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NSW Border Closure And Other Restrictions

NSW has temporarily imposed [border restrictions](#) with Victoria to contain the spread of COVID-19. Anyone from, or who has visited, an identified COVID hotspot (being greater Melbourne and Mitchell Shire) and arrived in NSW prior to 8 July is required to self-isolate for 14 days from their departure. This does not apply to anyone from greater Victoria - excluding Melbourne - who arrived in NSW prior to the border closure.

It is important as members of the North Coast visitor economy that we remain friendly and positive to all of our visitors. Victorians heading north, particularly at this time of year, are an important visitor market and one we need to protect and nurture through this difficult stage of our COVID recovery.

Here's a timely reminder of the requirements that apply to all:

- Retain physical distancing of 1.5m
- Ensure safe hygiene practices
- Stay at home if unwell (and get tested if you experience any flu-like symptoms)
- Follow current health orders
- Tourism operators should have a [COVID-Safe plan](#) in place

Along with your other COVID-safe signs and posters, consider displaying this one that provides tips to [help protect the community](#) and contains information on nearby testing centres.

[New Measures From Friday 17th July.](#)

Tough new measures will be introduced to pubs across NSW that will limit group bookings to a maximum of 10 people and cap the number of customers inside a venue to 300 people following a concerning rise in COVID-19 cases. Tough new compliance measures will also see dedicated Hygiene Marshalls patrol venues to keep customers safe and ensure the mandatory implementation of a COVID-Safe plan.

Koalas, Birds & Boardwalks – Coffs Coast National Parks Booming

A recent visit to the Coffs Coast by the NSW Environment Minister Matt Kean, saw the announcement of a \$275,000 boardwalk project planned for Muttonbird Island. With 150,000 visitors to the island each year, the elevated, fibreglass mesh walkway will enhance the views for visitors as they traverse the island whilst simultaneously lessening the disturbance to the shearwaters' nesting burrows.

Minister Kean also visited the 'Tree Parent Project' which has seen more than 3,500 new koala feed trees planted in Bongil Bongil National Park. Both projects help ensure the Coffs Coast's national parks are flourishing

Read [Media Release](#).

Industry Development And Other Opportunities

REMINDER - NSW Event Management Scholarship Program

Aimed at helping boost regional economies by upskilling those working in the events industry, [applications](#) for the free Meeting and Events Australia (MEA) scholarship valued at \$7,500, close tomorrow.

Read full [Media Release](#).

REMINDER - Tourism Australia Industry Support

Tourism Australia's [next webinar](#) is tomorrow at 11am when industry leaders discuss three very different perspectives on how to manage recovery from a practical point of view, what insights and trends to look to in planning for the future, and how to approach marketing through the crisis and beyond.

Registrations are also open for Tourism Australia's upcoming virtual [Market Briefings](#). The eight briefings, kicking off on 20 July, will cover Tourism Australia's priority markets including Australia.

Griffith University Offers Free Tourism Short Course

To help prepare the industry for recovery, the Griffith Institute for Tourism has created a FREE micro-credential short course called [Tourism – Ready for Recovery](#) with the course providing key insights and information, videos, activities, scenarios and case studies to assist navigation through this crisis, development of a recovery action plan and becoming more resilient and competitive for the future.

My Future Workforce

This month Regional Development Australia (RDA) Northern Rivers and RDA Mid North Coast launched a new web-based employment platform to support local employers, jobseekers and students to find the right match.

The [My Future Workforce Platform](#) (MFW) provides jobseekers and students with the benefit of a personalised dashboard where they can add information to improve job matching and see recommended positions, courses and support. For employers, recruitment and retention is streamlined, making posting new jobs and work experience opportunities quick and easy.

STR Hotel Performance Analysis

[STR's](#) monthly webinar update will be focused on the Pacific region this Friday, 17th July at 10am.

The update will cover:

1. Globally, what is happening and their experiences
2. As restrictions have eased/reinforced what have and are we seeing?
3. What will be different in this recovery?

[Register here.](#)

Delivering Skills For Today And Tomorrow

The Australian Government has committed to strengthening the vocational education and training (VET) sector through its \$585.3 million skills package, [Delivering Skills for Today and Tomorrow](#). The package will help train highly skilled and qualified workers, including in regional areas, to meet the needs of businesses.

Running A Home-Based Business Webinar

Get the information you need in this one-hour tax power session to make sure your EOFY tax return is making the most of your available tax deductions. The way you work from your home determines which expenses you can claim for deductions.

Topics covered in this webinar include:

- Home-based business categories
- Deduction rules
- Occupancy and running expenses
- Motor vehicle deductions
- Depreciation
- How much you can claim

[Register here](#) for the webinar to be held on Tuesday 21 July, 2020 at 12pm.

