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DNC Thinking Of You Through These Challenging Times

Unfortunately, the North Coast tourism industry is once again facing the severe impacts of another Covid-19 lockdown in key markets and operational challenges and restrictions in our destinations. As always DNC continues to advocate for support for our industry through these challenging times.

The team at DNC constantly seek intel from industry stakeholders, in view of communicating these challenges to relevant state government and other supporting agencies. If you have information that you feel needs to be communicated through these channels please do not hesitate to contact one of the team at DNC.

The ongoing challenges that our industry has faced inevitably create heightened levels of stress, anxiety and concern for operators and stakeholders. It is essential that you take care of yourself as well as your organisation throughout these times. There are links to relevant resources that can provide assistance for your organisations and yourselves if needed below. On behalf of the Board and the team at DNC we strongly advocate for you to reach out for this assistance if needed or get into contact with one of our team if you are unsure of what steps to take.

NSW COVID Support

Find information about the current [COVID-19 Support Package](#) including a handy [summary of current support packages for individuals and business](#) now available online. The NSW Government will also cover the [disaster recovery payments](#) for areas outside the Commonwealth declared hotspot from week four of the NSW lockdown providing valuable support across the state.

The NSW Government offers a free [Business Concierge](#) who can help you with information on grants among other things.

We encourage you to also keep an eye on the [Service NSW website](#) for more information as it's released - including detailed eligibility criteria.

Please make sure you are taking care of yourself, and those around you, and if you need support for your mental wellbeing during this difficult time, here are some [useful links](#) for where you can reach out and get assistance or talk to someone.

Accelerated 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant Now Open

Eligible NSW businesses, sole traders and not-for-profit organisations can apply for up to \$15,000 from the first of the NSW Government's economic support packages: The 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant mentioned above.

The [2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant](#) is available to NSW businesses that have a turnover of more than \$75,000 and up to \$50 million, and have a total annual wages bill of below \$10 million. Businesses can expect to start receiving funds from the Business Support Grant from the end of July.

Eligible businesses for the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant will receive:

- \$15,000 for a decline in turnover of 70 per cent, or more
- \$10,500 for a decline in turnover of 50 per cent, or more
- \$7,500 for a decline in turnover of 30 per cent, or more.

Eligible businesses with a turnover from \$75,000 and up to \$50 million, which maintain their staff headcount will receive tax-free fortnightly payments of 40 per cent of their weekly payroll, with a minimum payment of \$1,500 per week, and a maximum payment of \$10,000 per week. Eligible non-employing businesses will receive \$1,000 per week. These payments will also be made fortnightly.

Applications for the second tranche of assistance, which includes the [Micro Business Support Grants and the JobSaver program](#), is also open. Read [Media Release](#).

Support for individuals impacted by the current COVID-19 restrictions and stay-at-home orders is available through [Services Australia](#).

National Cabinet Meeting

The recent [National Cabinet meeting](#) endeavoured to map a pathway forward and discussed Australia's COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy, additional measures introduced by the NSW Government to stop the spread of the Delta variant, as well as the lockdowns in Victoria and South Australia. National Cabinet has agreed to a suppression strategy for COVID-19 with the goal of no community transmission. Australia's COVID-19 vaccine roll out continues to expand, with almost 11 million doses of the vaccine administered in Australia to date.

Business Connect Available To Support Businesses

Business Connect is a dedicated and personalised NSW Government program that provides trusted advice to help small businesses start, run, adapt or grow. The program can help business owners recover from disruption by offering confidential, independent business advice, as well as events and online resources to develop your business skills. Business advisors can help businesses to develop a recovery strategy, manage change, manage cashflow, access finance, market a business and connect to other government support.

Business Connect support is available free of charge for small businesses who have been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

There is also a wide range of upcoming webinars and virtual events covering financial fundamentals, creating a sales-boosting digital strategy and understanding marketing objectives. [Visit the website](#) or call 1300 134 359 to connect to a local advisor.

