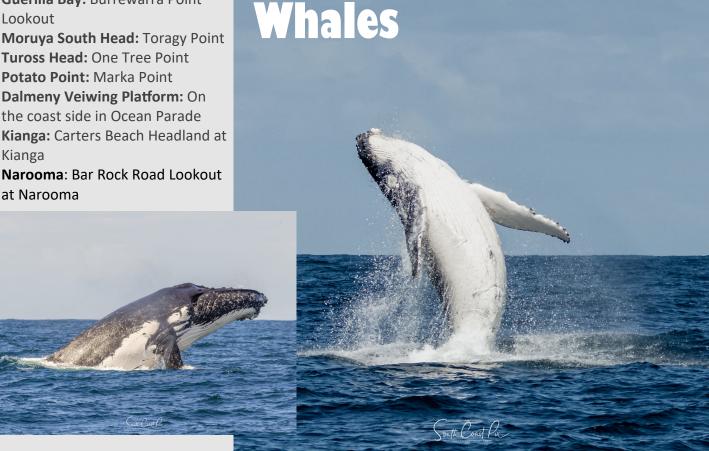
The whales often do come close to the shoreline and shelter in the bays of the South Coast so the best land based vantage points to see them are:

Guerilla Bay: Burrewarra Point

Lookout

Moruya South Head: Toragy Point Tuross Head: One Tree Point Potato Point: Marka Point Dalmeny Veiwing Platform: On the coast side in Ocean Parade

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MUST SEES



The MUST SEEs of the Nature Coast are those things that we feel really make the area and showcase it.

Let's start with THE BEACHES.

There are 83 of them and each and everyone of them is unique. They have different sand textures, different colours and grain size, different aspects with considerable differences in the backdrop of vegetation and geology from rolling dunes to ochre cliffs, from grasses verges to granite bouldered tumbles.

BINGIE BINGIE is a perfect example of this. The beach to the north is quite different to that on the south of it's Bingie Point where you will find truly unique rock formations of tumbled tonalite granite and 370 million year old magma veins. Even just a little further north at CandleStick beach or Honeymoon beach at Mullimburra Point you will notice the change again. This is gorgeous country to explore if you take the time to look at the small details.

BROULEE ISLAND is a must see as it has it all from dunes to beaches, rock ledge pools to worn rumble tumbled stones the size of your fist and you can take it all in within a few hours circumnavigating the island.

The **TUROSS FORESHORE** introduces you to Coila Beach in the north and follows the ocean front south to Main Beach and then the Tuross Head River mouth. Along the way are several detours out to viewpoints that are simply stunning.

To the south is **MILL BAY WALKWAY** that traces along the Wagonga Inlet foreshore. This too is stunning and a must see if you enjoy watching the tide go by and the backdrop of the mountains behind Narooma change colour as often as the waters of the inlet do.

MOGO WILDLIFE PARK is a must see because it is a private zoo that plays a vital role in the recovery and breeding of endangered animals. The zoo is a pleasure to walk through and the zoo guests are a happy healthy lot who will enjoy seeing you call by to support them.

THE TILBAS to the south are also a must see as they sit is a picturesque valley at the base of Gulaga Mountain. Central Tilba is a National Heritage township which has captured the style of the time. The town is a mecca for those who enjoy quality crafts, excellent cheeses and maybe even a walk up Gulaga.

This is a coastline with very unique flora and we are fortunate to have a BOTANIC GARDENS here, run by volunteers who have nurtured over 2000 varieties of plants.

Having achieved all of those land based sites it might be time to visit **MONTAGUE ISLAND** and meet the locals out there from hump back whales to dolphins, seals, sharks, penguins and fish... lots of fish.

Must Sees

Beaches

Bingie Bingie

Botanical Gardens

Broulee Island

Tuross Foreshore

Mill Bay Boardwalk

Mogo Zoo

Montague Island

Our Geology

The Tilbas

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Mogo Wildlife Park

Mogo Wildlife Park is home to the most diverse private collection of rare and endangered wildlife in Australia, but also home to an incredible team of passionate zookeepers, who literally put their lives on the line during the 2020 Summer bushfires to ensure that all animals were safe as fires encircled the parks' 70-hectare site.



Well known as a 'must-do' while you're in Batemans Bay, at Mogo Wildlife Park you'll meet meerkats, red pandas, silvery gibbons, lions, tigers, white rhinos and the country's largest tower of giraffes.

