

The Astrology of 2019

2019 is a year of transition as various planetary cycles are in their closing phase signifying the ending of an era of modern living.

The astrological constellations of 2019 might provide some guidance on how to navigate through this complex and confusing period as we are moving towards the next decade.

Two very different planetary formations signify the core energies of 2019: the forces of vision: Jupiter/Neptune, and the forces of control and resilience: Saturn/Pluto. Their interplay will lead us on the path to the epoch-building Jupiter-Saturn-Pluto conjunction in Capricorn in 2020.

How will their influence simultaneously inspire and compel us and how can we combine both energetic dimensions in a positive way?

The Jupiter/Neptune Square: between visions of unity and disillusionment (active during January – October 2019)

The 13 year Jupiter/Neptune cycle (2009-2022) describes humanity's search for truth, purpose and unity but also supports illusions and over-idealisation.

The last quarter square between Jupiter in Sagittarius and Neptune in Pisces is the most significant outer planetary constellation during 2019. Jupiter and Neptune meet when both are in their own signs, which enhances their grade of influence. They will form three exact aspects: during 14 Jan 2019, 17 June 2019 and finally on 22 Sept 2019.

Jupiter and Neptune are both energies that support vision, hope, idealism and a humanitarian mindset. Jupiter will be in Sagittarius until 3 December 2019, while Neptune remains in its own sign Pisces until 2025. At their highest expression, Jupiter and Neptune encourage us to actively seek a more unified perspective, based on generosity and compassion. At its lowest, this planetary combination correlates with times when nationalistic or religious tendencies can find fertile ground because people's ability to think critically is overshadowed by feelings of frustration and disillusionment.

On a personal level, the Jupiter-in-Sagittarius transit ignites optimism and hope, opens our eyes for new possibilities. It indicates where in our life growth and expansion can take place according to our natal chart. It is a great year for widening our horizons and embracing different worldviews while journeying beyond known boundaries and answering to a new call.

On the downside, Jupiter in Sagittarius can lead to exaggerations and excesses because it overlooks important details. Under its forward projecting influence, especially in formation with Neptune, we might see the forest but not its trees which can result in misjudging important situations. Therefore, during 2019 we can win big but also lose big!

The deeper meaning of the Jupiter/Neptune square reveals 'disillusionment' as the necessary pathway to future growth. It ultimately initiates the process of reorientation. We are at a turning point in our collective evolution. There are many problems that we are facing globally, such as the refugee crisis, climate change, deforestation and destruction of our natural environment just to name a few. Old belief systems and models need to dissolve or have to be dismantled in order to open up new avenues of vision that are more compatible with our changing reality and evolving needs.

It is no surprise that Jupiter through Sagittarius correlates with times of growing restlessness, rebellions and world-wide protests demanding change! It is a good

moment in time to reflect on our own socio-cultural, political or religious conditioning and where we have outgrown our own reality.

The Jupiter/Neptune cycle also rules inflation. Jupiter tends to be expansive and Neptune can over-stimulate this trend. It can relate to over-production, an uncontrolled explosion of goods and values on all levels as well as an over-optimistic and indulgent mindset which refuses to read the warning signs that are apparent everywhere and in every aspect of life. The last time we journeyed through this phase of the cycle was in 2006. Then the Global Financial Crisis followed in 2007/2008.

"If Jupiter in Sagittarius was overconfident and positive in 2018/2019, then Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto converging in Capricorn right afterwards can be downright worried and pessimistic, unless it has planned well for this period." – Ray Merriman

The Lead-up to the Jupiter-Saturn-Pluto conjunction in 2020

The coming together of Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn is the other dominant astrological theme of 2019, with Saturn and Pluto finally forming an exact conjunction on 12 January 2020; Jupiter and Pluto conjoin in Capricorn on 6 April, 30 June, 12 November 2020. The conjoining of Saturn and Pluto in history (about every 33-38 years) represents the redistribution of power in the world.

It is a test of integrity and morality for those in authority, but also a test of their resilience, as they feel usually impelled to use tighter control as a reaction to the increasing instability and voices of discontent in the collective.

