

SEVERAL Byron Bay projects have received major kudos, taking out design awards.

The elite of the architecture and development communities turned up at Steve Snow's new Fins at Salt restaurant recently for the biennial Northern Rivers Urban Design Awards.

Top gongs went to The

Byron at Byron Resort, Spa and Conference Centre, designed by Haysom Architects, with Award for Excellence in two categories.

The Troppo Architects-designed Blue's commercial and residential development received both the overall Grand Winner prize and the Award For Excellence in the Public Domain category.

IT'S time to dust off your dancing shoes and put these dates in your calendar for the much anticipated Splendour in the Grass 2008.

The popular event will return this winter on Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3, to the beautiful subtropics of northern NSW's Byron Bay.

And despite efforts to stage the forthcoming event at the proposed new site of North Byron Shire Parklands, organisers have confirmed that Splendour in the Grass will, for this year, be held at Belongil Fields in Byron Bay.

Tickets go on sale in May with the first artists announced late April.