

BINNA BURRA MOUNTAIN LODGE

Binna Burra Views

SUMMER 2004

Binna Burra Wins Outdoor Education Award



EEC guides Anne Marie Skelly (left) and Joanne Baldwin (right) and kids show-off their award.

At the recent Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation Awards held at the Gabba Stadium in Brisbane on October 16, Binna Burra Mountain Lodge won the Outdoor Education Award for 2004.

Binna Burra Mountain Lodge had been nominated as a finalist in two categories at the awards, The Outdoor Education Award and the Environmental Award.

Binna Burra was awarded winner in the Outdoor Education category for its educational programs organised through the Environmental Education Centre (EEC).

The EEC offers programs for schools, universities and other special interest groups. All Binna Burra's instructors are qualified naturalists and can tailor programs to cater for any specific group requirements.

Formally known as Groom's Cottage, the EEC is a heritage listed, two-story wooden house, made from Tallowwood in the 1930's. On the ground floor, there is a small class room with a kitchenette. Upstairs has two rooms with a total of 6 single beds. At the rear of the cottage is the 'Bunkhouse' which has four rooms of nine bunks and is excellent for school camps and special interest groups.

Programs can incorporate seven exciting outdoor activities: Low Ropes Course, High Ropes Course, 160m Flying Fox, Abseiling, Discovery Forest (environmental education playground), Senses Trail and a choice of 160km of walking tracks.

For more information on the Award winning Environmental Education programs call Binna Burra Mountain Lodge on 1800 074 260.

New name for our newsletter

The new name for our newsletter is "Binna Burra Views"

This is a combination of Mountain Views and Binna Burra News so we picked out of a hat those entrants who submitted these names and the winner of weekend for two is Russell Ashby of Coorparoo.

You will also see in the Binna Burra Views new section names which were inspired by this competition. Thank you all for your entries and your contribution.

BINNA YA BUTT'S

The calls for a smoking ban on Queensland foreshores are permeating inland – this time to the world heritage listed areas of the Gold Coast Hinterland.

Binna Burra has launched the 'Binna Ya Butt – Don't Leave a Mark, Look after the Park' campaign in a bid to educate smokers on the folly of their ways.

Binna Burra Mountain Lodge, which sits on the doorstep of World Heritage listed wilderness area, Lamington National Park, has begun a campaign to discourage smokers from tarring the sanctity of non-smokers and wildlife.

General Manager Linus Bagley, says that non-smoking bushwalkers who enjoy the fresh rainforest air can become offended when coming into contact with smokers in a pristine environment.

"Unless smokers become more educated in terms of litter and smoking around others I would advocate smoking stamped out permanently in national parks.

The awareness campaign provides smokers with the opportunity to take recycled film canisters with them to prevent butts from being thrown into the environment" said Mr Bagley.

The campaign has a number of benefits; preventing bushfires, preventing wildlife from feeding on butts and stopping the litter of the Lamington National Park.

Binna Burra has also equipped its staff with 'snap-lock' bags to retrieve littered cigarettes, as well as other litter, as they move through the park conducting guided walks.

"We're certainly not out to isolate or ostracise smokers, but more to educate them on how they can be considerate to both the environment and other bushwalkers

"The sanctity of our eco-system requires higher levels of consideration in areas like Binna Burra and the Lamington National Park. I don't object to smoking per se, but I do object to cigarette butts disrupting sensitive eco-systems in world heritage listed rainforests and discarded butts found beside picnic tables at park entrances". said Mr Bagley.

What some smokers don't seem to realise is that discarded cigarette butts may seem tiny and innocent when in fact they can have a serious detrimental affect on the environment.

Mr Bagley says dumped cigarettes not only add to pollution, but they also kill wildlife and can start bushfires.

According to one annual report of the NSW Fire Service, as many as 1,200 grass and bush fires each year are attributed to cigarettes.

Planet Arks 'The Cigarette Butt Report'

- Cigarettes contain some 3,900 chemicals. Many of these have been deemed dangerous to human health and other living organisms.
- As filters are designed specially to trap some of the dangerous by-products of smoking, the cigarette butt is in fact, a small poisonous pellet.
- Butts are made from Cellulose Acetate (similar to rayon), which is bio-degradable in periods ranging from one – two months in favourable atmospheric conditions; up to 3 years or more in seawater.

- The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) states that cigarette butts can take up to 15 years or more to breakdown in a rainforest environment such as Lamington National Park.

