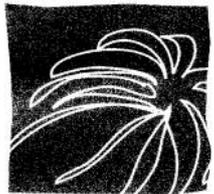




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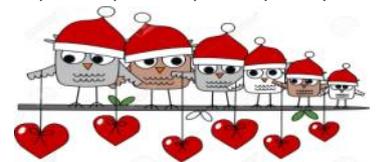
Welcome to our big, bold, colourful and charismatic Christmas market. Trust your month flowed smoothly and you are ready for a beaut day of trading, connecting with family, friends and visitors, celebrating our end of year market with festive style and pizzazz!

Our Christmas market is always a pleasure to organise. It's great to see so many artisans and producers applying for a casual stall. We have an excellent day lined up; entertainment by Yhan Leal & the Neverland Band, the Bello Akabella Choir, buskers, mighty majestic camels walking the footy oval, Santa visits around 11am and most importantly we have a full market of diversity, quality and good character which includes a few artisans from out of town, as we endeavour to attract and encourage more of our local artisans. As an inclusive and progressive market we welcome all with a good product, service or message. It's a small world out there :-). We don't focus on profit and getting in as many stalls as we can, but rather we focus on giving talented, creative, industrious, hard working people the opportunity to share their creations, ideas and wares with the wider community while having a positive experience.

A big thanks to the lovely Kay Martin for donating a beautiful mat for our stage area. Made from recycled materials, it not only looks great but functions superbly under musicians feet and gear. Thanks heaps Kay, may the care and kindness you show and share come back to you tenfold! And the same goes for YOU, our valued stallholder. Thanks for your support over 2018 and may 2019 be a good year!

From my wonderful talented team, John, Jerome, Megan, Mark, Shelley, Jeff, Merv, Annie, Chris, Ben, Bernard, Pop, Sam, Tamika and Allison, we wish you and your family the best day and a very merry Christmas and New Year.

Stay safe, keep smiling and enjoying **Kaz Selbie, BCM Manager**



Yhan Leal and the Neverland Band play on stage at 9.30am.

Neverland can refer to Bellinghen's beautiful Never Never waterholes, conjure up a wonderful, magical island with perfect waves and ageless, happy inhabitants and of course Micheal Jackson's fun park. It's also the name of a Japanese punk band from the 80's who wrote for Anime films but as from today it's Yhan Leal and 2 of his musician friends. Colombian born Yhan is now Bellinghen based, and as a gifted guitarist and angelic singer who found his musical identity, he has also found his community. Yhan walks the earth with light feet and dedicates his waking hours to honing his artistic craft, busking at day and playing venues at night. Together with two talented troubadours, he draws on diverse influences from folk traditions, while at the same time representing a new era of folk, bringing fresh identity to the genre.

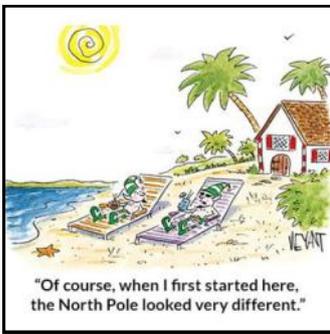


The Bellinghen Akabella Choir sing on stage around 11am.

Akabella is one of Bellinghen's oldest running, non-auditioned, cappella community choirs. The repertoire spans from early music to contemporary, with a wide range of genres and languages. Akabella performs at various events such as the Bellinghen Fine Music Festival, the Bellinghen Show, the Sawtell Chilli Festival as well as for local charity events and local establishments. It's a real treat to have such beautiful voices at our market and hope you get a chance to listen to their delightful harmonies.



SCU Midwifery Club is our community group. The club is fundraising with Mindalla (a local grief and loss organisation) to purchase a cuddle cot to be used in the local region. The special cot allows bereaved families to take their baby home and spend time with them, creating memories to last forever before saying their final goodbyes. They believe the cuddle cot will be invaluable for the grieving families and thank everyone for their kind donations in making this a reality. The Club will be on the gates raising needed funds so please help them where you can. :-)



We have seen crazy weather during the last month, with records temperatures over the country and a coolness we wouldn't normally feel this time of year. Even nature is confused as I see in our environment. Who doesn't believe in climate change? Anyone living in regional Australia can see the erratic weather, droughts, floods and fires. Our children have the right to live in a healthy, happy and harmonious country. It's their heritage and we must protect it for them and one day they will do the same. Thanks goodness we have groups like "Repower Coffs" who are here today along the west side of footy oval. Take the time to find out more about this important issue. Let's all make a positive difference in our part of this small world.

REDUCE GARBAGE - Yep its all about reduction, not recycling, but that's good too (if we can get it right). First its about minimising and we need you to help us reduce our market waste by up to 20%. It costs a fortune to get rid of it, especially when the yellow bins are full of unrecyclable waste. If only we had someone who would stand by the bins all day ensuring everyone put the right stuff in the right bin. A **"garbage reduction, recycling and disposal education"**. Keen to hear your ideas? In the meantime please be conscientious of what goes in what bin, take home your excess garbage and dispose of veggie scraps in a more beneficial way, ie: your or friends garden or in the green bin at home. Gardeners love veggie scraps as do chooks and pigs. I'm sure with more encouragement and determination, 2019 will see a big improvement in our footprint on this beautiful park... Planet !.

QUALITY IS EVERYTHING - Please check the quality of your stall, your product, layout and energy? Does it need a spruce up? Just a friendly reminder, as I'm sure you know, people are attracted to what looks and feels good. If something looks and feels nice, fresh and friendly, people will come.

The bridge leading from our C section food area near stage is still out of action. It will be closed for a while as the Council and Park Committee decide if they should demolish or rebuild. This month we are trialling stalls blocking the bridge on either side.

Please take a moment to consider the many disadvantaged families in the Bellingen Valley and beyond. A lot of families are doing it real tough and giving/receiving xmas presents doesn't exist. If you are in a position to donate something nice from your stall as a gift, that would be fantastic. We will wrap it nicely, tag it appropriately and pass it onto our local community centre for distribution to those needed. A little something from Bello Markets with a message of love. Trust you agree and support this initiative. :-)

Well that about wraps it up for another year. Thanks for your dedication and loyalty and being part of something bigger than us all - community collaboration fostering and nurturing connections, relationships, growth and healthy sustainability. You make a difference.



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PERMANENT STALL FEE	<i>Insured</i>	<i>Uninsured</i>
2 meter	\$27	\$37
3 meter	\$33	\$43
CASUAL STALL FEE		
2 meter	\$33	\$43
3 meter	\$41	\$51
Over 3 meters	\$8 extra per meter	
Food/Beverage Fee	\$13 extra	
HOT FOOD STALL FEE	<i>Insured</i>	<i>Uninsured</i>
2 meter	\$36	\$55
3 meter	\$52	\$72
4 meter	\$66	\$84
5 meter	\$84	\$102
6 meter	\$99	\$117
Electricity	\$17 extra	
Bona Fide Charities	1/2 price	

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