



**SHASA**  
Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance

## **Media Release**

# **On a Beautiful Sunny August Day, SHASA Launched the Repair Cafe**

Linda Chapman (Rector for St Johns Anglican Church), Anthony Mayne (Eurobodalla Shire Councillor) and Fiona Phillips (Federal MP for Gilmore) launched the Repair Cafe in front of an audience of Repair Cafe Volunteers, their supporters and local media. Kathryn Maxwell, SHASA President noted the myriad of benefits of a Repair Cafe including:

- helping to make goods last longer,
- giving new life to treasured items
- reducing waste to landfill,
- having fun,
- establishing social and business connections

At 10am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020, the SHASA Eurobodalla Repair Cafe opened its doors for the first time and was a great success with over 40 people attending. Our team of volunteers ensured that visitors were guided through the processes and had their items assessed, and in many cases repaired on the spot including clothes and electrical items. Some other items have been taken back to home workshops for repair and will be returned fully functional to their owners at the next Repair Cafe on Friday.

There were many supporters for the SHASA Eurobodalla Repair Cafe that we would like to acknowledge and thank. Firstly of course, the repairers -Thomas Schild, Rob Shorrocks, Jo Fafie, Brett Stevenson and Noel Annabell. Then where would a Cafe be without food? A big thank you to Lisa Cornthwaite from MESA for donating the wonderful platters of healthy and yummy food as well as Jennifer Gibb who baked delicious biscuits. Then of course, the volunteers to run the Cafe -Valerie Faber, Charlie Bell, Julie Klugman, Nick Hopkins, Lee Gleeson, Deb Stevenson and Kathryn Maxwell. Thank you to the community members who brought in your items too and for respecting the COVID parameters. There were the beginnings of many new friendships over a cuppa and baked delights. Something so appreciated this year in particular.

The SHASA Eurobodalla Repair Cafe will be open every Friday from 10am to 2pm at the Red Door Hall, St John's Way, Moruya. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your items that need fixing.

If you would like to volunteer either as a repairer or to assist with the running of the café please email [contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com)

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