SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

VISITORS' GUIDE

TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS | SOUTHERN DOWNS & GRANITE BELT
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EVENTS TO TRAVEL FOR

TOP COUNTRY STAYS
NATURE'S PLAYGROUND NATIONAL PARKS, TRACKS & TRAILS
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ESCAPE TO WINE COUNTRY
LOCAL TRAVEL TIPS
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Southern Queensland Country

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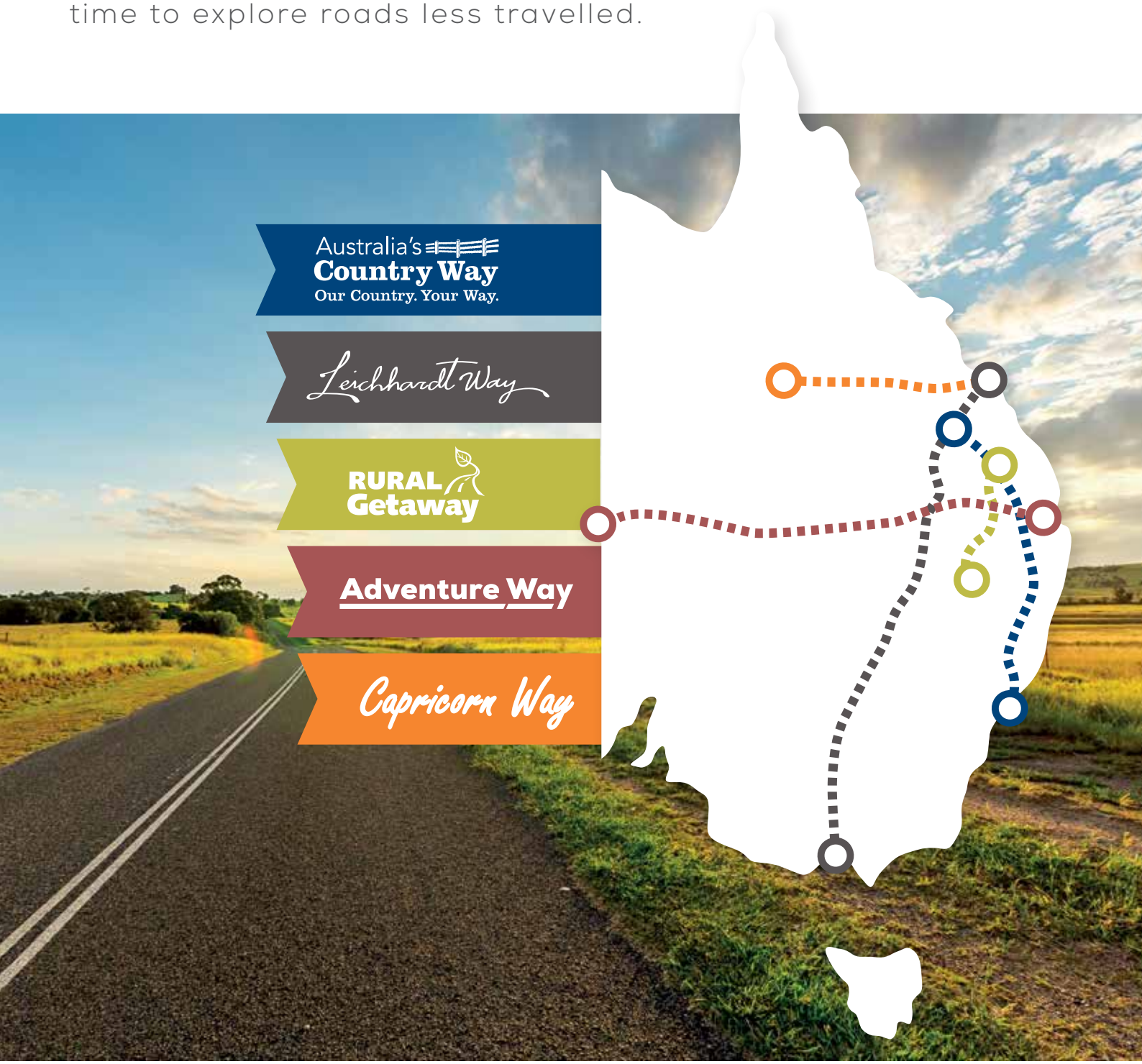

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Welcome to **Southern Queensland Country**

We're keen to share Queensland's top country getaway with you. It's an experience like no other – the perfect mix of stunning natural places, four distinct seasons, fresh regional food and fine locally-made wine and the opportunity to taste a slice of our life in the country. You'll find a colourful history and heritage woven into our daily lives too, warm country hospitality and an invitation to join us in celebrating a varied calendar of events that show our true colours — unpretentious and sociable with our own style of fun.

You won't find strangers here, just friends you haven't met yet! The locals are quick to let you in on their favourite spots – to eat or drink, walk, birdwatch, camp, fish, take in fantastic views or simply relax.

You'll discover a friendly place, where there's time to take your time. Here you can slow down and reconnect with nature and with each other.

Toowoomba offers a cosmopolitan-country vibe and all the amenities you'd expect of a regional city. You'll also find a network of sizeable towns and service centres such as Warwick, St George, Kingaroy, Goondiwindi, Dalby and Stanthorpe; as well as peaceful hamlets and townships.

There's a diverse range of experiences on offer: from exploring the cultural capital of Toowoomba to hiking the granite trails of Girraween National Park; from freshwater fishing in wild rivers to chatting to friendly locals in country pubs; and from tasting local produce and award-winning wines in the Granite Belt, the South Burnett and around Toowoomba, to sitting on the fence at a thrill-a-minute country cattle sale – it's all uniquely Southern Queensland Country and it's all within easy reach.

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SAVOUR OUR COUNTRY LIFE

Breathe deeply and savour a taste of life in the country. Do as the locals do — stop to smell the wildflowers, chat a while and take the country roads less travelled.

Here you'll experience luxury of a different kind – quality time together and the restorative powers of nature – the essence of country life.

You can reconnect with one another and the kids can experience life off the air, maybe for the first time! They'll forget about screen time — there's fish to be caught, tents to pitch, koalas to spot and berries to pick!

Money can't buy the feeling you get camping under a night sky lit by thousands of stars or the sense of 'everything's in its place' when it's just you and your loved ones amid the sounds and smells of the bush.

The sense of history you get exploring our heritage towns is palpable too. It's evident in the well preserved historic buildings and interactive museums, but it's also alive and well in the heritage walks, the tours of historic sites and in colourful stories that the locals tell.

Season by season you see nature reinvent herself – spring wildflowers burst forth, the warmth of summer and harvest time, a colourful autumn showing, clear winter skies and fresh crisp air. And there's an abundance of fresh seasonal produce readily available.

There's a range of places to lay your head from camping and caravan parks to hotels and motels, country pub rooms, farm stays and self-contained cottages.

There are also alternative stay areas for camping, caravans and RVs along creeks and rivers and in beautiful bush settings throughout the region. Ask a friendly local for further information when you visit our network of Visitor Information Centres.

One thing is guaranteed, time here will reinvigorate your senses and engage your soul. So what are you waiting for – come and join us in Southern Queensland Country!

HIT THE HERITAGE TRAIL

YOU'LL FIND THE PRESENT PAYS HOMAGE TO the past in every town. Our modern streetscapes tell a story of a bygone era, with many of the historic buildings – churches, pubs, banks and grand old homes among them – restored to their original grace and many still in use today. From interactive museums to working farms where you can see traditional farming in action, you'll experience a living history that shapes our region.

- Toowoomba's Royal Bull's Head Inn (circa 1850)
- Toowoomba Railway Station 1865
- DownsSteam Tourist Railway and Museum
- The Woolshed at Jondaryan
- Gleneden Family Farm working bullock team
- Heritage-listed Myall Park Botanic Garden, Glenmorgan
- Heritage-listed Jimbour House and gardens (circa 1876)
- **Country Pubs** Rudd's Pub, Nobby; Nindigully Pub; The Francis Hotel, Thallon; The Farmers Arms, Cabarlah
- **Churches** St Augustine's, Leyburn 1871; St John's Anglican Church, Dalby 1866 and St Lukes, Toowoomba 1897
- Miles Historical Village Museum
- Toowoomba's Cobb+Co Museum
- Highfields Pioneer Village

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WHERE ARE WE?

STARTING JUST 90 MINUTES' DRIVE FROM Brisbane, Southern Queensland Country takes in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs, the Southern Downs and Granite Belt, the South Burnett, Goondiwindi and the Western Country. It's an area stretching from Goondiwindi and Stanthorpe in the south to Expedition National Park in the north, from Toowoomba in the east to St George and Bollon in the west.

Toowoomba's Wellcamp Airport offers easy fly/drive access into the region via direct flights to Toowoomba from Melbourne, Sydney, Townsville and Western Queensland.

DRIVING INFORMATION

Road condition reports: **13 19 40**
qldtraffic.qld.gov.au
racq.com.au

TRAVELLING DISTANCES (KM)

MAJOR CITIES INTO BRISBANE

Sydney – Brisbane	928
via Pacific Highway	
Sydney – Brisbane	973
via New England Highway	
Sydney – Brisbane	1,254
via Newell Highway	
Melbourne – Brisbane	1,674
via Newell Highway	
Adelaide – Brisbane	2,100
via Barrier Highway/Newell Highway	

DESTINATIONS WITHIN QUEENSLAND

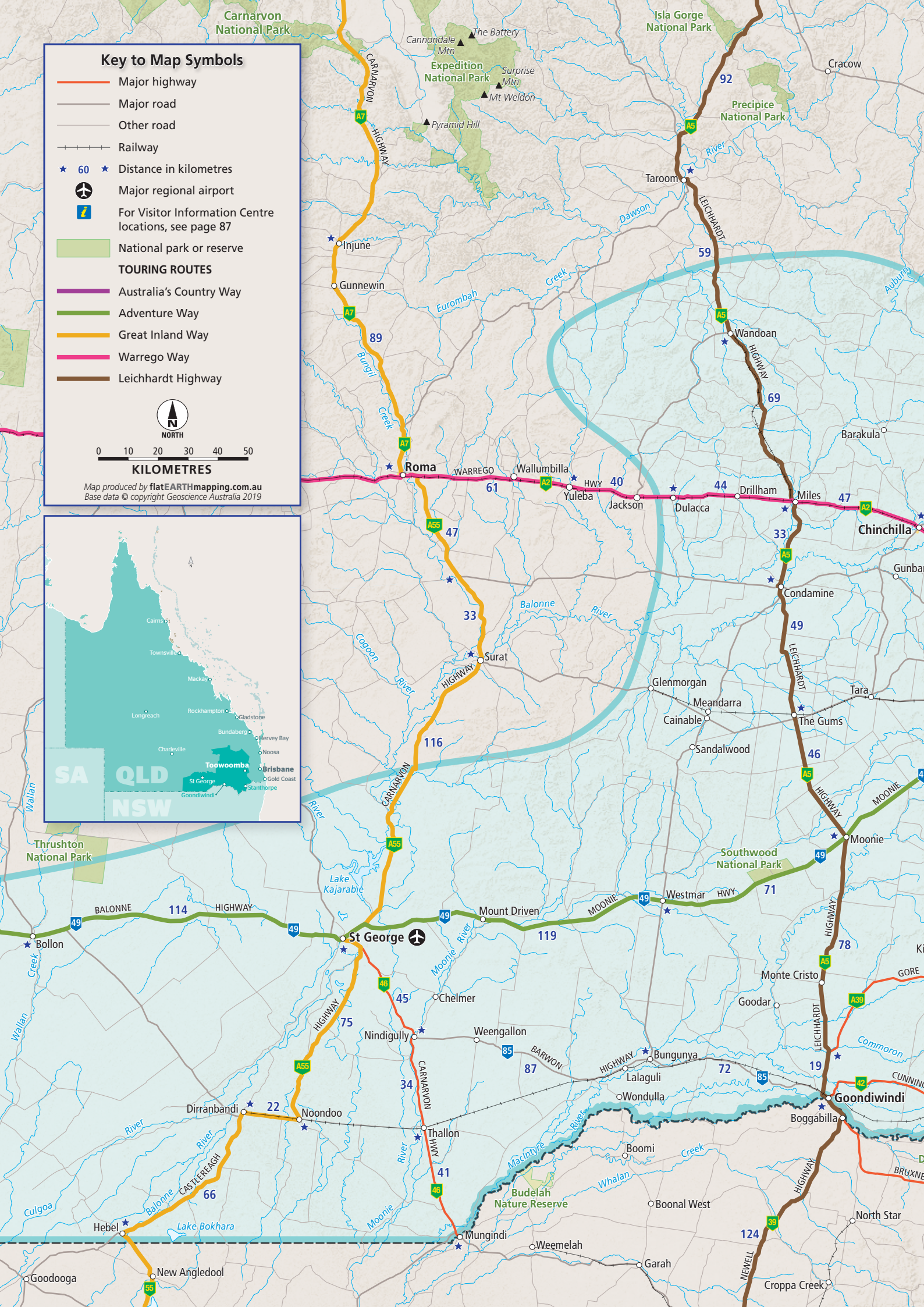
Brisbane – Toowoomba	125
Brisbane – Warwick	154
Brisbane – Kingaroy	211
Brisbane – Stanthorpe	214
Stanthorpe – Kingaroy	306
St George – Emerald	598

NATURE AT HER BEST

YOU'LL FIND NATURE IS STILL INTACT HERE – peaceful landscapes, rivers and tranquil waterfalls, ancient gorges and an abundance of wildlife in the untamed bush. And there are many ways you can lose yourself in the natural world ...walk and birdwatch on bush trails, set up camp on a grassy river flat, scale huge granite boulders at Girraween National Park, fish in a glistening river, paddle a canoe, hike in the largest stand of bunya pines in the world, marvel at Toowoomba's spring flower display or simply enjoy the fresh air and views on a country drive. See National Parks pages 22 – 25.

READY, STEADY, FISH!

SOME OF THE BEST INLAND FISHING IN QUEENSLAND CAN BE had right here, with no fewer than 15 dams and seven river systems yielding Murray cod, Australian bass, sleepy cod, sooty grunter, yellowbelly, silver perch, saratoga, Barcoo grunter, jewfish and river blackfish. Fishing in certain dams requires anglers (over 18 years old) to purchase a permit before they throw in a line. Concession card holder discounts apply. For permits and information call the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23 or visit qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/dams


Key to Map Symbols
Major highway
Major road
Other road
Railway
60 Distance in kilometres
Major regional airport
For Visitor Information Centre locations, see page 87
National park or reserve
TOURING ROUTES
Australia's Country Way
Adventure Way
Great Inland Way
Warrego Way
Leichhardt Highway
NORTH
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Carnarvon National Park
Expedition National Park
Isla Gorge National Park
Precipice National Park
Thrushton National Park
Southwood National Park
Budelah Nature Reserve
Cannondale Mtn
The Battery
Surprise Mtn
Mt Weldon
Pyramid Hill
Cracow
Taroom
Injune
Gunnewin
Roma
Wallumbilla
Yuleba
Jackson
Dulacca
Drillham
Miles
Chinchilla
Wandoan
Barakula
Condamine
Gunbar
Tara
Meandarra
Glenmorgan
Cainable
The Gums
Sandalwood
Surat
Moonie
Westmar
Mount Driven
St George
Bollon
Chelmer
Nindigully
Weengallon
Bungunya
Lalaguli
Wondulla
Goondiwindi
Boggabilla
Monte Cristo
Goodar
Dirranbandi
Noondoo
Thallon
Hebel
New Angledool
Goodooga
Lake Bokhara
Mungindi
Weemelah
Garah
Boomi
Boonal West
North Star
Croppa Creek
Newell
Cairns
Townsville
Mackay
Rockhampton
Gladstone
Longreach
Bundaberg
Hervey Bay
Noosa
Charleville
Toowoomba
Brisbane
Gold Coast
St George
Stanthorpe
Goondiwindi
SA
QLD
NSW
Dawson River
Auburn River
Balonne River
Cogoon River
Wallan Creek
Eurombah Creek
Bungil Creek
Culgoa River
Macintyre River
Whalan Creek
Commoron Creek
Lake Kajarabie
CARNARVON HIGHWAY
LEICHHARDT HIGHWAY
WARREGO HWY
BALONNE HIGHWAY
MOONIE HIGHWAY
BARWON HIGHWAY
CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY
GORE HIGHWAY
NEWELL HIGHWAY
BRUXNER HIGHWAY
CUNNINGHAM HIGHWAY

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Eagle Heights
Beaudesert
Sanctuary Cove
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Felton East
McGrath Crossing
Mt Mistake 1092 m
Moogerah Peaks National Park
Captains Mountain
Millmerran
Tummaville
Nobby
Pilton
Roadvale
Kalbar
Aratula
Bromelton
Boonah
Southport
Surfers Paradise
Broadbeach
Nerang
Canungra
Gold Coast
Allawah
Mt Basalt Reserve
Leyburn
Talgai
Clifton
Allora
Maryvale
CUNNINGHAM HWY
Lake Moogerah
Laravale
Mudgeeraba
Burleigh Heads
Coolangatta
Tweed Heads
Wondul Range National Park
Koorongara
Pratten
Hendon
Main Range National Park
Beechmont
Springbrook NP
Lamington NP
Maroon
Mount Barney NP
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Mt Barney 1359 m
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Rathdowney
Banora Point
Kingscliff
Tumbulgum
Bogangar
Yangan
Warwick
Lake Leslie
Tannymorel
Killarney
Dalman
Legume
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Mullumbimby
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Capeen
Ettrick
Kyogle
Nimbin
Byron Bay
Suffolk Beach
Yelarbon
Orungal
Amiens
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Yabbra NP
Old Bonalbo
Richmond Range NP
Cataract NP
Bonalbo
Dyraaba
Central
Goolmangar
Bangalow
Clunes
Lismore
Lennox Head
Alstonville
Ballina
Wyrallah
Wardell
Broadwater
Broadwater National Park
Evans Head
Snapper Point
Woodburn
Dthinna Dthinnawan NP
Beebo
Limevale
Smithfield
Texas
Sundown National Park
Ballandean
Girraween NP
Bald Rock 1277 m
Boonoo Boonoo NP
Wallangarra
Tenterfield
Yetman
Lake Glenlyon
Kwiambal National Park
Bonshaw
Torrington State Conservation Area
Mummulgum
Tabulam
Drake
Mallanganee
Mongogarie
Tatham
Coraki
Bungawalbin NP
Rappville
Mount Neville Nature Reserve
Maryborough
Hervey Bay
Burrum Coast NP
Burrum Heads
Toogoom
Howard
Torbanlea
Wongi National Park
Urangan
Great Sandy National Park
Fraser Island
Happy Valley
Seventy Five Mile Beach
River Heads
Central Forest Station
Eurong
Poona NP
Maaroom
Boonooroo
Tuan
Hook Point
Wide Bay
Tin Can Bay
Rainbow Beach
Double Island Point
Toolara Forest
Great Sandy National Park
SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN
Sunshine Coast
Noosa National Park
Lake Weyba
Cooloola
Chillagoe
Cordalba
Childers
Cordalba NP
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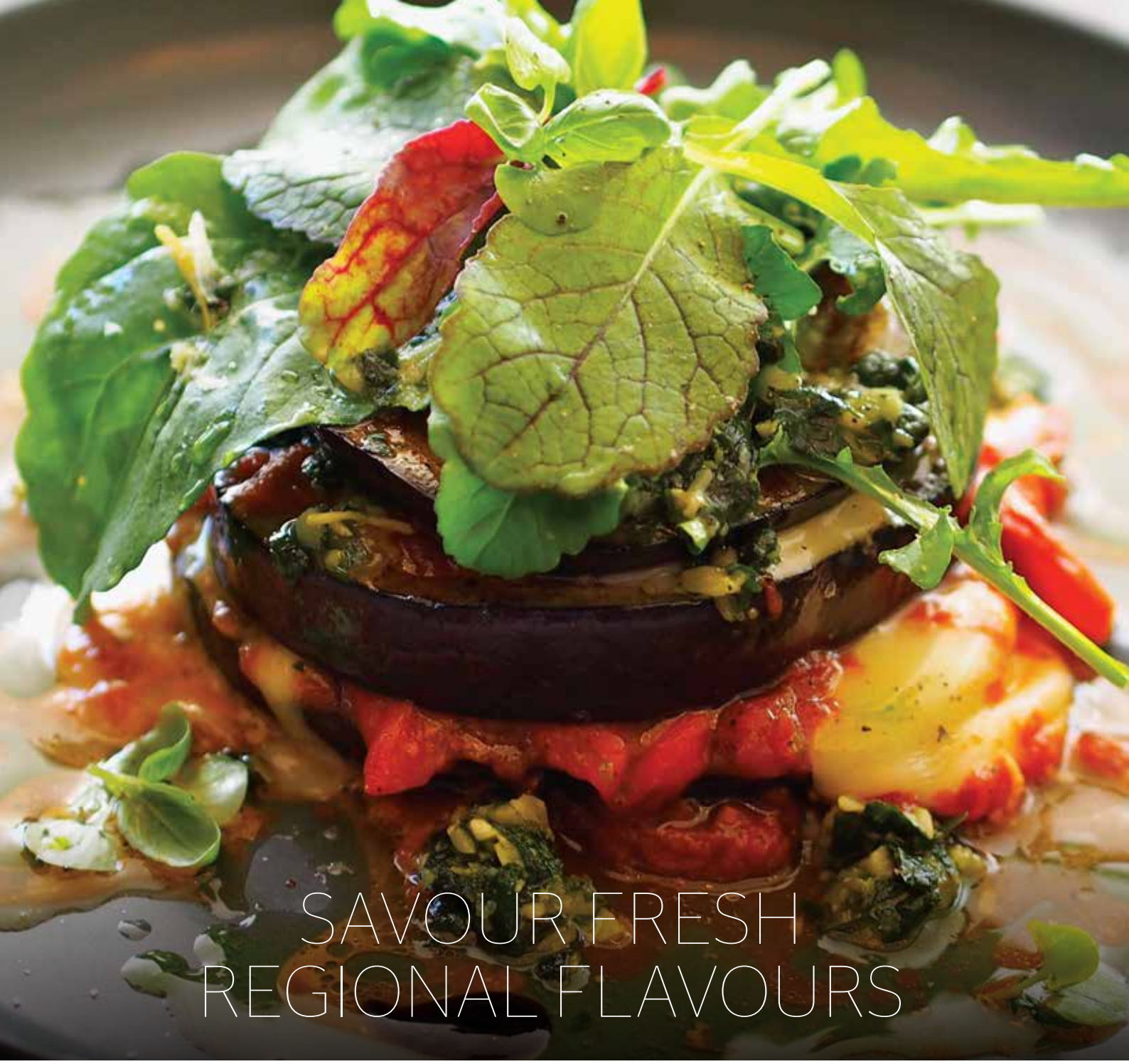

SAVOUR FRESH REGIONAL FLAVOURS

The region is home to some of Australia's richest farmlands which produce an abundance of fresh seasonal foods. Almost every type of fruit, vegetable and grain grows in our fertile soils. The Darling Downs is blessed with flat plains of rich, black volcanic soils, famed for producing wheat, oilseeds, oats, fruit and legumes.

Dalby, north-west of Toowoomba, is the centre of the state's richest wheat growing area. Further west, Chinchilla, Australia's melon capital, is home to the newest 'big thing' – a four-tonne, nine-metre-long watermelon in honour of the fertile farmlands which produce many sweet and juicy ones, as well as rockmelons and honey dews.

The cooler climate Granite Belt is famed for its apples, grapes and stonefruit, while the South Burnett also grows grapes as well as peanuts, olives and many varieties of vegetables.

Throughout the region you'll drive along roads that crisscross farmlands and traverse winding creeks and rich pastures where beef and dairy cattle roam and graze freely. The region's farms also run poultry, pigs, sheep and lamb stock.

Order what's local and seasonal from our restaurant, café and country pub menus; visit country butchers for local eggs, chicken, lamb, beef and pork; buy just-picked goodies from roadside fruit and vegetable stalls (look out for them around Hampton, Kingaroy, Dalby, Chinchilla, Stanthorpe and the villages of the Granite Belt), and at local green grocers; take your pick of produce, jams and preserves at town and country weekend markets and get a belly ache eating more than your fill on a pick-your-own-berries adventure in the Granite Belt.

It's easy to appreciate the progression of food from the paddock to your plate here

SAMPLE AWARD-WINNING WINES

THE REGION IS HOME TO THE STATE'S ONLY TWO GI (Geographical Indication) wine zones: the Granite Belt and the South Burnett area.

Grapes have been grown in the Granite Belt since the 1870s and today, their wineries are the most awarded in Queensland. The area's proven whites include verdelho, semillon, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc; while classic full flavoured reds to try include shiraz, merlot and cabernet sauvignon varieties. If you have a more adventurous palate, hit the Strange Bird alternative wine trail to sample some of the more unusual varieties including viognier, mourvedre and tempranillo.

Warm summer days, cool crisp nights and fertile soils are the perfect combination for a boutique burgeoning wine industry in the South Burnett.

On a leisurely drive through the rolling countryside of the Darling Downs you'll find vineyards and boutique wineries offering cellar door tastings along with sweeping views across wide plains and mountain vistas.

And don't miss a wine tasting and a cheese platter at Riversands, Queensland's western-most winery at St George.

FRESH ✣ COLD STORAGE

		summer			autumn			winter			spring		
	FRUIT	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
apples	Hi Early / Red Delicious	✣					✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣
	Royal Gala				✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣			
	Jonathan					✣	✣	✣	✣	✣			
	Granny Smith	✣	✣	✣	✣			✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣
	Fuji							✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣
	Braeburn	✣					✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣
	Sundowner	✣							✣	✣	✣	✣	✣
	Pink Lady	✣						✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣
pears	Williams						✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	
	Packham	✣					✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣
	Beurre Bose						✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	
	Winter Cole						✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	
	Nashi												
table grapes	Black Muscat												
	Early Muscat												
	Cardinal												
	Purple Cornichian												
	Red Globe												
berries	Strawberry												
	Raspberry												
	Blueberry												
	Boysenberry												
stonefruit	Apricot												
	Cherry												
	Nectarine												
	Peach												
	Plum												
	Persimmon												
	Figs												
	Olives	✣	✣	✣	✣			✣	✣	✣	✣	✣	✣

VEGETABLES	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
Beans												
Broccoli												
Brussel Sprouts												
Cabbage												
Capsicum												
Cauliflower												
Celery												
Chinese Cabbage												
Cucumber												
Eggplant												
Leeks												
Lettuce												
Parsley												
Peas (Green)												
Peas (Snow)												
Peas (Sugar Snap)												
Mushroom												
Pumpkin												
Rhubarb												
Rockmelon												
Shallots												
Silverbeet												
Spinach												
Squash												
Sweet Corn												
Tomatoes												
Zucchini												

REGIONAL FLAVOURS

EAT RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS, FRESH PRODUCE

BUNNYCONNELLEN OLIVE GROVE & VINEYARD
286 Swain Rd, Crows Nest
Open weekends 10am – 4pm;
(all other times by appointment only)
P 07 4697 9555 **bunnyconnellen.com.au**

GLENEDEN FAMILY FARM & BULLOCK TEAM
375 North Branch Rd, Maryvale
Open daily (by appointment)
P 07 4666 1273 **M** 0429 137 224
glenedenfamilyfarm.com.au

PAOLA'S THE WINEMAKER'S KITCHEN (at Robert Channon Wines)
32 Bradley Lane, Amiens
Open for lunch weekends 11:30am – 3:30pm
Bookings recommended
M 0468 785 613 **robertchannonwines.com**

SPRING CREEK MOUNTAIN CAFÉ
1503 Spring Creek Rd, Killarney
Open Wed – Sun 8am – 5pm
P 07 4664 7101
springcreekcottages.com.au

SUTTON'S JUICE FACTORY, CIDERY & CAFÉ
10 Halloran Dr, Thulimbah
Open daily 9:30am – 4:30pm
P 07 4685 2464 **suttonsfarm.com.au**

THE WOOLSHED AT JONDARYAN CAFÉ
264 Jondaryan-Evanslea Rd, Jondaryan
Open weekends 8am – 4pm
P 07 4692 2229
jondaryanwoolshed.com.au/dining/the-woolshed-cafe

VARIAS RESTAURANT & BANCA RIDGE CELLAR DOOR
Queensland College of Wine Tourism
22 Caves Rd, Stanthorpe
Open daily for lunch; dinner Fri & Sat
P 07 4685 5050 **qcwt.com.au**

ARTISAN EXPERIENCES

COBB+CO MUSEUM (Hands On Workshops)
27 Lindsay St, Toowoomba
Open daily 9:30am – 4pm
P 07 4659 4900
cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au

KENT SADDLERY
25798 New England Hwy, Stanthorpe
Open weekdays 8am – 5pm;
Sat 8am – 12pm
Free Call 1800 651 535
P 07 4681 4220
kentsaddlery.com.au

DRINK WINERIES & BREWERIES

BALLANDEAN ESTATE WINES
354 Sundown Rd, Ballandean
Open daily 9am – 5pm
P 07 4684 1226 **ballandeanestate.com**

CRANE WINES
162 Haydens Rd, Booie via Kingaroy
Open daily 10am – 4pm
P 07 4162 7647 **cranewines.com.au**

GOLDEN GROVE ESTATE
337 Sundown Rd, Ballandean
Open Sun – Fri 9am – 4pm; Sat 9am – 5pm;
P 07 4684 1291 **goldengroveestate.com.au**

GRANITE BELT BREWERY
146 Glenlyon Dr, Stanthorpe
Open daily from 10am. Check website for restaurant trading hours.
P 07 4681 1370 **granitebeltbrewery.com.au**

HERITAGE ESTATE WINES
Cottonvale Winery and Cellar Door
747 Granite Belt Dr, Cottonvale
Open daily 10am – 4pm
P 07 4685 2197
Thulimbah Old Church Cellar Door & Café
New England Hwy, Thulimbah
Open daily 10am – 4pm
M 0481 459 069 **heritageestate.wine**

HIDDEN CREEK WINERY
2271 Eukey Rd, Ballandean
Cellar Door Open Fri & Mon 11am – 3pm; weekends 10am – 4pm. Other times by appointment, see website for café hours.
P 07 4684 1383 **hiddencreek.com.au**

JESTER HILL WINES
292 Mt Stirling Rd, Glen Aplin
Cellar Door Open daily 10am – 5pm
Café Open Mar – Sep, Fri – Sun (lunch only). Bookings preferred.
P 07 4683 4380 **jesterhillwines.com.au**

PRESTON PEAK WINES
430 Preston Boundary Rd, Preston
Cellar Door Open for wine tasting, sales & cheese platters Wed – Sun 10am – 2pm, please call to check availability
P 07 4630 9499 **prestonpeakwines.com.au**

RIDGEMILL ESTATE
218 Donges Rd, Severnlea
Open Mon – Sat 10am – 5pm;
Sun 10am – 3pm
P 07 4683 5211 **ridgemillestate.com**

RIVERSANDS WINES
66 Whytes Rd, St George
Open Mon – Sat 9am – 5pm; Sun 9am – 4pm; other times by appointment
P 07 4625 3643 **Wine Orders** 1800 357 622
riversandswines.com

ROBERT CHANNON WINES
'The Verdelho' 32 Bradley Lane, Amiens
Open Mon, Tue, Fri 11am – 4pm;
weekends 10am – 5pm
P 07 4683 3260 **robertchannonwines.com**

SYMPHONY HILL WINES
2017 Eukey Rd, Ballandean
Open daily 10am – 4pm
P 07 4684 1388 **symphonyhill.com.au**

TWISTED GUM WINES
2253 Eukey Rd, Ballandean
Open weekends 10am – 4pm,
other times by appointment
P 07 4684 1282 **twistedgum.com.au**

MARKETS*

You'll find many town and country markets throughout Southern Queensland Country selling everything from bric-a-brac and old wares to fresh produce, art and craft. They're a great place to get to know the locals and pick up a bargain! Keep this list handy when you're travelling through the region.

TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS

CABARLAH MARKETS
Last Sunday of the month,
(2nd Sunday in Dec) | 7:30am – 12:30pm
Cabarlah Sports Ground,
New England Hwy, Cabarlah
P 07 4696 8152

CROWS NEST LIONS VILLAGE MARKETS
1st Sunday of the month | 7am – 12pm
Centenary Park, Crows Nest
M 0429 678 120

TOOWOOMBA FARMERS' MARKET
Saturdays | 7am – 12pm
The Windmills (next to Cobb+Co Museum),
Lindsay St, Toowoomba
M 0427 802 448
fb.com/toowoombafarmersmarket

MURPHYS CREEK MARKETS
3rd Saturday of the month, (Feb – Dec with additional markets) | 7am – 12:30pm
Adjacent to Murphys Creek Tavern,
Murphys Creek Rd, Murphys Creek
M 0429 403 535
fb.com/Murphys Creek Markets

NOBBY COUNTRY MORNING TEA (MARKETS)
1st Saturday of the month (Feb – Dec)
8:30am – 11:30am
School of Arts Hall, 56 Sister Kenny St, Nobby
M 0410 410 431

PCYC MARKETS
Every Sunday | 7am – 12pm
219a James St, Toowoomba
P 07 4632 8316
pcyc.org.au/clubs/pcyc-toowoomba

PITTSWORTH LIONS CLUB MARKETS
3rd Sunday of Apr & Nov | 8am – 1:30pm
Pittsworth Pioneer Village, Pittsworth
P 07 4693 3308

QUEENS PARK MARKETS
3rd Sunday of the month (4th Sunday in Sep)
8am – 1pm
Queens Park, Lindsay St, Toowoomba
M 0427 265 046

ROAR OAKEY LIONS MARKETS
2nd Saturday of Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec | 8am – 1pm
Oakey Railway Station car park,
Campbell St, Oakey **M** 0409 919 929

THE HANDMADE EXPO
VINTAGE MARKET: Periodic Sundays,
see website for dates | 9am – 2pm
Harristown High School Auditorium,
South St, Toowoomba **M** 0488 791 379
thehandmadeexpo.com.au

THE MAKERS' MARKET TOOWOOMBA
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month | 8am – 1pm
Blank Space, The Mills Precinct,
Ruthven St, Toowoomba
fb.com/themakersmarkettoowoomba

RAVENSBOURNE MARKETS
1st Sunday of the month | 9am – 1pm
The Woods Ravensbourne, 3143 Esk-Hampton Rd, Ravensbourne
M 0419 787 901

YARRAMAN MARKETS
2nd Saturday of the month, Feb – Dec
6:30am – 12pm
Cnr D'Aguilar & New England Hwys,
Yarraman **M** 0459 638 282

* Market details correct at time of publishing

SOUTHERN DOWNS & GRANITE BELT

BALLANDEAN TWILIGHT MARKETS
Last Saturday of the month | 2pm – 6pm
Ballandean Hall,
New England Hwy, Ballandean
M 0400 997 930
fb.com/ballandeanmarkets

WALLANGARRA BORDER RAILWAY MARKETS
1st Sunday of the month | 8am – 12pm
Wallangarra Railway Station, Wallangarra
M 0428 112 772

GLENGALLAN SEASONAL MARKETS
1st Sunday of Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec | 8am – 1pm
Glengallan Homestead, Warwick-Allora
P 07 4667 3866 **E** info@glengallan.com.au
glengallan.com.au

JAZZ @ THE GALLERY ARTISANS MARKET
Saturday 18 July 2020 | 9:30am – 2:30pm
Warwick Art Gallery, 49 Albion St, Warwick
E warwickart@sdrc.qld.gov.au
warwickartgallery.com.au

KAPA KILLARNEY MARKETS
3rd Sunday of the month | 8am – 12:30pm
Canning Park, Killarney **M** 0468 400 286

MARKET IN THE MOUNTAINS
2nd Sunday of the month and QLD long weekends | 8am – 12pm
Stanthorpe Showgrounds, High St, Stanthorpe
M 0417 760 529 **marketinthemountains.org**

PIG & CALF MARKETS
Every Wednesday | 9:30am – 12pm
Cnr Fitzroy & Lyons Sts, Warwick
P 07 4661 1411

WARWICK RODEO COUNTRY CRAFT MARKET
Saturday 24 Oct 2020 | 8:30am – 1:30pm
Leslie Park, Warwick **M** 0411 335 193

STANTHORPE SEASONAL FEAST MARKETS
Every Friday | 8am – 2pm
Farley Street Piazza, Stanthorpe
fb.com/seasonalfeast

STANTHORPE SHOWGROUNDS MARKET
4th Sunday of the month | 8am – 1pm
High St, Stanthorpe **M** 0416 169 032

WARWICK EASTER FAIR MARKET
Easter Saturday 11 April 2020 | 9am – 2pm
Leslie Park, Warwick **M** 0411 335 193

JUMPERS AND JAZZ POTTERS CRAFT MARKET
Sunday 26 July 2020 | 9am – 3:00pm
Leslie Park, Warwick **M** 0411 335 193
potters.org.au/craft-markets/july-jumpers-jazz

WARWICK LIONS COUNTRY MARKET
2nd Saturday of the month | 9am – 1pm
Leslie Park, Warwick **M** 0432 804 826

SOUTH BURNETT

BUNYA MOUNTAINS MARKETS
Last Sunday of the month | 9am – 2pm
Bunya Av, Bunya Mountains
P 07 4668 3126 **bunyamountains.com.au**

ST GEORGE & SURROUNDS

DRAGON COUNTRY MARKETS
2nd weekend in Mar/Jun/Sep | 8am – 12pm
The Amphitheatre,
St Georges Terrace, St George
M 0419 132 325 **E** stgmarket@outlook.com

WESTERN DOWNS

CHINCHILLA MARKETS
3rd Sunday of the month | 7am – 12pm
Chinchilla Showgrounds,
Gaske Lane, Chinchilla
P 0439 074 088
fb.com/chinchillamarkets.com

DALBY MARKETS
3rd Saturday of the month | 6am – 12pm
Dalby Showgrounds, Nicholson St, Dalby

THE LIONS JANDOWAE MARKETS
4th Sunday of the month | 8am – 12pm
Lions Park, High St, Jandowae
M 0407 582 318

MILES MARKETS
2nd Saturday of the month | 8am – 11:30am
St Lukes Anglican Church, Dawson St, Miles
M 0419 779 686

PIPS MARKETS
2nd Sunday of Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec | 8am – 12pm
Pips 'N' Cherries, Ensor St, Bell
P 07 4663 1184

TARA MARKETS
1st Saturday of the month | 8am – 12pm
Day St (beside Grevillea Park), Tara

GOONDIWINDI

GUNDY MARKETS
4th Sunday of the month
(Feb – Nov) | 8am – 12pm
The Town Park, Marshall St, Goondiwindi
M 0428 714 140 **E** gundymarkets@gmail.com

INGLEWOOD LIONS CLUB MARKETS
1st Saturday of the month | 8am – 12pm
Inglewood Apex-Lions Park,
Albert St, Inglewood, **M** 0417 728 087

EVENTS TO TRAVEL FOR

NO ONE THROWS A PARTY QUITE LIKE US! Down-to-earth country hospitality and an irreverent sense of fun sets the scene for festivals and events celebrating the region's unique lifestyle and heritage. From the cultural to the quirky, you'll find it here. Don't miss these highlights!

TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

A breathtaking 10 days of flowers, flavours and sounds, Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers bursts forth each September with a program of more than 60 events and experiences including award-winning parks, stunning private gardens, garden tours, streets blooming with floral colour, internationally acclaimed musical acts, delicious food and wine, and the much loved Grand Central Floral Parade.
DATES 18 – 27 Sep 2020 **TICKETS** tcof.com.au

CALENDAR

MARCH

- Dalby Races
  7 Mar, DALBY
- High Altitude Rod Run (20th Anniversary)
  13 – 15 Mar, TOOWOOMBA
- Cup Race Day
  21 Mar, WANDOAN
- Cycle & Stars
  21 – 22 Mar, GRANITE BELT
- Allora & District Campdraft
  27 – 29 Mar, ALLORA
- Battle on the Balonne
  28 – 29 Mar, ST GEORGE

APRIL

- Cobb+Co. Hotel St George 399
  3 – 5 Apr, ST GEORGE
- Goondiwindi Picnic Races
  4 Apr, GOONDIWINDI
- Cycle & Stars
  4 – 5 Apr, GRANITE BELT
- Killarney Picnic Basket Day
  5 Apr, KILLARNEY
- Easter Heritage Festival
  10 – 13 Apr, JONDARYAN
- Street & Lanes Festival
  11 Apr, TOOWOOMBA
- Flinton Races
  11 Apr, FLINTON
- Easter in the Vines
  11 – 12 Apr, ST GEORGE
- Easter Vintage Festival
  11 – 13 Apr, HIGHFIELDS
- World Science Fair, Dr Karl for Kids
  18 Apr, TOOWOOMBA
- Dalby Picnic Races
  25 Apr, DALBY
- Big Skies Festival
  29 Apr – 3 May, WESTERN DOWNS, JIMBOUR & DALBY

MAY

- Allora Autumn Festival
  2 May, ALLORA
- Arcadia Music Festival
  2 – 4 May, MARYVALE & GOOMBURRA
- Autumn Race Day
  3 May, BALLANDEAN
- St George Show
  3 May, ST GEORGE
- Jandowae Races
  16 May, JANDOWAE
- Lost Trades Fair Cobb+Co
  16 – 17 May, TOOWOOMBA
- Grazing the Granite Belt
  16 – 17 May, GRANITE BELT
- Hampton Festival
  17 May, HAMPTON
- Warwick Pentathrun
  23 – 24 May, WARWICK
- St George Golf Open
  29 – 31 May, ST GEORGE

JUNE

- Stanthorpe Art Prize
  5 Jun – 29 Jul, STANTHORPE
- Jandowae Timbertown Festival
  12 – 14 Jun, JANDOWAE
- Warwick Picnic Races
  13 Jun, WARWICK
- Crows Nest Country Music Festival
  15 – 21 Jun, CROWS NEST
- Yellowbelly Country Music Festival
  29 Jun – 5 Jul, ST GEORGE

JULY

- Mungindi Races
  4 Jul, MUNGINDI
- Jumpers & Jazz in July
  16 – 26 Jul, WARWICK
- St George Cup Races
  18 Jul, ST GEORGE

BIG SKIES FESTIVAL, WESTERN DOWNS

Experience the best of the west at this multi-event festival. The Big Skies Concerts bring together a brilliant line-up of Australian music greats from Kasey Chambers and Killing Heidi to Daryl Braithwaite, The Radiators, Dragon and The Choirboys, in the grounds of iconic Jimbour Station. Add to the mix guided tours of stately Jimbour House, a Camp Kitchen Experience, tours of Dalby Sale Yards, a Chef's Table dinner and a Camp Bonfire and you have a fabulous taste of life in the country.
DATES 29 Apr – 3 May 2020 **TICKETS** bigskiesevents.com.au

JUMPERS & JAZZ IN JULY, WARWICK

Queensland's quirkiest yarnbombing and jazz festival, Jumpers & Jazz is a vibrant celebration of the creative flair of the Southern Downs and Granite Belt – Warwick's streets heave with colourful tree jumpers, live music, laneway parties, pop ups, craft workshops, artisan markets and culinary delights and don't miss Killarney Bonfire night!
DATES 16 – 26 Jul 2020
MIX OF FREE & TICKETED EVENTS jumpersandjazz.com.au

- **Toowoomba Camellia Show & Garden Expo**
  18 – 19 Jul, TOOWOOMBA
- **Killarney Bonfire Night**
  18 Jul, KILLARNEY
- **Jazzify (6 piece jazz)**
  26 Jul, COTTONVALE – HERITAGE ESTATE WINES

AUGUST

- **Brewoomba**
  8 Aug, TOOWOOMBA
- **Killarney Rodeo**
  8 Aug, KILLARNEY
- **Mungindi Show**
  8 – 9 Aug, MUNGINDI
- **Albins 400 Offroad Rally**
  14 – 16 Aug, GOONDIWINDI
- **Dalby Delicious and DeLIGHTful Festival**
  15 Aug, DALBY
- **Balonne Cutting Horse Futurity**
  19 – 29 Aug, BALONNE
- **Kingaroy Baconfest**
  21 – 23 Aug, KINGAROY
- **Historic Leyburn Sprints (25th anniversary)**
  22 – 23 Aug, LEYBURN
- **Waddle, Saddle and Pedal**
  30 Aug, KILLARNEY

SEPTEMBER

- **Pittsworth Sprints**
  4 – 6 Sep, PITTSWORTH
- **Grazing at the Watering Hole**
  5 Sep, THALLON
- **Toowoomba Languages and Cultural Festival**
  6 Sep, TOOWOOMBA
- **Back to the Bush Festival**
  10 – 13 Sep, MILES
- **Blackbutt Avocado Festival**
  12 Sep, BLACKBUTT
- **Broxburn Country Music Festival**
  12 – 13 Sep, BROXBURN via PITTSWORTH
- **Gourmet in Gundy**
  13 Sep, GOONDIWINDI
- **Wisteria Spring Long Lunch**
  13 Sep, HAMPTON
- **Craft Alive**
  17 – 20 Sep, TOOWOOMBA
- **St George Campdraft**
  18 – 20 Sep, ST GEORGE
- **Bony Mountain Folk Festival**
  18 – 20 Sep, WARWICK
- **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers**
  18 – 27 Sep, TOOWOOMBA
- **Highfields Steampunk Festival**
  18 – 27 Sep, HIGHFIELDS
- **Texas Country Music Roundup**
  24 – 27 Sep, TEXAS
- **Spring Heritage Festival**
  25 – 28 Sep, JONDARYAN
- **Weetwood Cup**
  26 Sep, TOOWOOMBA

OCTOBER

- **Australian Camp Oven Festival**
  3 – 4 Oct, MILLMERRAN
- **Hooper Accountants Toowoomba International Tennis**
  4 – 11 Oct, TOOWOOMBA
- **Pittsworth Craft & Fine Food Spectacular**
  9 – 11 Oct, PITTSWORTH
- **Maclagan Squeezebox Festival**
  10 Oct, MACLAGAN
- **Lanescape**
  16 Oct, GOONDIWINDI
- **Clifton Country Week**
  16 – 24 Oct, CLIFTON

GRAZING AT THE WATERING HOLE

Join the locals at Grazing at the Watering Hole – a one-of-a-kind long-table alfresco dining experience in the little town of Thallon, on the edge of the outback in South-Western Queensland. Local businesses, food producers, musicians and artists come together for this night of feasting and entertainment, with starry night skies and the spectacular murals of the painted GrainCorp Thallon Silos as a backdrop.
DATES 5 Sep 2020 **FREE** grazingatthewateringhole.com.au

DON'T FORGET TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES AND HAPPY SNAPS VIA #SQCOUNTRY

LANESCAPE, GOONDIWINDI

Each year local artists add to the colourful street art in Goondiwindi's vibrant Bowen Lane. Join the street party to watch them at work and then explore the town's cafés and shopping all within an easy walk of the murals.
DATES 16 Oct 2020 **FREE** lanescape.com.au

BLACKBUTT AVOCADO FESTIVAL

It's a Millennial's dream – Blackbutt Avocado Festival celebrates the delicious avocados grown around the timber town of Blackbutt! Join in the fun of the Avo Toss, pick up some tips at free cooking demonstrations, take in the street parade or the action of the woodchop, get to know the locals over a drink at the Woodcutters Bar or Wine Alley and browse the food and market stalls.
DATES 12 Sep 2020
FREE avofest.com.au

CALENDAR

- **Australian Small Winemakers Show (public wine tasting)**
  17 – 24 Oct, STANTHORPE
- **Warwick Rodeo & Gold Cup Campdraft**
  19 – 25 Oct, WARWICK
- **Granite Belt Art Trail – Open Studios Event**
  24 – 25 Oct & 31 Oct – 1 Nov, GRANITE BELT

NOVEMBER

- **Bush Christmas Exhibition**
  25 Nov – 4 Dec, TOOWOOMBA
- **Handmade under the Stars Cobb+Co Museum**
  26 Nov, TOOWOOMBA
- **Nindigully Pig Races**
  28 Nov, NINDIGULLY
- **Jazzify (6 piece jazz)**
  29 Nov, COTTONVALE — HERITAGE ESTATE WINES

DECEMBER

- **Toowoomba Christmas Wonderland**
  5 – 24 Dec, TOOWOOMBA
- **New Year's Eve Bush Dance**
  31 Dec, THE WOOLSHED AT JONDARYAN

JANUARY 2021

- **Folk & Ukulele at Heritage Estate Wines**
  15 – 17 Jan, COTTONVALE
- **Allora Heritage Weekend**
  23 – 24 Jan, ALLORA

FEBRUARY 2021

- **Festival of Hell Triathlon**
  6 – 7 Feb, GOONDIWINDI
- **Chinchilla Melon Festival**
  18 – 21 Feb, CHINCHILLA
- **Summer Tunes**
  7, 14, 21, 28 Feb, TOOWOOMBA

MARCH 2021

- **Words Out West Festival**
  5 – 7 MAR, WESTERN DOWNS

THE BEST LAID PLANS...EVENTS, DATES AND VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. PLEASE SEE SOUTHERNQUEENSLANDCOUNTRY.COM.AU/EVENTS FOR THE LATEST LISTINGS.

TOP COUNTRY STAYS

You'll find a mix of beautiful retreats across Southern Queensland Country. From well-appointed, welcoming B&Bs and wine trail cottages to country cabins, family-friendly farm stays and mountain houses and resorts with soaring views, there's a top country stay to suit you. Whether you're in need of some time together over a long weekend, can sneak away for a mid-week break or want to extract the kids from their devices for some fresh air and family time, we've got you covered!

EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASONS

We're not just a red wine around the fire destination, although wine country in autumn and winter is particularly sublime! We have stays for all seasons and all reasons. In summer – you can camp in a squatters chair on a breezy verandah and burn through that book you've been ignoring; in spring a riot of colour greets you as our parks and gardens burst into bloom and delicate wildflowers peek through the granite trails at Girraween National Park and pop up over our western country landscapes. And the reds, oranges and purples of our autumn leaves especially in Toowoomba, the Granite Belt and the Southern Downs are something to behold.

Our wine is becoming our worst-kept secret and our seasonal produce will keep you coming back to try the ever-changing selections on local menus.

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

If you're looking for the comforts of home with all the little extras that make for a very special stay, book a few nights at a B&B. Styles range from contemporary architect-designed homes to traditional Queenslanders fitted out with the latest modcons. Special touches like fresh flowers, crisp luxury linen, guest lounges filled with books, secluded garden nooks and hearty country-style cooked breakfasts often served on fine china make the B&B experience a real pleasure.

Your hosts are happy to share their local knowledge and provide tips on must-dos, restaurants and tours, should you need them, but they understand privacy is king!

CABINS AND COTTAGES

Self-catering country cabins and cottages give you a little more space to yourself and are perfect for couples looking for a do-not-disturb romantic weekend away, travelling families or groups of friends celebrating special occasions.

You'll find studios and multi-room cottages in the heart of Toowoomba, Warwick and Stanthorpe, close to dining, shopping and entertainment; or boutique stays nestled in the rolling hills of the High Country Hamlets and Killarney or the wine country in the Granite Belt or the South Burnett.

SOAK UP THE COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE

When is the last time you gazed up at an inky starry sky, toasted marshmallows around a firepit and woke to beautiful birdsong? Unless you've been camping, chances are not lately. A more comfortable option, and one the kids will love, is a farm stay. Some properties offer self-contained cottages, while at more traditional ones, you'll stay in the family homestead.

There's usually a country pub not far and plenty of kangaroos and wallabies bounding through the bush. Feeding calves and piglets, patting lambs and chasing chicks is heaven for city kids, and a few days relaxing and recharging, breathing in clean air and sitting under a tree with a good book won't go astray with parents either.

HEAD FOR THE HILLS

Couples or groups wanting to really get away from it all should book a self-contained mountain house or resort stay in Ravensbourne, Maryvale or the Bunya Mountains. Mountain and forest views are simply good for the soul. And if you want to do more than look at it, many properties offer bush trails or are a stone's throw from National Parks. Reception might be patchy in some places, but who needs wifi when you've got wildlife?!

31 THE ROCKS

Nestled amongst 10 acres of natural bushland and granite rock outcrops, 31 The Rocks is a deluxe country retreat. Designed with your comfort in mind, our self-contained villas are superbly appointed to ensure that your stay is as enjoyable and comfortable as possible. Each villa is positioned for privacy in its own unique setting.

Our short walk introduces you to the delights of the natural bush and climbs to the top of the granite escarpment where you're rewarded with spectacular sweeping views. An excellent vantage point to experience stunning sunsets.

If you do wish to venture out, it's an easy hop to Girraween National Park, the country roads of the Granite Belt bike trail, local wineries and paddock to plate provedore experiences.

We're known for our warm hospitality and memorable, exceptional experiences and we look forward to welcoming you.

Your Hosts Scott & Debbie **P** 07 4681 2726 **31therocks.com**
31 Brunckhorst Avenue, Stanthorpe **E** stay@31therocks.com

AREA 51 WARWICK

The grace and charm of this renovated, tastefully decorated 1930s Queenslander home is the perfect base to explore the heritage city of Warwick, take in a range of sporting and cultural events or discover nearby national parks.

The house features a modern kitchen, wifi, large deck with BBQ, five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, a handy laundry, and a lovely wood fire and air con in the lounge room – everything you need for a comfortable stay. Opt for a king or queen ensuite room, a double or king single or book the entire house for a memorable group celebration (of up to 9 guests). You're only a short stroll from the sandstone city centre, cafes and Warwick Art Gallery, or a few minutes' drive to the horse sports and motor racing tracks at Morgan Park.

Your Hosts Yve & Chris **P** 0417 620 648 **area51warwick.com**
51 Canning Street, Warwick **E** yvestocks@bigpond.com

BESTBROOK MOUNTAIN RESORT

Bestbrook is a family owned and operated Australian Farm Stay, 90 minutes west of Brisbane, 2 hours from the Gold Coast. This is where you can come for a day or stay for a while in one of our comfortable self-contained cabins, or try the best bush camping around. At Bestbrook we work to create memories you will remember long after you have returned home.

Enjoy the simple pleasures of life by getting a hands-on experience in milking a cow, or cooking your own damper (bush bread) on our bush microwave, then wind up the heat and boil the billy for a cup of Australian bush "billy" tea.

At feeding time you can help feed the sheep, chickens, ducks and cows and if you are up to the challenge, try a horse ride under the supervision of our experienced staff.

Your Hosts Ray & Elise **P** 07 4666 1282 **bestbrook.com.au**
9790 Cunningham Hwy, Maryvale **E** bestbrook@bestbrook.com.au

BUNYA MOUNTAINS ACCOMMODATION CENTRE

The Bunya Mountains National Rainforest is an ecological wonder. Typically 5–7 degrees cooler than the surrounding plains and with an abundance of flora and fauna, nothing else in Southern Queensland can compare. The sunsets and sunrises are mesmerising, and there's a nightly star show featuring dazzling lights against an inky black universe. There's also 41 kilometres of walking tracks where you'll see crystal clear mountain streams, soaring pines, rainforest, waterfalls and rolling hills.

There are over 100 holiday homes for you to choose from, all adjacent to the National Park. There are options to suit couples and families plus larger chalets suitable for groups up to 100. Your chalet can be nestled amongst the rainforest or perched on a striking escarpment overlooking Darling Downs or South Burnett.

P 07 4668 3126 **bunyamountains.com.au**
Bunya Avenue, Bunya Mountains **E** info@bunyamountains.com.au

PITSTOP LODGE

Truly a 'home away from home', this fully-renovated Queenslander-style country B&B is ideal for groups, offering self-catering (or a hearty cooked breakfast!) and accommodating up to 12 people in 4 bedrooms. Everything is to hand in this self-contained home – beautifully-appointed airconditioned bedrooms, a modern kitchen, showers that run hot and strong, and living areas for all seasons – from the large back verandah with its BBQ, to the comfy loungeroom with its leather sofas and cosy fireplace. And all just a leisurely stroll to Warwick's historic CBD. No matter what brings you to town – business, festivals, our famous rodeo, motor racing or horse sports at Morgan Park, you'll love the affordable, comfortable convenience of Pitstop Lodge.

