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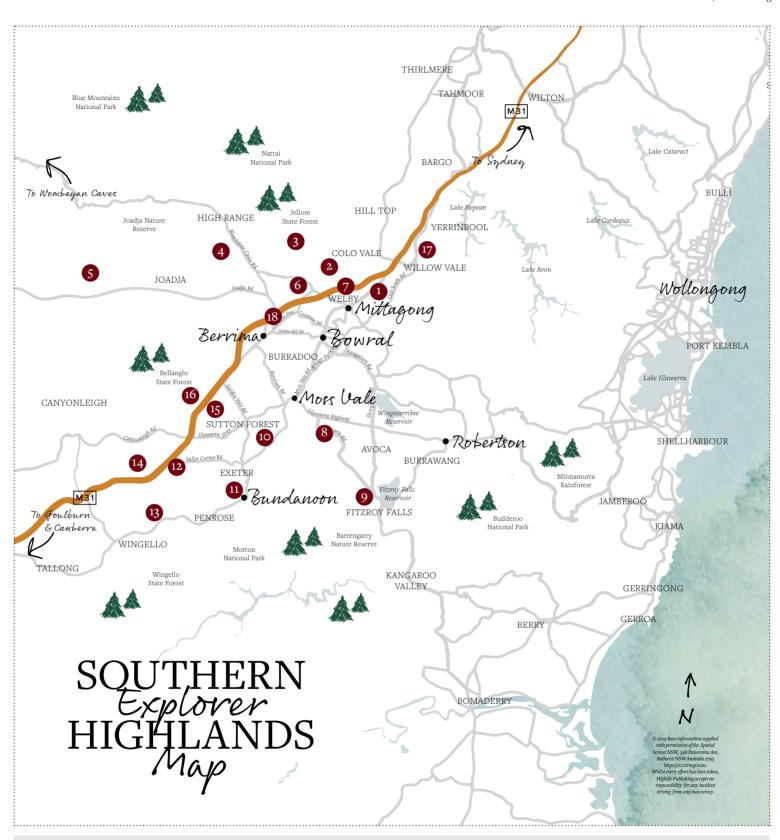
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A Watershed Moment

Escape Southern Highlands stays at a designer shed and discovers magic at the bottom of the garden.

WORDS ALEX SPEED IMAGES & COVER ABBIE MELLE

I'm all for that old adage try before you buy but it sort of defeats the purpose when staying somewhere for the first time.

Which is why I am happy the owners of Watershed, a chic shed conversion on the outskirts of Robertson, have done the hard yards. This local family (mum, dad, three teenage kids, two poodles, pet sheep and alpacas) spent their school holidays here for more than a decade before relocating permanently in 2014 from inner city Sydney. "We spent many long weekends and weeks here in holiday rentals and Airbnbs from cottages on the Gib to Wildes Meadow to Moss Vale," the Dad told me some years back.

"From the outset, though, we felt there was a particular kind of beauty to Robertson. It feels like the far-flung part of the Highlands, like it's just that more in the country." It's early autumn and as we turn off the Illawarra Highway, it indeed feels like we are off the beaten track. Draped by towering radiata pines, the driveway sweeps around the family's 1884 farmhouse and past an enormous trampoline and treehouse with zipline. My eight year old son and companion for the night shouts in delight. On trend in its matt black finish, Watershed sits at the bottom of the garden, magic against green paddocks. A readied firepit in the courtyard is surrounded by balloon-back chairs. I make a mental note to mention it to my city girlfriends. What a perfect spot to spend a night catching up. Outside there is also a large outdoor table and chairs for al fresco dining. Watershed stands on land that was once part of a 120 hectare dairy farm. The original weatherboard homestead was built by a former surveyor general for the Berrima District. But there is nothing historical about this groovy little pad.

Designed around an old machinery shed, the main external structure is Colorbond. Inside is corrugated tin bought second hand from a knocked down shed. "Gives it a great patina," explains the Mum.

Inside is open plan with a stylish living area, wood burning stove, designer kitchen and luxury bathroom with huge shower. The concrete floor is right on designer spec with loads of rugs and floor to ceiling windows looking out into the garden. The decor is cosy chintz with standing lamps, armchairs and a comfy lounge to sink into. There are throw rugs on every chair. Robertson can get cold.

Upstairs there is a charming mezzanine sleeping area. It has a slanting roof, sky windows and twinkling fairy lights that give the feel of camping out in a luxurious shearing shed. There is a queen bed with two singles under the eaves. All are scrumptiously made with cosy duvets and sheepskin rugs. Watershed sleeps five, even six. A sofa in the corner can be made up into another single and downstairs the lounge converts into a double sofa bed. This is welcoming, easy accommodation, perfect for a weekend or week stay. Thoughtful and kind hearts are also evident, illustrated by the opening sentence in the all-important information folder.

