

Roots Festival gallery

Another weekend of great music



by Mel Williamson

The last hurrah for the Nimbin Roots Fest was held on 24th-26th October. After 10 years of fabulous music held over various venues in the village, Lou and Phil Bradley have called time and are looking ahead to new festival adventures. Personal highlights this time around were earlier festival faves returning, including Den Hanrahan, Wild Marmalade with Paul George, Paul Greene and latter festival fave Dog Trumpet (what a class act). Some personal first-time festival faves were 4 Eyed Water Boy, Miss Eileen and King Lear, The Golden Gaytimes, Emily Lubitz, Sunday Lemonade and The Audreys. All the acts delivered though, and I could name-check them all. Also great seeing so many local acts performing this year including Tim Tonkin and Andrea Soler (a beautiful duo) and The Hoochers, who totally rocked the Bowlo. All the music over the three days was magnificent, as was the crowd, as always. Such a relaxed festival and music immersion, a common comment among all the attendees and musicians I have talked to over the last 10 years

is how much they enjoy the laidback feel of the Nimbin Roots Fest. One thing I missed this year was the vibe of the busking competition, with performers usually dotted around the village competing for a chance to play at the following year's festival, they added a nice vibrancy to the street. One small bugbear I've had is the lack of staggered set times, especially with the reduction of venues last few years. It's very difficult to catch a decent amount of two acts playing at the exact same time, especially when only a handful play more than once at the festival. Thanks to Lou and Phil, all their crew over the years especially the sound engineers, supportive locals, volunteers, the always great audiences, and of course the many excellent musicians who have entertained over the years – thanks for the music, many great memories. Lou and Phil are now going to concentrate on their sister festival, the Mullum Roots Festival that started this year. In 2026 that will be held on 11th and 12th July, with some artists already announced, including Mama Kin Spender, Alex Lloyd, Dave Graney and Lindy Morrison.

See: mullumrootsfest.com

Shivam Rath returns for the World Peace Festival

by Marty de Weerd



Northern Rivers musician Shivam Rath harmonises a busy schedule of fatherhood, gigs and events with a mindful approach to his music and life. When we caught up, he was in Sydney between gigs, preparing for his third night in a row. That momentum has been building for years, ever since Shivam followed the musical and yogic path laid down by his father, a tabla student and seeker who immersed himself in Indian classical traditions in the 70s. Decades later in Varanasi, Shivam met the same tabla teacher who taught his father and became one of his last students. It was the beginning of a deep dive into Indian rhythm, raga, and the Hindustani slide guitar, including studying intensively under renowned slide guitarist Debashish Bhattacharya, delving into the discipline and depth of Hindustani classical music.

It was his tabla teacher who first recommended he explore the slide guitar, "I was already playing guitar," he said, "so I raised the bridge, changed a string, and just started learning." His playing evolved further in the Himalayas, where losing his steel slide unexpectedly sparked a signature innovation: playing with a clear quartz crystal. Shivam's music now spans continents and cultures. He blends Indian classical foundation with electronic production, having completed his bachelor's degree at SAE

in Byron Bay. He has also collaborated with a range of musicians including Ghanaian legend Afro Moses. Their project, Boom Shanko, fusing Indian, African and other musical cultures is "bound to create some beautiful synergy," Shivam says. Their upcoming single 'HallelujAH' highlights the dance-floor energy they brought to last year's World Peace Festival. Shivam has been a regular feature of previous World Peace Festivals in Nimbin

and is back for this year's event taking place at Flourish Sanctuary this New Years. For this year's event he told me to expect improvisation, expect spontaneity, "Expect the unexpected". Beyond the stage, Shivam is equally passionate about imparting his wealth of knowledge to others. He's hosting Raga Retreats in the Byron hinterland in January, and even further afield in China come April – bringing music, yoga and travel together, using music as a medicine to help mental and emotional well-being. Wherever you find him, locally or halfway across the world, Shivam remains a devoted student and teacher of sound, connecting cultures and hearts. For more information about Shivam's upcoming concerts, retreats and events, go to: www.crystalslide.com For more about the World Peace Festival: www.worldpeacefestival.com.au



