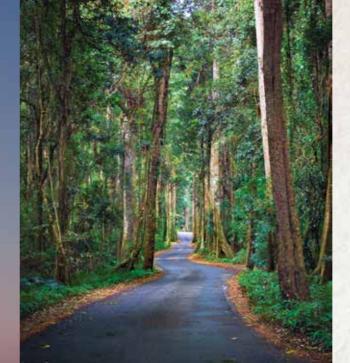
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## Welcome

WELCOME TO THE SCENIC RIM, A
REGION OF SPECTACULAR NATURAL
BEAUTY, DIVERSE LANDSCAPES,
ABUNDANT WILDLIFE AND
INCREDIBLE PRODUCE.

Adventurer, naturalist and tourism pioneer, Arthur Groom, first coined the phrase Scenic Rim to describe the semi-circle chain of mountains that wraps around the valleys in this vast region. Groom wrote that the Scenic Rim was 'one mountain after the other'. And he was right.

Everywhere you turn in the Scenic Rim you'll see mountains. This imposing rim of mountains dates back millions of years to a time when many were active volcanoes. Their legacy – Australia's most accessible World Heritage listed rainforests and rich alluvial soil – remain the region's lifeblood.

While you're here, explore the pristine rainforests and stunning natural beauty that's preserved in the Scenic Rim's six National Parks.

The Scenic Rim is an exciting destination for tourism, art, food, outdoor adventure, walking, water sports and rural enterprise.

Think romantic cottages and cabins, farm stays, camping and lodges. Explore nature and feast on award-winning food and wine.

The Scenic Rim is located on the doorstep of Brisbane and the Gold Coast and is an easy drive from both.

You'll love the Scenic Rim's relaxed vibe, the stunning scenery and the abundant fresh produce.

## Getting here...

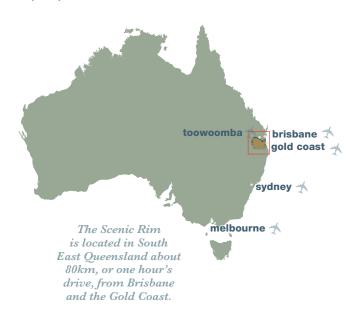
The Scenic Rim is an easy escape from Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Toowoomba and the Sunshine Coast.

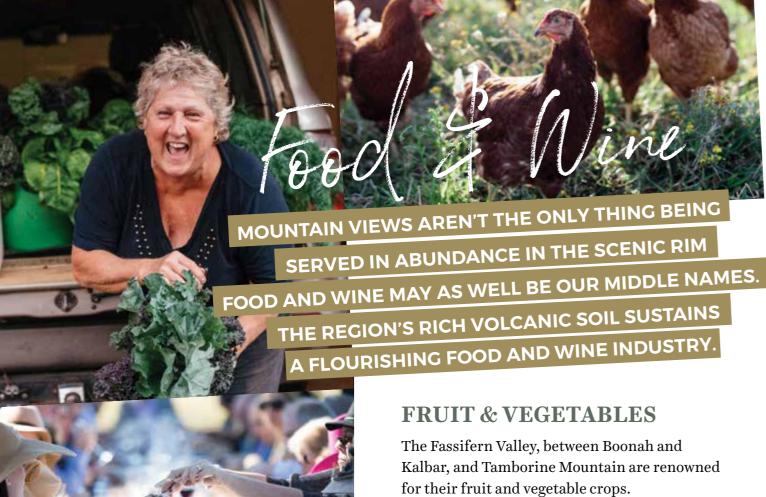


Well-marked highways and scenic country roads will lead you to the region's major towns, tourist attractions and national parks.

#### TRAVELLING DISTANCES (KM)

Brisbane to Boonah 86km
Brisbane to Beaudesert 70km
Brisbane to Tamborine Mountain 80km
Surfers Paradise to Tamborine Mountain 40km
Surfers Paradise to Canungra 33km
Toowoomba to Boonah 132km
Toowoomba to Peak Crossing 110km
Sunshine Coast to Beaudesert 175km
Sydney to Beaudesert 845km



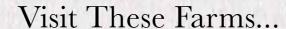


During winter, the fields around Kalbar and Aratula burst with produce - carrots, onions, beans, corn, tomatoes, beetroot, potatoes, olives and much more.

Between June and December each year, farms around the Scenic Rim supply most of the carrots consumed on Australia's eastern coast.

Tamborine Mountain's rich red volcanic soil is ideal for growing avocados, rhubarb, coffee, kiwifruit and even dragon fruit. Many native Australian trees thrive here too, including lemon myrtle and finger limes.





Eat Local Week isn't your only opportunity to meet the Scenic Rim's food and wine producers. Many of them welcome visitors vear round.

#### TOWRI SHEEP CHEESE

#### Allenview via Beaudesert

Visit Queensland's only artisan sheep cheesery and sheep farm.

#### SCENIC RIM 4REAL MILK & ROBOTIC DAIRY

#### Tamrookum via Beaudesert

See how the cows are milked by robots at this beautiful dairy and home of Scenic Rim 4Real

#### TOMMERUP'S DAIRY FARM

#### Kerry via Beaudesert

Taste life on a real working dairy farm with the Tommerup family. Stay in a gorgeous farm cottage and meet the chooks, pigs, cows and goats.

#### LILLYDALE FARMSTAY

#### Mt Barney via Rathdowney

Collect the eggs, milk a cow, feed baby animals & try horse riding.

#### **AYTON FARM**

#### Rathdowney

The farm shop is open on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Meet farmers Kathy and Rod O'Connell and learn how they produce their pastured chicken and eggs.

#### SUMMER LAND CAMEL FARM

#### Harrisville

Visit Australia's largest camel dairy, learn about the camels and try camel milk, as well as cheese, gelato and skincare products made from the milk. Open every Sunday.

We've prepared some delicious itineraries for you on pages 44 to 46, or you can create your own at visitscenicrim.com.au



## Buy Divection the PRODUCERS

As you drive around the region, you'll see how easy it is to buy direct from the farmers. The Scenic Rim's stalls and farm gate shops, offering seasonal

You can also stock up on local produce at these outlets.

- 1. The Vintage Pickle, Tamborine Mountain
- 2. Witches Chase Cheese Factory, Tamborine Mountain
- 4. Witches Falls Winery, Tamborine Mountain
- 5. The Green Shed Local Producers Market, Tamborine
- 6. The Greener Grocer, Beaudesert
- 7. Rathlogan Olive Grove & The Shed Café, Rathdowney
- 9. Kooroomba Vineyard & Lavender Farm, via Boonah
- 10. Scenic Rim Brewery, Mt Alford via Boonah
- 11. Bunjurgen Estate Vineyard, via Boonah
- 12. Visitor Information Centres across the Scenic Rim



#### FEAST ON THE SCENIC RIM EVERY YEAR **DURING SCENIC RIM EAT LOCAL WEEK.**

producers is held during the une-July school holidays.

You can visit farms, take cooking lunches and dinners

The signature event, the Winter Harvest Festival, brings the

region's producers to one location for a day of eating, drinking, live music, cooking demonstrations and fun for the entire family.

#### Save the dates:

2018: 30 June - 8 July 2019: 29 June - 7 July









Casual dining and cold beer is on tap at the Scenic Rim's historic country pubs. Settle in to meet the locals and enjoy the relaxed country charm of our pubs.

#### Dugandan Hotel Boonah

The Dugie, as it's fondly known by locals, dates back to the 1880s, when it opened as a general store. The historic Queenslander converted into a hotel in 1913. Recent upgrades have retained the building's country charm, while adding a large deck and beer garden.

#### St Bernards Hotel

St Bernards Hotel is a
Tamborine Mountain
institution, with history
dating back to 1898. The
hotel sits on the edge of an
ancient volcanic escarpment
and commands views of
Tamborine Valley towards
the Gold Coast.

#### The Canungra Hotel

The Canungra Hotel started life as the Bellissima Guest House, built by the Lahey family in 1916 to provide overnight accommodation for people doing business with the sawmill. The guesthouse was sold in 1927 and became the Canungra Hotel. It was destroyed by fire in 1937 and rebuilt in its present form.

#### The Royal Hotel Harrisville

Harrisville's oldest pub has quite a history. It was built in the mid 1870s but burned down in 1916. It was rebuilt in its current form in 1920 and some people believe the building is haunted by a mysterious figure who was seen in the pub late one Sunday night.

#### The Bearded Dragon

A unique gem on the country pub circuit, where you'll enjoy good old fashioned Aussie hospitality, generous hearty meals and cold beer. The kids will love the crocodile & reptile shows and cane toad racing.

## Scenic Rim Distilled

THE SCENIC RIM IS HOME TO A BURGEONING BOUTIQUE DRINKS INDUSTRY. LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE PAIRING THEIR SKILL WITH THE NATURAL ASSETS - VOLCANIC SOIL, CLIMATE AND TOPOGRAPHY - TO CREATE EXCITING WINES, CRAFT BEERS, LIQUEURS AND COFFEE.

The Scenic Rim's top drinks are profiled in **Scenic Rim Distilled**, a guide by respected Master of Wine, Peter Scudamore-Smith. **Download the full directory from our website**.



#### Here's a selection of the wineries, breweries and distilleries you can visit in the Scenic Rim:

#### **BOONAH & PEAK CROSSING**

#### Flinders Peak Winery

So much more than a winery. As well as producing their own wines on site, they also make a range of spirits, including gin and vodka, using a Holstein hybrid copper still.

#### Kooroomba Vineyard & Lavender Farm

Ideally located at Mt Alford, just over an hour from Brisbane and 90 minutes from the Gold Coast. Visit the cellar door, restaurant and lavender shop, overlooking two hectares of vineyards.

#### **Scenic Rim Brewery**

A small family-owned brewery located in Mt Alford, just outside Boonah. Housed in a gorgeous, historic Queenslander-style shop, you'll learn plenty about beer and brewing from the brewer Mike Webster.

#### Bunjurgen Estate Vineyard

At Bunjurgen Estate, you'll be warmly welcomed by owner David McMaugh, who produces a variety of wine styles, including rosé and chambourcin, verjuice and port, made solely from grapes grown on the property. Wine tastings are conducted in a relaxed and informal manner.

#### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

#### **Tamborine Mountain Distillery**

This is Australia's most internationally-awarded distillery and liquor brand. A family-owned business, producing more than 80 products and utilising fruit grown on the mountain.

#### Cedar Creek Estate

Offers a complete range of white, red and fortified wines, as well as stocking a variety of wines from eight of Queensland's premier wineries.

#### Fortitude Brewing

A must-see when you visit Tamborine Mountain's Gallery Walk. The brewery serves a range of boutique beers, brewed on site. Partner with food from the bistro, or a platter from the award-winning Witches Chase Cheese Company.

