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Front cover: Penance Grove Walk, Monga National Park. Opposite: Blacksmith Lane, Queanbeyan.











# Take time to

The Kings Highway runs through the heart of Queanbeyan-Palerang and links Canberra to the sparkling waters of the South Coast of NSW. It is a region full of contrast with a distinctive character of its own

From the future-focused city of Queanbeyan, to the historic township of Braidwood and the delightful country town of Bungendore, there's something for everyone to explore and uncover.





# TAKE TIME TO WANDER IN QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG; A STONE'S THROW FROM CANBERRA, BUT WITH A DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER OF ITS VERY OWN.

## TOWNS & VILLAGES NOT TO BE MISSED

- Braidwood
- ► Bungendore
- Queanbeyan
- Araluen
- Captains Flat
- ► Majors Creek
- Nerriga

Experience the essence of the region by meeting the makers behind Queanbeyan-Palerang's unique products and produce. Chat to winemakers at local vineyards, join a truffle farmer on a hunt, get hands on with a cooking class, then learn a few tricks of the trade from local craftspeople and artists.

Relive Australian history by travelling in the footsteps of infamous bushrangers and explore the old gold mining villages of the region, before stopping by to dig a little deeper in historic Braidwood, renowned for its colonial buildings brimming with antiques, galleries, cafés, boutiques and more.

Load the car up with a picnic and some camping gear and take in the great outdoors with a trip to one of the region's many lush national parks and nature reserves. Hike to fascinating natural landmarks, cycle through picturesque forest trails, or simply settle back, breathe in some fresh country air and keep an eye out for our impressive array of native birds and wildlife.



Conveniently located between the nation's capital, Canberra, and the pristine coastline of southern NSW, the Queanbeyan-Palerang region is easily accessible via car, plane, bus or train.

#### Driving

The highway network across southern NSW makes driving a breeze. Turn up your favourite sing-a-long and you'll reach your destination in no time.

#### Canberra Airport

Direct flights available from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Singapore.

#### Train

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Daily Xplorer train services to Bungendore and Queanbeyan from Sydney and Canberra.

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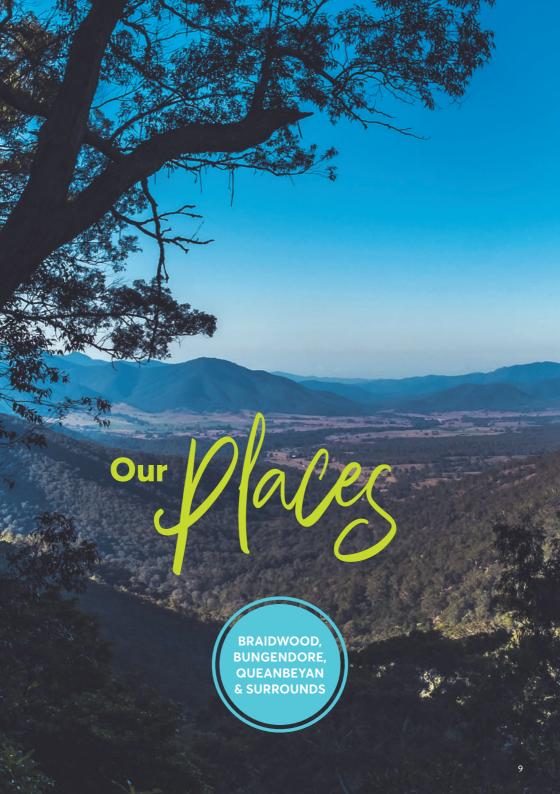
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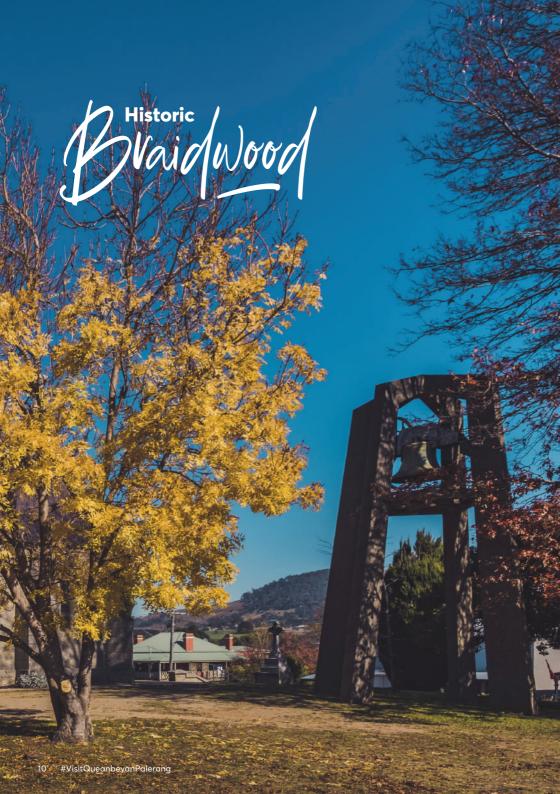
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Canberra to Queanbeyan	10 minutes	13 km
Canberra to Bungendore	35 minutes	41 km
Canberra to Braidwood	60 minutes	87 km
Queanbeyan to Bungendore	20 minutes	27 km
Queanbeyan to Braidwood	50 minutes	73 km
Bungendore to Braidwood	30 minutes	48 km











# IF YOUR IDEA OF BLISS IS WANDERING ENCHANTING COUNTRY VILLAGES, THEN A VISIT TO BRAIDWOOD IS A MUST-DO.

### HIT THE ROAD TO BRAIDWOOD

- ► From Canberra: 60 minutes
- From Queanbeyan: 50 minutes
- ► From Bungendore: 30 minutes

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#### **IMAGES**

Opposite: St Bede's Church. Above, clockwise from left: Braidwood Courthouse; Dojo Bread; Wynlen House. Step back in time with a visit to the historic town of Braidwood. One of the region's true hidden gems, the old gold-rush town is brimming with colonial buildings housing unique boutiques, cafés, antiques and more. The town was the first to be listed in the NSW State Heritage Register, but it is far from the sleepy old village you may imagine. Bustling with life, yet surrounded by Australian history, Braidwood is the ultimate country getaway for city dwellers looking for a slice of tranquillity.

#### SEE & DO

Explore a bygone era as you walk along the streets of Braidwood on a self-guided heritage tour of over 45 historic locations, or pay a visit to the amazing Braidwood Museum which boasts an impressive collection of preserved artefacts and photos that tell the story of the people who have lived in the district.

The rustic and rural streetscape of Braidwood has served as the backdrop for many iconic Australian films. Relive scenes from Mick Jagger in *Ned Kelly* or a young Ben Mendelsohn in The Year My Voice Broke on the very same streets that they were filmed.





Also, a shopper's delight, Braidwood is a mecca for eclectic boutique shopping, local artisan-made art, crafts, jewellery and amazing fresh regional produce. The town's diverse and innovative shopping opportunities keep visitors coming back again and again to find treasures they can't get anywhere else.

The village is within reach of two of the region's most impressive national parks, Monga and Deua. Explore the great outdoors with a scenic drive over to the Big Hole in Deua or check out the magical misty forests of Monga.

#### **HISTORY**

Braidwood received its name from one of the district's early residents, Dr Thomas Braidwood Wilson. Originally from Scotland, Wilson was a surgeon in the Royal Navy, which included stints on convict ships. He settled down in NSW with his family, naming the property Braidwood. Wilson was buried under a tree on a scenic hilltop overlooking the town.

Braidwood boasts a rich multicultural heritage. Not only was the land occupied by Indigenous people for thousands of years before European settlement, the town also saw an influx of Chinese and Irish prospectors during the gold rush era.

