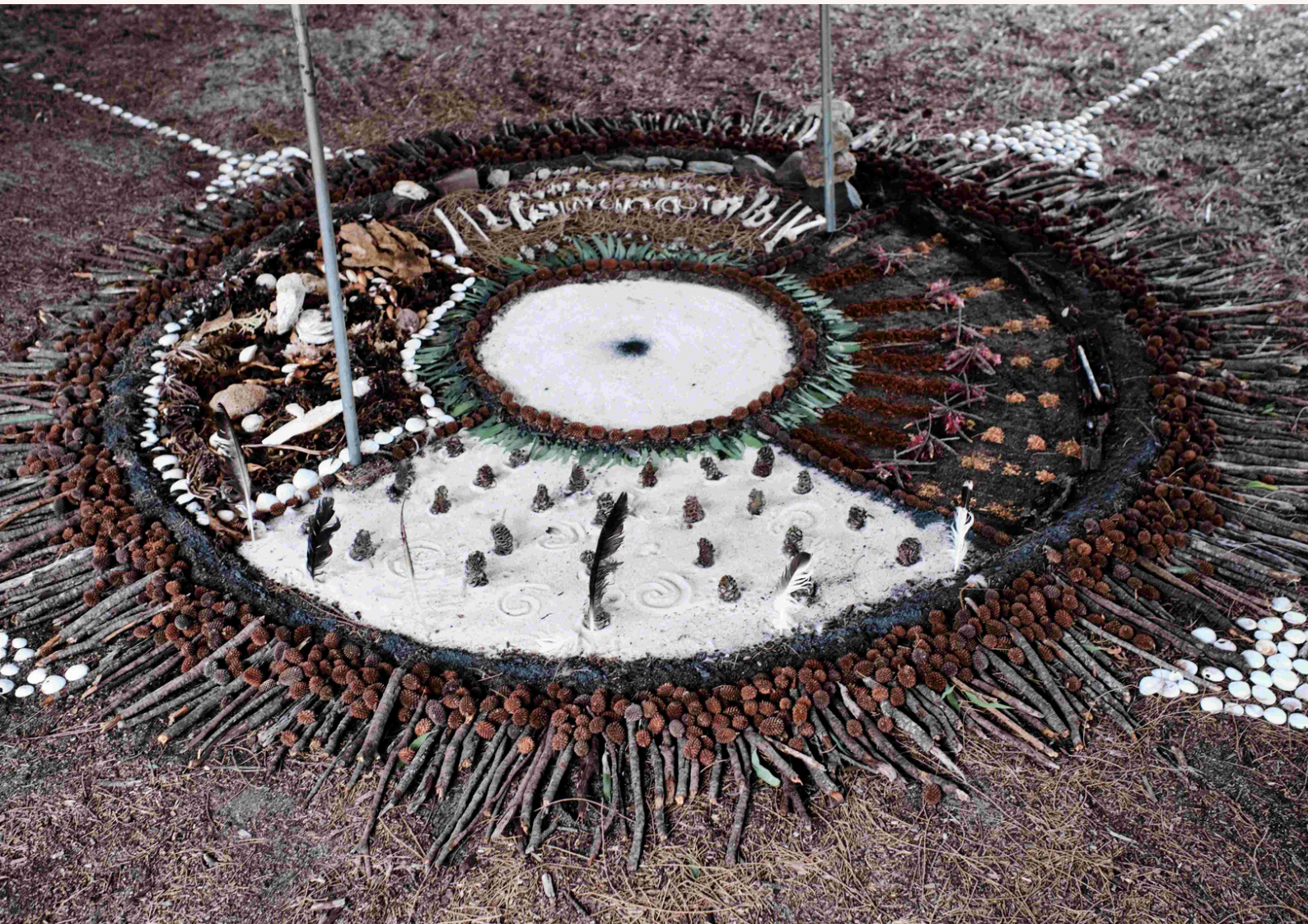


YATRA AUSTRALIA



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Yarralen Retreat, Mid-North Coast NSW

It has been 20 years since Ronny Hickel, Victor von der Heyde and a number of dedicated dharma friends organised the first Australian Dharma Yatra in the Tweed Caldera, NSW in 2006. From then onwards the yatra journey continued to unfold into a wonderful adventure, with nearly one hundred yatras and nature retreats under our belt. Over two decades we've not only walked through vibrant rainforests, into wide open desert lands, over remote mountain ranges and along breathtaking coastlines all over Australia and NZ, but also created a yatra culture which connected thousands of dharma friends in their love for country and the dharma.

