



Main Arm students, pictured, will join The Pocket students for a night of original songs around floods, natural disasters, climate change and future action. Photo Jeff 'Class Clown Since 1986' Dawson

Four local songwriters – Harry James Angus, Emily Lubitz, Ash Grunwald, and Janet Swain - have been working with kids from The Pocket and Main Arm Schools on a very special project.

Many of these children experienced the full force of the floods and landslides that came through the area not once, but twice.

Co-organiser, Alexandra

Hudson, said a one-nightonly performance will feature a backing band with 200 local kids, performing songs that were inspired by their own stories. 'Their stories will make you laugh, cry and reflect on the changes in our world. These songs are their songs. Their stories'.

'The Main Arm Year 5/6 percussion ensemble, mentored by composer and

percussionist, Michael Askill, will present a sonic reflection on the flood event.

'The show kicks off with the Welcome to Country, followed by local singer songwriter, Abbie Cardwell, performing with Big Voice Choir and The Pocket Kids Choir'.

The performance is on Wednesday, October 26, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the St John's Primary School Hall, located at 11 Murwillumbah Road, Mullumbimby.

Hudson adds, 'While this is a free concert for the community, people will need to book online to secure their place. Tickets are available online at www.songdynastymusic. com'. The project is funded by the NSW government, under the Reconnecting Regional NSW - Community Events Program.

SAE supports free wellness day Oct 29

nurture social connections. called Heart Hub Fest, will be held on October 29.

Hosted by SAE Creative Media Institute Byron Bay, the event includes the unveiling of an interactive 3.5m heart sculpture that was created by SAE design student, Fernanda Gerdes, as part of a heart coherence meditation.

Organisers say the day will have a range of activities including live music, sonic

immersion, yoga, and ice baths, with all refreshments provided.

The free event will be held at SAE Byron Bay, 373 Ewingsdale Road on Saturday October 29 from 8am-5pm. Limited tickets are available at heart-hub.com.

In related news, SAE Byron Bay will host their first in-person graduation ceremony since the COVID-19 pandemic started, on Friday November 4.



SAE design student, Fernanda Gerdes, with her heart sculpture. Photo supplied





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