



YHA AUSTRALIA

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Cape Byron YHA under new ownership

Cape Byron YHA (corner Byron & Middleton Streets, Byron Bay) is under new ownership, having been purchased by YHA to retain it in their network of 85 youth hostels around Australia.

First opened as backpacker accommodation in 1993, this purpose-built hostel has 130 beds and includes a swimming pool that is used by onsite dive school operator, Sundive.

The hostel has been part of the YHA network, firstly as an 'Associate' hostel, since opening over twenty years ago, and for most of that time has been run by the same managers, Todd Batson and Bob Kay.

YHA Australia took over ownership and operations of the property on 27 July 2017 and will continue to run it as a YHA hostel that is particularly popular with international backpackers.

CEO of YHA Australia, Julian Ledger, said: *"YHA is proud to be the new owner of the very well located Cape Byron YHA, and is committed to Byron Bay as an iconic backpacker destination. Thanks go to the outgoing managers, Todd Batson and Bob Kay, for creating such a thriving hostel with both high occupancy and guest ratings."*

Accommodation at Cape Byron YHA is primarily in multi-share rooms, with great value accommodation, and facilities including a self-catering kitchen, BBQ area, free Wi-Fi and body-boards for use, and a program of activities for guests.

Building of an extension is also currently underway at YHA's other property in the town – Byron Bay YHA (7 Carlyle St) - which will nearly double capacity from the current 100 beds, including many new private and ensuite rooms (due to open early 2018).

YHA is a membership-based, not-for-profit organisation, and part of the world's largest budget accommodation network, Hostelling International, with 4,000 hostels in more than 90 countries.

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