South-East Queensland Set To Host The 2032 Olympics And Paralympic Games

South-East Queensland will be hosting the [2032 Olympics and Paralympic Games](#), which is incredible news for Queensland and Australia more broadly and also presents as an amazing opportunity for the North Coast and our visitor economy. With the firsthand knowledge that Australia's hosting of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games was the most significant event in the history of inbound tourism, accelerating the development of Australian tourism by at least a decade, the 2032 Olympics has the potential to deliver significant economic benefits, potentially generating up to \$36 billion for Queensland as the host state and creating 130,000 direct jobs, in addition to the tens of thousands indirect jobs.

Council Rates Relief For Bushfire Victims Extended For Another Six Months

The NSW Government is continuing to support victims of the devastating 2019-20 bushfires, announcing \$2.5 million to fund another six months of council rate relief for those who lost their main properties.

The council rate relief package has been extended for people whose main property was significantly damaged or destroyed by bushfires, if it has not yet been rebuilt or changed ownership.

Read [Media Release](#).

Federal Government Boosts Australia's Indigenous Tourism Sector

The first round of recipients for the Australian Government's Indigenous tourism grants, as part of the \$40 million Indigenous Tourism Fund were announced this week. The Morrison Government has committed more than \$2.9 million to support 60 Indigenous-owned tourism businesses and community organisations. This funding will increase the number of Indigenous tourism products available and support the start-up, stabilisation and growth of operators in the sector.

Read [Media Release](#).

New Regional Housing Taskforce

The NSW Government has established a [Regional Housing Taskforce](#) to identify challenges in the planning system that may be preventing the delivery of housing supply and formulate recommendations to improve housing outcomes in regional NSW.

The Taskforce will engage with stakeholders, including councils, and consider written submissions (via the above link) until 27 August 2021.

Wellbeing-Related Support For Businesses

It's been an incredibly tough year for businesses across the region and it's important not to discount the mental, emotional and social upheaval many have experienced.

There is support available and included in [this summary](#) found on the Destination North Coast COVID-19 Resource webpage is a new free and confidential [mental health coaching program from Beyond Blue](#) designed to support small business owners and help get them back on track.

Around Our Region

Byron Bay

Tough Conversations For Business Owners And Senior Staff Workshop brought to you by [Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce](#), 9.30am - 3.30pm, 6 August 2021 and being held at Art & Wine Co. [Book your place](#) with spaces limited.

Coffs Coast

6 Degrees, an initiative of Coffs Harbour City Council supports innovation, start-ups and business growth in the Coffs region. [Find upcoming events and activities.](#)

Coffs Coast [agrifood-related business survey](#) seeks contributions to contribute to important research to investigate opportunities for local businesses in the food chain (from paddock, ocean or processing to plate) in conjunction with the Future Food Systems Cooperative Research Centre.

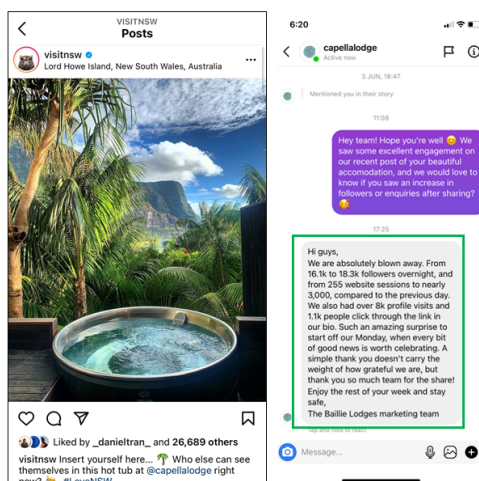
Clarence Valley

The Clarence Valley Visitor Centre, has once again received approval as an [accredited information centre](#).

Located in the Grafton Regional Gallery's newly refurbished heritage building at 158 Fitzroy St, the centre is a valuable cultural hub for visitors to the Clarence Valley. The [Clarence Valley Visitor Centre](#) is open for in-person enquiries from Tuesday to Sunday and available online or on the phone seven days a week.