For the love of music

by Virginia Waters

As the year builds to its final crescendo, the Northern Rivers Conservatorium is alive with music rehearsals, concerts and celebrations filling every corner of our beautiful building in downtown Lismore and spilling into other beloved venues such as the Quad and the Lismore City Bowling Club. The Con loves connecting people through performance, learning and community. At the heart of it all is a simple truth: music is for everyone. From early childhood through to adulthood, learning music nurtures confidence, creativity and connection. Research confirms what teachers and parents have always known: that playing and listening to music enhances brain development, co-ordination, memory, and empathy. But beyond the science, the real magic happens in those moments when a child finds their first rhythm, a young musician performs on stage for the first time, or an adult learner discovers or

rediscovers their passion for playing. The Music in Schools Program continues to deliver these moments every week. Under the guidance of Paul Archer, the program reaches 26 local schools and preschools, giving students access to specialist tutors, real instruments, and ensemble experiences that foster teamwork and joy. The annual Big Play Day held on 31st October, brought students together from across the region for a day of shared learning and performance an uplifting celebration of music education and collaboration. Recently, the Conservatorium was thrilled to host 'Lost Histories' from Musica Viva, a blend of storytelling and song that explores heritage, identity, and belonging. Visiting artists Troy Russell, Leila Hamilton and Jonathon Bruhl performed for students from Eltham, Upper Coopers Creek and The Channon Public Schools, sparking curiosity and creativity. Experiences like these open the world of music to young minds, showing that it's not just about learning notes, but

about sharing stories. As we head into the final months of the year, there's still plenty to enjoy for audiences of all ages. The Northern Rivers Youth Jazz Orchestra takes the stage for a major public event at the End of Year Concert at The Quad, 6pm on Friday 12th December. These talented young players continue to impress all that experience them with their skill, energy and love of jazz. Fans of funk and groove can catch the Soul Good Band in the Con Concert Room at 6pm on Thursday 6th November, while the Strings Spectacular on Wednesday 3rd December, also in the Concert Room. Both promise uplifting evenings of live music. Every note, every rehearsal, and every concert at the Con is guided by our enduring phrase: for the love of music. From the youngest preschooler discovering their first melody to adults returning to an instrument they once loved, music connects us all. To find out more or see what's coming up, visit: www.nrcc.edu.au

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Cinema with soul: Nimbin's growing film culture

by David Hyett

For over 50 years, the Nimbin Bush Theatre has quietly nurtured a love of film in the heart of the village. Housed in the historic Old Nimbin Butter Factory, it's more than a cinema – it's a cultural icon with stories in its walls and a devoted community in its seats. In the past two months, we've sparked fresh momentum. Our weekly Friday night film and dinner sessions are drawing regulars from Nimbin, The Channon, Lismore and beyond. With cult favourites, classic gems, and a hearty home-cooked dinner menu, audiences are returning week after week. Movie night wouldn't be complete

without the treats: choc-tops, popcorn and our now-famous sticky date pudding with warm caramel sauce. A few new initiatives are also making waves: The Bushies Besties membership is free until 31st December and includes early ticket access, priority seating, voting rights on film selections, surprise perks throughout the year – and even a 'buy a ticket, bring a friend free' deal to help spread the magic of the movies. And coming soon: plush bean bags to complement our already very comfortable lounge seating arrangement. We are also open for the theatre to be booked for private showings of movies and major sports events. We are working on the return of the

Nimbin Film Festival after many years, with Youth and Open categories for Northern Rivers filmmakers. Expect short films, guest panels, prizes and creative surprises. We're calling on passionate locals to get involved. If you have skills in film production, event management, tech, or social media – or just love what we're building – we'd love to have you on board. So whether you're a film buff, a storyteller, or just after a cosy Friday night out, come be part of the revival. At the Nimbin Bush Theatre, you're not just watching a movie – you're part of something much bigger. Email: theatre@nimbinbushtheatre.com Web: www.nimbinbushtheatre.com

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The Nimbin Bush Theatre

EVENTS PROGRAMME

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6:00pm Kitchen opens | 7:30pm Film starts | \$15 / \$12