"We want you to enjoy your break," our hosts have written. "Please let us know if there is anything missing or you need help with anything."

No need. They have thought of it all. The kitchen with its gas range, wall oven and stocked cupboards is expertly kitted out. In the fridge there is fresh milk from Tilba Dairy, Lurpak butter and jams. On the stone benchtop, a coffee machine and a sourdough loaf awaits for our breakfast. There are bowls of freshly laid eggs and Granny Smith



apples and a white jug of bright yellow daisies. There is even a carafe of port for cold nights. The wood burner is set (thus the designer woodpile outside) and there are bathrobes in the bathroom, and jumpers for nights around the firepit.

"Mum, we could move in here," my son says eagerly, before running outside to play with Chester, one of family's friendly poodles who has come to say hello. Dogs are welcome; there is secure fencing all around Watershed. It's dinner time so we decamp for the nearby Roberston Public House & Restaurant. Here we talk Pokémon over rump steak for me (Wednesdays are \$15 steak nights with salad and chips) and chicken schnitzel for my son. Kids eat for \$5 Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We head back to Watershed and snuggle up on the downstairs settee. Bedtime stories consist of my son delightedly reading more from the information folder. This time about recalcitrant uninvited guests. "We occasionally get frogs and we're pretty sure they arrive up through the toilet. If you find one and if this freaks you out, call us and we'll come catch it. Otherwise, just get a plastic container, catch it and throw it out on the grass. There is a wombat who regularly visits the attached woodshed and he can make bumps in the night. There are also lots of rabbits around in the morning and at dusk."

We are early to bed, and fall asleep listening to the winds pick up and the occasional soft rattle of the roof. We wake early to country sounds, and within minutes, my son is off outside.

"Back soon Mum, I'm just going to look for those rabbits."

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New moon rises on HIGHLANDS FOODIE SCHOOL

Moonacres School is the latest offering in award winning farmer Phil Lavers' ongoing food vision to share his sustainable production and soil philosophy with fellow foodies.

WORDS KYLIE MATTHEWS IMAGES ELISE HASSEY, ASHLEY MACKEVICIUS & MOONACRES SCHOOL

If you've met Phil Lavers, you'll appreciate he's not one for blowing his own trumpet. The award winning owner and farmer of Moonacres Farm at Fitzroy Falls and Moonacres Kitchen in Robertson is generally happier letting his produce, and head chef and business manager Stephen Santucci, look after any necessary parlance.

But as the newest gem in Lavers' sparkling crown, Moonacres School opens its doors this month, the usually economically worded Lavers is happy to chat. "I guess you could say it is a solution to a problem," says Lavers, who for the past decade has delivered his organic produce to some of Sydney's and the Highlands' best chefs.

"Often these days people don't know how to cook and they don't understand where their food comes from so we want to connect people with their food and for people to realise that the quality of our food really depends on the quality of the soil."

Nestled beside the Big Potato, just a short walk from Moonacres Kitchen, the school is part of Lavers' long term plan to establish a foodie education hub in the Southern Highlands, explains Stephen Santucci, formerly of Vini, Surry Hills. "When Phil established Moonacres Farm in 2006, he already had the idea to introduce a cafe, a school and a restaurant into the Highlands that would all feed into one another and share a philosophy. That philosophy is to enjoy healthy, seasonal and hand-crafted local foods grown sustainably." Lavers moved with his family to their 56 hectare farm in 2006 after saying goodbye to a life as a financial trader and beginning life as an organic farmer in the Highlands. Trial and error were his teachers. Fourteen years on, the farm remains key to the Moonacres family's food plans.

"The farm is always at the centre of everything we do," says Stephen. At the cafe, in the bakery and now at the Moonacres School, our focus is on educating people on why it's so important to nurture the soil, how and why our produce is farmed the way it is, and traditional and creative ways we can prepare that food for optimum flavour and health."

Helping the Moonacres team offer classes, lectures and demonstrations at the new foodie education hub will be an impressive line-up of chefs, producers and artisans. These will include cheese maker Kristen Allan, and O Tama Carey acclaimed chef of Sydney's Lankan Filling Station. Others on board are Kim Douglas from Pizza Madre in Marrickville and Danielle Alvarez,

head chef at Fred's in Paddington and renowned for her farm to table cooking.

The school's large kitchen is decorated in country-style and boasts an enormous Esse range cooker and stove. A communal dining table is positioned in the centre of the large space where students and teachers will come together at the end of class to feast.

Karon Di Francesco, Moonacres School manager, says it makes sense to offer an educational program alongside the award-winning farm and cafe.

"Phil knows so many food artisans and chefs from years of supplying some of the best restaurants in Sydney with produce from the farm, as does Stephen," says Karon.

