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World Indigenous Leaders Converge at Byron Bay for Global Healing

UNITY EARTH presents “*Fields of Healing: A Journey of Awakening*”

BYRON BAY, NOVEMBER 24-25, 2018:

- An historic convergence of local and global Indigenous leaders joining artists, activists, musicians and healers for the inaugural “Fields of Healing” event at North Byron Parklands.
- Legendary Eskimo Shaman from Greenland, Uncle Angaangaq to visit Australia for the first time
- Grammy Nominated Reggae Star Rocky Dawuni and other acclaimed international Artists coming to support the event
- Hereditary Dakota Chief and Global Unity Activist Chief Phil Lane Junior’s first visit to Australia
- Dr. Mindahi Bastida, Mexican Shaman from the Centre for Earth Ethics returns to Australia for Fields of Healing
- Commemorating the one-year anniversary of the momentous occasion of the Return to Country of Mungo Man. Indigenous people from the Lake Mungo descendants coming to Byron offering ceremony and songs for healing
- UNITY EARTH is partnering with local indigenous community and other grassroots community organisations
- Sam Cook, an indigenous Australian woman with a global profile and track record of event management is Event Director for Fields of Healing

A truly historic gathering, *Fields of Healing*, is to be held at North Byron Parklands, on the 24th and 25th November 2018. The event will bring together line-up of renowned healers, musicians, artists and thought-leaders for a historic “Convergence of Healing”. The event is co-hosted with local Minyungbal Song Man Uncle Magpie, traditional custodian of the land where this unique global-gathering is taking place. UNITY EARTH is also working closely with neighbouring custodian Auntie Delta Kay of the Arakwal people and working in collaboration with the excellent [Culture Aware](#) initiative. The inaugural event [Fields of Healing](#) is delighted to also feature outstanding international acts Kristin Hoffman, Premik Russel Tubbs and GRAMMY® nominated Rocky Dawuni. Rocky was recently appointed a UN Goodwill Ambassador for the Environment. Local artists including Áine Tyrrell and Dane Kennedy are also performing.

Uncle Angaangaq from Greenland has been travelling the world since 1975 raising the alarm to the global community about climate change and the melting of the Big Ice in this homeland.

He says “*my father told me to never go anywhere without being invited and I am so happy to be invited and accept that invitation, I’ve never been to Australia, I’ve never had a chance to visit you, you are my family, I will come with an open heart. Most importantly I will come with peace in my heart.*”

Chief Phil Lane Jr, founder of [Four Worlds International Institute](#) has been a global activist working on peace, human unity and reconciliation for decades but like Uncle Angaangaq has

never before been to Australia. Uncle Phil who believes that “*Fields of Healing, is part of the fulfilment of Indigenous Prophecies everywhere on Mother Earth*” is being accompanied by his Dakota “Koda” (spiritual brother) Darcy Demas. Chief Phil says “*both myself and my Koda Darcy Demas are so looking forward to visiting our relatives in Australia for Fields of Healing in November. We are fulfilling a journey my beloved father always talked about. He said they have very good horses in Australia*”.

Of further historic importance, the event will also mark the one-year anniversary of the deeply historic [Return to Country of Mungo Man](#) in November 2017. This profound healing moment when the ancient remains of Mungo Man, a 42 000 years old human ancestor, were returned to his country in the Willandra Lakes Region of New South Wales, marks an important moment for Australia’s waking up and growing up. Representatives of the Indigenous group associated with Lake Mungo will attend Fields of Healing, continuing the important healing journey of this Ancestral Spirit.

Dr Mindahi C. Bastida Munoz is a caretaker of the philosophy and traditions of the Otomi Peoples of Mexico and Director for the Original Caretakers Program at the Center for Earth Ethics, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. Dr Bastida was one of the international dignitaries at the Mungo Man Return to County commemorations in 2017 and is delighted to be returning To Australia for Fields of Healing, saying:

“After attending the historic ceremonies of Return to Country of Mungo Man last November in Mildura, I am excited to be returning to Australia for Fields of Healing in Byron Bay. This is a great opportunity to strengthen our connections with aboriginal peoples and our aboriginal brothers and sisters from ancestral Australia. Also for the healing and balancing Mother Earth through ritual ceremonies in Australia’s Sacred Sites”.

North Byron Parklands is a stunningly beautiful 660-acre cultural arts and music events venue. It is country which has deep significance for the local Aboriginal groups the Minyungbal and Arakwal people.

The two-day gathering is designed as both a “gathering” and a “retreat” offering an intimate experience capped at just 1500 people to ensure intimacy of attendees and delegates. Sam Cook is the Creative Director, herself an indigenous Australian and highly credentialed Festival director with decades of experience utilising the Arts as a force for healing and cultural expression. These two life-affirming days on the beautiful North Byron Parklands will be a deep shared experience of healing, intercultural community and personal transformation with powerful music, soulful food, healing ceremonies and healing circles. The event is alcohol and drug free and is designed to be family friendly with special activities for children who come along. It is a not for profit event. Unity Earth invite all who feel called, to come and gather for this powerful and historic event. Early bird tickets are available until September 30th. Go to www.fieldsofhealing.com.au for more info and to book.

Unity Earth Background

Unity Earth is a worldwide collective dedicated to promoting intercultural harmony, healing, and transformation through music, events and by weaving stories together into larger inclusive narratives. Unity Earth was a convenor and sponsor of the Return to Country Festival commemorating Mungo Man’s homecoming in 2017 as well as U Day Festival in Ethiopia in 2018. U Day Festival is planned for India in 2019 and Jerusalem in 2020.

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