

COFFS COAST *Culture Guide*

**YOUR GUIDE TO
GALLERIES, TOURS,
STUDIOS, MUSEUMS,
WORKSHOPS &
PERFORMANCES ON
THE COFFS COAST**



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ALYKAT CREATIVE GALLERY & STUDIO

4/37 Little Street, Coffs Harbour

Discover the whimsical world and art of Coffs Coast local artist, Alyson Pearson. Enter through the painted Rainbow Lorikeet exterior and step inside this playful, imaginative and creative hub. You might even walk away with an original by Alyson or another local artist.



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ART BY WAYNE FRENCH

19 Ocean View Road, Arrawarra Headland

Exhibiting from New Caledonia to Sweden and featured within the pages of numerous publications, Wayne’s art takes inspiration from the energy and moods of the ocean, colours, clouds and wave movement. His work is expressed on a variety of canvases including vintage surfboards, and captures a magical marine environment.



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ARTSPACE ON 45

45 Gale Street, Coramba

Tucked within the Coffs Harbour hinterland, Artspace on 45 exhibits artwork by Matthew Begg and Meg Vickary and features collections of works from a range of artists including paintings, drawings and pottery. The gallery also hosts regular workshops for children and adults.



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COFFS CENTRAL SCULPTURE & ARTWORK TRAIL

35-61 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour

A supporter of the arts, Coffs Central Shopping Centre has curated an experience within the centre. Navigate the trail and admire works from the 2017 Sculptures by the Sea exhibition held in Bondi and Sydney and commissioned by Gowings Whale Trust as well as a dot-point mural created by a local artist. Sculpture trail guide are available at the concierge desk.



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COFFS CREEK LAND ART TRAIL

Coffs Creek, Coffs Harbour

Discover this intriguing collection of art as you walk or cycle around Coffs Creek. Commissioned by Coffs Harbour City Council in the mid 1990's, the artwork is primarily made of natural materials such as timber and stone allowing the pieces to decay naturally through the years with some succumbing to the elements.



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COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL GALLERY

Corner Coff and Duke Streets, Coffs Harbour

The Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery offers an exciting program of exhibitions, talks, workshops and other events that will spark your imagination. Featuring works by local, regional, national and international artists in many mediums, the Gallery is a hub of the vibrant artistic life of the Coffs Coast region.



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COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL MUSEUM

215 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour

The Coffs Harbour Regional Museum brings history to life. Visitors can discover a world of stories, sparking memories and the imagination. Visitors are encouraged to engage in interactive displays while learning about the history of the traditional owners of the land, pioneering men and women, lighthouse keepers, gold miners, farmers, timber workers and fishers of the area.



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COFFS HARBOUR SHOWGROUND GALLERY

123 Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour Showground Gallery

The Coffs Harbour Creative Arts Group work, create, and display their art at the Coffs Harbour Showground Gallery. All artworks are original works by local artists and are for sale. Classes for kids and adults, workshops and demonstration days are held throughout the year.



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COFFS HARBOUR STREET ART TRAIL

City Square, Coffs Harbour

Coffs Harbour laneways are full of art! This urban walk meanders around Coffs Harbour town centre. Put your walking shoes on and hit the pavement and see what you can find. Stop in and have a yarn with Ash Johnson at Open Studio, the street art shop. Ash has been instrumental in bringing street artists to Coffs to brighten our walls and enrich our lives. He'll give you the lowdown and point you in the right direction.



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CORAMBA VILLAGE HERITAGE WALK

Coramba

Take the self-guided heritage walk around this picturesque village, one of the earliest settlements on the Coffs Coast. Discover the buildings and stories of the past while taking in various points of interest and exploring what was once the original centre of Coffs Harbour.



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CULTURE HUB

Coffs Central Shopping Centre (L2), 35-61 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour

This new, vibrant pop-up space in Coffs Central Shopping Centre offers an inspiring mix of cultural happenings for people of all ages to experience. Featuring a changing program of art exhibitions, events and community takeovers from the team at Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, Museum and Libraries.



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GIINGAN GUMBAYNGGIRR CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Forest Sky Pier@Sealy Lookout, Bruxner Park Rd, Korora

Held regularly at Sealy Lookout in the Orara East State Forest, this award-winning immersive experience will deliver meaningful insight to the traditions of the Gumbaynggirr Nation. Local indigenous guides share their wisdom and knowledge through stories, history and language, seen as a privilege and responsibility.



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GIIDANY MIIRLARL – MUTTONBIRD ISLAND

Muttonbird Island, Marina Drive, Coffs Harbour

Long before the island was connected to the shore, certain Gumbaynggirr people were the only ones permitted to venture to the island. They came to collect muttonbirds for food, protected for their survival by a giant moon-man guardian. Aboriginal Discovery Rangers conduct tours explaining the fascinating Dreaming story or you can self explore the award-winning Muttonbird Island outdoor learning space.



