

## **Mercato gets the full Mackenzie treatment**

Byron Bay's own concept interior designer, Nyree Mackenzie, has overseen the creative direction and retail space fit out for the region's new multi-million dollar retail precinct **Mercato on Byron**.

Ms Mackenzie's coastal industrial elegance style will be unveiled when the complex opens its doors this week.

"I've injected the organic, rustic boho Byron style into the public spaces, dining precinct and retail shopping floor in the complex," said Ms Mackenzie.

"Hand written illustrative signage, recycled materials including wood and bricks and indoor gardens give Mercato the true relaxed feel of the Byron region."

Nyree Mackenzie was engaged by developers *Azzura Investments Limited and Wingate* to create a consistent look and feel for Australia's first retail precinct to achieve a 5 Star Green Star Retail Centre Design v1 2018 rating for energy efficiency.

Ms Mackenzie holds dual degrees in Visual Arts and Audio Engineering. She owns a local interior design consultancy 'Mackenzie Design' and is an engaged member of the local artists collective that will be exhibiting works in the new gallery within Mercato on Byron.

She is also a dedicated Big Scrub Landcare volunteer.

"This is not your run of the mill shopping centre; it's no Westfield. The developers said they wanted to build a retail precinct with an affinity for the local environment and that's what we've done in Mercato on Byron.

"I've used natural light and the composition of building materials and furnishings to create a story for this precinct, and that story is all about how we care for our environment and live with the beautiful coastal hinterland that we are blessed with," said Ms Mackenzie.

Ms Mackenzie has also completed two major collaborative artworks for the precinct with Woody from 'Eastern Forge'.

Their piece titled 'Feather Chair' is created from hand made steel and recycled rose wood timber from the Big Scrub area, and the second piece 'The Big Scrub' is in honour of the Big Scrub-Bangalow palm canopy.

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