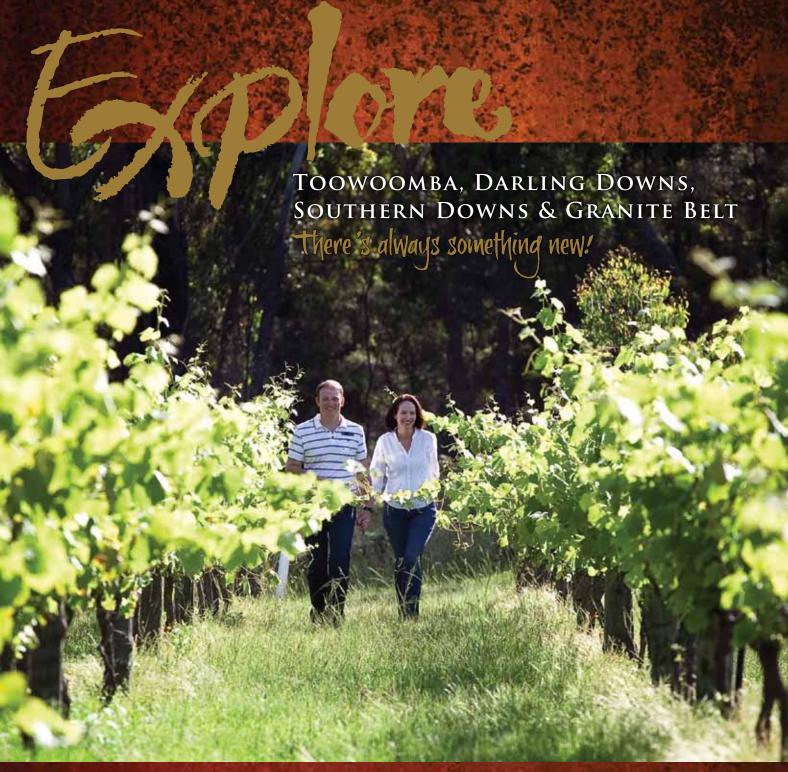
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Dalby Visitor Information Centre

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Goombungee Visitor Information Centre

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admin@sdgb.com.au
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Toowoomba Golden West and South Burnett Tourism

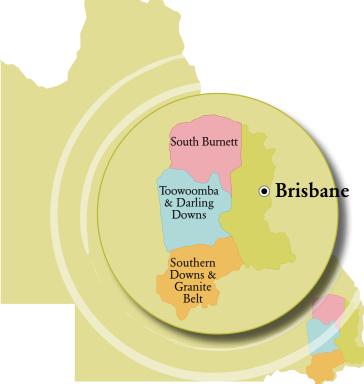
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DRIVE

It's easy to get out and about in the regions on the well-connected highways and road systems particularly via the Cunningham, New England and Warrego Highways. Check the Drive Queensland site at www.drivequeensland.com.au for some great ideas for driving holidays and suggested itineraries. The RACQ also has a helpful trip planner

RAIL

The Westlander departs from Brisbane's centrally located transit centre, Roma Street Station via Toowoomba. www.traveltrain.com.au

COACH

Coach travel is another relaxing way to arrive at your country holiday destination. Regular bus services run to many destinations in the regions from the Brisbane Transit Centre located Roma Street Station in the centre f Brisbane. From here you can also onnect with rail and airport transfers, well as local buses.

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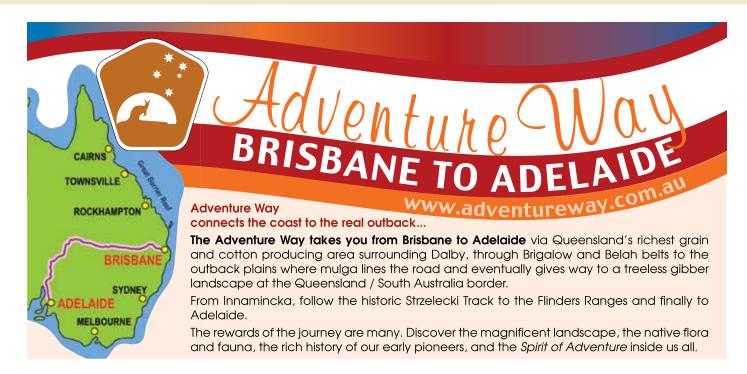
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Country Experiences

This destination is full of experiences that simply shouldn't be missed, here's just a few...

PAST AND PRESENT

HIGHLIGHTS: Ravensbourne National Park • Cobb & Co. Museum, Toowoomba • Empire Theatre, Toowoomba • Museum of Australian Army Flying, Oakey • Jondaryan Woolshed • Pioneer Park Museum, Dalby • Jimbour House, Jimbour • Wineries, Darling Downs and South Burnett • Kingaroy Cheese • South Burnett-Maidenwell Astronomical Observatory

GREAT BUNYA DRIVE

• Antiques and collectables stores • Unique accommodation, historic guesthouses, B&B's • Country markets and fresh produce • Bunya Mountains National Park • Freshwater fishing and camping at local dams • Kingaroy peanuts • Toowoomba parks and gardens • Country festivals

GREAT OUTDOORS & GOURMETS

HIGHLIGHTS: R&J Herbs, Felton East • Olive groves, Inglewood • Beacon Lookout, Texas • Girraween National Park, Granite Belt • Wineries & seasonal produce, Granite Belt • Galleries & boutiques • Queen Mary Falls, Main Range National Park • Condamine Gorge, Killarney

COUNTRY CHARMS & CELLAR DOORS

HIGHLIGHTS: Wineries, Granite Belt • Historical architecture, Warwick • Glengallan Homestead, Allora • Rudd's Pub, Nobby • The Bull 'n' Barley Inn, Cambooya • Harrow Gardens Homestead, Cambooya • Queens Park Gardens, Toowoomba • Views from Picnic Point, Toowoomba



Border Railway Market

3rd Sunday of each month 8am to 2pm Wallangarra Railway Station (07) 4684 3300

Cabarlah Markets

Last Sunday of each month 8am to 12.30pm New England Highway, Cabarlah (07) 4696 8152

Darling Downs Farmers Markets

1st and 3rd Sunday of each month 7.30am to 12noon Village Green, Victoria Street, Toowoomba 0408 700 230

Glengallan Seasonal Farmers Market

First Sunday of Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer 8am to 1pm Glengallan Homestead and Heritage Centre, New England Highway, between Warwick and Allora www.glengallan.org.au

PCYC Markets

Every Sunday 7am to 12.30pm 219a James Street, Toowoomba (07) 4632 8316



Stanthorpe Market in the Mountains

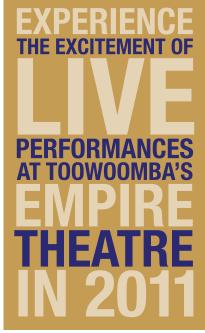
2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 8am to 12noon Stanthorpe Civic Centre www.marketinthemountains.org

USQ Farmers Family Craft Markets

Every Saturday
7am to 12noon
USQ Grounds, Baker Street,
Toowoomba
www.farmersfamilymarkets.com

Warwick Pig and Calf Sales and Seasonal Produce Market

Every Wednesday 7am to 1pm Corner of Fitzroy and Lyons Streets, Warwick (07) 4661 1411





THE EMPIRE THEATRE

The Empire Theatre is Australia's largest regional theatre that is both an architectural showpiece and a vibrant home to the performing arts.

In 2011, the Empire Theatre will celebrate its centenary year with a variety of events like the Centenary Ball (June) and a whole year of spectacular performances ranging from swing to classical music, contemporary dance to ballet, and magical mysteries to fun-loving contemporary plays, that are set to dazzle and create memories to last a lifetime.

Some of the great shows lined up for 2011 include the Empire Theatres' own major musical theatre production, The Boy From Oz in April, along with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra starring local French horn virtuoso Alex Miller (March), The Queensland Ballet (June), and Oz Opera (August). The kids are well catered for as well with Boats (July) and My Grandma Lived in Gooligulch (August), all providing fun entertainment for the whole family.

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T: 1300 655 299 W: www.empiretheatre.com.au E: boxoffice@empiretheatre.com.au

Events Calendar

We know how to put on a show, and we'd love for you to come along.



SUMMER 2011

Every Sunday in Summer – Summer Tunes, various parks around Toowoomba; www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au

26th January – Australia Day Open Day, Jondaryan Woolshed; www.jondaryanwoolshed.com

26th January and 20th February – Steam Train Trip, Warwick Railway Station; www.southerndownssteamrailway.com.au

5th February - Sicilian Vintage Lunch, Golden Grove Estate, Ballandean; www.goldengrovee.com.au

Every Sunday in February – Have a Go Festival, Cobb + Co Museum, Toowoomba; www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au

24th - 27th February - Queensland PGA Championships, City Golf Club, Toowoomba; www.citygolf.com.au

AUTUMN 2011

19th March, 17th April, 15th May – Steam Train Trip, Warwick Railway Station; www.southerndownssteamrailway.com.au

14th – 17th April – The Boy from Oz, Empire Theatre, Toowoomba; www.empiretheatre.com.au

22nd – 24th April – Easterfest 2011 Queens Park,

Toowoomba; www.easterfest.com.au

23rd – 25th April – Easter Vintage Festival, Highfields Pioneer Village; www.users.tpg.com.au/wagnerbe/hpv/

29th April – 2nd May – Peace Festival, various venues, Warwick; www.peacefestival.org.au

1st May - Opera in the Vineyard, Ballandean Estate Wines, Ballandean; www.ballandeanestate.com

15th May - Hampton High Country Food and Arts Festival, Hampton; www.hamptonfestival .com

22nd - 29th May - Warwick's 150th Birthday Celebrations, Various Venues, Warwick; (07) 4661 9073

WINTER 2011

June to August - Brass Monkey Season®, Southern Downs and Granite Belt; www.brassmonkeyseason.com.au

7th – 9th June - CRT FarmFest, Kingsthorpe; www.farmonline.com.au/events/farmfest

Every Saturday night in July - Christmas in July, various venues, Warwick and Granite Belt; www.brassmonkeyseason.com.au

11th, 25th June and 20th August – Steam Train Trip, Warwick Railway Station; www.southerndownssteamrailway.com.au

21st – 31st July – Jumpers and Jazz in July Festival, various venues, Warwick; www.jumpersandjazz.com

7th August – Toowoomba Languages and Cultural Festival, Queens Park; www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au







20th and 21st August - NTI Rose Bowl Polocrosse Championships, Morgan Park, Warwick; 0419 714 545