- The butts contain not only cigarette tar and nicotine but the residue of complex processes involving hundred of chemical compounds, many of them bad for your health, including a quantity of radioactive polonium-210.

- Butts may seem small, but their numbers add up. The Cigarette Litter Org. estimates that almost 5 trillion butts are littered each year worldwide.

- Butts are by far the most common litter item found by clean up volunteers on Clean Up Australia Day.

- Australia wide it is estimated that the volume of waste from smoking is in excess of 40,000 cubic metres, which is the equivalent of a 30 kilometre-long queue of some 3,000 garbage trucks

- Overseas reports especially from the USA confirm a similar proliferation of butts.

- Hawaii has enacted legislation to ban smoking in various outdoors locations, including a leading tourist beach where cigarette butt pollution has been reportedly linked to tumours in sea life.

- A side-effect of the increase in 'smoke free' restaurants has resulted in a large increase in the disposal of butts directly into the environment.

After all that, Mr. Bagley says, better still –quit! People will be doing our country, the environment, their health and the health of other people a big favour!

Summer

Christmas, sunburn, holidays, fun, family, hot, - what does summer mean to you?

Summer in the mountains adds another dimension altogether to the meaning of the word. Clean air, freshly oxygenated, by the trees of Nature's recycling system. Clean water fresh from the mountain spring. No worries, cares or man-made impediments to your reconnection with the real world and all this at a temperature a few degrees lower than the surrounding countryside.

While you have been slaving away in the office Nature has been preparing this special piece of unspoilt Heaven for your enjoyment. Summer is wetter (or should be) than the other seasons, livening up the mosses and putting those little water droplets on all the leaves for the delight of the photographers amongst you. You only need to walk

into the rainforest to feel the cool, clean air and to marvel at the richness of life about you.

Summer is the season when the results of spring activities appear. Trees have replaced their leaves and have a full canopy. Cicadas call, Pittas and Riflebirds nest, Koalas mate, young pademelons and mini-Brush Turkeys lurk in the undergrowth, colourful fruits positively rain to the ground and waterfalls gush with joy. Vines sneak across the path almost overnight while the canopy flowers hum with insect activity, and luscious scents permeate the whole of the forest.

Now is the time when the forest is flecked with the red of the Flame Trees and the lovely Christmas Orchid brightens the forest floor with its large white heads. Now is the time when the Wompoo pigeon's call - "wallock-the-poo" - resonates in the trees above. Now is the time when the Richmond Birdwing jewels flit amongst the shrubbery, looking

for a red flower to feed on. And it's summer when the shiny black Land Mullet take up their positions beside the tracks.

And yet there is more colour. Purple Cherries, Blue Quandongs and partly-chewed Red Apples gather on the ground; Black Bean, Wheel of Fire, Lacebark and Dorrigo Waratah flowers bedeck the branches; colourful and delicate fungi decorate logs and tree-trunks.

Summer is just perfect for walking the Coomera Circuit to search out the bright blue spiny crayfish, laze for a while beside a waterfall or watch the dragonflies dart about above a pool. It's just perfect for strolling to Tullawallal to meditate amongst the Antarctic Beeches in their glorious green moss coats. Summer in the mountains is just perfect for cooling off, slowing down, and shedding the burdens of life in the plastic world below!

Lesley Hutley

Carpet python Morelia spilotes

Just like Mum told you: if you're small and you're out at night, you better take care. Especially if there's a hungry carpet python around!

It is hard to believe Carpet pythons (better known as carpet snakes) have poor vision instead; they use a high-tech tracking system to find their dinner. Heat-sensitive pits on their bottom jaw let them

sense and track other animals. Mostly feeding after dark, they munch on smaller animals such as rats, possums and birds. Smaller snakes prefer lizards.

Carpet snakes can be intimidating growing up to 4m (though most don't exceed 2.5m). But they aren't venomous and live almost everywhere in Australia except Tasmania. Secretive and well camouflaged with their brown skin with cream blotches, they hide among leaf litter in tree hollows, logs and rocky crevices.

Carpet pythons like all snakes eat the prey whole. Their bottom jaw unlocks allowing the snake to open its mouth wide enough to swallow even large marsupials. The python will rest and slowly digest the meal over a few weeks.

An interesting fact about snakes is that they don't have eyelids, and sleep with their eyes open. Every year they shed their skin and when they do, the skin that covers the eye is also shed allowing the snake to see clearly again.

Satin Bowerbird Ptilonorhynchus Violaceus



above: Male satin bowerbird

What do satin bowerbirds look like?