"Cheese makers, pasta makers, high profile chefs, sourdough bread makers, picklers and fermenters, charcutiers, and they're all itching to come to Robertson and run courses at the Moonacres School."

Local food artisans, experts and producers will also be sharing their knowledge and skills in the kitchen and on the farm.

"If we do some charcuterie courses, for example, the charcuterie will be from animals that are bred locally and we'll get Frank the farmer to come in and chat about the produce and his farming practices," Stephen explains.

"It's just so special to get the local producers who grow the food or nurture the product to be part of the learning process in the school."

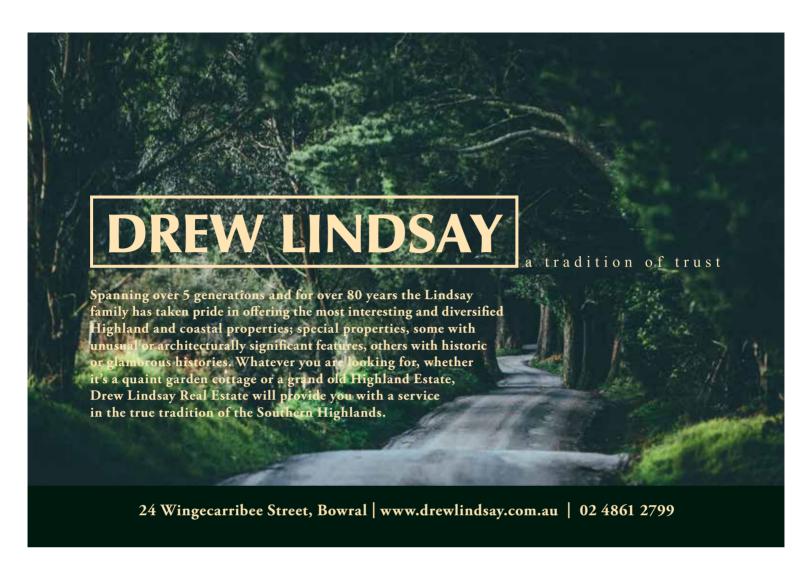
Cooking classes will be limited to intimate groups of 12 participants or less and will include traditional cooking classes for adults and children. There will also be a seasonal calendar and special courses around celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, Ramadan and the Winter Solstice. Other seminars and events will be dedicated to teaching farming skills and techniques, says Karon Di Francesco.

"Our authentic food and farming experiences will help participants to develop skills, increase knowledge, learn lost traditional arts and celebrate beautiful, fresh and local foods to share together around the table."

This is an exciting new foodie initiative for our community and beyond. Book early – you don't want to be late to class.

Moonacres School, 74-76 Hoddle St, Robertson For more information about classes etc moonacres.com.au







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MY NAME IS John Waters

Actor and musician John Waters left London for Australia in 1968 as a 19 year old with a guitar, a duffle bag and a voice in his head that kept saying, 'It only costs £10 to go ... why don't you do it for two years and see how it goes?' More than 50 years on, John is living his dream; a regular on our screens in hit TV series over the decades including Rush, All Saints and Offspring, and on stage in his ongoing celebration of John Lennon in Lennon: Through A Glass Onion. John and Zoe Waters and their good mate and fellow performer extraordinaire Leo Sayer were instrumental in FireAid 2020. The jubilant open-air concert raised more than \$300,000 for our bushfire affected Highlanders.

@johnwatersoriginal

My name is ... John Waters

My life in five words is ... something I don't quite understand.

We moved to the Southern Highlands in ... 2014 because it felt like home because we'd visited so often as a family.

I love the Highlands because ... the countryside is both beautiful and peaceful.

My favourite thing to do in the Southern Highlands is ... introduce friends
and show them around. It makes you remember why you're here.

Followers of my Instagram see piccies of ... me at work mainly. It's a work tool Joining in the 'inspirational quotations' is not me.

When it comes music, this is one truth I know ... music soothes the soul but only if that's where it comes from.

The best acting advice I ever received was ... be on time. Know your lines. The thing I always say to people who tell me they want a life on TV or the stage is ... don't do it! If you have the guts to ignore that, then do it!

I have performed in *Through A Glass Onion* for 28 years on and off but I never tire of knowing every show is a unique live experience.

FireAid 2020 came into being over my kitchen table with Leo Sayer because something had to be done by 'the people' because political leadership in

this country is the province of those whose only goal in life is re-election.

FireAid was a particular thrill because ... it was a unique community experience.

The 6000 people gave it a spirit and a devotion that was truly inspiring.

The most precious piece of life advice I ever received was ... See solutions, not problems.

My most precious loves are ... does a lifelong affair with Chelsea Football Club count?

Becoming a father and a grandfather has been ... a rich tapestry of extended family where outsiders get lost trying to work out who is who.