To this day, the legacy of these Chinese pioneers lives on in Braidwood Museum's extensive collection of artefacts and photos of the era, as well as in many of the 19th century buildings on the main street of Braidwood.

Thanks to Braidwood's past as a centre of the gold mining region in NSW, its history is also filled with fascinating stories of infamous bushrangers. Immerse yourself in the history of the gold mining region by taking a trip to the nearby villages of Araluen and Majors Creek.

#### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

Braidwood is a hub for artists, designers and craftspeople alike. Check out Thompson Bespoke Jewellers, William Verdon Manufacturing Jewellers and Altenburg & Co for gorgeous unique jewellery and design.

Marvel at the talents of local artists at an exhibition at the Fyre Gallery or the Braidwood Regional Arts Group's Arts Centre, or go for a drive to Jembaicumbene's Mill Pond Farm to visit the one-of-a-kind Wheatfield Gallery.

Meet local talent on the annual Arts Trail where artists open the doors to their studios, galleries and showrooms for a weekend dedicated to celebrating arts and crafts.



EAT & DRINK

Braidwood boasts a wide variety of authentic, local food produced by passionate and creative members of the community. Here, you have the chance to enjoy astounding local produce such as premium cool-climate wines, beautiful organic garlic and pure local honey.

The town is home to many quirky cafés, irresistible bakeries and traditional pubs. Stop by for a pie at Dojo Bread and taste local apple cider at Sully's Cider at the Old Cheese Factory in nearby Reidsdale, or drop in for a coffee or a meal at one of the town's many charming cafés and restaurants such as Deadwood or Casanova's.

#### **EVENTS**

Plan your visit to coincide with the iconic events of Braidwood and the surrounding villages, such as the annual Braidwood Show, the traditional Airing of the Quilts, the famous vintage motorcycle get-together, the Machine Show, or the annual folk music spectacle, Majors Creek Festival. You can also find hidden handmade treasures and fresh local produce at Braidwood's frequent farmers' markets, usually held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

IMAGES
Left to right: Provisions Deli & Grocery;
Warri Reserve



## INSIDER TIPS WITH JARRAH KNOWLES

#### @jarrahknowles

I grew up around Braidwood and there's no doubt that the locals in this area have played a big part in inspiring my photography. The town has such a creative art and music scene; it is so exciting to have grown up part of that.

If you're looking to experience local arts, I'd recommend checking out the events calendar for the region. You will see a great mixture of local talent in music, arts and crafts with plenty of paintings, woodwork, photography and more on display at the Braidwood Show. One of my personal favourites is the annual Majors Creek Festival, which I had a great time photographing last year.

I'm constantly inspired by Braidwood. The town is filled with quirky cafés, hidden laneways and beautiful gardens to shoot. I also often go further out to places like Bombay River, Araluen and the Majors Creek Falls to capture some of the natural beauty of the region. Araluen has some spectacular landscapes and exploring the valley is a must-do while you're here.







#### **BEDERVALE HISTORIC HOMESTEAD**

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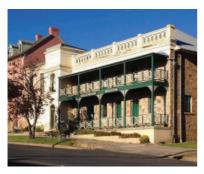
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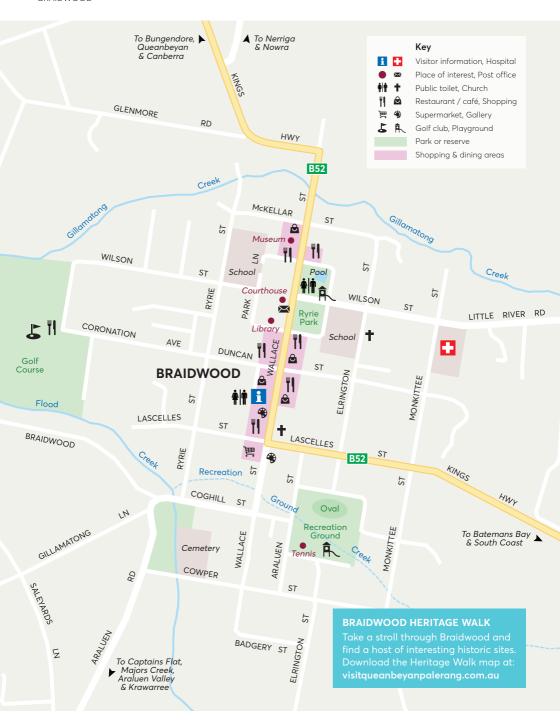
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# WHY DO BUSINESS IN QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG?

#### Fastest growing region in NSW

Over the next decade, the Capital Region is forecast to be the fastest growing area in non-metro NSW.

#### Global gateway

Canberra-Queanbeyan is a global gateway; it provides state-level services and facilities to support a broad population, while also having international air connections.

#### Innovation leader

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#### Knowledge economy

A 2017 research study found that Canberra-Queanbeyan 'stands above the other [capital cities]' and is the 'knowledge capital' of Australia

#### Regional centre

Queanbeyan is the regional centre of South East NSW; a focal point of state government administration and service delivery.

Endowed with a highly educated population, advanced manufacturing capabilities and specialised agriculture and tourism industries, Queanbeyan-Palerang is growing faster than any other part of regional NSW.

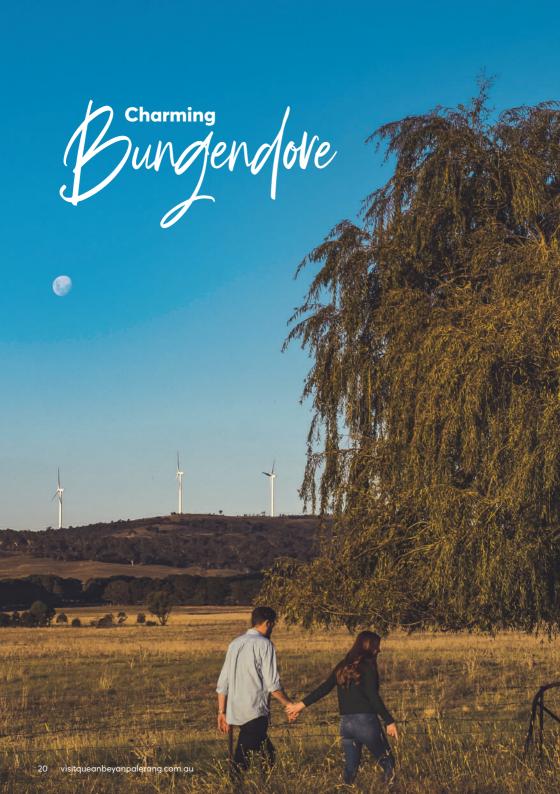
Its proximity to state and federal government provides unique networking opportunities. The region is well-connected to national and international markets, with significant strategic advantages. Explore the region's boundless potential.

Find out more at:

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# A SLICE OF COUNTRY TRANQUILLITY AWAITS IN BUNGENDORE, A PICTURESQUE TOWN JUST 20 MINUTES FROM QUEANBEYAN.

## HIT THE ROAD TO BUNGENDORE

- ► From Canberra: 35 minutes
- From Queanbeyan:20 minutes
- ► From Braidwood: 30 minutes

#### IMAGES

Opposite: Capital Wind Farm.
Above, clockwise from left:
Sunset drinks, Capital Wind
Farm; The Big Green Cup;
Old Stone House.

A charming rural escape located just outside the nation's capital, the fascinating town of Bungendore lies along the meandering Kings Highway, between Queanbeyan and Braidwood. Boasting a community of incredible craftsmanship, local family-run wineries and a plethora of fascinating shops to explore, it is the perfect combination of country ambience with a range of activities and beautiful natural landscapes.

