



EDITORIAL

EXPERIENCE THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Isn't it about time you experienced the beautiful NSW Southern Highlands?, home to the towns of Bowral, Mittagong, Moss Vale, Berrima, Bundanoon, Robertson and many small quaint villages, like Burrawang and Exeter.

Well known for its colourful gardens, leisurely pursuits, diverse landscape, history and heritage and welcoming accommodation.

Visit and you will be rewarded with a lifetime of unique memories, stories and relationships. The Southern Highlands is a place that will leave a lasting impression with you and hopefully bring you back to the region, again and again.

Our diverse landscape enables you to explore and meander our many charming towns and quaint villages all separated by picturesque pasturelands and surrounding wilderness.

You can create your own discovery trails and uncover an experience that tickles your fancy depending on your time and desires. From our stunning and distinct four seasons, breathtaking nature, magnificent gardens, antiquarian booktrail, challenging championship golf courses, rich heritage and historical past, award winning cool climate food and wines, boutique and specialty shops, renowned artisans and art studio trail, numerous motor, mountain and pushbike cycle tracks, a treasure trove of antiques and glorious scenic tourist drives. And of course, we are the mecca for cricket, with the world class Bradman Centre and International Cricket Hall of Fame.

All of these experiences will leave you with a lasting impression of the Southern Highlands and you will discover even more when you visit, like seasonal events and activities including: country markets, agricultural shows, cattle sales, festivals and concerts. The Southern Highlands is a destination with something for everyone, whether it's Summer, Autumn, Winter or Spring.

HIGHLIGHTS

Waterfalls – if you love nature, explore our backyard....

The Southern Highlands is blessed with three magnificent waterfalls which line the sandstone escarpment country to our east in Fitzroy Falls, Belmore Falls & Carrington Falls.

They all offer spectacular vistas with picnic and BBQ facilities also available. Fitzroy Falls plummets 81 metres to the Yarrunga Valley below.

Take a walk along the many escarpment tracks and enjoy the natural environment where you might also spot a platypus or a lyrebird.

There is disabled access available at Fitzroy Falls and Carrington Falls.

Did You Know – The spectacular Fitzroy Falls is the regions most visited attraction.

Walks – if you love to explore, get the walking shoes on.....

The Southern Highlands is a walkers' paradise where you can choose from nature, historic or river walks. Walks of all types abound for bushwalkers, trekkers, hikers, power walkers and those who just like to stroll.

There is a great diversity of flora and fauna and access to many National and State Parks that suits all levels of competency.

Popular Walks:

Nature – Belmore, Carrington and Fitzroy Falls, Barren Grounds, Bundanoon section of the Morton National Park, the Bungonia National Park, Cave Creek Track, Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve, Gibbergunyah Reserve, Glow Worm Glen, Mt Gibraltar, the Bong Bong Track and the Robertson Nature Reserve.

Heritage – Berrima, Bowral, Mittagong & Moss Vale historic town walks, Berrima River walk, Box Vale Track, the Bradman & Cherry Tree walks and the Fitz Roy Iron Works.

Did You Know – Discover glow worms creating a magical wonderland at the Glow Worm Glen Walk in Bundanoon

Bradman & Mary Poppins – if you love cricket and the arts, it's time to visit the Bradman precinct.....

Bowral is the home of the Bradman Centre and the birthplace of Mary Poppins.

The world's greatest cricketer Sir Donald Bradman 'The Don' grew up and hones his cricketing skills in Bowral.

A visit to the world class interactive Bradman Museum & International Cricket Hall of Fame adjacent to the picturesque Bradman Oval is a must.

The story of Mary Poppins was created in Bowral when author Pamela Travers lived here as a teenager from 1908-1917. A statue of Mary Poppins is situated in Glebe Park adjacent to the Bradman Centre and mysteriously changes direction with the seasons.

Did You Know – You can take a guided Bradman Walk around Bowral visiting many historic sites.

Fitz Roy Iron Works – if you love heritage, explore our roots.....

Mittagong is the site of the first iron works in Australia operating from 1848 to the 1890's. The exposed footings are located in the underground carpark of the Highlands Marketplace shopping centre.

Take a self guided walk and follow the interpretive signs to see how the iron works shaped the town of Mittagong.

Skilled ironworkers came from Birmingham and Sheffield in the UK.

Lake Alexandra was constructed in 1876 to provide a water source for coal trams and the iron works, is today a great picnic and walks area in the town.

Did You Know – In 1865 the town of New Sheffield was laid out for ironworkers' homes and later became known as Mittagong.

Historic Berrima – if you love history, step back in time....

Historic Berrima village (1831) is recognised as one of Australia's best preserved towns of yesteryear with its picturesque sandstone Georgian architecture. The Surveyor General Inn is the oldest continuously licenced pub in Australia.

The Berrima Courthouse (1839) has a spectacular 'sound & light' show depicting the most infamous trial of the 1840's. It is believed to be haunted by ghosts.

Berrima hosted interned German Naval Officers and merchant seaman in the Gaol and Courthouse in World War I. Take the scenic river walk and learn of their camp dwellings and lifestyle. A visit to Berrima Museum and Harpers Mansion with its maze will take you back in time.

Did You Know – Berrima Courthouse (1839) is the site of the first trial by jury court case in the Colony of New South Wales.

IMAGES

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