When people recognise me in the Southern Highlands, they mostly ...

say 'Hi. How you doing? Had any rain out your way?' The usual stuff.

My favourite TV role ever was ... Sergeant Robert McKellar, Rush, ABC 1973-76.

Tough guy with a heart of gold. You'd have had to be lousy at it to mess it up.

If there's one thing I know about fame, it's this ... it don't get the baby a

now beginst.

When we have friends staying with us in the Highlands, we always take them to ... Carrington Falls.

My special place here is ... at home. Front verandah in summer.

The lessons I hope my kids learn from me are ... being truthful, humble and very silly

My philosophy to finding contentment and fulfilment is ... don't be a dickhead.

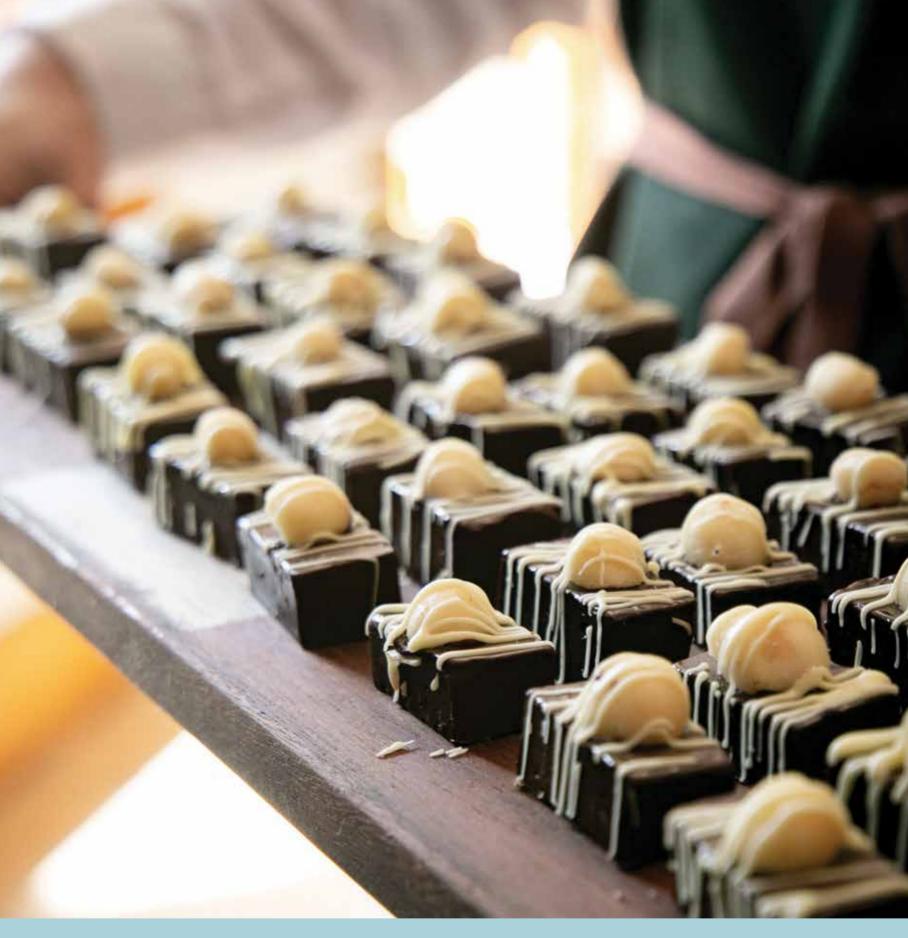
And finally, please finish this sentence former *Play School* presenters

never die ... they just fly out the arched window.