#### Witches Falls Winery

Witches Falls prides itself on creating wines that you'll love to drink. Wine maker, Jon Heslop, produces three distinctive wine ranges – the Granite Belt, the Wild Ferment and Prophecy.

#### Heritage Estate Wines

Heritage Estate has been producing award-winning wines for more than 27 years. Winner of a 5-star rating in James Halliday's 2016 Australian Wine Companion.

#### **Green Lane Coffee Plantation**

Call in for a coffee right where it's grown. Take the crop to cup tour and learn how to identify great coffee.

#### **CANUNGRA**

#### O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard

Situated just outside the town of Canungra, call in for lunch, or simply visit the cellar door for a tasting. Order a picnic and enjoy it creekside with a bottle of O'Reilly's bubbles.

#### Sarabah Estate

Sarabah welcomes visitors each weekend. Explore the grounds, enjoy the views and try the wines over a relaxed lunch featuring fresh local produce.









## Fearf on the Scenic Rim

As you travel through the Scenic Rim keep an eye out for these delicious local products.



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IF THE THOUGHT OF SPENDING A WEEK LAZING BY THE POOL HORRIFIES YOU, DON'T WORRY - THE SCENIC RIM HAS PLENTY TO KEEP YOU ACTIVE.

Nothwal History

Our natural history dates back more than 26 million years to a time when the region was a volcanic hotspot. The volcanic activity led to the creation of the spectacular mountain range and has enabled the region's lush flora and fauna to flourish. Rich basalt soil and a temperate climate have provided fertile ground for rainforest to prosper.

One of the best ways to explore the Scenic Rim is on foot. The Scenic Rim is home to six National Parks and really does have a walk to suit most abilities.

From sedate, well-marked tracks to challenging mountain scrambles, you'll find it all here.

Lower Portals Track - Mt Barney National Park (7.4km/3hours)

The Lower Portals features a beautiful pool along a gorge on Mount Barney Creek. Walk has moderate to steep gradients.

Mee-bor-rum Circuit - Moogerah Peaks National Park, Mt French section (720m/15min)

This circuit track passes through heathland and features the East Cliff Lookout with views of Tamborine, Lamington and Mount Barney.

Mt Edwards Summit - Moogerah Peak National Park, Mt Edwards section (6km/3.5hours)

This walk starts near the dam wall, is best suited for experienced walkers and requires a reasonable fitness level. Be careful - sheer cliffs and slippery rocks.

Rainforest Circuit & Mt Cordeaux Track - Main Range National Park, Cunningham's Gap (Rainforest Circuit 1.6km/30min; Mt Cordeaux Track 6.8km/2.5hours)

The Rainforest Circuit passes the Allan Cunningham monument and is the beginning of an extensive track system on the northern side of the Gap. If you're after a harder walk, continue along the Mt Cordeaux Track for spectacular views back to Brisbane. Gorgeous in spring and early summer when the giant spear lilies are in flower.

Mt Mitchell Track - Main Range National Park, Cunningham's Gap (10.2km/3hours)

This graded walking track to the twin peaks of Mt Mitchell begins on the southern side of the highway and passes through rainforest and open eucalypt forest. It ends on a knife-edge ridge above a sheer cliff on the east side of Mt Mitchell (1168m).

Palm Grove Circuit - Tamborine National Park, Joalah Section (2.6km/1hour)

You'll see palm groves and rainforest with emergent strangler figs on this walk.

Curtis Falls Track - Tamborine National Park, Knoll Section (1.1km/30min)

An enchanting walk which begins in wet eucalypt forest beneath towering flooded gums.

Witches Falls Circuit - Tamborine National Park, Witches Falls section (3.1km/1hour)

This track zigzags down the mountain through an open forest of banksia trees and into rainforest with giant strangler figs. The circuit passes seasonal lagoons which will fill after heavy rain and spring to life with insect and frog species. The waterfall only flows after recent rain and is best viewed from a lookout platform accessed via a 200m detour from the main circuit.

Caves Circuit - Lamington National Park, Binna Burra Section (5km/1.5hours)

This track provides excellent views into the Coomera Valley and passes a large red cedar and other rainforest trees. You'll see a large stand of hoop pine along the Darlington Range. View cave from safe distance, due to risk of rock falls.

Morans Falls - Lamington National Park, Green Mountains Section (4.6km/1.5hours)

This track starts 800m from the information centre. Excellent views of Morans Falls and Morans Creek Gorge can be seen from the constructed lookout located before the creek crossing. Layers of ancient volcanic lava flows are also visible.

Box Forest Circuit - Lamington National Park, Green Mountains Section (10.9km/4hours)

This track leads to Picnic Rock and Elabana Falls and runs through rainforest and impressive stands of smooth, pink-barked brush box. If you intend on walking the entire circuit, walk in a clockwise direction and exit via the falls and Picnic Rock.

Tree Top Walkway - O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat (1.5km/30min)

The Booyung Boardwalk, featuring excellent interpretive signage, leads you from O'Reilly's Retreat to the walkway, which is a series of suspension bridges taking you up 16metres into the rainforest canopy. Feeling adventurous? Climb ladders to a crows nest platform 30m above ground.

Ships Stern Circuit (part of Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk) -Lamington National Park, Binna Burra Section (21km/8hours)

A challenging walk which descends into Kurraragin Valley where you'll see Pigabeen palms, large red cedar and majestic flooded gums. The Ship's Stern range is formed of rhyolite. The rainforest gives way to eucalypt forest with a dense understorey of spring-blooming wildflowers.

#### Scenic Rim Trail by Spicers

- Mt Mitchell to Spicer's Peak Lodge (34.5km/across four days, accommodation included). The walk follows paths along ridges, escarpments, through forest. Accommodation and meals are provided by the Spicer's Group.



#### ROCK CLIMBING

In a region as mountainous as the Scenic Rim, it's only natural that it's a hub for rock climbers.

The local guides are a valuable source of information on the best Scenic Rim climbs.

A popular destination is Frog Buttress on the north-west side of Mt French in the Moogerah Peaks National Park. It's formed by rhyolite columns and there are about 400 documented routes. Keen climbers say it offers some of Queensland's best crack climbing.



Walking information is available on the Visit Scenic Rim website, the Queensland National Parks website, from Scenic Rim tour operators and at the region's Visitor Information Centres.

Local companies Horizon Guides, interNATIONAL Park Tours, Mt Barney Lodge, Binna Burra Lodge and O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat lead regular guided walks along some of the Scenic Rim's most spectacular trails.

# Notional Parks

Queensland's first National Park was declared at Tamborine Mountain in 1908 and the Scenic Rim now boasts six National Parks. In 1994 the UNESCO World Heritage Committee declared the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area over rainforest in the Lamington, Springbrook, Mt Barney and Main Range National Parks.

#### LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Lush rainforests, ancient trees, spectacular views, extensive walking tracks, exceptional ecological importance and natural beauty make this Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area 'a must' while you're in the Scenic Rim.

There are two sections - the Binna Burra section and the Green Mountains (O'Reilly's) section.

Close to: Canungra, Binna Burra, Beechmont and the Lost World

#### TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK

This is Queensland's oldest national park, declared in 1908. You'll enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and the Gold Coast skyline in the east and the greater Scenic Rim in the west.

The park features four distinct sections – The Knoll section, Witches Falls section, Cedar Creek section and Palm Grove section.

Close to: Tamborine Mountain, Canungra and the Gold Coast

#### MT BARNEY NATIONAL PARK

Rugged mountain peaks rise above the surrounding landscape in this wild, beautiful Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. This park is popular with bushwalkers and is home to many rare animals, plant species and communities. Some of the Scenic Rim's greatest walking challenges – and most pristine bushland - are found in this park.

Close to: Mt Barney, Rathdowney and Beaudesert

#### MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Impressive mountain peaks, escarpments and ridges offer breathtaking views in this Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. It's a home for rare and endangered wildlife and a very popular destination for bushwalking. Enjoy incredible views over the Fassifern Valley as far as Brisbane, and see evidence of pioneer travel routes over the Great Dividing Range.

Close to: Aratula, Kalbar and Boonah

#### MOOGERAH PEAKS NATIONAL PARK

These volcanic peaks are significant refuge for rare and vulnerable wildlife. You'll find rugged, relatively undeveloped countryside that's popular with bushwalkers and climbers. This park contains two of the Scenic Rim's most accessible mountains, Mount Edwards and Mt French.

Close to: Boonah, Kalbar, Lake Moogerah, Mt Alford and Aratula

#### MOUNT CHINGHEE NATIONAL PARK

This 1260ha national park was gazetted in 2004 to conserve the remnant rainforest habitat for plants and animals on the mountain. The national park was included in the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area and conserves habitat for priority taxa, including the endangered eastern bristlebird and the vulnerable black-breasted button quail. The park is managed to conserve its high biodiversity values and provides a scenic location for low impact outdoor recreation.

### Waterfalls

Spectacular waterfalls are on tap in the Scenic Rim. Here's a few you should visit:

**Curtis Falls:** You've probably seen the photographs of Curtis Falls online and in tourism brochures. The falls are fed by Cedar Creek and run all year. The walking track ends at a viewing platform overlooking a large rock pool with views of the falls and of the basalt rock face.

Lamington National Park waterfalls: Both the Green Mountain and Binna Burra sections of the Lamington National Park are a waterfall chaser's dream come true. Some of southern Queensland's more spectacular waterfalls can be found here. These include Elabana Falls, Yarrabilgong Falls, Coomera Falls and Morans Falls.

Cameron Falls is located on the Sandy Creek Circuit within the Knoll Section of the Tamborine National Park. The walking track follows the creek and the falls can be heard in the distance. A branch track to Cameron Falls Lookout enables you to drink in the natural beauty of the waterfalls.

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The Aboriginal heritage of the Scenic Rim stretches back to the beginning of time when ancestral spirits created the landscape and all living things. Aboriginal ancestors handed down laws and

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Scenic Rim, and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future of the Mununjali, Ugarapul and Wangerriburra communities,

## On the Water

The Scenic Rim is home to three lakes, all of them popular places for recreation, boating, water skiing, fishing and rowing.

As you travel around the Scenic Rim, you'll find plenty of spectacular spots to stop beside our creeks and rivers. Pack a picnic, bring your book, take a dip. Don't forget your fishing permit.

#### LAKE MOOGERAH

Lake Moogerah is located close to Boonah, Kalbar and Aratula.

It's on Reynolds Creek and supplies irrigation water to landholders along Reynolds and Warrill Creeks.

At peak times Lake Moogerah is a hub of activity, as the ski boats and jet skis descend.