20th – 28th August – Australian Heritage Festival, Jondaryan Woolshed; www.jondaryanwoolshed.com

27th and 28th August – Historic Leyburn Motor Sprints, Leyburn; www.leyburnmotorsprints.com.au

SPRING 2011

1st September – 30th November – Primavera: Granite Belt Spring Style, various venues, Granite Belt; www.granitebeltwinecountry.com.au

6th – 8th September – **AgShow 2011**, Toowoomba Showgrounds; www.agshow.com.au

16th – 25th September – Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, www.tcof.com.au

18th September, 16th October and 20th November – Steam Train Trip, Warwick Railway Station; www.southerndownssteamrailway.com.au

1st - 2nd October - Oakey Fly In - Museum of Australian Army Flying, Oakey; www.army.gov.au/history/museums.htm

6th – 9th October - Pittsworth Craft & Fine Food Spectacular, www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au

8th October – The Warwick Credit Union Warwick Cup, Allman Park, Warwick; www.warwickcup.com.au

13th – 15th October - Shakespeare in the Park Festival (A Midsummer Night's Dream), Queens Park, Toowoomba; www.usq.edu.au/shakespeare

24th – 30th October – Warwick Rodeo, Warwick Showgrounds; www.warwickrodeo.com.au

SUMMER 2011/2012

3rd – 24th December – Toowoomba's Christmas Wonderland, Queens Park, Toowoomba; www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au 26th December – Boxing Day Races, Allman Park, Warwick;

www.warwickturfclub.org.au

31st December – New Year's Eve Fireworks, Queens Park,
Warwick; www.warwickevents.com

1st January – Granite Belt Blues, Lucas Estate, Severnlea; www.lucasestate.com.au

For more events, visit toowoombaholidays.info or southerndownsholidays.com.au





BALD ROCK NATIONAL PARK



While Bald Rock actually sits just on the New South Wales side of the border, it is a popular attraction for visitors to the Granite Belt. Bald Rock is the largest of a series of granite domes in this 8,000ha national park full of canyons, stone arches and echo points.

Take a trail to Bald Rock or Little Bald Rock, with views into Girraween National Park. Enjoy wildflowers in spring, plenty of wildlife and more than 100 species of birds.

From Stanthorpe take the sealed road east across the state border to Amosfield, run south on the Woodenbong road (unsealed) towards Tenterfield and turn right into the 6km Bald Rock National Park access road – about 40km. A vehicle day pass is required and camping fees apply. Contact New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service, 10 Miles Street, Tenterfield. New South Wales 2372. 8.30am - 4.30pm Mon - Fri (02) 6736 4298.

BUNYA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK



Queensland's second largest national park protects the world's most significant remaining bunya pine rainforest. Until the late 1800s, Aboriginal people came from afar for bunya nut festivals. Today it's a popular spot to camp, walk and relax in a cool climate with plenty of wildlife.

There are 35km of tracks from 500m to

10km in length. Many lead to 'balds' with extensive views. Birdwatchers find catbirds, rare sooty owls and quails. Red-necked wallabies are also common.

The Bunya Mountains is 63km north-east of Dalby or 58km south-west of Kingaroy. The drive from Brisbane takes about 3 hours via Yarraman and Maidenwell or Toowoomba and Jondaryan. The Maidenwell route includes about 6km of gravel. No access routes are suitable for caravans or trailers.

CROWS NEST NATIONAL PARK



Discover spectacular creek scenery, granite outcrops, a scenic waterfall and eucalypt forest remnants in the headwaters.

Follow the creek to the Cascades and Crows Nest Falls, then to Koonin lookout for a spectacular view of the Valley of Diamonds. Watch for vulnerable brushtailed rockwallabies, rosellas and fantails.

The park is located 50km north of Toowoomba via the New England Highway or 44km west of Esk via the Esk-Hampton Road.

CUNNINGHAM'S GAP, MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK



Cunningham's Gap is part of the world heritage listed Main Range National Park.

Seven walking tracks, ranging in length from 1.6km to 12.4km, pass through

rainforest, open eucalypt forest and heath.

The Cunningham Highway passes through Main Range National Park at Cunningham's Gap, about 90 minutes drive from Brisbane.

GIRRAWEEN NATIONAL PARK



The sheer size of the huge granite boulders that tower above open forests is in contrast to the delicate spring wildflowers that freckle the landscape.

From the Castle Rock and Bald Rock Creek camping areas explore up to 20km of walking tracks. Climb The First Pyramid for great views of Balancing Rock. Watch for blue wrens, yellow-tufted honey eaters, bearded dragons and perhaps a bare-nosed wombat. Listen out for superb lyrebirds during winter.

Located 35km south of Stanthorpe via the New England Highway, Girraween is one of Queensland's best loved national parks.

GOOMBURRA, MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK



Enjoy views of the Laidley Valley, the Border Ranges to the south and Mount Castle in the north.

Rainforest and creek-based walks are a feature of Goomburra. There are 3 walking

tracks from the 2 camping areas ranging in distance from an easy 1.2km circuit, suitable for wheelchairs with assistance, to a 6km track, showcasing waterfalls and freshwater habitats. Take a drive along Lookout Road to reach more walking tracks and scenic lookouts. Watch for echidnas and koalas, satin bowerbirds and variegated fairy-wrens and listen for the calls of yellow-tailed black cockatoos.

The park is located 97km from Toowoomba or 86km from Warwick. The last 6km is unsealed and may be closed after heavy rain.

LAKE BROADWATER **CONSERVATION PARK**



Surrounded by cypress pine, eucalypt and brigalow open woodland, Lake Broadwater is the only natural lake on the Darling Downs and is an important refuge for waterbirds and other wildlife.

A two kilometre track joins the two camping areas. Birdwatch from the hide and find the old dingo fence. Permit needed to take your boat on the water.

To find the park drive 20km west of Dalby along Moonie Highway, then left on to Broadwater Road for 9km.

MOUNT BASALT RESERVE



Discover striking volcanic formations and a walking track through 10 hectares of scrub.

Follow the track to two rocky peaks past geological features and farmland views.

From Toowoomba, take the Gore Highway to Millmerran, then drive 18km south on the Kooroongarra Road to the reserve.

THE PALMS NATIONAL PARK



This park protects a small remnant of mixed palm vineforest and subtropical rainforest in the Brisbane River headwaters. Stop here for a picnic on your way to the Bunya Mountains.

On the 800m circuit walk, look for grey-headed flying foxes camping over the creek in summer and black-breasted button quails in winter and spring. See piccabeen palms, large strangler figs, bunya and hoop pine trees and buttressed trees.

The park is seven kilometres northeast of Cooyar. Turn off the New England Highway one kilometre north of Cooyar and then drive six kilometres to the park.

QUEEN MARY FALLS, MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK













Spring Creek takes a 40-metre plunge over a sheer rock face at Queen Mary Falls. A private camping/caravan park is located nearby.

A short walk leads to a spectacular lookout overlooking the falls, while a two kilometre track leads down to the floor of the gorge.

To access the park take the Falls Drive tourist route, a steep but sealed approach from Boonah along the Boonah Killarney Road. A more accessible route is via Killarney, about 40km south-east of Warwick, 11km along the Killarney-Boonah Road.

RAVENSBOURNE NATIONAL PARK



See majestic Sydney blue gums, staghorns and elkhorns. The park's trees are a safe habitat for 80 bird species, including owls and vulnerable black-breasted button quail exist here.

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 red-tailed blackcockatoos and listen for paradise riflebirds. The park turn-off is 17km east of Hampton or 33km west of Esk on the Hampton-Esk Road.

SPICER'S GAP, MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK



Historic Spicer's Gap retains evidence of pioneer travel and showcases views of the Fassifern Valley.

Follow the trail of old bullock drays and look for signs of the paved road built in the mid-1800s. There is a small camping area, a picnic site near the location of a long-gone inn and pioneer graveyard. Search for Moss's Well. Enjoy the view from Governor's Chair Lookout.

Take the Spicer's Gap turnoff from the Cunningham Highway five kilometres west of Aratula. The last five kilometres of Spicer's Gap Road is unsealed and steep in places.

SUNDOWN NATIONAL PARK



On the Queensland/New South Wales border, Sundown National Park is a rugged wilderness park with spectacular steep-sided gorges, sharp ridges and peaks rising to more than 1,000m.

Camp at one of the two campgrounds or hike into a bush camp. A short graded walk leads to Permanent Waterhole while experienced walkers can explore the Severn River or upper reaches of Ooline Creek. A two-day circuit starts at the park's eastern boundary and takes in Mount Lofty and Red Rock falls.

Broadwater camping area is 75km south-west of Stanthorpe or 62km west of Wallangarra. Burrows Waterhole camping area is 34km west of Ballandean, the trip to the site includes 20km of rough 4WD track.













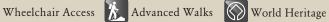




































Natural Lookout



Drive Routes



Walking Routes





Preston Peak Wines Toowoomba



Preston Peak Wines is a local, family owned boutique wine business, based in Toowoomba. Preston Peak's long history of award winning continues with a coup for the 2008 Reserve Shiraz. Awarded 5 stars in Winestate's World's Greatest Shiraz Challenge (October 2010), the wine has been awarded as one of the Top 5 Australasian Shiraz in Winestate's Wine of the Year Awards. This has now been joined by the 2005 Serisier Pinot Noir Chardonnay winning its class in the Winestate Champagne and Sparkling tasting (November 2010).



All of the wines are made from fruit hand-tended and hand-picked, and crafted by specialist wine makers. The majority of the crush is from the Granite Belt vineyard with a small amount of Chardonnay grown at the Preston vineyard.

Situated on the edge of the Range Escarpment just five minutes south of Toowoomba, Preston Peak's stunning Cellar Door offers spectacular views. Wines are available by mail order via the website or direct from the Cellar Door. Cellar Door open Wed-Sun, 10am-5pm 31 Preston Peak Lane Preston, Qld 4352

T: 07 4630 9499 F: 07 4630 9499 W: www.prestonpeak.com E: info@prestonpeak.com



The Darling Downs vineyards and boutique wineries operate cellar door rolling countryside, while vineyard views sweep across wide plains and mountain vistas. Each location offers its own unique charm. Open each styles and varieties produced across the Downs and meet the wonderful

and today, Granite Belt wineries are the most awarded in Queensland. The blanc. Classic full flavoured reds include shiraz, merlot and cabernet unusual varieties including viognier, mourvedre and tempranillo.