Both male and female satin bowerbirds have bright lilac-blue eyes, but here the similarities end. The mature male satin bowerbird is about 30 centimetres long, and his plumage is black with a glossy purple-blue sheen. Until he moults into this plumage during his seventh year, his plumage resembles that of the female.

The female is slightly smaller, and is coloured with green, grey-green, dusky brown and dark brown. Her under body is buff to cream, marked with dark olive-grey to dusky grey crescents.

How do they decorate their bowers?

The male's bower is an avenue of twigs and sticks, which he weaves into walls running in a north-south direction. He usually paints these walls with a mixture of charcoal and saliva.

Platforms at both ends of the avenue are decorated with mainly blue-coloured objects – including flowers, feathers, and berries. When there are humans nearby, the birds will also use plastic items such as clothes pegs.

What sort of environments do they live in?

The satin bowerbird lives in rainforests, the edges of drier forests on the coast and adjacent ranges of eastern Australia. It is found from Cooktown in

Queensland to near Melbourne in Victoria.

During autumn and winter, satin bowerbirds leave their forest habitat and move into open woodlands to forage for fruit, leaves and insects. However, with the arrival of the spring breeding season they collect together in small groups, inhabiting territories which they apparently occupy year after year. Each mature male bird protects and tends his own bower throughout the year.

What happens during the breeding season?

When courting, the male satin bowerbird prances and struts around his bower. He offers the female items from his collection of blue objects, while making a series of hissing, chattering and scolding noises. Mating takes place in the avenue of the bower, and the male may mate with several females in a single season.

Only the female builds a nest. This is a shallow, saucer-shaped construction of twigs and dry leaves, placed 10-15 m above the ground in the upright outer branches of a tree. The nest is lined with fine dry leaves. The female lays one to three eggs, which she incubates. She then raises the young on her own.

Campsite Chat

The Campsite team is upgrading two Safari tents which were damaged by storms earlier this year. The Campsite is also looking to increase the number of Safari tents to 17 with the introduction of two more canvas style cabins in 2005.

The Safari tents are a very popular budget form of accommodation at Binna Burra. The Safari tents have flooring, lighting, basic furniture including beds with mattresses, wardrobe, chairs and table. Bed linen is not supplied however; you can hire a linen kit from the Campsite reception or bring your own (Please advise at time of booking).

At Binna Burra, there are two styles of Safari tents, a two berth and four berth. The kids love staying in the safari tents with the bunk bed. Some of the Safari tents do have campfire sites however due to the long dry weather, fire restrictions may apply.

The tents are serviced by a conveniently located amenities block. There is a laundry to wash your clothes if you need.

Meals can be cooked in the cooking shelters located in the campsite grounds. If you don't want to cook yourself then you can purchase all your meals at the Teahouse or even at the lodge's restaurant.

If you're looking for a fun and economical way to spend the Christmas break with your family then a Safari tent at Binna Burra is the answer for you!

Five night minimum stay applies. Call now 1800 074 260.

New Renovations for the Lodge

In the last few months, Binna Burra has undergone renovations. These renovations include replacement of carpet with polished wooden floors in some cabins, a transformation of the old maintenance shed to become the Binna Burra Barn, which is to be used for groups, conferences, special events and other indoor activities and paths around the cabins have been spray-paved.

For more detailed information on each event please log on to the new look Binna Burra Website at www.binnaburrallodge.com.au or call us on 1800 074 260.



Kids welcome at Binna Burra

Treasure Hunts, Flying Fox, and a Mini-Olympics are just some of what's in store for kids at Binna Burra this summer holidays.

The programme is run by our award winning Guiding team who are all outdoor education trained with St Johns Ambulance certification minimum. The kids have two sessions a day to keep them busy in an environmentally sound way.



The programme runs from 10 December to 30 January as part of the all inclusive package at the Lodge. **So book the whole family!**

Binna Burra Launches New-Look Website

Have you visited our website lately? Binna Burra has just launched its new-look website with heaps of new features and more information. The website will keep the same address <http://www.binnaburrallodge.com.au>

The website now has a fantastic new Echidna Club section with lots of fun games for kids (and kids at heart). All the games are fun, challenging and have an environmental focus. Why not give them a go yourself today!

You can still make a booking on the Website which has been made even easier with the new on-line booking system.

All bookings from the website attract a very welcome 15% discount. So, book on line today and save, save, save! Just log on to www.binnaburrallodge.com.au

From The Chairman

Summer is here... and the rainforest comes into its own.