In its highest expression, Saturn/Pluto teaches lessons in the right use of power, because corruption and abuse will eventually be exposed! The Saturn/Pluto conjunction has taken place before in Libra in 1982, Leo in 1947 and Cancer in 1914, all years when power dynamics in the world were rearranged.

Saturn is in its own sign Capricorn since mid-December 2017 and will remain until mid-December 2020. On the positive, it forces us to face reality as it is, take on responsibility for what is not working and start building new structures in our own lives. It is a great time for reinventing oneself! Pluto signifies the process of breakdown, destruction and creation as the principle of regeneration in the universe. When Pluto's power is liberated, an immense amount of energy is released, which can be highly destructive or creative, depending on how it is applied. Hard aspects between Saturn and Pluto are also known to reflect natural disasters, particularly seismic and volcanic activity.

During 2019, we have to find our individual way of integrating and combining the challenging Saturn/Pluto message with the vision of Jupiter and Neptune, the gods of inspiration, hope and optimism. Those who are more idealistically oriented and resonate easily with Jupiter or Neptune might need to put their weight more on the Saturn/Pluto side, while working through shadow material that has to be brought to light, healed and released. Those who have been working hard on themselves and their projects or are naturally more the controlling Capricorn/Saturn/Pluto type, are invited to put their weight onto the Jupiter/Neptune side fostering their ability to receive, trust and allow things to happen.



Transiting Nodes in Cancer/Capricorn and Eclipses, Nov 7, 2018 – May 6, 2020.

The lunar nodes are the GPS of collective focus and change signs every 18 months. They have shifted onto the Cancer/Capricorn axis last November. With this nodal axis, our connection to family, ancestry, country and tribal roots is emphasised. Issues around nurturing, safe homes, the importance of early childhood education as well as the exclusion from mainstream services of families who do not agree or fit in with government policies, the importance of conserving our natural environment for future generations are all topics at the centre of our public debates. Simultaneously, the south node in Capricorn shows us where our collective lessons have to be learnt. There is a necessity to rework something unfinished and karmic, especially when the South node conjoins with Saturn and Pluto between end of March and end of June 2019. We are challenged to learn from the mistakes of the past. The task is to create a future in which humanitarian values such as empathy, emotional warmth, the rights of children and all living beings are honoured and respected, giving them more weight than policy restrains and personal ambitions. Leaders have to be reminded that their moral obligation is to serve the needs of the people, especially also of those who do not have a voice or are disempowered in some way.

The lunar nodes indicate where the eclipses will take place. Solar and lunar eclipses are powerful new and full moons near the nodal axis. The year 2019 features three Solar eclipses and two Lunar eclipses during January, July and December. Eclipses mark times of rapid change, when we are forced to face important issues in a way that might be uncomfortable at first, but that ultimately can lead to evolutionary growth.

The Solar Eclipse on 15 degrees Capricorn on January 6 is framed by Saturn and Pluto reminding us that it is time to act and that we need a lot of determination, strength and resilience to deal with the many challenges of this time and age. The loss of personal liberties and democratic rights seems to remain an ongoing theme as well as a growing feeling of discontent. With Jupiter in Sagittarius until early December, we can expect more protests and rebellions against government strategies and policies. On a personal level, Capricorns born during the first 10 days of January might find that they have to deal with an urgent issue that cannot be put on hold any longer.

The Lunar Eclipse on January 21 in the first degree of Leo opposite the Aquarius Sun is an invitation to think out of the square in search for new ideas and possibilities. The Moon is closely conjunct the north node in Cancer (total eclipse). Venus and Jupiter, the two cosmic beneficiaries are conjunct in Sagittarius and they form a harmonious trine with active Mars in impulsive Aries. It will be interesting to observe if this fiery energy will ignite our passions and expression in support of a greater vision of peace, fairness and inclusiveness.

The Solar Total Eclipse at 10 degrees Cancer on July 2 will put a strong focus on issues of security, children and family as well as the role young people play in society. Their voice is important because they are our future! Combined with the Jupiter in Sagittarius influence, it is a great moment in time for brainstorming and the gathering of new ideas.

Solar Total Eclipse at 4 degree Capricorn on December 21 carries a strong Capricorn and earth signature. Jupiter will enter this sign on December 3 and forms a constructive

trine with Uranus in Taurus. It appears to be a powerful moment in time for making changes in society and breaking new ground because we are moving to a new future in the 2020's.