Deliverance (R18+)
7/11/2025

Big Fish (PG)
14/11/2025

Inglourious Basterds (MA15+)
21/11/2025

What's Eating Gilbert Grape (M)
28/11/2025

Frida (MA15+)
5/12/2025

A Complete Unknown (M)
5/12/2025

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Gig Guide

NOVEMBER 2025

04	Lismore Supper Club Soul Band Lismore City Bowlo	THURSDAYS
05	5:30pm Ukulele Club Lismore City Bowlo	WEDNESDAYS
05	Not Quite Folk Open Mic Night Eltham Hotel	WEDNESDAY
06	Cheeky Leash, Nazare + More The Northern Hotel	THURSDAY
07	Masochist, Problem Green + More Hotel Metropole	FRIDAY
08	The Butlers, The Slims + More The Northern Byron	SATURDAY
08	Hanging Rock Hall's Got Talent Hanging Rock Hall	SATURDAY
08	Timbuktu, Far Lights, DJ Benny Green Timbre Lismore	SATURDAY
09	Chris Aronsten Eltham Hotel	SUNDAY
09	Open Mic Dunoon Sports Club	SUNDAY
12	Monthly Irish Folk Jam Eltham Hotel	WEDNESDAY
14	Gomez by Request The Northern Byron	FRIDAY
15	Mess Esque Eltham Hotel	SATURDAY
15	Tracks Party Tour The Northern Byron	SATURDAY
15	Dreamscape Madness Minifest Bangalow Bowlo	SATURDAY
15	Eat the Street Live Music Lismore Quad	SATURDAY
15	Eat the Street Live Music Planet Music Shop Show	SATURDAY
15	Space X Dragon with Guests Hotel Metropole	SATURDAY
16	Lonesome Boatmen Eltham Hotel	SUNDAY
21	Florist (USA) Eltham Hotel	FRIDAY
29	Rofscope Nimbin Hotel	SATURDAY

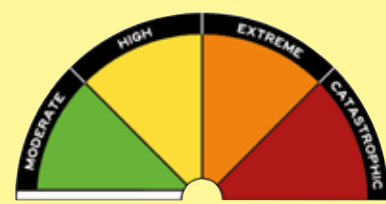
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Rainbow Region Property Guide

A conscious guide to bushfire readiness

by Talia Fietje

As the sun turns fierce and summer's breath grows hot, Mother Nature calls on us to live in harmony with her cycles – especially the fiery ones.



Bushfire season is awakening, and now is the moment to prepare our sacred spaces, not in fear, but in mindful respect for Country and community.

Firekeepers and local brigades remind us that little embers, carried on the wind, are often what take homes – not towering flames.

By tending our gardens and clearing away dry fuel – leaves, bark, twigs and forgotten clutter – we honour both our homes and the land they rest on.

Keeping grass low, trimming branches, and creating a gentle, 20-metre buffer of safe space around dwellings helps stop fire from finding a path.

Think of it like energy flow: open, clean, and unobstructed. Move firewood, gas bottles and timber furniture away from the house.

Let your hoses stretch freely, your gutters breathe and your windows be armoured with ember-proof mesh. Every small action is a ripple in the pond of preparedness.

Inside, sit with your family or housemates and craft a Bushfire Survival Plan. Know when you will leave, where you will go and what essentials you'll carry. Pets too are part of the tribe – plan for them as you would for kin.

When we prepare with calm intention, we protect what we love. This bushfire season, stay alert, stay connected and care for your corner of the Earth.

Together, we can face the flames – grounded, ready and united.

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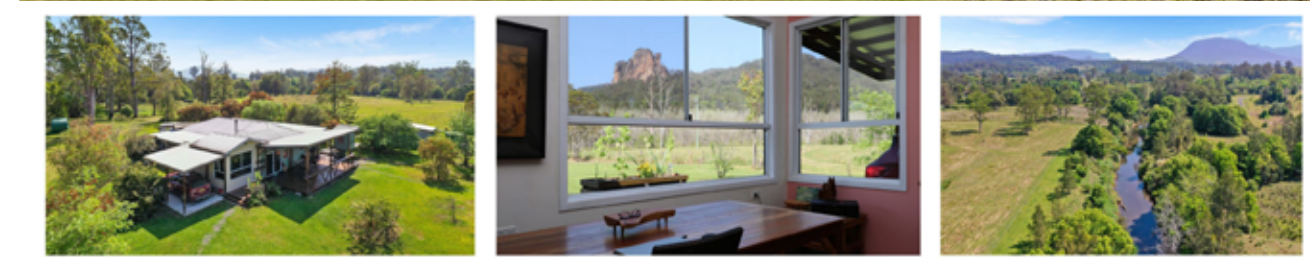
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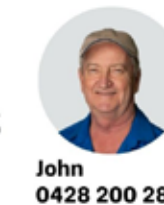
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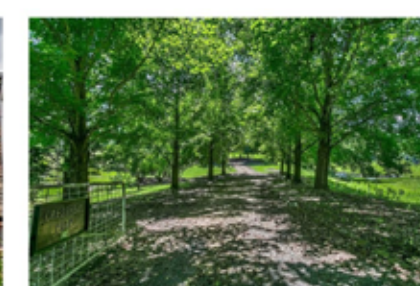
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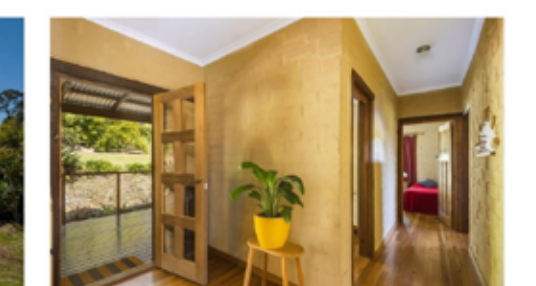
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‘Crow Flying’ by Sue Gumley