Hot and wet the weather may be but our wonderful forest is cool and green, and all the more so when the temperature soars and particularly so when we get that beautiful summer rain.

My own early holidays at Binna Burra were summer ones. My family had come to live on the Gold Coast (which actually wasn't the Gold Coast then) from Sri Lanka (which was called Ceylon). My parents in the grand colonial tradition had always gone to the hills when the heat in the Colombo was at its worst. Binna Burra was for them the retreat from the heat of the Coast in January.

Rainforests flourish with rain and heat and our National Park can be seen at its best in the summer months.

Which is all a way of saying... come up to Binna Burra soon! Crisp and clear as the days may be in winter, there's a special magic about Lamington in the summer months.

Sallyanne Atkinson AO Chairman

Fire side chat with Linus Bagley

I recently received a wonderful information leaflet on Lamington national park prepared by Lesley Hutley which is available for guests and staff in our reception area. This leaflet has proved so popular and interesting that I decided to share a summary of it with you in our summer newsletter. If you would like a full copy please email me at marketing@binnburralodge.com.au or call Jennie in 1800 074 260.

Thank you Lesley for another worthwhile contribution to Binna Burra Mountain Lodge.

What's so special?

1. HISTORICALLY

a. It is not the first park in Queensland but agitation for this land was responsible for the whole National Park concept in

Queensland. It was gazetted in 1915.

b. it was used by the Wanggeriburra aboriginal group.

2. POLITICALLY

Lamington National Park is a World Heritage Listed property because of its international significance as:

an outstanding representation of major stages of evolutionary history. A site containing important and significant habitat for the conservation of biological diversity

3. GEOLOGICALLY

The park is based on a variety of lavas from the Mt Warning volcano (active 23 million years ago) which in turn overlies folded sediments producing soils supporting a wide range of vegetation.

4. GEOMORPHOLOGICALLY

The spectacular cliff line and waterfall scenery is based on the north-west radiating spurs from the Tweed volcano, the valleys eroded by rivers and the cliffs of less erodable rhyolite. Lamington has over 500 waterfalls (not all accessible).

5. ECOLOGICALLY.

Lamington falls in the McPherson-McLeay overlap. An area which represents the

southernmost distribution of many northern life forms and the northernmost distribution of many southern life forms. Consequently, it contains a great diversity of living things.

Lamington contains the largest area of sub-tropical rainforest in SEQ and one of the largest in the world.

Lamington contains nearly 100 species of fern/fern allies including six species of tree fern.

Lamington contains Australia's most northernmost group of Antarctic Beeches.

Lamington hosts nearly 200 species of birds, 100 species of reptiles and amphibians including the Land Mullet and several rare frogs.

6. EVOLUTIONARY

Lamington is considered the centre of evolution for several plant groups. There are nine plants endemic to the region, 13 at their northern limit. Lamington contains both ancient species remaining from the past and new species that have evolved and are still evolving. It has representatives of communities from the days of Gondwana, through the period of adaptation to dry conditions to modern Australian flora.



Staff Profile

Name: Donata Vossage

Age: 38

Position: Front Office Receptionist

How long have you worked here? 18 Months

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite food: Oysters and Champagne

Hobbies: Walking, reading, gardening and music

What do you like about Binna Burra the most? The beautiful environment

If you were down to your last \$10 what would you send it on?: A good music CD!



Hazel's Kitchen

Favourite Christmas Cake Recipe

INGREDIENTS

2^{1/2} cups sultanas
 1^{1/2} cups roughly chopped raisins
 1^{1/2} cups currants
 1/2 cup of mixed peel
 1/2 cup glace cherries (cut in half)
 1/2 cup glace pineapple (cut finely)
 300g butter
 1 cup dark brown sugar
 1 cup sherry or brandy
 1/2 cup of water
 6 eggs beaten slightly
 1 tablespoon treacle
 2 teaspoon grated orange rind
 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 1^{1/2} cups plain flour
 1/3 cup S.R flour
 1/2 teaspoon soda
 1 teaspoon baking powder

Combine fruit, butter, sugar, sherry, and water. In a saucepan, stir constantly over heat without boiling until the sugar is dissolved. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer covered for about 5-8 minutes. Stir in soda and mix thoroughly.

Place mixture into a large mixing bowl, let cool. Beat eggs, treacle, orange and lemon rind and add to cake mixture. Sift together dry ingredients and mix together thoroughly. Spread evenly into cake tin which has been greased well and lined with baking paper. Bake in a slow oven for about 2^{1/2} hours. Cool in the tin.