Ballina

Nominations Open For Ballina Shire [Business Excellence Awards](#) with the deadline for submissions has been extended to 10am, Tuesday 20 July.



Lord Howe Island's Capella Lodge Goes Social

Here's an @VisitNSW post (organic, not paid media) that reached an impressive 475.6k users with a combined 1,197 comments and over 5,729 shares/saves across Instagram and Facebook.

After 24 hours of the post being up, the team at DNSW reached out to @CapellaLodge Instagram page via direct message to gain any insight and to see if the @VisitNSW post made any impact on their owned channels. See the feedback in the post on the left.

Kempsey/Macleay Valley

Macleay Valley Coast tourism businesses work together to encourage residents to shop local. Check out their [Local Bingo campaign](#).

Richmond Valley

Conservation organisations [Aussie Ark](#), [WildArk](#), [Re:wild](#) and [Australian Reptile Park](#) have secured for protection 1,500 hectares of bush habitat in Upper Mongogarie New South Wales. The site is located approximately 30 kilometres from the world heritage listed Mallanganee National Park and 70 kilometres from the Richmond Range National Park. The soon to be sanctuary is located within one of the most bio-diverse regions in Australia, reflected by the diversity of vegetation communities which support a range of mammals, birds, reptiles, frogs and invertebrates. Find out more about the plans for the [Mongo Valley Wildlife Sanctuary](#).

Industry Insights

Austrade's [Opportunities for the Visitor Economy](#) report: **A modern, diversified and collaborative path to 2030** found online with some other valuable resources.

['Recovery Insights: Ready for Takeoff?'](#), a report on global travel recovery by MasterCard.

Tourism Australia partners with the states and territories for the **Consumer Demand Project**, a bi-annual research piece lives on the TA's [corporate site](#) broken down into market fact sheets but this is a summary version which is covered in the [Global Summary Report](#). Whilst this data comes from February 2021, it still has some good insights.

Earlier in the year, Tourism Australia commissioned Deloitte for ['The Value of Tourism'](#) report on the importance of tourism to Australia.

Industry Development & Other Opportunities

DNC Business Accelerator & Mentoring Program - Applications NOW OPEN



Applications are now open for the [Destination North Coast Business Accelerator & Mentoring Program](#).

Designed to support tourism business growth and expansion through a on-on-one mentoring program and with flexible group learning options, this Program is fully funded and FREE to North Coast tourism businesses. [Book your place now!](#)

Find more information about the Program including [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or review a recording of the one of the online [Program Launch Events](#) held earlier this week.

New Content Showcasing North Coast Regions

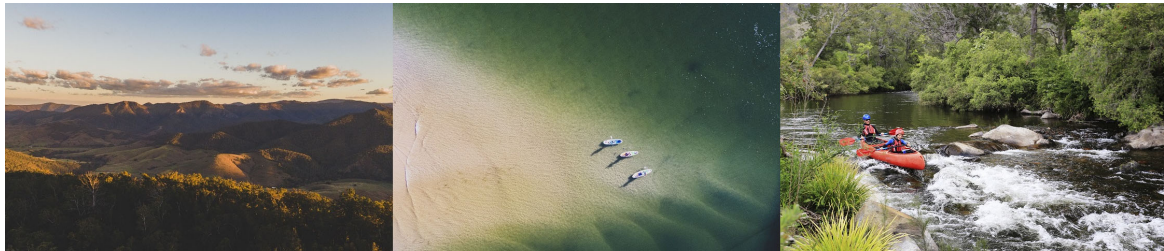
Destination NSW has produced a suite of new content that includes the Barrington Coast.

The new visual assets have been captured to refresh and add to existing content covering the whole of the North Coast and are available on the Destination NSW Content Library.

The content, including photography, video and editorial features, highlights the variety of experiences available in these beautiful coastal regions. There are highlight reels picked by our editors as well as social media-ready images to tell your social stories.