Your Hosts Yve & Chris **P** 0417 620 648 **pitstoplodge.com.au**
53 Canning Street, Warwick **E** info@pitstoplodge.com.au

SPRING CREEK MOUNTAIN CAFÉ & COTTAGES

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Tabletop Mountain

GRANITE BELT MINI BREAK

3 days from Brisbane

OVERNIGHTS: Stanthorpe (2)

WHAT WE LOVE:

- Granite Belt Food & Wine Trail – local seasonal produce, cellar doors and craft breweries
- Granite Belt Strange Bird Alternative Wine Trail
- Apple pie and cider at Sutton's Apple Farm, Cidery & The Shed Café, Thulimbah
- Stanthorpe Cheese, Thulimbah
- Delicious jams and conserves at Jamworks Gourmet Foods Café & Larder
- Girraween National Park's granite walking trails, abundant birdlife and spring wildflowers
- Seasonal produce destination restaurant The Barrelroom, Ballandean
- Twilight Winery Tour – tastings, sunset drinks and three-course seasonal produce dinner

CARNARVON GORGE MINI BREAK

4 days from Brisbane or Toowoomba

OVERNIGHTS: Toowoomba (1) Carnarvon (2)

WHAT WE LOVE (TOOWOOMBA):

- Ju Raku En Japanese Garden
- Cobb+Co Museum
- Picnic Point Lookout
- Laneway street art trail & coffee culture
- Local restaurants featuring seasonal food & wine

WHAT WE LOVE (CARNARVON):

- Half & full day walks
- Spectacular sandstone gorge vistas
- Ancient rainforests
- Well-preserved Aboriginal rock art

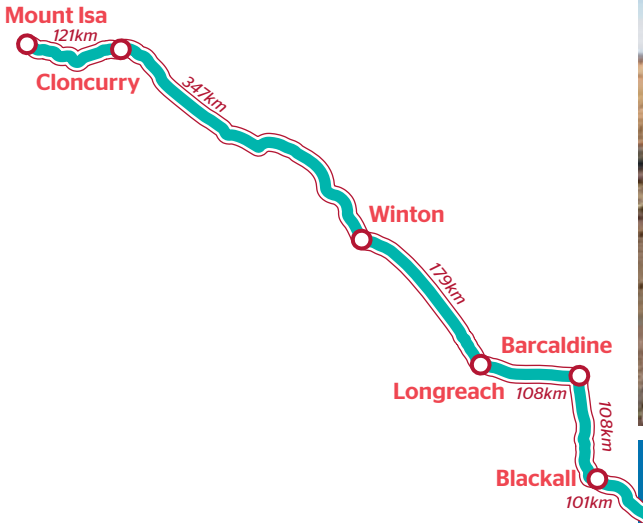
ADVENTURE WAY DISCOVERY

8 day loop from Brisbane

OVERNIGHTS: Toowoomba (1) St George (1) Cunnamulla (1) Charleville (1) Roma (1) Bunya Mountains (2)

WHAT WE LOVE:

- Summer sunflower fields around Allora
- Stately Glengallan Homestead near Warwick
- Historic Rudd's Pub, Nobby
- The Woolshed at Jondaryan
- Eulo's open-air mud bath
- Bilby Experience & Cosmos Night Show, Charleville
- Jimbour House & gardens
- The trails and wildlife of Bunya Mountains National Park



CROSS COUNTRY TO OUTBACK

11 days from Brisbane to Mount Isa

OVERNIGHTS: Girraween National Park (2) Toowoomba (2) Roma (1) Charleville (1) Longreach (2) Winton (2)

WHAT WE LOVE:

- Granite Belt Food & Wine Trail
- Girraween National Park
- Summer sunflower fields around Allora
- Quirky Rudd's Pub, Nobby
- Tranquil Ju Raku En Japanese Garden, Toowoomba
- Tour Cobb+Co Museum, Toowoomba
- Heritage-listed Woolshed at Jondaryan
- Mitchell's Great Artesian Spa
- Charleville's Bilby Experience & Cosmos Centre
- McKinlay's Walkabout Creek Hotel, featured in *Crocodile Dundee*
- Winton's dinosaur attractions: Australian Age of Dinosaurs & Lark Quarry
- Longreach Stockman's Hall of Fame & Qantas Founders Museum
- Royal Flying Doctor Service, Cloncurry
- Mount Isa underground mine tour

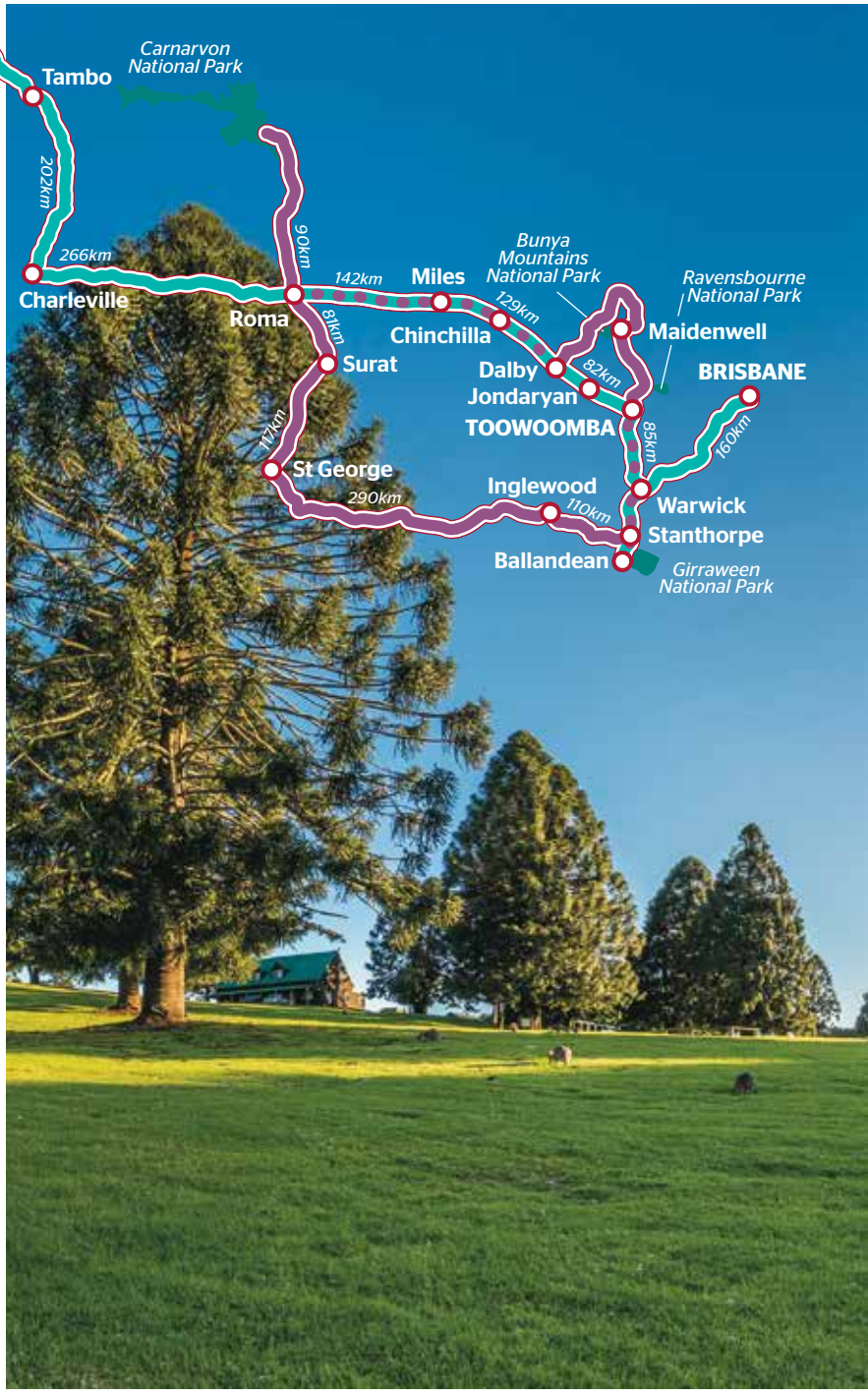
BIG SKY NATIONAL PARKS

8 day loop from Brisbane or Toowoomba

OVERNIGHTS: Bunya Mountains (2) Carnarvon Gorge (2) St George (1) Girraween National Park (2)

WHAT WE LOVE:

- Ravensbourne National Park, near Toowoomba
- Bunya Mountains National Park
- Carnarvon Gorge National Park
- Bonus Downs Farm Stay
- Riversands Winery, St George
- Historic Nindigully Pub
- Girraween National Park's granite walking trails, abundant birdlife and spring wildflowers
- Granite Belt Food & Wine Trail – local seasonal produce, cellar doors and craft breweries



GOURMET COUNTRY AND OUTBACK

8 day loop from Brisbane or Toowoomba

OVERNIGHTS: Stanthorpe (2) St George (1) Bonus Downs, Mitchell (2) Roma (1) Toowoomba (1)

WHAT WE LOVE:

- Main Range National Park & The Falls Scenic Drive including Queen Mary Falls
- Granite Belt Food & Wine Trail: local seasonal produce, cellar doors and craft breweries
- Girraween National Park's granite walking trails, abundant birdlife and spring wildflowers
- Historic Nindigully Pub
- St George Cotton Farm Tour & River Cruise
- Bonus Downs Farm Stay
- Carnarvon Ranges Ecotour
- Ju Raku En Japanese Garden, Toowoomba
- Ravensbourne National Park, near Toowoomba

QUEENSLAND BIG SKY EVENTS – FAMILY CAMPERVAN HOLIDAY

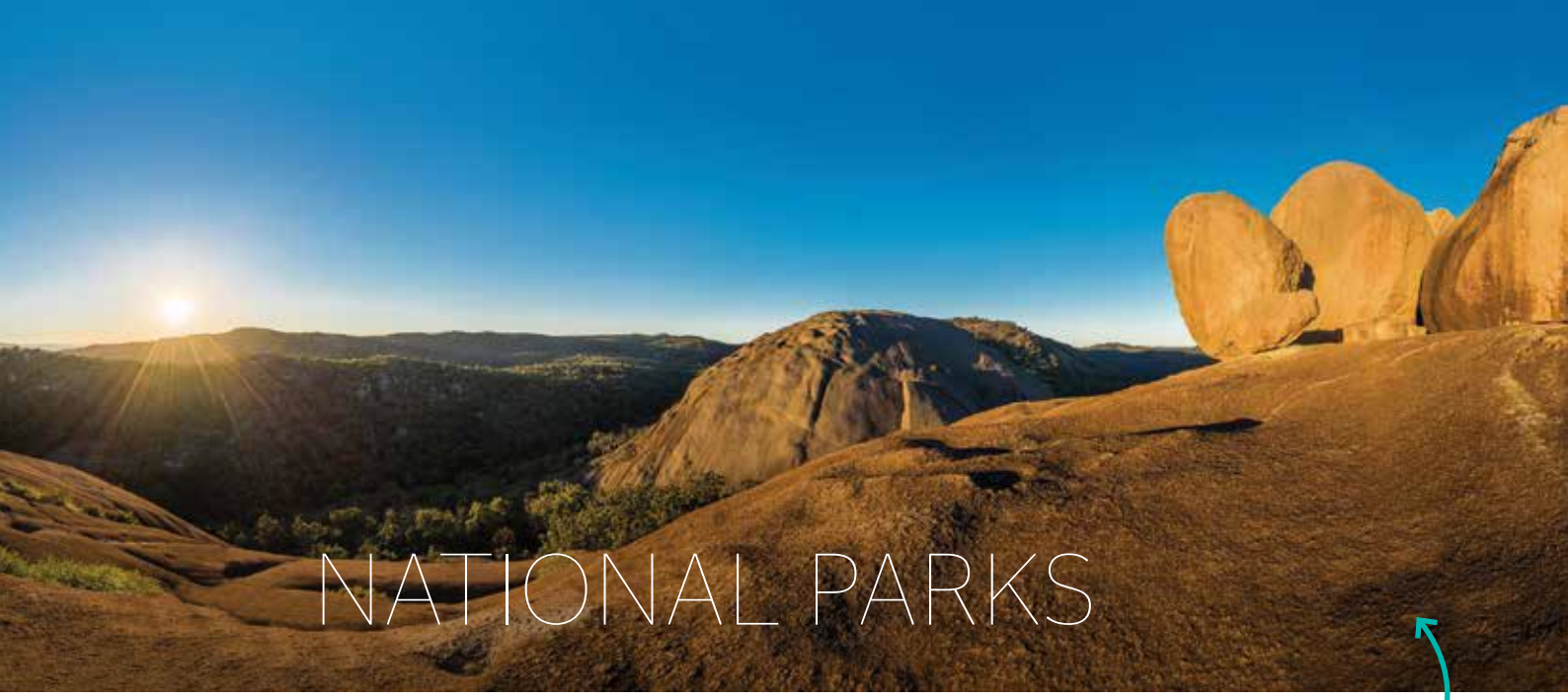
15 day loop from Brisbane

OVERNIGHTS: Toowoomba (2) Roma (1) Tambo (1) Winton (5) Longreach (2) Emerald (1) Biloela (1) Kingaroy (1)

EVENTS TO PLAN AROUND: Chinchilla's quirky Melon Festival bi-annually in February; Hampton Festival in May; Western Downs Big Skies Festival in April/May; Winton's Vision Splendid Film Festival in June & Outback Festival in September; Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers in September; for more events see pages 12 - 14.

WHAT WE LOVE:

- Picnic Point, Toowoomba: Devonshire tea and soaring views over the Lockyer Valley
- Cobb+Co Museum, Toowoomba
- Heritage-listed Woolshed at Jondaryan
- Mitchell's Great Artesian Spa
- Tambo Teddies Workshop
- Winton's Dinosaur attractions: Australian Age of Dinosaurs & Lark Quarry
- Longreach Stockman's Hall of Fame, Qantas Founders Museum & Thomson River sunset cruise & dinner
- Kroombit Tops National Park
- Kingaroy's wine trail
- Bunya Mountains National Park



NATIONAL PARKS

BALD ROCK NATIONAL PARK

GRANITE BELT

A popular attraction for Granite Belt visitors, this park is located just on the New South Wales side of the NSW/QLD border. Bald Rock is the largest of a series of granite domes in this 8,000ha national park where you can explore granite canyons, stone arches and echo points.
DON'T MISS: Take a trail to Bald Rock or Little Bald Rock and be rewarded with views into Girraween National Park. Enjoy a shady picnic, spot wildlife and see many different species of birds.

BARAKULA STATE FOREST

WESTERN COUNTRY

Visit the largest state forest in the Southern Hemisphere and enjoy outstanding wildflower displays during late winter or spring. Explore Barakula State Forest and see many of the area's key landmarks. Campers must be fully self-sufficient.

BENARKIN STATE FOREST

SOUTH BURNETT

In the Blackbutt Range, explore a scenic forest drive through rainforest, hoop pine plantations and eucalypt forests. Ride your horse along the Bicentennial National Trail and the Brisbane Valley Trail. Picnic at Emu Creek then cool off with a swim. Camp at Clancys camping area (where dogs are permitted on a leash) or Emu Creek camping area.

BOAT MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION PARK

SOUTH BURNETT

In this small park, discover a distinctive flat-topped ridge, shaped like an upturned boat, clad in dry rainforest and open eucalypt woodland. Take short walks to lookouts for views over the surrounding countryside, go bird-watching and spot wildlife such as black-striped wallabies and echidnas by day or pygmy-possums and sugar gliders at night. Camping is not allowed in the park.

GIRRAWEEN NATIONAL PARK

GRANITE BELT

Be delighted by the sheer size of huge granite boulders towering above open forests, contrasting with the delicate spring wildflowers that splash colour across the landscape in spring.
DON'T MISS: From the Castle Rock and Bald Rock Creek camping areas, explore some of the 17km of walking tracks. Climb The Pyramid for great views over the park. Watch for blue wrens, yellow-tufted honey eaters, bearded dragons and perhaps a common wombat. Superb lyrebirds live here but are rarely seen.

CARNARVON NATIONAL PARK: CARNARVON GORGE

WESTERN COUNTRY

Discover this oasis in the semi-arid heart of Queensland. You'll find a steep-sided gorge carved by the ever-flowing Carnarvon Creek, set amongst towering white sandstone cliffs.
MUST-DO: Set out to explore, choosing from tracks that range from easy to challenging and advanced remote walks. Discover dramatic sandstone cliffs, remnant rainforest and Aboriginal rock art. The 87km Carnarvon Great Walk, linking Carnarvon Gorge and Mount Moffatt, takes 6 to 7 days (for experienced and well-prepared walkers only).

LEGEND

- Camping
- Caravan sites
- Swimming
- Cycling Trails
- Trail Bikes Permitted
- Fishing
- Wheelchair Access
- Trailer sites
- Dog-friendly on leash
- Toilets
- Picnic area
- Easy walks
- Showers
- Sheltered picnic area
- Advanced walks

BUNYA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

SOUTH BURNETT & WESTERN COUNTRY

Here you'll discover what is thought to be the world's largest remaining stand of bunya pine forest protected in Queensland's second oldest national park. Find out about the park's strong cultural connections — Aboriginal people gathered here from afar during bunya nut season for bunya festivals until the late 1800s. Relax at one of the camping areas where it's blissfully cool in summer and a misty wonderland in winter. Accommodation and cafés are located nearby.
DON'T MISS: Enjoy walks (ranging from 2.3km to 10km in length) through bunya pine forest, eucalypt forest and rainforest. Discover mountain scenery and grassy 'balds' and have fun spotting an incredible variety of birds.

CARNARVON NATIONAL PARK: MOUNT MOFFATT

WESTERN COUNTRY

Experience this remote part of Carnarvon National Park that features spectacular sandstone towers, dramatic gorges, open woodlands and a rich cultural heritage. Campers must be fully self-sufficient.
MUST-DO: Explore walking tracks leading to unusual rock formations such as The Chimneys and Cathedral Rock; and cultural heritage sites such as the Tombs rock art site.

EXPEDITION NATIONAL PARK: ROBINSON GORGE

WESTERN COUNTRY

Explore magnificent sandstone scenery and palm-filled valleys in this large park. Scenic Robinson Gorge winds for more than 14km between sheer sandstone cliffs from a broad, shallow basin, through the most spectacular section — the 'Cattle Dip' — where sandstone cliffs rise up to 100m above the creek.

CROWS NEST NATIONAL PARK

TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS

Discover spectacular creek scenery, granite outcrops, a scenic waterfall and eucalypt forest remnants on the edge of the Great Dividing Range.
DON'T MISS: Follow the creek to the Cascades and Crows Nest Falls, or walk to Koonin Lookout and enjoy spectacular views over the Valley of Diamonds. Cool off in Bottlebrush Pool. Watch for vulnerable brush-tailed rock wallabies, small forest birds and cliff-nesting peregrine falcons.

KEEP AN EYE OUT IN CROWS NEST NATIONAL PARK FOR PLATYPUS, ECHIDNAS, LACE MONITORS AND BRUSH-TAILED ROCK WALLABIES

Camp fires permitted
Horseriding
Refreshments
No open fires
4WD access
World Heritage
BBQ gas/fuel
Canoeing/Kayaking
Park Office onsite
BBQ wood
Boating
Information
BBQ electric
Lookouts

MUST-DO: Explore moderately difficult walking tracks, including two 4km return walks to Robinson Gorge Lookout and Shepherd's Peak and a 1.2km return walk to Cattle Dip Lookout. Campers must be self-sufficient, including water.

EXPEDITION NATIONAL PARK: LONESOME

WESTERN COUNTRY

Enjoy spectacular views of the southern end of the Arcadia Valley and the Dawson River when bush camping in this section of the park. Campers must be self-sufficient, including water.

LAKE BROADWATER CONSERVATION PARK

TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS

Relax and appreciate nature in this park featuring a semi-permanent lake surrounded by cypress pine, eucalypt and brigalow open woodland. An important refuge for waterbirds and other wildlife, the lake is popular for bird-watching, picnicking and boating.
MUST-DOS: Walk along the lake's shore, bird-watch from the hide or picnic under a shady red gum beside the lake. Set up camp beside the lake. You need a permit to take your boat on the water — contact Lake Broadwater caretakers on (07) 4663 3562.

MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK: QUEEN MARY FALLS

SOUTHERN DOWNS

Enjoy the spectacle of Spring Creek plunging 40m over a sheer rock face at Queen Mary Falls — a popular picnic destination. There is a private camping/caravan park located nearby. Explore a short walk leading to lookouts overlooking the breath-taking falls, or take the 2km track down to the floor of the gorge.

MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK: CUNNINGHAMS GAP

SOUTHERN DOWNS

Be impressed by rugged peaks, towering forests and spectacular mountain scenery on even the briefest of visits to Cunninghams Gap — the best known section of this World Heritage-listed park.
DON'T MISS: Explore some of the easy walking tracks, ranging from 1.6km to 12.4km in length, which pass through rainforest, open eucalypt forest and heath, and offer spectacular views.

MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK: GOOMBURRA

SOUTHERN DOWNS

At Goomburra, nestled in the western foothills of the Great Dividing Range, take advantage of creek-side camp sites, picnic spots and walks. From the top of the range, enjoy views over the Fassifern Valley towards the Border Ranges in the south and across Mount Castle in the north.
MUST-DOS: Explore walking tracks ranging from short easy circuits to longer tracks (5-12km), showcasing woodland and rainforest, creeks and waterfalls and scenic lookouts. Watch for echidnas and koalas, satin bowerbirds and yellow-tailed black cockatoos.

MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK: SPICERS GAP

SOUTHERN DOWNS

Discover evidence of pioneer travel routes over the Great Dividing Range and enjoy views of the Fassifern Valley at historic Spicers Gap.
DON'T MISS: Follow the trail of old bullock days and look for signs of the paved road built in the mid-1800s. Picnic near the site of a long-gone inn and pioneer graveyard and enjoy the view from Governor's Chair Lookout.

MOUNT BASALT RESERVE

TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS

Discover striking volcanic formations and a walking track through 10ha of scrub.
MUST-DOS: Follow the track to two rocky peaks past geological features and farmland views.

NUGA NUGA NATIONAL PARK

WESTERN COUNTRY

No facilities, hikers must be fully self-sufficient.
Discover rare woodland communities when you bush camp by the shores of Lake Nuga Nuga — one of the largest natural lakes in the Central Highlands. Enjoy spotting the prolific birdlife and, at certain times of the year, capture photographs of the lake dappled with colourful waterlilies. The lake completely dries up at times.

THE PALMS NATIONAL PARK

TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS

Stop at this park for a picnic on your way to the Bunya

Mountains. Discover a small remnant of subtropical rainforest containing an almost-pure stand of piccabeen palms hugging the watercourse.
MUST-DOS: On the 650m circuit walk, look for grey-headed flying foxes camping high in the trees over the creek, and listen out for noisy pittas. See piccabeen palms, large strangler figs and buttressed trees.

SUNDOWN NATIONAL PARK

GRANITE BELT

On the QLD/NSW border, experience the rugged wilderness of Sundown National Park, featuring spectacular steep-sided gorges, sharp ridges and peaks rising to more than 1,000m.
DON'T MISS: Camp at defined camping areas or hike into a bush camp. From the Broadwater camping area at the park's southern end, stroll the 1km walk to Permanent Waterhole or, if you're experienced, explore the Severn River. You will need a four-wheel-drive vehicle to access Red Rock Gorge camping area at the park's northern end.

YARRAMAN STATE FOREST

TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS

See hoop pines growing in impressive plantations or emerging above subtropical rainforest and prickly vine forests on the broad hills above Yarraman. Listen for golden whistlers, green cat birds and paradise riflebirds. Picnic at shady Rogers Park, a short drive into the forest. Dogs are permitted on a leash.

PACK A PICNIC AND RELAX UNDER THE GIANT FIG TREES AT GUS BEUTEL LOOKOUT, RAVENSBOURNE NATIONAL PARK

RAVENSBOURNE NATIONAL PARK

TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS

Experience what the forests along the escarpment north of Toowoomba must have been like before they were cleared for farming and grazing. See majestic Sydney blue gums, staghorns, elkhorns and twining rainforest vines.
DON'T MISS: Explore four short tracks including a self-guided walk from Cedar Block picnic area or take in panoramic views from Gus Beutel lookout. Watch for the regent bowerbird and wompoo pigeons, and listen out for cat birds, noisy pittas and paradise riflebirds.

TRAVEL SAFELY

Many parks in Southern Queensland Country are off the beaten track and have minimum services. You need to be self-sufficient (carry water, food and fuel) and plan ahead. Always check Park alerts before you leave for the latest closures and conditions on **qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts**

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GET ON YOUR BIKE!

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND COUNTRY offers a range of cycling experiences, from gentle runs along quiet country roads in the heart of wine country and peaceful rides along rail trails flanked by bush to the thrill of purpose-built mountain bike trails suitable for beginners through to expert riders.

TOOWOOMBA

More than 70km of cycle pathways make exploring Toowoomba a breeze for recreational cyclists, while mountain bikers can challenge themselves on escarpment or cross-country mountain bike trails.

Mountain Bike Trails Federation Park, Vale View offers a 1km multi-use trail shared between walkers and mountain bike riders. Glen Lomond Park, Middle Ridge offers more than 5km of multi-use trails shared between walkers, horse riders and mountain bike riders. *Recommended:* Bridle Trail, Hell Hole Track and Falls Walk Trail. Mount Peel Bushland Park, Drayton offers two easy green circle single track mountain bike trails of more than 7km. Picnic Point Parklands, Rangeville offers riders the 1.5km multi-use Picnic Point Bridle Trail shared with walkers and horse riders. Redwood Park, Prince Henry Heights offers riders 5.5km of trails along the Bridle Trail, Grasstree Trail or Eagles Nest Trail – all shared with walkers and horse riders. Stenner Street Skills Park, Middle Ridge caters to riders from beginner to expert level and offers 5 dirt jump tracks which include tabletops, gap doubles, rollers and berms.

Toowoomba cycling information: tr.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation **Toowoomba Mountain Bike Club:** tmbc.org.au **Ride The Range:** held annually in March, South East Queensland's toughest and longest charity ride open to serious endurance riders only! ridetherange.org.au

SOUTHERN DOWNS & GRANITE BELT

Explore the peaceful towns of the Southern Downs or the Granite Belt wine country at a leisurely pace, coasting along quiet country roads or hit the challenging granite mountain bike trails of Mt Marlay, just north-east of Stanthorpe.

Southern Downs road rides take in quiet backroads and rural landscapes between Warwick, Allora, Leyburn, Killarney, Swanfels and Yangan. Suggested routes: ridethegreatdivide.com.au

The Granite Belt Bike Trail stretches along 34km of quiet country roads from Stanthorpe south to Ballandean. It's perfect for cycle touring, taking riders past vineyards, apple and stonefruit orchards, granite boulders and many cellar doors and local food providores. Take your own bike, or contact Granite Belt Bicycle Tours to hire one, or to book a guided tour, complete with support vehicle to carry your gourmet purchases: granitebeltbicycles.com.au **See all Stanthorpe road rides:** ridethegreatdivide.com.au

Mt Marlay MBT Trails offer five granite trails — two beginner runs — the 500 metre Rusty Trail and the 1.6km Green Granite Loop; the moderate grade .9km Grape Escape track and two difficult grade trails, the 1.4km Hammerhead and the .8km Tank Slapper to test the most experienced riders! Find out more on Southern Downs Mountain Biking Club's Facebook page.

SOUTH BURNETT

Explore the countryside, farmlands and towns of the South Burnett at a leisurely pace along the 161km **Brisbane Valley Rail Trail** which follows the disused Brisbane Valley railway line from Blackbutt to just west of Ipswich; or ride the 89km **Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail** taking in galleries, museums, wineries, cafés and country pubs along the way.

MOUNTAIN BIKING TIP

I highly recommend the **Defibrillator Loop** trail in Toowoomba's Jubilee Park. This green beginners' trail leaves from the Bridge Street quarry and winds down 1.8kms through the park then back up 2.3kms to the entrance. I love this trail early in the morning – the light through the trees and the chance encounters with echidnas and koalas make it the highlight of my day. It's great for riders of all levels, as you're able to go at the speeds you feel comfortable with, and there are tabletops, jumps and 'B' lines for beginners.
Juliet Redding, *President, Toowoomba Mountain Bike Club*

TEE-OFF

FROM TOOWOOMBA'S MAGNIFICENT 18 HOLE City Golf Club — the home of the prestigious Queensland PGA Championship, to playing quiet country fairways, our regional courses offer the perfect golfing getaway.

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Golf Course Road, Goombungee **9 HOLE**
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20 Warwick Street, Allora **9 hole**
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TOOWOOMBA & SURROUNDS

In Toowoomba you can experience the beauty of all four seasons — crisp winter air, knee-deep autumn leaves, clear summer days and a riot of spring colour.

Just 90 minutes from Brisbane, Toowoomba crowns the edge of the Great Dividing Range, 700 metres above sea level, overlooking the Lockyer Valley. So close but a world away! Southern Queensland Country's largest city still has a country town vibe.

We're known as Queensland's Garden City... so pack a picnic and relax in one of our 250-plus parks and gardens.

Join the locals and taste the colours of spring at our Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. Enjoy our fun-packed ten-day festival – explore beautiful parks and gardens, hop on a pub or walking tour, cheer on the parade, see the coolest music and entertainment, sample our sensational wines and the tantalising tastes of the region. For a full list of events check out tcof.com.au.

From March to early June mellow tints of red and gold mark the autumn showing. In the winter months, enjoy rugging up and winding down. Locally-made wine and delicious food will tantalise the tastebuds and warm the soul.

To the west you'll find rolling plains which are home to little rural townships, and welcoming bed and breakfasts. Cruise north to Crows Nest through the High Country Hamlets strung along the eastern escarpment and check out nurseries, cafés, museums and galleries. Head south into the country that was the setting for Steele Rudd's stories, and enjoy the atmosphere in rustic historic pubs. In the north-west, the Bunya Mountains rise dramatically against the sky and offer spectacular mountain scenery, walking trails and abundant wildlife.

TASTE OUR REGIONAL FLAVOURS

Blessed with rich, black volcanic soils, the Toowoomba Range and eastern Darling Downs produce most of the state's wheat, and much of its oilseeds, oats, legumes and fruit. It's also a major production area for a range of vegetable crops including potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, onions, carrots, lettuce, sweet corn and celery.

The region's quality pastures also ensure it's a productive cattle and dairying area.

In the high country to the north, the rich red soil produces olives, avocados, raspberries, blueberries, gooseberries, limes, macadamias, walnuts and rhubarb to name a few, while to the south are prime grain production areas.

Meet the growers and makers at Toowoomba Farmers' Market every Saturday from 7am – 12pm at the windmills next to Cobb+Co Museum.

A LIVING HISTORY

Toowoomba's colonial history traces back to the early 1840s with the establishment of the first store on the Downs at 'The Springs', soon thereafter renamed Drayton. The National Trust-owned Royal Bull's Head Inn dates from that period and you can still see it on Brisbane Street today. A drought in 1850 saw many re-settle a few kilometres to the north-east at what is now Toowoomba. After rapid expansion a new municipality was proclaimed in 1860, a township in 1892 and a city in 1904.

Toowoomba and its surrounds are strongly linked by an interconnected history that you can discover is alive and well in interactive museums, historical attractions and in streetscapes dotted with stately architecture.

Make your first stop on the history trail the Cobb+Co Museum. You'll find an outstanding collection of horse-drawn vehicles and the story of the natural and cultural history of Toowoomba and

MUST DO

- See a show at the magnificent art-deco style **Empire Theatre**
- Explore **Crows Nest** and **Ravensbourne National Parks**
- Experience spring at its blooming best at the **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers**
- Taste providore to plate **gourmet food and wine**
- Take a country drive south to **Clifton** and **Nobby** or north to the **High Country Hamlets**

MUST SEE

- **Cobb+Co Museum**
- **Picnic Point** views
- Award-winning **parks and gardens**
- **Ju Raku En Japanese Garden** at the University of Southern Queensland
- City laneways for **cafés, bars** and **First Coat street art**

2020 EVENTS

EASTER HERITAGE FESTIVAL
11 – 13 Apr, HIGHFIELDS | **eastervintagefestival.com**

LOST TRADES FAIR
16 – 17 May, TOOWOOMBA | **cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au**

HAMPTON FESTIVAL
17 May, HAMPTON | **hamptonfestival.com**

TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS
18 – 27 Sep, TOOWOOMBA | **tcof.com.au**

AUSTRALIAN CAMP OVEN FESTIVAL
3 – 4 Oct, MILLMERRAN | **acof.com.au**

the Darling Downs. You can trace Cobb+Co's role in the expansion of the Southern Queensland Country region, beginning as a small mail run in 1866 transporting mail and passengers to Brisbane and beyond. You're welcome to join a workshop led by a local artisan at the Museum's National Carriage Factory – a training centre giving new life to a wide range of heritage skills including blacksmithing, saddlery, silver smithing and glass art.

Toowoomba's wealthy beginnings can be seen in the Toowoomba City Hall, and many heritage-listed examples in Russell Street. Take a wander east of the CBD to the Caledonian Estate, an area of early 20th century housing, ranging from humble workers' cottages to large stately homes, in the classic wooden Queenslander style.

Catch a show at the Empire Theatre – this art deco gem is our much-loved premier stage and music venue. After years of neglect, the Empire was beautifully renovated in the late 1990s. Now able to seat 1,600 people, it is the largest regional theatre in Australia. Theatre tours run every Wednesday at 10am for just $5 per person.

TREAT YOUR SENSES

Spend some time relaxing in the meticulously tended Queens Park – one of the key settings for Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers. Adjacent to the CBD, the park features stunning floral beds.

Featuring more than 2,200 rose bushes, the State Rose Garden in historic Newtown Park is a living memorial to the people of Toowoomba and surrounds, with interpretive plaques telling the history of roses, the park and its people since 1913. In 2018 it was chosen by the World Federation of Rose Societies as an International Garden of Excellence.

Green thumbs will also love the fragrant blooms, herbs and shrubs of Laurel Bank Park and its scented gardens. The area includes a playground, picnic area and croquet greens.

Pack a picnic and enjoy spectacular views of the Lockyer Valley from Picnic Point. Bushwalkers can set off on graded walks along the range escarpment.

Following harmonious design principles, the University of Southern Queensland's Japanese Garden (Ju Raku En) seamlessly combines water, grass, rocks, paths and Japanese plants.

Toowoomba's Bicentennial Waterbird Habitat includes diverse wetlands carefully constructed to attract various waterbird species, and is a relaxing place to visit.