To celebrate 20 years of Yatra in Australia we'd like to invite you to join us at this special Dharma Gathering, held at Yarralen Retreat, a beautiful property on the Mid-North Coast of NSW.

Program

Over the course of the event we will present three special forums which will touch upon some of the fundamental elements that constitute our yatra culture.

1. 'Wisdom of Country' - Nature as Teacher, Walking as Practice.
2. 'Wild Awakening' - Deepening connection with land and life in our bodies, hearts and minds.
3. 'Dharma in Uncertain Times' - Finding guidance in the midst of social and ecological polycrisis.

The three special forums will be hosted by an awesome team of facilitators, including Carol Perry, Jess Huon, Ronny Hickel, Emma Pittaway, Robyn Gibson, Brother Tenzin, Ken Golding, and others. Saturday afternoon will be dedicated to a collective ceremony to celebrate 20 years of Yatra Culture in Australia.

There will be yoga and meditation each morning, a yatra retrospective, story telling, open mic, dancing and live music with the band 'Kinfolk Orkestar'. The program will also include a mini yatra and nature immersion within the property grounds.

Most of all importantly this gathering will provide a space for our yatra community to come together, to connect with each other and to celebrate.

Our Yatra kitchen will provide three delicious vegetarian meals per day. There will be a Helpers Roster, and at times help will be required with food preparation, cleaning, fire tending and other tasks.

Kids are welcome. All kids (0-17yo) need to be accompanied by a parent at all times. Free tickets for kids need to be booked via Humanitix.

Sorry, no pets allowed.

This gathering will be an alcohol and drug free event.

Accommodation

The venue will provide designated areas for walk-in camping in tents and vehicle camping. There will also be an allocated family camping zone for those with children. Toilets and hot showers will be available.

Aside from camping, Yarralen Retreat offers limited accommodation which can be booked separately for an additional cost. For more information please see this [Special Accommodation Link](#). Special accommodation bookings will operate on first in first served.

Arrival

Please arrive at Yarralen Retreat **between 1:00 - 3:00pm on Thursday 24th September** to set up camp and settle in. The Program will start at 4pm. All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.

To make this celebration carbon efficient, attendees are encouraged to ride share or take trains and buses wherever possible.

Ride Sharing: If you are able to offer a ride, or you are requesting a ride, please add your details into this self-organised [Ride Share Doc](#) as early as possible to help to arrange rides to and from Yarralen. We appreciate your support in reducing vehicles on site and helping each other with transportation.

Trains & Buses: Macksville is approximately 20 mins drive from our retreat. It's serviced by both the regional [XPT train](#) and [Premier](#) coaches. [Greyhound](#) buses offer a service to Nambucca Heads, approximately 30 mins drive from Yarralen.

Flying: There are two airports, Port Macquarie (PQQ) or Coffs Harbour (CFS) airports, both approximately 1 hour drive from our retreat. If arriving by plane to either airport, please **make sure your flight arrives by 1.30pm.**

We can assist with transport to and from Macksville & Coffs Harbour Airport if required. All other pick-ups need to be organised through the Ride-Share form.

Departure

Our Dharma Gathering will end on **Sunday 27th at approximately 11am**. For those flying from Coffs Harbour Airport, please arrange your **flights from 1.45pm onwards.**



What To Bring:

- all your camping equipment including tent, sleeping bag, camping mat (camping in your vehicle is possible)
- sun hat and raincoat
- appropriate clothing for hot and cold weather
- your personal cup, bowl, plate, cutlery, drink bottle
- camping rug, blanket, cushions or chair (for meditation and general use)
- yoga mat (optional)
- toiletries, sun screen, insect repellent
- torch and spare batteries
- towel/sarong and swim wear (for pool and sauna)
- any personal medication or supplements if required
- musical instruments (optional)
- if you have dietary requirements outside the vegan, DF or GF options provided, please bring your own supplies and camp stove set up

Ticket Cost

\$500 (Subsidised Cost: \$300 or \$400) plus booking fees

The ticket price covers running costs of the event including catering and three meals per day (Thursday dinner until Sunday breakfast), venue hire & camping fees, entertainment, equipment hire and administration costs. The ticket price includes access to a sauna and pool.

This Celebration is subsidised by the Yatra Bushwalking Club and people will have an option to pay for their ticket on a sliding scale ranging from \$300 to \$500, depending on financial circumstances.

There are limited tickets, so we recommend booking your ticket early so you don't miss out!



Our Cancellation Policy:

Refunds can be given up to 14 days prior to the event, with a 15% cancellation fee.

You can action a self-service refund or cancellation using the **Manage Order** button on your order confirmation email, or by requesting a refund via **Contact Host**.

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