Camping is available on the banks of the lake and there is also a good selection of cabins and selfcontained houses nearby.

Fishing is also popular here, although permits are required.

A number of picnic facilities and play equipment can be found at locations around the lake.

#### LAKE MAROON

Lake Maroon is situated on Burnett Creek and is a popular destination for recreation, particularly power boating, water skiing and fishing.

Lake Maroon is said to offer some of south east Queensland's best bass fishing.

Camping and self-contained accommodation is available nearby, as well as outdoor education facilities.

#### LAKE WYARALONG

This is the Scenic Rim's newest lake and is located north-west of Beaudesert on the Teviot Brook, nestled at the base of Mt Joyce.

Lake Wyaralong is closed to powered craft and is the most sedate and peaceful of the region's three lakes.

The lake stretches about 26km along Teviot Brook, in the Logan River catchment, and is surrounded by an extensive network of walking, biking and horse riding trails.

Lake Wyaralong features an Olympic standard rowing course that is home to Rowing Queensland and hosts regular regattas.

As you make your way through the

Scenic Rim you'll notice the landscape is dominated by mountains.

Adventurer and tourism pioneer, Arthur Groom, famously described the region as being 'one mountain after another'.

Visitors often ask, 'What mountain is that?'

There are too many to list here, but some of the most popular - and accessible - include Mt French, Mt Maroon, Mt Cordeaux, Mt Edwards, Mt Barney, Tamborine Mountain and the Lamington Plateau, which is home to both O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and the Binna Burra Mountain Lodge.

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## Swimming Holes

ALONG THE LOCAL RIVERS AND STREAMS YOU WILL FIND SOME BEAUTIFUL SWIMMING HOLES THAT ARE PERFECT FOR COOLING DOWN ON HOT DAYS.

#### Try these scenic swimming spots

#### THE GORGE

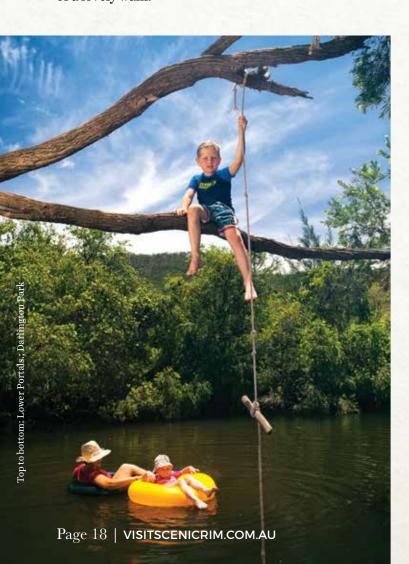
Cool down in this shady 200m swimming hole, located about 2.5km downstream from the Lake Moogerah spillway. Access via Gorge Road.

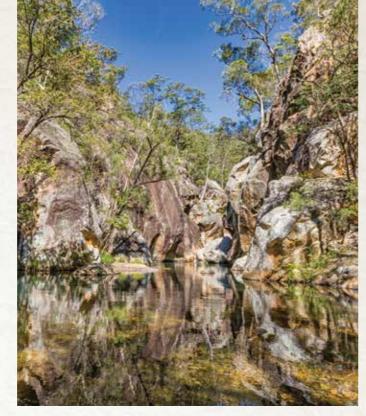
#### FLANAGAN RESERVE

The upper Logan River flows into this swimming hole just outside Rathdowney. Dogs are allowed and there's a campground nearby.

#### LOWER PORTALS

These beautiful, deep rock pools and small waterfalls are accessed along a 7.4km return walk in the Mt Barney National Park. A stunning reward at the end of a lovely walk.





#### **BURGESS PARK**

This park on Christmas Creek is perfect for swimming. It's about 20km from Beaudesert and a giant old Moreton Bay Fig provides cool shelter during summer. Toilets, BBQ and picnic tables nearby.

#### YELLOWPINCH MT BARNEY

You'll love this peaceful swimming hole, located in the Mt Barney National Park. It's just a short walk from the carpark. There's a rope swing and gentle rapids flow into the swimming hole.

#### DARLINGTON PARK

A popular camping ground, caravan park and park on the Albert River in the Lost World. Perfect for a picnic, lazy weekend and cool dips in the swimming holes.

#### **SHARP PARK**

This is a lovely camping and caravanning spot on the Canungra Creek. Great for swimming and lazing on the creek banks. Pack a picnic.

#### YARRAMALONG RECREATION CENTRE

This privately-run recreation centre is accessed via Lake Moogerah Rd and Reynolds Creek flows year round. Float with the gentle creek current, or try your luck in the nearby fishing hole.

#### BIGRIGGEN PARK

You won't want to leave this park – there's something for everyone. Pack your camping gear, the kids bikes and your rubber tubs and cool down in the tranquil waters of Burnett Creek.

## Horse riding

Saddle up and see the Scenic Rim on horseback The region is home to some industry-leading equestrian facilities.

If you have your own horse you'll find trails open to horses and riders right around the region, offering the chance to ride away from towns and roads.

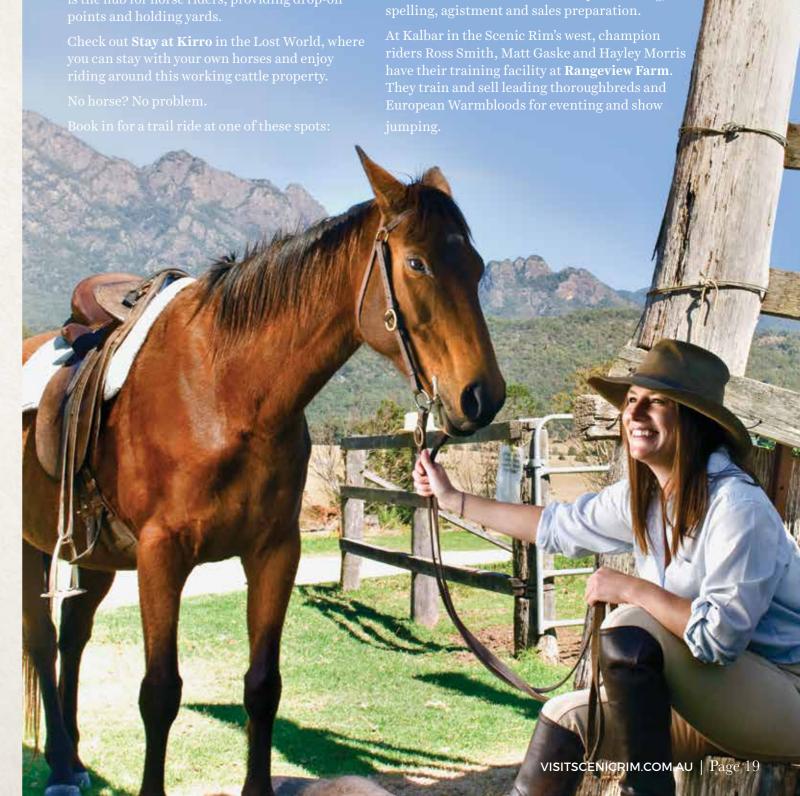
Explore the 40km of multi-use trails that pass along the **Lake Wyaralong** shoreline and up onto the Mt Joyce Ridgeline. The **Western Trailhead** is the hub for horse riders, providing drop-off points and holding yards.

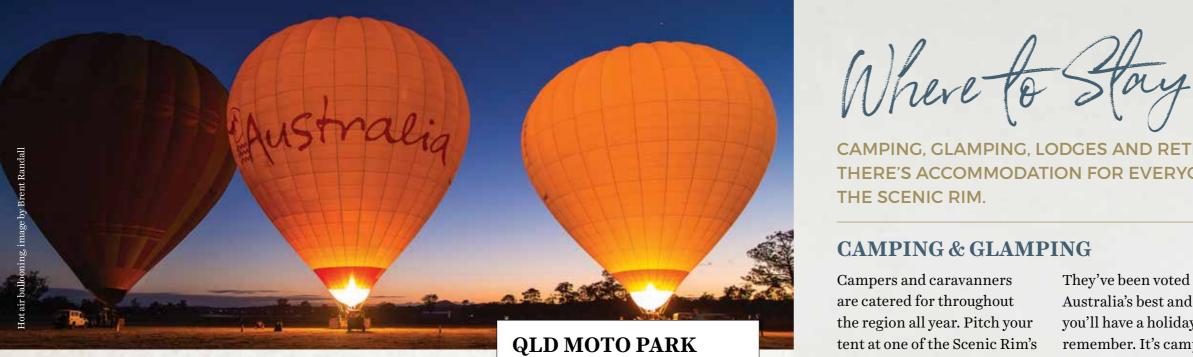
Gummies Farm Tour & Horse riding Resort at Canungra has been welcoming visitors for many years. At Tamborine Mountain try Tamborine Mountain Trail Rides, or Thunderbird Park, where horse riding is one of many activities you can try

Another great place to go for a relaxing trail ride on horseback is **Cedar Glen Farmstay**, where guests can take a ride through the foothills of the Lost World.

The Scenic Rim is also home to some exceptiona riders. Regular polo events are held at **Elysian Fields**, just outside Canungra.

Nearby, **Aquis Farm** is spread over 447ha and is purpose-built for race horses. The Aquis team breed race horses and offer pre-training, spelling, agistment and sales preparation.





#### IN THE AIR

Your adventure doesn't have to stay on the ground. Take to the skies and catch a truly unique perspective of this mountainous region.

Enjoy a peaceful, scenic early morning flight in a hot air balloon with Hot Air Balloon Scenic Rim. They leave from Canungra and Beaudesert most weeks and float high over the central Scenic Rim. Finish your flight with a champagne breakfast at a local

The Boonah Airfield is a base for gliders and light aircraft, which

winery.

offer visitors an unforgettable Scenic Rim flying experience. The patchwork of paddocks and green hills will seem tiny from up high

Tamborine Mountain is the domain of hang gliders. Enthusiasts say it's the purest form of free flight, offering you the chance to soar like an eagle without the noise of engines or the constrictions of a cockpit. Introductory tandem flights are offered from Tamborine Mountain and Rosins Lookout at Beechmont. This is an exhilarating experience you won't forget.

in the sky.

stunning rides, with plenty of hill challenges

Most weekends you'll find the carparks of the local cafés. pubs and restaurants filled

The QLD Moto Park, located near

facilities for motocross, freestyle

motorcycling, pee wees and quads.

Motorcycling Queensland. As well

park features unpowered camping

Coaching is available from some of

facilities and an amenities block.

Day to day operations are run by

as riding tracks and trails, the

Australia's leading riders.