ARTS & CULTURE

Established in 1938, Toowoomba's public art gallery is the oldest in regional Queensland. It is the permanent home of the Lionel Lindsay Art Gallery and Library and features more than 400 significant Australian artworks by the Lindsay family and such artists as Frederick McCubbin, Arthur Streeton, Tom Roberts and Rupert Bunny. Local artists are also featured.

You can also see the work of local potters at Darling Downs Potters Club in West Street, Newtown – it's a great place to find original handmade pieces – the perfect souvenirs of your visit.

In contrast, First Coat Studios in Laurel Street shows contemporary cutting-edge works of established and emerging local, national and international artists. New exhibitions open one Friday evening a month.

Set aside a couple of hours to explore the colourful First Coat street art murals around the streets and lanes of the CBD. There are lots of cafés along the way if you need a pitstop. Pick up a guide to Toowoomba antiques and art from the Toowoomba Visitor Information Centre, 86 James Street (Warrego Highway).

The Empire Theatre curates an ever-changing program of music, dance and drama, while the University of Southern Queensland's Artsworx program presents innovative music, drama and art showcasing emerging student artists as well as professional guest artists.

First Coat street art, TOOWOOMBA

Event, dates and venues are subject to change without notice.
Please see **southernqueenslandcountry.com.au/events** for the latest listings.

AT THE HEART OF TOOWOOMBA

Grand Central always plays a part in our locals and visitors' days. Savour fresh flavours, shop, refresh and relax with these five reasons to explore one of Toowoomba's most loved destinations.

Gather picnic supplies from our Market Room

Our Market Room is home to Toowoomba's locally famous artisan butcher and baker, and an array of fresh seasonal produce. Pack a feast and explore our nearby gardens and parks.

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Unwind with a movie at BBC Cinemas

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BITES, BARS & COFFEE CULTURE

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CITY BITES

INBOUND BRASSERIE: perfect high teas, tasty breakfasts and lovely lunches in the revamped railway refreshment rooms
ORTEM: modern twists on café classics, local vibe
JAMES ST GROCER: stylish breakfast and lunch fare, bright and breezy service
GIP'S RESTAURANT: quality dining in historic Clifford House
ENCORES AT THE EMPIRE: elegant pre-theatre dining
ZEV'S BISTRO: innovative modern Australian
SOFRA: tasty Turkish cuisine
EL ATTAR: authentic Middle Eastern Grill

BEST BARS

GEORGE BANKS: casual dining and rooftop bar
MULLER BROS ROOFTOP BAR: cool cocktails, share plates
SANTÉ COCKTAIL BAR: Toowoomba's newest laneway bar
BAR WUNDER: 70s vibe beer garden, old school comfort food
4 BROTHERS BREWING: local craft beer
TAPESTRY: cosy pub atmosphere, good bar food
HOLA: Spanish tapas and sangria
PRESTON PEAK WINES: wine tasting with wonderful views

COFFEE CULTURE

GROUND UP: local favourite laneway café
THE FINCH: excellent banh mi rolls
THE BAKER'S DUCK: flakiest croissants, killer coffee!
TWO BIRDS: local rhubarb pancakes, just do it
SWEET TALK COFFEE: hidden secret, tucked away in Longs Quarter
BANTER COFFEE: hip hole in the wall, great brews
THE BURROW: leafy neighbourhood vibe

COUNTRY STARS

EMERAUDE BISTRO, HAMPTON: lauded micro-region eatery, menu stars local produce
ROSALIE HOUSE CELLAR DOOR & CAFÉ, LILYVALE: wine tasting and relaxed lunches overlooking the vines
BUNNYCONNELLEN OLIVE GROVE & VINEYARD, CROWS NEST: long table lunch, wine and olive tastings
MCCOY'S CAFÉ, COOYAR: best burgers flat out!
FORAGE KITCHEN, MILLMERRAN: country-style meals, old-fashioned cakes
MERINGANDAN HOTEL: warm welcome, monster steaks!
RUDD'S PUB, NOBBY: rich history, hearty country fare

INSIDER TOURS

WHETHER YOU'RE INTERESTED in history, gardens, architecture, street art, our local food, wine or farming scene, you'll see and learn so much more when you tour Toowoomba with a local.

TOOWOOMBA SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Join Lindsay Booth for an interesting small group bus tour around Toowoomba. For first time visitors, it's the perfect introduction, providing a great way to absorb local history and become familiar with city attractions that you may wish to return to. Lindsay's Westside Tour (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) features the early history around Drayton and the State Rose Garden, while the Eastside Tour (Tuesday & Thursday) stops at Ju Raku En Japanese Garden and Picnic Point and includes insights into local indigenous history. Weekend tours to pubs, wineries and farms operate by appointment.
toowoombasightseeing.com.au

TOOWOOMBA WALKING TOURS

Stretch your legs and expand your horizons on a walking tour of Toowoomba's city streets with Teresa Lane. On a pleasant walk of between 2-4km you'll get an insider's perspective into the history, stories and characters that make Toowoomba what it is today. Join a regular Legal Precinct tour to gain an appreciation for the town's iconic buildings, both time-honoured and modern; see some of Toowoomba's finest historic houses and hear the stories of their original occupants; and enjoy a walk through Queens Park Botanic Gardens. Or discover the Arts Precinct on a tour that takes in vibrant street art, Queensland's oldest regional art gallery and two beautiful theatres.

Special tours of The Russell Street Precinct or Toowoomba's beautiful Churches and Commercial Hub are available by appointment. Teresa is an expert story-teller and the keeper of many interesting tales – so her tours are perfect if you like to walk and talk.
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HIGH COUNTRY TOURS WITH TASTE

Discover the High Country Hamlets, just north of Toowoomba, on a luxury small group tour with guides and professional photographers Brad and Kara Smith.

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CAMBOOYA, CLIFTON & NOBBY

The little village of Cambooya is the heart of Steele Rudd Country. Australian author Arthur Hoey Davis, who wrote under the pen name 'Steele Rudd', is best known for his colourful novel *On Our Selection* which brings to life his childhood spent on his family's small farm at Emu Creek near East Greenmount.

You can gain an insight into the lives of those early subsistence farmers by visiting a replica of Rudd's slab-and-shingle hut on the original selection near East Greenmount.

Cambooya's Bull and Barley Inn has been restored to reflect its original 1900s old world atmosphere. You'll find memorabilia and photographs adorning the walls, with all beverages requiring cooling being chilled in the Inn's original cedar chiller box. There is a restaurant and accommodation available on site.

If you think of a quintessential country town streetscape you've got Clifton in mind. Dating back to 1875, this classic little town halfway between Toowoomba and Warwick has been used in a number of Australian movies including *The Thornbirds*.

Bull & Barley Inn, CAMBOOYA

Rudd's Pub, NOBBY

To truly experience the town, the Clifton Heritage Walking Trail is a must. The self-guided tour commences from the railway station and finishes at the cemetery, incorporating 43 sites.

A short drive north of Clifton is Nobby and the well-known Rudd's Pub. The pub is dedicated to author Steele Rudd, who found inspiration among his drinking partners for his famous *Dad and Dave* stories. Stop in for a counter meal and see the extensive display of historic memorabilia and pioneering photographs adorning the pub walls.

A short stroll from the pub is a memorial to Sister Kenny, a tenacious one-time resident of Nobby known for her revolutionary treatment of polio.

Just out of town at Pilton, Darling Downs Zoo is home to animals from all over the world including white lions, giraffes, meerkats, a pygmy hippo, and the first zebra to be born in Queensland!

PITTSWORTH & MILLMERRAN

Pittsworth is a beautiful country town amid some of the richest farming land in Australia. It's a perfect pause on your travels further west, or a tidy half-day trip from Toowoomba.

The Pittsworth Pioneer Village showcases the early development of the area and is dedicated to the memory of the feats of Arthur Postle — the 'Crimson Flash'. Once the world's fastest athlete, Postle grew up in the region and developed his love of running on the family farm.

Crafty travellers will be interested in the Lady Fletcher Lace Room which houses one of Australia's largest lace collections. While at the RSL Display Centre, you can view an extensive collection of wartime memorabilia. In Hume Street is the gracious St Stephen's Catholic Church, constructed in 1908. Just around the corner, St Andrew's Anglican Church is also worth a visit to view the magnificent stained glass windows. If you've got a sweet tooth, you'll love the musk sticks and other lollies made by Pittsworth Confectionery on Mallard Road.

Don't miss the Pittsworth Sprints in September and the Pittsworth Craft and Fine Food Spectacular in October.

The little town of Millmerran sits in the rich agricultural area of the Condamine and Macintyre catchments. Get a feel for it over a wholesome country breakfast or lunch at Forage Kitchen and Coffee Bar.

There's a firm nod to the past at the Millmerran Visitor Information Centre and Museum, with something of interest for everyone from buildings and displays to memorabilia of times gone by.

While you're there, pick up a brochure on the National Trust-listed All Saints Anglican Church in Yandilla – consecrated in 1887, it's the area's oldest building and the second oldest church in Queensland.

Don't miss the prized 'water baby' – a 28 foot steam vessel which was made at Yandilla Station in 1878.

Be sure not to miss the series of larger than life murals throughout the area depicting the history of the town's development. Of particular note is Millmerran's water tank mural which is part of the Australian Silo Art Trail.

Drive 25 kilometres south of Millmerran to view the Mt Basalt Reserve, a unique area featuring rare volcanic formations, with walking trails and lookouts offering spectacular views.

Millmerran's biennial Australian Camp Oven Festival is top country fun – you can throw a damper, eat your fill of tasty camp oven tucker, hear brilliant bush poetry and listen to toe-tapping country music!

A short drive north, the village of Cecil Plains is steeped in history and home of one of the largest cotton gins in Queensland. Try your hand at fishing for the elusive Murray cod on the Condamine River, or drop into the 1933 Queenslander-style Hotel Victory for Devonshire tea or a cold beer and have a chat with the locals.

If you're after a peaceful camping spot head to Yarramalong Weir where you can swim, fish, picnic or launch your dingy or canoe.

Australian Camp Oven Festival MILLMERRAN

INSIDER TIP: If you love a really good pie, I can recommend a road trip to my local **Millmerran Bakery** – I'm a fan of their bacon and cheese pies – so tasty! Or visit Vjera and her welcoming team at **Forage Kitchen,** open weekdays for excellent coffee, home-style cakes and baked goodies and different international dishes each week. My tip is grab a table overlooking the country garden. **Loo La Belles** is a cute store and is worth a look for homewares, gifts and a small range of ladies clothes. Before you leave town grab a photo with our giant tepee, cello or camp oven!

Katrina Gundron *Event Co-ordinator, Australian Camp Oven Festival*

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JONDARYAN & OAKEY

A quaint rural town, Jondaryan is home to The Woolshed and Station Village.

Download the app and take a self-guided tour of Queensland's oldest operating woolshed (built in 1859) – you'll find a fascinating complex of historic buildings, machinery and collections.

During special events (see jondaryanwoolshed.com.au) you can see shearing, bullock and horse teams in action, blacksmithing, vintage tractors, engines, trucks and cars.

It's an easy day trip from Toowoomba for a tasty ploughman's lunch or Devonshire tea at the Damper Hut (open weekdays) or The Woolshed Café (open weekends). There's a range of accommodation on offer to fully immerse yourself in the experience.

You'll find a real country experience in Oakey – genuine country hospitality and the chance to make a deep connection with the town's rich pioneering history.

Must-sees are Oakey Historical Museum – a time capsule of the everyday lives of the town's forebears; and the Australian Army Flying Museum where you'll see all military aircraft flown since World War II, including the latest high-tech helicopters, and a remarkable flying machine, a replica Bristol Boxkite, used to train pilots in World War I.

BUILT IN 1859, JONDARYAN'S TIMBER SLAB WOOLSHED WAS ALMOST 90 METRES IN LENGTH, BOASTED 52 SHEARING STANDS AND COULD HOLD 3,000 SHEEP UNDER COVER. BY 1873, 250,000 SHEEP WERE BEING SHORN EACH SEASON DURING SPRING AND SUMMER.

KINGSTHORPE & GOOMBUNGEE

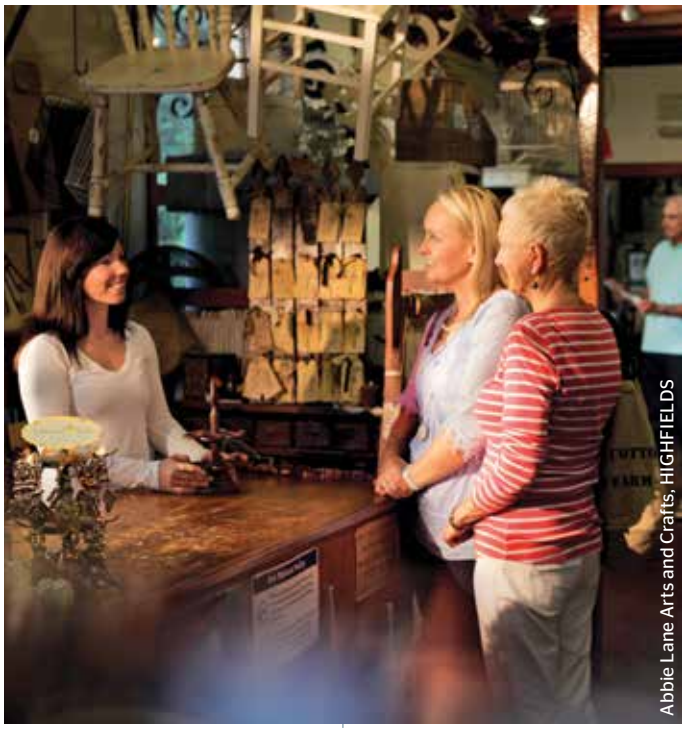
Take a quiet side-track from the Warrego Way or New England Highway to find the villages of Kingsthorpe and Goombungee. Kingsthorpe is just a 15-minute panoramic drive west of Toowoomba.

Stop at Mt Kingsthorpe Park lookout just outside of town, where a graded walking track from the car park to the summit provides you expansive views across the Darling Downs.

A little further on, Goombungee's streets are lined with jacarandas and silky oaks, which provide a spectacular display, especially for the Jacaranda Festival held in late spring.

The Pioneer Arms Hotel, dating back to 1897, is a great lunch destination serving hearty country fare and a warm welcome. The Rosalie Gallery hosts an ever-changing display of works by the region's artists. And if you have your clubs in the car you're welcome at the local, challenging nine-hole golf course.

GET ALONG TO HIGHFIELDS PIONEER VILLAGE'S EASTER VINTAGE FESTIVAL OR THE STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL IN SEPTEMBER TO SEE THESE HANDCRAFTED EDWARDIAN BEAUTIES — REPLICAS OF THE FIRST MOTORISED CARS AND BIKES EVER MADE AND JUST SOME OF THE TREASURES ON SHOW AT THE VILLAGE'S TRANSPORT MUSEUM.



Abbie Lane Arts and Crafts, HIGHFIELDS

HIGH COUNTRY HAMLETS

HIGHFIELDS

Just a short drive north of Toowoomba along the New England Highway is Highfields, the first of the high country hamlets. A blooming community with many unique and specialised art and craft stores. Beautiful parks, delightful walking tracks, lovely cafés and an historical village make this a lovely spot to spend a day or two.

With breathtaking vistas to the Bunya Mountains and a diverse range of local plants, the 4.7-hectare Peacehaven Botanic Park is one of the most outstanding public gardens on the Downs. Nearby Davidson Arboretum is another public park bequeathed to the people with over 400 varieties of temperate deciduous trees, including some very rare species. It is a wonderful spectacle of autumn colouring in May/June.

At Highfields Pioneer Historical Village, discover a rare and unusual collection of vintage machinery, a fully operational blacksmith shop and a collection of restored antique radios. Join in the annual Easter Vintage Festival held here over three days.

Shop for local crafts and gifts at Danish Flower Art, Abbie Lane Arts and Craft Village and the Village Green. Take a break to enjoy morning tea or lunch at The Chocolate Cottage. Monty Brewing Co opens this winter offering brewery tours and tastings of craft beers and ciders and a restaurant overlooking the escarpment.

CABARLAH

Further along the highway is Cabarlah. It's a great spot for a good country pub meal at the Farmers Arms Tavern, one of the longest continually licensed pubs in Queensland. Nearby is the original railway station master's house which now is home to Colours of San Cris; a South American themed shop

full of colourful treasures. On the hill is the Black Forest Hill Cuckoo Clock Centre, where you'll find an impressive collection of cuckoo and grandfather clocks, and the delightful treats at D'Becca's Café. French antiques and giftware are located at Cyrano Maison de France, a short stroll away.

LISTEN OUT FOR THE ROUSING CALLS OF SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOOS IN CROWS NEST AND RAVENSBOURNE NATIONAL PARKS

HAMPTON

At the top of the escarpment on the Great Dividing Range, Hampton is a picturesque hamlet surrounded by forests, farmlands and striking natural beauty.

At 715 metres above sea level, it's the heart of the high country and home to a thriving arts community. Its rich volcanic soils and temperate climate make it one of Southern Queensland Country's most productive food bowls, supplying much of the state's rhubarb and avocados.

Stop to chat to a local at The Hampton Visitor Information Centre and browse the historic 120-year-old building. Don't miss culinary star Emeraude Bistro – a microregion eatery specialising in farm fresh produce sourced locally.

If you're travelling with a caravan or motor home, Chapman Park is a designated overnight rest stop within an easy walk to Emeraude, That Shop @ Hampton for gorgeous gifts, clothes and homewares, and the general store.

Each May you can join the locals at The Hampton Festival – a celebration of regional food, wine and music, along with the creativity of the region's artists and craftspeople. Or in early spring, join the Wisteria Long Lunch – a three-course journey featuring regional produce served in the blossom-festooned courtyard at Emeraude.

Hampton offers easy access to Pechey State Forest, Ravensbourne and Crows Nest National Parks, and nearby Lakes Cressbrook and Perseverance.

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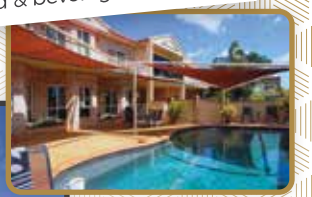

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RAVENSBOURNE

Perched on the edge of the Great Dividing Range, Ravensbourne was a traditional bush tucker refreshment stop for Aboriginal people en route to and from the Bunya Mountains nut festivals.

Punctuated by patches of rainforest, the drive to Ravensbourne along the winding Esk-Hampton Road is one of our region's prettiest drives.

Ravensbourne National Park is a day-use park with short walks through palm groves, rainforest and open eucalypt forest teeming with native birds. Gus Beutel lookout provides a panoramic view over the Lockyer Valley and the Border Ranges, and offers a beautiful picnic spot.

You can go bushwalking, boating, fishing, bird watching or picnic at nearby Lakes Cressbrook and Perseverance.

There's a well-appointed camping ground at Lake Cressbrook or you can relax and revitalise in the high country air with a stay in self-contained accommodation amid Ravensbourne's rainforest and rolling hills.

RAVENSBOURNE'S CLOUDLAKE MOUNTAIN RETREAT IS JUST ONE OF OUR REGION'S DREAMY LITTLE SECRETS!

Ravensbourne National Park

INSIDER TIP: There are so many gorgeous spots and amazing eateries, wineries and local farms to visit in the High Country Hamlets. Start off at the award-winning **Emeraude** for a leisurely late breakfast (make sure you try the XO omelette with crispy fried tofu and Asian slaw); from here head down Esk-Hampton Road to buy buttery avos at **Sunnyspot Farm's** roadside stall on the way to taking a walk in **Ravensbourne National Park**, and wind down the day with sunset wine tasting and dinner overlooking the grape vines at **Rosalie House**. Or even better, book a **Micro-region Food, Wine & Farm Tour** with **High Country Tours with Taste** and let them do the driving! You'll tour the local farms who produce the very ingredients you'll enjoy at the eateries on your day out. **Kate Stewart-Moore,** *Manager, Bunnyconnellen Olive Grove and Vineyard*

The Store @ Bunnyconnellen, CROWS NEST

CROWS NEST

Perched on the crest of the Great Dividing Range, the old timber town of Crows Nest lies amongst beautiful, undulating hills and is built around an attractive village green. In the centre of the green, known as Centenary Park, is the statue of Jimmy Crow, a local Aboriginal man, after whom some believe the town was named.

Its streets are filled with striking old buildings that house antique shops, cafés, galleries and a museum. Centenary Park has won awards for its design, including its innovative underground water catchment.

This small town packs a lot of historical punch. Within an easy walk of the town centre, you'll find Salts Antiques, Crows Nest Museum and Historical Village – home of the original Ray White Real Estate Office where the business started in Crows Nest in 1902, the Regional Art Gallery and a community arts and crafts centre. After hoofing it around town, make for the Applegum walk – a pleasant stroll along the creek between Bullockys Rest and Hartmann Park. In October, join the locals at Crows Nest Day for food, fun and their annual worm races.

Pack a picnic to enjoy in nearby Crows Nest National Park where you'll find bird watching and bushwalking trails through the eucalypt forest. Take a cooling dip in Bottlebrush Pool, shaded by river she-oaks and bottlebrush trees. After rain you'll see Crows Nest Falls in action and you may even spot a brush-tailed rock wallaby perched on high granite boulders.

Visit Bunnyconnellen Olive Grove, Cellar Door and B&B for a wine and olive tasting or a ploughman's lunch platter under the giant figs overlooking the olive grove. You may just find the perfect keepsake in their rustic homewares store.

MACLAGAN & QUINALOW

Maclagan at the foothills of the Bunya Mountains, and close neighbour Quinalow, perched on Myall Creek, are friendly country towns.

From Quinalow you can access the old Muntapa Rail Tunnel to see a bentwinged bat colony living within. The park near the entrance has picnic tables and barbeques, a viewing platform and toilets. Interpretive signs detail the history of the rail and the 287-metre tunnel, which was dug by hand in 1913.

COOYAR

Located north of Toowoomba on the New England Highway, Cooyar is a tranquil country village. The wide verandahs of the Cooyar Hotel are a friendly spot for a drink and the lowdown on what to see and do around town. You'll have to be up early or wait patiently at dusk to spot a platypus in Cooyar Creek, with the best vantage point from the suspension bridge in Swinging Bridge Park.

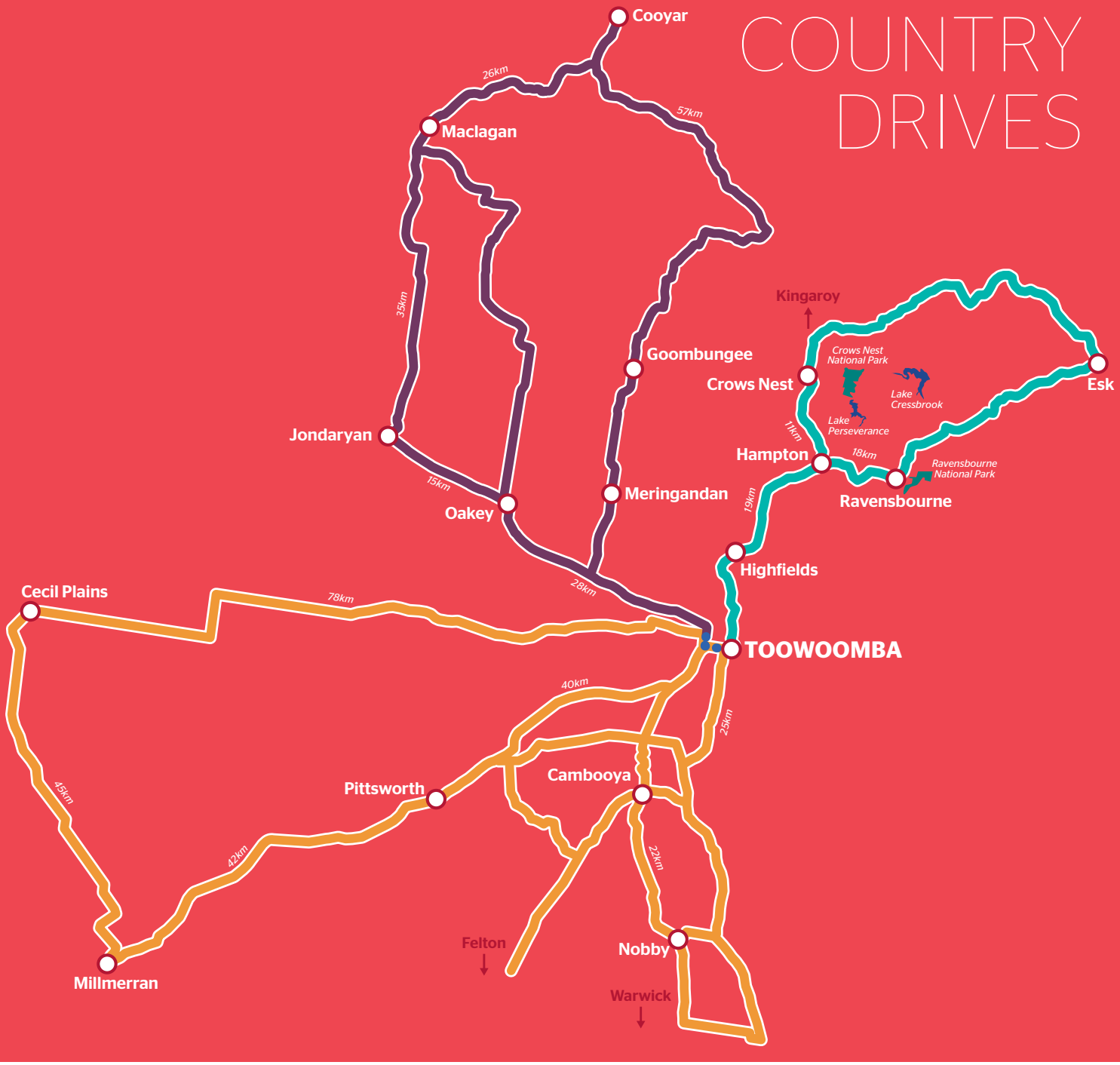
Each February Cooyar's Agricultural Show features great country competitions, including a night rodeo.

Easily accessed from Cooyar, the tiny Palms National Park preserves remnant rainforest and a stand of piccabeen palms in a spring-fed gully.

McCoy's Café, COOYAR

Crows Nest Soft Drinks

COUNTRY DRIVES



FARMERS COUNTRY DRIVE

3/4 Day Tour

DESTINATIONS: Toowoomba/Oakey/Jondaryan/Maclagan/Cooyar/Goombungee/Meringandan

HIGHLIGHTS: Check out the Australian Army Flying Museum at Oakey en route to The Woolshed at Jondaryan. Take in the paddocks as you loop through farming country, stop in for a friendly beverage at The Pioneers Arms at Goombungee or The Meringandan Hotel or pop into Rosalie House Cellar Door for a tasting before heading home.

OPEN PLAINS STEELE RUDD COUNTRY DRIVE *All Day Tour*

DESTINATIONS: Toowoomba/Cecil Plains/Millmerran/Pittsworth/Cambooya/Nobby

HIGHLIGHTS: Take a country drive to meet the real Darling Downs through its publicans and locals. Drop into Rudd's Pub in Nobby to discover the history and characters that inspired Steele Rudd's *On Our Selection* and *Dad and Dave* stories. Delve further into local history via the Millmerran murals and Pittsworth Historical Village.

HIGH COUNTRY DRIVE

Half Day Tour

DESTINATIONS: Toowoomba/Highfields/Hampton/Crows Nest/Ravensbourne

HIGHLIGHTS: Head to the hills for a walk in the cooler climes of the national parks and lakes around Crows Nest and Ravensbourne. Visit the past at Highfields Pioneer Village and the historic Spring Bluff Railway Station. Recharge with a bite to eat at Emeraude, Hampton or The Woods, Ravensbourne.

SOUTHERN DOWNS & GRANITE BELT

An easy escape from Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast or Gold Coast, the Southern Downs is a region of diverse and rugged beauty, taking in the towns of Warwick and Stanthorpe and a string of friendly villages.

There's a rich history to be explored and many delights for the senses. Here you'll see autumn's changing hues and the revitalising energy of spring and its glorious wildflowers, taste juicy just-picked summer fruit and seasonal vegetables, and cosy up beside crackling fires in winter – and of course, you'll enjoy Queensland's most awarded wines.

It's a place to get back to nature and reconnect with each other. You can explore untouched national parks, creeks and waterfalls, sample delicious local produce sourced from some of Queensland's most fertile farmlands and hit the wine trail to meet winemakers at the cellar door.

There are plenty of places to rest your head from caravan and camping sites to farm stays, cabins, motels, luxury retreats and friendly bed and breakfast guesthouses.