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GLENREAGH MEMORIAL MUSEUM

62 Coramba Street, Glenreagh

This historic museum was built onto the School of Arts, and houses relics of the gold mining days, the early timber industry and features artifacts from the era. There is an entertainment corner displaying radios from the 1920s and an early film projector. The Museum is open on the Saturday of the Glenreagh Markets (first Saturday of each month).

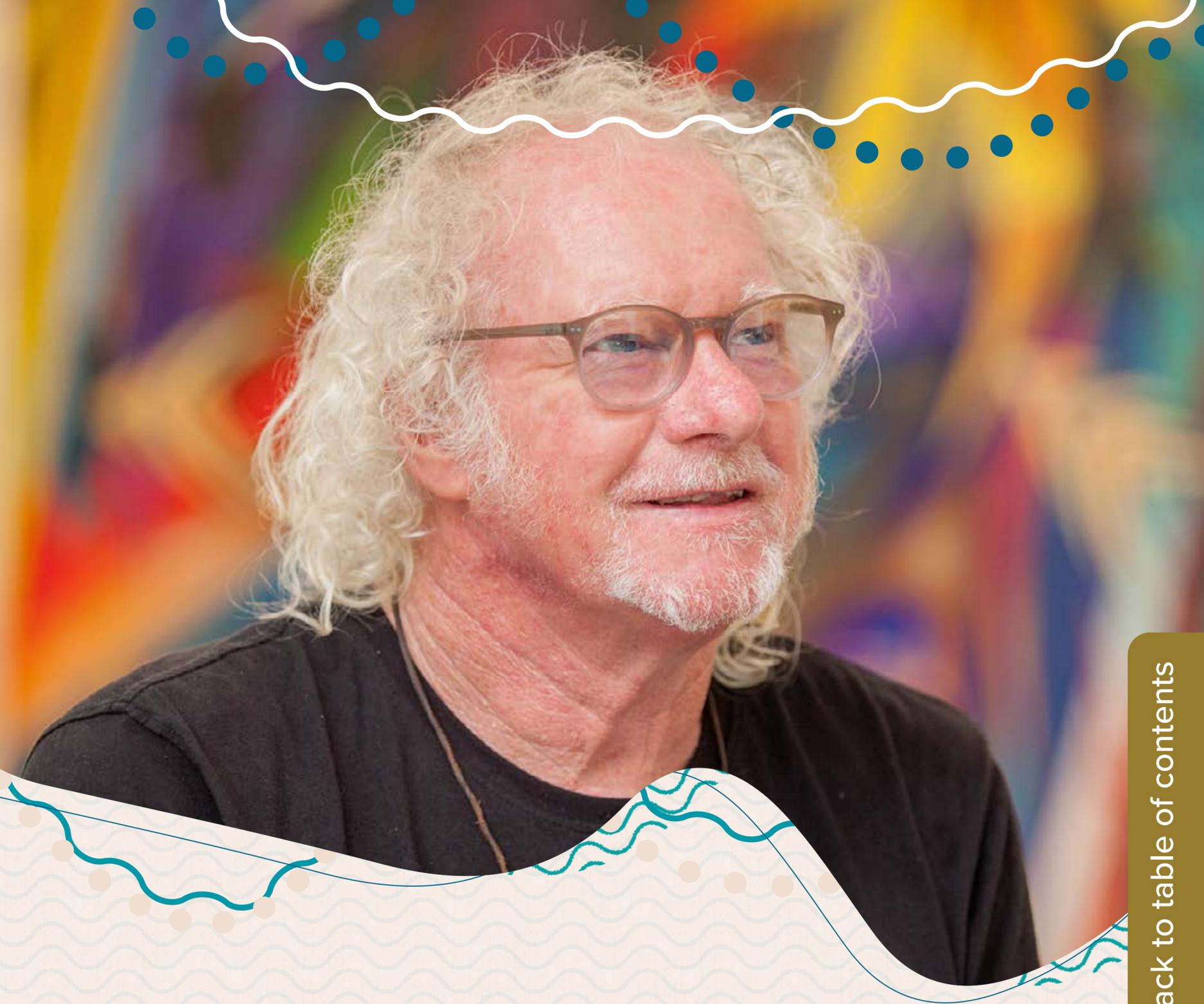


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GUMGALI TRACK

Sealy Lookout Drive, Bruxner Park Rd, Korora

Just North of Coffs Harbour, this 400m walking track leads to the stunning Korora lookout. Along this scenic trail you can follow a Gumbayggirr Dreaming story of Gumgali, (the black goanna) through sculpture, murals, and signage. This walk is truly unique as it offers a culturally-rich experience surrounded by sparkling ocean and sweeping coastal and hinterland views.



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JEFFERY BAKER ART

Marina Drive, Coffs Harbour International Marina

Surf culture shaped Jeffrey's early career, both on the waves and as an artist. As a young painter, he worked on surfboards and began his lifelong love of colour, perspective and the natural environment. Today, Jeffrey's work captures the freedom and transience of life in a unique surrealist style.