The peaceful Barrington Coast collection features gorgeous scenic drives over rivers and lush farmland, tours through pristine national parks and live music performances. And of course, there are the stunning beaches all along the coast, with content of surfing, beachside picnics, horseback tours across the sand and stand-up paddle boarding.

Discover the new content from the North Coast regions in the [latest edition of ContentED](#), a newsletter presenting new visual assets available through the Destination NSW Content Library.



TAFE NSW - Offering Fee-free Skillsets / Statement Of Attainments In Customer Service & Event Coordination.

This opportunity is available to interested parties able to attend one of the Connected Learning Centres sites (CLC) with TAFE NSW or via online virtual learning this is a great chance to opportunity to upskill.

The Customer Service skillsets are for individuals working in tourism and tour companies, front of house, reception, hospitality and customer service roles who provide information on the local area and equip individuals to service the information needs of visitors especially in the tourism travel and events industry. The Event Coordination Skillset is for individuals working in administrative roles providing a set of fundamental skills to become equipped to work in event coordination.

- [Customer Service](#) - 2 units (SITSS00036)
- [Events Coordination](#) - 2 units (SITSS00044)

TAFE Connected Learning Centre's on the North Coast are located in Murwillumbah; Nambucca Heads and Yamba. Each course commences Monday August 2, 2021.

SkillsIQ - Tourism, Travel, Hospitality And Events - Draft 1 Open For Consultation

SkillsIQ [under the direction of the Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Industry Reference Committee \(IRC\)](#), has undertaken to update the tourism, travel, hospitality and events components of the SIT Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Training Package.

This project includes qualifications in:

- Tourism
- Travel
- Guiding
- Events
- Hospitality
- Holiday Parks and Resorts

[Feedback](#) provided by stakeholders during the current consultation period (closing Monday, 9 August 2021) will inform the development of Draft 2.

NSW Tourism Awards Entrant Support

Need guidance with your NSW Tourism Award submission? Business NSW has put together a series of webinars to assist you in your submission.

Find past [webinars and register for upcoming sessions](#) along with other valuable resources.

Visitor Economy Newsletter

Austrade has launched Visitor Economy News, an e-newsletter to keep you up to date on the latest news on tourism policy, programs, research and broader Australian Government programs to assist businesses. [Sign up here](#) to receive updates from Austrade and the Australian Government.

Support For Hospitality Industry

The Federal Government is partnering with the hospitality and tourism industries to connect young job seekers to employment opportunities in tourism and hospitality through the \$10 million [PaTH Business Placement Partnerships program](#). Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) and the Accommodation Association of Australia (AAoA) have been chosen to deliver new pathways to jobs in the hospitality and tourism industries - the first two funded under the program. Read [Media Release](#).

Get Local Takes Expert Advice And Moves To October

In light of the latest Government health advice, and with a fierce determination to run a person-to-person event, the organisers of [Get Local Business Events](#) expo, have announced new dates being 18-19 October 2021.

Australian Festival Industry Conference (AFIC) Postponed

The [Australian Festival Industry Conference \(AFIC\)](#) has postponed its conference which will now be held on Wednesday 10 - Friday 12 November 2021 on the Gold Coast.

View the [Conference Program and purchase tickets](#).

IMAGinE Awards

The [IMAGinE Awards](#) run by Museums & Galleries NSW, highlight the resilience, innovation and creativity of museums, galleries and Aboriginal cultural centres and recognise the people who work in them. Nominations close 26 August 2021.

REMINDER 2021 Event Management Scholarships Program

Destination NSW has collaborated with Meetings and Events Australia (MEA), the peak body representing the events industry in Australia and developed the [Event Management Scholarship Program](#), which will offer scholarships to people in regional NSW to undertake a Diploma of Event Management. Applications close 8th August 2021.

Funding And Other Opportunities

REMINDER: Regional Tourism Activation Fund

Looking to boost tourism in your area in the future? Local councils and eligible organisations can apply for funding for projects that develop high impact tourism infrastructure and improve visitor accessibility in regional NSW. Applications to the \$30 million [Regional Tourism Activation Fund](#) close 11 August 2021.

[Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants](#)

This grants program comes from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund and is additional to support already provided through a range of bushfire recovery programs.

Key facts:

- The program covers every Local Government Area that was disaster declared as a result of the 2019-20 bushfires.
- Community organisations, businesses and local councils can apply.
- Successful projects will be announced by the end of 2021.
- You can apply for a grant of between \$20,000 and \$10 million.
- Applications close 2 September 2021.

Create NSW Organisation Funding

[**Create NSW's Annual Organisation Funding**](#) is provided on an annual basis to support arts and cultural organisations (including service organisations) to deliver multiple arts and cultural activities. Closes 18 August 2021.

Regional Arts Fund Project Grant Applications Open

The [**RAF Project Grants**](#) will fund high-quality arts projects benefitting regional or remote artists, arts workers, audiences and communities. The focus of the project could include any area of creative practice, multiple artforms or cross-disciplinary practice. Applications close 23 August 2021.

Arts and Cultural Funding Program Support

[**Create Connect - Art & Culture webinar series**](#) is offered to provide artists and arts and cultural organisations information on the Arts and Cultural Funding Program, Fellowship opportunities and changes to Public Health Orders.

North Coast Product And Experience Development

Coming Soon - Tweed River House

An old dame gets a new lease on life and is soon to reappear as a new bistro for Murwillumbah - [**Tweed River House**](#). The luxe locale will be the region's only venue with direct river access and will add to Murwillumbah and surrounds' ever-growing collection of roadtrip-worthy eateries. Lunch, dinner, cocktails anyone? Find out more in [**this article**](#).

[Nibblies - Coffs Harbour](#)

Grazing boxes for all occasions: breakfast, brunch, picnics, evenings, desserts etc. Open to custom orders pick up and delivery available. Mini boxes also available including classic, vego and vegan.

[Byron Bay Night Sky Dive](#)

Visitors to Byron Bay can experience the ultimate thrill of freefalling at night, with Skydive Australia launching a 10,000 feet night jump in the region which will occur once a month on the night of a full moon.

[Beach To Bush Trike Tours](#)

Beach to Bush Trike Tours is Port Macquarie's new trike experience offering four different tour options including beach and rural tours as well as the option for visitors to design their own tour.

[Wauchope Creative Hub](#)

Opened by Sydney designer, Stu Doherty, Wauchope Creative Hub brings together over 20 members of the local arts and crafts community in a new space that displays all their handmade goods along with gallery space.

Deglaze - Port Macquarie

Formerly "Chow Hous", this restaurant has now been rebranded and reinvented into "Deglaze", a gourmet, fine dining venue that still offers the amazing flavours and smoked meats that Chow Hous was loved for.

Hastings River Horse Riding - Beach Rides

Hastings River Horse Riding now offers beach rides along the scenic Grants Beach with horses catering for confident beginners to advanced riders from ages 10 and up.



World Avocado Weekend At Tropical Fruit World

31 July marks World Avocado Day and to celebrate Tropical Fruit World is kicking off a weekend of festivities with Avo dip sampling, children's games, prizes, live music and good healthy fun. Over this 'avocado-themed weekend', the **Farm Tours**, hosted by knowledgeable tour guides will see visitors receive a complimentary Hass avocado.

Kiff & Culture

New tour operator Kiff & Culture offer guided tours around Byron and The Tweed, blending some of the region's best food and drink experiences with local culture and natural scenery to create epic experiences.

The Imperial Hotel

Murwillumbah's famous pink hotel has launched 29 newly renovated accommodation rooms, all including their own private bathrooms. This beautifully restored country hotel/pub is located in the centre of town.

Amore Luxury Transfers

New luxury transfer service and boutique tour company, taking guests to some of the Tweed's must-visit venues including Husk Distillers, Pickled Pig Brewery, Earth Beer Company, The Pot & Pint and more. Cruise in style in top of the line 7-seater Mercedes 250 V-Class people movers.