#### SEE & DO

Spend an afternoon strolling amongst the art galleries, antique and gift shops along Malbon and Gibraltar Streets. Unearth hidden treasures of vintage vinyl, local art and antiques. Grab a cuppa and a bite to eat at one of the town's cafés or restaurants. Continue your walk through Bungendore exploring the streetscape and its historic buildings, such as the 19th century red-brick railway station.

Take a short drive from Bungendore along Lake Road towards Lake George for a magical vista unlike anywhere else in Australia. Or walk up the nearby Gibraltar Hill to catch the sunset over the town, with views to Lake George and the surrounding wind farms on a clear day. Finish your day with a visit to one of the classic country pubs or local eateries.





#### **HISTORY**

The streets of Bungendore are lined with old stone, brick and timber buildings, reminders of its colourful past. Take a self-guided tour through the town's main streets to get an invaluable glimpse of the town's journey from the 1800s to present day.

Before the arrival of European settlers, the area was occupied by the Ngarigo people. In 1820, however, European settlers reached the area while looking for the Murrumbidgee River. The town of Bungendore was officially recognised in 1837.

Around this time, the settlement became an important crossroads connecting Goulburn, Braidwood, Queanbeyan and Cooma.

Following the establishment of Canberra as the nation's capital, the latter half of the 20th century saw several tourism-oriented ventures open, including fine art and craft studios, antique shops, cafés and restaurants.

The region's first vines were planted in the 1970s and the Bungendore Wood Works Gallery was opened in 1994. To this day, arts, crafts, antiques and wineries are the main attractions in town, drawing visitors back time and time again.

#### ARTS & CRAFTS

Discover the vibrant arts community of Bungendore by paying a visit to the many galleries in town.

A visit to the world renowned Bungendore Wood Works Gallery is essential, featuring high quality Australian-made wood art, sculpture, craft and furniture.

Don't forget to check out X Gallery, Suki & Hugh and Bungendore Fine Art to explore more works from talented local artists

#### **EAT & DRINK**

Enjoy some hearty country fare at a local pub and pick up some goodies at the local produce markets. Explore the gourmet temptations of the Bungendore region and join a hunt during the winter truffle season at a local truffiere.

Go for a drive in the hills of Wamboin and Bywong to explore the local wineries, Norton Road Wines, Contentious Character, Lark Hill Winery and Affleck Vineyard, and sip on their premium cool-climate wines while overlooking the vines.

IMAGES
Above left to right: Lake George Hotel;
Bspoke Bicycles.



#### **EVENTS**

Don't miss the genuine country atmosphere of local events, including the annual Bungendore Show, often recognised as NSW's best one day country show. Additionally, the traditional Bungendore Rodeo is held each November and visitors are guaranteed to get into the spirit of the land with the Bungendore Country Music Muster in February.

Kick the weekend off in style with a night of great food, wine and entertainment, regularly hosted by Bungendore's local wineries. For those interested in local produce, the Southern Harvest Farmers Market offers sustainable, fresh produce and handmade treasures every Saturday in the centre of town.



# INSIDER TIPS WITH INNES FENTON

#### @bspoke\_bicycles

To start exploring the area, I'd recommend hopping on a bicycle or driving down to some of the local national parks. For cyclists, the route to Hoskinstown is one of the go-to country rides in the region.

Kowen Forest is also a fantastic place to ride with broad user appeal. The forest is just a 20 minute drive from Bungendore, and it caters to cyclists of all levels from kids right through to the more experienced riders. While you're out there, take in the views from the nice peaks and ridges looking south. If cycling isn't your cup of tea, have a go at the Glenburn Precinct Heritage Trails which explore the Aboriginal and European history of the area.

For the ultimate adventure, take the three-day bike-pack, Attack of the Buns.





#### **SUKI & HUGH GALLERY**

Suki & Hugh Gallery has an exhibition program of exciting emerging and established artists.

Specialising in visual arts with a focus on glass, ceramics, painting and works on paper, the gallery has a growing reputation for hosting inspiring and compelling exhibitions. The gallery shop offers a variety of small paintings and framed works along with ceramic and glass art pieces and gifts.

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#### LAKE GEORGE HOTEL / GEORGE BAR & DINING

Family owned Lake George Hotel which also incorporates the George Bar & Dining sits proudly in Bungendore's Gibraltar Street.

The hotel has two public bars and full gaming facilities including TAB and Keno. The back bar provides multiple screens showing daily and major sporting events, live music and entertainment as well as two competition pool tables. The hotel boasts seven motel rooms and the 110-seat George Bar & Dining restaurant with outdoor dining and children's play area. The ever-popular George Bar & Dining offers a perfect blend of modern Australian and traditional cuisine. The restaurant prides itself on using locally sourced grass-fed meat. It also specialises in and promotes the Canberra region's excellent wines and Australian craft beer.

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# MINUTES FROM CANBERRA, THE DYNAMIC AND FAST-GROWING CITY OF QUEANBEYAN IS THE PERFECT BLEND OF OLD AND NEW.



## HIT THE ROAD TO QUEANBEYAN

- ► From Canberra: 10 minutes
- ► From Bungendore: 20 minutes
- ► From Braidwood: 50 minutes

#### **IMAGES**

Opposite: Royal Hotel.

Above, clockwise from left:

Queanbeyan Suspension Bridge;

Upper House, Royal Hotel;

Riverbank of Queanbeyan Café.

Currently enjoying a multi-year revitalisation project, Queanbeyan is set to continue its transformation into a city that respects and celebrates its rich history, while stepping into the future as a leading city in regional NSW.

#### SEE & DO

Go on a self-guided walking tour of fascinating historic buildings and museums. Enjoy captivating concerts and performances at The Q and explore the charming art galleries. Discover the picture-perfect parks and tour the breathtaking nature reserves nearby, or take advantage of the numerous sports facilities on offer that have produced national and international sports champions. Queanbeyan has countless cultural attractions, lively events, and natural hideaways to explore.

While the city is an attraction in itself, it is also the ideal base for discovering the magic of the surrounding Canberra region. It is perfectly situated for quick access to Canberra, the NSW south coast, the Snowy Mountains and Sydney.

With so much on offer, Queanbeyan is the perfect destination whether you're in town for work, pleasure or simply to discover your undiscovered.





#### HISTORY

Nestled among Queanbeyan's traditional high street retail, cafés and restaurants is a town full of history, dating back to the early 1800s. The name of the city originates from the Aboriginal word 'Quinbean' meaning 'clear water'.

European settlers arrived in the region in 1820 while searching for the Murrumbidgee River. In 1838, with a population of 50, Queanbeyan was proclaimed a township. The town started flourishing around the 1850s, thanks to the discovery of traces of gold and the brief operation of mines.

Churches, public houses and historic buildings built in those days can still be seen today by taking the self-guided Queanbeyan Heritage Walk tour, available at

#### visitqueanbeyanpalerang.com.au

The town started to grow dramatically with the establishment of Canberra in 1913, creating new opportunities for employment and economic growth. With a population of over 15,000, Queanbeyan was officially proclaimed a city in 1972. Today, it is one of the fastest growing inland cities in NSW.

#### ARTS & CRAFTS

If you are appreciative of beautiful art and unique handcrafted works, you've come to the right place. Local artwork can be discovered all around Queanbeyan – on benches, street signs, parks and more.

Some of the most well-known pieces of public art include the Ricky Stuart mural on the side of the Bicentennial Hall, which can be viewed from Blacksmith's Lane, and the native flora and fauna stainless steel bin surrounds adorning the streets of the town.