2020 EVENTS

GRAZING THE GRANITE BELT
16 – 17 May, GRANITE BELT
granitebeltwinecountry.com.au/grazing

JUMPERS & JAZZ IN JULY
16 – 26 Jul, WARWICK
jumpersandjazz.com.au

KILLARNEY BONFIRE NIGHT
24 Jul, KILLARNEY
bonfirenight.cambanoora.com.au

HISTORIC LEYBURN SPRINTS
22 – 23 Aug, LEYBURN
leyburnmotorsprints.com.au

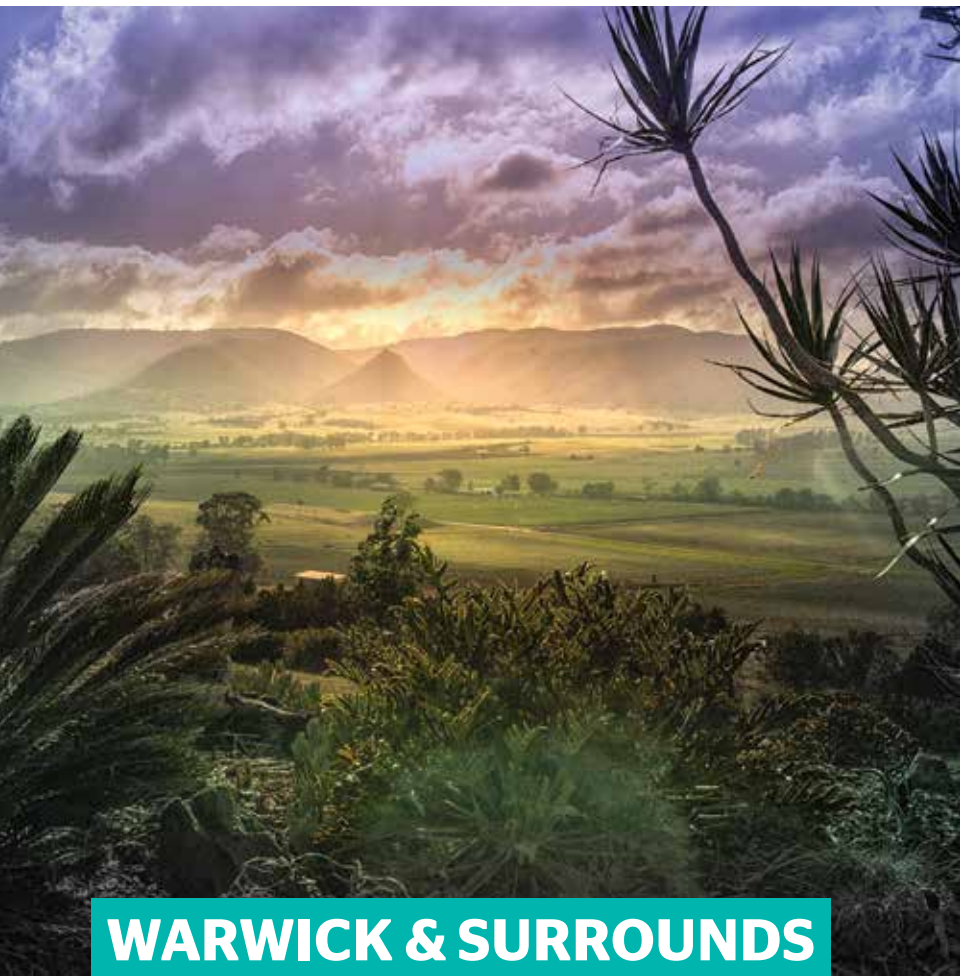
WARWICK RODEO & GOLD CUP CAMPDRAFT
19 – 25 Oct, WARWICK
warwickshowandrodeo.com.au

MUST DO

- Bush walk at **Killarney's Queen Mary Falls**
- Savour seasonal farm-fresh produce and follow the **Strange Bird** alternative wine trail
- Swim, sail, canoe or fish at **Storm King, Glenlyon** or **Leslie Dams**
- Take a journey on the **Southern Downs Steam Railway**
- Embrace the chill at **Warwick's Jumpers & Jazz in July**

MUST SEE

- Spectacular views from the top of **Girraween National Park**
- Warwick's **'Heritage and Historic Building Trail'** including **Glengallan Homestead** and **Abbey of the Roses**
- Stanthorpe's picturesque **Quart Pot Creek** during the 'Brass Monkey' season
- Bull riding at **Warwick Rodeo**
- Cultural diversity at wineries providing delicious food, beverages and entertainment



WARWICK & SURROUNDS

Sitting gracefully on the banks of the Condamine River, historic Warwick – known for its roses and rodeo – features some of the state's finest original sandstone buildings. From here it's an easy drive to explore the friendly villages and small towns of the Southern Downs.

Settled over 150 years ago, the town is rich in 'Heritage and Historic Building Trails' featuring a number of well-preserved churches, cottages, railway stations, schools and monuments – each with its own story of old. One of the most interesting stories is that of Thomas Byrnes whose imposing statue stands in the main street – the talented son of poor Irish immigrants, he rose to be Queensland Premier in 1898 and after just five months in office, tragically died of pneumonia.

Two must-see attractions along the trail are the Warwick and District Historical Museum – the best place in town to discover life as it was from the 1890s to the 1950s, and Abbey of the Roses – formerly Our Lady of Assumption Convent, built for the Sisters of Mercy.

For almost 100 years it formed the 'heart' of the extensive Catholic community in Warwick; in its new life it is a popular boutique guest house and function centre.

In testament to its reputation as the 'Rose City', rose plots are prolifically planted throughout Warwick's CBD and can be seen at the Warwick Art Gallery, the Warwick and District Historical Society Museum and in various plots on the northern approach to the city.

The 'Horsepower Capital of Australia', Warwick is home to the Warwick Rodeo – one of Australia's most famous, held each October, as well as the world-class Morgan Park Raceway – which has evolved from a dirt track built in 1965, to become one of Queensland's premier motorsport venues incorporating a drag-racing track that attracts Australia's top competitors. Morgan Park's first-rate equestrian facilities regularly host fast-paced polocrosse tournaments.

Now boasting some of the country's richest prizes, the rodeo can trace its roots to a professional buck jumping contest of 1857. Nowadays the rodeo event spreads across a week and draws tens of thousands of fans, all keen to see the thrill of the bucking bulls, campdrafting and barrel races. The town also celebrates with a street parade and a sprawling market at Leslie Park. Don't miss the Australian Rodeo Heritage Centre where you can explore the tales and memorabilia of pioneers and champions.

Warwick's famous son Jackie Howe, who still holds the blade-shearing world record set in 1892 for 321 sheep shorn in a day, is recognised with two memorials in Warwick – a sandstone sculpture of the shearer in action sits in the rose garden outside Warwick Art Gallery, while a pod of wool bales with a giant set of blade shears atop sits in Jackie Howe Park at the northern entrance to town. See the action of Warwick's Pig & Calf Markets each Wednesday from 9am at McDougall's yards on the corner of Fitzroy and Lyons Streets.

Celebrate winter with the locals at the iconic Jumpers and Jazz in July Festival. The festival is a little bit of wacky, plenty of community spirit and a whole lot of country fun, celebrating

everything wonderful about the season. Over ten days, art takes over Warwick's CBD streets with 120 trees adorned with vivid, colourful and often very comical textile installations ranging from knitting and crochet to felting, weaving and inventive creations with recyclables. Fabulous jazz, markets, delicious tastes and bucket-loads of country hospitality make it a regional favourite.

To taste dishes featuring local produce, settle in at Bluebird Kitchen & Bar or the Little Gallery Café, both on Palmerin Street.

Don't miss Glengallan Homestead, some 19 kilometres north of Warwick. This grand old home has been uninhabited for more than half its lifetime and so it remains frozen in time. The 1867 two-storey sandstone Glengallan is an iconic heritage place, a rare example of a substantial 19th century country house in Queensland. Glengallan today is a tribute not only to its visionary builder and to 19th century craftsmen, but also to the 21st century team that brought it back to life through a delicately balanced restoration that enables the visitor to experience the best and the worst of its times.

The careful renovation has extended to the gardens with local historians taking care to re-create the garden bed shapes and plants that were present in the glory days of the homestead. The site has a café and tours are conducted – and if you time your visit you can catch the Glengallan Homestead markets, perfect for a browse and a wander through stalls of handmade craft and local produce. The markets are held on the first Sunday of the new season.

If you love heritage transport, plan a ride on the Southern Downs Steam Railway's powerful steam locomotive. The train makes twice-monthly excursions from Warwick to destinations such as Clifton, Toowoomba, Stanthorpe and Wallangarra, on the New South Wales border, and yearly longer overnight adventures further afield. For tour timetables visit sdsr.org.au.

If you're keen to throw in a line, try the Condamine River or enjoy shore fishing at Connolly Dam, a short drive south-east of Warwick off the New England Highway. Leslie Dam is a great picnic and swimming spot and is well stocked for shore and boat fishing.

A short drive north-east of Warwick you'll discover the Goomburra section of the World Heritage-listed Main Range National Park. Here you'll find flowing creeks, cascading waterfalls, prolific birdlife, koala colonies and walks through some of the best bush and temperate rainforests in the country.

The national park offers two open, grassy camping areas that hug Dalrymple Creek in the western foothills of the range.

Sunflowers, ALLORA

Warwick Rodeo & Gold Cup Campdraft

INSIDER TIP: There are three things you need to experience to really get a taste for our area: visit a local farm to see how food is produced, buy some of our food products to take home with you and eat at a café offering local food on the menu. Travel with the new *Southern Downs Food Map* created by our farmers especially for foodies, chefs and travellers. Visit southerndownsfoodmap.com.au. My pick of the farm tours is the Gleneden bullock team experience at Maryvale. You'll see bushcraft and a traditional bullock team in action and bring an esky so you can buy their chemical-free pastured pork, beef and lamb. Visit other farms on the map by appointment. In Warwick pop into Westside Foodworks, Pickle & Must Deli or Café Jacqui's for locally-sourced vinegars, jams, cheeses, apple juice and olives, or Percy's on Wood Street for seasonal fruit and vegies. Eat at the Little Gallery Café in Warwick or at Spring Creek Café near Killarney – both source as much local produce as possible – they know how fresh it is and who the farmers are.
Helen Lewis, *producer, Picots Farm, Cunningham, west of Warwick.*

From Warwick, it's an easy country drive to explore the villages of Allora, Maryvale, Leyburn, Yangan and Killarney.

ALLORA

The perfect rest stop, relax awhile in Allora and find out why it's known as the 'best little town on the Downs'. Its old-time streetscape beckons you to take a walk. You may know the author of *Mary Poppins*, PL Travers, lived in Allora as a child. Keep an eye out for Mary Poppins House (circa 1880) which was once the Australian Joint Stock Bank managed by her father Travers Goff, and a carved stone monument in her honour in the park.

You'll see many timber buildings typical of late 1800s and early 1900s architecture including the CBC Bank, the Railway Hotel, the old Shire Chambers, the Queensland National Bank, the Commercial Hotel and St David's Anglican Church.

Try one of the three historic pubs for lunch, or pick a spot for a tranquil break in the parks which line the Dalrymple Creek that meanders through the town.

MARYVALE

Thirty minutes from Warwick, this peaceful little town is surrounded by farmland and stunning natural beauty. You'll find horse riding, a traditional bullock team tour, and bushwalking amid rainforest and piccabeen palm groves, past waterfalls and bubbling creeks in nearby Main Range National Park. Camp or stay in family-style cabins to enjoy crisp mountain air and the cosy ambience of an open log fire.

LACE-UP YOUR HIKING BOOTS TO WALK OUR BEAUTIFUL TRACKS AND TRAILS

LEYBURN

Leyburn's stately heritage streets roar to life each August, when thousands come to watch cars race in the Historic Motor Sprints.

Stop for a beer, a yarn and some real country cooking at the historic Royal Hotel. It's one of Queensland's oldest continually licensed pubs, having celebrated its 150th birthday in 2013. You'll find a friendly sense of community at the Royal – the locals will tell you the fascinating history of the town over a cold beer and great pub grub.

Your heritage trail should include Leyburn School, circa 1862; Leyburn cemetery, St Matthew's Catholic Church and St Augustine's Anglican Church; Liberator Park which has a memorial to 'Z Special Unit' stationed here in World War II; and Leyburn airstrip, the site for the first Australian Motor Racing Grand Prix in 1949.

YANGAN

The village of Yangan sits on Swan Creek at the head of the picturesque Swanfels Valley. The town was developed to serve the industries of the Swanfels Valley, with a police station, school and church existing prior to 1884.

The sandstone used in many of Warwick's magnificent buildings including the police station and town hall, was quarried in this area.

The Yangan Masonic Hall, acquired by Yangan Lodge in 1912, was originally built as the School of Arts (circa 1898). Yangan Hotel is gaining a reputation for hearty Sunday morning breakfasts.

KILLARNEY

Killarney's rolling green hills, deep secluded valleys and dramatic waterfalls offer picture postcard views and the best scenic country drives in the region.

Once a timber and dairying town, it's now a thriving mixed-farming district known for its premium beef and lamb, potatoes, onions, grain and timber. The Killarney Heritage Centre has a good collection of local historical photos, documents and small artifacts and specialises in researching local family history.

Drive east into the mountains for Browns Falls, Daggs Falls and the spectacular Queen Mary Falls, where Spring Creek tumbles dramatically over a 40-metre cliff.

This tranquil little spot is perfect for a caravan or camping holiday in the mountains. Or you can stay in luxury cabins set in natural bush settings and experience all the beauty the area has to offer.

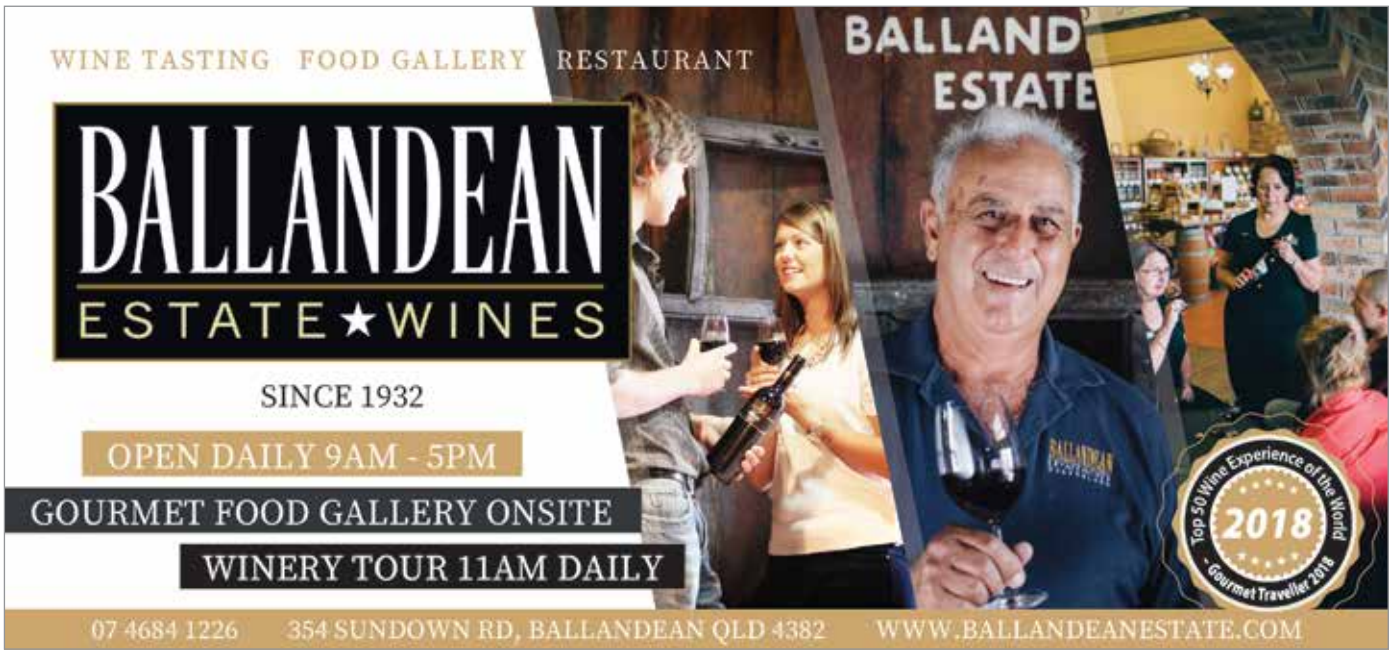
Of course no holiday is complete without a treat or two so make sure you try The Falls Café for gourmet burgers, Devonshire teas or some of their wonderful home baked cakes.

Nearby, next to Carr's Lookout, Spring Creek Mountain Café and Cottages offers fine cuisine featuring local produce served up with spectacular views from its vantage point 1,005 metres above sea level, overlooking some of Queensland's finest natural attractions – Condamine Gorge, Wilson's Peak, The Border Ranges and World Heritage-listed rainforest.

Keen walkers can join the 35 kilometre Spring Creek Mountain Trail which follows the old Rabbit Board Fence from near Killarney to the foothills of Wilson's Peak, over a manageable three days.

Not far from town, mountain bikers, horse riders, walkers and four-wheel drivers can explore the Condamine River Road's 14 River Crossings through the pretty Cambanoora Gorge. Note this is a multi-use, dry-weather only road.

Don't miss the opportunity to bring a picnic and relax in the grounds of beautiful Melrose Station on Killarney Picnic Basket Day, held each April.



STANTHORPE & THE GRANITE BELT

At the heart of the Granite Belt, Stanthorpe gives easy access to big sky panoramas, spectacular countryside dotted with precariously balancing prehistoric granite boulders and a generally cooler, temperate climate (there's even an occasional winter snowfall!).

Settled by tin miners in the 1870s, nowadays, thanks to its unique microclimate and granitic soil, the region is nationally recognised for its winemaking and diversity of produce. Look out for apples, pears, berries, stone fruit, persimmons, figs, olives and a huge range of vegetables in season.

Wander through Stanthorpe and surrounding villages and you'll also discover award-winning artisan bread and meat pies, gourmet outlets, locally cured meats and hand-made jams and preserves. You can also sample farmhouse cheeses, vinegars, olive oils and of course outstanding wines!

Grapes have been grown in the Granite Belt since the 1870s and the region is steadily developing a national reputation as a leading wine producer. You can taste whites including verdelho, semillon, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc; and classic full flavoured reds including shiraz, merlot and cabernet sauvignon varieties.

If you're more interested in the grain than the grape, tour Granite Belt Brewery to sample locally brewed, full-flavoured Pilsner, Porter, Kolsch, India Pale Ale and Irish Red Ale, then stay for their signature Brewers Platter – four dishes featuring local produce matched with four craft beers. Cheers!

Fancy a bit of barefoot grape crushing or getting to know the locals in a friendly apple peeling competition? The biennial Apple and Grape Harvest Festival, held each even numbered year in early March, celebrates the harvest. It also includes a Food and Wine Fiesta and Market in the Mountains.

Alternate years, plan to rug up and build a snowman at the Snowflakes in Stanthorpe Festival. Several local tour companies run year-round tours of the winery trail and other attractions. Bookings can be made at the Visitor Information Centre. Tours are particularly popular during winter months, known as the 'Brass Monkey Season'.

Stanthorpe and surrounds offer a variety of food experiences from country-style bakeries to gourmet providores, winery cafés and restaurants. Three to put on your list are The Barrelroom at Ballandean Estate, Essen on McGregor Terrace and Brinx Deli on Maryland Street.

Stanthorpe's 'make it, bake it, sew it or grow it' quality craft market is held on the second Sunday of each month at the Stanthorpe 'Market in the Mountains'. On the first Sunday of the month head to

Wallangarra Railway Station for The Border Railway Markets and breakfast at the café.

Keen foodies should look out for local meats, almonds and chestnuts, wild asparagus and wild fennel, with crops of saffron further enhancing the region's food culture.

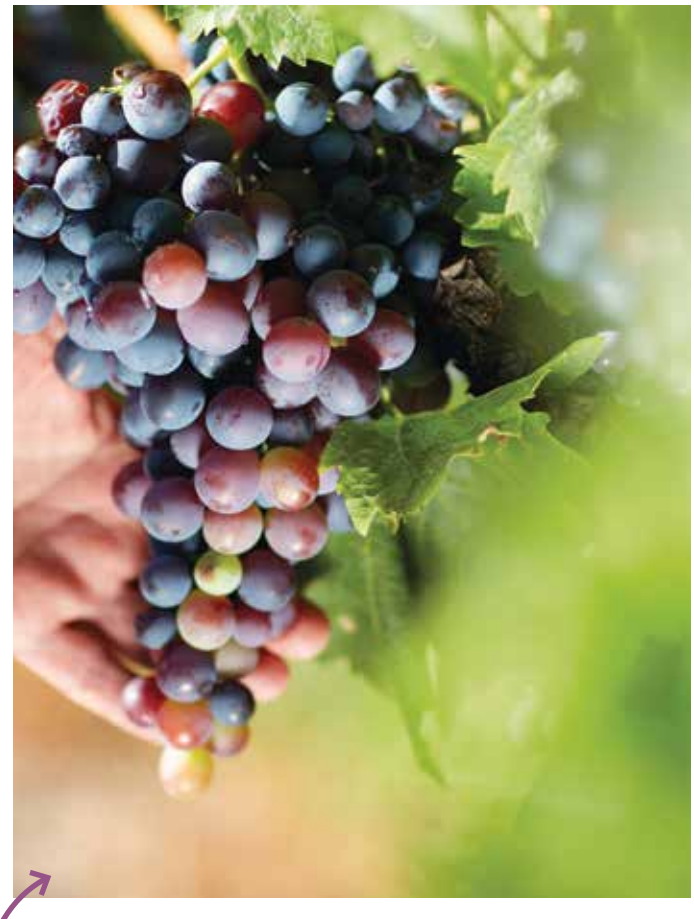
The Granite Belt is home to the Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT). You can taste wine at their Banca Ridge cellar door and relax over lunch featuring local produce at Varias Restaurant. You can join a winery tour, wine tasting and cooking demonstration Thursdays – Sundays from 10.30am.

The College's popular 'Winemaker for a Weekend' course immerses you in the wine making process and a sensational food and wine experience.

Check out what's on at the Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, renowned for its ever-changing exhibitions of national and local importance, featuring noted Australian established and emerging artists. The collection of almost 900 pieces includes everything from works on paper to ceramics and sculpture. The gallery is open six days a week; 10am – 4pm Tuesdays to Fridays (closed Mondays) and 10am – 1pm Saturdays and Sundays.

To trace the history of the Granite Belt, first visit the well-presented Stanthorpe and District Historical Museum. Then follow the Heritage Trail, which reveals significant historical landmarks and brings to life the stories of old. You'll discover Wallangarra Railway Station, the panoramic views of the Soldiers' Memorial built to mark the end of the Boer War; the beauty of Red Bridge; impressive historic buildings including El Arish (Place of Rest), the Federation Post Office, and the Masel Residence — one of Queensland's first examples of modern international architecture.

Just south of Stanthorpe, Girraween National Park is a favourite for bushwalkers and campers. It offers spectacular granite rock formations and stunning wildflower displays during spring. Girraween, meaning 'place of flowers', is ideal for families with a choice of easy short walks (15 minutes) through to longer



FOLLOW THE STRANGE BIRD ALTERNATIVE WINE TRAIL TO TASTE SOME OF THE REGION'S MORE UNUSUAL VARIETIES INCLUDING VIOGNIER, MOURVEDRE, TEMPERANILLO AND FIANO.

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walks (3 – 4 hours) through pristine bushland. Serious hikers can tackle challenging climbs like The Pyramid, The Sphinx and Turtle Rock.

The information centre offers a range of brochures about the park's animal and plant life, history and geography.

With peaks rising over 1000 metres, nearby Sundown National Park is largely wilderness. Although most of the park is four-wheel-drive territory, the campsites at the western corner are accessible by two-wheel-drive vehicles.

It's a brilliant walking and birdwatching destination. Keep your eye out for over 150 species including the turquoise parrot (a park specialty), azure kingfishers, diamond firetails and red-capped robins. You could also spot lace monitor lizards, eastern grey kangaroos and red-necked wallabies.

You'll spot many water birds at Storm King Dam, ten kilometres south-east of Stanthorpe. Take a picnic to this picturesque rural setting and throw in a line or paddle your canoe.

TOP WINERIES

James Halliday, Australia's most respected wine critic, rates these Granite Belt wineries highly:

★★★★★
EXCEPTIONAL
(long track record of excellence)
Boireann Wines

★★★★★
OUTSTANDING
Heritage Estate

★★★★½
Golden Grove Estate
Just Red Wines
Symphony Hill Wines

★★★★
Ridgemill Estate
Hidden Creek
Sirromet Wines
Robert Channon Wines

Diamondvale Cottages, STANTHORPE

Jester Hill Wines, STANTHORPE

INSIDER TIP: We are a very creative community in Stanthorpe. Please do visit us here at the regional art gallery — exhibitions change every six weeks and our collection includes local and international works and features some very famous artists such as Margaret Olley, William Robinson, Charles Blackman and Picasso. I also recommend you explore the public art around town — a quirky thing to do is to take a drive around the beautiful street art murals painted on public toilets at Storm King Dam, in Brock Park, Weeroona Park, Lions Park and Farley Street in Stanthorpe and in Lions Park in Wallangarra — what we affectionately call 'The Dunny Run'! For a street art map visit srag.org.au/stanthorpe-street-art.

To see the work of local artists, get along to a show at Artworks' Station Gallery at the Stanthorpe Railway Station café. It's next to the Whistlestop Community Garden — also a lovely experience where you can mix with the locals and learn how to grow fruit and vegetables according to the seasons. You can even buy freshly picked vegetables and plants on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
Mary Findlay, *Gallery Director, Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery*

From Dalveen in the north, through Ballandean to the border town of Wallangarra on the New England Highway, you'll discover many villages surrounding Stanthorpe. It's a small but interesting hop between each, adding up to a superbly satisfying journey.

DALVEEN

Head to Dalveen, a growing artisan village, to buy work by local artists and craftspeople including leadlight, handmade porcelain dolls and unique fashions. Providing access to wineries, eateries and local food providers, Granite Belt Drive runs parallel to the New England Highway connecting Dalveen to Applethorpe, just north of Stanthorpe.

THULIMBAH

Straddling the New England Highway at Thulimbah, a range of providores offer specialty items, local produce and meals. Here you're in the thick of 'apple country' — the only place in Queensland with just the right climate and growing conditions for premium apple orchards. Here you can buy apples direct from the growers. Drop into Sutton's Farm to sample apple products including cider and delicious apple pies. And of course it wouldn't be the Granite Belt if there wasn't a winery or two nearby!

Drop in to taste test award-winning vintages at Heritage Estate Wines' Cottonvale winery, or their old church cellar door at Thulimbah.

THE SUMMIT & APPLETHORPE

Amid vineyards and orchards, you'll also find the Granite Belt Maze and Queensland's highest railway station at The Summit. The area produces more than 100 varieties of wine, liqueurs and specialty products, including black truffles — a prized ingredient much sought after by chefs. You can learn about and taste them, and join a canine truffle hunt experience at the Truffle Discovery Centre.

At Granite Belt Christmas Farm in Applethorpe, you can select and take home a fresh pine tree in the lead-up to Christmas, or at any time of year (closed Feb) you can visit reindeer and other farm animals, shop for decorations at the Christmas boutique or savour a Belgian Hot Chocolate at Mrs Claus Kitchen.

AMIENS

Heading west along Amiens Road you'll find an area of post-World War I soldier settlements: Fleurbaix, Bullecourt, Passchendaele, Bapaume, Messines and Pozieres. Along this drive route are also many fine wineries. Be sure to taste the verdelho at Robert Channon Wines and stop for lunch at Paola's The Winemaker's Kitchen.

Near Pozieres follow the signs to a rock formation called Donnelly's Castle. You can picnic here and enjoy panoramic views from what was once a hideout of 'Thunderbolt', a bushranger who roamed the New England Tableland.

SEVERNLEA

Just south of Stanthorpe, the village of Severnlea is a centre for commercial fruit production and also topaz fossicking. You'll also find several wineries in the area, including Ridgemill Estate which offers cellar door tastings of Strange Bird varieties like tempranillo and saperavi and comfortable on-winery studio accommodation.

GLEN APLIN

Visit Jamworks Gourmet Foods Café and Larder for a meal or to taste and buy a wide selection of specialty products made on-site with only the freshest, best quality ingredients.

Glen Aplin is also home to a number of wineries. Drop into Jester Hill for a tasting at the cellar door and a tasty meal at The Winery Café.

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The Church: 9 Watson Road, Thulimbah, QLD 4375 – ***Cellar Door, Art Gallery, Lunch c1920***
Gallery Walk: 119 Long Road, Tamborine Mountain, QLD 4272 – ***Cellar Door***

Sutton's Farm, THULIMBAH

Lancubas Fruit Mart, APPLETHORPE

BALLANDEAN

Ballandean has the largest cluster of wineries on the Granite Belt. Stop over at Vineyard Cottages on the highway, then head west to Ballandean Estate and Golden Grove Estate. Head east to find Symphony Hill Wines, Twisted Gum Wines and Hidden Creek Winery & Café in the foothills of Girraween National Park.

WYBERBA

A few minutes' drive south from Ballandean, Wyberba is a small village alongside Girraween National Park. Try the gold medal award-winning 2015 Reserve Sagrantino at Balancing Rock Wines' cellar door. Drop into Heavenly Chocolate to be tempted by ice cream, local gourmet treats and more than 30 flavours of specialty chocolates. Stay in Wyberba or camp in the national park to explore a range of walking trails amid granite boulders towering above open forests.

Enjoy wildflowers in spring, climb The Pyramid for great views of Balancing Rock and immerse yourself in nature on more than 30 kilometres of walking trails.

WALLANGARRA

The village of Wallangarra is one of the most southern towns in Queensland and lies on the state border with New South Wales. It is a town split down the centre with half of the historic railway station in each state!

Experienced rock climbers can tackle Girraween National Park's highest point, Mount Norman from the day use area, a short drive from Wallangarra. The rugged beauty of Sundown National Park is also close by.

