Urban vibes in a rural setting: A study of the bush doof scene in Byron Shire

Top 4 reasons why you like going to doofs

1. Sense of freedom

'I would say complete freedom, no judgement. I just keep seeing the first doof that I ever went to and it was just, it was literally the most magical day I've ever had to this day' (Jens, age 19)

2. Community spirit

'Doofing has a much stronger community than anything else that I've done' (Mr, age 18)

3. Countercultural

'It's becoming more like, not a religion, I wouldn't say religion because that's kind of the wrong word but people go there to release something, to connect with something' (Tnerb, age 20)

4. Connection to nature

'Nightclubs are not for me. You don't get your own space, people are always coming up, pushing you around, squeezing past. You don't really get to enjoy the environment as much as you do out in nature' (Female, age 19)

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