Wyaralong, features trails and

CAMPING, GLAMPING, LODGES AND RETREATS THERE'S ACCOMMODATION FOR EVERYONE IN THE SCENIC RIM.

#### CAMPING & GLAMPING

Campers and caravanners are catered for throughout the region all year. Pitch your tent at one of the Scenic Rim's lakes, park your van at a local caravan park or find a cool spot near a local creek.

As well as powered van sites, some of the region's dams also offer basic cabin and dormitory accommodation.

If you prefer the comforts of home, you'll love the Scenic Rim's glamping experiences.

They've been voted among Australia's best and ensure you'll have a holiday to remember. It's camping, but not as you know it. Check out Nightfall Camp, Tucker's Retreat, Spicer's Canopy and Ketchup's Bank Eco Tents.

Camping is allowed in some of the Scenic Rim's National Parks. Go to the Queensland National Parks website for full details.





#### **ON YOUR BIKE**

Road bikes, mountain bikes

Mountain bikers are well International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) standard single tracks, ranging from basic Green trails through to Double Black Diamond-

The roads throughout the

### Romantic Escapes

#### Mountain Lodges

Romantic escapes are in our DNA – we're made for romance.

You'll fall in love with our stunning views, open fires, cosy cabins, gorgeous B&Bs and luxurious mountain lodges.

Two of the most popular lodges are O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and Binna Burra Mountain Lodge.

Both have a rich history in the region and are located on the Lamington Plateau, within the Lamington National Park, offering guests easy access to the natural wonderland hidden in the park.

Mt Barney Lodge is another unique property, offering visitors a remote and relaxing place for romance and rest & relaxation.

Check into a sprawling Queenslander and reconnect by the open fire.



Spicer's Peak Lodge is a popular couple's retreat. It's Australia's highest non-alpine lodge and is made for romance and relaxation. Think open fires, mountain views and incredible food and wine.

Reignite your romance at these Scenic Rim retreats - Pether's Rainforest Retreat, The Escarpment, Witches Falls Cottages, The Bunyip Scenic Rim Resort, Worendo Cottages and Scenic Rim View Cottages.





### Farm Stays

If you want an authentic rural experience, you can't go past our farm stays. Meet some of the region's multi-generational farming families and see how they produce the food, milk and cheese you love to eat.

A farm stay holiday is serious fun for the whole family. Get up early to see the cows being milked, help feed the chooks and saddle up a horse and go for a ride.

Try Tommerup's Dairy Farm & Farmstay, Lillydale Farmstay, Cedar Glen Farmstay, Greenlee Farm & Cottages and The Grove B&B on the Scenic Rim Olive farm. Stay at Kirro in the Lost World is situated on a large cattle property.



#### **BRING YOUR PET**

We know that a holiday isn't a holiday without the whole family and that's why the Scenic Rim offers plenty of options for holidaying with your four-legged friends.

The Scenic Rim caters to visitors of all demographics – even your furry friends.

The region features many family-friendly and pet-friendly destinations and accommodation options.



Weddings & Special Events

Weddings, parties, anything.
If you're planning a wedding, staff retreat, conference, or a family celebration the Scenic Rim has a venue to suit events of all shapes and sizes.

The picturesque region is emerging as the darling of south-east Queensland brides and grooms, who have fallen in love with the region's gorgeous, unique wedding venues.

Check out these wedding venues. The White Chapel & Black Hall, The Vue Restaurant & Wedding Chapel, Kooroomba Vineyard & Restaurant, Flinders Peak Winery, Cedar Creek Estate, Albert River Wines, Tea & Niceties, Pethers Rainforest Retreat, Cedar Creek Lodges, Canungra Valley Vineyards, Tamborine Gardens Wedding Resort.

Searching for a conference space with a difference? Have a look at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Binna Burra Mountain Lodge, Mt Barney Lodge and the Ramada Resort Kooralbyn Valley.

## Family Escapes

The Scenic Rim has emerged as a popular destination for families keen to flee the confines of the city and give their kids a unique, rural experience. Your children will love the freedom and sense of space as they explore our bushland, splash

in our dams and visit our local farms.

Make a fire and toast marshmallows, go bushwalking, take a glider flight, paddle a kayak, or just sit back and enjoy the space, the stars and the silence.

During the school

holidays, some of the Scenic Rim's mountain lodges also offer extensive outdoor activity programs, sure to keep your children busy. The kids will love Binna Burra Mountain Lodge, Mt Barney Lodge and O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.









## EVENIS CALENDAR

THE SCENIC RIM IS HOME TO A VARIETY OF ANNUAL EVENTS, STAGED IN THE MOST SPECTACULAR OF SETTINGS. OUR EVENTS ARE UNIQUE AND BROAD IN THEIR APPEAL. THEY'RE SURE TO SATISFY YOUR LOVE FOR FOOD & WINE, NATURE, ARTS & CULTURE, OR ADVENTURE.

#### **JANUARY**

Beaudesert Australia Day Races QLD State Championship Rowing Regatta - Lake Wyaralong

#### **FEBRUARY**

Earth Frequency Festival - Peak Crossing

#### **MARCH**

Moogerah Passion Play - Lake Moogerah Tamborine Mountain Show CMC Rocks QLD - Willowbank

#### **APRIL**

Beaudesert Anzac Day Races Spartan Race - Peak Crossing

#### **MAY**

Studios of the Scenic Rim The Stinson Walk - O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat Bunjurgen Estate Medieval Festival - Boonah

#### JUNE

Boonah Show Kalbar Show Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular - Boonah Beaudesert Cup Race Day Scenic Rim Eat Local Week

#### **JULY**

Winter Harvest Festival - Aratula The Shepherd's Walk - Christmas Creek

#### **AUGUST**

Canungra Show Lamington ECO Challenge - O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Ritchie's IGA Boonah Arts Festival
Beaudesert Show
Springtime on the Mountain - Tamborine Mountain
Tamborine Mountain Scarecrow Festival

#### **OCTOBER**

 $Kalbar\ Country\ Day$   $Turn\ Canungra\ Pink$ 

#### **NOVEMBER**

 $O'Reilly's \, Annual \, Bird \, \, Week$ 

#### **DECEMBER**

Christmas Carols & Markets across the Scenic Rim

SEE THE FULL EVENTS CALENDAR AT WWW.VISITSCENICRIM.COM.AU/EVENTS

## Markets

#### **BEAUDESERT MARKET FEST**

1st Saturday of each month / 7 am – 12 pm Dick Westerman Park Enterprise Drive, Beaudesert

#### **BEECHMONT MARKETS**

3rd Sunday of each month / 8 am – 12 pm Beechmont Community Centre Beechmont & Binna Burra Roads, Beechmont

#### **BOONAH COUNTRY MARKETS**

2nd & 4th Saturday of each month / 7 am – 12 pm Springleigh Park, Coronation Drive, Boonah

#### **CANUNGRA VALLEY MARKETS**

Last Sunday of each month (except January) 8 am – 12 pm Canungra School of Arts, Canungra

#### **KOORALBYN RSL MARKETS**

2nd Sunday of each month / 7 am – 12 pm Billabong Park, Kooralbyn

#### **TAMBORINE CRAFT & COLLECTIBLES MARKET**

3rd Sunday of each month / 9 am – 2 pm Bearded Dragon Hotel Tamborine Mountain Road, Tamborine

#### **TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY MARKETS**

2nd Sunday of each month / 6 am – 2 pm Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Main Western Road, Tamborine Mountain

### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LOCAL PRODUCERS MARKET

Every Sunday / 7am – 12 pm Held in the Green Shed Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Main Western Road, Tamborine Mountain

#### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL MARKETS

Last Sunday of each month / 8 am – 2 pm Held in car park accross from School Long Road, North Tamborine

#### **TAMBORINE VILLAGE MARKETS**

1st Sunday of each month / 7 am – 12 pm Tamborine Memorial Hall Tamborine-Waterford Road, Tamborine Village



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WHEN YOU'RE ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN IT FEELS LIKE YOU ARE ON TOP OF THE WORLD. THIS VOLCANIC PEAK SITS ON A LEVEL PLATEAU **ABOUT 550-METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL** AND ENJOYS 360 DEGREE VIEWS.

To the east, you'll see the distant Surfers Paradise highrise skyline, the Pacific Ocean, and the dense mass of the Gold Coast, a city that seems a world away, but is only a 20-minute drive. To the west is that incredible mountain range - the Scenic Rim.

Narrow country roads meander across the mountain, delivering visitors to villages and boutique wineries, cosy B&Bs, historic pubs, eclectic gift shops, beautiful art galleries and the mountain's incredible natural attractions.

While you're on the mountain buy some locally-grown organic veggies, a bunch of native flowers, coffee and cake or some local art.



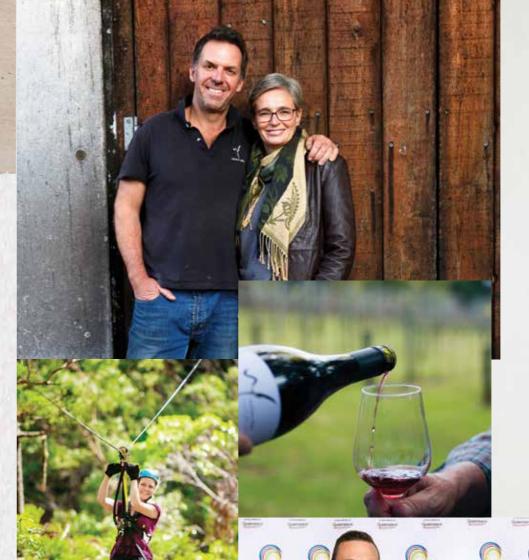
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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

#### THINGS TO DO

- · The Tamborine Mountain National Park, with its waterfalls, rainforest, walking tracks and spectacular views, can keep visitors busy for days. The Witches Falls section was Queensland's first declared National Park. Most of the walking tracks in the six sections of the park are short and can be finished within a few
- · The spectacular elevated Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk puts you up in the canopy with the wildlife. It's one of the best and easiest ways to immerse yourself in the lush surrounds. The walk gradually descends to the lower canopy and follows rock pools, a butterfly lookout and sheltered rest areas until it reaches the amazing cantilever. This 40m-long structure soars 30m above the valley and provides spectacular views.
- · Visit the popular Gallery Walk at Eagle Heights. The mountain's tourist hub is a strip of intriguing shops, restaurants, cafés, wineries and art galleries.
- Wander through the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens, where tropical meets temperate. Covering 11ha, the gardens consist of exotic species, rainforest, flowering cherries, rhododendrons, magnolias, camellias and maples. Themed areas include the Japanese garden, rose garden, bromeliad garden, wisteria-covered pergolas, perennial cottage garden and a lake.
- Call into the Tamborine Mountain Distillery for liqueurs and laughs; or take a crop to cup tour at Green Lane Coffee Plantation.