If you're lucky, you might chance upon Zookeeper Chad too the park's director who enthrals his instagram followers daily with behind the scenes updates (check it out for lion cub bottlefeeds and other wild close-ups.)





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WHAT'S ON



The Eurobodalla hosts MAJOR EVENTS across its calendar year.

In addition to these events are the smaller week to week markets, exhibitions and performances.

For All that is On in the way of Exhibitions, Music and Smaller events visit *The Beagle What's On Guide*

JANUARY: The George Bass Marathon

The George Bass Marathon is 42 years old, a phenomenal feat in today's high pressure sporting environment.

It is the longest and toughest surfboat marathon in the world. Covering 188 kilometres of the most spectacular piece of Australia coastline from Batemans Bay to Eden.

JANUARY: NelliJam Music Festival @ Nelligen

The NelliJam music events have become a household name on the south coast since 2012. Presenting live, original, family-friendly events for FREE.

JANUARY: Eurobodalla Agricultural Show

The Eurobodalla Agricultural Shows are held at the Moruya Showground in Moruya on the Australia Day weekend.

Saturday – Gates opens at 9.00 am till 9.30 pm and Sunday – Gates opens at 9.00 am till 5.00 pm



JANUARY: Batemans Bay Kids Fishing Workshop

NSW Fisheries runs four hour kids fishing workshops for eight-14 year olds. The kids learn how fish responsibly in a safe and fun environment. Wharf Road, Batemans Bay 0438 245 190 for details

JANUARY: Art on the Path January

Art on the Path features stalls from sustainable artists and local environmental groups, and aims to help residents become more sustainable in their everyday life. You might like to find out how to keep bees and produce your own honey, or get some beeswax wraps to use at home so you can say goodbye to plastic cling wrap for good. You will be amazed by the diversity and ingenuity of our local artists, and be inspired by their passions for protecting our natural environment by reducing your carbon footprint.

JANUARY: Batemans Bay Triathlon Festival

Tri Bateman's Bay in it's new home at Tomakin is designed for speed. From the wind protected swim in the Tomaga River, the fast straights of George Bass Drive to the pancake flat run through Tomakin these races will be fast!

FEBRUARY: Batemans Bay Seaside Carnivale

The Seaside Carnivale is a family fun day with a huge variety of events and activities for all ages - even adults!



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MARCH: Broulee Bay to Breakers Annual Swim

Broulee Bay to Breakers Annual Swim is a 1.4 kilometre ocean swim from Shark Bay on Broulee Island out to the ocean and around the headland to the Broulee Surf Beach. Cash prizes for Open Division and prizes for all other Divisions.

MARCH: Tuross Head Flathead and Bream competition

The tournament is a catch and release tournament and is restricted to the first 250 entrants held annually in March on the Canberra Day long weekend in Tuross Head. The tournament is held over two days (Canberra long weekend) finishing to give visitors time to get back home.

MARCH: Sculpture Bermagui

Sculpture Bermagui gathers sculptural works from established, renowned artists alongside those of emerging talent for the enjoyment of our community and the many visitors it attracts. .

APRIL: Tilba Easter Festival

The Tilba Easter Festival is a unique town festival that has live music from four stages, roaming street performers, hilarious street games, rides, markets, delicious food, an art show plus so much more. A must see. Every Easter Saturday

APRIL: Hook In Eurobodalla

Hanging Rock, Batemans Bay. The home of the largest community inclusive fishing competition, fishing/outdoors EXPO and festival rolled into one. The Hook In Eurobodalla!



APRIL: Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge

A weekend of paddle races and activities on the waters of the Clyde River with events for serious competitors, casual paddlers and families, this exciting new event is sure to challenge and inspire. Races • Open Marathon Race (26km), • Open Masters Marathon Race for 50+ (26km), • Open Half Marathon Race (13km), • Youth Race (8km)

MAY: Narooma Oyster Festival

The Narooma Oyster Festival delivers something special for everyone – from foodies to families, combining a cosmopolitan quality food experience with excellent music & family entertainment. Enjoy it all at Forster's Bay, Narooma. Live music, local culture, fresh produce, and the world's best oysters



JUNE: South Coast Regional Exhibition of Woodwork Central Tilba

Organised by the Narooma Woodies this annual exhibition showcases the exceptional work of fine wood crafters from north of Batemans Bay to south of Eden, with hundreds of exquisitely handcrafted items on display and for sale, and demonstrations throughout the June Long Weekend.