Pay a visit to the Queanbeyan Art Society and Gallery to see more local art displayed in a charming 1880s cottage on the banks of the Queanbeyan River. Browse through their monthly exhibition, take an art class or purchase an original piece to take home with you. The city is also home to many other studios and galleries, which visitors are welcome to explore in more detail every October during the annual Arts Trail.



IMAGES
Left to right: Riverbank of Queanbeyan Café;
Googong Cascades.

#### **EAT & DRINK**

Take in the city's vibrant atmosphere in the early mornings by dropping into one of Queanbeyan's riverside cafés for a hearty start to the day. Explore the main streets of the city to discover new favourite restaurants and eateries.

Finish the day off with a drink with the friendly locals at one of the city's many pubs, clubs, or restaurants. Several of the pubs were the go-to watering holes for Canberrans during the capital's prohibition period from 1911 until 1928.

#### **EVENTS**

The city boasts numerous great venues for events of all kinds, including The Q Performing Arts Centre and the heritage-listed showgrounds. Highlights of the year include the Queanbeyan Show, a three-day event complete with food and market stalls, free rides, competitions, live music and fireworks, the Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival, the annual Music by the River and many adrenaline-fueled events including the 4WD Spectacular.



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This area has an amazing energy! There is always something on around here. You can grab dinner at one of the pubs and then catch a show at The Q, where there are so many things on all year round.

I'm a country girl at heart, so I get a buzz at events like the show and the rodeo. That blend of country and city creates a great vibe with everyone coming together. You see the same thing at the Multicultural Festival; amazing food and entertainment that the whole crowd can enjoy.

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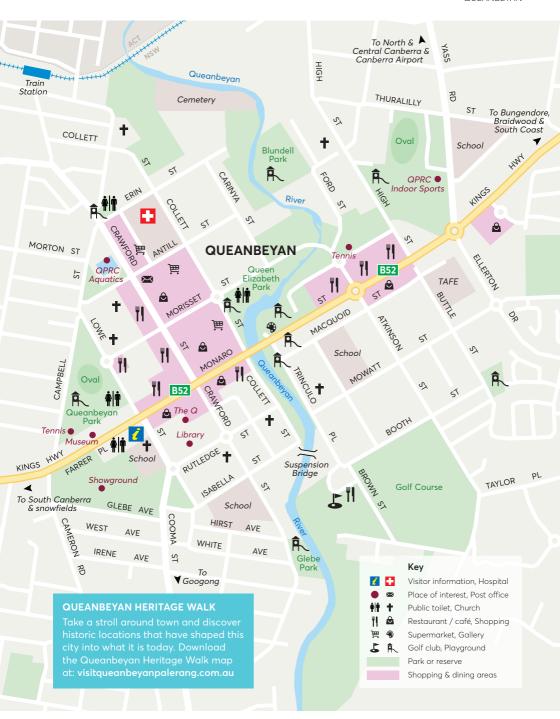
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#### **MUST SEE VILLAGES**

- Captains Flat
- Majors Creek
- Nerriga
- Araluen

Explore the region beyond the main population centres and take a road trip to discover the old-fashioned charm of historic gold mining villages where some optimistic visitors are sometimes spotted panning for gold.

Camp out in the majestic Great Dividing Range and take in the charming historic streetscapes. Feel the warmth of the community and stay in town for a nice meal and a rest before heading out to explore your next destination. Wherever you go, this is the stuff country dreams are made of.

#### ARALUEN

Nestled amidst the Great Dividing Range in the NSW Southern Tablelands, lies the beautiful valley of Araluen. Also known as the Valley of Peace, the village is noted for its picturesque scenery and calm, country atmosphere.

In its heyday, the Araluen Valley hosted one of the most famous bustling gold mining towns of the era.

IMAGES
Opposite: Molonglo River
railway bridge, Captions Flat.
Above, clockwise from left:
Araluen; St Stephen's Anglican
Church, Majors Creek;
Captains Flat Hotel.





Originally occupied by the Indigenous people of the land, the name 'Araluen' is believed to come from Aboriginal words 'Arr-a-l-yin', possibly meaning 'place of water lilies'. The first European settlers reached the valley in 1822 and a gold rush was triggered after gold was found in the area in 1851

Within months. Araluen became a hub of gold mining with over 15.000 people descending upon the valley for their share of the sought after riches. By the mid 1850s, almost 3,000kg of gold had been successfully mined.

The town has gone from a population of around 4,000 people to just 168, and from 48 licensed hotels to just one. The remaining Araluen Valley Hotel stands today to welcome visitors to stop in for a drink, meal or overnight stay in the picture-perfect tranquillity of the Valley of Peace

#### **CAPTAINS FLAT**

A quaint little village nestled on the Molonglo River, among hills adjacent to the Jingera Mountains, Captains Flat features an array of historic buildings and old mining sites. Relish the historic assets of this tiny town with a wander through the streets of the village which are lined with heritage buildings and mining relics from vestervear.

Drive up the old mine road behind Captains Flat Hotel to reach the town lookout with breathtaking views across the township and a fascinating glimpse of the remnants of the old mining site.

The origin of the name is said to come from a bull named Captain who was known to graze on the flat grassy paddocks near the Molonglo River. The village was booming in the 1890s and again in 1937-62 as it became the major mining site in southern NSW.

In fact, Captains Flat was one of the most important mining sites in Australia during this time, producing lead, zinc, copper, pyrite, silver and gold. This had a significant impact on the development and settlement of the area at the time.



IMAGES
Left to right: Cycling, Nerriga;
Capital Wind Farm.

Pay a visit to the old Elrington Hotel (built in 1913) and St Stephens Anglican Church to witness the remnants of the prosperity of the town at the height of the gold rush era.

One of the highlights of the year is the village's three-day folk and roots music spectacle, the Majors Creek Festival, attracting visitors from across the country. A display of traditional and contemporary folk music, bush dancing, instrument workshops and country hospitality, the event is the perfect way of immersing yourself in the lifestyle of Majors Creek.

#### **NERRIGA**

The northernmost of Queanbeyan-Palerang's villages is Nerriga. Brimming with history and bordering the magnificent Morton National Park, it is a great day-trip destination, easily accessed from Braidwood.

Much like the other villages in the region, Nerriga swelled following the discovery of gold in the area. The village is now quiet and peaceful, welcoming visitors with open arms to the local pub, the Nerriga Hotel, which was first established in the mid-1800s.

Follow the historic Old Wool Road to relive a slice of NSW history. The road was first constructed in the 19th century using convict labour, and ran from Nerriga to Jervis Bay. The purpose of the road was to provide a shorter route to a seaport for wool grown in the Braidwood region. To this day, much of the original route is still in use, and an essential drive to fully appreciate the history of the region.

Get back to nature by exploring the adjoining Tallaganda National Park and Lowden Forest Park's green fern gullies and remnants of an old logging camp. Keep an eye out as you're likely to spot a wallaby or two while you're out there!

Finish off your quiet rural retreat by enjoying a drink at the historic Captains Flat Hotel. Built in 1937, it was one of the longest bars in the southern hemisphere at the time of construction.

#### **MAJORS CREEK**

Majors Creek offers an idyllic escape for anyone looking for a rural getaway. You'll find this small mining village filled with historic charm a stone's throw from Braidwood, just up the mountain from Araluen

In the 19th century, the village went through a period of extensive gold mining, evidence of which can still be found today in the countryside surrounding the town. Discover the Chinese stone walls, dams, mullock heaps and tailings that remind us of the rich history of the region.