Customer Corner

John and Brenda first visited Binna Burra back in 2002, when they came with their family. They loved it so much they decided to pay us another visit in August.

Right: John and Brenda Smith from Florida USA



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Sunshine Coast Holiday discount

The Catalina Resort at Maroochydore is offering a 10% discount on rate of the day tariffs to all Binna Burra lovers who are wishing to have a beach break.

The resort is just a minute walk from the beach and Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club. This offer is valid till December 1 2005. Mention Binna Burra when you make your booking.

Telephone: (07) 5443 8666

Fax: (07) 5443 7942

Email: info@catalinaresort.com.au

Postal address: 47 Sixth Avenue,
 Maroochydore Qld 4558

After the holidays are over...

Visit Binna Burra after the Christmas rush. Enjoy a special rate of \$77.00 pp. per night plus one daily activity. Valid till 23 Dec 2004 then 4 January 05 – 24 March 05. Twin share. Book now.

Free call 1800 074 280

Archives: Past issues wanted

Lesley Hutley and Shirley Lahey, Binna Burra's resident historians, need your help to locate past issues of Binna Burra publications.

AGM Reports 1977, 78, 80,83,84,85 and pre 1959.
 Newsletters between May 1974 and May 1983.

Please send to Lesley Hutley

Binna Burra Mountain Lodge

Binna Burra Rd

Binna Burra QLD 4211

or leave a message for Lesley on 1800 074 260.

Bush Poetry

Bush Poetry Weekend was a great success despite the buckets of rain which added to the dramatic bush effect. Thanks to our sponsors Hinterland Toyota, Catalina Resort and Kicks Advertising.

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Echidna Word Search puzzle

Acacia cabin
 Bush turkey
 Butterfly
 Campsite
 Carpet snake
 Coomera gorge
 King parrot
 Land mullet

National park
 Nature
 Rainforest
 Ringtail possum
 Satin bowerbird
 Senses trail
 Waterfall

Events Calendar 2005

JANUARY

1st – 31st
School Holiday Program - a fun and educational programme run by our award winning guides. Two sessions per day.

10th – 12th
Ecology info days - Feature special guest speakers focussing on the eco-systems of the Lamington National Park.

15th – 16th
Birding - If you're interested in birds this is your chance to learn a bit more at the same time have fun seeking out as many species as possible that live in and around the Park. Led by experienced Ornithologist David Gravatt.

26th
Australia Day Celebrations - A family day of fun in the rainforest – guided walks, flying fox rides, games and a Sausage sizzle at Bellbird Clearing.

FEBRUARY

11th – 13th
Gourmet Weekend - Chinese New Year – Oriental Theme. Culinary delights supported by a tasting of exceptional local wines with musical entertainment to suit the theme of the weekend. Decorated dining room in a Chinese theme with Chinese food as the focus on the menu. Entertainment is with a Chinese flavour and party atmosphere.

19th – 20th
Wild Walks Weekend - Join us for a walk on the wild side as we take an off track hike that will lead you into some of the restricted and fascinating areas of Lamington National Park

MARCH

4th
World Sustainable Energy Day - Guest speaker on Sustainable Energy

12th
Gourmet Weekend - March Madness. Back to front dinner. Menu is served back to front – dessert first, then mains, then soup and entrée. Staff wear their uniforms back to front. Hats are worn back to front. Table is set back to front (mirror image).

19th – 20th
Birding Weekend.

22nd

World Day for Water - Binna Burra will showcase its efforts on water conservation with a guest speaker.

APRIL

7th
World Health Day - Focuses in on healthy eating and outdoor activities with a guest speaker in the evening. A health and fitness session after breakfast then into the rainforest returning to a healthy dinner and an evening presentation.

9th
April Fools' surprises - Mystery Dinner. Everything is a surprise /mystery.

16th – 17th
Wild Walks Weekend.

18th – 20th
Environmental Sustainability - A presentation on Binna Burra's environmental program and its impact on the environment.

MAY

3rd – 5th
Ecology info days

7th
Gourmet Weekend - It's Carnival time. Lots of music, colour costumes and Creole food (New Orleans style).

14th – 15th
Birding Weekend.

15th
International Day of Families - Binna Burra recognizes the importance of families in our society with special deals for family participation in environmental events – Family pass on the Flying Fox – family pass for Abselling. Various games and activities plus a sausage sizzle at Bellbird Clearing.

