

SQ Country Conversations

Conversation Starters - August 7, 2023

Bunya Mountains weekends just got more adventurous - new bike trails now open

- So many reasons to pack the car, and head for an adventure-full weekend or longer in the Bunya Mountains. This stunning location ticks all the boxes – stunning nature and hiking trails, all the facilities for a camping holiday or go luxe with a holiday home in the mountains and now you can add the ultimate family adventure option with the new Bunya Mountains Mountain Biking Trails now open.
- Travel 3 hours from Brisbane to the foothills of the Bunya Mountains on the Western Downs to find the new trails in Russell Park.
- There are around 18km of trails of varying lengths, from 1.3km to 6.3km with three designated as mountain bike trails, plus a fourth trail for hikers and bikers to share. Plus, each trail links up with lookouts and picnic areas to stop and enjoy the views.
- Whether you pedal for fun or for thrills the new Bunya Mountains Mountain Bike Trails have you sorted with short novice-friendly leisure rides to longer more challenging trails for experienced bikers to level-up their skills.
- Plus, you'll find hygiene stations at the trailheads which serve both to clean the mud from your gears and prevent the spread of plant disease, the trails were designed with nature preservation top of mind.
- Ready to ride? [Bunya Mountains Mountain Bike Trails - Western Downs Queensland](#)
- More ideas for your Bunyas weekend - [Southern Queensland Country | Bunya Mountains long weekend](#)
- Brochure and Trail Map in Dropbox folder - see link below

Get revvy for two big motorsport weekends this August

- Event: ARB Gundy 500
- Location: Goondiwindi region – 4 hours west of Brisbane
- When: 11 – 13 August 2023
- Starting with a meet-and-greet with the drivers on the Friday night, spectators are in for two action-packed days of heavy-duty off-road driving.
- Part of the ARB Off-Road Racing Championship, drivers clock up 500km of rough dirt driving on one of the toughest tracks west of Brisbane.
- Drive 30km out of Goondiwindi on Pollocks Road to the 'Torridon' track, a mix of tough tight sections and open straights through melon-hole country to see the mean-machines tough it out.
- New! Enjoy watching every minute of the race on the 'big screen' – a first for this event.
- Tickets from \$5/person or \$10/car available at the gate.
- More details: [ARB Gundy 500](#)

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- Event: Historic Leyburn Sprints
- Location: Leyburn, Southern Downs region - 2.5 hours from Brisbane
- When: 19 and 20 August 2023
- You may wonder how a tiny 350 resident town, tucked down a country road between Toowoomba and Warwick became a must-go for motor enthusiasts far and wide. It all began in post-war 1949 when the Australian Grand Prix was held on a disused RAAF Aerodrome on the outskirts of the town.
- 50 years later, history was revisited with the first running of what is now Historic Leyburn Sprints. A nod to its beginnings back in 1949, this year the 27th Historic Leyburn Sprints brings over 220 entries together to sprint the round-the-houses track, attracting over 15,000 visitors.
- From historic 1920's race cars to classic and performance cars – Ferrari to Ford, and Aston Marting to Abarth – visitors to the event can watch from grandstands or the edges of the track, get up close to the cars in the pits and on approach to the start line. For car enthusiasts, there's nothing like it.
- Two solid days of racing are supported by loads of fun off track. More than 100 cars and motorcycles shine off track at the Shannon's Show and Shine along with vintage caravans with their matching tow vehicles.
- There's market stalls, helicopter rides, raffles to win rides in the race cars plus live music and great meals at the Royal Hotel .. the oldest continually licenced establishment in Queensland dating back to 1863.
- More details: [Historic Leyburn Sprints](#)
- Images and event media releases in Dropbox folder - see link below

August weekends of Art and Culture

- Event: InStudio Art Trail
- Location: High Country Hamlets, Toowoomba region – A 2 hour country drive from Brisbane.
- When: Every weekend throughout August
- Now in its 12th year, explore the artistic soul of the High Country Hamlets region of Toowoomba stopping in at artists' home studios or group exhibition spaces. This year 44 artists from Highfields to Crows Nest, Ravensbourne to Goombungee are taking part, creating a trail of art and experiences which changes every weekend.
- View the artisans at work, hear their stories and buy your own one-off from paintings to glass creations, mosaics to sculptures, hand-crafted jewellery and textile art. Each stop on the trail delivers something fresh, something special.
- Try your hand at a new craft in one of the workshops of offer – beading, silk painting and pottery. Plus, each weekend the trail connects to a different central hub where group exhibits to complement the open studios.
- Keen for more? [Explore the InStudio Art Trail](#)

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August weekends of Art and Culture continued

- Event: Dalby's Delicious and DeLIGHTful Festival
- Location: Dalby, Western Downs – 2.5 hour drive 200km-ish west from Brisbane.
- When: 25 and 26 August 2023
- The Western Downs embraces its rural roots and diverse community which unites all in this colourful festival of celebration.
- Join in the spectacular Lantern Parade along the Myall River with over 700 lanterns hand-made by locals. And more .. take a K Bun Horse & Carriage ride, stay for the multi-cultural dance competition and artisan markets with plenty to see and buy.
- Plus the kids's carnival, flag parade and plenty of delicious food representing both the culturally diverse community and delivering fresh local country flavours.
- Join in the community spirit [at Dalby Delicious and DeLIGHTful Festival](#)
- Images in Dropbox folder – see link below


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