Holland Wines

Enjoy a free tasting over a friendly chat in a relaxing garden setting. A variety of gift items, morning and afternoon teas, and cheese platters are also available from the cellar door, which hosts an interesting display of Arnott Biscuit tins. If the front gate is open, the business is open.

Open 7 days. Mail orders are available.

89 Pierces Creek Road, **Crows Nest Qld 4355**

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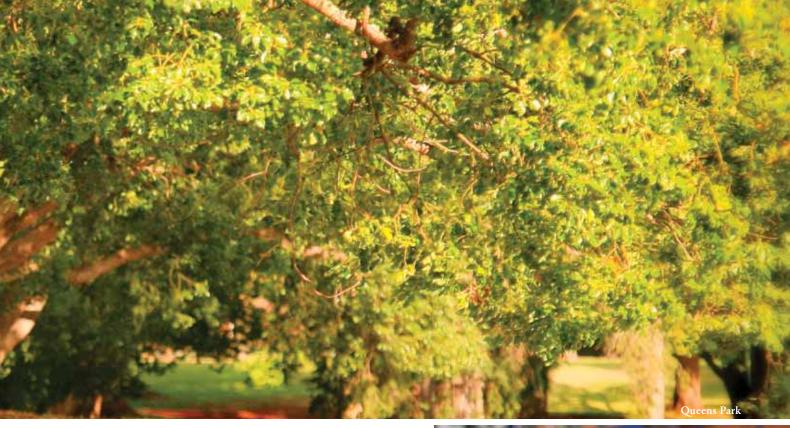




Located just 90 minutes from Brisbane, Toowoomba crowns the edge of the Great Dividing Range 800 metres above sea level, overlooking the Lockyer Valley. To the west rolling plains are home to little rural townships, and warm bed and breakfast accommodation. Cruise north to Crows Nest through the hamlets strung along the eastern escarpment and check out nurseries, cafes, museums and galleries. Go south into the country that was the setting for Steele Rudd's stories, and enjoy the atmosphere in popular historic pubs. In the north-west, the Bunya Mountains rise dramatically against the sky, an offshoot of the Great Dividing Range with dense rainforest, waterfalls, walking tracks and the largest remaining stand of bunya pines.

Queensland's Garden City, Toowoomba, has more than 150 public parks and gardens. In spring the gardens are a kaleidoscope of colour. The city celebrates with the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, held annually in September. Enjoy free live music in three of Toowoomba's major parks: Picnic Point, Laurel Bank and Queens Park, held each Sunday in January and February. Pack a picnic and enjoy sultry summer days in the great outdoors. From March to May mellow tints of red and gold mark the autumn showing. Visitors can enjoy a carriage ride through Queens Park amongst the blanket of fallen oak and willow leaves. In the winter months, enjoy rugging up and winding down. Spicy scents of local wines and delicious foods will tantalise the tastebuds and warm the soul.





Toowoomba's colonial history traces back to 1816 when English botanist and explorer Allan Cunningham arrived in Australia from Brazil. In June 1827 he discovered 16,000 km² of rich farming and grazing land bordered on the east by the Great Dividing Range. Thirteen years later, George and Patrick Leslie established Toolburra Station 90km south-west of Toowoomba and the first settlers arrived on the Darling Downs. They built a township of bark-slab shops called The Springs which was soon renamed Drayton.

Towards the end of the 1840s, Drayton had its own newspaper, general store and trading post. Built by William Horton, the Royal Bull's Head Inn dates from that period and still stands today. Despite not being the first man to live there, Horton is regarded as the true founder of Toowoomba. By 1858 Toowoomba was growing fast, with a population of 700, three hotels and many stores. A new municipality was proclaimed in 1860.

In Toowoomba and its surrounds history is a living and breathing resident that welcomes visitors with open arms.



5 MUST-DOS:

1. See a show at the Empire Theatre 2. Have a meal at a true-blue country pub 3. Experience spring at its blooming best at the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers 4. Sample providor to palate gourmet food and wine culture 5. Explore the Toowoomba Tourist Drive

5 MUST-SEES:



1. Cobb & Co. Museum



2. The view from Picnic Point

Lookout



3. Jondaryan Woolshed



4. Japanese Garden



5. Magnificently restored art deco style Empire Theatre



POINTS OF INTEREST

The Cobb and Co. Museum has an outstanding collection of horse-drawn vehicles and showcases the natural and cultural highlights of Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. The museum pays tribute to Cobb and Co.'s beginnings as a small mail run in the 1800s transporting mail and passengers to Brisbane and beyond. The museum now also boasts the recently opened National Carriage Factory which is a purpose built, open plan training centre where a wide range of heritage skills workshops are conducted including blacksmithing, saddlery, silversmithing and glass art.

The Milne Bay Military Museum, housed in a former drill hall built before World War 1, exhibits the history of the Australian armed forces.

Toowoomba's wealthy beginnings can be seen in the Toowoomba City Hall, the National Trust-owned Royal Bull's Head Inn and many examples in the heritage listed Russell Street. Immediately to the east of the Central Business District is 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. Visitors can still sip railway tea in the authentic refreshment rooms at the grand Victorian railway station in Railway Street.

The Empire Theatre, dating back to 1933, is Toowoomba's premier stage and music venue. A theatre originally opened on the site in June 1911 as a silent movie house. In 1933 fire broke out, almost completely destroying the building. However, the Empire was rebuilt and reopened in November 1933. The architectural styling of the new Empire Theatre was Art Deco, in keeping with the trend of the 1930s. After years of neglect, the Empire was extensively renovated in the late 1990s but retains much of its Art Deco architecture and decorations, especially the proscenium arch. Able to seat 2,400 people, the Empire is now the largest regional theatre in Australia.

Spring Bluff Railway Station







Spring Bluff Railway Station is located on the main railway line between Ipswich and Toowoomba. Its significance stems from 130 years of railway history and the attraction of its landscaped gardens. The beautifully maintained gardens and surrounds have been tended for many years winning awards in the annual Carnival of Flowers competition. The grounds are open every day for visitors to enjoy a picnic or BBQ (electric) while the Spring Bluff Café is open from 9.30am-4.30pm Friday-Sunday for a light meal, coffee or delicious treat.

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Toowoomba is home to a wide selection of fine art galleries and antique stores. Pick up the Antiques Trail guide from the Toowoomba Visitor Information Centre, 86 James Street (Warrego Highway) for a closer look.

Picnic Point Lookout overlooks the Lockyer Valley and is a great location for a picnic lunch atop the Great Dividing Range. From here you can explore graded walks along the range escarpment. Escarpment Bushwalks brochures are available from the Toowoomba Visitor Information Centre.



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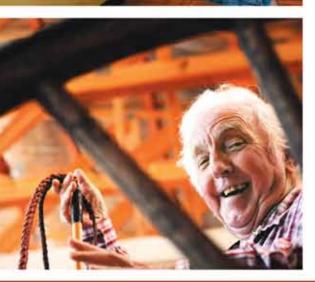
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- The National Carriage Collection Australia's finest collection of horse drawn vehicles. This impressive collection includes original Cobb+Co coaches, farm wagons, delivery carts, omnibuses and the "Rolls Royce" of carriages, the Landau.
- The Factory Cobb+Co Museum brings history to life with the Factory, a custom built heritage trades complex. This facility enables local artisans to demonstrate and teach a range of heritage trades including blacksmithing, silversmithing, glass art, stonemasonry and leatherwork.
- Heritage Trade Workshops Cobb+Co holds regular workshops for visitors to learn how to create their own unique items using heritage trades.
 Workshops are available in ten different trades, with full program details available online.
- Interactive displays Cobb+Co Museum now features a range of interactive displays and exhibitions to enable visitors to become hands on with history. Why not try your hand at leatherplaiting?
- Children's activities The redeveloped Museum includes a large indoor children's play area 'The Coach Stop' as well as a young children's play area in 'Cobb's coffee shop'. In addition to this, an impressive range of hands on craft and educational activities are available for children every school holidays.
- Other facilities Cobb+Co Museum includes a popular coffee shop Cobbs, and a Museum Shop which stocks a large range of merchandise including hand made giftware and Queensland Museum publications.

Cobb+Co Museum is part of the Queensland Museum, it is open from 10am to 4pm daily, closed on Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day.



Toowoomba & Surrounds

WESTBROOK

Westbrook is a growing community located a short drive south west of Toowoomba.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Governor's Choice Winery near Westbrook offers wines, cafe meals and self-contained cottages.

The Westbrook Junction Tavern has wide verandahs overlooking the surrounding plains.

CAMBOOYA

Cambooya is the heart of Steele Rudd Country. Australian author Arthur Hoey Davis, who wrote under the pen-name 'Steele Rudd' and is best known for 'On Our Selection', spent much of his childhood on his family's small block at Emu Creek near East Greenmount.



POINTS OF INTEREST

A replica of Rudd's slab-and-shingle hut stands in Greenmount as a display of subsistence farmers' way of life, as depicted in 'On Our Selection'.

The Soldiers' Memorial Hall at Greenmount is another interesting local building. In Federation Park at Vale View, explore native vegetation.

The Bull and Barley Inn has recently been restored and boasts an authentic 1900s old world atmosphere with displays of interesting historic pieces and photographs. There is a restaurant and accommodation on site. The Inn has a good variety of wines and a wide selection of beer, bottled and on tap. All beverages requiring cooling are chilled in the Inn's original cedar chiller box.

You will also find a café and general store across from the Bull and Barley

Inn in Cambooya's main street.

Just outside Cambooya, The Mill Outlook is a friendly country café popular with locals and visitors. It has a gallery with local art and wood crafts on display, plus a children's play area.



Situated half way between Toowoomba and Warwick on the wide fertile plains of the Darling Downs, Clifton was once a large wheat growing area. It now has a diverse range of agriculture including cattle, cereal crops, sunflowers, peanut and honey production.

Little is known of Aboriginal history in the area, but European settlement began when Clifton Station was taken up and stocked, mostly with cattle, in the first year of the Downs' settlement. Clifton was named by an early owner



Harrow Gardens

Open during the weekends of the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, however group bookings by appointment are available year-round. The Historic 100m² Homestead built in the 1860s features hoop pine, cedar paneling and beautiful wide verandas on three sides. The 10 acre picturesque gardens display beautiful roses, lake with water lilies, fish pond and luscious greenery.

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after his English birthplace. The town of Clifton dates back to 1875.

From some of the oldest to the newest, amble through the Clifton Heritage Walking Trail or visit Queensland's newest zoo in the Darling Downs.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Clifton and District Historical Museum, located in the former Butter Factory Building, has a wide collection of household and agricultural items providing an insight into the area's pioneering past. Check out the 1930s dining room, a pioneer bedroom, an early hospital ward, kitchen and children's room.