Nimbin Spring Arts Exhibition winners

Another successful Spring Art Exhibition has concluded with winners of the people’s choice prizes announced. First prize was awarded to Sue Gumley for her bold paintings depicting Australian wildlife, with second prize jointly claimed by Bonnie Palm and Dex. Featuring a diverse range of paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture and photography, the ever-popular annual exhibition was well received by visitors and locals alike with many commenting on the high standard of the works on display.



2025 Coraki Art Prize Best in Show winner Jill Bradshaw

Coraki Art Prize

The 2025 Coraki Art Prize was held over the weekend of the 26th and 27th of October. The annual prize which has been running since 1997, returned in 2024 having skipped a few years through Covid and floods. Best in show for this year was awarded to Jill Bradshaw for ‘About Peace and Grace’. Category winners included: • **Painting:** Cindy Masterson for “Rock at Chinamans” • **Works on Paper:** Dellene Strong for “Cave Creek” • **Sculpture:** Mario Sanchez for “/imagine prompt trapped creativity in ai, leather wall art in the style of Mario Sanchez (Diptych)” • **Photography:** Peter Humphreys for “Classic” • **Youth photography:** Leah Messemaker for “Beauty in the weeds” • **Youth Art under 12:** Genevieve Sebastian for “Great, sustainable and brighter future” • **Youth art 13-18yrs:** Lacey Pohle for “Watergirl” • **People’s Choice Award:** Bonnie Larden for “Heart Song”

Pet Portraits workshop in Lismore

Marty de Weerd is giving you the opportunity to celebrate your furry (or feathered) friend in a fun and relaxed two-week Pet Portrait Painting Workshop at Flourish Art in South Lismore. Suitable for all levels, you’ll learn to capture the personality and charm of your beloved pet on canvas. Held over two Wednesday evenings on the 12th and 19th November from 6-9pm, this workshop will cover some key compositional principles and a range of acrylic painting techniques that you can apply to any subject matter. All materials will be provided, you’ll just need a good photo of your pet. Pet portraits also make the perfect Christmas gift for that special pet lover in your life. For bookings and further information contact Marty on 0406-021-897.



‘Emma’ (detail) by Marty de Weerd

Don’t miss these exhibitions

by Ali Walker

The current exhibitions at Blue Knob Gallery will continue until Saturday 8th November, so there is still time to come and view both displays. The Ebb and Flow exhibition reflects a deep love of nature, particularly a fascination with water, echoing the hues and textures of sand and shore, creeks and waterfalls. Inspiration clearly springs from the landscapes around us: the ocean, creeks, and beaches. Through their diverse interpretations, the artists invite us to glimpse the wonder of the natural world – reflecting the ebb and flow of life. Through a harmonious blend of mediums, artists have captured the gentle pulse of the natural world and in some cases a quirky take on the theme. The Basketcases exhibition celebrates the remarkable skill, creativity and craftsmanship of a dedicated group of weavers and basket makers who regularly gather to share their passion for traditional and contemporary basketry. Each piece is a testament to patience, precision, and the intimate connection between maker and material. From vines, reeds, and rushes to grasses and recycled plant materials each piece is thoughtfully chosen for its texture, strength, and flexibility. Through careful intertwining, coiling, and plaiting, these artists transform humble materials into sculptural forms that are functional and expressive. The Basketcases are: Elen James, June Martin, Sabina Baltruweit, Lyndall Lee, Brigitte Stievermann, Linnie Laubrechtsen, Fiona and Cherie Shadwell, aka Weaver Birds. • Blue Knob Cafe – has a great selection of freshly made gourmet toasties, specials, cakes and coffee/drinks. We look forward to seeing you on the cafe verandah for food, art and a great view of Blue Knob.