## Jon Heslop

Jon Heslop is passionate about wine – growing it, making it, drinking it and matching it with food.

But most of all he is passionate about sharing his handcrafted Witches Falls Wines with people who share his love for fabulous wine.

Jon creates wine at the Tamborine Mountain winery he runs with wife Kim (pictured).

Witches Falls Winery's intimate cellar door is the perfect space to enjoy a wine tasting experience.



### Tamborine Treetop Challenge

The Taylor family takes adventure tourism to new heights at their popular Tamborine Mountain Treetop Challenge.

It's a family affair, involving brothers David and Stephen Taylor and their parents Max and Julie.

They first had the idea while on an overseas zipline holiday adventure.

David says you don't have to be

a thrillseeker to enjoy a day at the Treetop Challenge.

Set on three-hectares of natural bushland, the facility features more than 100 challenges across six courses designed to suit children right through to dare devils.



THE COUNTRY ROAD FROM
CANUNGRA TO BEECHMONT
MEANDERS UP THE
MOUNTAINSIDE TO DELIVER YOU
TO THE LUSH, GREEN PASTURES
OF THIS HILLTOP OASIS.

Beechmont is home to a close-knit creative community who take their lead from past generations. Neighbours help neighbours, self-sufficiency is celebrated, nature is protected and respected.

## LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK & BINNA BURRA MOUNTAIN LODGE

Binna Burra Mountain Lodge, at 800-metres above sea level, was established in the 1930s by author and adventurer Arthur Groom and his business partner, engineer Romeo Lahey.

These amazing men shared a passion for the environment and believed Binna Burra's natural beauty had to be protected for future generations to enjoy.

The efforts led to the declaration of the Lamington National Park and protected the pristine environment in its natural form. Relatives of Groom and Lahey remain involved in the lodge today.

Lush rainforests, ancient trees, spectacular views, extensive walking tracks and exceptional ecological importance make this Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage area an outstanding place to visit for walking, camping, bird watching and relaxing.

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## Caningra

WHAT CANUNGRA LACKS IN SIZE IT MAKES UP FOR IN ENERGY, ACTIVITY AND HISTORY.

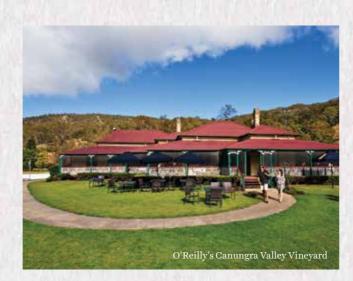
This village settlement evolved in the 1880s, when the Lahey family established the Lahey Bros Sawmill.

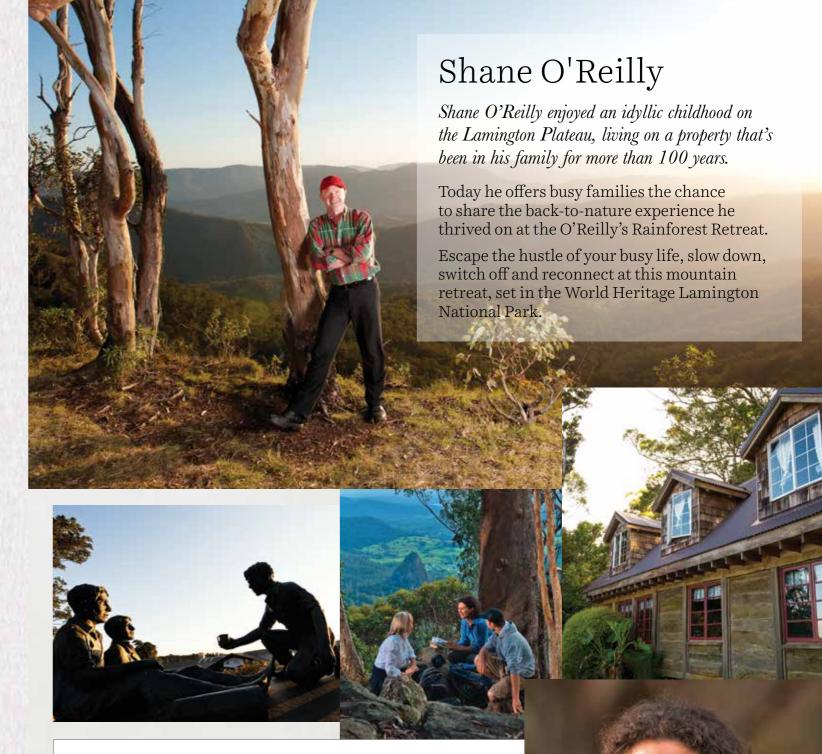
Canungra is a busy weekend destination for motorcyclists, car clubs, day trippers and bushwalkers. It's the gateway to the Lamington National Park and O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

Canungra is a hub for exciting activities like hang gliding and hot air ballooning, but it also offers visitors a smorgasbord of unique food and wine experiences.

#### THINGS TO DO

- Check out the historic Lahey Tramway Tunnel, just outside the main township. The tunnel was cut through sandstone and used to carry timber from the hills to town. Visitors will gain an insight into the challenges early timber cutters faced bringing their loads down the mountain.
- Visit the award-winning O'Reilly's Canungra
   Valley Vineyard for lunch, a drink, or a picnic by the creek.
- Sample local honey and macadamias at the Visitor Information Centre and tap into the local knowledge of the volunteers.
- Enjoy a cold beer and counter lunch at the family-friendly Canungra Hotel.
- Browse the eclectic mix of shops in the Canungra village.
- Stock up on fresh, organic produce and roses at the local farm gate stalls.





### Lisa Groom

Arthur Groom's vision and hard work helped establish the Binna Burra Mountain Lodge in the Lamington National Park, but it also laid the foundations for what has become a family industry – nature tourism.

Arthur's granddaughter, Lisa, spent her early years living in Groom's Cottage, which still sits on the Binna Burra site.

Now she owns and manages interNATIONAL

PARKtours, a tour business started by her parents. She leads international walking and adventure tours and introduces visitors to the secrets of her home region, the Scenic Rim.

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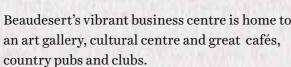
**BEAUDESERT IS A VIBRANT BUSINESS CENTRE, HOME TO MORE THAN 5000** PEOPLE AND GROWING EVERY DAY. **NEW RESIDENTS ARE ATTRACTED** BY THE CONVENIENCE AND EASY LIFESTYLE THAT'S AFFORDED BY THIS GO-AHEAD RURAL TOWN.

Beaudesert was built on the back of rural production and remains a hub for successful dairy, beef, poultry, horticulture and cropping businesses. The fertile soil and abundant water sustain agricultural operations of all shapes and sizes.

A new generation of residents are moving to Beaudesert, attracted by the benefits of rural living. New subdivisions are being developed, offering larger land parcels, more affordable housing and a relaxed lifestyle, within a closeknit, friendly community.



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The town of Kooralbyn is a 25-minute drive from Beaudesert and is home to the Kooralbyn International School, whose alumni include athlete Cathy Freeman and golfers Adam Scott and Jason Day. Australia's first integrated golf resort, the Ramada Resort Kooralbyn Valley, has undergone significant renovations and offers a unique rural and eco experience, with a number of activities from the sky to the water. Relax by the pool or stay active clay pigeon shooting, horse trail riding, kayaking and playing golf.

#### THINGS TO DO

- · Visit the Robotic Dairy and home of Scenic Rim 4Real Milk.
- · Gather your friends for a country race meet at the Beaudesert Race Club.
- · Learn to make cheese at the Towri Sheep Farm.
- · Step back in time at the Beaudesert Historical Museum.
- Cool down at the Beaudesert Pool.
- Call into the Beaudesert Community Arts & Information Centre for friendly advice on the region's must-do attractions. While you're there stock up on local art, craft and homemade jams and chutneys.
- · Browse the latest exhibition at The Centre regional art gallery.
- · Catch the latest live show at The Centre.
- · Head out of town about 25-minutes to Kooralbyn, home of the newly-refurbished Ramada Resort Kooralbyn Valley. It has a championship golf course and many other exciting facilities.
- · Drop into The Valley Kitchen Kooralbyn for a great meal.
- · Take a scenic country drive south to Kerry. Have a picnic and cool down in the creek at Darlington Park.



### Carolyn Davidson

Carolyn's sheep cheese adventure started with an empty shed on her husband's turf farm. She decided to transform it into an artisan boutique sheep dairy and cheese making facility.

Hobby soon turned into business and now Carolyn has a herd of 350 Awassi, East Friesian and Assaf sheep. Her Towri Sheep Cheese is on the menu at many of Queensland's leading restaurants.

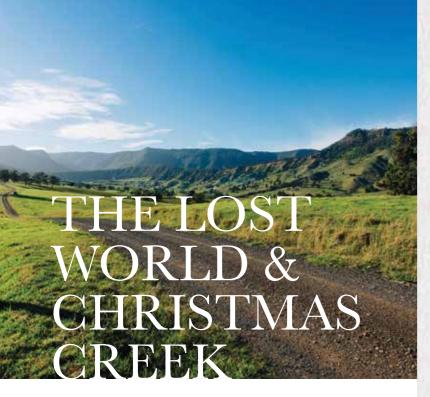
## Farmer Greg Dennis

Rather than sign up to unsustainable milk contracts, Greg Dennis and his family invested in their own on-farm milk

by innovative Dutch milking robots and the milk travels only metres to the factory where it is bottled and sold as Scenic Rim 4Real Milk.

The family welcomes visitors year round and shares the story of how they are doing things differently in a bid to remain viable on their Tamrookum farm.

Greg says sharing their farming story with consumers has been vital to the success of their ownbranded milk.



AS FAR AS NAMES GO, THIS ONE'S VERY ACCURATE. THIS SPECTACULAR LOST WORLD IS ONLY A SHORT DRIVE SOUTH OF BEAUDESERT, BUT FEELS LIKE IT'S A WORLD AWAY.

Overlooked by the dramatic Razorback Mountain and Lamington Plateau, the valleys of the Lost World are a mix of mystical tangled forests, lush green pastures, wild rivers, pristine rock pools and off-the-track surprises.