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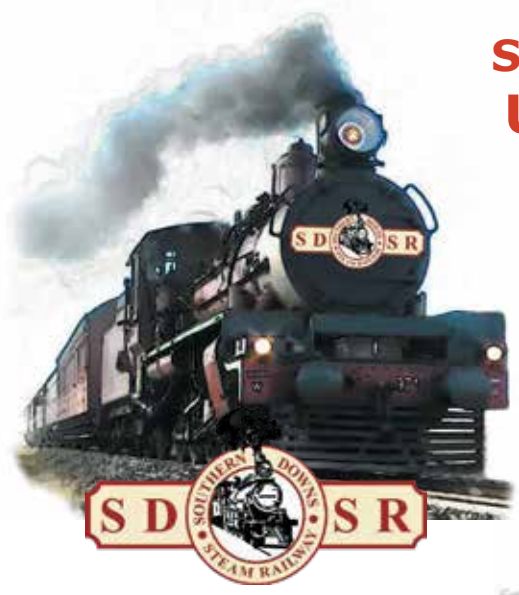

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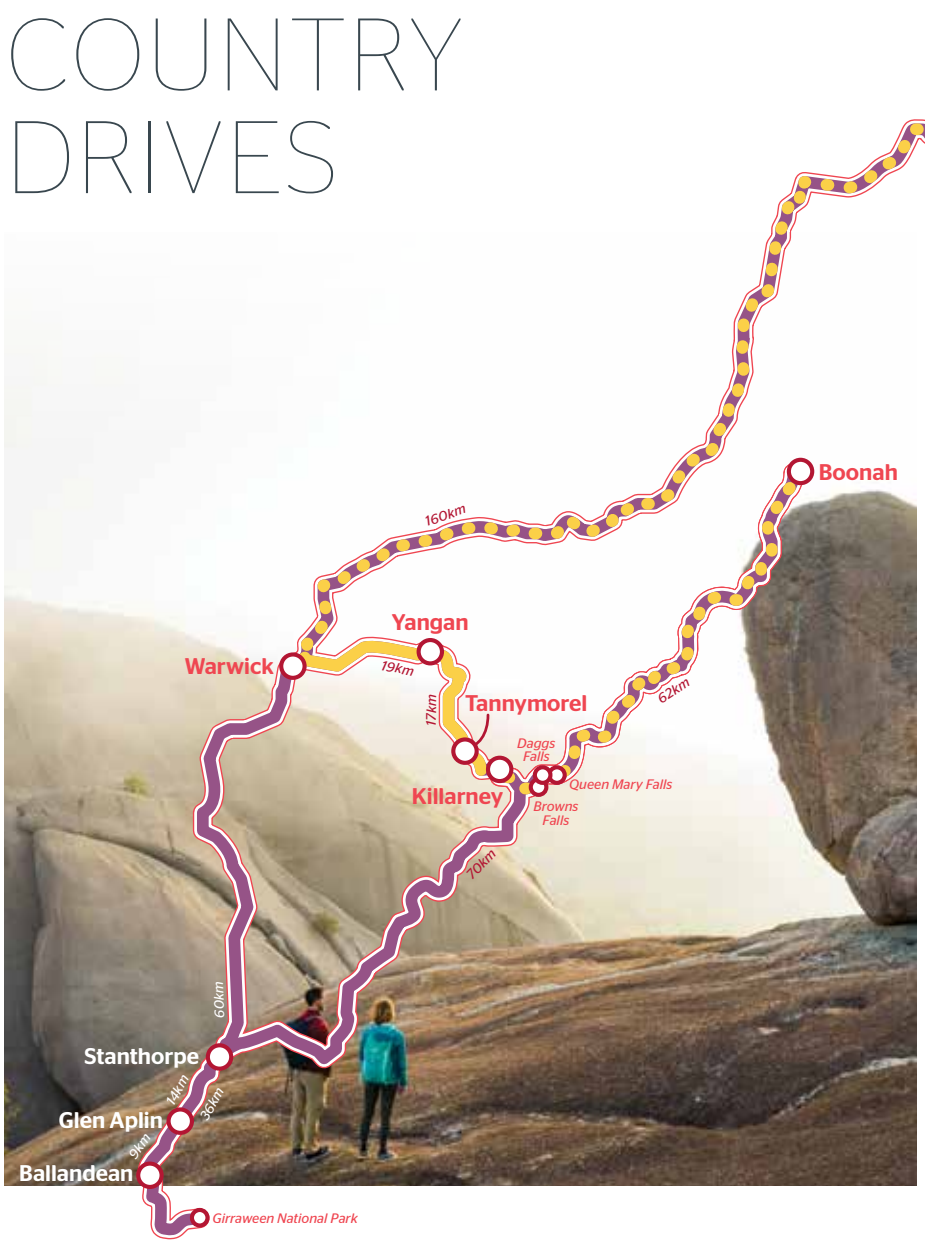


GRANITE BELT GETAWAY *3 Day Tour*

DESTINATIONS: Brisbane/ Warwick/ Stanthorpe/Girraween National Park/Killarney/The Falls Drive including Queen Mary Falls

DAY 1: Depart Brisbane for Stanthorpe via the Cunningham Highway. Stop off in Warwick for breakfast or morning tea at Bluebird Kitchen or Belle Vue Café. Continue on, stopping at Stanthorpe Cheese and Sutton's Farm to gather local gourmet supplies. Settle into a cottage, B&B or country motel overnight and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant or pub. Overnight Stanthorpe.

DAY 2: Rise early and head south to Girraween National Park to explore some of the 30km of granite walking tracks, gigantic boulders, creeks and spectacular views. Head back to Stanthorpe, sampling wineries and local food providores such as Heavenly Chocolate and Jamworks Gourmet Foods, Café and Larder along the way. Enjoy lunch at a local cellar door – such as Varias Restaurant at Banca Ridge Winery in Stanthorpe, or Jester Cafe at Jester Hill Wines, Glen Aplin. Hot tip: book a day or half day tour to be shown around by a local who will also do the driving! Settle in for dinner with matching beers at Granite Belt Brewery. Overnight Stanthorpe.

DAY 3: Depart Stanthorpe early for Killarney. Embark on The Falls Drive along Spring Creek Road taking in three plunge waterfalls – Browns, Daggs and the 40 foot drop of magnificent Queen Mary Falls. Lunch at Spring Creek Mountain Café with views of Cambanoora Gorge. More great views at nearby Carr's Lookout. Continue on Spring Creek Road and Tourist Drive 21 toward Boonah and on to Brisbane.

SOUTHERN DOWNS WARWICK WEEKENDER

2 Day Tour

DESTINATIONS: Brisbane/Warwick/ Yangan/Tannymorel/Killarney/The Falls Drive including Queen Mary Falls

DAY 1: Travel from Brisbane to Warwick, exploring the local town and its colourful history. Visit Pringle Cottage, Warwick Art Gallery, Australian Rodeo Heritage Centre and other historical sites. Visit local farms listed on the *Southern Downs Food Map* or if time permits, take a ride on the Southern Downs Steam Railway. Pre-book high tea (morning tea or lunch) and do a tour at 120-year-old Abbey of the Roses country house. Visit country shops on the high street and take a sunset walk by the stunning Condamine River. Enjoy dinner at Bluebird Kitchen or a local pub. Overnight in a country motel, B&B or nearby farmstay.

DAY 2: Head off on the Settlers Route, a historical journey taking you through stunning scenery via small townships including Yangan and Tannymorel. Continue on to Killarney, stopping in town to browse the work of local artists at Willow Gallery. Pop into Veronica's On Willow for morning tea before following the signs to The Falls Drive Route, taking in Browns Falls, Daggs Falls and Queen Mary Falls. Have a casual lunch at Queen Mary Falls Café and feed the native birds or enjoy a leisurely meal featuring local produce and soaring views of Cambanoora Gorge at Spring Creek Mountain Café. Visit Carr's Lookout, a minute's walk away for more stunning views. Return to Warwick or continue to Brisbane via Boonah.

Bluebird Kitchen, WARWICK

SOUTH BURNETT

BUNYA MOUNTAINS, KINGAROY & SURROUNDS

You'll find all the ingredients for a great country holiday in the South Burnett. A good mix of places to stay and a warm welcome from the locals is just the start.

There's an exciting wine trail to explore, red soil paddocks yielding fine local produce, easy access to the wildlife, waterfalls and walking trails of the Bunya Mountains, and night skies twinkling with stars. Escaping here means good family times, getting back to nature, fresh air and freedom.

HIT THE WINE TRAIL

From here you can explore one of Australia's most exciting boutique wine regions. With a low-humidity climate similar to the acclaimed Hunter Valley, the South Burnett is ideally suited for grape cultivation. The first vines were planted in 1995 and now you can visit and taste wine at a number of cellar doors nearby.

You can taste and learn about a variety of wines direct from the winemakers at wineries ranging from some of the State's largest to small boutique vineyards. Verdelho is the region's signature varietal, along with all the usual favourites, and exciting alternative varieties, such as sangiovese and viognier.

TRY OUR LOCAL FOOD

Renowned for peanuts (you can't miss the towering silos in the town centre), the region's rich soils and lush pastures also yield produce ranging from dragon fruit, ginger, stone fruit and avocados to tasty capers, pumpkins, beef and Barkers Creek Pork.

Whether you love them chocolate-coated, boiled, roasted or flavoured – try the local peanuts at the iconic Peanut Van. Kingaroy's rich soils also produce many other crops.

You'll find a variety of cafés and good pub food in town. Try U Café & Grill or a hearty counter meal at the Commercial Hotel or the Carrollee Hotel. Sample homestyle meals, local jams, chutneys, honey and buttery pumpkin scones at Whipbird Café, set in an old church at Coolabunia, just 10 minutes from Kingaroy. Head to Pottique Lavender Farm for Devonshire tea featuring lavender-flavoured tea and scones.

Star gazers, set your sights on the Kingaroy Astronomical Observatory at Kingaroy Airport. Tours are available daily.

If cycling is your passion, explore the 89km South Burnett Rail Trail through farmlands and bush from Kingaroy north to Kilkivan – visit or overnight in Wondai, Murgon or Goomeri along the route.

KINGAROY

Surrounded by picturesque farmlands and low rolling hills, Kingaroy is the largest town in this diverse and beautiful region. Well serviced by numerous large retail chains, and many services that you would expect to find in larger towns, Kingaroy offers a variety of accommodation from modern motels, cabins and caravan parks to cosy B&Bs, self-contained retreats, vineyard cottages and farm stays.

BOOIE RANGE

What a view! On the northern outskirts of Kingaroy, the Booie Range is fast gaining a reputation as a tourist must-do thanks to wineries, cellar doors, dining and boutique accommodation.

The Range offers majestic panoramic views spanning hundreds of kilometres – north-east beyond Bjelke-Petersen Dam toward Gympie; overlooking east toward Amamoor, Kandanga and Coolum; and north toward Kenilworth. At some 600 metres above sea level, it's a prime vantage point to appreciate the vastness and beauty of the area.

THE BUNYA MOUNTAINS

Kingaroy offers easy access to the majestic Bunya Mountains, which, at an elevation of over 1,100 metres above sea level, are the region's high point. Less than an hour from either Maidenwell or Kingaroy, via Kumbia, this natural wonderland is an offshoot

of the Great Dividing Range formed about 30 million years ago and shelters the largest ancient bunya pine forest in the world today.

Traditionally, Aboriginal tribes used the Mountains as a meeting place. They feasted seasonally on roasted bunya nuts collected from the pines. Each protein-rich egg-shaped nut can be up to 30cm long and weigh 10kg.

Declared a national park in 1908, it is the second oldest in Queensland. You'll discover a mix of moist, dense subtropical and dry sclerophyll rainforest, waterfalls, grasslands, open forests and woodlands. Take to the walking trails to see native wildlife, wallabies and pademelons as well as 121 species of birds including brilliantly coloured king parrots, satin bowerbirds and crimson rosellas. The area offers the quiet allure of a retreat environment for families, groups and couples. You'll feel the seasons change in the mountains. Summer days are pleasantly warm, wildflowers and new growth signal spring, the trees change hue during autumn and in winter a mountain chalet is just the place to relax in front of a cosy crackling fire.

You'll find everything you need for a day trip or an extended stay – coffee shops, licensed tea rooms, restaurant, general store, campsites, cabins and holiday houses. The Bunya Mountains Markets are held on the last Sunday of the month from 9am – 2pm.

BLACKBUTT

The distinctive song of the bellbird can be heard in the natural surrounds of Blackbutt, a pretty town, rich in history and heritage and framed by native flora and mountain views. Bushwalkers, cyclists and horse riders can use the Blackbutt Rail Trail entrance to access the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail – the Trail can also be accessed from the Rail Head at Yarraman – refer to the Yarraman section for more detail. Blackbutt is also a great place to join the Bicentennial National Trail, a trail open to walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders which links up over 5,000 kilometres of old stock routes along the Great Dividing Range from Victoria to Tropical North Queensland.

In town, next to the park, you'll find the Visitor Information Centre housed in a replica of an old slab hut.

Don't miss Blackbutt Bakery for wood-fired bread and tasty pies and drop into the Blackbutt Art Gallery (which also operates a regional cellar door). Spend some time browsing memorabilia and photographs at the Roy Emerson Museum, which celebrates the achievements of this locally-raised, international tennis champ. Roy won 12 Grand Slam finals, 16 men's doubles titles and eight Davis Cup titles.

Cosy accommodation can be found at a range of quality establishments. If you're travelling in September get along to the Blackbutt Avocado Festival – a vibrant celebration of agriculture, the beauty of the countryside and the local creative community.

YARRAMAN

Fringed by hoop pine plantation forests, bunya pines and picturesque grazing countryside, the timber town of Yarraman sits at the junction of the D'Aguilar and New England Highways. Hotel/motel, B&B, caravan park and cabin accommodation is available.

You'll find a wealth of local information at Yarraman Heritage and Information Centre along with historical buildings and a museum.

Commencing at the Yarraman Rail Head, with entry points in Blackbutt, Benarkin, Linville and Moore, walkers, cyclists and horse riders can see nature at a relaxed pace on this beautiful part of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail. The 161 kilometre recreation trail follows the old Brisbane Valley railway line along the western side of the Brisbane River, meandering through small towns and agricultural landscapes and concluding at Wulkuraka, west of Ipswich. Closed to vehicles, the trail is one the best places to see the elusive, endangered, ground dwelling black-breasted button-quail, which has been sighted in hoop pine thickets.

MAIDENWELL

Maidenwell is a charming village at the gateway to the Bunya Mountains. Stop in at the quaint country pub for a beer or relax over lunch and a coffee at the Maidenwell Trading Post (home to locally-grown Yalbury Olive products). The magnificent Coomba Falls is just out of town.

Bunya Mountains National Park

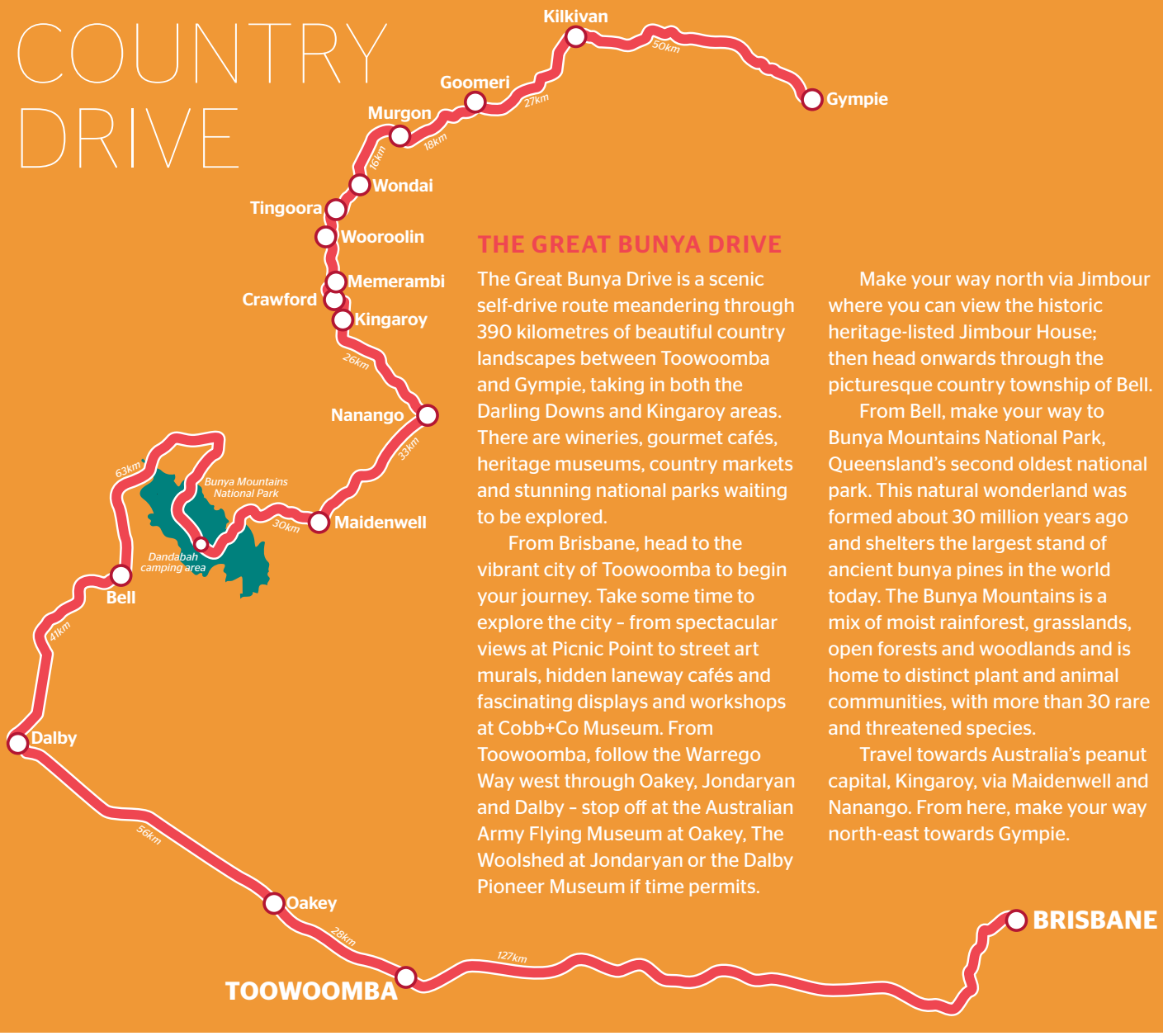
MUST DO

- Tour the region's **vineyards and cellar doors**
- Walk, cycle or horse ride the old **Brisbane Valley Rail Trail — Yarraman to Moore,** crossing the **Blackbutt Range Walk,** bird watch and breathe fresh air in the **Bunya Mountains**
- Relax in country comfort at a B&B or cottage in **Kingaroy, Booie** or **Blackbutt**
- Connect with nature at **Coomba Falls'** hidden waterhole near **Maidenwell**

MUST SEE

- The nest of the bower bird adorned with collected blue ornaments — **Bunya Mountains**
- Browse **local markets, interactive museums** and **artisan galleries**

COUNTRY DRIVE



THE GREAT BUNYA DRIVE

The Great Bunya Drive is a scenic self-drive route meandering through 390 kilometres of beautiful country landscapes between Toowoomba and Gympie, taking in both the Darling Downs and Kingaroy areas. There are wineries, gourmet cafés, heritage museums, country markets and stunning national parks waiting to be explored.

From Brisbane, head to the vibrant city of Toowoomba to begin your journey. Take some time to explore the city – from spectacular views at Picnic Point to street art murals, hidden laneway cafés and fascinating displays and workshops at Cobb+Co Museum. From Toowoomba, follow the Warrego Way west through Oakey, Jondaryan and Dalby – stop off at the Australian Army Flying Museum at Oakey, The Woolshed at Jondaryan or the Dalby Pioneer Museum if time permits.

Make your way north via Jimbour where you can view the historic heritage-listed Jimbour House; then head onwards through the picturesque country township of Bell.

From Bell, make your way to Bunya Mountains National Park, Queensland's second oldest national park. This natural wonderland was formed about 30 million years ago and shelters the largest stand of ancient bunya pines in the world today. The Bunya Mountains is a mix of moist rainforest, grasslands, open forests and woodlands and is home to distinct plant and animal communities, with more than 30 rare and threatened species.

Travel towards Australia's peanut capital, Kingaroy, via Maidenwell and Nanango. From here, make your way north-east towards Gympie.

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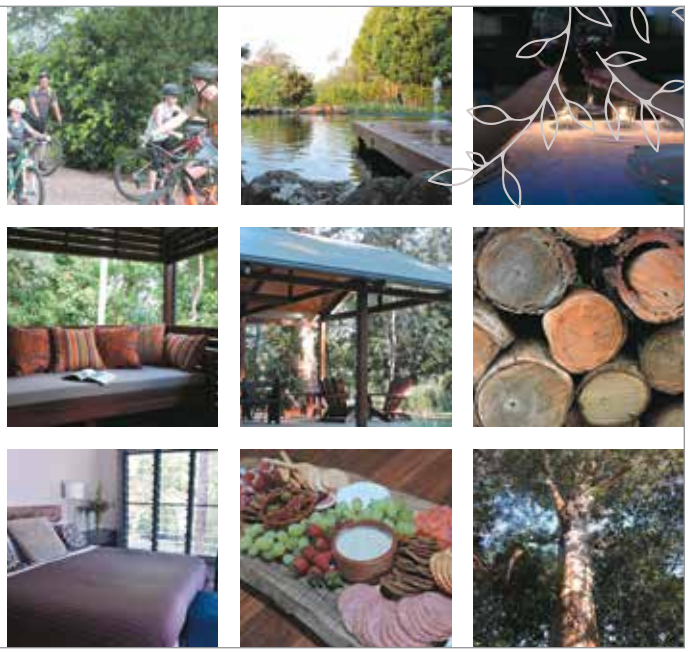


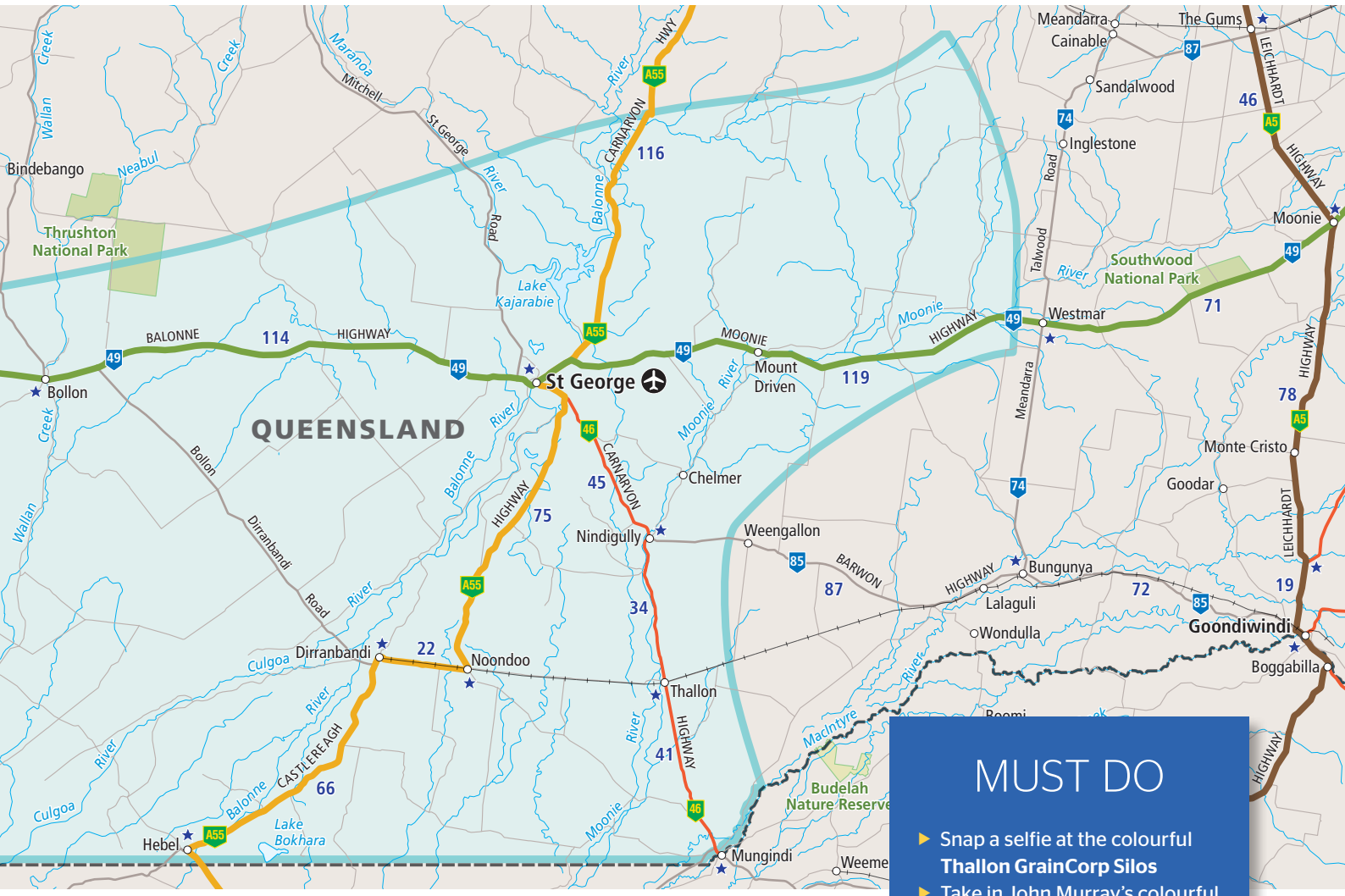
ST GEORGE & SURROUNDS

From the moment you arrive to the time you leave, St George relaxes the senses in all the right ways. Perched on the banks of the mighty Balonne River, it's just the place from which to explore the beautiful Balonne Shire.

Stretch your car-weary legs and take in the breeze on the shady riverbank walkway flanking the town. Below the Jack Taylor Weir is where explorer Major Thomas Mitchell crossed the Balonne River back in 1846 and gave St George its name.

Better still, pack a few drinks and nibbles and jump onboard a Sandytown River Cruise. As you idle down the river, sit back and enjoy the views and abundant birdlife including pelicans, cockatoos and eagles. Book a leisurely afternoon cruise, fishing tour or full moon evening cruise.

Keen anglers won't be disappointed. The Balonne Shire has a reputation for the best inland fishing in Queensland, with no fewer than seven river systems traversing it. Settle in at the riverbank for a quiet afternoon in search of the great Murray cod and yellowbelly. If you're looking for a quiet spot to picnic and throw in a line, join the locals at Beardmore Dam or Jack Taylor Weir.



There is no shortage of fishing events to keep the family entertained; Dirranbandi Family Fishing Competition over Easter, Dirranbandi Carp Buster in October and the annual St George Family Fishing Competition in September.

If country music is your thing then head to St George in July for the Yellowbelly Country Music Festival. It's a great week filled with country music, bush ballads and other fun activities. There's a range of accommodation options including caravan parks, hotels, motels or the St George showgrounds.

To learn more about the local cotton and grape industry join a Cotton Farm & Vineyard Tour in St George. On-board commentary is provided by local farmers as you tour a fully operational cotton farm and vineyard. Afterwards, settle in for a personalised wine tasting, lunch and live entertainment in a relaxed country garden setting.

History buffs will enjoy the St George Heritage Tour, taking in the town's key landmarks, colourful stories and local legends, progressing to the history of Anchorage Homestead and Heritage Centre and finishing with a delicious lunch in the gardens of Riversands Wines. If you're interested in local indigenous art, hear the stories behind each painting on an artist-led tour of the Mani Tribes Gallery.

The Balonne Shire is home to a diverse range of birds – more than 240 species at last count! St George Visitor Information Centre offers a one hour free bird watching tour and a brochure of the region's spectacular birds.

Dip your toes in the warm waters at the new Balonne Artesian Thermal Hot Springs at St George Baths. It's the perfect way to relax after a day exploring the region.

You'll have a whole new appreciation for the humble emu egg when you see it carved into a stunning, illuminated piece of art at The Unique Egg in St George. Local character and artisan

MUST DO

- Snap a selfie at the colourful **Thallon GrainCorp Silos**
- Take in John Murray's colourful artwork at the **Hebel Hotel**
- Sip wine at Queensland's most western vineyard **– Riversands Wines**
- Tackle a 5.5 kilo road train burger at the **Nindigully Pub**
- Savour the flavours at the **Russian Bakery in Dirranbandi**

MUST SEE

- Touch a piece of colonial history at the **One Ton Post in Mungindi**
- Marvel at 'Murray', the cod sculpture in **St George**
- Admire hand-carved emu eggs at the **Unique Egg, St George**
- Enjoy spectacular sunset views onboard a **river cruise in St George**
- Uncover local history at the **Bollon Heritage Centre**

Steve Margaritis – or 'Stavros' as we know him – hand carves an amazing variety of patterns and scenes on each egg.

Down our tree-lined streets you'll find great coffee, gourmet delis, award-winning restaurants and quality pub grub. And don't miss a visit to the most westerly winery in Queensland – Riversands Wines. While away the afternoon with a free, personalised wine tasting at the cellar door followed by scones and home-made jam or a cheese platter and a glass of wine in their shady country garden.

NINDIGULLY

Just 45 kilometres south-east of St George, 'The Gully' as it's locally known, is pretty much four houses and a pub on a riverbank. But what a pub, what a view and what characters you'll find! Perched on the banks of the Moonie River, Nindigully Pub (established in 1864) vies for the position of Queensland's oldest continually licensed pub. You'll have no trouble unwinding on the verandah of the pub as it hums with the chatter of travellers and locals alike, enjoying happy hour and live acoustic music.

Pack your appetite as the challenge of the 'road train' awaits – a whopper burger, big enough to feed four adults or a family of two adults and four kids! If you're in for a challenge tackle the semi-trailer of burgers, the 'real big mack' which feeds 40 people!

Park the van or pitch a tent for a few days alongside the tree-lined Moonie River at the Nindigully Tourist and Visitor Area (free camping), located just below the Nindigully Pub. Toilets and showers are available here.

PAINTED IN THALLON IN 2017, THIS SILO MURAL WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN QUEENSLAND AND THE 10TH ADDITION TO THE AUSTRALIAN SILO ART TRAIL

2020 EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN OFF-ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS: ST GEORGE 399
3 – 5 Apr, ST GEORGE | **aorc.com.au/stgeorge**

EASTER IN THE VINES
11 – 12 Apr, ST GEORGE | **riversandswines.com**

YELLOWBELLY COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL
29 Jun – 5 Jul, ST GEORGE

GRAZING AT THE WATERING HOLE
5 Sep, THALLON | **grazingatthewateringhole.com.au**

NINDIGULLY PIG RACES
28 Nov, NINDIGULLY | **nindigullypub.com**

Unique Egg, ST GEORGE

THALLON

INSIDER TIP: The perfect fix after a day of travelling is to take a revitalising dip in our new artesian thermal hot springs pool at the St George Pool complex. The artesian spring water is heated to a pleasant 34 degrees, so it's a really relaxing way to wind down and you can then cool off in our 50 metre pool. It's the newest stop on the outback thermal springs trail and the locals love it!
David Blacket, *Owner, Riversands Wines*

Further south from Nindigully, head to the township of Thallon, where you'll find a relaxed free camping area complete with toilets and showers at the Thallon Recreational Grounds. Thallon's town park is a perfect place to stop and break the drive with shady trees and facilities including a playground, picnic tables, free electric BBQ and toilets.

The park features a granite 'Anzac Digger' war memorial statue and a new sculpture 'William the Wombat', a two-metre-tall replica of the critically endangered northern hairy-nosed wombat. Snap a selfie and learn about the species' unique connection to Thallon.

The Francis Hotel is a pub not to pass! It serves home-style food and barista made espresso coffee. Browse the historic photographs and artefacts lining the pub walls; buy a recently issued Thallon Silos stamp and write a postcard to family or friends and post it at the post office located within the pub.

Find maps and brochures at the pub's visitor information stand to plan your next adventure. Pick up the 'Old Town' self-guided walking tour brochure to bring to life Bullamon, the once-vast pastoral station on which Thallon now stands.