The classic streetscape of Clifton and its building facades have been used in a number of Australian movies including 'The Thornbirds'.

Embark on the Clifton Heritage Walking Trail to discover the historic treasures of the town. The self-guided tour commences from the Railway Station and finishes at the cemetery, incorporating 43 sites in total. A must do for all visitors.

Just a short drive north of Clifton is Nobby and the well known Rudd's Pub which has an extensive display of historic memorabilia and photographs of the area's pioneering past. The pub is dedicated to Arthur Hoey Davis, also known as Steele Rudd, who lived in the area, and found inspiration there for his stories in 'On Our Selection'.

Just a short stroll from the pub is the Sister Kenny memorial. Sister Elizabeth Kenny also lived in the area and was known for her revolutionary treatment for the victims of polio.

Just out of Clifton, on the Gatton-Clifton road is Darling Downs Zoo, Queensland's newest. The zoo has animals from Australia, Africa, South America and South East Asia including lions, tigers, baboons, monkeys of different species, coloured tropical parrots, ostrich, llama, kangaroos, crocodiles, snakes and many more.

Roselawn Vintage Machinery has

what is believed to be the Southern Hemisphere's most complete vintage Caterpillar tractor collection. It also has the only building left in the district from the Clifton Homestead, as well as other vintage vehicles and memorabilia.

PITTSWORTH

Pittsworth is located just off the Gore Highway via a pleasant 30 minute drive from Toowoomba, and boasts some of the richest farming land in Australia.

The town possesses most of the modern facilities of the city; however it still maintains the history and character of a country town.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Pittsworth Pioneer Village showcases the early development of Pittsworth and the surrounding rural district. The museum has two feature collections. The Lady Fletcher Lace Room houses one of Australia's largest lace collections and the Village is dedicated to preserving the memory of the feats of Arthur Postle – the "Crimson Flash". Once the world's fastest athlete, Postle grew up in the district and developed his love of running on the family farm. He went on to set world records in various countries across the globe.

Remembrance Day 2010 saw the opening of the new RSL Display Centre, where an extensive collection of wartime memorabilia is housed.

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.

McKinlay's Nursery in Briggs Street is a popular attraction for gardening enthusiasts, where they are always happy to pass on gardening tips and offer an insight into the history of the town.

For over 100 years the agricultural

show has been one of the town's major events. Held in early March, the show provides an opportunity for the community to demonstrate all that is great about living in rural Australia.

Pittsworth's Broxburn Bash has been running since 1997, blasting out all forms of music. The festival has emerged from its original country music roots, but even with a variety of music styles it is still about as country as a music festival can get. During the May long weekend, you can expect 10-gallon hats, some of the country's best performers and bush poetry over the three days.

In September the town hosts its annual Pittsworth Sprints, a weekend of time trials around a street circuit. With some safety additions you could put the family car on the track or take part in the legendary burn out competition.

The Pittsworth Craft and Fine Food Spectacular has been a regular highlight on the region's event calendar in recent years. The centrepiece of the October event is the diverse range of hand-made crafts and regional foods for sale at the Town Hall. More than 60 stall holders demonstrate the array of talent in the district.



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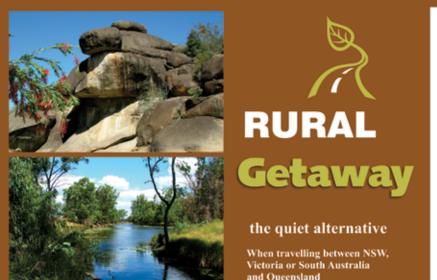
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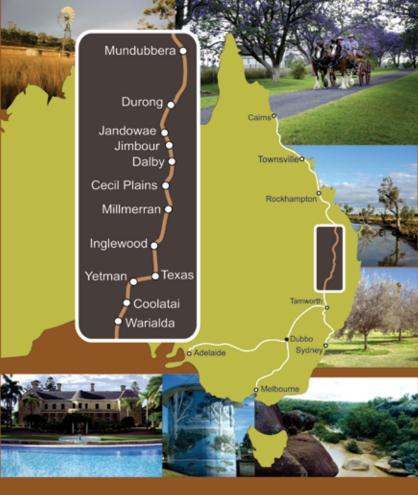
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These areas have fascinating histories that have been documented and displayed in their museums and information centres.

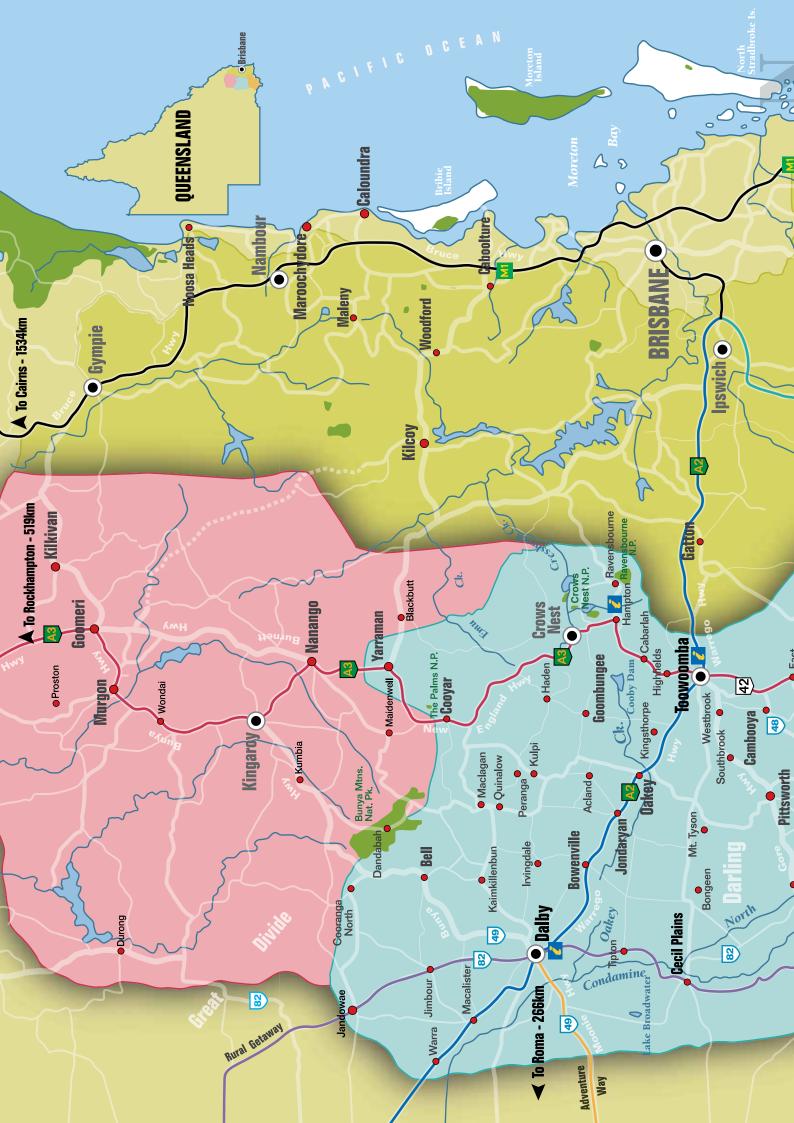
Much can be gleaned from locals or simply by walking or driving around to view landmarks and local heritage displays. Friendly country people you'll meet on the way will make it easy to relax and unwind.

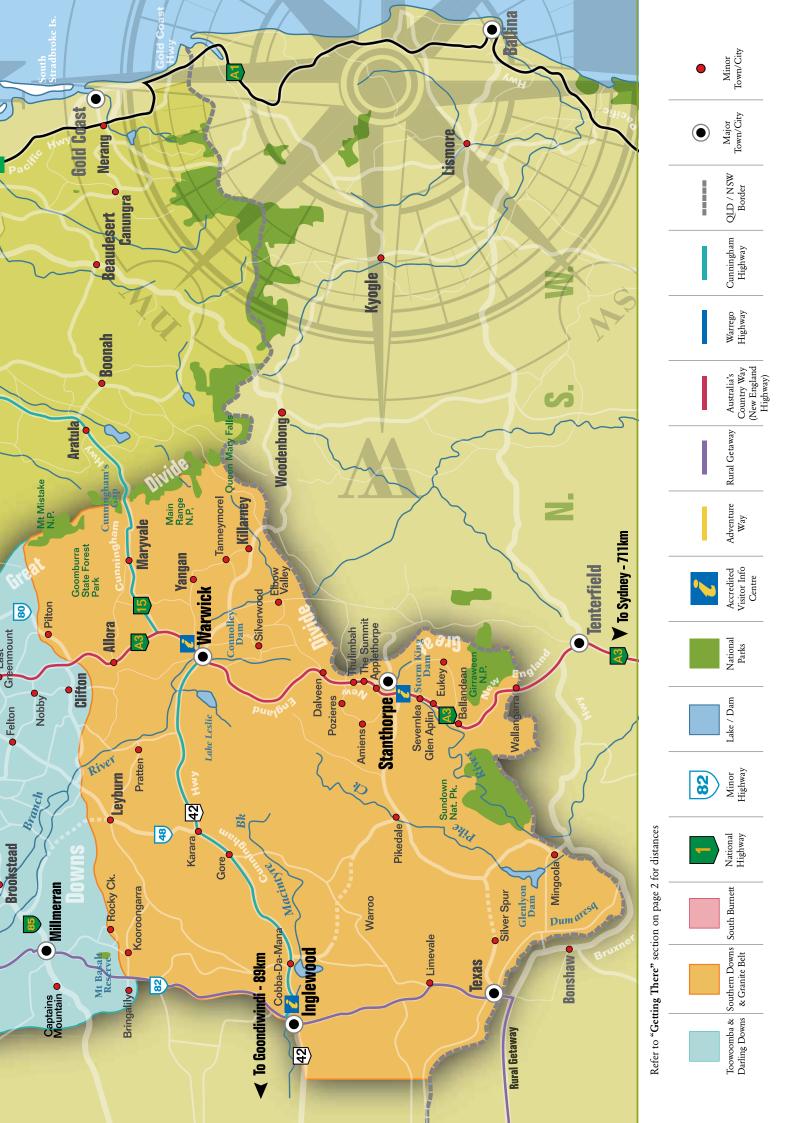
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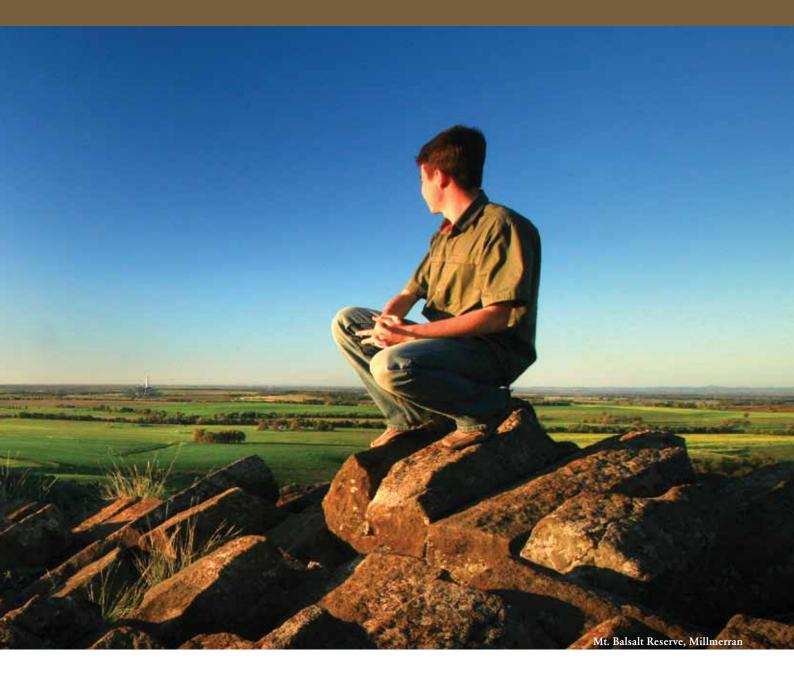
Located on the western fringe of the Darling Downs, Millmerran benefits from the rich agricultural area of the Condamine and Macintyre catchments.