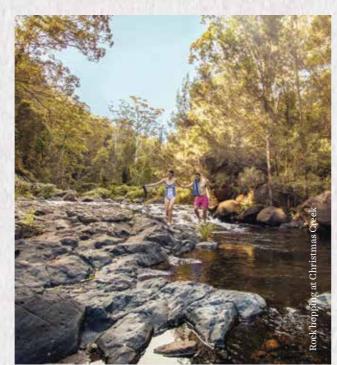
There are no crowds, theme parks, shops or restaurants. Instead you'll find quiet secluded spaces to relax in nature, to let children run free and to walk alone in untamed Australian rainforest wilderness. Book ahead and try horse riding or four-wheel-driving. Milk a cow at Tommerup's Dairy, or learn to cook with wild foraged foods at the Wild Lime Cooking School.

When you stay in the Lost World you can access privately-owned walking tracks and crystal-clear rock pools for fishing, swimming and picnics. Choose to overnight in one of the Lost World's charming farmhouses, cosy cabins, creek-side campgrounds, or a historic homestead, where you can also learn to crack a stock-whip and throw a boomerang.

Christmas Creek offers visitors a relaxing, backto-nature experience. If it's total tranquillity you're after, book into one of the luxury, five-star safari tents at Nightfall Camp. It's been rated among Australia's leading glamping experiences.

#### THINGS TO DO

- Visit the seasonal **Darlington Community Markets** and try the local food, talk to local artists and craftspeople and shop the array of unique offerings.
- Follow the Lost World Tourist Drive which incorporates the Kerry Valley and its rich farming and dairy heritage, the lush green pastures of the Lost World and the rugged Lamington Gorge, where Christmas Creek flows from mountain springs deep in the wilderness end of Lamington National Park.
- Enjoy a relaxed, back-to-nature experience in Christmas Creek.
- Book into one of the luxury, five-star safari tents at the Nightfall Camp, it's been rated among Australia's leading glamping experiences.
- Take a cooking class in the unique and stunning surrounds of the Worendo Cottages and Wild Lime Cooking School. Amazing views and incredible local food are served in abundance.
- Visit the Tommerup's Dairy Farm and learn how these sixth-generation farmers run their business. Meet the resident menagerie of cows, pigs, chickens and goats and stock up on farm-fresh produce at the farm larder.
- BYO horses and head for Stay at Kirro. It's a renovated Queenslander set on a beautiful cattle property in the Kerry Valley. There are facilities for horses and plenty of amazing trails to explore.
- Book into a local farm stay, cottage or cabin and enjoy the tranquillity and peace. Check out Cedar Glen Farmstay, Eighteen Mile Cottage and Homestead, Cave Rock Cottages, Worendo Cottages, Christmas Creek Cabins, Mana Carroo, Beaumont High Country Homestead and Wongari Eco Retreat.





Nathan Overell runs the family's scenic Worendo Cottages and Wild Lime Cooking School business in the Lost World.

Building on the foundations set by his parents, Nathan has established this gorgeous retreat as a place for relaxing, reconnecting and celebrating fresh, local food.

Scenic Rim chef Kate Raymont leads the cooking classes, weaving Scenic Rim ingredients into international cuisine.

For Nathan, the Lost World was the setting of many childhood adventures in the Lamington National Park.

Now he shares his stunning backyard with visitors.





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## Tommerup's Dairy Farm

This gorgeous, small-scale dairy farm has been in the Tommerup family since 1874.

Dave is the sixth generation Tommerup to manage the farm, and together with wife Kay and their children Harry and Georgia, the Tommerups milk a small herd and keep a menagerie of beautiful farm animals. Their milk goes to Norco and the family has established a busy farm stay business, welcoming visitors to stay in an historic farm house, help on the farm and buy fresh bacon, meat, lamb, milk and cheese from the farm larder.



RATHDOWNEY, IN THE SCENIC
RIM'S SOUTH, IS HOME TO SOME OF
QUEENSLAND'S MOST IMPRESSIVE
WALKING AND CLIMBING TRACKS. VAST
OPEN SPACES OF LUSH PASTURES ARE
DOMINATED BY THE TOWERING BULK
OF MT BARNEY AND MT LINDESAY.
ESCAPE TO THIS PART OF THE SCENIC
RIM FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND
NATURE EXPERIENCES.

Begin your journey into the south with a visit to Rathdowney, which lies about 32km south of Beaudesert. Rathdowney started as a service centre to new farming districts. Today it is a gateway to the many walks and climbs available in the nearby Mt Barney National Park. The Park's two majestic mountains – Mt Barney and Mt Lindesay – are distinctive markers on the Scenic Rim landscape.



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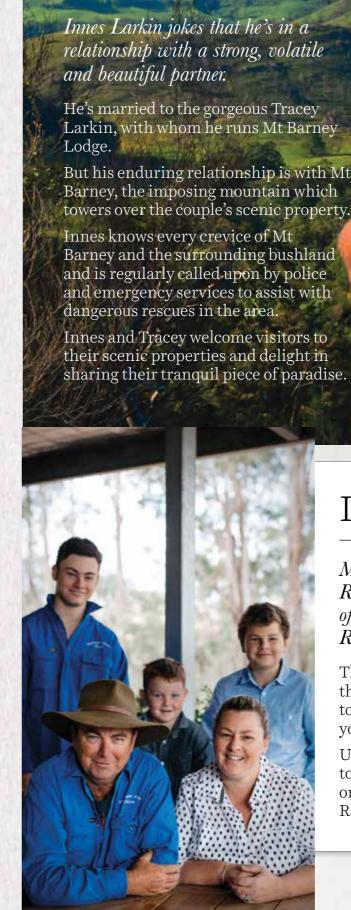
RATHDOWNEY & MT BARNEY

Mt Barney, which at 1359m high is Queensland's fourth-highest peak, is visible from many points throughout the Scenic Rim. On the Queensland / NSW border, the Mt Barney National Park protects seven peaks around the 1000m mark including Mountains Maroon, May, Ballow, Clunie and Ernest. The rugged peaks are all that remain of the ancient focal shield volcano, which erupted some 26-million years ago.

Mount Barney National Park is World Heritagelisted and is a designated wilderness park. It is one of the largest areas of undisturbed natural vegetation remaining in South East Queensland and is part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

#### THINGS TO DO

- Step back in time when you visit the local Rathdowney Museum, where the local history is well-documented.
- Explore the World Heritage-listed Mt Barney National Park, which is a designated wilderness park. Mt Barney is surrounded by valleys, caves, rock pools and woodland forest.
- Book into one of the nearby accommodation options and explore the region more extensively. Try Barney Creek Cottages, Mt Barney Lodge, Thistledown Cottage, Tuckeroo Cottages and Gardens and Lillydale Farmstay.
- Pack up the bikes and head to Bigriggen Park, a 40-hectare holiday park encompassing hills and native bushland. Bigriggen puts you close to the local walks and parks and offers camping and bunkhouse facilities. Your kids will love riding their bikes around the local road network. Pets are welcome too.
- Take the kids to Lillydale Farmstay, where you'll experience Aussie farm life.
- Chat to the experts at Mt Barney Lodge, where you can stay in a renovated Queenslander or a luxury tent. The kids will love the holiday activities.



Innes Larkin

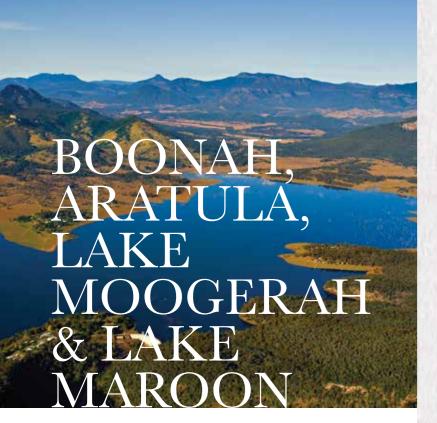


Matt and Lou Cheevers have breathed new life into Rathlogan Grove Olive farm, situated in the foothills of Mount Maroon, five minutes from the town of Rathdowney.

The couple were living in the city but yearned to move to the country with their young children.

Up for a challenge, they took on the olive grove and on-site café and have made Rathlogan Grove a popular destination for day trippers and food lovers.

Stock up on olive oil and olives, enjoy a relaxed rustic lunch and coffee, and browse the giftware in the hilltop Shed Café.



**BOONAH IS A VIBRANT, COLOURFUL COUNTRY TOWN IN** THE SCENIC RIM'S WEST. BOONAH **BEGAN LIFE AS A HUB OF RURAL PURSUITS AND AGRICULTURE** REMAINS A KEY INDUSTRY TODAY.

Boonah is also a popular destination for newcomers seeking a relaxing tree change.

It's the gateway to the Moogerah Peaks and Main Range National Parks, as well as Lakes Moogerah and Maroon.

Boonah was settled by German and English pioneers in the early 1800s and once boasted a butter factory and numerous dairies.

Today the land surrounding this scenic town is productive with vegetables, grain, beef, pork, poultry, grapes and olives.

The historic Queenslander architecture of the early settlers is still on show in the town's central business district and residential streets.

Boonah is an ideal base for boating and fishing, as well as scenic walks and camping. The local airfield is busy and offers enthusiasts the chance to see the scenery from a glider or light aircraft.

Local food and wine is on the menu at many of the region's wineries, restaurants and historic country pubs. Boonah also boasts a number of stunning wedding venues.

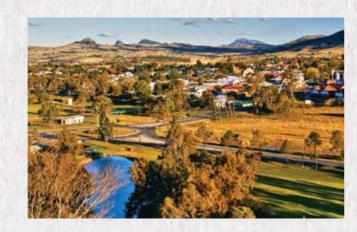
Nearby, along the busy Cunningham Highway, you'll find Aratula. It's a popular resting spot for motorists and offers a myriad of food and drink options.

The hardest part will be choosing between Arthur Clive's Bakery, Aratula Café & Ice Creamery, Oliver's Real Food, and the service station cafés. Stock up on local produce at the Aratula Markets and try one of their fresh juices. Browse the antique shop; you never know what treasures you will find.

Many roads around these parts lead to a lake. Two of the region's most popular are Lakes Moogerah and Maroon. Both are open to powered craft and are a haven for water skiing, jet skiing and fishing. Pitch your tent, or book into a self-contained cottage and enjoy a longer country escape.

#### THINGS TO DO

- · Visit the Regional Gallery Boonah.
- · BYO jet ski and hit the water at Lakes Moogerah and Maroon or paddle your kayak on Lake Wyaralong (no powered craft allowed).
- · Call into Far Outdoors and get some local knowledge on the nearby walks through National Parks and spectacular bushland.
- · Visit the Boonah Airfield and book a flight over the
- Enjoy a long lunch at Kooroomba Vineyard & Lavender Farm.
- · Check out one of the local wedding reception venues.
- Call into the Visitor Information Centre.
- · Hook up your fishing boat and drop a line in one of the lakes.
- · Cool down in a nearby swimming hole.
- · Test your motocross skills at the QLD Moto Park.
- · Revive and refresh at one of Boonah's cafés.
- · Call into the Scenic Rim Brewery for a local beer and meal.
- · Stock up on local produce at the Aratula Market.
- · Browse the treasures at the Aratula Antique shop.