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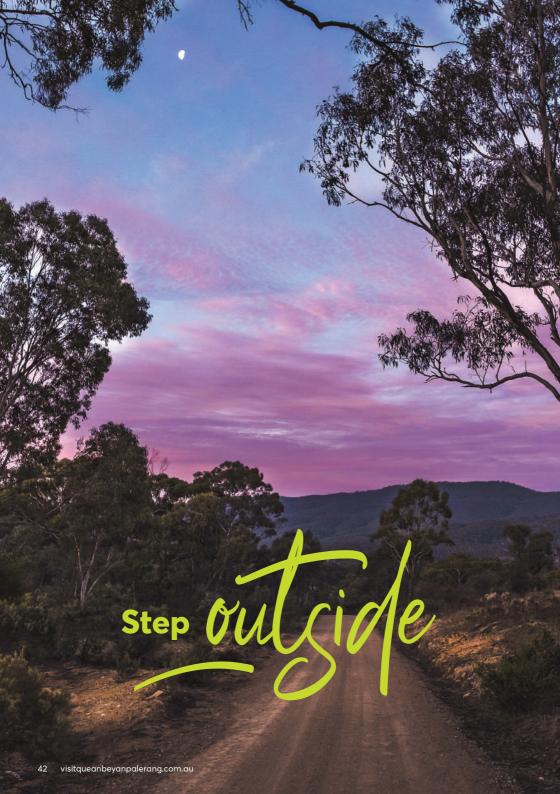
There's so much more to historic Braidwood than a stop-over on the way to the coast. From quirky cafes, hearty pub meals and rustic family pizzas, to Instaworthy foodie-pleasers, Braidwood has it all. Take in the great outdoors while horse-riding, meandering around an ancient rainforest or enjoying a BBQ by the Mongarlowe River. In fact, we suggest you stay over at the magnificent Mona Farm or one of the many lovely B&B's and make a weekend of it. There's certainly enough to fill your time.

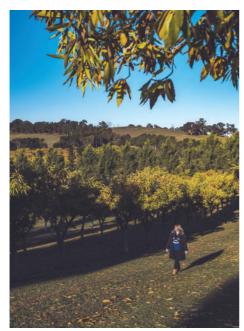
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## FROM RELAXED EXPERIENCES TO ENERGETIC ADVENTURES, QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG HAS THE GREAT OUTDOORS COVERED.

#### OUR TOP NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

- Penance Grove walking track
- ► Googong Cascades
- ► Lowden Forest Park
- ► The Big Hole walking track

IMAGES
Opposite: London Bridge Road,
Googong Foreshores.
Above, clockwise from left:
Tweenhills Chestnuts Farm;
Warri Reserve; Cycling, Googong

Dam Circuit.

Abounding with natural beauty and vast spectacular landscapes, Queanbeyan-Palerang offers visitors a diverse range of outdoor experiences from the relaxed, through to the adventurous.

For visitors dreaming of escaping to unexplored national parks or an unending scenery of rolling countryside, the region is a must-do item for your bucket list. Home to Monga, Deua, Tallaganda, Budawang and Morton National Parks, there is plenty of nature to explore!

Ride a bike in Tallaganda, explore the Corn Trail on horseback in Monga, or hike to Pigeon House Mountain in Morton National Park. Explore the caves and canyons of Deua or enjoy a picnic beside the scenic Yadboro River in Budawang National Park. Finally, discover the rainforests and Gondwana plants of the Penance Grove walking track.

Camp your way through the region at the campgrounds of the Shoalhaven and Mongarlowe River and the Deua and Corang River, ideal for visiting in the warm weather. Cool off with a refreshing swim or throw a line in to catch some beautiful freshwater fish.





#### MONGA NATIONAL PARK

No trip to Monga National Park is complete without a visit to the magical Penance Grove walking track. The lower part of the boardwalk is wheelchair-friendly and allows you to discover gorgeous fresh rainforests and Gondwana plant species.

After the Penance Grove walk, stop for a picnic at one of the national park's peaceful picnic spots, set on the banks of Mongarlowe River before heading out for the Corn Trail Walking Track. You can also try your luck catching a trout or two as Mongarlowe River is known to be a great spot for fishing.

A historic trail for hikers and horse riders to traverse a wide variety of landscapes, the Corn Trail is the perfect way to follow in the footsteps of the past while exploring Australian flora and fauna. The trail was originally travelled by the local Indigenous population, connecting the tablelands to the South Coast of NSW. In the 1800s, it turned into an access point for European settlers. It is an adventurous, 15km hike one-way, offering fascinating and varied landscapes to explore.

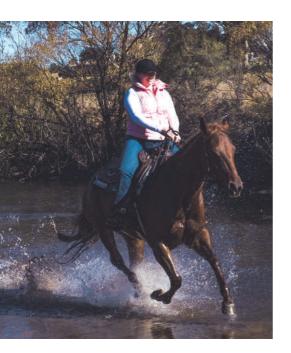
Although Monga is accessible by 2WD vehicles along River Forest Road, the park boasts plenty of 4WD tracks for adrenaline junkies to try. Avid mountain bikers can also hop on a bike and follow the fire trails for a ride through the mysterious forest.

The magical and mysterious atmosphere of the unique national park is heightened by the sea mist, often referred to as 'Monga Mist' that regularly rolls in from the coast in late afternoons veiling the plumwood trees and soft tree ferns

#### **DEUA NATIONAL PARK**

Between Braidwood and the South Coast, lies the spectacular Deua National Park. Brimming with diverse landscapes from grassy woodlands to peatlands and swamps, Deua is a paradise for nature enthusiasts.

Early summer marks the high season for the national park, as locals and tourists flock to the vast park to lilo down the Shoalhaven and Deua Rivers and camp in the peaceful nature retreat under the starry sky.



Explore everything the park has to offer from rugged mountains and narrow canyons to deep gorges and high plateaus. Canoe down the rivers in perfect tranquillity and see if you can catch a glimpse of an eastern water dragon along the way.

Visit the spectacular Big Hole, a 96m deep and 50m wide sink hole which is believed to have been an underground cave until the ceiling collapsed. Continue on to the Marble Arch walking track to discover slot canyons and the fascinating Marble Arch which features a car-sized boulder over its entrance. Roam the caves of Bendethera containing massive limestone formations in 15m high caverns and witness rare species of gum trees, such as woila and jilliga ash.

Set up camp on the banks of the Shoalhaven River on one of the many campgrounds of the vast national park and cook up a nice meal on the barbecue as you watch the sun set over the horizon.

IMAGES
Above left to right: Monga National Park;
Horse riding, Jembaicumbene Creek.

#### **GOOGONG FORESHORES**

Whether you're looking to escape the city to be amongst nature's wildlife and take in the impressive scenery, or to get active with a range of outdoor activities, such as canoeing, fishing and mountain biking, the Googong Foreshores are quaranteed to show you a good time.

The northern parts of the foreshores host the Googong Dam. Here, you can explore the area's lookouts and bushland along the walking trails, or take in the stunning views while enjoying a nice picnic or a barbecue.

Once you're ready to keep exploring, hit the water on a kayak or canoe or have a dip in the Queanbeyan River in the permitted area next to the downstream picnic area on a scorching summer's day.

For the best fishing spots, head down to the two most popular spots, the Cascades and the Downstream picnic area. If staying on land is more to your liking, then hop on two wheels and explore the area's fire trails.

Don't forget to check out the spectacular London Bridge Arch. This awe-inspiring natural bridge was formed from limestone over thousands of years and is now the number one attraction in the area

#### LOWDEN FOREST PARK

If you're interested in history, head south to Tallaganda State Forest's Lowden Forest Park. Historic relics more than 170 years old are scattered throughout this park, including a waterwheel originally used to generate electricity. The park was the location of a logging camp during the 1830s, the evidence of which can still be seen today at the peaceful campground.