The area was first settled by Europeans in 1841 when George R. Gore and his brother Ralph T. Gore established Yandilla Station in the area between Millmerran and Pittsworth. The property was estimated to have spread over 1,784 sq km and, at one time, was the size of a small township with its own store and telegraph station.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Commodore Peak lookout has a panoramic view over Millmerran which is home to a series of larger than life murals that depict stages of the town and the district's history.

Mt Basalt is a unique geological and environmental landmark that features rare volcanic formations. The Mt Basalt reserve, just 19km south of Millmerran, offers a variety of walking trails and a lookout with spectacular views.



The All Saints Anglican Church in Yandilla was consecrated by Bishop Webber in 1887. Now listed by the National Trust, it is the oldest building in Millmerran and is believed to be the second-oldest church in Queensland. Its classic design features include superb stained-glass windows made in the memory of Reverend William Francis Gore.

Millmerran Museum houses a treasure trove of history from the area and is well worth a visit. The museum is home to the "water baby" a 28 foot steam vessel which was made at Yandilla Station in 1878. Visit www.millmerran.net.au for opening times.

Millmerran is the national headquarters of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia. The Association gathers every two years for the National Open Rendezvous where shooters display their skills.

The Australian Camp Oven Festival, held in Millmerran, is a biennial event that occurs in evennumbered years. The festival includes a feast of camp oven food, bush poetry, bush ballads and country music. Billy Boiling Speed Tests and Damper Throwing are also great features of the event.

Held in August, the annual Millmerran Sheep Races at the Millmerran Showgrounds is a six-race program followed by a calcutta. The Millmerran Show is held on the first weekend in March.

Nearby Cecil Plains is steeped in history. Cecil Plains Homestead was the focal point of life on Cecil Plains Station which was claimed in 1841 by Henry Stuart Russell. Cecil Plains Homestead is a historical "Country Stay Bed and Breakfast"

Cecil Plains also hosts Ludwig Leichhardt Weekend on the third weekend in May. In 1844 and 1847 Ludwig Leichhardt used Cecil Plains Station as the base for his botanical expeditions into the surrounding region.

The Cecil Plains Cotton Gin, in operation during the harvest season from April to July, is one of the largest cotton engines in the southern hemisphere.



IONDARYAN

Jondaryan is a quaint rural township, home to the Jondaryan Woolshed and Station Village.

The township has a beautiful rural scenic outlook and is easily accessible on a day trip from all parts of South East Queensland.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Built in 1859, the Jondaryan Woolshed is Queensland's oldest operating woolshed. Open seven days, Jondaryan Woolshed is the centrepiece of the Open Air Working Museum, which was established in 1975 to showcase

the history of Jondaryan Station and its role in the development of pastoralism on the Darling Downs. Stroll back in time through a fascinating complex of historic buildings, machinery, equipment and collections. Here you can re-enact the lifestyles and skills of our rural pioneers and see shearing displays and demonstrations, sheep dog trials, bullock and horse teams, blacksmithing, vintage tractors, engines, trucks and cars.

The nine-day Australian Heritage Festival, held at the end of August, is an annual highlight. People come from all over Australia to display

traditional bush crafts and be part of the atmosphere as machinery from the museum whirrs into operation.

Several kinds of basic accommodation are available at Jondaryan Woolshed, including shearers' quarters, safari tents, caravans and camping sites. The shearers' quarters feature a sawdustfloored cookhouse with an open fire, wood stoves, crockery, cutlery, utensils, fridges, hot and cold showers, and toilets. A newly renovated selfcontained twin share cabin is also available, complete with ensuite and kitchenette.

OAKEY

The Oakey area offers the real country experience and is home to the Museum of Australian Army Flying. Oakey is a major town in the region where you can explore the unspoilt rural landscape, experience genuine country hospitality and the deep connection with the town's rich pioneering history.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Museum of Australian Army Flying displays every kind of aircraft flown by the Australian Army since World War II, including the latest high-tech military helicopters. There are other remarkable flying machines including a replica Bristol Boxkite as used to train pilots in World War I.



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If you've ever dreamt of flying, why not stop off at McCaffrey Field near Jondaryan which is the base for the Darling Downs Soaring Club. Experience the wonder of silent flight, gliding with Australia's premier gliding club.

The race horse Bernborough, the area's most famous sporting icon, is celebrated in a life-size bronze statue outside the Oakey Service Centre. A press-button recording lets visitors relive one of the mighty racehorse's brilliant wins and find out more about his exploits.

The Oakey Historical Museum has faithfully preserved the everyday lifestyle of our forebears for new generations to enjoy and is a must-see for every visitor.

GOOMBUNGEE

Goombungee's streets are lined with jacarandas and silky oaks which provide a spectacular display in late spring.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Pioneer Arms Hotel dates back to 1897 and still serves hearty country fare.

The Rosalie Gallery hosts an ever-changing display of fine art exhibitions.

A challenging nine hole golf course welcomes visitors.

KINGSTHORPE

Kingsthorpe is a 15 minute panoramic drive west of Toowoomba.

POINT OF INTEREST

Gowrie Mountain Estate Vineyard and Cellar Door and Second to None Winery are located in the area.

The lookout, just outside Kingsthorpe at Mt Kingsthorpe Park, has a graded walking track from the carpark to the summit which provides expansive views across the Darling Downs.

CROWS NEST

Perched on the crest of the Great Dividing Range, the old timber town of Crows Nest lies amongst pretty, undulating hills and is built around the attractive village green. In the centre of the green, known as Centenary Park, is the statue of Jimmy Crow, after whom the town was named. Its streets are filled with striking old buildings that house antique shops, cafés, galleries and a museum.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Held in October each year, the Crows Nest Festival includes the infamous Perseverance Cup for racing worms among its highlights. Salts Antiques, Carbethon Folk Museum, the Regional Art Gallery, Crows Nest Soft Drink factory and a community arts and crafts centre are all within easy walking distance from the town centre. The Crows Nest National Park is a short drive away and offers day and overnight visitors bird watching and bush walking opportunities in this dry scherophyll forest.



Museum of Australian Army Flying

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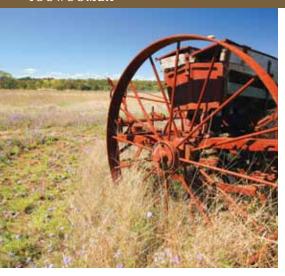


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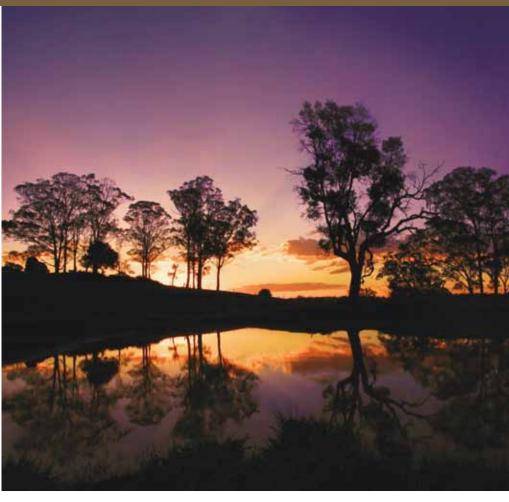


HIGHFIELDS

Just a short drive north of Toowoomba along the New England Highway is Highfields, a booming community with many unique and specialised art and craft outlets. Beautiful parks, delightful walking tracks and a historical village make this a lovely spot to spend a day or two.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Set on 4.7 hectares, Peacehaven Botanic Park is one of the most outstanding botanic gardens on the Darling Downs. With breathtaking vistas to the Bunya Mountains and a diverse range of plants of local provenance, Peacehaven offers a rewarding experience that only nature can provide.



The Highfields Pioneer Historical Village has rare and unusual collections of vintage machinery, a fully operational blacksmith shop and a collection of restored antique radios along with many more memories of years gone by. Abbie Lane, the Village Green, Jacaranda Manor and Danish Flower Art are located along the highway and each complex offers a shopping experience including a gourmet café and an additional five or six specialist craft or retail outlets, set around a central grassy square.

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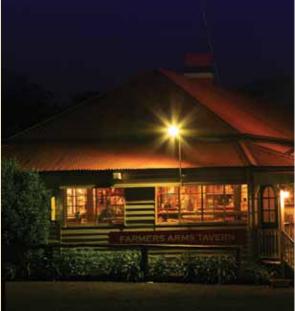
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CABARLAH

Further along the highway is Cabarlah. It's a great spot to stop for a good country pub meal at the Farmers Arms Tavern, the longest continually licenced pub 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. Home to an impressive collection of traditional and quirky cuckoo clocks, the Black Forest Hill Coffee House and Hillcrest Nursery. Quality French antiques and giftware are located in La Maison de France, a short stroll away.