### Christopher Trotter & David Bland

What do you get when you pair an industrial sculptor with a horologist? The Blumbergville Clock!

Bland are Boonah locals and together they created a clock that has become the talking point of the town's main street.

The clock stands at 5.5m high, weighs four tonnes and can be found on the footpath outside the Scenic Rim Council office. where it marks time with wacky sounds.

He and wife

home to the

Kooroomba

The couple

the stunning

has made

Vineyard and

Lavender Farm.

Verity returned

Christopher Trotter and David Christopher is well-known around Australia for his industrial art sculptures which transform scrap metal into spectacular creations.

> David is a clockmaker and rose to the challenge of ensuring the Blumbergville Clock keeps perfect time.





IF IT'S ANTIQUES, GOOD FOOD AND GREAT COMPANY YOU'RE AFTER, THEN YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE. THIS PART OF THE SCENIC RIM SERVES THESE THINGS - AND MUCH MORE - IN GENEROUS QUANTITIES.

The historic town of Kalbar dates back to the 1870s when farmers, predominantly German immigrants, began to select the fertile land bordering the Warrill and Reynolds Creek flats.

Ancestors of these pioneering families – the Pennells, Kruegers, Peters, Surawskis, Dieckmanns and Mullers – still live and work in the area today. The town of Kalbar straddles Edward Street and is dominated by the historic and beautiful Wiss Emporium and Wiss Cottage. Both buildings, and the nearby Wiss House which is run as a B&B, were built by the entrepreneurial Wiss Brothers, who were keen traders of produce and farm goods.

The Royal Hotel Kalbar has been renovated and is a popular hub for meals and drinks. Kalbar's main business area has enjoyed a resurgence. You'll find cafés, a bakery, an art gallery, butcher and grocery stores, a dress shop, community bank, medical centre and chemist, beauty shops, hairdressers and a newsagent. The Kalbar Showground is a popular base for caravanners and the sale yards are busy with regular cattle trades.

Kalbar is surrounded by a number of smaller, historic towns. Roadvale used to be a hub for industry but a 1915 fire destroyed many of the town's buildings. There's still a general store and a great pub, with facilities to tether your horse out the front.

KALBAR, HARRISVILLE, PEAK CROSSING & ROADVALE

Just up the road is Harrisville. An early train line to Ipswich used to sustain the cotton, processed cheese and condensed milk industries here for many years. Harrisville's main street boasts some beautiful Queenslander-style architecture. Drop in for a meal and a drink at the Royal Hotel.

The whole family will love the Summer Land Camel Farm, situated just outside the town centre. It's Australia's largest camel dairy, where you can see the camels being milked, pat the babies and try a myriad of camel-milk products.

Up the road, towards Ipswich you'll arrive at Peak Crossing, a rural township situated on Purga Creek at the base of Flinders Peak mountain. Stop at the Peak Pub for a cool drink, or pull into the Flinders Peak Winery and taste the range of local, organic wines and spirits. Book into one of the vineyard villas and stay for the weekend.

#### THINGS TO DO

- · Visit The Royal Hotel Kalbar for a pub meal.
- Browse the works at Suzy Buhle's Art Gallery & Studio.
- Stop at Arthur Clive's Bakehouse for a pie, or coffee and a cream bun.
- Beary Special Crafts at Kalbar is a treasure trove of handmade, intricate giftware, clothes and collectibles.
- Drive by The White Chapel and Black Hall in George St Kalbar. This stunning wedding chapel and reception venue has given new life to the historic Methodist Church.
- Get to know the camels at Summer Land Camel Farm near Harrisville.
- Enjoy a hearty pub meal in beautiful surrounds at The Royal Hotel Harrisville.
- Try the local wines and spirits at Flinders Peak Winery at Peak Crossing.



## Suzy Buhle

It's not hard for artist Suzy Buhle to find inspiration in the Scenic Rim. She simply steps onto the verandah of her home and looks out over the cattle paddocks to the majestic Great Dividing Range.

Suzy grew up in the Scenic Rim and returned to the family farm to raise her own children.

Her colourful, distinctive artwork is inspired by her surroundings and features cattle, crops and her trade-mark voluptuous, colourful, strong women.

Suzy works from a studio gallery in Kalbar, where you can meet her and browse the art.

### Summer Land Camel Farm

The paddocks around Harrisville were traditionally the domain of dairy cows and lucerne crops.

But these days you'll see 450 free-range Australian camels grazing on the fertile fodder.

The camels are part of Australia's largest milking herd and you can meet them at Summer Land Camel Farm, which opens to the public every Sunday. Call into the Homestead Café and meet owners Jeff Flood and Paul Martin.

Try the milk and stock up on skincare products, cheese, ice-cream and chocolate made using camel milk.

Group bookings are welcomed by appointment.



The Scenic Rim boasts an extensive public art trail. Look for these installations as you travel around the region.

LOCAL GALLERIES AND CREATIVE SPACES.

#### A Present View, by Thomas Reifferscheid **Rosins Lookout Beechmont**

The sculpture reflects the worship of nature as a value – holy in itself. By carving in the rough blocks, up to the final smooth grinding, the natural beauty of the stone becomes visible in all its different patterns.

#### Visiting Earth Angel, by Antone Bruinsma Robert Sowter Park Tamborine Mountain

Gracing us with its presence, and calling for a renewal of our connection with nature, the Angel offers us hope, guidance and a moment for inner reflection.

#### With an Eye to the Sky, by Catherine Anderson Scenic Rim Council forecourt, High St Boonah

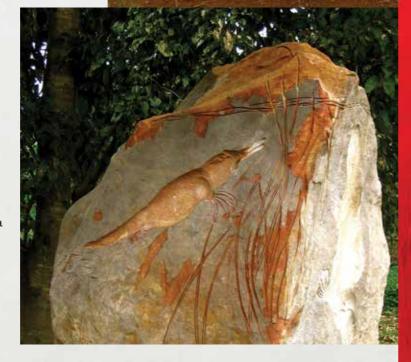
Weather is the common theme impacting the lives of anyone living in rural and regional Queensland. Country people live 'with an eye to the sky'. Bronze artwork commissioned to celebrate the 2002 Year of the Outback.

#### Platypus, by Silvio Apponyi Lions Park Canungra

Capturing an enduring symbol of this ancient landscape. Created during International Sculpture Symposium Beaudesert 2008.

#### Lake Wyaralong Sculpture Park Facilitated by Beaudesert and District Community Arts Project

Seven acclaimed Queensland, Australian and international sculptors crafted monumental sculptures over 16 days in 2015 to create the Wyaralong Sculpture Park. The large-scale public artworks reflect the recreational and/or environmental elements enjoyed by visitors to Lake Wyarlong and Mt Joyce Recreation Park.



Jubilee Park Shared History Footpath, facilitated by Bronwyn Davies Jubilee Park Beaudesert

Through discussions with the Mununjali community and the Beaudesert Historical Society, the facilitator created text for the bronze plaques which have been placed into the concrete footpath.

#### Spaces for Contemplation by Luke Zwolsman Collins Park Rathdowney

Exploring the process and progression of inner contemplation which takes place when one stands within the expansive spaces of the Scenic Rim.

Clockwise from top: Humming Stone by Birgit Grapentin at Wyaralong sculpture park; A Present View by Thomas Reifferscheid; Platypus, by Silvio Apponyi

## life OF THE SCENIC RIM

The Scenic Rim is a hotsport for biodiversity and the combination of varied landscapes, volcanic soil and climate mean it's also a haven for a diverse range of

You'll find iconic Australian species such as kangaroos, koalas, platypus, kookaburras, goannas and cockatoos, as well as some 200 endangered and threatened species.

ing Parrot at Binna Burra by Jennie Groo

Look out for these wild locals:

#### LAMINGTON SPINY CRAYFISH

These vibrant blue and green crayfish are often found walking on rainforest tracks after rain in the Lamington and Springbrook region.

#### ALBERT'S LYREBIRD

A timid songbird endemic to subtropical rainforest regions. Has a large, long tail and rich chestnut

#### REGENT BOWERBIRD

A beautiful, intelligent bird, found throughout rainforest areas. Male birds are covered in silky black plumage, with glossy golden feathers on the ends of their wings and crown.

#### **KOALAS**

You'll find these native Australian marsupials living in eucalyptus trees along creeks and bushland in parts of the Scenic Rim.

#### WHIPTAIL WALLABY

(also known as pretty-faced wallaby)

A wallaby species found in the region, particularly around O'Reillys and Mt Barney, distinguished by paler colouring and a white stripe under its face.

#### **PLATYPUS**

An egg-laying, semi-aquatic mammal, often referred to as the duckbilled platypus. Can be found in small streams and rivers, particularly around Canungra.

#### KING PARROT

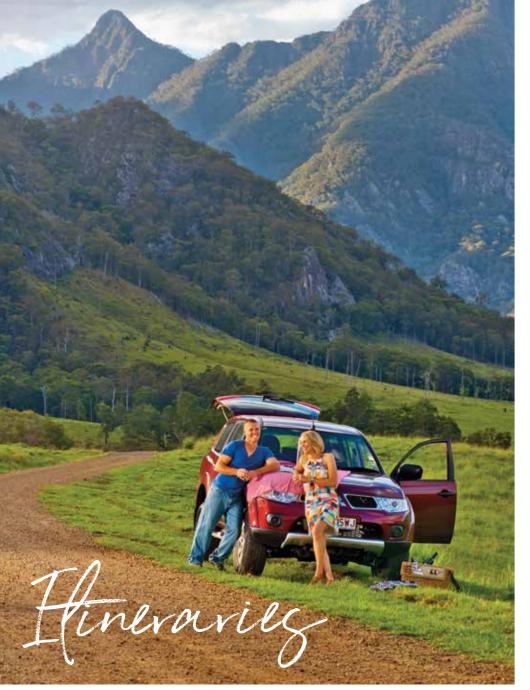
A stunning and colourful bird. Males have completely red heads, while the females have a green head and breast. King parrots are normally found in pairs or family groups in rainforest areas. You're likely to see them around O'Reilly's and Binna Burra.

#### GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOO

About 46 to 50cm long and generally smaller than other black cockatoos, with a brownish black colour and a small crest. Look for the bright red panels on its black tail. Females may also have yellow markings around the head. Live in forest areas, open inland woodlands and watercourses.

While you're in the Scenic Rim also keep an eye out or the crimson and pale headed rosellas, spoonbills, wls, eagles, frogs, pademelons, turtles and ducks.

