

BACKHOUSE & THE BACKROADERS



*Featuring the magnificent
TONY BACKHOUSE
assisted by the wonderful
YANI CHOIRMISTRESS*



be part of a touring show
on the

THE DHARMA TRAIL

Tony Backhouse and the Backroaders is a new style of tourism that allows people to experience being part of a touring show, not just sightseers. Commencing in Brisbane we will enjoy 3 days in the UNESCO World Heritage listed Lamington National Park, rehearsing our repertoire and exploring the surrounding rainforest before we hit the road. Adopting a base in the Byron hinterland we will sing and tour little hippy towns like Nimbin and Mullumbimby, as well performing in gorgeous towns like Bangalow and Byron. The gigs will be professionally advertised with poster runs, press and radio. Yep ... lock up your great grandmothers - *Tony Backhouse and the BackRoaders* are coming to town.

As the *Backroaders* rehearse under the brilliant Tony Backhouse's tutelage, **Yani ChoirMistress** will nurture and train singers wishing to perform as soloists or simply to improve their vocal performance.

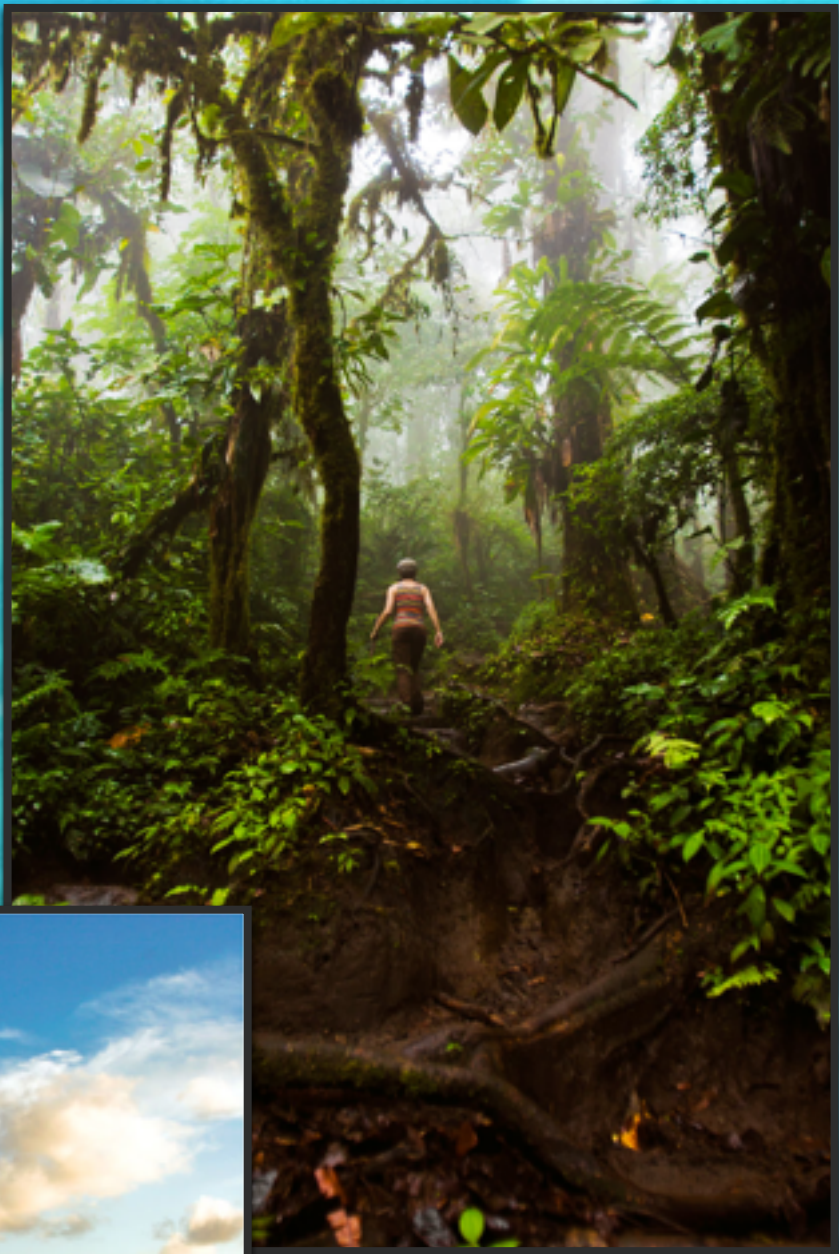
Your leader, **Raymond Hawkins** - aka the Electronic Swagman - brings his years of experience leading walks in remote Australia and as a tour manager with some of Australia's greatest rock bands.

Don't miss this trip. It's a Bucket List thing you didn't even know you could tick off.

THE DHARMA TRAIL ITINERARY - 'Dharma' means path of righteousness.