Uranus in Taurus: new ideas for old problems?

Uranus entered Taurus on May 15, 2018 and has been back in Aries since November 7. Uranus will re-enter Taurus on March 6. Uranus takes 84 years to move once around the Sun, remaining about seven years in each sign. Uranus is the force field of change and revolution, opposes authority and tradition, upsets the rules and breaks the mould.

Taurus is an earth sign that loves stability and material comfort. Taurus is associated with money, possessions, banking and the financial markets. Certainly, there have been many breaches of trust in this sector which has been made apparent over the last year. We have had already a good portion of Uranus disruption and destabilising! Whatever has been the "norm" of central banks over the past 84 years is vulnerable to revolutionary change. This will also affect currencies and the banking system in general.

On a personal level, we are asked to review our relationship with finances, values and material securities in general. We are in urgent need of new ideas and a fresh mindset to deal with old known problems.

Uranus in Taurus is also a signature for changes in agriculture and the way we produce food. We have the power to consciously choose where and how we want to spend our money. Growing your own or buying locally produced food on farmers markets is a great alternative to supporting powerful food companies and their supermarkets!

Star Signs

Aries

2019 is another year where thorough planning, patience and persistence with whatever you are doing will be rewarded. Mars in Aries until mid-February signifies a high energy time, even though you might experience setbacks during January 21 until February 1. Deal with whatever needs to be sorted and then keep following your vision. February 13 can bring a breakthrough. Expect the unexpected and be ready to make a move. Focus on the bigger picture, but have a sound strategy how to get there. Your main emphasis during 2019 will be on your life direction and how to best balance your role in the world with your emotional needs and family obligations. Especially those who are born during the first half of April might take on too much and then find their energy level tested. Therefore, it is essential to plan in times for relaxation and rest.

Taurus

The winds of change are blowing strongly again from March onwards, especially if you are born during April 21 – 28. Change is unavoidable and important adjustments have to be made to allow for new core developments. Embrace the force of chaos because it is ultimately the energy behind creativity and is needed for breaking up old patterns! This is the start of a personal growth cycle that ultimately will provide you with more freedom. Opportunities come through shared projects with others. Investment in the right causes will pay out in the long run. The best time for starting a new project is during August 19 until October 4. December could be a great month for trying something new and taking on a new role. Important is to think out of the square, embrace new possibilities and challenge your own perspective on life.

Gemini

2019 is a great year for improving your partnerships, personal or professional or meeting someone new who will further your spiritual growth, because Jupiter journeys through your relationship sector until December 3. Keep an open mind and allow yourself to be inspired! The Saturn/Pluto in Capricorn period will pose challenges wherever it is positioned reminding you to take a more disciplined and businesslike approach in your personal, financial and professional affairs. On an emotional level, unresolved material from the past has to be mastered, but you have the clarity necessary for healing. You might also find that it is a great year for improving the ways you create an income. Take charge of your life by taking the necessary steps to make yourself feel good and secure. The best time for starting new projects is from April until mid-May.

Cancer

You are receiving a cosmic push towards expressing your creative potential and living your purpose while the lunar north node journeys through your sun sign until May 2020. The Solar total eclipse on July 2 is an important signature of change especially for those born during June 27 until July 8. Your energy level is already increasing from mid-May onwards, igniting your personal courage, confidence, and drive to take charge of your life. Saturn and Pluto are both in your relationship sector (until December 2020), asking you to carry more responsibility and testing your commitment towards others. You are called upon to strike a balance between energy spent on relationships and energy spent on yourself. Marriage or divorce can be an issue. You should enjoy good health, especially until December, however, watch your sugar and fat intake. Too much indulgence might have a negative impact on your overall body-mind equilibrium.

Leo

The winds of change are blowing through your career house again from mid-March onwards, triggering disruptions in your life direction and career path, especially for those born during July. This can ultimately play out very positively for you, especially if you can make space and invite the new energy into your life. Creative projects are likely to do well, and you could possibly receive recognition for your work. A good time for starting something new is during July until mid-August. With Jupiter travelling through your house of good luck, healthy risk-taking can pay off but try not to over-extend yourself or over-invest. Saturn and Pluto are together in your health sector until December 2020, reminding you to look after yourself well and to make good use of your time. Motivate yourself to get in the best shape possible for your age and circumstances. Saturn will help with discipline and determination.