JULY: Rally at the Bay

Come and enjoy the forests of the Eurobodalla Shire and see why this event is regarded one of the best for roads on the South Coast. Check the link for dates and details.

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JULY: Batemans Bay Antiques and Collectibles Fair

This Antiques and Collectibles Fair is a must. Be seduced by the variety of antiques and collectibles from a large number of Australia's dealers. Enjoy delicious meals and refreshments while you buy, sell or trade. Held at the Batemans Bay Basketball Stadium, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay

AUGUST: Jetblack Wild Wombat Mountain Bike Challenge

Join like minded mountain bikers and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of tall forests, rivers and beaches in this unspoilt coastal wilderness at the Jetblack Wild Wombat. Where: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Deep Creek Dam Dr, Batemans Bay

AUGUST: Sculpture on the Clyde

Batemans Bay is transformed in the last week of August when sculptors from all around Australia set up their large artworks at nearby internationally acclaimed Wallinga Park. Smaller works are displayed throughout the town with the primary focus around the exhibition rooms on Clyde Street. .



SEPTEMBER: River of Art

River of Art is a 10 day festival of live music, theatre, film, visual arts, literature, creative workshops and cultural experiences held along the picturesque NSW far south coast. River of Art celebrates the abundance of creative practitioners living in and complementing the beautiful environment of the Eurobodalla.

SEPTEMBER: Moruya SLSC Town

challenges offset by beautiful river scenery with an emphasis on participation and fun. Click on the link for

To Surf Fun Run

The fun run is 8km from Riverside Park in Moruya to the Moruya Surf Club at South Head. Mainly on concrete foot paths with a few manageable details of the next event.

NOVEMBER: Annual Narooma Boats Afloat Festival

Narooma Boats Afloat Festival sails into Narooma each year, bringing traditional boats in all their varied forms - from clinkers and putt-putts to launches, cruisers and yachts that celebrate with a much loved "Grand Parade" sail-by.

DECEMBER: Art on the Path December at Broulee

Art on the Path features stalls from sustainable artists and local environmental groups, and aims to help residents become more sustainable in their everyday life.

DECEMBER: Broulee Sand Modelling Competition

Watch Broulee Beach get transformed into a sand model haven on New Years Eve! A chance to win heaps of prizes. To fit in with the tide, it's earlier than usual with registration starting at 9.30am and the competition going from low tide. There'll be the usual three categories of juniors, open sandcastles and open sculptures. Entry fee is \$10 per team (up to five in a team). New Years Eve @ North Broulee Beach, Coronation Drive, Broulee







While the eurobodalla is famous for its oysters and dairy there is much more to discover for those who enjoy knowing where their food comes from and for those who relish the quality of produce you can only find at the farmgate, a market or served by a takeaway, café or restaurant.

This eurobodalla food guide promotes those local businesses and providores who qualify to be included and who showcase our wonderful local produce and the wealth of value added product we believe reflects the sentiment of eurobodalla.... all kinds of natural.

You will note that there are no advertisements. The businesses mentioned are identified on their merit. Those mentioned were found to be worthy of commendation at the time of publishing.

I encourage you to explore the region and to enjoy our local markets, ask our local food outlets what local products they provide and source. Often the inclusion of local produce is understated—that exceptional yellow of your breakfast scrambled egg will most likely indicate the egg comes from a free range chicken just down the road. The herbs, the vegies will taste fresher, be crisper, and our local seafood is usually so fresh it was only in the water the day before.

Enjoy— Lei Parker, editor of the South Coast Travel Guide



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Explore the Eurobodalla oyster trail

The Eurobodalla area is part of Australia's Oyster Coast with the world's finest oysters available fresh from the farm gate.

These exceptional oysters are produced locally in three of the most environmentally aware estuaries in the world producing oysters with their own signature taste and appeal. Just as wine regions have a 'terroir' depending on their climate and soils, oysters have their own distinctive 'merroir' reflecting the essence of the waters in which they live and feed. Taste also varies according to species, seasons and rainfall events.



Australia's Oyster Coast is home to three species of premium oysters, each with its own texture and palate.

Each of the oysters from the different regions of Eurobodalla have their own particular flavour, coming as they do from three very diverse estuaries. 'Every estuary, even different leases within an estuary, have a different flavour,

From the deep, fast-flowing Clyde, oysters emerge salty and sweet.

From the shallower Narooma, they're also salty but sharper.

From Tuross Lake, they're "super creamy and fruity".