Ventura Brewing - Murwillumbah

Australia's first artisanal alcoholic kombucha brewery is planning to open a tap room in time for summer.

Angourie Cafe And Wine Bar

Chances are if you've been to Angourie, you're already a lover of this café which not only has new owners, a new menu and oh wait, a new wine bar vibe. Now open and operating as a wine bar on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Lockdown Luxury - Treats From Lord Howe Island Distilling Co

Need some Lord Howe Island loving? In a new collaboration between Lord Howe Island Distilling and Love Lord Howe, the Luxury Lockdown Pack includes award-winning gin and Island body scrub and butter.

Myall River Camp Adds Glamping Tents And Tiny Houses

Myall River Camp is a serene, sustainable riverside bush retreat at Hawks Nest. The latest additions to Myall River Camp are made to support unplugging from modern-day life: luxurious glamping tents and rustic tiny houses.

Salt Creek Motorcycles

Salt Creek Motorcycles offers motorcycle tours departing from Ballina ranging from half day, full day and extended tours over a number of days. They also cater for special experiences and occasions and offer tours to accommodate this. People can join tours with their own bike or they can rent a bike from them directly

Reconciliation In Kempsey Strengthened By Corroboree Magic Mosaic

Corroboree Magic, a community made mosaic, was officially unveiled in June 2021 to coincide with Reconciliation Week. Having worked together to complete the art piece, Kempsey Shire Council, Community Housing Ltd, Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre and the Dunghutti Elders Council were pleased to officially unveil the symbolic mosaic on the Westpac Bank building in the Kempsey CBD.



Petal And Spice - Grafton

Just opened mid July 2021. Petal and Spice is an eco-friendly collective of locally and sustainably sourced products made with quality and natural ingredients.

Wobbly Chook Brewery - Yamba

New brewery with signature beers and new pecking bar menu. One of the first breweries in Australia to offer accommodation too.

Epic Surf Ocean Adventures

Jump aboard a purpose-built Gemini Waverider RIB for whale or dolphin watching brought to you by Boatshed Number One - Forster.

Byron Bay Cacao - Ballina

Byron Bay Cacao began with the determination to create the finest artisan chocolate products. Byron Bay Cacao's vision is grounded with unwavering principle's; our products will be of the highest quality, handcrafted and focused on creating an audience of enthusiastic and passionate people. You had me at artisan handcrafted chocolate.

North Coast In The News

Barrington Coast On Reel Action TV

The Barrington Coast tourism team have been busy building on a collaboration with presenter Michael Guest that will see the first of four episodes of **Reel Action TV** featuring Barrington Coast commence on Saturday 31 July 2021 and run through until mid-November. This first episode will include Seal Rocks and Myall Lakes. Keep an eye out on the **Barrington Coast socials** to find out when each episode will run.

Michael Guest's love of all things aquatic was instilled at a young age, fishing, spear-fishing and windsurfing, so he's a great fan of the Barrington Coast.

Pipit: The Restaurant with a Sense of Place

Pipit shines in **New York Times Style Magazine Australia**; " Here is a restaurant that is blatantly casual yet only serves tasting menus, that highlights the tropical fruit and bountiful seafood of the surrounding landscape and that is boldly creative in a way that speaks to the region's countercultural history and its upmarket present."

The North Coast In Weekend Australia Magazine

Some North Coast gems are highlighted in this article in the [Weekend Australia Magazine](#). And there's a nice connection to our friends at Binna Burra Lodge as well.

Northern NSW - Where To Go

Yamba anyone? Brunswick Heads? Mullum? Murwillumbah? Kingscliff? Whatever your preference, you'll find it according to this [News.com.au article](#).

10 Tasty New Reasons To Plan A Trip To Lennox Head

The North Coast's very own travel writer Sally Scott (of Tweed Tourism Company fame) penned a great write up of dining options in Lennox Head for [Delicious Magazine](#) that certainly get's the taste buds tingling.