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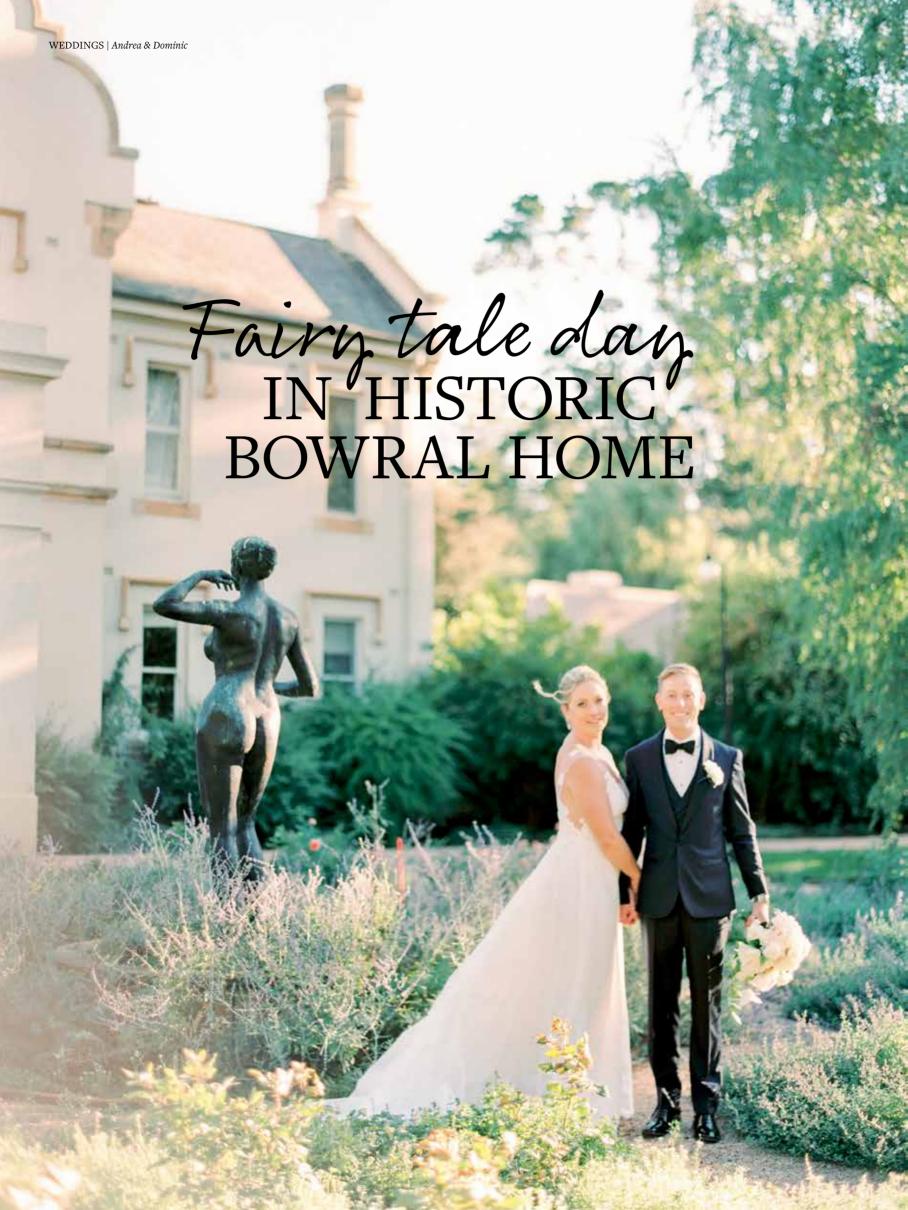
(Image Brooke Munro)







LUNCH, HIGH TEA, FUNCTIONS, EVENTS & BESPOKE WEDDINGS.







Andrea Killebrew and Dominic Aungles knew they were perfect for each other the moment they met. Hopewood House proved the ideal backdrop for their wedding day. Photographer Amelia Soegijono was there to capture their magic.

hen Andrea Killebrew and Dominic Aungles first laid eyes upon each other, it was the stuff of fairy tales. The couple, who married at historical Hopewood House in Bowral in March, met in a bar in Sydney. Andrea, who is originally from Lake Tahoe, California was celebrating a friend's birthday. Dom was visiting from Canberra prior to his brother moving overseas. "Ours was a full-on WOW! moment," recalls Andrea. "A whoosh of some emotion never felt before. From that moment on, we never stopped talking, we were infatuated." Infatuation quickly matured into long distance love, says Dom, a commercial property valuer and agent. "We could only see each other on weekends but the more time we spent together, the more I loved Andrea's huge heart, her gorgeous smile and the fact she fills every room with happiness." His feelings were mirrored by Andrea, who works in Communications, HR and IT for a leading development company. "I felt I had found my best friend and someone who wanted the same things for me as I wanted for him," says Andrea. "When Dom asked me to move to Canberra, it was like we had both found that one in a million."

To celebrate their second anniversary, Dom booked a surprise trip to Lizard Island on the Great Barrier Reef. He kept Andrea in the dark about their destination until the couple arrived at Cairns airport to transfer to the exclusive resort. And his romantic gestures didn't stop there. On the second day of their island escape, Dom organised a boat trip with a champagne picnic. "Dom asked me to marry him on a private beach and at that moment,

a small reef shark swam right along the beach next to us," says Andrea. "So it was certainly memorable." Returning home, the couple started looking for a wedding venue in the Southern Highlands, a place they had come to know and love during their commuting relationship between Sydney and Canberra. They settled on Hopewood House, the home of Janet and Tim Storrier, one of Australia's most renowned artists.