Virgo

2019 is another year where you feel motivated to work hard on your creative endeavours. On the other hand, you might also find that you are working too much and do not have enough time for fun and relaxation. Therefore, make sure that you do get some time out and stop putting pressure onto yourself. Much joy can be found in your family and your home life now! This is a great year for resolving long-standing family issues and getting in touch with your ancestral roots. Reflecting on your

greater purpose motivates the tackling of creative tasks, including those that are more challenging and require lots of determination and persistence to resolve. From March onwards you might find that your belief-system that underlies your sense of reality starts changing as you are searching for new impulses. Your best time for starting a new project is from August 19 until October 5.

Libra

The Saturn in Capricorn period (December 2017 – 2020) directs your emphasis on home, family and your deepest inner needs also during 2019. Your evolutionary intent is to find fulfilment through creating a safe space from where you can journey within and search for true self-knowledge. See it as a preparation towards a major shift in awareness that will occur in 2020! If there are areas with which you are not happy, start changing them now. It is essential that you take an eagle's eye view on important issues to gain a wider perspective. Be prepared to question some of your assumptions. In order to move forward you might have to revisit the past. You are invited to do some deep shadow work, to integrate parts of yourself which have been suppressed because they were considered as unacceptable. Make your own moral judgement and live by what feels right. The best time to start a new project is during April until mid-May and during October.

Scorpio

This can be a very productive year for you and you are able to attract great abundance. Nevertheless, there is also the danger of overextending yourself and investing in the wrong areas. Question your beliefs because things might not be as clear as you expect them to be. Maybe you are ready for a different set of values and it is time to answer to a new call? From March onwards, your personal relationships might start changing and you will be asked to adapt and move with the energy. Re-design your arrangements to reflect the person that you have become. This might involve more space for each other. It is important that you act with full integrity and apply tolerance and understanding for the other person. Indeed, new creative ideas and insights might come through your interactions with others. Your best time to start a new project is from mid-May until early July and again from November 20 until January 3, 2020.

Sagittarius

Jupiter will be in your sun sign until December 3, 2019 making this a great year for exploring new parts of your identity and starting a new cycle in your evolutionary journey. This is a particular important transit for you because Jupiter rules Sagittarius. It serves to ignite new ideas and supports you in following your dreams. Take an eagle's eye view on life and its new possibilities. Go on your vision quest, this is a good year for you to start new projects. However, you do need to budget well as Saturn is still transiting your solar house of money and finances until December 2020. Learn to do a lot with limited resources and work towards your long-term goals slowly but surely. Resilience and determination are the key. Jupiter's influence could also make you feeling very restless. Make sure that you do not start too many different projects because things could easily grow beyond your ability to control or manage.

Capricorn

Saturn is still in your sun sign until December 2020. Therefore 2019 seems to be another year of tests and trials. These are demanding times, especially for Capricorns who are born during January 1 – 11. In many areas of your life you will be asked to clarify what is most important to you. You may have to take on more responsibility and be prepared to do the hard work. Best not to start new projects before having completed what you have already started. 2020 will be your pivotal year for new beginnings. Before this will eventuate, you might be forced to revisit the past and rework something unfinished and karmic. Ultimately, your focus during this year has to be on your relationship with others, your family and children, how to create nurturing partnerships based on the principles of caring and sharing. The Solar eclipses on January 6 and December 21 fall in your sun sign, making this a year of important endings followed by new beginnings later on.

Aquarius

The Lunar eclipse on January 21 is an invitation to think out of the square in search for new ideas and possibilities especially also in your relationships and interactions with others. From March onwards you could experience some new developments at the home front. Your relationship with your communal and family roots is changing asking for a realignment of your inward essence with your outward life. You might be ready for some serious renovation work to create a home that provides more freedom and space for everyone. During April until mid-May and again from October 5 until November 20 you might feel motivated to start on something new. Ultimately, 2019 is a year where you have to tie up loose ends, complete unfinished projects and deal with the consequences of previous actions. Then, the winds of change will blow strongly for you by the end of 2020.