Facebook Strategies For Events

The [rEVENTS Academy](#) continues their Master Class Series with an [online session](#) designed to uncover the secrets of how to use social media to drive more ticket sales to your event. 27 July 2020, 12pm – 1pm.

Surfing Australia High Performance Centre

Do you know the [Surfing High Performance Centre](#) in Casuarina is also a great venue for business events and conferences? Now's your chance to find out with their offer of FREE day of room hire for any local business with no strings attached! Of course they offer catering and other team-build activities but in this instance, they want as many people and businesses as possible to experience their facilities and get to know their Events team. This offer is available immediately through until the end of September.

Contact [Cameron Mills, Centre Manager](#) to take up this amazing offer.



Funding And Other Opportunities

[Bushfire Support With Free Legal Fees](#)

Farmers, small businesses and regional communities recovering from the worst bushfire season in living memory will benefit from close to \$5 million in Commonwealth funding for NSW's legal assistance services. The \$4.9 million Bushfire Funding Agreement is part of the Australian Government's \$2 billion response to the 2019-20 Bushfire Disaster over two years.

[Amazon Launchpad Innovation Grants](#)

Supporting innovation by Australian startups, entrepreneurs and SMBs. Closes 24 August 2020.

[Creative Partnerships Australia 2020 Plus1 Matched Fundraising Program](#)

Plus1 is Creative Partnerships Australia's dollar-for-dollar matched fundraising program, designed to boost the fundraising efforts of small to medium not-for-profit arts organisations. Organisations can use Plus1 to attract new donors, build valuable relationships and networks for new and diverse revenue sources, and boost their fundraising skills. Closes 6 August 2020.

[Canon Oceania Grants](#)

Canon Australia will consider your application if you are an eligible organisation and can demonstrate that the grant (cash and Canon equipment) will be used to facilitate an educational, community or small business project that will benefit the Australian community or a small business project to help the business recover from the significant challenges faced in 2019 and 2020. Closes 31 July 2020.

[Screen NSW Funding and Incentives](#)

Numerous grants and funding streams available to support capacity building, partnership development, audience access, regional filming etc.

[Australia Council for the Arts 2020](#)

The Arts Projects program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences with grants available to individuals and groups who are practicing artists or arts workers. Closes 6 October 2020.

North Coast News And New Product

Byron Bay's Newest Accommodation Opens

Offering a new style of affordable accommodation, [The Surf House in Byron Bay](#) is now open, just two streets back from Main Beach. Featuring the service and facilities of a hotel, alongside the laid-back vibe and social aspects of a hostel, there are private and shared room options for guests alongside complimentary social activities, surfboards and Wi-Fi. The Surf House is also home to Byron's first and only open-air rooftop bar, making it perfect for groups or solo travellers looking to connect with others. Launching during the current pandemic means that doors have opened with the highest hygiene protocols and restrictions on numbers in shared dorms.

Bob's Tacos

[Bob's Tacos](#) is a great new authentic Mexican Restaurant located in the heart of the Ballina CBD. Offering dine in and takeaway options, this is a new local favourite.

Kopi Lennox

[Lennox Head's newest café](#) serves fresh local baked goods and barista made coffee by the owner who has a strong following.

The Eltham Hotel Goes Vogue

[The Eltham Hotel in the Byron Bay hinterland](#) has had a makeover and as recently reported in Vogue, this local treasure now exudes a boutique hotel experience.

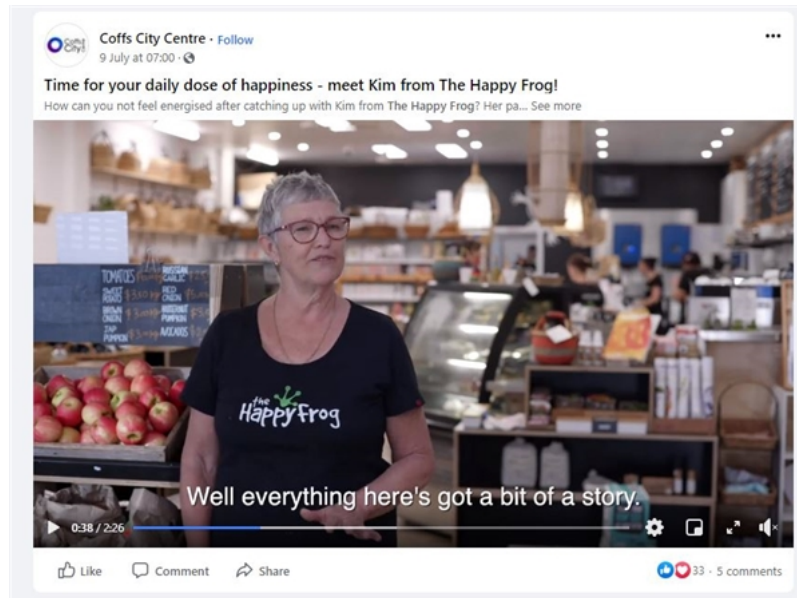
Coffs Harbour And The Sydney Sixers

The [C.ex Coffs International Stadium](#) is again set to host the Sydney Sixers with the Big

Bash League returning to the region in January 2021. This is a great result for the Coffs Harbour team who are [thrilled at this announcement](#) made yesterday and which is another ringing endorsement for the facility and Coffs ability to stage large professional events.

