

## **Byron Bird Buddies Celebrating National Bird Week 2017**

### **Celebrating Bird Week – 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29th October - Program**

For the past thirteen years we have been celebrating birds of our shire in some way and this year during Bird Week we have invited local artists to contribute art works to a Birds of Byron Art Exhibition Trail. We have planned some walks and presentations close to the venues where the art is displayed so you can visit after the walks – other walks are far a field. So please join us for the opening on Sunday at Bangalow, register for some of the walks, attend a presentation and please visit the venues where a number of local artists have their impressions of our feathered friends on display for you to enjoy.

So, during the week Byron Bird Buddies will be exploring some of the locations highlighted in our brochure “Birds of Byron Shire” which was launched this year. Some days will be an all day affair with some long walks but each walk will be limited to 15 people so please register by contacting [byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com](mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com) or phoning 0428864378.

If you wish to do your own thing, become a citizen scientist and join thousand of people during National Bird Week 2017 by surveying your own backyard, local park or favorite open space as BirdLife Australia are again running the project “**Aussie Backyard Bird Count**”. You can register for the project by downloading the AP from <http://aussiebirdcount.org.au>

**What To Bring on the Walks** - Always wear covered shoes, wear a hat and bring water, sunscreen and insect repellent. Unless otherwise stated bring something to eat for morning or afternoon tea and lunch if it's over the lunch period.

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- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1pm - OPENING Bangalow Heritage House - Ashton Street off Bangalow Road at the east end of town. Activities will involve a short walk on the Byron Creek Walking Track (Brochure Walk No. 4), Bird Art Display, guest speakers and kid's activities. Refreshments provided. All welcome.**
  - **Monday – 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8am-12md - Mullumbimby Heritage Park and River Walk (Brochure Walk No.19) –** Meet at end of Stewarts St. for a walk along the river and view the Bird Art display at the Council, Library and Ex-servicemen's Club
  - **Tuesday – 24<sup>th</sup> - 8am-12md - Suffolk Park Pedestrian /Bike Track (Brochure Walk No. 2).** Meet at entrance to bike track off Broken Head Road – north-end of Byron Holiday Park opposite golf course. Limited parking and busy road so take care. Consider parking at Golf Course and walk back.
  - **Wednesday – 25<sup>th</sup> - 10am-11am - Byron Bay Library - Presentation “Birds of Byron Shire” and Art Display.** Meet at the library. After presentation, view Art Display and a short walk looking for birds in the nearby bush.
  - **Thursday – 26<sup>th</sup> – 8am-2pm - Goonengerry National Park (NP) (Brochure Walk No 22)** Meet in the NP carpark end of Garong Road - access off Coolamon Scenic Drive at the top of the range into Mill Road then into Garong Rd. Car pool if necessary at Goonengerry School.
  - **Friday – 27<sup>th</sup> - 8am – 2pm - SeaPeace Property** - monitoring for birds on a private property at Ewingsdale – Participation by request or invitation. View Art Display at the Cavanbah Centre
  - **Saturday – 28<sup>th</sup> - 10am - Murwillumbah Community Centre, Knox Park-near Skate Park – Presentation “Birds of Tweed Shire”** - Tweed Landcare 20<sup>th</sup> celebration activity. Art Class demonstration with Jeff Gant before presentation
  - **Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> 8am – 3pm - Byron Wetlands – Morning walk & Afternoon Presentation. (Brochure Walk No 9)** Walk starts 8am – 12md & Presentation starts at 2pm. Meet at the gate for the 8am walk -people can gain entry with their keys; for people without keys the gate will be opened at 7.45 and closed at 08.00 am. For the presentation the gate will be opened between 1.45pm & 2pm - if you are late please phone 0428864378. Cost - a plate of nibbles to share but bring your own lunch if staying all day. BBB will provide tea & coffee. The PowerPoint presentation will be of the Shorebirds of Byron Shire and limited to 30 people so please register. View Art Display at the Cavanbah Centre.