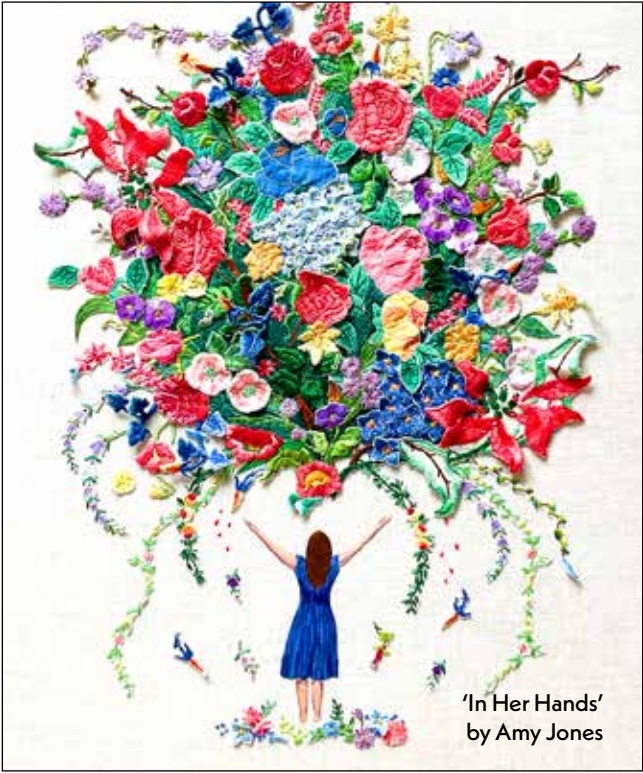


Top: A selection from The Basketcase-Above: ‘Long Duck Night of the Soul (after Leunig)’ by Christine Wynyard Right: ‘Medicine Drum Set’ by Linnie Lambrechtsen



- Blue Knob Writers Group – meet weekly at Blue Knob Cafe on Sundays from 10am. For more info, contact Alex 6689-7268 or Helen 0487-385-134.
- Blue Knob Singers – meet on Thursdays 3.45pm in the Gallery. Everyone is welcome. For more info, call Peter 0458-487-865.
- Sound Journey with Amma – Gentle Breathwork Flow & Sound Journey Meditation. See the Blue Knob Gallery Facebook page for details of the next Wednesday session. Cost is \$20. Bring yoga mat and cushion.
- Moore Workshop Space – is available for hire for workshops etc. Please contact the gallery for more information: 6689-7449, email: bkkgallery@inet.net.au Web: www.blueknobgallery.com Blue Knob Hall Gallery and Café is located at 719 Blue Knob Road, Lillian Rock. Open: Thurs-Fri: 10am-3pm, Sat 8.30am-3pm, Sun 10am-3pm.

Third International Art Textile Biennale



‘In Her Hands’ by Amy Jones

by Kate McGain

Immensely popular last time around, Roxy Gallery, Kyogle is very pleased to announce the return of the Fibre Arts Australia 3rd International Art Textile Biennale, opening on 7th November and running until 4th January 2026. This prestigious touring exhibition is a must-see event, showcasing a stunning collection of contemporary textile works from a selection of 22 Australian and 20 international artists. The Biennale is dedicated to pushing the boundaries of fabric and thread, presenting pieces that explore unexpected



‘Matrescence’ by Kathy Landvogt

and exciting relationships between textiles and other artistic disciplines. The featured artists employ a vast range of innovative techniques and materials, creating unique pieces that challenge perceptions and continue to evolve what is possible with textile as a medium. This exhibition is a fantastic opportunity to see traditional and innovative techniques and media used to create fascinating, unique and unusual works, brought to you by Fibre Arts Australia, an organisation that is a vibrant hub for creativity and artistic expression for over 35 years. Fibre Arts Australia hosts a diverse range of workshops and events across Australia and New Zealand. They provide individuals to immerse themselves in their creative passions as well as a unique opportunity to work intensively on their craft, while connecting with a community of like-minded individuals. We’ll be hosting a morning tea launch event on Saturday 8th November from 10am and we’d love you to join us. Roxy Gallery is located at 131 Summerland Way, Kyogle. Opening hours are Wed: 10am-3pm, Thurs: 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-3pm, Sun: 10am-1pm.

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