Coffs City Centre Video Series

Check out this great series of [videos showcasing local businesses](#) and their passionate owners. The Happy Frog gets a visit from the DNC team on most trips up and down the Pacific Highway...we're sure you can see why.



Upcoming North Coast Events

To aid in your planning, please note upcoming events across the region.

The Beach House (East Ballina)

Newly opened as an event space, [The Beach House](#) is a unique venue with spectacular views overlooking Angels Beach and with various spaces suitable for myriad purposes. The Beach house is currently offering a Conference of Food Series with this Saturday's event (12pm – 4pm) being all about [Oysters](#) which is both a learning and tasting experience.

Mud Trail

The [North Coast Mud Trail](#) which will be held August 15th and 16th, COVID restrictions permitting. Now in its 8th year the Mud Trail goes from strength to strength. Review the [Mud Map](#) to see the vast array of ceramic artists and pottery studios being showcased.

North Coast Mud Trail Pottery Studios 15 & 16 AUG 2020

visit northcoastmudtrail.com.au/map for Google Maps

- 1. ROUND MOUNTAIN POTTERY**
104 Albert St. Federal NSW 2480
www.roundmountainpottery.com
- 2. PETER PINE POTTSVILLE POTTERY**
1047-1049 Main St. Pottsville NSW 2469
www.peterpinepottery.com.au
- 3. MURWILLUMBAH POTTERS**
78 Fernvale Rd Fernvale NSW 2478
www.murwillumbahpotters.com.au
- 4. MARIE-FRANCE ART POTTERY**
25 Maitland Ave (off South Coast Hwy) Maitland NSW 2460
www.mariefranceart.com.au
- 5. CATHERINE LANE POTTERY**
28 Kaituma Circuit North Coast Showers NSW 2462
www.catherinelanepottery.com
- 6. KERAMIKKA**
Opposite OJ Station St Mullumbidgee NSW 2460
www.keramikka.com.au
- 7. JENN JOHNSTON CERAMICS**
57 Ferguson St Mullumbidgee NSW 2460
www.jennjohnstons.com.au
- 8. SOS CERAMICS**
4 Macfarlane Lane Mullumbidgee NSW 2460
www.sosceramics.com
- 9. STUDIO SUVIRA**
28 Left Bank Rd Mullumbidgee NSW 2460
www.studiosuvira.com
- 10. M. CERAMICS**
150 Larkhill Lane Mullumbidgee NSW 2460
www.mceramics.com
- 11. POTTERY TO THE MAX**
1000-1002 Main St. Kaituma Circuit North Coast Showers NSW 2462
www.potterytothemax.com
- 12. RUBY AND FRANK STUDIO**
435 Federal Drive Pottsville NSW 2469
www.rubyandfrank.com
- 13. SASA SCHEINER CERAMICS**
878 Birnie Burns Rd Pottsville NSW 2469
www.sasasceramics.com
- 14. RAINFOREST CERAMICS**
88-90 Larkhill Lane Mullumbidgee NSW 2460
www.rainforestceramics.com
- 15. GREDA CERAMICS**
181 Larkhill Lane Mullumbidgee NSW 2460
www.gredaceramics.com
- 16. PINCHED BY NEVENA**
193 Taylors Rd Evansdale NSW 2460
www.pinchedbynevena.com
- 17. CINDY HAWKINS**
100-102 Main St. Kaituma Circuit North Coast Showers NSW 2462
www.cindyhawkins.com
- 18. TOCHEYS MILL POTTERY**
222 Fawcett Rd Fawcett NSW 2462
www.tocheysmillpottery.com
- 19. LENNOX CERAMICS**
221-223 Main St. Kaituma Circuit North Coast Showers NSW 2462
www.lennoxceramics.com
- 20. POTTERY BY RACHELLE**
100-102 Main St. Kaituma Circuit North Coast Showers NSW 2462
www.potterybyrachelle.com

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COVID-19 Resource Directory

To aid access to relevant information and to find links to appropriate Government and other resources, check the Destination North Coast [COVID-19 Directory](#) on our website.

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