DHARMA BUMS was a 1958 novel written by Beat Generation author Jack Kerouac. It's rambling story informed much of the hippy generation. It will inform us in spirit as we tour the alternate communities of Nimbin, Mullimbimby and the beautiful Bryon Bay hinterland after spending 3 glorious days and nights at the famous O'Reilly Rainforest Retreat. **UNBELIEVABLE MAN!**





THE TEAM

Tony Backhouse

Composer • Vocal Arranger • Singer • Author Choir Director • Workshop Leader

Tony Backhouse, BA, B.Mus, is one of the leaders in the Australasian acappella movement. He founded Australia's foremost acappella gospel choir Café of the Gate of Salvation in 1986, and directed it for 21 years. He arranged and composed the bulk of their repertoire and still writes music regularly for them. He founded a cappella choir the Honeybees and has directed and sung with reclusive male a cappella trio Heavenly Lights since 1996. In demand for his inspiring teaching style, Tony has run more than 2000 vocal workshops throughout the world for the public, for festivals, schools, universities, churches, organisations and corporate training events. He currently lives in Auckland, New Zealand.

www.tonybackhouse.com.au



Yani ChoirMistress

Yani will be our travelling vocal coach, working with people who want to perform solos during the Backroads concerts or simply to improve their singing. Yani has experienced a very successful and eclectic career as a singer, performer, choir mistress and workshop facilitator. She is choir mistress for several choirs in (Australia and India) a private singing coach, a multi-disciplinary singing, voice, body percussion and confidence/performance workshop facilitator, an event producer and more. She helps people to overcome stage fright, fall in love with their own voice, and sing with true heart and emotion.

She will be a brilliant addition to the Backroaders.

www.yaniworld.com



Raymond - Tour Leader

Raymond Hawkins - aka The Electronic Swagman - has operated eclectic tours all over Australia for decades. *Tony Backhouse and the BackRoaders* is the first in a new style of program that seeks to empower attendees to experience the thrill of being on the road in a touring show. Raymond is perfectly placed for such a role. He toured with some of Australia's greatest bands as tour manager and production manager. He has worked with the Opera Australia, The Sydney Dance Company and The Sydney Dance Company and ran the Audio/Visual Department at the Sydney Opera House.

Raymond created the SOLD OUT Burra Gospel & Soul Festival, now in its fourth year, as well as operating walks and workshops throughout Australia.

www.electronicswagman.com.au



Itinerary



The BackRoaders itinerary will develop over the next months like an excellent wine. We will allow it to ripen and mature. Already we have fine ingredients in place:

Sunday, Monday Tuesday - 6,7,8 May - 2018

Depart Brisbane to O'Reilly Rainforest Retreat in the UNESCO World Heritage listed Lamington National Park. This will be a remarkable interlude in one of Australia's most beautiful places. Over 3 days we rehearse our repertoire and explore the surrounding wilderness, a place of extraordinary power and beauty. Last night dress rehearsal at O'Reillys.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9 - 12 May 2018

We will base ourselves in one location around Byron Bay or Brunswick Heads. Over the four days we will explore the alternate culture and hippy communities of this fascinating area, performing at night in fully advertised gigs. We can expect a wonderful reception from knowledgeable and generous audiences.

Sunday - 13 May 2018

Return back to Brisbane Airport or central accommodation by 2 pm.

Notes

Those who have experienced one of Raymonds programs will know that he researches his journeys intimately. So too with the Dharma Trail. Over the next months Raymond will explore the local stories, the gigs, the communities to enrich the experience and the itinerary.



Whats In and whats Out!

The workshop INCLUDES:

- daily workshops with Tony Backhouse 8 days/ 7 nights twin share accommodation [see below for Accommodation Options]
- Individual tuition by Yani ChoirMistress for vocal improvement and solo performances.
- 7 nights accomodation.
- all transport in Luxury Coach.
- all breakfasts and lunches.
- two evening meals.
- optional morning walks with Raymond.
- local interactions.
- all side excursions, National Park fees.
- professionally promoted and stage managed performances and concerts.
- surprises you will just have to take my word for.

It EXCLUDES:

- airfares to and from Brisbane.
- evening meals except as indicated above.
- alcohol.

NOTICEBOARD

CHOIR & GIG NOTES

The tour is for people who want to sing, there is no requirement for people to be professional singers. The attitude of the Choir is an immensely supportive one where practiced choiristers and novices sing happily side-by-side.

The gigs will be on a donation-at-the-door basis and support a local community event. They will all be street posted and supported with radio and press. We want to fill the venues.

ACCOMMODATION NOTES

Accommodation will range from the luxurious O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat to the comfortable cabins of our hinterland rooms. Twin share accommodation is standard with some single supplements available.

FOOD NOTES

There are great restaurants all along the way to which choiristers will be transported and returned. Breakfast & lunch are supplied each day.

COACH & LUGGAGE NOTES

The coach is very comfortable, has huge windows and an onboard toilet. While there is plenty of storage room we ask that you confine your wardrobe to the practical side of lavish with a dress-up outfit for gigs.

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BOOKING & PRICE OPTIONS

It is anticipated that Tony Backhouse & the BackRoaders will sell out. It is therefore advised that you deposit early to avoid disappointment.

1. FULL PRICE - \$2,690 p.p. Non-refundable deposit of \$1000
2. EARLY BIRD PAYMENT - First 30 people at \$2390. Secure with non-refundable deposit of \$1000
3. LIMITED SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS AVAILABLE - \$1,000 p.p. Please call to discuss conditions applying to single supplement.

** Secure all place with a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 p.p.

** LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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