HAMPTON

Situated at the top of the escarpment is the picturesque village of Hampton. This quaint town is surrounded by forests and striking natural beauty and is the heart of the high country at 715m above sea level. It is home to a thriving art community and its rich volcanic soils and temperate climate make it one of south east Queensland's most productive food bowls.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Hampton Visitor Information Centre is located in a charming historical cottage. Travellers are invited to stop to enjoy the fresh mountain air and gather information on the many

attractions of the region. Chapman Park is a designated overnight rest area for caravans and motorhomes and is within easy walking distance of Flavours Café and Gallery, a general store and Hampton Court Antiques.

The Hampton High Country Food and Arts Festival is held here each May. This popular event attracts approximately 5,000 people and celebrates the vibrant local community and its creative and culinary assets.

From Hampton it is easy access to the Ravensbourne and Crows Nest National Parks, and nearby Lakes Cressbrook and Perseverance.



Hampton Visitor Information Centre

Take the short drive north from Toowoomba and discover the natural beauty and unique attractions of the high country of the Darling Downs in the Highfields, Ravensbourne and Crows Nest region. Call for an information pack or drop in and speak to a friendly local. Open daily 9am-5pm.

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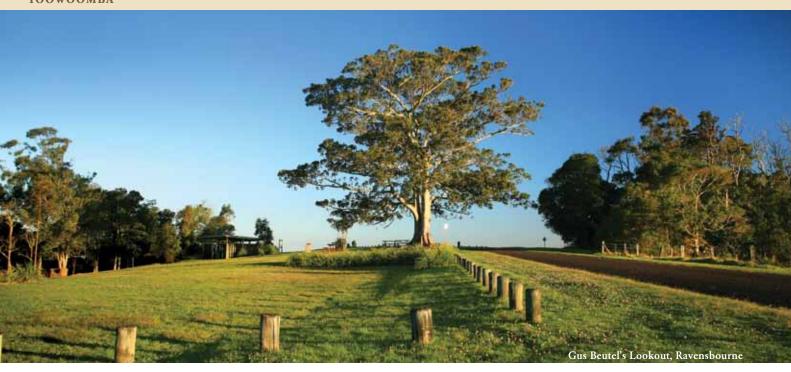
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RAVENSBOURNE

Perched on the edge of the Great Dividing Range, Ravensbourne Park was a traditional bush tucker refreshment stop for Aboriginal people en route to and from the Bunya Mountains nut festivals. Once, rainforest covered most of the area but timber cutters and dairy farmers changed the landscape over the years. Patches of rainforest still exist and the drive along the winding Hampton-Esk road is one of the prettiest drives through spectacular scenery in Queensland.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Ravensbourne National Park is a day-use park with short walks through rainforest and open eucalypt forest, which support an amazing array of native birdlife. The cedar-block self-guiding walk starts at the picnic area near Gus Beutel's Lookout, which provides a panoramic view of the range over the Lockyer Valley and to the Border Ranges in the south.

Nearby Lakes Cressbrook and Perseverance, which provide the water supply for the Toowoomba region, offer opportunities for bushwalking, boating, fishing, camping, bird watching and picnicking.

Three accommodation options provide the traveller with a unique choice of places to relax and revitalise in the high country air. Ravensbourne Forest Chalets, Cloudlake Mountain Retreat and Sketches Mountain Resort offer superior accommodation amongst the rainforest and rolling hills.

MACLAGAN AND QUINALOW

Maclagan, situated at the foothills of the Bunya Mountains, is a very close neighbour to Quinalow, another friendly country town.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Maclagan is home to Rimfire Winery and Rangemore Estate Winery.

Walk through the old Muntapa Rail Tunnel and see the colony of bentwinged bats that call it home. The area has recently been upgraded with picnic and barbeque facilities, a viewing platform, toilet facilities and walking trails. Interpretive signage tells the story about the workers who dug the 287 metre long tunnel by hand in 1913.

COOYAR

Cooyar is located north of Toowoomba on the New England Highway.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The suspension bridge in Swinging Bridge Park was rebuilt in 1988 after a devastating flood swept away the previous bridge along with a number of the town's buildings. It is quite common for visitors to spot a platypus from the bridge.

Cooyar's annual show features great country competitions, including a night rodeo.

Cooyar also boasts the tiny Palms National Park, which preserves remnant rainforest and a stand of piccabeen palms in a spring-fed gully.

Breathe in the fresh country air of the Darling Downs high country.

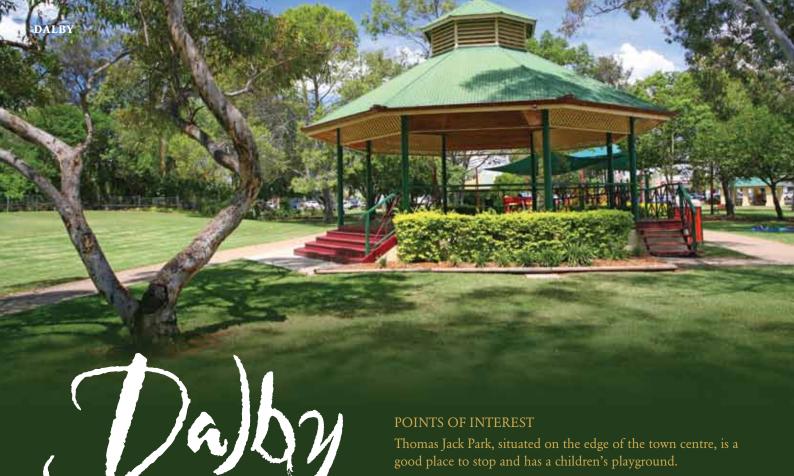


Ravensbourne Forest Chalets

Only 35 mins from Toowoomba, this getaway location offers the ultimate romantic experience with privacy & tranquillity. Ravensbourne Forest Chalets are nestled in a private rainforest, 600m above sea level. All chalets offer maximum comfort, air-con, double spa, log fireplace, self-contained kitchen, BBQ on a secluded veranda, DVD players/library and linen. Delicious meal hampers are available.

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Situated in the black soil plains of the northern Darling Downs, Dalby is a hive of rural enterprise and the gateway to the rich energy resources of the Surat Basin. Major industries include grain and cotton farms, cattle feedlots and piggeries. Coal and gas extraction is a major employer of the region.

The Pioneer Park Museum has a wide range of exhibits on local history and a craft store, early household and fashion items and an extensive collection of minerals, rocks and fossils.

Exhibits include working farm machinery from the late 1800s and early 1900s. These machines can be seen working at the annual field days held in May.

Take a walking tour of some of Dalby's historic buildings with the Heritage Trail that begins at St Joseph's Catholic Church built in 1921 in the Romanesque style with a barrel ceiling of pressed metal and a beautiful rose window. Also on the trail is the old police station dating from the mid-1860s, the Commercial Hotel and the Art Centre which was once the Bath House.

The Myall Creek Walk reveals waterbirds in their natural surroundings. Plaques along the creek side walkway offer information regarding places of historical interest.

The Dalby Wambo Saleyards have a vibrant atmosphere and are open on Mondays and Wednesdays. It is the largest one day selling centre for cattle in Queensland.







5 MUST-SEES:



Jimbour House and Gardens



Bunya Mountains



3. Thomas Jack Park



4. Dalby Pioneer Park Museum



5. Athlone Cottage, Jandowae



5 MUST-DOS: 1. The Dingo Barrier Fence 2. Follow the bird trails of the Dalby region 3. Lake Broadwater Conservation Park 4. Dalby Heritage Walking Trail 5. Bell Heritage Trail

The Dalby Picnic Races in May are one of Queensland's biggest regional race days, and a great way to spend a long weekend.

The Dalby Showgrounds is home to Australia's largest Stock Horse Show and Sale. The first week of December each year sees the town fill up with horse enthusiasts and tourists alike to see this grand spectacular.

Valhalla Clydesdales on the Warrego Highway outside Dalby offers onfarm demonstrations of Clydesdale horses at work.

South west of Dalby lies the seasonal 350 hectare Lake Broadwater Conservation Park, a popular spot for bushwalking and birdwatching. The only natural lake on the Darling Downs, it is an important refuge for waterbirds and other wildlife. The park preserves valuable remnants of the vegetation types which once covered the Western Downs before settlement. Take the walking track which skirts the lake and see the remains of an old dingo fence built in the 1860s for St Ruth Station.

North east from Dalby to the Bunya Mountains, Kaimkillenbun has the longest single place name in Queensland and is known locally simply as 'The Bun'.

Dalby & Surrounds

THE BUNYA MOUNTAINS

The imposing mass of the Bunya Mountains, a spur of the Great Dividing Range, dominates the countryside. It was declared a national park in 1908, making it Queensland's second national park.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The bunya pines that tower above the rainforest drew Aboriginal people from distant areas for celebratory feasts over two hundred years ago. Notches still mark the tree trunks where young men cut footholds with stone axes to scale the trees and bring down bunya nuts.

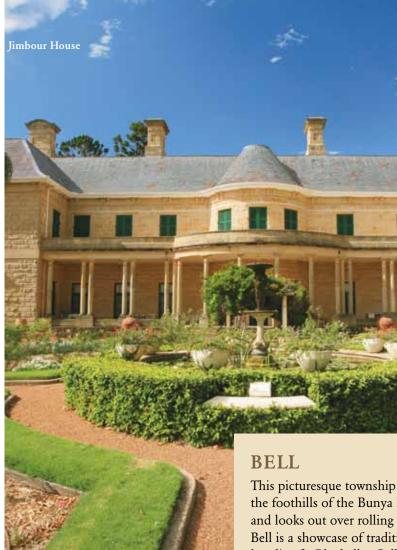
There is an extensive range of bushwalking trails. The trails travel through vine thicket, eucalypt forest and stands of grass trees among mountain mists to reveal panoramic vistas.

The area has a licensed restaurant, a souvenir shop and conference centre.

JANDOWAE

Situated north of Dalby, the town of Jandowae welcomes visitors to their friendly country community, where you can expect to find many of the amenities of much larger towns. The Dingo Barrier Fence, the longest fence in the world, has its northern end near Jandowae. The fence is 5,300km long and stretches to the Great Australian Bight. A two metre dingo sculpture by Scottish artist, Andy Scott, takes pride of place in Jandowae's main street.

Nearby Jandowae Dam is a top spot for fishing, a swim or a picnic.



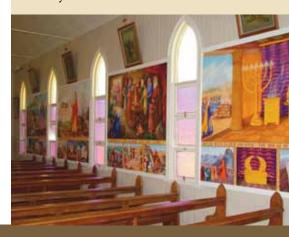
IIMBOUR

Historic Jimbour House, a heritagelisted homestead of French classic design and built of sandstone, is a short drive north east of Dalby. Jimbour takes its name from Jimbour Station, a vast pastoral holding that once stretched from the Bunya Mountains to the Condamine River. It is now the hub of a working grain and cattle property and visitors are welcome to take a walk in the gardens.

