



Bangalow's Heartbeat

A Newsletter for the Health and Wellbeing of the Bangalow Community

“Highlights of the Festival” Concert and more!

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The Bangalow Festival is always on the move forward and this year will be presenting two exciting extra concerts for members of the local Bangalow community, many of whom will be busy all weekend looking after the 100's of visitors the Festival brings to the area.

The first extra concert will be held on Thursday night, the 12th of August at 7pm. It will be a special “Highlights of the Festival” concert featuring the Tankstream Quartet, violist Brett Dean, cellist David Berlin, pianist Stephen Emmerson and Artistic Director clarinettist Paul Dean. They will perform a selection of great music from the Festival program including Weber's Clarinet Quintet, Schumann's Piano Quintet and Debussy's ethereal Cello Sonata. This is a great opportunity for people who haven't had the opportunity to attend the Festival before to hear particularly the magnificent Stuart and Sons piano. The piano has been, in many people's eyes and ears, the highlight of the first two Festivals and in essence has become as much a part of the Festival as the A&I Hall.

The second extra concert will be a special educational concert given by the wonderful young Acacia Wind Quintet from Melbourne on Friday morning at 11am for local school students. This will help unravel some of the mysteries of classical music and give the young members of the community a fantastic opportunity to become part of the Festival.

“I really want this Festival to become a part of the community”, says Artistic Director Paul Dean. “I am never happy staying with familiar formulas and becoming stale. I envisage this Festival growing as an integral part of the community...and not just economically...I mean as an essential part of its cultural heart. I have plans to involve local school bands and orchestras in the coming years either

by way of a competition or just as a showcase concert. I would particularly love some of the young local pianists to have the opportunity to perform on the Stuart.

With the continued support of the local community, particularly the Bangalow Chamber of Commerce and the Byron Music Society, I really believe many amazing things can happen”.

Bangalow Music Festival is pleased to announce that as well as the ‘season, whole festival’ ticket, single tickets are also available. The prices for these single tickets are shown below:

Locals Concert

Thursday 12 Aug 7 pm \$20.00
(limited to 300)

Single Concerts

Saturday Tickets \$40.00
(limited to 50)
Sunday Tickets \$40.00
(limited to 50)
Friday Tickets 2 concerts \$70.00
(limited to 50)
Sunday Tickets 2 concerts \$70.00
(limited to 50)

All Day Saturday \$160.00
5 concerts (limited to 50)

All tickets may be purchased at Barebones Artspace.

For more information about these extra special events at the Bangalow Music Festival please contact Kel Burke on 0412.111.111 or Sara Bannon on 07.3366.0827

“THE SOUND OF MUSIC”

28th August, A&I Hall, 6pm

FUNDRAISER

1st Bangalow Club and Scout Group

Drinks and finger food 6pm – 7pm

Feature starts 7pm

Large screen, Stereo Sound

Make it a family night out and enjoy this wonderful classic.

Recognising 100 years of Bangalow Community Spirit

Launch of exhibition on Harry Fowler's history

A small item in the Feb 04 Heartbeat sought information on happenings at the old hall on the property where we live in Fowler's Lane, Bangalow. As a result, I am surrounded by photograph albums, posters, newspaper clippings, photocopies of articles from books and newspapers, simply astounded to have discovered quite how much Harry Fowler had happening here at his hall, and on the property known at first settlement by Thomas Fowler as 'Spring Groves', and now known as the Jindibah community.

A former Bangalow scout leader sent clippings of the Byron District Annual Boy Scouts and Cubs Swimming Carnivals held at the Fowler pool in the 1950s. Betty Dengate, from the Bangalow Historical Society, provided a copy of the original Title Deed of the property when Thomas Fowler (one of 15 children!) bought various roods, perches and acres of 'virgin scrubland' in the early years of the twentieth century. This virgin scrub was subsequently cleared by the Fowler family, who also built the property's stone walls. Betty introduced me to a book Harry wrote in 1984, recounting Bangalow school life a century ago.

A draftsman doing some plans of the old hall required for a Building Certificate for re-roofing, produced a poster for a pop festival held in the hall in the 1970s. Topping the bill was Ann Kirkpatrick, daughter of Slim Dusty, heading 12 hours of rock, country and reggae bands, while the delivery man from the Bangalow timber yard came up with a poster of a 1980 music festival held in the hall, featuring Jimmy Barnes and Rose Tattoo. Other concerts at the time starred Split Enz and the Kevin Borich Express and local music identity Mook Bahloo.

But undoubtedly the most prolific 'goldmine' of information came from Janelle Jarrett and her husband, Ray, of Chinderah. Janelle was born at the Fowler's farmhouse in the 1940s, where she lived until marrying in 1965. Her uncle Harry was part of a big happy

extended family who grew up in the days before television and computers, where people found other ways to entertain themselves and their families.

In a profile written in an Australian Army veterans newspaper in 1974, Harry Fowler explained, "Before the advent of radio and TV, we had to make our own entertainment. Fowler's swimming hole was the play area for all the local kids. Fowler's barn was also the scene of some lively times with dancing to the tune of Mrs Fowler's accordion."

Harry had built the swimming hole in the 1920s, and, with his brother Joe, restored it after his return in 1945 from four years as a prisoner of war in Germany. For decades, the swimming pool was the place local children were taught to swim and, according to the 'Star Advocate' of 1956, Harry was commended by Byron Council for his "public spirited action in arranging free swimming tuition" for 180 school children in his pool in the summer holidays that year.

On his return from the war, Harry lived on the farm (until his untimely death in a car accident at the age of 84) with his extended family, including his brother Joe, sister Eva, her husband Allan Brown, and their twins, Janelle and John. Janelle recalled what life was like as she grew up on the farm in the 1950s and 60s. Her mother and Uncle Joe ran 40-50 dairy cows, while her Uncle Joe share-farmed, growing beans and corn, peanuts and pigs.

"Living with mum and dad and two bachelor uncles, it was always fun, with people coming and going", she said. "With no TV, we'd do things like playing drafts or cards and bowls with our uncles. Harry was great with my brother John and I, he'd take us everywhere with him. He taught my brother John and I to drive in his V8 ute."

One of the first events Janelle remembered in the hall Harry built by the creek swimming hole was her 10th birthday party in the 1950s. "There were a lot of Church fund-raising functions in those days, so Harry decided to build a hall where they could be held. There were scout camps there, Bangalow Pony Club events and disabled horse-riding, as well as weddings and wakes. It was a real family place, though that changed a bit in the 1970s and 80s with the pop concerts".

With copies of the information we have received, we have established a permanent exhibition of community events held on this property in the last 100 years. The exhibition, located appropriately in the hall Harry built, was launched at a celebration held in honour of the 100th anniversary of Harry's Fowler's birth on 26 July 1904. *Christobel Munson*



Australia! Convicts To Cappucinos

Bangalow Public School's musical extravaganza Australia! Convicts To Cappucinos premieres in August at the A&I Hall in Station Street. Staff and students are busy rehearsing what promises to be an entertaining and insightful celebration of the development of our wonderful country and community.

The talent and enthusiasm of our kids will be delightfully showcased through music, dance, art and drama in matinee and evening performances (10.30 am and 7 pm on Wednesday the 25th) and a final show on Thursday the 26th of August at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend this historic event! Tickets are available at the school and selected local outlets.



Bangalow
Yoga

has moved to
The Moller Pavilion
Bangalow Showground

MON	5.30pm	— Beginners — Over 40s
TUE	10.00am	
THUR	10.00am	— Back Care — General

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