You can't miss the impressive Thallon Silo mural 'The Watering Hole' depicting local icons – the Moonie River, an amazing sunset, agricultural scenes and a scarred tree recognising Thallon's indigenous heritage. The striking image by artists Joel Fergie 'The Zookeeper' and Travis Vinson 'Drapl' takes inspiration from the works of three local photographers: Chantel McAlister's 'First Light', The Moonie River by Lila Brosnan and Gary Petrie's shot of two pale-faced rosellas.

HEBEL

In the little town of Hebel it feels like time has stood still, leaving behind tales of the Ned Kelly gang, Cobb & Co and dance halls. Hebel Hotel is a gem of a country pub. Colourful artwork by John Murray adorns the front of the pub, with the interior decked out in recycled furniture made from reclaimed bush finds. It's the kind of quirky place you'll want to linger to get to know the locals over a cold beer. Hebel General Store and Caravan Park has kept much of its original 1890s dancehall character and offers amazing home cooked cakes, desserts and meals. By night it's a restaurant under the stars complete with white tablecloths and flowers on the tables.

Stay at one of the affordable caravan sites or cabins and use Hebel as your base for visiting Culgoa Floodplain National Park. It's a good birdwatching day trip or if you're set up for bush camping, stay a few days. This is nature at its best, so be prepared to be totally self-sufficient.

DIRRANBANDI

En route to Hebel, stop for a coffee, a shop and a look around Dirranbandi, the town that marks the end of the South West rail line. As you

enter town you'll pass by the levee bank, which is famous for having saved the town from flooding on more than one occasion. Take in the magnitude of Cubbie Station on a guided tour of the farm. If you're looking for a quiet spot to picnic, throw in a line, or stretch your legs, then head to Jack Dwyer Memorial Park on the edge of town.

On a visit to Railway Park, you'll find the old waiting room, the original parcels office and the 1913 Station Master's residence, which is now the Rural Transaction Centre and provides visitor information. A bronze statue in the centre of town celebrates the remarkable story of Aboriginal man Tom Dancey, the 1910 winner of Australia's most famous foot race, the Stawell Gift.

MUNGINDI

In the thick of the bush just outside of Mungindi, the One Ton Post stands out as a remarkable physical monument erected by surveyor JB Cameron to mark the end of the arduous three year task of surveying the straight section of the Queensland/New South Wales border, from Cameron Corner to the Barwon River.

The One Ton Post was placed on the west bank of the Barwon River near Mungindi to mark the end of the survey of the 29th parallel (degree of latitude) in October 1881.

Mungindi straddles the Barwon River, with either side of the river marking the border between Queensland and New South Wales. On the northern outskirts of Mungindi sits the iconic sandstone Two Mile Hotel.

While you're having your beer, check out the lacquered mahogany bar with charred shrapnel embedded in it; they're the only remnants of the fire that destroyed the original hotel back in 2010. The pub was originally established in 1908. The '2 Mile', as it's locally known, offers a handful of motel rooms and backpacker accommodation.

BOLLON

The soil gets redder as you approach the great little western town of Bollon, sitting on the banks of the peaceful Wallam Creek.

At the free caravan and camping area there are toilets and showers and plenty of shady spaces to park the van for a few days on the edge of the picturesque creek. An easy 1.2 kilometre stroll along the creek-side walkway provides access to the little town's main street. Have your camera ready, as Bollon is famous for emus strolling the streets.

If you do one thing in town, spend the afternoon retracing Bollon's rural history at the Heritage Centre or browse around the historical shearing display at Deb's Café. For the serious campers and four-wheel-drive enthusiasts, Thrushton National Park is 60 kilometres north.

As the sign on the Bollon Pub aptly sums up, 'there are no strangers here, just friends you haven't met yet'.

THE NORTH WESTERN FISHING TRAIL

8 Day Tour ***see route map on page 66***

DESTINATIONS: Lake Cressbrook/Highfields/Dalby/Chinchilla/Condamine/Miles/Injune/Roma/Mitchell/Yuleba

DAY 1: Fish and camp overnight at Lake Cressbrook – fishing permit required.

DAY 2: Depart Lake Cressbrook for Dalby – grab breakfast in Hampton or Toowoomba on the way. Fish at Loudoun Bridge on the Condamine River and camp here overnight or head back to Dalby.

DAY 3: Off to the Jandowae Dam and then on to Archers Crossing just outside Chinchilla. Have a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon fishing before making your way to accommodation in Chinchilla.

DAY 4: See the sunrise at the Chinchilla Weir and fish until hunger gets the better of you. Have a pub lunch in downtown Chinchilla before making your way to Caliguel Lagoon at Condamine. Spend the night at the Lagoon or enjoy a local farmstay experience.

DAY 5: Leave Condamine and make your way to Gil Weir at Miles. Have lunch in Miles and then travel on to Injune via Roma. Stay the night and make sure to pick up some supplies for tomorrow.

DAY 6: Leave for Lake Nuga Nuga and spend the morning fishing. Have a picnic lunch and then travel to Roma. Stay in Roma for the night and experience the Big Rig night show or meet locals in one of the numerous pubs.

DAY 7: Travel a bit further west to Mitchell, and visit the Great Artesian Spa. Pick up some more supplies, and continue your relaxing day with some fishing at Neil Turner Weir before camping the night.

DAY 8: Say farewell to Mitchell and travel to Yuleba. Have a picnic lunch in Yuleba and spend the afternoon fishing at Judd's Lagoon. Stay the night at the Lagoon or make your way to Miles.

Camping at BOLLON

COUNTRY DRIVES

CECIL PLAINS TO TARA FISHING TOUR *7 Day Tour*

DESTINATIONS: Cecil Plains/ Millmerran/Goondiwindi/Nindigully/ Thallon/Dirranbandi/St George/Surat/ Meandarra/Tara

DAY 1: Begin your Western Country fishing adventure at the Cecil Plains Weir. After a few hours in the fresh air take your appetite to Millmerran for a bite to eat and stock up on supplies. After lunch travel to Yarramalong Weir for an afternoon of relaxed fishing. Stay the night at the Weir or make your way back to Millmerran and enjoy some local hospitality.

DAY 2: Head off early for Goondiwindi Town Common which is good for bank fishing. Spend the morning fishing then catch lunch in Goondiwindi. Spend the afternoon fishing the Macintyre River and overnight in town.

DAY 3: Leave Goondiwindi for Lalguli Reserve near Talwood for your morning fishing fix. Make your way to Nindigully, have a bite to eat at the famous pub and spend the afternoon fishing the banks of the Moonie River. Overnight at the Nindigully Pub or camp on the banks of the river.

DAY 4: From Nindigully follow the path of the Moonie River to Thallon and wet a line at Old Bullamon Bridge. Enjoy lunch at the local pub then head to Dirranbandi for a spot of fishing at the Balonne Minor Bridge. Mid-afternoon drive to Wallam Creek at Bollon and spend the evening camping under a starry sky.

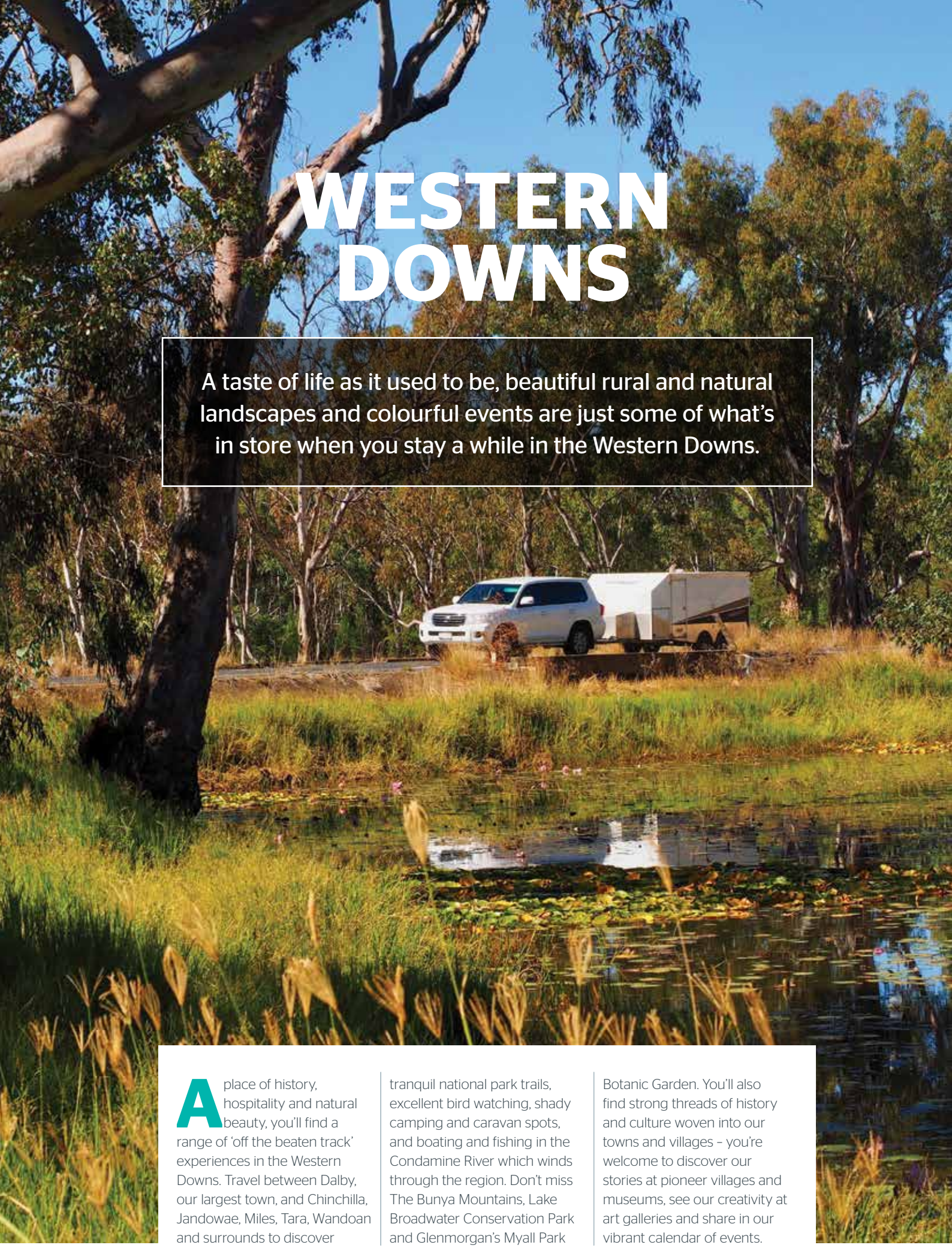
DAY 5: Travel to the Jack Taylor Weir at St George for a spot of morning fishing. Head into town for lunch and then on to Beardmore Dam. Spend the night in St George and indulge in some authentic country tucker.

DAY 6: Say farewell to St George and make your way to Bingi Crossing just past Surat. Have lunch in town and then on to Beldene Waterhole. Travel back to your accommodation in Surat for the night.

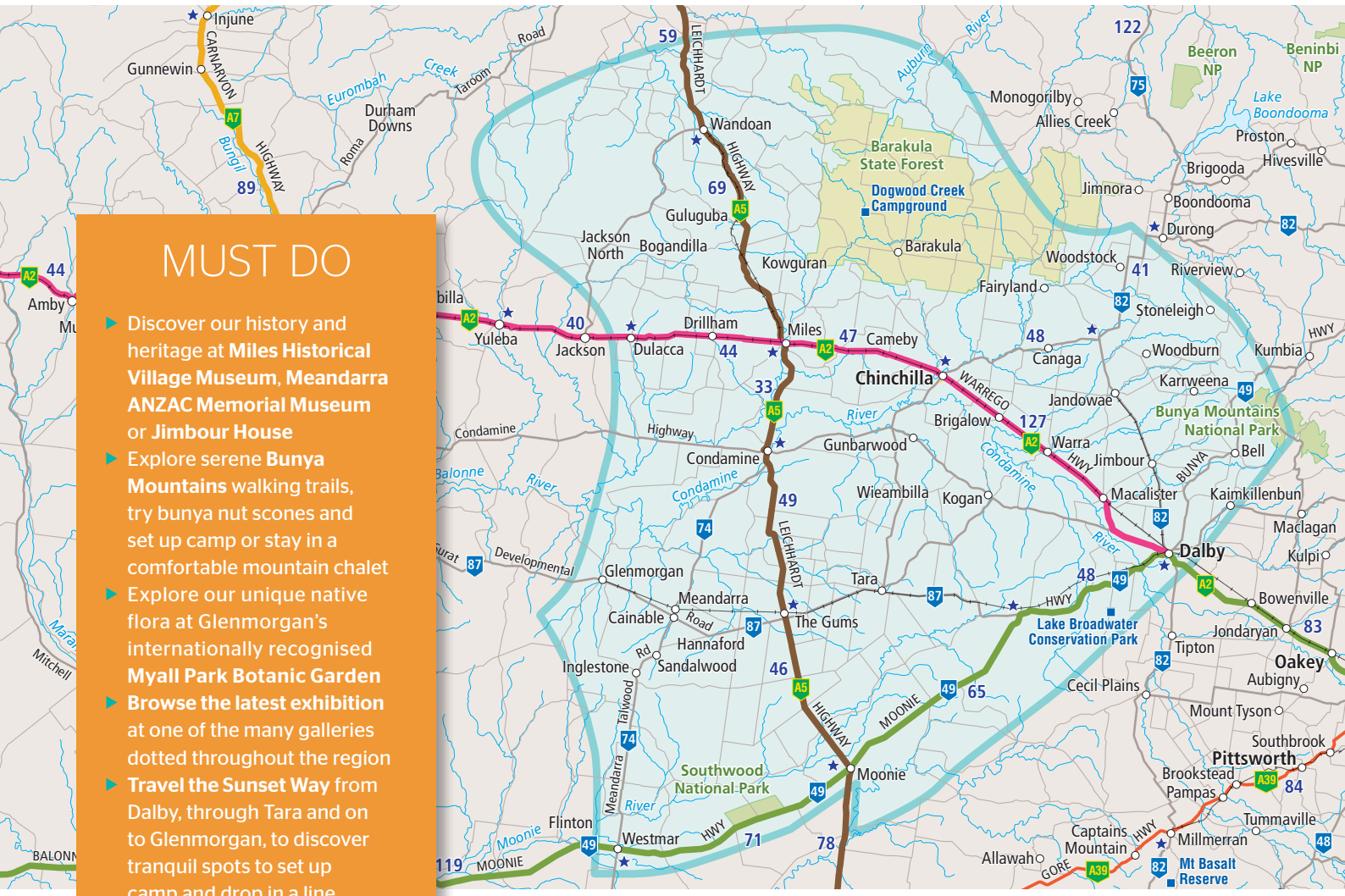
DAY 7: Leave Surat and head for Brigalow Creek at picturesque Meandarra. After lunch it's on to Tara Lagoon for an afternoon of fishing. Overnight in Tara before heading home or on to your next adventure.

WESTERN DOWNS

A taste of life as it used to be, beautiful rural and natural landscapes and colourful events are just some of what's in store when you stay a while in the Western Downs.



A place of history, hospitality and natural beauty, you'll find a range of 'off the beaten track' experiences in the Western Downs. Travel between Dalby, our largest town, and Chinchilla, Jandowae, Miles, Tara, Wandoan and surrounds to discover tranquil national park trails, excellent bird watching, shady camping and caravan spots, and boating and fishing in the Condamine River which winds through the region. Don't miss The Bunya Mountains, Lake Broadwater Conservation Park and Glenmorgan's Myall Park Botanic Garden. You'll also find strong threads of history and culture woven into our towns and villages – you're welcome to discover our stories at pioneer villages and museums, see our creativity at art galleries and share in our vibrant calendar of events.



MUST DO

- Discover our history and heritage at **Miles Historical Village Museum**, **Meandarra ANZAC Memorial Museum** or **Jimbour House**
- Explore serene **Bunya Mountains** walking trails, try bunya nut scones and set up camp or stay in a comfortable mountain chalet
- Explore our unique native flora at Glenmorgan's internationally recognised **Myall Park Botanic Garden**
- **Browse the latest exhibition** at one of the many galleries dotted throughout the region
- **Travel the Sunset Way** from Dalby, through Tara and on to Glenmorgan, to discover tranquil spots to set up camp and drop in a line

MUST SEE

- Snap a selfie at **Chinchilla's Big Melon** and relax in the **Botanic Parklands**
- Beautiful **Bell Biblical Gardens** featuring unique mosaics and sculptures amid olive, apple, palm, cedar and cypress trees
- Hit the heritage trail to explore Dalby's historic buildings and **Pioneer Park Museum**
- **Monty's Garage and Vintage Car Museum** in Glenmorgan houses an impressive collection of vintage cars and trucks
- Dawn bird watching at **Wandoan's Waterloo Plain Environmental Park** or **Lake Broadwater** to see ducks, moorhens, grebes, cormorants, darters, herons, swans, stilts, jabirus and brolgas

Pick up Western Downs self-drive tour brochures, fishing and wildflower trail guides from Visitor Information Centres in Dalby, Miles and Chinchilla.

Jimbour House

DALBY

The Western Downs' largest town, Dalby is an inspirational commercial hub and the gateway to many unique experiences. An easy 85 kilometres west of Toowoomba along the Warrego Way, it's just the place to discover tranquil country landscapes, a well-preserved heritage and a hive of rural enterprise.

We'll let you in on the simplest and best travel tip: don't rush or you'll miss it! To get the best from Dalby and all of our charming country towns, take your time to talk to the locals. Delve into the history, heritage and stories which make this a unique part of Queensland.

Hit the Heritage Trail around some of Dalby's historic buildings – St Joseph's Catholic Church (1921); and the old police station (mid-1860s).

A handwritten letter by Ned Kelly asking authorities to allow his mother to visit him in prison is just one of the treasures you'll find at Pioneer Park Museum.

The majestic Bunya Mountains and stately Jimbour House are easily explored from Dalby. Another easy excursion is Lake Broadwater Conservation Park – where you can picnic under red river gums, relax and enjoy the wildflowers.

JANDOWAE

North of Dalby, the town of Jandowae welcomes visitors to their friendly country community. The Dingo Barrier Fence – 'the longest fence in the world' has its northern end near Jandowae. The fence is 5,600 kilometres long and stretches to the Great Australian Bight. A two-metre-high dingo sculpture by Scottish artist, Andy Scott, takes pride of place in Jandowae's main street.

Pick up some local produce at the country markets, held on the fourth Sunday of the month in Lions Park. The biennial Timbertown Festival, next in June 2020, features markets, roving entertainment, a gala art show, chainsaw racing and fireworks.

2020 EVENTS

BIG SKIES FESTIVAL
29 Apr – 3 May, JIMBOUR | **bigskiesevents.com.au**

JANDOWAE TIMBERTOWN FESTIVAL
12 – 14 Jun, JANDOWAE | **jandowaetimbertown.org.au**

DALBY'S DELICIOUS & DELIGHTFUL FESTIVAL
15 Aug, DALBY | **deliciousanddelightful.com.au**

MILES BACK TO THE BUSH FESTIVAL
10 – 13 Sep, MILES | **backtothebushfestival.com.au**

JIMBOUR

An easy drive north-east of Dalby is the historic heritage-listed Jimbour House, circa 1876. This French classic design sandstone homestead takes its name from Jimbour Station, a vast pastoral holding that once stretched from the Bunya Mountains to the Condamine River. Visitors are welcome daily to tour the grounds and magnificent gardens on the self-guided Living History Walk, an experience of historical plaques, sights and sounds that bring a rich and colourful heritage to life.

Jimbour Station hosts the biennial event Opera at Jimbour (next in July 2021) where orchestral music and special guests perform for visitors from across the state in the open country air. It's also the main venue for the annual Big Skies Festival which celebrates the sights, tastes and unique experiences of the Western Downs. Festivities include Jimbour House Tours, Big Skies concerts and a Camp Kitchen Experience.

South of Jimbour along the Warrego Way is the township of Warra. At Richard Best Memorial Park is the restored former Warra Railway Station. A short walk from the park you'll find the 1844 campsite of explorer Ludwig Leichhardt.

BELL

Nestled between the Bunya Mountains and fertile farmlands, Bell is a picturesque country township, rich in pastoral and agricultural heritage and home to cropping and livestock farming.

Follow the signs to the Bell Bunya Community Centre. Here you'll find the Bell Visitor Information Centre, Bluebelles Art Gallery and a coffee shop, open 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm Saturday.

Also worth a visit are Bell Heritage Parkland, Popey's Shed, and the Biblical Garden and murals at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church.

Drop into Pips 'n Cherries – once an old dance hall, now a bright and breezy café selling vintage wares and old-fashioned preserves and serving great coffee, freshly baked cakes and country style meals.

Many other quaint townships are dotted throughout this region. Kaimkillenbun has the longest single place name in Queensland and is known simply as 'The Bun' by locals. Heading west on the Warrego Way, Macalister is the site of a large grain handling depot.

Calgue Lagoon, CONDAMINE

CHINCHILLA & SURROUNDS

Famous for its melons and a renowned spot for fishing, bushwalking and camping, the colourful town of Chinchilla is an easy 81 kilometre drive west of Dalby along the Warrego Way.

Chinchilla is fondly known as the melon capital. It's home to Australia's latest 'big thing' – The Big Melon, a four-tonne, bright red and green slice of watermelon – a real beauty that sits next to the Visitor Information Centre on the Warrego Way. So if strapping on a pair of melons and racing for glory sounds like your kind of fun, Chinchilla Melon Festival (18 – 21 February 2021) is your kind of event. Perhaps nothing captures the strong community spirit of this town better than the biennial festival. If you're not a skier, there's always the hilarious melon bungee, melon eating, pip spitting or smashing competitions, farm tours and fireworks.

Well worth a visit is the Chinchilla Historical Museum. Its collection features many important transport pieces including a steam-driven sawmill and the first-ever ticket issued by Qantas for the first flight from Longreach to Cloncurry. There's also an excellent display of petrified wood and a prickly pear exhibit celebrating the saving of local and national farmlands from prickly pear by the introduction of the cactoblastis moth and larva from South America.

Discover headstones dating back to 1892 on a wander through Pioneer Cemetery; or visit the nearby monument in honour of explorer Ludwig Leichhardt, who passed through in 1844.

Just five minutes from town, Chinchilla Weir is popular for fishing and water sports. Good fishing can be had on the Condamine River too – pick up a map and some local tips at the Visitor Information Centre. Fishing permits are required and can be obtained from the post office.

BRIGALOW & KOGAN

Huge grain silos herald your arrival in Brigalow, just 20 kilometres to the east of Chinchilla on the Warrego Way. The town offers a pleasant park and general store.

A little south-east of Brigalow on the Condamine Highway you'll find the quiet town of Kogan. On the way you can't miss Kogan Creek Power Station, Australia's most modern

and environmentally friendly. Stop at the viewing area to read about the important stages of converting coal to electricity and the enormity of the project.

The Hugh Sawrey walkway commemorates the memory of this one-time Kogan resident and famous bush artist with a metal sculpture by local artist Dion Cross. You'll also find artist Bodo Muche's life-size bronze 'Bush Friendship' sculpture featuring Sawrey playing cards with his best mate, former Kogan publican Nelson 'Darkie' Dwyer.

INSIDER TIP:

Whether you're chasing yabbies, yellowbelly and cod or helping to rid the waterways of carp, the Western Downs provides some fantastic fishing spots. Both Condamine's Caliguel Lagoon and Miles' Gil Weir offer great camping facilities with our fishing club enjoying much success at both locations during our regular competitions. Our Club's annual Australia Day Cray Catch at Hotel Australia in Miles and the CarpBusters Weekends in August and September are events not to be missed. And don't leave town without enjoying a pint of Kilkenny at Miles' Windsor Hotel!
Peter Delaforce,
President, Miles Condamine Fishing Club

MILES & SURROUNDS

Sitting at the junction of the Warrego Way and Leichhardt Way, Miles is a vibrant rural township known for its spring wildflowers and a well-preserved 'living' pioneering history.

Originally named 'Dogwood Crossing', Miles was established on a track blazed by the explorer Ludwig Leichhardt in 1844. Life as it was back then has been realistically preserved at the Miles Historical Village Museum. Here you literally step back in time to explore more than 30 buildings in a streetscape setting. Authentic and exact replica turn-of-the-century buildings feature alongside amazing shell and lapidary displays and an extensive collection of war memorabilia.

Don't miss Dogwood Crossing where you will see seven-metre-tall bottle trees forming a stunning colonnade down the centre of the building. Here you can relax and explore colourful tales, local life stories, and epic events which have made the region the place it is today. The Centre also hosts the town's library and IT Centre, and is home to the lauded John Mullins Memorial Art Gallery. Exhibitions of local and renowned touring artists change every 6-8 weeks.

CONDAMINE

You're in the heart of cattle country here. Condamine is famous for the invention of the Condamine or Bullfrog Bell. Hung from the necks of working bullocks, the bells ensured stockmen could locate their roaming cattle from long distances. Learn more of this history when you stop to read the inscription on the side of the large replica bell in Bell Park.

DULACCA & DRILLHAM

First came the railway (in 1879) and then came the towns. Named after nearby Dulacca Station, Dulacca is the site of the first push to eradicate the prickly pear. Cool off with a beer at the town's hotel, known as the 'Waterhole on the Hill', which dates back to 1908.

Drillham was once a thriving metropolis closely linked to the railway. The town's weir on the creek provided water for steam locomotives. Today a variety of quality grain crops and some of Australia's best livestock are produced here.

WANDOAN & SURROUNDS

The quiet wheat and cattle town of Wandoan is the perfect stopover between Miles and Taroom as you travel along the Leichhardt Way.

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O'Sullivan Park on Zupp Road is a great place to stop and check out 'Mick the dog' and see the original Juandah Railway Station building. Take a picnic to enjoy around the lakes of the restful Waterloo Plain Environmental Park and keep an eye out for waterbirds which thrive in the wetlands.

Hook up the camper and head a short hop west to the annual Wandoan Show and Howl @ the Moon Festival, 3 – 4 April 2020.

TARA & SURROUNDS

Follow the Sunset Way and you'll end up in the peaceful Tara region. Accessed off the Moonie Highway and Warrego Way, Tara is literally 'off the beaten track'.

Enjoy the Lagoon Parklands featuring Settlers Park and the Walk of Remembrance Garden. The lagoon offers a cool respite and it serves as the local fitness precinct complete with outdoor gym. You can picnic by the water's edge, fish, cycle or take the interpretive walk to see an abundance of birdlife.

Taking a self-guided walking tour is the best way to get a feel for this little town. Pick up an *Explore Tara* brochure from the Visitor Information Centre.

Tara's Commercial Hotel is home to several paintings by famed artist Hugh Sawrey that he painted while passing through in the 60s.

There is a surprising mix of cultures in this little town of 1,000 people. They celebrate biennially with a Festival of Culture and Camel Races (next in end July/Aug 2021). Travel the scenic Sunset Way from Tara to Glenmorgan via The Gums.

Festival of Culture & Camel Races, TARA

Moonie Yabbie Races

Myall Park Botanic Garden, GLENMORGAN

THE GUMS & HANNAFORD

The Gums and Hannaford are two small settlements west of Tara. The first postmistress named The Gums after what the drovers called their meeting place nearby. Hannaford, originally called Red Hill, was renamed after a prominent settler of the area, Samuel Hannaford.

FLINTON & WESTMAR

Flinton was the area's first recorded settlement in 1840, even prior to Leichhardt's journey in 1847. It has been the home of the famous Flinton Races held every Easter since 1912. The colour and spectacle at one of the oldest bush races in Australia has earned it the title 'Melbourne Cup of the West'.

Nearby Westmar is a small town on the Moonie Highway with a great roadhouse where you can refuel and replenish on your way out west.

MEANDARRA

Meandarra is a peaceful place on the banks of Brigalow Creek, where you can camp, fish and spot koalas in their natural habitat.

Ask a friendly local about the history behind the Me and Darra statue and don't miss the Meandarra ANZAC Memorial Museum – a salute to the bravery and self-sacrifice of the first ANZACs, it houses a comprehensive display of military memorabilia, collected over the past 30 years. Visit their Open Day each April.

GLENMORGAN

A small community with plenty of character, don't miss these three must dos in town: Monty's Garage Vintage Car Museum; discover the town's history at the End of the Line railway siding; and walk the trails at the internationally recognised Myall Park Botanic Garden. Home of the beautiful 'Robyn Gordon' grevillea, the garden has an extensive display of Australian flora and fauna, as well as artworks throughout.

MOONIE

And they're racing! Not an unusual call in the horseracing obsessed country, but in Moonie the highlight of the year is the Yabbie Races!

Billed as the race that stops the outback, visitors come from far and wide to join the locals at Moonie Yabbie Races. This one-of-a-kind quirky country event is run biennially (next in 2021) by the Moonie Sports Club.

COUNTRY DRIVE

BUNYA FOOTHILLS DRIVE

Half to Full Day Tour

DESTINATIONS: Jondaryan/Dalby/Jimbour/Jandowae/Bell

HIGHLIGHTS: Start your trip with a visit to the iconic Woolshed at Jondaryan. Next head via Dalby, to tour historic Jimbour House and gardens. From here head for Jandowae – have lunch at one of two pubs or the Jam Packed Café, and continue to Bell, via the scenic Kingaroy-Jandowae Road. Here check out the Bluebelles Art Gallery, Bell Biblical Gardens and Bell Catholic Church with its amazing floor to ceiling murals, then make your way back to Toowoomba via Maclagan or head to the Bunya Mountains via the Bunya Highway to check out the soaring mountain views from the new Bunya Mountains Outlook.