The Sydney Rock oysters from Tuross Lake grow in a barrier system, protected from the ocean and local Tuross growers say their taste varies from bay to bay.

Narooma grower David Maidment says he could certainly tell an oyster from Tuross, where he has also farmed, from one grown in Narooma.

"Tuross oysters are softer and fresher, influenced by the large river that runs from the back of Cooma towards the coast. Generally an oyster grown in a lake such as Tuross, Wagonga or Wapengo will have a lot more flavour than those cultivated in a river. River oysters acquire their particular taste because they experience high salinity being grown to the mouth of the sea and having two flushing tides each day."

You be the judge - try them all



Oysters take three years to grow, traditionally on the thousands of long sticks which can be seen at low tide on many of the waterways throughout Eurobodalla.

The stick method was introduced in the 1950s and is still carried out today however it is being phased out as local oyster growers change their infrastructure from old tar based sticks to new environmentally friendly recycled plastics.

The work with sticks and with the new basket systems is labour intensive with each oyster stick or basket being moved every year, one by one.

And young oysters don't have an easy time of it. They need protection from fish such as bream, from stingrays and from the sooty oyster catchers, the birds whose elegant long legs and piercing bill are designed to make them an efficient oyster-destroyer when they make just one hole however the new basket systems are offering far better protection to the oyster

The Sydney Rock Oyster

Australia's prestige native oyster, sought by high-end restaurants the world over for its uniqueness and incredible taste. Found only along the south-eastern Australian coastline, the Rock Oyster is distinguished by its creamy, firm texture. It is one of the cleanest oysters in the world and the saltiness is slight, leaving a fresh, mellow aftertaste on the palate that is unique.

The Angasi Oyster

The rare flat native oyster of Australia – farmed exclusively for hand-picked outlets across Australia and Asia. Full of flavour and texture, the Angasi Oyster is very rich and meaty. Difficult to come by due to its scarcity, the Angasi is truly special. In best condition, they are plump, full bodied and have a stronger flavour than other species.

The Pacific Oyster

The Pacific Oyster was introduced into Australia from Japan. Grown under carefully managed environmental conditions to five different export sizes, the Pacific Oyster is the most prolifically grown oyster in Australia. It is characterised by its fresh, clean and salty flavour. Plump in size, the Pacific Oyster leaves a clean, fresh aftertaste.

Seasonality

With three different oyster species and eight estuaries across 300 kilometres, Australia's Oyster Coast produces premium oysters all year round. Seasonally, Sydney Rock oysters are usually at their peak during the warmer months; Pacific oysters can be enjoyed throughout the year; and Angasi oysters are at their best in winter.



PACIFIC OYSTERS SYDNEY ROCK OYSTERS ANGASI OYSTERS



Our Eurobodalla Oysters:

The Clyde River

The Clyde (Bhundoo) River was named by Alexander Berry after the famous Scottish river and was discovered it to be navigable in 1854 opening it the area up for settlement. Oyster farming began on the Clyde around 1860. Today twenty two farms produce the much loved Sydney rock oyster, which is considered by many connoisseurs to be the finest in the world.

Clyde River oysters are available to sample at their finest from these outlets:

The Oyster Shed on Wray Street, The Last Shed on Wray St, Batemans Bay (02) 4472 6771 The Pearly Oyster Bar, 6 North St, Batemans Bay, (02) 4472 7288 Berny's at Batehaven, 246 Beach Rd Batemans Bay, 472 4947

One of the best ways to learn about the local cultivation techniques, the science behind farming, oyster varieties and life as an oyster farmer is to book into an Oyster Kayak Tour and be treated to savour freshly opened oysters taken from the river that morning. Oyster Kayak Tour starts with introduction of the equipment and paddle practice, prior to slipping onto the calm smooth waters of the Clyde river in a double sea kayak.

Clyde River oysters are available in many of the local restaurants and cafes.

Tuross Lake

As you explore Tuross Lake you will still see thousands of oyster growing sticks lying neatly in the water at low tide.

Ask for Tuross Lake oysters at The Tern Inn, Pickled Octopus, Tuross Boatshed Cafe, Tuross Service Station, Tuross Supermarket and Tuross Head Country Club. They are also featured on the menu at The River Restaurant, Moruya and are available at John and Willys Suppliers of Food at the roundabout, Emmott House, 87 Campbell St, Moruya

Narooma

The Narooma Oyster Festival, held every year in May, celebrates South Coast NSW oysters and our region's best from farmgates up and down the coast. You can also take a guided tour on the Wagonga Inlet with Narooma Oyster Tours 0413849886. Wagonga Inlet has stunning oysters that are available to sample year round from the farmgates located in town and just out of town on the western Inlet foreshore.