10 Things No One Told You About Coffs Harbour

As featured in [Escape.com.au](#), the Coffs Coast gets quite the write up.

The Best Camping Spots With A View In NSW

According to [UrbanList](#), Delicate Campground, Crescent Head makes the cut.

A Three-day Whale Watching Adventure

This [Coastbeat article](#) includes Cape Byron State Conservation Centre and Coffs Coast Regional Park as two of the key vantage points for North Coast whale watching.

The Best Port Macquarie Camping Spots

Check out the gems in this Australian Traveller article on the best [Port Macquarie-Hastings camping spots](#).

North Coast Events

To aid in your planning, please note upcoming events and recent event cancellations across the region.



North Coast Mud Trail 2021!

The [North Coast Mud Trail](#) will be held 10 am - 4 pm, 14th & 15th August 2021. The much-loved pottery event has seventeen professional ceramic artists' studios to visit. Over the two days, visitors can meet with the artists, attend workshops, and buy locally made pottery pieces.

All studios have COVID safety measures in place, including the Service NSW app for check-in. Pre-booking may be required and visitors are asked to wear a mask, check-in with the Service NSW app and social distance.

Bottlebutt Bash Trail Run

The annual Bottlebutt Bash Trail Run is happening again on 22 August 2021 through the Burrawan State Forest. The run offers three different distances for all abilities and takes participants through stunning tracks and trails and past the 'Old BottleButt Tree', which is an ancient Red Bloodwood tree over 200 years old that has a girth of more than 16 metres just above its base.

Bluewater Barbeque Festival

This new event for the Coffs Coast will see barbecue pitmasters, grillmasters and outdoor cooking experts from across Australia coming to showcase their barbecue skills. This is a family-friendly community event at Jetty Foreshores with plenty of activities and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. 5 September 2021 in Coffs Harbor.

Woodburn Riverside Festival

The Woodburn Riverside Festival is a full day of family-oriented activities and entertainment including a raft race, dragon boats, water-skiing demonstrations, markets and a barbecue. There'll be musical entertainment throughout the day and a fireworks display rounds things off. 11 September 2021.

Bendigo Bank Coffs Harbour Running Festival

The Bendigo Bank Coffs Harbour Running Festival is a community event for people of all ages and abilities and consists of a 21.1km Half Marathon, 10km Fun Run, 5km Fun Run and a 3km Family Fun Run/Walk. Held on a bush trail on the Coffs Creek walkway, hugging the beautiful Coffs Creek, the flat, shady course is ideal for runners. 12 September 2021.

Curryfest

Curryfest celebrates the unique Punjabi heritage of Woolgoolga, immediately obvious from the Sikh temple on the hill as you enter town. For the last 14 years thousands have descended on the beachside town to soak up Indian music and dancing and sample curries from all over the world. The main festival day features over 180 food and market stalls, a special kids zone with rides and entertainment, a mindfulness and meditation zone for those seeking inner peace and a main entertainment stage. 25 September 2021.

Quota Craft & Garden Fair - Ballina

This two day event showcasing the best Craft artisans of the Far North Coast and SE Queensland. Combined with a garden fair of quality plants and garden products from local growers, this fair has over 90 stalls brimming with colour. 25 - 26 September 2021.

IRONMAN 2021 Has Been Cancelled Due To COVID

The IRONMAN Australia team have confirmed ongoing COVID restrictions have forced the cancellation of IRONMAN 2021 which was due to be held in Port Macquarie 5 September.

IRONMAN Australia and **IRONMAN 70.3 Port Macquarie** will take place on Sunday 1 May, 2022.

River Sounds Festival Bellingen Postponed

River Sounds Festival has been postponed and moved to 15 - 16 October 2021.

Vivid Sydney Rescheduled

In the interest of community health and safety, the NSW Government this week announced that **Vivid Sydney** will be rescheduled to 17 September - 9 October 2021.

COVID-19 Resource Centre

The **DNC COVID-19 Resource Centre** makes it easy to access relevant information and find links to appropriate Government and other resources.