For more information collect a copy of the Wild Guides of the Scenic Rim from a Visitor Information Centre, or from the Queensland Museum.



#### **BOONAH & BEYOND**

38km

The busy town of Boonah is ideally located for an easy day trip from Brisbane or the Gold Coast.

First stop should be Boonah's High St, where you can browse the well-stocked shelves at Maynard's Store, buy gorgeous gifts at Duck Junction, Boonah Jewellery & Gifts, or The Story Tree.

Need a coffee and a bite to eat? You're spoiled for choice here. Try **Arthur Clive's Bakehouse**, **Flavours Café**, **Café 17** or **Sandie Lee's Kitchen**.

Drop into a local pub. There's the Commercial Hotel, Simon's Tavern, The Australian and The Dugandan Hotel.

Take the Boonah Rathdowney Rd towards Bunjurgen, where you can call into the **Bunjurgen Estate Vineyard** for a relaxed tasting and tour of the vines.

Down the road you'll find **Kooroomba Vineyard and Lavender Farm.** Book ahead for lunch, or call in for afternoon tea and drink in the stunning mountain views.

Next stop is the **Scenic Rim Brewery** on Reckumpilla Rd at Mt Alford.

Need at walk? Make your final stop the Mt French lookout in the **Moogerah Peaks National Park**.

**Top Tip:** This part of the Scenic Rim is home to some excellent walks. Go to the Walking Guide on page 12 for details.

## THE LIONS ROAD BEAUDESERT TO KYOGLE 96km

The Lions Road was built as a Lions Club project to allow travellers to visit the forests and crisscross Running Creek and Gradys Creek on the QLD-NSW border.

It forms a scenic link between QLD and NSW and along with the amazing rainforest, the highlight is the spectacular railway engineering feat of the Border Loop. To enable trains to cross the Border Ranges, engineers had to gain altitude at a reasonable gradient. The answer was this ingenious spiral loop. Start your adventure in **Beaudesert** and browse the eclectic mix of shops and cafés in the town centre. Call into the Beaudesert Historical Museum, or The Centre, before steering your car south towards Rathdowney. You'll pass Laravale, Tamrookum (book ahead and visit the Scenic Rim Robotic Dairy), cross the Tamrookum Creek and you'll arrive in Rathdowney. While you're in the area call into **Rathlogan Grove** (open weekends) for olives and olive oil, plus there's a café and giftshop. The Rathdowney Pub is great too. Fuel up and call into the Rathdowney **Visitor Information Centre**, where the volunteers are very knowledgeable. Browse the **Rathdowney** Historical Centre in the same building. From Rathdowney take Running Creek Rd towards Kyogle. This road becomes Lions Rd and passes through the Border Ranges National Park. This road is generally not suitable for trailers as it is quite narrow in spots. Check with Rathdowney Visitor Information Centre first.

Top Tip: On your return journey take the Mt Lindesay Highway and make a small detour via the small town of Woodenbong. Book accommodation in Mt Barney or Rathdowney and explore the area.



#### **TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN**

25km

Tamborine Mountain offers visitors so many options.

Start at the **Botanic Gardens** on Forsythia Drive before you head along Long Road to **Gallery Walk**, the busy strip of shops, cafés and restaurants.

Take your time and browse the gifts, the art, the Cuckoo Clock Nest and the jewellery. Take your pick of places to refresh with coffee, food, cake, ice-cream, chocolate, and a visit to Granny Macs Store, or Fudge Heaven.

Call into see the **Fortitude Brewing Co.** and **Witches Chase Cheese Co.** Beer and cheese, does it get any better?

Stop at **Curtis Falls**, explore one of the many walks, **Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk** or the **Glow Worm Caves**.

Book ahead and spend the night at **Cedar Creek Lodges** at **Thunderbird Park** so
you can enjoy Thunderegg fossicking,
laser skirmish, horse riding and the
TreeTop Challenge.

As you drive around look out for the **roadside stalls**, selling local produce and flowers.

Call in for tastings at the Witches Falls Winery on Main Western Rd and the Tamborine Mountain Distillery on Beacon Rd.

Follow Main Western Rd South until you reach the **Robert Sowter Park**, where you can watch hang gliders launch over Canungra and the greater Scenic Rim.

Need a coffee? Stop at **Green Lane Coffee Plantation** on Alpine Terrace and take the crop to cup tour.

**Top Tip:** This is just a taster of what's on offer at Tamborine Mountain. Book some accommodation and stretch your adventure over a few days.



#### **CANUNGRA DAY TRIP**

Spend a whole lazy day in Canungra, in the Scenic Rim's east.

Browse the eclectic mix of shops. Call into **My Country Escape** for gorgeous homewares, fashion, fresh flowers and other collectibles.

Love a coffee? Try Canungra Hub Café, Café Metz, the Blue House or Six Oaks.

Grab a fresh, juicy pie at **The Outpost Café**. The **Visitor Information Centre**is a source of local knowledge and local
produce, including **Greenlee Farm**macadamias, grown just down the road.

Head to O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard for a wine tasting and picnic lunch by the creek. Check out the historic Lahey's Tramway Tunnel.

Want to stay overnight? Call ahead to the Greenlee Farm & Cottages, Country Mile Escape, The Odd Gecko or Wallaby Ridge Retreat.

**Top Tip:** Take to the skies. Start your day flying high in a hot air balloon above Canungra with one of the local operators.

#### LODGE TO LODGE

70km

Here's an adventure that will take you from one end of the Lamington Plateau to the other.

You'll see two of the Scenic Rim's most historic and popular lodges and ecotourism ventures, as well as some gorgeous wineries and scenery along the way.

Start at **Binna Burra Mountain Lodge** in the Lamington National Park. Book ahead and stay overnight so you can take full advantage of the incredible walks available here.

Drive down the mountain towards

Canungra along the scenic Beechmont

Rd. It's a 29km drive which should take

you just over 30minutes. See the Canungra

itinerary for ideas.

Before you head up the mountain to the Green Mountains section of the Lamington National Park, taste the wines at O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard, or Sarabah Estate (ring ahead to confirm opening hours).

Make your final ascent to **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat**. Book ahead for accommodation and give yourself plenty of time to explore walking trails.

**Top Tip:** Take your time - both Binna Burra and O'Reillys offer a great mix of accommodation and activities.

#### ANTIQUES, ART & CAMELS

50km

The western Scenic Rim is diverse and different, offering options for the whole family.

Start at **Aratula** with a coffee, some local produce at the **Aratula Markets** and a browse through the antiques.

Head to **Kalbar** for breakfast at **Arthur Clive's Bakehouse**. Drop in and meet local artist **Suzy Buhle** at her gallery and art studio.

Hungry again? Harrisville has everything you need. Try Lizzy's Kitchen or The Royal Hotel Harrisville.

On Sundays the **Summer Land Camel Farm** opens its gates to the public. Tour Australia's largest camel dairy, take a camel ride, try the camel milk cheese, gelato and milk.

On your way home call into the **Flinders** 

Peak Winery at Peak Crossing to taste the wines, gin and carrot vodka!

Top Tip: Spend the night, book into a

gorgeous B&B, like The Old Church, The

Grove or Wiss House.

#### CHEESE PLEASER

157km

Love your cheese? You'll love the Scenic Rim. BYO cooler and take this delicious tour of the local cheese farms and cheeseries.

Call ahead to check opening hours and book.

Start your day at the **Summer Land Camel Farm** at Harrisville. It's open to the public on Sundays.

Tour the dairy and try the gorgeous camel milk feta.

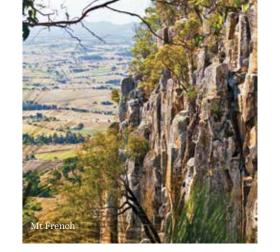
Next head to Tamrookum, just outside Beaudesert, where you'll find **Scenic Rim 4Real Milk and Robotic Dairy**.

You'll learn plenty and you can stock up on the delicious Scenic Rim 4Real cheeses, yoghurt and milk.

At Allenview you'll find **Towri Sheep Cheese Farm**.

The final stop is at the **Witches Chase Cheese Co** on Tamborine Mountain where you can buy cheese and see it being made.
Looking for a one-stop cheese shop? Drop into **The Vintage Pickle** on Tamborine Mountain for a great range of Scenic Rim cheese.

**Top Tip:** Don't do all this in one day. Stay overnight - there are plenty of B&Bs, motels and retreats to choose from.



#### BOONAH TO QUEEN MARY FALLS 62km

The drive to Queen Mary Falls is a favourite for locals and visitors.

The scenic, winding mountain road takes you along the QLD-NSW border, through the lush pastures of Killarney to the Spring Creek falls, which flow over a basalt ledge.

Start with a coffee and breakfast in **Boonah's High St** and if you have time take a detour to the **Mt French lookout** in the **Moogerah Peaks National Park**.

Take the Boonah-Rathdowney Road south towards **Carneys Creek**. Look out for **Minto Crag** on the right, before the Head Road turnoff.

You'll see the **Teviot Falls**, an intermittent twin falls on the right side, best viewed as you approach the top of the range. A small walking track leads to the falls from the parking bay near the cattle grid. Dry weather only.

**Carr's Lookout** is another good stop and enjoys views over the Condamine River towards Tamborine Mountain.

Schedule a stop at the nearby **Spring Creek Mountain Café** for a delicious lunch and refreshments.

Continue along Spring Creek Rd until you reach **Queen Mary Falls**. Feel like a walk? Try the Cliff Walk or the Queen Mary Falls

There's also a picnic area here with tables, tap water, toilets and BBQs as well as another café opposite.

Top Tip: This drive isn't suitable for caravans. You can do the full loop and return home via Killarney and Cunninghams Gap.



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WE HAVE FIVE ACCREDITED VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES ACROSS THE REGION THAT ARE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK TO ASSIST YOU.

- BEAUDESERT
  07 5541 4495
  Community Arts & Information Centre
  Cnr Mt Lindesay Hwy & Enterprise Dr
- BOONAH
  07 5463 2233
  Visitor Information Centre
  Bicentennial Park, 20 Boonah-Fassifern Rd
- CANUNGRA
  07 5543 5156
  Visitor Information Centre
  12 14 Kidston Street
- RATHDOWNEY
  07 5544 1222
  Visitor Information Centre
  82 Mt Lindesay Highway
- TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN
  07 5545 3200
  Visitor Information Centre
  Doughty Park
  2 Main Western Rd

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This page top to bottom: Kooroomba Vineyard & Lavender Farm, image by Karlee Fenton; The Fassifern Valley; Creek near Mt Barney. Back cover: The Lost World at Night, image by Kate Wall