"Hopewood just felt so personal. The estate is very romantic and in such a classic setting," says Dom. "We were married in autumn because it's not too hot and because it was incredibly important Andrea's family, who lives in America, was able to come, especially her youngest sister who was one of her bridesmaids. We planned our wedding around her school break." In a beautiful touch, Andrea's mother made her daughter's wedding dress by taking apart her own and re-creating another. "It was so sentimental because it suited my style so much more than anything I ever tried on," says Andrea. "Mum created her dress into two separate pieces because I couldn't decide on the design. She also made me a custom blush pink skirt to change into for dancing so I didn't have to carry the long train around. She ensured I got the best of both worlds."

The couple loved the accommodation choices at Hopewood, and Andrea and one of her bridesmaids stayed there the night before the wedding. The new Mr and Mrs also spent their wedding night at Hopewood.

"We also liked that there was room for the ceremony and reception at Hopewood," says Andrea. The couple's wedding morning dawned clear after torrential rain overnight and by afternoon, when they exchanged their vows in front of 100 guests, including 30 from the US, the sun had arrived. Even resident peacock Kevin lent his splendour to the special day.

"We had a formal but short Catholic ceremony," says Andrea. "Dominic's childhood priest, Father Tony Frey, was granted special permission to marry us outside his parish so it was very special. Dom's mother and two sisters and my brother also shared in our ceremony with readings."





Other historic local wedding venues we love

Links House Hotel, Bowral

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Somerley House, Sutton Forest

A lovely elegant rural venue, this Victorian beauty with its tree lined driveway, was built around 1875 as a country retreat and close neighbour to the governor general's former country pad just up the road. Marry in the gardens or the enchanting woods, dine in the gracious Garden Room and dance the night away under a thousand night stars. somerleys.com.au

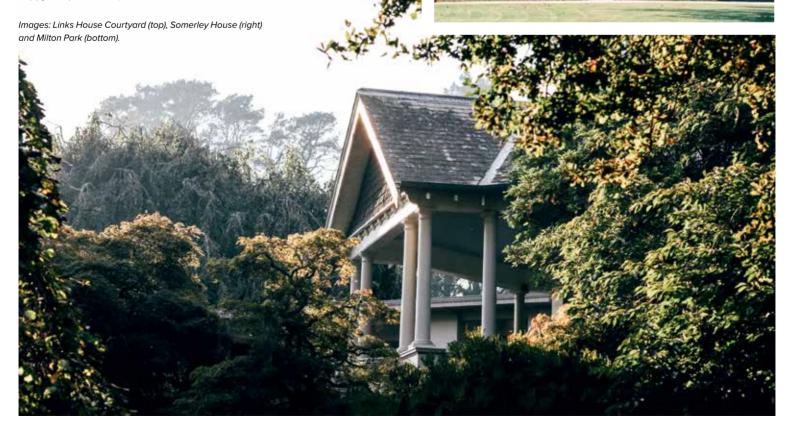
Sylvan Glen, Penrose

An 1870s heritage colonial guesthouse set within 60 acres near Penrose. You can book out the recently revamped guesthouse with its 15 en-suite rooms and make an entire weekend affair of it, starting with a dinner on Friday and a recovery on Sunday. Marry in the gardens just metres from the bridal suite. sylvanglen.com.au

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As our countryside comes back to life after the devastating fires, one esteemed local and her team is offering support to people who may take longer to recover.

WORDS ALEX SPEED IMAGES ABBIE MELLE

Petrea King is familiar with seeing trauma and suffering up close. The wellbeing teacher, author, naturopath, clinical hypnotherapist and international speaker with the soporific voice and kindly manner, has been helping and healing people for more than 30 years.

Petrea is a survivor of trauma. In 1983 she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and was not expected to live. She believes meditation and coming to terms with her own trauma helped her recovery, and in 1999, she founded her not for profit Quest for Life Centre at Bundanoon.

Situated on the edge of the vast Morton National Park, Quest's team of counsellors, therapists, mediators and masseurs has assisted tens of thousands of people through its residential programs and workshops; former servicemen and women with PTSD, victims of childhood sexual abuse and domestic violence survivors, the gravely ill and those shattered by grief through death, divorce or depression. And now, people from across the Highlands and throughout NSW pushed to their limits by the recent bushfires. "I was talking to one of our local GPs immediately after the fires and he said everyone

was starting to come and see him with anxiety," says Petrea. "Weeks later he told me some of the anxiety went when the rains came, but not for everyone. Traumatic life events – such as natural disasters – switch on human's sympathetic nervous system and keep us constantly on high alert during the crisis," says Petrea. "Our cortisol and adrenaline levels go up, and that can stop us from sleeping, and interfere with digestion, memory and concentration. People can feel numb and distracted and can't make decisions or prioritise," she says. "At first everyone is in shock. Often it's not until six to eight weeks afterwards people suffering trauma can start falling in a heap."

