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Coffee Blokes Buddha Handy

Ross Allen and Robert Chapman have penned a new book titled "Coffee 33" profiling 33 of Brisbane's cafés. Together, they've written poems depicting each café and its unique appeal. Queensland Weekender featured Wordsmiths: The Writers Café at St Lucia, Batavia at South Bank and Watt Park Lounge Café on the Brisbane River at New Farm.



"Coffee 33" retails at \$24.95 and is available from around 40 different outlets around town, including Mary Ryan's and the American Bookstore.

Contact: Wordsmiths: The Writer's Café
Staff House Road, St Lucia
3365 2001

Contact: Batavia at Southbank
Shop 3/167 Grey Street, South Brisbane
3844 4694

Contact: Watt Park Lounge Café
Brisbane Powerhouse
119 Lamington Street, New Farm
3358 5464

Contact: Mary Ryan's
maryryans.com.au

Contact: The American Bookstore
americanbookstore.com.au

Blackall Muster Taryn Onofaro & Chris Parsons

The Stock up for Hope Charity drove saw over 1300 head of cattle moved from Hughenden to Blackall over 8 weeks, all in the name of raising money for charity.



Once in Blackall, the cattle went under the hammer and raised \$150,000. The money will go directly towards youth support workers and chaplains in the bush.

The drove is open to any city slicker keen enough to give the stockmen's way of life a go! The cattle are usually moved about 10 kilometres a day, and it can be hard work. But a lot of fun!

Hearty meals are served several times a day and there's entertainment after the sun goes down each night.

This year was the charity drove's first year, and they hope to hold one every second year. It really is a true country experience!

Contact: Stock Up For Hope
suqld.org.au; Ph: (07) 3632 2222

QLD Event – Mary Poppins Festival in the Park

The Mary Poppins Festival in the Park is practically perfect in every way. The streets of Maryborough will be transformed into Cherry Tree Lane, and you'll meet all your favourite characters from the classic children's story. Queens Park will be overflowing with market stalls, activities, rides, steam trains, brass bands and much more. Hit the website for the full details, and get ready to remember all those great childhood memories.



Contact: July 1-6; Maryborough; visitmaryborough.info; 1800 214 789

**Strawberries
Alistair McLeod**

Irish whiskey roasted strawberries, Kingaroy quark and lime fondant

Serves 8

INGREDIENTS:

- 32 even sized strawberries
- 65g sugar
- 50ml irish whiskey
- 100ml strawberry coulis

METHOD:

Boil sugar to make a light caramel. Add whiskey and coulis and cook to a deep red caramel. Add strawberries & toss till just warm, basting frequently with the caramel. Serve just enough coulis to cling to the berries. Accompany strawberries with the French toast and the fondant.

Brioche French toast

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 loaf of brioche
- 3 eggs
- 300 ml milk
- 1 tsp vanilla paste
- pinch ground cinnamon
- 1 tbs sugar

METHOD:

Cut brioche into even fingers 2cm x 2cm x 6cm. Dip in batter. Shake off excess & pan fry until golden on all sides.



**Where the Heck Is.....
Warra?**

The country town of Warra, about 47 clicks north-west of Dalby on the Warrego Highway, might be very small, but it has become famous for its rich agricultural heritage, valued annually at over \$80 million, so it's definitely worth a look.

If you're passing through the area, be sure to stop in at the Warra Hotel. It was established over 100 years ago and is a great example of traditional Queensland architecture.

If you're a bit of a history buff, you'll want to check out the Memorial to explorer Ludwig Leichardt, who camped on the banks of the Condamine River in 1844. There's also the Richard Best Memorial Park, which houses heritage displays at the location of the restored former Warra Railway Station, and is a great place to pull up for a picnic.

Contact: Toowoomba and Golden West Tourism

Downs Business Centre
4 Little Street, Toowoomba
toowoombaholidays.info
Ph: (07) 4632 1988

RACQ Tourist Guide – Dean Miller

Tourist parks offer a much cheaper way of taking your family to the beach – you have the option of a tent, caravan or cabin style accommodation. Whatever you decide to do you'll have a great place to stay with all the facilities and entertainment you'll need for a holiday to remember.

The RACQ tourist park guide is available for \$13.95 from all branches of the RACQ. Visit the website to find details of your local branch or head down to the RACQ stand at the caravan and camping show to get hold of your copy. The show is on until the 10th of June.



Contact: RACQ - racq.com.au