Jimbour Station is also home to Opera at Jimbour which is a biennial event, held at the Jimbour Station Amphitheatre. The sounds of the Philharmonic Orchestra, accompanying the solos, duets and ensemble pieces performed by some of Queensland's remarkable talents, ensure the skies above the Jimbour Station amphitheatre are filled with a kaleidoscope of music.

This picturesque township is nestled in the foothills of the Bunya Mountains and looks out over rolling farmland. Bell is a showcase of traditional country handicrafts Bluebelles Gallery, Bell Heritage Parkland, Popey's Shed and the murals in the Catholic Church are well worth a visit.

Many other quaint townships are dotted throughout this region. Kaimkillenbun was the set for the Nicole Kidman movie, 'Chase Through the Night'. Heading west on the Warrego Highway, Macalister is the site of a large grain handling depot and coal loading facility, while Warra boasts the Richard Best Memorial Park, which is a pleasant stopover with railway memorabilia and the 1844 campsite of explorer Ludwig Leichhardt is also nearby.





Located in the heart of Queensland's premier wine region, Stanthorpe has a reputation for being Queensland's coolest town. Some altitudes around the Granite Belt exceed 1,000 metres above sea level bringing frosty mornings and the odd snowfall during winter.

Wander through Stanthorpe and surrounding villages to discover award-winning artisan bread and meat pies, gourmet outlets, fresh local produce in season, locally-cured meats, jams and preserves, farmhouse cheeses, and olives plus outstanding wines.

Grapes have been grown around Stanthorpe since the 1870s and Granite Belt wineries are the most awarded in Queensland. The area's proven whites include verdelho, semillon, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. The classic full flavoured reds include shiraz, merlot and cabernet sauvignon varieties. But for those with a more adventurous palate, the area is renowned for its Strange Bird alternative wine trail which covers some of the more unusual varieties including viognier, mourvedre and tempranillo.

The micro climate and granitic soil provide excellent growing conditions not only for grapes, but also for a range of vegetables plus stonefruit, berries, apples and pears. The Biennial Apple and Grape Harvest Festival, held each even numbered year in early March, celebrates the harvest.

Eating out in Stanthorpe includes traditional Italian-themed restaurants, delis, winery cafes, a bakehouse and modern Australian cuisine. The local pubs offer traditional fare plus everything from a cosy drink beside the fire to a cool ale in the beer garden on a summer's evening.

5 MUST-SEES:



1. View from the top of The Pyramid at Girraween National Park



2. Drifts of spring wildflowers & fruit blossoms



3. Misty autumn mornings & white frosts in winter



 Landmark granitic outcrops across the landscape



5. Vintage, the annual grape harvest

Stanthorpe's 'make it, bake it, sew it or grow it' quality craft market is held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at the Stanthorpe 'Market in the Mountains'. Located in the heart of town at the Stanthorpe Civic Centre, it is filled with plants, gardenware, skin care and beauty products, craft items, pottery, woodwork, gourmet foods and wine.

The Granite Belt Nude Food Trail is a self drive experience of produce, in region and in season. The trail shows where to eat out, find fresh produce, local meats, savoury staples, sweet treats and local food events. Keen foodies should look out for wild asparagus and wild fennel in season with future crops of saffron and truffles further enriching the region's food culture. The area has a well established large scale horticultural sector which supplies major Brisbane and interstate markets and is a proven area for almonds, chestnuts and prickly pears.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Being Queensland's premier wine region, the Granite Belt is home to the Queensland College of Wine Tourism. The College's Banca Ridge Bistro and Cellar Door is open to the public for

wine tasting and lunch.

Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery displays quality exhibitions of both national and local importance while the Stanthorpe Heritage Museum has historical buildings full of unique collectables.

Lavender farms offer a visual treat during the summer and throughout the year offer an excellent range of gift products. While exploring lavender you can choose between stopping to enjoy afternoon tea in an aromatic setting or take the children to the animal nursery.

Kidspace on Quart Pot Creek, near the Visitor Information Centre, has a Brass Monkey-themed playground. A stroll along the creek is a very pleasant way to while away a little free time in a relaxed environment.

Just south of Stanthorpe, Girraween National Park is a favourite for bushwalkers. It offers spectacular granite rock formations and wildflower displays during spring. Adjacent to Girraween are Bald Rock National Park and Boonoo Boonoo National Park. Bald Rock National Park has the largest granite rock formation in the southern hemisphere, providing excellent

views over the surrounding terrain. At Boonoo Boonoo National Park you can view the river as it cascades down a sheer rock face into the gorge below. Sundown National Park has peaks rising

Sundown National Park has peaks rising over 1,000m and is largely wilderness with four-wheel drive access only.

At Storm King Dam, 10km southeast of Stanthorpe, the picturesque rural setting is home to many water birds and is an ideal spot for picnics, water sports and fishing.

5 MUST-DOS:

- 1. Talk to a winemaker 2. Explore
- a wine, food or nature trail
- 3. Stroll along Stanthorpe's Quart Pot Creek 4. Relax in front of a roaring fire 5. Stargaze on a cool summer's evening



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From Dalveen in the north through Ballandean to Wallangarra on the New England Highway, there is a plethora of small towns and villages surrounding Stanthorpe. The entire area boasts a large range of tourist accommodation from five star to motels and backpacker hostels.

DALVEEN

Dalveen, just off the highway on Granite Belt Drive, is a growing artisan village where local artists sell leadlight, handmade porcelain dolls and unique fashions. Dalveen is the start of Granite Belt Drive (formerly known as The Fruit Run) which runs to Applethorpe just north of Stanthorpe. Driving parallel with the New England Highway, this route provides access to a number of wineries and several food outlets.

THULIMBAH

Stradling the New England Highway at Thulimbah are a range of food outlets offering specialty items, local produce and meals. And it wouldn't be the Granite Belt if there wasn't a winery or two nearby!



THE SUMMIT

Find Queensland's highest railway station here or get lost in the maze. The area is also home to Castle Glen which produces more than 100 varieties of wine, liqueurs and specialty products.

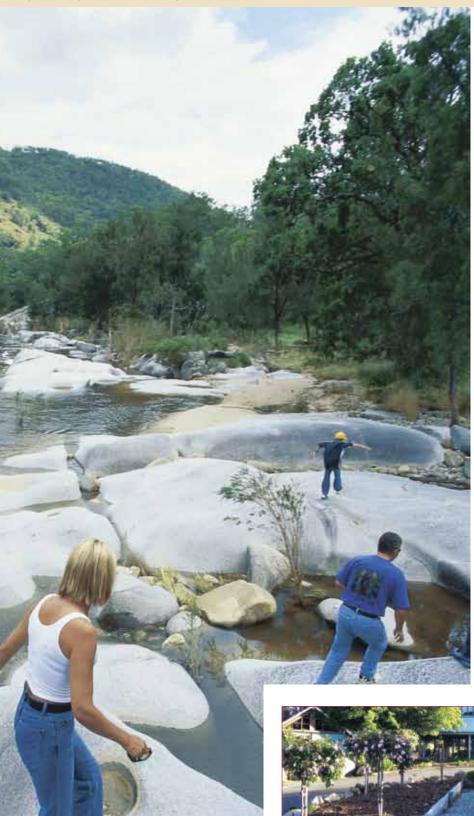
AMIENS

Head west along Amiens Road into an area of post-World War I soldier settlements entitled Fleurbaix, Bullecourt, Passchendale, Bapaume, Messines and Pozieres. Along this drive route are also many fine wineries. This is bushranger country, so you'll also follow the signs to Donnelly's Castle lookout on top of a huge granite boulder to step back in time.



SEVERNLEA

The village of Severnlea, on the highway just south of Stanthorpe, is a centre for commercial fruit production and also topaz fossicking. Wineries in the area include Lucas Estate, which also holds regular music events.



GLEN APLIN

Set in the hills above Glen Aplin, the Bramble Patch is a working berry farm which specialises in tastings and sales of gourmet jams, dessert sauces, meat sauces, relishes, vinegars and fortified berry wines. Glen Aplin is also home to a number of wineries.

BALLANDEAN

Ballandean has the largest cluster of wineries on the Granite Belt. Stopover at Vineyard Cottages and Café on the highway, then head west to Ballandean Estate, Golden Grove Estate and Bungawarra Wines. Head east to Symphony Hill Wines in the foothills of the famous Girraween National Park.

WYBERBA

Turning east from the highway towards Girraween National Park, you will pass another award-winning winery and a chocolate shop offering 17 flavours of handcrafted chocolates, ice cream and local and imported gourmet items. Girraween National Park has popular camping facilities and huge granite boulders that tower above the open forests of the park. Enjoy wildflowers in spring and climb The Pyramid for great views of Balancing Rock. From the Castle Rock and Bald Rock Creek campgrounds, explore up to 30km of walking tracks.



Girraween Country Inn & Loft on the Girraween National Park

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Walk in the wide streets of the pioneering settlement of Warwick and see some of the state's finest original sandstone buildings. The well-preserved churches, cottages, railway stations and schools hail from the days when people travelled in horse-drawn carriages and the old fashioned pubs sport beautiful leadlight windows. Get a copy of the Southern Downs Heritage and Historic Building Trails Guide from the Visitor Information Centre and make sure you include a visit to Abbey of the Roses and the Warwick & District Historical Museum.

Warwick is known as the 'Rose and Rodeo' capital of Australia and the red 'City of Warwick' rose (Arofuto) can be seen growing prolifically in Leslie Park.
Warwick's famous Rose and Rodeo
Festival is held on the last full weekend in
October. The Warwick Rodeo can trace its
roots back to a professional buckjumping
contest which started in 1857. Each year
riders from around the nation compete
for their share of the prize money.

During the winter months of Brass Monkey Season®, the streets of Warwick come alive with the Jumpers and Jazz in July Festival where the deciduous trees of the main street are dressed with custom-knitted jumpers.



