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RomaVilla Winery Bridget Adams

RomaVilla Winery in Roma is QLD's oldest winery. It was established by pastoralist Samuel Bassett in 1863, and within three years he was selling his first wines.



Jump forward in time and David Wall and his family own the winery, and have been running it for 32 years. Along the way their wines have won numerous awards, and they've had much success. Recently however, the drought has proved a challenge.

It won't stop them though. They have many loyal customers and they're continuing to produce award-winning wines. All their stock is available at the cellar door or online.

Contact RomaVilla Winery
romavilla.com
(07) 4622 1822

Gold Coast Jet Ski Safari Dean Miller

Whether you want the wind through your hair for one hour or two – Gold Coast Jet Ski Safaris offer a tour options to suit you, departing daily from Southport.



Both tours blast their way along the sandy shores of South Stradbroke Island, taking in the stunning scenery. The two-hour thrill ride veers right of the beaten track – you may even get in time to ride the waves out through the seaway.

Warning: Jet skiing is highly addictive!

Contact Gold Coast Jet Ski Safari
jetskisafaris.com.au
(07) 5526 3111

Where the Heck Is.....Wandoan?

About 66 clicks north of Miles on the Leichhardt Highway is the small township of Wandoan. You'll know you're there when you see the famous Wandoan Windmill, and the colourful murals that line the streets, depicting the town's equally colourful history.

Wandoan was born after Ludwig Leichhardt passed through the region in 1844, establishing Juandah Station, which lent its name to the town until around 1926. By that time, a popular pub and train line had been built, and Wandoan was a town in its own right. Travelers can visit the original Juandah Station, which is still owned by the original family that settled there.

Contact Wandoan Information Centre
41 Royds St, Wandoan
westerndownsholidays.info
(07) 4627 5227

Boutique Cheese Andrew Mirosh

NUT CRUSTED DEMI BRIE
WITH POACHED
BLUEBERRIES (serves 4)



Ingredients:

50g macadamia nuts
toasted
50g hazelnuts toasted and skin removed
1 Witches Chase Demi Brie
4 Swiss Brown button mushrooms, stems removed
4 smoked tomato quarters (available from delicatessens)
4 small slices Witches Chase Ashed Aged Chèvre
15ml olive oil
100ml red wine
100g sugar
150g blueberries
100g fresh rocket leaves

Method:

Place nuts in a food processor and pulse to a coarse crumb. Coat brie with nuts and place in the centre of a serving platter.

Place mushrooms on a baking tray. Top with tomato and cheese and drizzle with 10ml of oil. Bake at 180C for 5 minutes or until cheese melts.

Bring red wine to the boil in a heavy based pan. Add sugar and when it has dissolved, add blueberries. Poach berries for 4 minutes then stand to cool in syrup.

Toss rocket with remaining oil. Spoon berries onto the platter around the cheese with a little of the syrup. Garnish with rocket and serve with biscuits or crusty bread.

Contact Witches Chase Cheese Company

Cnr Long Road & Eagle Heights Road
North Tamborine

witcheschasecheese.com.au

(07) 5545 2332

Springbrook Experience Chris 'Buddha' Handy



Springbrook is an excellent destination for a day drive or a weekend escape. It's surrounded by World Heritage Rainforest and there are plenty of stunning walks.

The Twin Falls Circuit is a short walk that showcases cascading waterfalls and stunning scenery. It takes about an hour to complete the circuit.

For somewhere to eat, Paddymelons is a great spot. They have an alfresco café, a restaurant and even a self-contained lodge for visitors who want to stay the night.

Another accommodation option is at the Mouse's House. There are 11 self contained four-star chalets hidden in the rainforest. An overnight stay starts at \$220.

Contact The Mouse's House

mouseshouse.com.au

(07) 5533 5192

Contact Paddymelons

paddymelons.com

(07) 55335126

Contact Springbrook Mountain Chalets

smchalets.com.au

(07) 5533 5205

QLD Event – Easter Gliding Competition

From Good Friday, til 29 March, the skies over Chinchilla will be filled with around 40 gliders for a spectacular aerial regatta.



The Queensland Easter Gliding Competition attracts glider pilots from all over Australia, and registration is still open. Not much of a flyer? Well you can witness the incredible display with your feet planted safely on the ground, at Chinchilla Aerodrome. There will be camping available onsite, with toilet and shower facilities, just bring your own power leads to plug in your site.

The event is hosted by the Caboolture Gliding Club, so head to their website for full details.

Contact Queensland Easter Gliding Competition

21 – 29 March
Chinchilla Aerodrome
glidingcaboolture.org.au
0418 713 903

QLD Event – Priscilla in the Vineyard

Ballandean Winery is a great destination for wine connoisseurs any day of the year... but Saturday the 12th of April is going to be particularly special.

It's a night of fine wine, gourmet food, and top-notch entertainment called the Priscilla in the Vineyard Masquerade. For \$149 a head you'll enjoy the talents of the Velocity Dance Troop, the unforgettable live band 'All Brassed Up', and the mesmerizing magician Timothy Woon. All this, with Claire de Lune as Master of Ceremonies.

It's a great excuse to get all dressed up. Proceeds from the event are donated to the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital Foundation's Mothers' Day Appeal, to support their life-saving research for premature and seriously ill babies.

Contact Priscilla in the Vineyard Masquerade

12 April
Ballandean Estate Winery
354 Sundown Road, Ballandean
\$149 pp
priscillainthevineyard.com.au
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