Petrea and the Quest for Life team are experienced in working with communities in the aftermath of natural disasters. Last year it took its outreach program to the central west of NSW. In Trangie, Nyngan, Collie and Coonamble, the team worked with local communities to provide farming families with practical tools and strategies for self-care during the crippling, ongoing draught.

In January during the bushfire crisis, Quest opened its Bundanoon doors as a drop-in centre for residents. It offered emotional and psychological support, including counselling and deep meditation relaxation sessions, and is now delivering its outreach Bushfire Recovery Program into the wider community. A team of Quest counsellors is currently working with residents of the devastated village of Balmoral six days a week once a month to help those who lost their homes and



their village. Funded by long-time supporters Marcus and Caroline Blackmore, Quest's Bushfire Recovery workshops focus on providing emotional first aid to communities, and individuals. They include one-to-one counselling, deep relaxation classes and resilience building in people, families and communities.

"We've been working with the Balmoral community's resilient leaders and mentoring them so they can continue to mentor others in our absence," says Petrea.

"Our resilience and recovery will also help us identify people who have developed trauma or PTSD or who are highly anxious as a result of the bushfires, and who may benefit in taking part in one of our residential trauma programs at Bundanoon."

After Balmoral, Petrea and her team will move to other NSW fire-affected communities on the south coast. "We know for many affected by the recent bushfires, trauma might not surface until months after the fires have been extinguished and the emotional and human impact starts to surface," says Petrea. "The greatest gift you can give yourself, your family and your community is the gift of your good physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing." Quest's Bushfire Recovery workshops will run throughout 2020 and are available to communities and families affected by the fires.

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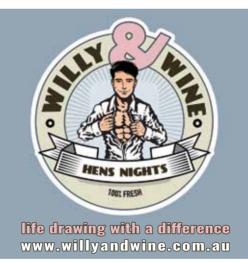


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TOP ten

As the leaves change colour and the Highlands begins its road to recovery, here are a few of our favourite things over the next few months to brighten up your world and help our local communities rebuild ... Due to these unusual times, some of these dates may change.

ARTY NOSH

Put aside the eggs this Easter
weekend and book a table instead at
fine dining restaurant, Eschalot in Berrima
where chef Matt Roberts and local
sculptor Thomas Bucich give new, novel
meaning to arty nosh. A collaboration
good enough to eat, Pedestal to Plate will
flow from walls and plinths onto plates in
this seven course sculptural degustation

HOOTS MAN

If tartan, massed bands, bagpipes, Highland dancing and burly blokes in kilts tossing things is your speed, don't miss Brigadoon, the Bundanoon Scottish Highlands Gathering. This annual celebration, definitely the biggest and noisiest meeting of Scottish diaspora in the Southern Hemisphere, starts at 9am on the corner of Erith and Amy Street with a parade to Bundanoon's Oval where festivities begin. Always a joyous, busy day with popular events Tartan Warriors and The Australian Highland Heavy Weight Championships crowd favourites. Postponed until Aug/Sept. brigadoon.net.au

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April





GUNDUNGURRA CEREMONY

A very special one to get involved with to help celebrate and witness the culture and community of our local Gundungurra people with heliography – the art of flashing mirrors and a Koori flag-raising event. Held for many years, the Gundungurra Mirror Flash acknowledges the traditional owners of the Southern Highlands and communicates with another mob, the D'harawal people nearly 100 kilometres away in the Blue Mountains at Katoomba by mirror flash. Enjoy a short bushwalk up Gibbergunyah Hill, Bowral then participate in culture including a Smoking Ceremony, dance and Learning. After the mirror flash at 3pm, sit down for stories and a yarn about First Nations culture and building bridges between the Aboriginal and the Non-Aboriginal Communities. Local aboriginal elders say there is evidence that this form of communication between First Nations peoples has been used across the mountains for thousands of years, with polished shells taking the place of mirrors in pre-colonial times. Local Indigenous mentor and historian Peter Swain says the line of sight of the mirror flash, across the rugged country of the Nattai, Wollondilly, and Wingecarribee Rivers from Mittagong to Katoomba, follows a traditional mountain path which in turn follows an important songline. Easter Saturday April 11 at 2pm. Arrive in the carpark at Gibbergunyah Reserve, Boronia St, Bowral and walk up following the trail to Gibbergunyah.



WHOA BOY

Want to learn how to be the best competitive horse rider in the ring? Phil Webb is a teaching legend in competitive cow horse circles and in this two day Horsemanship & Cutting Clinic will share his tricks of the trade to help you and your horse become more confident and responsive. Held at the Snake Creek Cattle Company at Werai (where facilities include a sand arena, cattle holding yards, individual horse yards and camp kitchen), cost includes dinner under the stars, secure horse yards, powered camp site with amenities and two head of cattle per rider. Fence-sitters welcome. Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17.