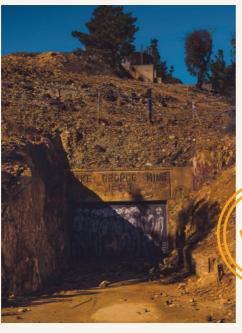
The surrounding native bush of Tallaganda State Forest includes majestic stands of brown barrel, making bushwalking, four-wheel-drive tours and mountain bike riding a favourite in the area. Bird watching is also popular, with the rare olive whistler a possible sighting, and wallabies are known to frequently hop around the bushland of the Tallaganda State Forest.



# Living

Queanbeyan-Palerang is filled with charming old gold-rush villages, colonial architecture and heritage-listed sites, still standing tall to represent both the country's Indigenous heritage as well as Australian history from the early days of the European settlement.





IMAGES
Left to right: St Bede's Catholic
Church, Braidwood; Lake George
Mine (1937), Captains Flat.

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#### **INDIGENOUS HISTORY**

The history of the region dates back to a time far before the arrival of European settlers. For tens of thousands of years, the land has been home to some of the world's oldest known cultures, the Ngunnawal and Walbunja Nations.

For millennia, the rivers of the region have been its backbone, working as pathways connecting different parts of the land together. Plants were an integral part of survival. The varied ecosystems of the region provided the people with different types of food, medicines and materials. Traditionally, pathways from the valleys to the mountains were followed in search for seasonally available food such as the Bogong Moth. Shelter from strong winds, rain and sun was often sought under natural rock overhangs.

The Ngunnawal people were gifted canoe-makers, collecting the bark of trees to build canoes, shelter and domestic articles. Trees used for these kinds of purposes are called scarred trees, and they were a vital part of Aboriginal material culture.



On the other side of the Shoalhaven River, the Ngunnawal people's traditional neighbours, the Walbunja people farmed the land without leaving any signs of farming practices behind. On few occasions, they would walk up to Ngunnawal country for important events such as the Bogong Moth Festival.

To this day, the connection between the two nations remains strong.

The Canberra region was also a significant meeting place to neighbouring clans, such as the Ngarigo, Wolgalu, Gundungurra, Yuin and Wiradjuri people. The different clan members would get together in the land for ceremonies, trading and marriages. Meetings and ceremonies would often take place at sites like Tidbinbilla and Namadgi National Park in present-day ACT, and around Queanbeyan Showgrounds and Googong Dam in Queanbeyan-Palerang.

The heritage of these nations lives on strong in the region. Many of the precincts in the wider region got their names from Aboriginal languages, including Queanbeyan, which got its name from the Aboriginal word Quinbean, meaning 'clear waters'.

Visitors can also visit exhibitions and self-guided public art tours to view fascinating Aboriginal art depicting the stories of the local nations.

Many important Aboriginal heritage sites including rock art, stone tools, quarry sites, stone arrangements and campsites can still be seen today, however visitors should be aware of, respect and acknowledge Aboriginal cultural traditions, laws and customs while visiting these sites.

#### MINING

Mining has been a part of Queanbeyan-Palerang's history since the gold rush era. With nearby villages of Araluen, Majors Creek and Captains Flat teeming with prospectors, Braidwood quickly became a vital centre during the goldrush era. In their heyday, the region's villages were booming with thousands of new residents and dozens of new shops, hotels, schools and churches.

This was a fascinating period complete with bushrangers, an influx of Chinese and Irish prospectors, and growth like never before with everyone looking to get their share of the gold. Chinese miners arrived in the Braidwood district from 1858 on after the start of the district's mining boom. Many of them moved into the region's towns and villages after 1875's decline in the mining population. To this day, the importance of the Chinese-Australian heritage can be seen in Braidwood by the sheer number of buildings associated with them.

Above: Queanbeyan Railway Station.



In the 1890s, and again in the mid-1900s, Captains Flat became a major mining site in southern NSW. This had a significant impact on the development and settlement of the area at the time. Take a stroll around the village to explore its many historic buildings as well as the Lake George Mine entrance and the Miners' Memorial - remnants of the village's history.

#### **GOLD FEVER & BUSHRANGERS**

The colonial history of the region shows that life in the late 1800s and early 1900s was not easy. The region's romantic past of struggle and resilience would not be complete without the infamous bushrangers. Settlers were terrorised and murdered, their settlements pillaged and ransacked. The bandits stole anything of value including horses, gold, food and weapons from the settlers, miners and Indigenous communities.

The region was particularly popular among bushrangers as gold fever struck the region in the mid-1800s, especially around the villages surrounding Braidwood. The most notorious of them were Braidwood's Clarke Brothers. Considered some of Australia's bloodiest bushrangers, this deadly duo terrorised southeastern NSW from 1865 to 1867.

In Bungendore, an English convict by the name of Jackey Jackey also took up a life of bushranging. He was notorious for exchanging outfits with his victims, wreaking havoc across Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Braidwood.

After a series of incarcerations and escapes, his exploits were cut short after he was arrested in 1841

Much like Jackey Jackey, Boro local Frank Gardiner's bushranging career was also characterised by a series of robberies, arrests and dramatic escapes. Referred to as the 'Father of Bushranging', Gardiner is best known for his 14,000-pound heist at Eugowra, aided by such bushranging associates as the legendary Ben Hall. Legend has it that Gardiner had relatives living near Queanbeyan and he stayed with them while hiding after the Eugowra robbery. While some of the gold was recovered in Forbes, mystery still surrounds what happened to the remaining treasure.

Could some be hidden in the hills of Queanbeyan?

#### TRAVEL THE PATH OF BUSHRANGERS

Let your imagination run wild as you travel in the footsteps of infamous bushrangers. Drive up the narrow, winding road from Araluen to Majors Creek on which gold escorts were ambushed by fearless bushrangers.

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#### **DINING PRECINCTS**

- Wallace Street, Braidwood
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- ▶ Queanbeyan CBD
- Wineries of Lake George

#### **IMAGES**

Opposite: Lark Hill Winery, Bungendore: Above, clockwise from left: Gathering Café, Bungendore: Deadwood Café, Braidwood; Villa Olivo, Queanbeyan. Queanbeyan-Palerang boasts a wide variety of beautiful and fresh local produce. From food to wine, these artisan products are crafted by passionate locals with exquisite care and attention to detail.

Visit the local farmers' markets and sample the seasonal produce, or explore the wineries, restaurants, bars and cafés for a truly unique foodie experience set amongst breathtaking country scenery.

#### EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

The vast open lands and cool climate of Queanbeyan-Palerang provide the region with the perfect opportunity for growing phenomenal seasonal produce. Visit the local farmers' markets for a taste of some of the famous local garlic, grown by over 30 locals in both Braidwood and Bungendore. Or get your hands on some of the delicious locally produced organic honey from the Braidwoodbased Bees R Us. Finally, visit the small village of Hoskinstown for a walk beneath the chestnut trees of Tweenhills Chestnuts.





The local restaurants and cafés are known for utilising local produce in the creation of their seasonal, enticing culinary experiences and many of them love to share their wealth of knowledge on food and drink.

For those with a passion for local artisan gourmet food, Provision's Deli & Grocery provides a modern gourmet food experience. Complete with daily cheese tastings and tasting platters, the delicatessen offers Australian and imported cheeses and charcuterie along with gourmet groceries sourced from Australia and abroad.