PICK UP A 'BIRDS OF THE WESTERN DOWNS' GUIDE FROM INFORMATION CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE REGION

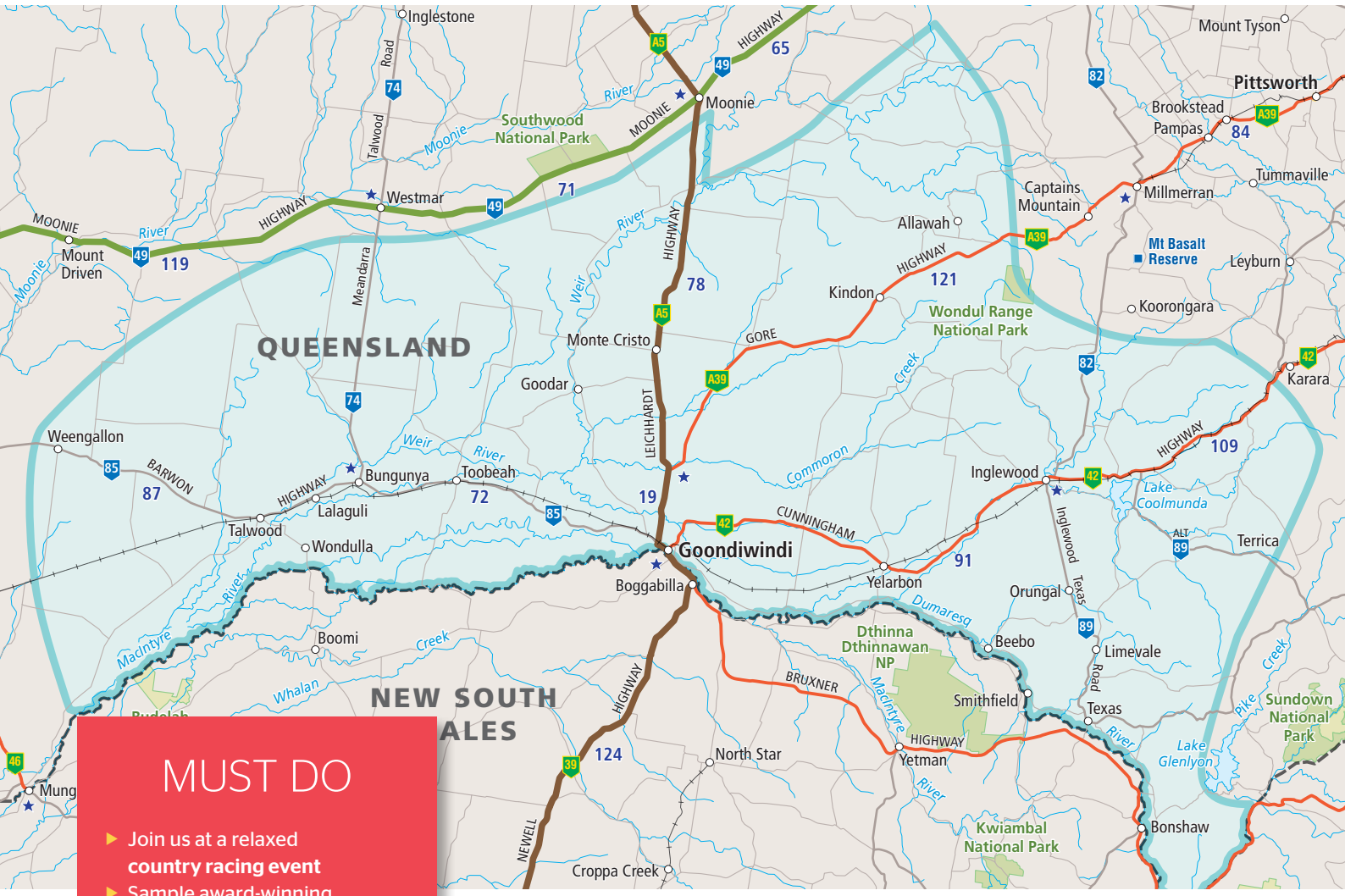
GOONDIWINDI & SURROUNDS

Rich in history, home to a thriving country culture and a leader in agricultural excellence, Goondiwindi is a prosperous town sitting proudly on the banks of the mighty Macintyre River.

Spend some time here and you'll understand why social commentator Bernard Salt named Goondiwindi as having Queensland's best country town lifestyle.

At the junction of five major highways, Goondiwindi is both a gateway to Queensland from New South Wales and easily accessible in just four hours' drive from Brisbane.

Offering plenty of quality accommodation (not to mention some unbeatable camping spots), settle in and get a taste for this top country town. Uncover its interesting history, sample some award-winning local produce or, for a truly authentic country experience, make lifelong memories at one of the region's many colourful events.



MUST DO

- Join us at a relaxed **country racing event**
- Sample award-winning produce (with a glass of wine) at **Gourmet in Gundy**
- **Take a tour:** get to know more on a town, farm, art or beer tour
- Relax! Pick a camp spot by the river, **get close to nature and unwind**
- Trace the fascinating local history at **Texas Rabbit Works**

MUST SEE

- **Jacarandas** in stunning full purple bloom (late spring)
- **Art murals:** from Yelarbon's monumental silo art to Goondiwindi's 'Lanescape' street art festival
- The statue of the mighty **Goondiwindi Grey – Gunsynd!**
- The iconic **Victoria Hotel**
- **Customs House Museum**

SHOPPING & DINING

Goondiwindi is the region's retail and services hub, so there's no shortage of shopping opportunities. If you're continuing north or out west, be sure to stock up in town before you head out.

In Marshall and Herbert Streets you'll find gift shops, high-end homewares and quality clothing stores all offering a taste of country style. Don't miss the fashions at Goondiwindi Cotton on Herbert Street – while you're there, enquire about their tours of the town, local cotton farms and public art.

Marshall Street is 'eat street' – you'll find a thriving café culture – quality coffee, country-style cakes, baked goods and tasty light meals. Local favourites include The Larder and Urban Quarter Social Dining + Bar.

For a heartier meal, sample some authentic country hospitality at one of several pubs in town: the iconic Victoria Hotel is the oldest and most famous. Its aptly-named Beer and Bullsh*t tour is fuelled by classic Aussie humour and includes lunch and a drink on the verandah overlooking the townscape.

If you're a foodie, you'll appreciate the gourmet produce from our local farmers – we're very proud to have a few world-leaders farming locally. Barambah Organics took home gold at the 2019 World Cheese Awards with their fennel and sea salt labna crowned the best cheese in Australia – find it at our local Co-Op and try it for yourself.

ARTS, SPORTS & EVENTS

There's an active art scene in Goondiwindi – you can explore a public art trail that winds through town and out into the broader region. Take some time to lose yourself among our laneways of art – a walk down Bowen Lane will be full of surprises. Each October join us at our Lanescape Festival to watch street artists painting vibrant large scale murals just a short walk from cafés, bars and city shopping.

The community is very art-minded and several cafés double as a gallery space for local artists where you can discover hidden gems.

Half an hour east of town, you'll find the GrainCorp Silos at Yelarbon (keep an eye out for some quirky, larger-than-life sculptures just out of Goondiwindi on the Cunningham Highway during your drive). This impressive art mural is an imposing 24m high at its highest point and spans across four grain silos, making it one of the largest silo murals in Australia. 'When the Rain Comes' depicts the natural beauty of the Yelarbon lagoon in rich blues and greens stretching across the silos, creating a lush, vibrant scene set against the backdrop of spinifex country. Four more silos to be painted in 2020 will transform the artwork into an enormous panorama, a canvas covering more than 1,800m^2.

We love our local cricket and rugby comps, and spend peaceful weekends fishing, camping and kayaking on our beautiful riverways. Goondiwindi's well-maintained public buildings, sporting facilities and relaxed town centre are a good measure of the community spirit and civic pride you'll find here – that, naturally, extends to welcoming travellers to join in the activities, events and festivals and the local way of life.

The region's busy events calendar ranges from the infamous Festival of Hell including Hell of the West (the toughest triathlon in Queensland), to the ever-popular quirky country races that provide a chance to mix it with the locals.

Don't miss Gourmet in Gundy which celebrates the best of food, wine, art and music each spring, Easter on the Macintyre, the infamous Goondiwindi B&S Ball, or the Albins ARB 400 Offroad Rally – a wild ride of four tough, 80km laps of the infamous Gundy 400 track. See all events at grc.qld.gov.au

RICH HISTORY

It's no wonder that photographers often turn their lenses to the heritage buildings in Goondiwindi's streets. On a self-guided walk around town, you'll find the iconic Victoria Hotel, built in the era of Queen Victoria and then added to in the 1920s.

2020 EVENTS

ALBINS ARB 400 OFFROAD RALLY
14 – 16 Aug, GOONDIWINDI | **offroadracing.com.au**

GOURMET IN GUNDY
13 Sep, GOONDIWINDI | **rotarygourmet.com**

TEXAS COUNTRY MUSIC ROUND UP
24 – 27 Sep, TEXAS

LANESCAPE
16 Oct, GOONDIWINDI | **lanescape.com.au**

TEXAS RACE DAY
5 Dec, TEXAS

FESTIVAL OF HELL TRIATHLON
6 – 7 Feb 2021, GOONDIWINDI | **hellofthewest.com**

Victoria Hotel, GOONDIWINDI

GrainCorp Silos, YELARBON

'The Vic' features some of the most outstanding architecture in Goondiwindi. Situated in the heart of the main street, you can't miss this old dame – a sturdy building of brick and timber, with a criss-cross of dark panelling and white lattice on its facades, stained glass windows and doorways, crowned by an ornamental tower. This eye-catching building is a picturesque mix of Victoriana and Jazz Age, with a dash of Early Colonial.

Be sure to drop by the Gunsynd statue next to the original Border Bridge: it commemorates the famous 'Goondiwindi Grey' – the Winx of the late 60s and early 70s. Four partners from Goondiwindi bought this racehorse for a measly $1,200. Their aim? To win a local bush race. Twenty-nine race wins later, including the Cox Plate and the four big mile races (The Doncaster, The Epsom, The George Adams and The Toorak in one season), and the Great Grey had won the hearts of punters all over the country. Re-live the magic of this champion horse at the Goondiwindi Library, which houses a permanent Gunsynd Tribute and memorabilia collection.

For a true feel of the local history, pay a visit to the Customs House Museum. A border customs point before federation, this authentically-restored building and its magnificent cottage garden house a rich and colourful collection of mementos from yesteryear. Also in the grounds is 'Martha's Cottage', built in 1875.

AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE

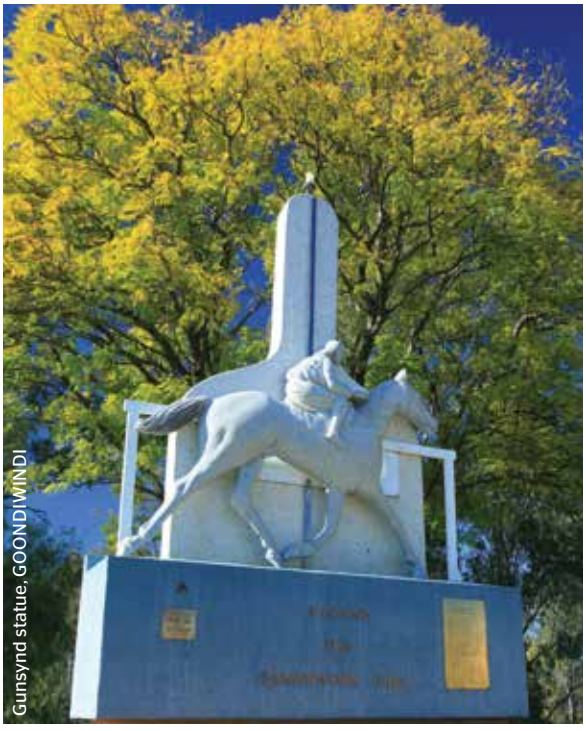
From local producers of gourmet ingredients to global leaders in ag-tech, Goondiwindi and surrounds is home to many innovators and entrepreneurs whose love of the land is transforming farming practice across the country.

The region's fertile river valleys and floodplains comprise some of Queensland's best agricultural land. It's one of the country's most productive areas, yielding top wheat, beef cattle, wool, cotton and other specialty crops for domestic and international markets. If you're here in September, time your stay for Gourmet In Gundy – to experience the best of local food, wine, art and music. Year-round you can gain an insight into living on the land on a half-day, guided Goondiwindi Cotton Farm and Town Tour that includes a bus tour around town, morning tea, and a visit to a local cotton gin and operational farm.

NATURE

One of the best times to visit is late spring, when the Jacaranda-lined streets burst into full purple bloom for a breath-taking display.

Goondiwindi is thought to get its name from an Aboriginal word meaning 'the resting place of birds', so it's no surprise bird watchers flock to see an amazing array of local birdlife. Connecting with nature is a precious part of life here and birds – especially water birds – continue to be particularly loved in this riverside town. You'll find them depicted in



Gunsynd statue, GOONDIWINDI

much of the public artwork across the Goondiwindi region. Download your free guide to the region's birdlife at: grc.qld.gov.au/visitors/about-our-place/brochures.

The early bird can catch the Macintyre River at its very best on an early morning river walk – pick up a map from the visitor information centre. At the other end of the day, the river walk is magical on a sunset stroll. Relax and breathe the fresh country air in any one of the many parks and gardens. The Botanic Gardens of the Western Woodlands is the perfect spot for a picnic; while waterskiers love the Natural Heritage and Water Park.

The region is noted for some of the best inland fishing in Australia. Local rivers run with Golden Perch (Yellowbelly) and Murray Cod. Our free/low cost camping reserves are just the place for some wide open space and a real sense of connection to the country. Before you cast your line, pick up a free caravan and camping or fishing guide from the visitor information centre.

Half an hour south-east of Goondiwindi, you'll find the Yelarbon Desert set in spinifex country. This is a geologically distinct area characterised by a naturally occurring salinity scald, resulting in some unique vegetation and habitat including spinifex grass *(Triodia scariosa)*. Yelarbon Lagoon is an oasis in this harsh environment. It's also a paradise for bird-watching – home to nearly 60 bird species. Camping is available alongside at the low-cost Yelarbon Recreation Grounds.

If you're heading west towards St George, you'll be treated to great country hospitality at the Talwood or Toobeah pubs! Talwood also has a country gift shop with fabulous coffee available for those in need of a caffeine hit.

Once Upon A Time by Angus Wilson, GOONDIWINDI

Coolmunda Dam, INGLEWOOD

INGLEWOOD

Midway between Goondiwindi and Warwick on the Cunningham Highway you'll find Inglewood, a hub of wonderful local produce on the banks of the Macintyre Brook.

Historically, Inglewood was a significant tobacco producing area. This history along with written and pictorial records of Inglewood and the surrounding district from its earliest days are preserved in the Australian Tobacco Museum.

These days, the focus is on sheep and cattle grazing, timber milling, and the farming of fodder, grains and horticultural crops. While you're in town, be sure to sample some local olives and lavender – tour an olive grove and learn about the process from planting to picking and finished products; and take in the perfume at the award-winning lavender farm and shop – both are great take-home gifts.

Inglewood is an accredited RV-Friendly Town with camping available by the Macintyre Brook for fully self-contained motorhomes and vans. Lions Park is directly opposite and features a travellers' rest area and playground.

Take a dawn or dusk walk along the sealed walkways by the river bank. Bird watchers should keep an eye out for numerous species, including colourful grass parrots, wrens, raptors and the rare regent honey eater. Keep an eye out too for the unique Inglewood wattle and the native cypress – you may even spot a platypus in a quiet stream.

If you're visiting in late winter or early spring you'll see and smell the beautiful wildflowers that dot the countryside. In the town centre, you can explore a quirky range of local shops offering high quality, old-fashioned service with modern facilities.

One of the best ways to explore the Inglewood area is on a local tourist drive. Drop into the Council's Visitor Information Centre on Albert

Street for a free guide and a friendly, local perspective on things to do. Just 15 minutes' drive east of town is Lake Coolmunda. Set on 1,740 hectares, it's a magnet for birds – especially water birds and waders. You can picnic along its tree-lined shores or launch your canoe or boat to water ski or throw in a fishing line.

Each April Inglewood Trail Ride thrills adventure motor-sport fans and riders with a mix of mud, farmland and forest terrain. There are novice motor bike tracks right through to some excellent hill climbs and hard, technically challenging tracks to test the best riders.

Each spring Inglewood's Show 'n' Shine brings together trucks, classics, hot rods, motorcycles, customs, veteran and vintage vehicles for a fabulous family-friendly day out.

Catch the country spirit – spend a few days here to reconnect with nature and appreciate the relaxed country lifestyle the friendly locals love.

TEXAS

Within easy reach of Goondiwindi is the charming town of Texas. Perched on the banks of the peaceful Dumaresq River, you'll find excellent fishing, great camping spots and the serenity of rolling rural landscapes. Before you start exploring, get your bearings at Beacon Lookout, which offers panoramic views over the area.

Enjoy some genuine country hospitality and taste the legendary steaks at the Stockman Hotel (Texas is home to the largest cattle feedlot in Australia). This award-winning pub was instrumental in earning Texas its title as the first official Motorcycle Friendly Town in Australia. If you prefer two wheels to four, download a free map of the best motorcycle routes in the area at: grc.qld.gov.au/visitors/tours-activities/texas-motorcycle-routes.

Don't miss visiting the restored Texas Rabbit Works – the last remaining rabbit processing works in Australia. Step back to a forgotten era when rabbit plagues threatened the very existence of rural communities. You'll find a story of true Aussie ingenuity – where the community solved an environmental problem by creating a thriving export market. After a major refurbishment, the Texas Rabbit Works was officially re-opened in 2017 to record the history of the local and national rabbit industry. The building also houses a collection of antique motors and memorabilia.

Texas Rabbit Works

INSIDER TIP: If you're heading to Goondiwindi, I recommend coming via the Cunningham Highway and stopping at Yelarbon to see the silo art. The new mural "When the Rain Comes" is truly something to see and now forms part of the National Silo Art Trail. From there, the Borders Rivers Tourist Drive is a lovely scenic route into town.

Sam Coulton, *Owner, Goondiwindi Cotton*

This quirky, historic town was named over a land claim in the 1850s, which bore many similarities to one happening at the same time in the Republic of Texas and Mexico in the United States. In recognition of this, Pecan Park is planted with pecan trees donated by the people of Texas in the United States. The town itself was established on the river flats in 1875, but was later relocated after disastrous floods in 1890 and 1921. You'll see that remnants of the original historic township still exist. Visit Texas Heritage Centre and Tobacco Museum to learn more about Texas' interesting past.

The friendly locals at the Information Centre on High Street are only too willing to help you enjoy your time in Texas. Opposite, the Texas Cultural Centre and Regional Art Gallery offer regular touring and local exhibitions and an outstanding photographic display of the 2011 flood.

Texas is an accredited RV-Friendly Town, with camping available on the banks of the Dumaresq River. Great, grassy sites are in abundance alongside cool, shallow clear water with a stony bottom. A great spot for family adventures, the river is ideal for fishing, canoeing, picnicking, four-wheel-driving, hiking and camping. Trace the steps of explorer Allan Cunningham and look out across the fertile river flats that are dotted with old tobacco barn relics and many other crops.

Throw in a line at Glenlyon Dam, 40 kilometres south-west of Texas, to discover what the locals think is the best Murray Cod fishing in Australia. You can also camp, canoe and sail board. Nearby 14,000 hectare Sundown National Park is mostly 4WD-only territory, with campsites at the western corner accessible by two-wheel-drive vehicles. It's a brilliant walking and bird watching destination.

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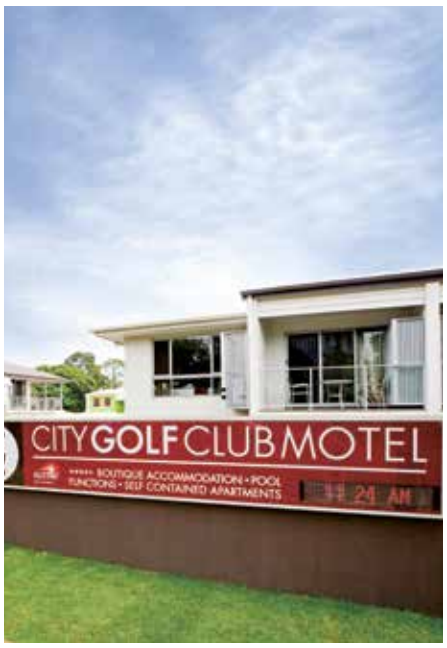

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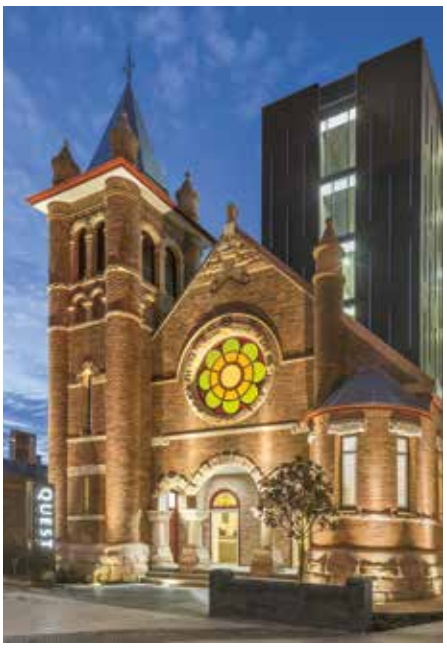

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P 07 4671 2566
goondiwindi.freedomlifestyleparks.com.au

CHAT TO A LOCAL

Accredited Information Centres can help you travel around the regions. Keep an eye out for the blue and yellow sign for friendly advice on where to stay, what to do or the opportunity to chat with a local about the area.

TOOWOOMBA & DARLING DOWNS

TOOWOOMBA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
82 – 86 James St, Toowoomba **Free Call** 1800 331 155
P 07 4688 6590 **E** infocentre@tr.qld.gov.au **tr.qld.gov.au/vic**

HAMPTON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
8623 New England Hwy, Hampton **Free Call** 1800 009 066
P 07 4697 9066 **E** hamptoninfo@tr.qld.gov.au **tr.qld.gov.au/vic**

CROWS NEST MUSEUM & INFORMATION CENTRE
Cnr New England Hwy & Oxford St, Crows Nest
P 07 4698 1776 **M** 0415 970 239 **E** cnhs2019@tpg.com.au
crowsnestmuseum.org.au

GOOMBUNGEE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Rosalie Gallery, 89 Mocatta St, Goombungee **P** 07 4696 5600
E rosalie.gallery@tr.qld.gov.au **tr.qld.gov.au/vic**

MILLMERRAN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Cnr Mary & Edward St, Millmerran **P** 07 4695 2560
E millmerraninfo@tr.qld.gov.au **tr.qld.gov.au/vic**

OAKEY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE
The Historical Railway Station, 176 Bridge St, Oakey
P 07 4619 6693 **E** oakey4401@outlook.com **tr.qld.gov.au/vic**

PITTSWORTH ART GALLERY & INFORMATION CENTRE
50 Short St, Pittsworth **P** 07 4693 2510
E pittsworthinfo@tr.qld.gov.au **tr.qld.gov.au/vic**

YARRAMAN HERITAGE MUSEUM & INFORMATION CENTRE
26 Millar St, Yarraman **P** 07 4163 8111
E heritagecentre@bigpond.com **tr.qld.gov.au/vic**

SOUTHERN DOWNS & GRANITE BELT

STANTHORPE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
28 Leslie Pde, Stanthorpe **P** 07 4681 2057
E visitor@sdrc.qld.gov.au **southerndownsandgranitebelt.com.au**

WARWICK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
72 Palmerin St, Warwick **P** 07 4661 3122
E visitor@sdrc.qld.gov.au **southerndownsandgranitebelt.com.au**

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KINGAROY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
128 Haly St, Kingaroy **P** 07 4189 9172
E kingaroyvic@southburnett.qld.gov.au **southburnett.qld.gov.au**

WESTERN COUNTRY

BALONNE SHIRE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
114 St George's Terrace, St George **P** 07 4620 8877
E vic@balonne.qld.gov.au **balonne.qld.gov.au**

CHINCHILLA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Warrego Hwy, Chinchilla **P** 07 4660 7291
E chinchilla.vic@wdrc.qld.gov.au

DALBY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Thomas Jack Park, Cnr Condamine & Drayton St, Dalby
P 07 4679 4461 **E** dalby.vic@wdrc.qld.gov.au

MILES VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Miles Historical Village Museum, 141 Murilla St, Miles
P 07 4627 1492 **E** miles.vic@wdrc.qld.gov.au

BELL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Bell Bunya Community Centre, Lot 71 Maxwell St, Bell
P 07 4625 6381 **E** bellbunyacommunitycentre@gmail.com
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BOLLON HERITAGE CENTRE
Main St, Bollon **P** 07 4625 6381 **balonne.qld.gov.au/bollon**

CALICO COTTAGE
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DIRRANBANDI RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE
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HEBEL GENERAL STORE & CARAVAN PARK
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JANDOWAE COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTRE
Cnr George & High St, Jandowae **P** 07 4668 4480
E jandowae.ccc@wdrc.qld.gov.au

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E moonie.rtc@wdrc.qld.gov.au

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Rural Transaction Centre, 153 St George St, Mungindi
P 02 6757 3425 **E** sally.walters@mpsc.nsw.gov.au

TARA CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE
19 Fry St, Tara **P** 07 4678 7804 **E** info@wdrc.qld.gov.au

WANDOAN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
O'Sullivan Park, Zupp Rd, Wandoan **P** 07 4627 5227
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FOLLOW A HIGHWAY

AUSTRALIA'S COUNTRY WAY

Start/Finish Wallangarra – Goomeri | **Distance** 378km

Australia's Country Way is characterised by winding roads with sweeping vistas flanked by kilometres of crops and grazing livestock, welcoming towns imbued with history, seasonal produce to savour, and stunning natural formations.

Natural highlights include Main Range National Park, Queen Mary Falls and Girraween National Park in the southern section; Crows Nest and Ravensbourne National Parks near Toowoomba; and The Palms and the majestic Bunya Mountains National Parks further north.

Along the way there are boutique wineries and cellar doors to be discovered. Check out the food and wine trails around Stanthorpe in the south and Kingaroy in the north. City highlights include historic Warwick and the varied shopping and dining options of Toowoomba.

LEICHHARDT WAY

Start/Finish Goondiwindi – Wandoan | **Distance** 297km

Crossing the NSW border head north to Moonie and just past here make a slight detour to the towns of Meandarra and Glenmorgan. Here you can visit the Meandarra ANZAC Memorial Museum, Monty's Garage Vintage Car Museum and the Myall Park Botanic Garden. Get back on the Leichhardt and check out the Dogwood Crossing complex at Miles, before ending up in Wandoan where you can follow the local heritage trail offering 20 points of interest.

ADVENTURE WAY

Start/Finish Dalby – St George

Distance 303km

Starting in Dalby, visit Pioneer Park Museum to see a wide range of local history exhibits. At nearby historic Jimbour House you can take a stroll around the gardens and experience the grandeur of the house (circa 1876). South-west is Moonie, which features the Moonie crossroads with brilliant murals depicting the history of Moonie, the site of Australia's first commercial oil field.

WARREGO WAY

Start/Finish Dalby – Mitchell

Distance 355km

Highlights of this section of the Warrego Way include many informative historical places of interest including Dalby Pioneer Park Museum, Jimbour House, Chinchilla Historical Museum and Miles Historical Village.

Stop in at Calico Cottage at Wallumbilla and browse the arts and crafts, while further along the highway you can discover the importance and exploration of the oil and gas industry in Roma at the Big Rig. Continue on to Mitchell where you can relax in the soothing waters of the renowned Great Artesian Spa and stay awhile at the historic homestead of Bonus Downs.

GREAT INLAND WAY

Start/Finish Hebel – Carnarvon Gorge | **Distance** 482km

Highlights on this stretch of the Great Inland Way include the historic Nindigully Pub, the most western winery in Queensland (Riversands Wines), the Unique Egg (featuring hand-carved illuminated emu eggs), fantastic fishing spots, the Cobb & Co Changing Station in Surat, the Big Rig Oil Patch and Night Show and the Roma Saleyards. Before finishing your trip with an adventure through the breathtaking Carnarvon National Park, make sure to stock up on supplies in the picturesque town of Injune.

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GETTING HERE & AROUND

Accessing Southern Queensland Country is easy by road, air, coach or rail

BY ROAD

The region is well connected via highways and road networks including the Cunningham, New England, D'Aguilar, Brisbane Valley and Gore Highways, the Warrego Way, the Leichhardt Way, the Great Inland Way, the Adventure Way and Australia's Country Way. To plan your journey, check out our suggested itineraries featured throughout this guide.

DISTANCE CALCULATOR

All distances are measured in kilometres

Nambour															
102	Brisbane														
140	40	Ipswich													
182	78	94	Surfers Paradise												
205	211	188	279	Kingaroy											
255	243	207	298	74	Bunya Mountains										
256	208	172	279	110	48	Dalby									
222	125	89	180	150	118	83	Toowoomba								
279	154	119	186	233	200	166	83	Warwick							
340	214	180	247	306	261	226	144	61	Stanthorpe						
388	266	228	295	278	216	169	153	109	108	Inglewood					
521	475	440	530	340	293	267	351	433	493	427	Roma				
335	290	254	345	155	107	82	166	247	308	251	186	Chinchilla			
559	512	476	566	413	351	303	387	400	400	291	195	303	St George		
445	349	320	387	321	259	211	223	201	200	92	342	241	202	Goondiwindi	
609	564	528	618	428	381	355	439	521	581	515	88	274	209	430	Mitchell
612	567	531	622	432	384	358	442	524	585	519	91	278	286	434	178	Injune
767	718	682	772	583	535	509	593	675	736	669	242	428	437	585	329	151	Carnarvon Gorge

BY AIR

The region is easily accessed via commercial domestic airports in Toowoomba (Wellcamp Airport), Roma and St George, which are serviced by the following airlines:

QANTASLINK

P 13 13 13 **qantas.com.au**

QantasLink flies daily to Toowoomba (Wellcamp Airport) from Sydney with connections from Australian capital cities. Services also operate between Brisbane and Roma.

REX REGIONAL AIRLINES

P: 13 17 13 **rex.com.au**

Services operate between Brisbane and St George via Toowoomba (Wellcamp Airport).

AIRNORTH

P 1800 627 474 **airnorth.com.au**

Airnorth operate direct flights from Melbourne, and Townsville to Toowoomba.

BY COACH

Regular coach services operate to and around the region, linking Brisbane, Toowoomba, Warwick, Stanthorpe and beyond, with connections to air, rail and local buses.

BUS QUEENSLAND

P 07 4633 1177 **busqld.com.au**

CRISPS COACHES

P 07 4661 8333 **crisps.com.au**

GREYHOUND AUSTRALIA

P 1300 473 946 **greyhound.com.au**

MURRAYS COACHES

P 13 22 51 **murrays.com.au**

BY RAIL

THE WESTLANDER

P 1800 872 467 **queenslandrail.com.au**

This scenic journey from Brisbane travels across the Great Dividing Range to Toowoomba, through the rich farmlands of the Darling Downs and continues through the Western Country to its final destination of Charleville.

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