- ~ Blue Water Seafoods—1/40 Princes Hwy, Narooma NSW 2546 4476 3222
- Narooma Bridge Seafoods Oyster Sales at the bridge, Princes Highway, Narooma

Narooma Oysters are also served at The Quarterdeck Restaurant, Riverview Road, Narooma, The Whale Motel, Narooma and available at other outlets across the town.

Discover our dairies

The famous **Bodalla Dairy Shed Cafe and Cheese**

Factory is well worth a visit! Their local milk is used to make incredible ice cream, cheeses & stunning thick shakes.

Their milk is pasteurised but not homogenised so it's the freshest, tastiest and healthiest milk you can buy! They have cheese tasting of their award winning Australian handmade bush, nuts and seeds cheese. It didn't feel right to see all of



Bodalla's milk being processed by the big manufactures... so Bodalla Dairy built a micro-dairy in the heart of town where they bottle milk exactly the way it should be – with locals, by hand, in small batches at very low temperatures to keep the milk alive and brimming with fresh grassy goodness, for families who care about living milk. **52 Princes Hwy, Bodalla 4473 5555**



Tilba Real Dairy is a 100% Australian family owned and run business with a passion for creating products of the highest quality using the best ingredients available.

With a multiple award winning business, Nic and Erica Dibden are the proud owners of Tilba Real Dairy and operate a dairy farm in the picturesque Tilba Tilba Valley milking beautiful Jersey cows. From this pure jersey herd and the unique Terre Noire of Tilba, they produce the creamiest milk, yoghurt, cheese and milkshakes that will blow your mind and tantalize your taste buds. 37 Bate St, Central Tilba 4473 7387

Eating out options around the Eurobodalla

Up and down the Eurobodalla coast you find all manner of places to eat that suit most tastes and budgets. An often overlooked fun, inexpensive options for eating out on your holiday is to enjoy a BBQ at one of the dozens of stunning parks and public spaces in the Eurobodalla.

A wonderful way to enjoy fresh local produce at an affordable price is to source your protein locally, add to it a variety of locally grown fruit and vegetables and finish up a perfect picnic with freshly baked local breads, cheeses and preserves.

For ALL of **the known** eating options across the Eurobodalla, from takeaway to cafes, and from restaurants and pubs to fine dining search the South Coast Travel Guide via its interactive map or go to **each of the Town Pages on the South Coast Travel Guide website** (www.southcoasttravelguide.com.au).

There is no favouritism in our listings - **all known providers are listed** because that is what you need to know when you're hungry.

Most options provided have a link to a website or menu so be sure to explore.

South Coast Wines

The Far South Coast isn't exactly famous for winemaking, however there are some excellent vineyards around and a good wine takes time to develop a reputation.

To our north are the vineyards of Shoalhaven that are coming into prize winning maturity having rightfully secured over 1,000 Australian & International awards.

The Shoalhaven Coast wine growing region stretches from Kiama in the North to Durras in the South, and west to Kangaroo Valley.

Growers in the Shoalhaven include:
Yarrawa Estate
Roselea Vineyard
Silos Estate and Wileys Creek
Mountain Ridge Wines
Coolangatta Estate
Two Figs Winery
Cambewarra Estate
Cupitt's Winery
Bawley Vale Estate



The Shoalhaven region has flourished over the past 20 years producing a wide range of varieties including Chardonnay, Verdelho, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Chambourcin, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. In recent years new exciting varieties have been planted and are now available for tasting at cellar doors. These new varieties include Arneis, Viognier, Tempranillo, Sangiovese and Tannat.

The very well attended Shoalhaven Coast Winter Wine Festival is held each year over the June Long Weekend and is well worth the visit.

From Durras south it becomes a little more difficult to find a Far South Coast wine to compliment your meal however the Tilba Valley Winery at the southern end of the shire offers, via their cellar door, a selection of wines made on site which includes semillon, traminer, riesling, shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and a Australian-style port and muscat.

The winery has a fermentation capacity of some 15,000 litres and produces about 600 cases of wine per annum, almost all of which is sold at the cellar door.

Further south, the Sapphire Coast wine industry is in its infancy but all the right 'ingredients' are in place: good wine is born from good vines planted in good soil and nurtured by people who are passionate about their produce.