Pisces

Jupiter journeys through Sagittarius until December 3, while Neptune is in Pisces. It marks a time where you might be equally filled with great hope and vision but also with doubt and feelings of insecurity about the path ahead. It represents a phase in your life when you need to reflect on your purpose. Question your assumptions, while you are moving through your personal 'crisis in consciousness'. Ultimately, you experience a process of re-orientation, of re-designing your future. It is a great year to focus on your creative explorations, may it be music, the arts or dance. At the same time, your social life could be changing. You might limit the time spend on supporting others and their project, because more time is required to do your inner spiritual work. Some friends could move out of your life while obligations towards a group might end.

Navigation by the Stars: Personal and/or relationship astrology; life cycles and your year ahead: plans, directions, concerns for 2019

New Weekly Classes in 2019: 'Astrology for Beginners', Tuesday evenings 5.30pm – 8pm, starts Tuesday February 5 at the Lillifield Community Centre, 4505 Kyogle Road.

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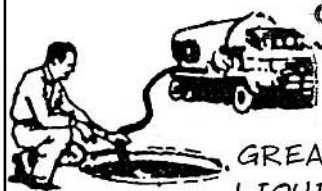
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Another school year beckons at Coffee Camp

by Geraldine Kerr

As these hot summer days tick on by, I find myself slowly gearing up for another school year.

As a teacher and as a parent, there are certainly many things to contemplate and prepare for.

I feel very grateful that my son is excited about the return to school and this is surely a good indication that in Coffee Camp Public School he has found a good fit for his primary education.

From the start of his journey, 12 months ago, he has developed greater self-confidence and a keen sense of belonging to a diverse and inclusive community.

This was very apparent at the recent end of year Christmas celebration.

All the students were individually acknowledged for their unique talents, there was a clear sense of connectedness and a lovely family atmosphere.

The bigger children at Coffee Camp take great pride in assisting and supporting the younger children through the life of the school.

For my son, the buddy system was the most comforting structure in his first few months at the school. He was



very sad to say goodbye to his Year 6 friends who have looked after him so well throughout the year.

They, on the other hand, appeared very excited about the high school adventures awaiting them in 2019!

There was never a day last year that my son was not eager to put on his uniform and go to school.

Some of his favourite days were the days when there was an opportunity to connect with students from other small schools in the area.

This happens regularly through athletics carnivals, swimming

carnivals, Teams Day and interest days where students from the same stage get together for activities on a particular theme.

This year I have taken on a role in the Parents and Citizens committee at the school. I am looking forward to being a more active participant in the school and to making new friendships with other parents.

Coffee Camp PS is currently open to new enrolments and I strongly encourage anyone interested in finding out more, to contact the friendly office staff on 6689-9259.

A busy December

by Carina, Annalyce, May, Isabella & Charlotte, the educators

In December, we were busy decorating our Nimbin Early Learning Centre full of Christmas Love.

We also have been doing a lot of craft around gifts to give to our families. This year we made an ornament for the tree, a colourful calendar with a photo.

We had a graduation party for all the children off to big school next year. They got to make their own cake and also decorate it as they wished. It turned out amazingly. The party was full of mixed emotions, as we will miss them dearly.

At our Christmas party at the park, we were all excited to celebrate with all our families.

Please feel free to call the Centre on 6689-0142. We are open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5pm.



Getting ready for Big School

by Amanda Spain

Plenty of children were happy to attend Nimbin Central School's Kindergarten Transition Program for those starting school in 2019.

They met the teachers and other students while their buddies showed them around the school.

They participated in literacy, numeracy and creative activities. They visited the well-equipped library and learned about borrowing books to take home.

They practised their singing, and joined in fruit breaks while making new friends. Their enjoyment was



Mia and Jack play with the magnetic blocks

self-evident as they prepared for the new adventure of Big School.

The parents and carers who attended the gatherings used the time to also build new

friendships and to ask plenty of questions.

Relieving Principal, Cath Marshall said, "It is wonderful to see so many children getting their early

experience with our school and loving it."