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JETTY MEMORIAL THEATRE

337 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour

A heritage-listed building with a rich local history, the refurbished theatre is set in the picturesque and historic Jetty precinct of Coffs Harbour. Visitors can enjoy a comprehensive annual program across a broad range of the performing arts, touring shows, theatre, dance and music in the historic atmosphere with modern comfort and excellent acoustics.



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NATIONAL CARTOON GALLERY @ THE BUNKER

John Champion Way, Coffs Harbour

This heritage listed RAAF underground WWII bunker has been converted to Australia's only dedicated cartoon gallery. The gallery houses the largest private collection of original cartoons in the southern hemisphere (over 21,000) and exhibits new cartoons year-round, with blockbuster exhibitions every two or three months.



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OPEN STUDIO

2/25 Vernon St, Coffs Harbour

Open Studio aims to offer a taste of the art world that is not often served up in a regional setting. Open Studio has exhibited the work of Australian and international graffiti writers and street artists since its doors first opened in 2009. The studio also hosts weekly workshops for local kids and aspiring artists looking to get started in a career in visual arts and street graphics.



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SAWTELL ART CENTRE

Cnr Lyons & Bayldon Rds, Sawtell

Sawtell Art Centre school and gallery is situated in this picturesque village, a short distance from Coffs Harbour. The Centre offers classes, exhibitions and workshops throughout the year conducted by professional and experienced tutors in many mediums. The Centre is open to visitors to browse and buy,



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SAWTELL CINEMA

25 First Avenue, Sawtell

This art deco cinema is a two screen complex located in the heart of Sawtell's main street. Patrons are presented with a range of art-house and foreign films as well as the latest family and mainstream titles when possible. The cinema has a dynamic relationship with the local community, playing host to a number of events including film festivals, private groups, open caption screenings, as well as fundraising and specialty events.



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SIKH HERITAGE MUSEUM

10-12 River St, Woolgoolga

This fascinating museum showcases information on the Sikh people's traditions and religion. It highlights their understanding of the origins of the universe, the lives and teachings of the Ten Gurus, the Sikh empire, Sikhs in the world wars, the Sikh ANZAC contribution, first migration of Sikhs to Australia and finally the establishment of a Sikh community in Woolgoolga.



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SKATE AND CREATE

5/24a Hawke Drive, Woolgoolga

Tucked at the back of an industrial warehouse, hides an indoor skate park on a mission, to build a positive perception of skateboarding and street art. Matty and the crew at Skate and Create offer creative workshops and special events for large and small groups designed to provide a safe and inspiring. On the half-pipe or through a paint can, adults and kids can enjoy the inspiring space where creativity and flourish.



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THE ART DEPARTMENT

14 Toormina Road, Toormina

Founded by Jess Miller, an experienced educator who has a firm belief that everyone is a creative character with a story to tell. The Art Department hosts workshops and classes in a variety of mediums including clay throwing, print making and more.



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WADJAR REGIONAL INDIGENOUS GALLERY

69 Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach

The gallery exhibits the beautiful works of Aboriginal artists from Gumbaynggirr and neighbouring nations, Jalumbo Keeping Place, displaying artifacts from over 4,000 years of Gumbaynggirr coastal life. The gallery features an extensive display of regionally-produced, traditional and contemporary arts and crafts, books, clothing, CDs and giftware.



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WOOD WE CREATE

191 Lindsays Road, Boambee

Featuring work from resident artist, David Barden and other local and Australian artists, Wood We Create seeks to capture the story within the timber in every design. Each piece is original and unique including wood-turned items for the discerning collector, gifts for the environmentally conscious, or a functional item for the home. Studio tours are available allowing visitors a unique opportunity to view these creations as they emerge.



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WOOLGOOLGA ART GALLERY

Turon Parade, Woolgoolga

Woolgoolga Art Gallery is a community based gallery run by passionate and dedicated volunteers. The Gallery hosts regular exhibitions, classes and workshops in a variety of arts and crafts. A mainstay feature of the gallery, The Lillipilli Art Exhibition, is a major annual exhibition. It has attracted artists in a variety of mediums, local and further afield, for more than 30 years. All exhibition items are available for purchase.



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WOOLGOOLGA HERITAGE WALK

1-13 River St, Woolgoolga

Take a relaxed walk through the seaside village of Woolgoolga. Explore the history of the area along the easy 4km self-guided tour. Discover what a 'wiigulga' is and the significance to the area. Learn about the traditional owners of the land, the Sikh history of the area, the historic buildings, the changing landscape and the settlement and development of the beautiful town of Woolgoolga.



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YARRAWARRA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE

69 Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach

The Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre boasts a Bush Tucker Cafe, an art gallery featuring a keeping place with a variety of Indigenous artifacts and historical treasures, cultural programs, accommodation, and conference centre. Special events include Aboriginal art classes, Gumbaynggirr history and story sessions, dance and music classes, clay modelling, traditional basket weaving, and tours of Aboriginal sites.



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