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FRIGHT NIGHT

Like a bit of darkness to get the blood pumping? Berrima is one of our oldest communities with lots of grim, fascinating colonial history about convicts and bushrangers brought before the law at Old Berrima Courthouse. Join an interactive Ghost Tour at the old courthouse, believed (by some) to be inhabited by many ghostly residents. Expect to learn about history and hauntings and get a taste of the ghost hunting equipment used to detect ghoulish spirts. Refreshments are included in tour price ... presumably to help wake you up from your dead faint on the floor! Only children 12 years and over welcome on this tour. April 10 and May 16, 8.30pm to 10.30pm appighosthunts.com



BEER O'CLOCK

Friday night, locally brewed beer and live music ... what could be sweeter? Head to homegrown brewing success story, Eden Brewery in Mittagong, to sink a few of their award-winning ales for their Live & Unplugged music sessions. Music acts local and from further afield.

Fridays 8pm to 10pm. 1/19 Cavendish Street, Mittagong. edenbrewery.beer



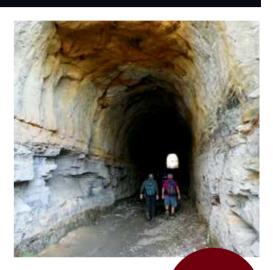
YOU LIKE JAZZ?

Hot from the trad jazz scene in New York, expat sensation Adrian Cunningham, aka Professor Cunningham and His Old School Band, return home to headline the Southern Highlands Jazz Festival with some hot and fiery swing numbers. The out of towners will join local outfits like the regular Sunday Sessions band with David Seidel on double bass, Ben Jones on reeds and vocals, Peter Locke on piano and Joshua Morgan on drums. With a jazz party vibe, this is one gig that will definitely be good for souls who love swing.

Postponed until October. Bowral Golf Club. shjazzinc.com/2020jazzparty

ON THE GROUND

Seen those images on Instagram of beautiful waterfalls and nature regenerating our bushland escarpments about the Highlands and wondered where they are? Stop wondering and travel on foot with the Southern Highlands Bushwalking Club to get up close and personal with some of our most spectacular, hard to reach spots. Two of the great walks on offer soon are the 15 kilometre Lake Alexandra to Box Vale incline trek and the 14 kilometre fire trail round trip in Kangaroo Valley to the Les Lambert Lookout. Sunday May 24 and Sunday May 31. bushwalkingnsw.org.au



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RETAIL ROUTE

It's tough out there in retail land so why not get together with some friends who love to shop down from Sydney or up from Canberra, or a group of your Highlands besties and organise some local retail therapy. Make a day or a weekend of it and navigate a big loop of the Highlands, being sure to stop in along the way at as many of our unique retailers, restaurants and cafes as you can #buyfromthebush #bringanemptyesky Another great way to support shop local is to get along to our weekend markets dotted around the Highlands. If you love unearthing homemade and grown delights, and want to get some real insight into our region's creative and cultivating side, these markets are a terrific launch pad.

Robertson Markets

Second Sunday 9am-2pm, School of Arts, Hoddle Street, Robertson

Railway Street Farmers Market

Thursdays 3pm-6pm, Old Bowling Club Green, Railway Street, Moss Vale

Mittagong Markets

Third and fifth Saturday 8am-2pm United Church, cnr Albert and Alice streets, Mittagong

Crop Swap

Saturday 9.30am-10.30am Robertson Bowling Club, Hoddle Street, Robertson

Exeter Village Market

First Saturday 9am-1.30pm Exeter Village Hall and Oval, Exeter

Colo Vale Community Markets

First Saturday 8.30am-1.30pm, Colo Vale Village Hall, Railway Avenue, Colo Vale

Bundanoon Makers Market

First and third Sunday 8.30am-2pm Bundanoon Memorial Hall, Railway Parade, Bundanoon

Bowral Public School Market

Second Saturday 8am-1pm Bendooley Street, Bowral

Berrima School Yard Market

Fourth Sunday 9am-2pm Berrima Public School, Oxley Street, Berrima

Moss Vale Farmers & Flea Market

Fourth Saturday 8am-1pm, Moss Vale Showground, Illawarra Highway, Moss Vale

The Mill Farmers Market

Wednesday 3.30-8pm
Bong Bong & Bundaroo Street, Bowral. ■



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Our Southern Highlands community has been greatly impacted by the bushfires earlier in the year. Many businesses that employ so many of our locals have been doing it tough. Our region is a beautiful and a safe place to relax and unwind. Spoil yourself while assisting our beautiful region.

3 simple ways to support our region ...







How can I help?



Invite your family and friends!

Now is the time to invite your family and friends to our wonderful region. The long overdue catch up, celebrate a family birthday or anniversary. Take them to an attraction they've never seen before.



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