The seven-acre Mimosa Wines vineyard has been established since initial plantings in 1999. Winemaker Glenn Butson appreciated the challenges involved with growing grapes in this fickle maritime climate and selected Chambourcin, Verdelho, Tempranillo and the ultra premium Spanish white Albarino for their compatibility with the terroir and lifestyle of this unique area.

With biodynamic practices employed to invigorate soils and combat disease, and passionate wine-making producing innovative wine styles, these selections have proven inspirational.

Mimosa Wines has an excellent cellar door and is well worth calling into.



Eurobodalla Markets

Tuesdays:

SAGE Farmers Market at Riverside Park, *Moruya* 3pm onwards

When you buy something at the SAGE Farmers Market, you can be confident that the person you're buying it from either grew it, harvested it or made it. That's what makes a farmers market different. There are no middle-men, no wholesalers and everything was grown and made within our local area. When people can buy local produce every week as part of a normal shopping routine, it has a huge impact on the community. The public demand for locally grown and locally made is enormous and shows no sign of diminishing.

Thursdays:

Batemans Bay Makers & Growers Market: held every Thursday at Market Place - 2 Edward Road, Batehaven. 10.30-2.00pm. There is a sister market held Wednesday 11.30 -2.30 at 158 Edward Road, Batehaven.

The Batemans Bay Makers and Growers Market brings together a diverse range of locally grown fresh food, baked goods and quality handmade items. It is held every Thursday in the Batemans Bay Community Centre from 11.30am - 2.00pm.

Bermagui Growers Market (right) is held in the lee of the *Bermagui Fishermen's Wharf, each Thursday afternoon.*

Stock up on things for your own kitchen as well as the ready to eat goodies prepared just for the occasion. Think oysters, breads and dairy, freshly harvested fruit and vegetables, spices and sauces and sweet treats. When the market closes at 6pm, grab a spot on the foreshore watch the sun go down.

During spring and summer daylight saving time the market is held from 3pm to 5pm and in autumn and winter from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.



While Bermagui is south of the Eurobodalla it is a great day trip and well worth exploring for its cafes, restaurants and sights so put aside a whole day and wander.

Eurobodalla Markets continued...

Saturdays:

Moruya Country Markets at Riverside Park, Moruya 7:30am to 1:30pm

Browse around 120 stalls, many local quality arts, hand crafts, fresh produce and more. Enjoy the beautiful river scenery and bustling Moruya Country Market atmosphere. Be taste tempted by stalls with delicious hot & cold food, drinks & fresh juice.

Wide concrete paths at Riverside Park provide easy access for everyone. Large children's playground with great flying fox, slides and swings. Lots of carparks or drive down the

back for easy parking. Listen to live music by talented local musicians.

Central Tilba Growers Market 8am to 12pm Central Tilba Big Hall Make it, Bake it, Sew it, Grow it. Inside Central Tilba Big Hall in the main street. Being indoors, it is a great outing Rain, Hail or Shine!

A variety of stalls selling a range of products including fresh fruit and vegetables, free range eggs, local honey, jams and preserves, delicious baked treats, plus much more.



Sundays:

Sunday Markets @ Corrigans Beach Reserve - 1st Sunday of the month 9am to1pm Sunday Markets Batemans Bay are on the 1st and the 3rd Sunday of the month. You will find many different stalls from fresh produce, food stalls, coffee to clothing, candles and home decorations.

Nelligen Markets 2nd Sunday 9:30 til 2pm Nelligen Mechanics Institute Hall Local arts, crafts, preserves, plants, bric-a-brac... treasures for everyone. Held in the Nelligen Hall every second Sunday of the month. Spend the day on the beautiful Nelligen foreshore.

The **Dalmeny Meet The Makers Markets** - 2nd Sunday of month @ Dalmeny Community Hall on Mort Avenue Dalmeny, starting at 8.30am till approximately 1pm. You will find some amazing Homegrown and Handmade goodies and get to have a chat with the very clever and passionate Makers! Hosted By: The Narooma District Lions Club

Narooma Rotary Markets - Fourth Sunday of the month, NATA Oval Narooma (behind Visitors' Centre) 8.30-1pm. A wide variety of stalls including plants, produce, clothing, jewellery, crafts, timber products, handbags, preserves, spices, paintings, tools, antiques, collectables, bric-a-brac and more. Food stalls include pizzas, coffee & pastries, barbecue, smoothies & juices.