If you'd prefer to get more hands on, take a cooking class where you whip up a mouth-watering snack from freshly picked, organic produce and preserves at Braidwood's Wynlen House urban micro farm. See how vegetables, eggs and table poultry are grown and taken from paddock to plate at their workshops, or visit the Braidwood Farmers Market to purchase garden-fresh produce.

Experience the delights of world-renowned cuisine by taking a trip to Bungendore's Le Très Bon restaurant and cooking school.

Learn the secrets and experience the tantalising highlights of traditional French cuisine under the relaxed and warm guidance of Le Très Bon's chef Christophe Gregoire.

Alternatively, pay a visit to Braidwood's Mediterranean family-run café and restaurant, Casanova's, where you can enjoy seasonal food complete with house-made bread, pasta and sourdough pizza.

And don't forget, when it comes to food and drink, you are guaranteed to find the best spots in town by following in the locals' footsteps. For the Queanbeyan locals, the best places in town for a good feed are the city's first ever pub, Walsh's Hotel, the art deco styled Tourist Hotel, and the Royal Hotel Queanbeyan. The Royal recently won the title of Australia's best pub steak, so why not stop by at their bistro for a premium steak from Bungendore-grown and sourced beef?

For something different, try authentic Thai flavours in the warmth of the Lime Leaves Thai Restaurant, housed in a beautiful heritage building in the heart of the city.



#### OUR TOP DROPS

- Norton Road Wines
- ▶ Contentious Character
- Lark Hill Winery
- ► Affleck Vineyard
- ► Enotria Wines
- ► Sapling Yard Wines
- ▶ Corang Estate
- ▶ Braidwood Estate

#### A HIDDEN WINE WONDERLAND

Although it may not be as well-known as some of the more prominent Australian wine regions, the Canberra wine district has long been loved by wine critics and consumers. This is thanks to its award-winning cool climate wines, ranging from shiraz and pinot noir to riesling and chardonnay.

Nestled primarily on the hills of Wamboin and Bywong, but also with vineyards further east, the wine of Queanbeyan-Palerang is a showcase of this unique region's terroir.

At elevations of 300 to 800 metres, the vineyards enjoy a continental climate of warm summer days which transform into cool nights and cold winters – perfect for riesling and shiraz.

Our local wineries offer one-of-a-kind experiences to oenophiles old and new. Pay a visit to Norton Road Wines, Contentious Character and Lark Hill Winery on a half-day self-guided tour to get a taste of the world of winemaking in the region. A touring map is available at the Visit Queanbeyan-Palerang website.

These hidden gems give visitors a chance to explore exciting flavours and aromas of artisan wines. Enjoy a delicious, high-quality meal designed to pair perfectly with the wines on offer. If you pay a visit to the cellar doors for a tasting, you're also likely to be welcomed by the winemakers themselves, who are more than happy to share their knowledge and passion about all things wine.

#### **IMAGES**

Above left to right: The Royal Turban, Queanbeyan; Contentious Character, Wamboin.



Whether you're planning to visit for just a few hours or for a few days, the region boasts a

plethora of opportunities for eager explorers.

YOUR JOURNEY HERE

Take a break for the weekend at the region's best wineries in Bungendore, or explore the local fishing spots and exhilarating 4WD tracks in our national parks. Take a walking tour around the Queanbeyan District where old meets new, or go back in time with Braidwood's Heritage Walk of colonial buildings brimming with antiques, specialty shops and charming cafés.

Make the most out of your visit by taking a look at our recommended itineraries, trails and tracks, and discover your undiscovered with these hidden gems.

For itinerary ideas, visit: visitqueanbeyanpalerang.com.au

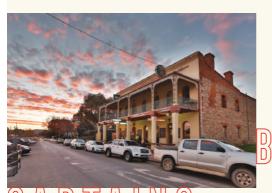


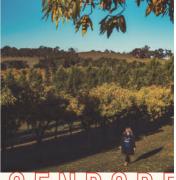


#### WINERY EXPLORATION: 1/2 DAY DRIVE

It is easy to claim you've been to the famous mega-wineries around our country, but no wine journey is complete without a visit to the smaller, family-run wineries and Queanbeyan-Palerang is home to some hidden gems, punching way above their weight in the grape stakes. Have a taste, buy a case and maybe take a glimpse at their menus. Many of them also feature spectacular views across the vineyards.

- Norton Road Wines
- Drive 5km
- 2 Contentious Character
- Drive 15km
- 3 Affleck Vineyard
- Drive 11km
- 4 Lark Hill Winery
- Drive 54km
- 5 Sapling Yard Pop-up Cellar Door





BUNGENDORE

GAPTAINS FLAT

MEET THE KEEPERS



LAKE GEORGE WINERIES

## DISCOVER A CHARMING RURAL ESCAPE.

When you linger a little longer in the quaint town of Bungendore, you'll find many gems dotted around this beautiful green landscape. Explore the magnificent wood art and furniture at Bungendore Wood Works Gallery, visit the quirky shops, join a truffle hunt, and have lunch at one of the region's renowned wineries or dinner at a French Ristro.

Visit treasuretrail.com.au for more to explore, and find your treasure in Bungendore.

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Dig a little deeper

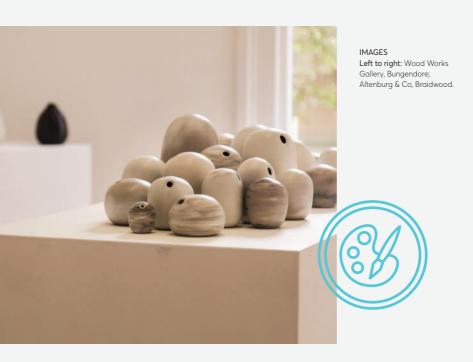






The Queanbeyan-Palerang region harbours a strong community of creatives and artisans. The rolling hills, fascinating architecture and beautiful landscape are known to attract and inspire both local and visiting artists.

With some enjoying main street frontage and others tucked away in unassuming side streets, Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan are all home to numerous studios, galleries and exhibition spaces showcasing the talent and creativity of local artists.



### FROM SCULPTORS AND PAINTERS TO JEWELLERS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE, OUR RICH ARTISAN CULTURE IS RENOWNED FAR AND WIDE.

#### MEET THE MAKERS

 For a full list of galleries and studios in the Queanbeyan-Palerang region, visit our website Whether you're a devoted art aficionado or an occasional admirer, there's something for every art-lover in Queanbeyan-Palerang.

Take a tour of the amazing public art lining the streets and adorning the buildings of Queanbeyan, or discover stunning Australian-made wood art, craft and furniture at Bungendore's distinguished Wood Works Gallery. Tour the galleries of Bungendore from the charming Suki & Hugh to the enchanting X Gallery and everything in between.

Find unique design and accessories from the eclectic showrooms and galleries of Braidwood and attend art exhibitions at magical secluded properties outside of town. Finally, immerse yourself in the captivating productions, live shows and exhibitions of Queanbeyan's The Q Performing Arts Centre.

Meet the artists and explore their studios and workshops across the region at the annual Arts Trail. Taking place in spring, it is the perfect opportunity to take a look behind the scenes and get to know the creative minds behind some of the amazing artwork showcased in the galleries of the region.



## Save the

With festivals and events right throughout the year, Queanbeyan-Palerang is the place where people come for an event and stay for a week. The high season of events kicks off in the spring with the annual Arts Trail, local festivals in Braidwood, Bungendore, and Queanbeyan, and much more.

The region's biggest celebrations continue through the summer and into autumn with events such as Music by the River, Bungendore Harvest Festival and the Braidwood Cup.

Take a look at some of the annual highlights of the region and keep an eye out for the monthly events guide on the Visit Queanbeyan-Palerang website to get the latest information of everything the region has to offer each month from live music and exhibitions to festivals and local markets.