Student numbers for next year are looking extremely encouraging as teachers include new strategies and new resources into their work.

The children each received a number of take-home items to keep their interest until school starts in 2019.

If you wish to learn more about starting school at Nimbin Central School in 2019, drop in and visit the friendly office staff, or phone them on 6689-1355.

Staff return to school on Tuesday 29th January. Students return at staggered later dates.



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Renovation time at Tuntable



by Maree Conroy, Director

Our preschool was very fortunate to receive a Capital Works Grant from the Department of Education to renovate our indoor environment.

The builders are currently busy, making it all happen before Preschool goes back on 30th January.

We look forward to starting 2019 in a fresh new space, that will be an inspiring environment for children, educators and

families to play, learn and work in.

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Fun - Fitness - Self-Defence

by Sensei Rachel Whiting,
3rd Dan

Firstly, Happy New Year! May 2019 provide everything you need to find your life balanced and manifesting great joy, peace and happiness.

As always, the new year offers the opportunity to re-balance and re-invigorate our lives. This is the perfect time to come and try out a traditional karate class with us.

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This is then directed into our training during class.

If it's something you've been considering but haven't "gotten around to", now is the time to start anew in 2019.

Enrolments are open and classes commence with the school term – first class is Friday 1st February at Nimbin Central School MPU hall.

Juniors (aged 5-11yrs) run 3.25-4.20pm, \$10/class, Monday and Friday.

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Here are some quotes from parents regarding the classes:

"To see my 13-year old girl have confidence in her own strength and ability was the best feeling."

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| Thursday 3 rd January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool Along with our usual games, lego, art and craft, we will be spending time at the park and pool, as well as weaving dreamcatchers at the mobile library. Library craft – weaving decorations |
| Friday 4 th January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool We have a puppet theatre and will be making and using different puppets Puppets |
| Tuesday 8 th January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool We are going to the Nimbin bowling club for a morning of barefoot bowls Barefoot bowling |
| Wednesday 9 th January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool We will be getting messy with some clay and creative with some playdough Clay & playdough day |
| Thursday 10 th January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool We will be dancing and making some noise with the wii and microphones Wii dance party |
| Friday 11 th January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool We will be using different things to catch the sun and making Suncatchers |
| Monday 14 th January | Excursion – Lismore skating and memorial baths We are going roller skating at Lismore and then cooling off at the pool Please bring food, water, hat, swimmers, and a towel |
| Tuesday 15 th January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool We are finding creative uses for a tonne of marbles What can we do with 100 marbles? |
| Thursday 17 th January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool Along with our usual games, lego, art and craft, we will be spending time at the park and pool, as well as some back to school craft at the mobile library. Library craft |
| Tuesday 22 nd January | Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool We are experimenting with screen printing, so bring something to print on. Screen printing |
| Thursday 24 th January | Excursion – Macadamia Castle We are going to feed and pat baby animals, ride the train and play putt-putt Please bring food, water and a hat |

Artist in residence

An artwork is being created in Ballina to highlight environmental issues.

The Giant Plastic Seaweed is a metaphor for the destruction path that plastics creates as it entangles with underwater nature.

It is being created from found plastic sheeting by environmental artist Carolyn Cardinet (pictured) at the Ignite Studios in Ballina, to be installed in between the gallery café and the old fire station at 60 Crane Street, Ballina.

People in the community are welcome to bring along the plastic they have found on the beach and insert it within the large leaves.

With eight million tons of plastic entering the ocean every year, marine debris has become one of the major environmental issues worldwide.

There is no end in sight regarding the ever-increasing amount of waste ending up in the environment and making its way into the ocean – about 75% of it being plastics.

The piles of rubbish we find on beaches is only the tip of the ice/plastic-berg. It is estimated that by 2050, by weight we will have more plastic than fish in the ocean.

Carolyn Cardinet is a French-born, Melbourne-based Artist, who the recipient of this residency, a joint venture between the Northern Rivers Community Gallery and the Healthy Waterways program from the Ballina Shire Council.

She will be leading a team for a River Clean-up community event at Missingham Park in Ballina on Sunday 13th January, 8.30-11am, and everyone is invited.

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