15th – 19th
Rainforest Rejuvenation Break - Time to pamper yourself with three days of healthy living in the stunning environment of World Heritage Listed Lamington National Park. Includes an array of specialist guest presenters, delicious healthy eating choices and rainforest activities with optional pamper packages available.

26th – 31st
Photography Weekend - Andrew Thurtell takes you on a journey of discovery in the beautiful Lamington National Park as he guides you through various tips and techniques to get the most from your photography.

JUNE

5th
World Environment Day

5th – 10th
Ecology Week
10th
Make a Difference (MAD) Day - A focus on Binna Burra's environmental excellence awards and programs that are making a difference to the environment and the community.

11th
Las Vegas Night - Continues on from MAD Day with a focus on Binna Burra's contribution to the community. A High Rollers Casino night (Binna Burra style) with all gambling proceeds going to the Beechmont Hall.

18th – 19th
Wild Walk Weekend

JULY

15th – 17th
Xmas in July - A superb winter Christmas menu with a visit from Santa, Christmas carols, Gluhwein and lots of Christmas cheer.

16th – 17th
Birding

18th – 21st
Ecology /info days

22nd -24th
Xmas in July - A second chance if you missed the first weekend. Book early!

31st
National Tree Day. Join the nation in a drive to plant more trees. A fun day for the whole family, trees and mulch supplied and a sausage sizzle for lunch.

AUGUST

4th – 8th
Photography weekend

13th
Gourmet weekend - Winter Warmers. Delicious gourmet casseroles, soups and home made breads.

20th – 21st
Wild Walk Weekend.

22nd – 24th
Ecology info days

SEPTEMBER

10th
Gourmet Weekend - Island Night. A gourmet feast of delicious fresh tropical island delights.

16th
International Day for Protection of the Ozone Layer - Special guest presenters provide the latest research findings on the ozone layer and how we can help to protect it for future generations.

17th – 18th
Birding Weekend

26th – 28th
Ecology info days

OCTOBER

1st
Oktoberfest - German cuisine and lashings of local and international beer with German folk entertainment.

3rd – 5th
Ecology info days

14th – 16th
Bush Poetry Weekend - This year's theme is the work of Andrew Barton (AB) Patterson. The weekend features a bush poetry competition, workshops and a concert.

15th – 16th
Wild Walks Weekend

NOVEMBER

1st
Melbourne Cup luncheon - Lots of Melbourne Cup fun with a fashion parade, hat parade, and sweeps and raffles to benefit the rural fire brigade.

7th – 9th
Ecology info days

19th – 20th
Birding Weekend

DECEMBER

2nd – 3rd
Summer Gourmet Weekend – Seafood Smorgasbord. A delicious array of fresh and cooked seafood complimented by fresh salads, home made bread and delicious soup.

12th – 14th
Ecology info days

12th – 31st
School Holiday programme

17th – 18th
Wild Walks Weekend

all events are subject to change with little notice

What's on 2005

JANUARY

1st - 31st

School Holiday Program

10th - 12th

Ecology info days

15th - 16th

Birding Weekend

26th

Australia Day Celebrations

FEBRUARY

11th - 13th

Chinese New Year -
Oriental Theme - \$42pp

19th - 20th

Wild Walks Weekend

MARCH

4th

World Sustainable
Energy Day

12th

Gourmet Weekend - March
Madness - \$42pp

19th - 20th

Birding Weekend

22nd

World Day of Water

APRIL

7th

World Health Day

9th

April Fool's Surprises
(mystery dinner) - \$42pp

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MAY

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Break

26th - 31st

Photography Weekend

JUNE

5th

World Environment Day

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Ecology Week

10th

Make a Difference (MAD)
Day

11th

Las Vegas Night - \$42pp

18th - 19th

Wild Walk Weekend

JULY

15th - 17th

Xmas in July - \$62pp

16th - 17th

Birding Weekend

18th - 21st

Ecology info days

22nd - 24th

Xmas in July - \$62pp

31st

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AUGUST

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Wild Walks Weekend

NOVEMBER

1st

Melbourne Cup luncheon -
\$24pp

7th - 9th

Ecology info days

19th - 20th

Birding Weekend

DECEMBER

2nd - 3rd

Summer Gourmet Weekend
- Seafood Smorgasbord -
from \$65pp

12th - 14th

Ecology info days

12th - 31st

School Holiday programme

17th - 18th

Wild Walks Weekend



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