5 MUST-SEES:



1. Head of the Murray Darling River System, Killarney



Bull riding at the Warwick Rodeo



Warwick &
Surrounds' heritage
architecture



4. Colourful tree jumpers during winter's Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival, Warwick



5. Beautiful roses in Leslie Park and Main Street

5 MUST-DOS: 1. Visit the weekly Pig & Calf Sales, Warwick

- 2. Take a stroll along the Condamine River, including a visit to Tiddalik, Warwick
- 3. Visit Morgan Park for a horse or motor sport event, Warwick
- 4. Take a trip on the Southern Downs Steam Railway's "Downs Dasher" from Warwick to Clifton or Wallangarra
- 5. Hand feed the parrots at Queen Mary Falls Caravan Park, Killarney

POINTS OF INTEREST

As you drive in to Warwick, discover Tiddalik— a monument inspired by an Aboriginal Dreamtime legend about a frog that drank all the water and caused a drought. Explore the Australian Rodeo Heritage Centre in Alice Street and view the memorial to Jackie Howe. Born in Warwick, Jackie Howe still holds the blade-shearing world record of 321 sheep shorn in a standard working day in 1892.

Leslie Dam is situated 13km west of Warwick along the Cunningham Highway toward Goondiwindi. The fishing is good here with regular restocking of freshwater fish by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and local restocking groups. It's

a great place for a picnic with shelters and toilets available. Swimming and boating activities are permitted.

Enjoy shore fishing at Connolly Dam, approximately 15km south east of Warwick off the New England Highway. Toilets are available at the dam.

Walk along the Condamine River starting at Queens Park in Alice Street.

Southern Downs Steam Railway now offers a regular tourist rail service from Warwick to Clifton and Wallangarra.

If visiting Warwick on a Wednesday, a stop at the weekly Pig and Calf Sales is a must, or on the weekend Morgan Park hosts world-class equestrian and motor sport events throughout the year.

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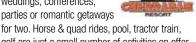
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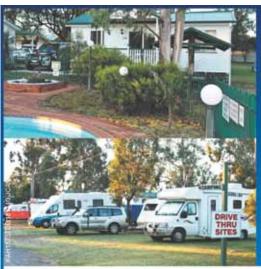
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ALLORA

Take a trip just off the highway between Toowoomba and Warwick and delve into history with a drive down Allora's main street - a streetscape filled with heritage buildings. Allora was the childhood home of P.L. Travers who wrote the Mary Poppins stories.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Walk Allora's signed Heritage Trail and visit Saint David's Anglican Church built in 1888, one of the finest examples of a timber church in country Queensland. Allora's Fallen Soldiers' Memorial is one of only two Boer War memorials in Queensland.

Nearby Glengallan Homestead and Heritage Centre opens weekends between 10am and 4pm and offers a rare glimpse of the lifestyle of wealthy colonialists and the decline of large pastoral runs.

KILLARNEY

Discover deep secluded valleys and dramatic waterfalls in the picture postcard views at Killarney. This old timber and dairying town was named by nostalgic Irish settlers. Now it's the centre of a thriving mixed-farming district producing meat, potatoes, onions, grain and timber.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Killarney Heritage Centre, located at the RSL Hall in Acacia Street, specialises in researching local family history. It has a good collection of local historical photos, articles and small artefacts. It's open on weekends.

Drive east into the mountains for Browns Falls, Daggs Falls and the spectacular waterfall at Queen Mary Falls, where



Spring Creek tumbles dramatically over a 40 metre cliff.

Killarney is known for its premium beef and lamb. Nearby, next to Carrs Lookout, Spring Creek Mountain Café offers fine cuisine and spectacular views from their balcony and grounds.



Oaklea Bed & Breakfast & Cottages

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LEYBURN

Leyburn's streets roar to life each year in August, when thousands come to watch the annual Historic Motor Sprint. Cars race through the streets whizzing past the town's intriguing heritage buildings.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The historic Royal Hotel, owned by former Broncos rugby league star, Shane Webcke, is Queensland's oldest continually licensed establishment. Leyburn School, circa 1862, has a bell from 1872 and a shingle-roofed play

shed. Discover Henry Kirby's grave in the Leyburn cemetery before visiting St Matthew's Catholic Church and St Augustine's Anglican Church.

Liberator Park has a memorial to 'Z Special Unit', that was stationed at Leyburn in World War II, while the Leyburn airstrip was the site for the first Australian Motor Racing Grand Prix in 1949.

Nearby Pratten was once a bustling goldfield. Visitors can still try their luck at Thanes Creek fossicking reserve.

Killarney View Cabins and Caravan Park









Killarney View offers affordable luxury in our modern one and two bedroom fully self contained cabins all air-conditioned, with full kitchen, TV/DVD, linen supplied. So come and enjoy the tranquility while taking in the great views from the deck. If caravanning or camping is more your style we can offer you large level caravan sites big enough to accommodate large RV's.

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Inglewood (founded 1862) is a small, friendly, country town nestled on the banks of the Macintyre Brook.

The town provides a great mix of high quality, old-fashioned service, modern facilities and a diverse range of country activities. While the town is small enough to have that small town feeling, it is large enough to offer a range of modern facilities and services.

Pride in the town is reflected in the cleanliness and attractiveness of the town itself. Its iconic tree palms line the main street while the high involvement in community activities is the foundation of Inglewood's friendly, welcoming atmosphere. The new slogan for the town, 'Catch the Country Spirit' truly captures the essence of this friendly town and region.

Agriculturally, the region mostly consists of small to medium sized family-owned properties and some larger, corporate holdings for livestock (e.g. beef cattle, sheep, chickens), mixed-cropping (e.g. lucerne, summer and winter cereals) and permanent plantings (e.g. grapes, olives, fruit trees and lavender).

POINTS OF INTEREST

There are plenty of things to do and see in and around Inglewood including; strolling in the town's restful park; fishing, boating, water-skiing and sailing on beautiful Lake Coolmunda; visiting and tasting at the olive groves; taking in the perfume at the awardwinning lavender farm and shop; taking a tour of the fascinating history museum; exploring the Tobacco Trail, the Silverspur Trail and the Dumaresq River Road; and birdwatching for the numerous species present including colourful grass parrots, wrens, raptors and the rare regent honey eater. Inglewood is also home to the largest variety of tree species in Australia including the unique Inglewood wattle. The quiet streams also contain platypus. In late winter and early spring, the display of wildflowers is

Don't miss out on catching the 'country spirit' in Inglewood.

breathtaking.













Situated on the attractive Dumaresq River, Texas offers excellent fishing, great camping spots and the serenity of rural landscapes. The original town was established on the river flats in 1875 but was relocated after the disastrous floods of 1890 and 1921. Texas 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. Remnants of the original historic township still exist for visitors to see.

Farming is the dominant industry in the Texas area, although there is also a silver mine. Up until about 1980, tobacco farming was an important industry in the area and many Italian families settled the area to run and work the tobacco farms.

One of the star attractions of the region, the Dumaresq River, winds through gentle hills and rocks crossed by the historic weirs of Bonshaw, Cunningham and Glenarbon. The fertile river flats are dotted with old tobacco barn relics and grape vines now flourish alongside orchards, vegetables, peanuts and a myriad of other agricultural crops.

Texas is an RV friendly town with 14 days free camping by the Dumaresq River for fully self contained motor homes and vans.



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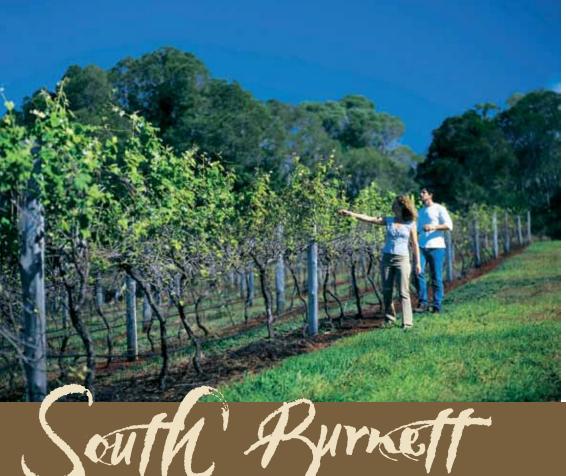
Discover the best Murray Cod fishing in Australia, according to locals, along the Dumaresq River or at the spectacular Glenlyon Dam. Also enjoy canoeing, hiking, four-wheel-driving activities and picnicking in the area. Glenlyon Dam to the east of Texas has facilities for camping, fishing, sailboarding and canoeing. Nearby Sundown National Park has 14,000 hectares of countryside.

The Cunningham Weir marks the spot where explorer Allan Cunningham crossed the Dumaresq River in 1827.

The Texas Historical Museum is located in the old Police house.

Pecan Park is planted with pecan trees donated by the people of Texas in the United States. Beacon Lookout offers views over the area.

The old Riverside Freezing Works and Rabbit Processing building is currently being restored as it has played a very important part in the town's history and is believed to be the only existing rabbit works left in Australia. The building also houses a collection of antique motors and memorabilia and can be viewed by appointment.





Be lured by local gems, the old fashioned charm of rail travel or take in some country charm at a South Burnett teahouse.

The South Burnett region, just 2.5 hours out of Brisbane in South East Queensland Country, is rich in diversity and natural beauty.

Enter the forestry towns of Blackbutt and Yarraman, where scenic drives and walking trails lead off through state forests. Blackbutt is home to the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail - Blackbutt to Linville. Continue on to the historic town of Nanango and call into the new state of the art 'South Burnett Energy Centre,' with interactive displays and the original two engines which once powered Nanango in the 1930s and 40s. These vintage engines are believed to be among the last of their kind to remain in full working order in Queensland.

The country opens out to lush farmland around Kingaroy, where paddocks form a chequerboard of green crops and deep red soil. Towering peanut silos guide travellers to the town centre of this rich agricultural area where you can call into the Visitor Centre, Art Gallery and Museum. Teahouses welcome you with freshly baked dainties, townships entice you with craft shops, and host farms greet you with damper and billy tea.

In the south-west lies the Bunya Mountains. A steep climb takes you to the ridge top and through the dense rainforest of the national park, where lofty bunya pines break through the canopy.

To the north, the tidy farmland widens into grazing country and the towns of Wondai and Murgon - on the doorstep of Bjelke-Petersen Dam. Experience boutique wineries as well as country fair at the quaint local pubs. Proston near Wondai is home to Boondooma Dam and the Boondooma Homestead - a must see.

Travel through the region to Goomeri and Kilkivan. Here the creek beds lure gemstone fossickers to pan for those elusive specks of gold. Or, if relaxation is what you need, check into a local B&B and unwind in the beautiful country atmosphere.

Visit the South Burnett region to wonder through markets searching for forgotten treasures, raise a glass of the finest local vintage to a technicolour sunset or just relax 'in country'. Contact one of the local Visitor Information Centres for more information today!













Boondooma Dam Caravan & Recreation Park

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