#### **SUMMER (DEC-FEB)**

ALL Australia Day

**BWD** Braidwood Christmas Party

**BWD** Braidwood Cup

**BGD** Bungendore Christmas Party

BGD Bungendore & District Annual Car & Bike Show

**BGD** Bungendore Country Music Muster

**QBN** Festival One

**QBN** Jerrabomberra Carols

**QBN** Queanbeyan Street Party

**QBN** Christmas Carols in Beltana Park

**QBN** Queanbeyan Carols in the Park

**QBN** Googfest

**QBN** Queanbeyan 4WD Spectacular

**QBN** Music by the River

#### **AUTUMN (MAR-MAY)**

ALL ANZAC Day

**BWD** Braidwood Show

**BWD** The Machine Show

**BWD** Braidwood Rodeo

BGD Bungendore Harvest Festival

BGD Canberra District Wine Week

BGD Hoskinstown Chestnut Roast

**QBN** Multicultural Festival

**QBN** Queanbeyan Rodeo

**QBN** Heritage Festival

**QBN** Reconciliation Walk

#### **WINTER (JUN-AUG)**

**BGD** Canberra Region Truffle Festival

QBN Christmas in July
- Winter's Dream

#### **SPRING (SEP-NOV)**

ALL Arts Trail

**BWD** Araluen Sports Day

**BWD** Majors Creek Festival

BWD Airing of the Quilts

**BGD** Bungendore Show

**BGD** Bungendore Rodeo

**BGD** Bungendore Quilters Exhibition

**QBN** Kitefest

**QBN** Queanbeyan Swap Meet

**QBN** Big 3 Car Show

**QBN** American Car Nationals

**QBN** Tour of Duty Poker Run

**QBN** Oktoberfest

**QBN** Queanbeyan Show

**QBN** Boogong Halloween Festival

ALL = Event held in Braidwood, Bungendore & Queanbeyan
BWD = Braidwood event; BGD = Bungendore event; QBN = Queanbeyan event

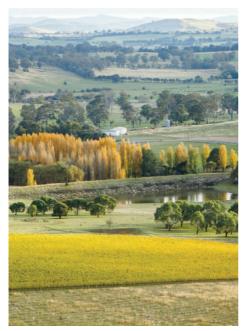
For further information, including dates and locations, visit: visitqueanbeyanpalerang.com.au



Music, Dance, Kids Fest, Poetry, Markets, Food, Drink, Camping

> Second Weekend in November









## THE TABLELANDS BOASTS A DIVERSE RANGE OF EXPERIENCES TO BE ENJOYED BY LOCALS AND VISITORS ALIKE.

#### **FURTHER AFIELD**

- ► Hilltops Region
- ▶ Upper Lachlan
- ► Goulburn
- Yass Valley
- Canberra

IMAGES
Opposite: Wollondilly River
Walk, Goulburn.
Above, clockwise from left:
Yass Valley views; Collector
Wines, Upper Lachlan;
Cooma Cottage, Yass Valley.

We encourage you to explore the surrounding towns and villages that make up the Tablelands region.  $\,$ 

**People.** Our locals provide an authentic insight into the lives that drive the region. Chat to one of our local producers, business owners or residents and experience the region as they know it.

**Place.** Close to Canberra, the Tablelands are easily accessible. Our towns and villages provide connections to the sense of place waiting to be explored.

**Produce.** The food, wine and natural handmade products in the region are world class. From farm fresh produce, to restaurants, cafés, vineyards and cellar doors, the Tablelands boasts a feast of impressive quality produce.





#### **HILLTOPS REGION**

Centred on the towns of Boorowa, Harden, Young and the village of Jugiong, the Hilltops Region is full of relaxed, friendly country experiences. As one of the most diverse food-producing regions in Australia, cherries are a local hero along with a wide range of stone fruit.

The beauty of the region is underpinned by rich agricultural soils, producing fields of yellow canola in the spring, and some of the best broadacre cropping in Australia. Visitors and locals are spoilt for choice, with locally-made jams, chutneys, pies and condiments on sale at local shops, cafés and farmers' markets. The region is also rapidly emerging as one of the most exciting viticultural regions in Australia.

The region has a burgeoning number of key annual events, including the Irish Woolfest in Boorowa, the Kite Festival in Harden, Lambing Flat Chinese Festival, National Cherry Festival in Young, as well as seasonal food and wine events showcasing the abundant local produce.

#### **UPPER LACHLAN**

Visit the beautiful Upper Lachlan – the shire of villages located high on the range between Sydney and Melbourne and just north of Canberra

Take the time to explore the great diversity of the region from the underground wonders of Wombeyan Caves to the outdoor adventures of Wyangala Dam, from stories of pioneering and bushranging to the creation of world-class produce.

This is a region with stories to tell, beautiful vistas to behold and a warm country reception to be enjoyed. The townships of Crookwell, Gunning and Taralga, and the surrounding villages, offer a diversity of landscapes, local characters and high-quality produce – from succulent berries to prime lamb, full-bodied pinot noir, perfumed lavender, and much more.

Come and enjoy a short break or an extended stay. Explore this region that is so close but a world away.



#### **GOULBURN**

Goulburn, Australia's first inland city, is a regional rural centre once known mainly for its famous Big Merino. It has fast become a thriving regional centre with natural beauty, impressive art and history, great food and fantastic wine.

Whether it's a short break or a longer holiday you're looking for, you'll find plenty of things to see and do in Goulburn. Don't miss the Australian Blues Music Festival held on the second weekend of February or the spring event series, including a Steampunk festival for your chance to travel back in time with a twist.

Goulburn's beautiful rose gardens are best seen in March but from spring to autumn the city is saturated in colour.

Find something special to remember your trip at one of the many regular markets full of fresh country produce, local art and craft, bric-a-brac and unique handmade items.

IMAGES Above left to right: Upper Lachlan; Yass Valley wineries.

#### YASS VALLEY

Escape to Yass Valley where you can immerse yourself in real country experiences without venturing too far from the city. Be welcomed by locals when visiting award-winning restaurants and cellar doors, retail stores and galleries, where you will have the opportunity to experience life as locals live it, each and every day.

From a bushranger's grave in Binalong, a famous poet's hangout in Bowning, an underground wonderland in Wee Jasper, to water sports on Burrinjuck Dam, Yass Valley is a place where you can discover the real Australia. Stop by explorer Hamilton Hume's home 'Cooma Cottage' in Yass, before tracing his steps as part of your very own adventure through the beautiful landscape.

With an impressive food and wine scene, Yass Valley is the place to experience farm fresh produce and award-winning local wines. Chat with passionate winemakers about their latest vintage, or sit back and relax in one of the many restaurants and cafés. Whatever you choose, you will leave wanting more.

#### **CANBERRA**

The bush capital is home to attractions and experiences ranging from museums and galleries to outdoor activities and family fun.

Explore significant culture, art and history throughout the museums, galleries and archives. Discover embassies, landmarks, markets, shopping, food and wine. Throw in some recreational activities like mountain biking on the many trails on offer or kayaking on Lake Burley Griffin. Explore the natural surrounds of Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and Corin Forest. Encounter Australian native animals and scenic flora in the region's natural surrounds. Enjoy a family day out at the local playgrounds, parks and picnic spots.

Don't forget to check out the events calendar for some of the region's biggest events, such as Floriade, Summernats, the National Multicultural Festival, Spilt Milk and the Canberra Balloon Spectacular.



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES



02 4842 1144 National Theatre, 100 Wallace Street, Braidwood Mon-Sun: 10am-4pm

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