

SQ Country Conversations

Conversation Starters - October 25, 2023

Savour Southern Queensland Country this weekend at the Good Food & Wine Show, Brisbane

- Location: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane
- When: This Friday 27, Saturday 28, and Sunday 29 October 2023
- 15 of our region's producers and growers, experience-makers and, let's be honest, reasons we love travel will be showcased this weekend at Brisbane's biggest foodie event, all under the Savour Queensland Country Tasting Trails banner.
- A first, Southern Queensland Country Tourism have created a pavilion that brings these travel-worthy tasting experiences together celebrating some of the best food and drink travel experiences of the country.
- Visitors to the show can sip and taste their way around our region replicating our Savour Tasting Trails with many of our South Burnett and Granite Belt wineries, picnic producers, local fruits, jams and preserves makers and more .. all under our pavilion where we'll be encouraging show visitors to explore ideas for their next longer-weekender. Then there's the offer to win an Epic Picnic Hamper filled with local goodies, to savour the region longer.
 - Visit us at the Savour Queensland Country Pavilion – next to the VIP Lounge.
 - Partner products include:
 - Art of Krupinski
 - Ballandean Estate Wines
 - Graze Co.
 - Nuova Scuola Wines
 - Savina Lane Wines
 - Seventh Wines
 - Southern Downs and Granite Belt - Tourism
 - Plus Stanthorpe Cheese, Located in the Cheese Corner
 - Balancing Heart Vineyard
 - Bone Idol Brewery
 - Jamworks
 - Ridgemill Estate
 - Serrena Que Estate
 - Symphony Hill Wines
 - View Wine by Sancerre Estate
- Savour Queensland Country is experienced through a series of Tasting Trails that inspire a country drive, a stay, a holiday. The Trails connect you with food and drink experiences that are unique to the region, quintessentially country and give reasons to come back again.
- The six trails go from country pubs to cellar doors, bespoke breweries and distilleries as well as picnic hamper suppliers, foodie events and workshops and where to source and eat the best local produce.

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- We'd love to see you there and will be happy to introduce you to our producers and growers for interviews and conversation.
- Explore more at [Savour Southern Queensland Country](#).
- Presentation pack available in the Dropbox folder – see link below.
- Media and partners are invited to request a free ticket to the Show directly from deb@sqct.com.au
Limited tickets are available – be quick.

Australia's Most Famous Rodeo sends sand flying in Warwick the weekend

- Location: Warwick, Southern Downs. 2-hours into the country from Brisbane.
 - When: 23 – 29 October 2023.
 - Event: The Ariat Warwick Rodeo and Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft
 - Known as "Australia's Most Famous", the first official Warwick rodeo was held in 1906 in the town also known as the horsepower capital of Australia. A few years later Warwick become the regular host for the Australian Rodeo Championships and the home of the Australia's holy grail of campdrafting, the Warwick Gold Cup.
 - It's on this weekend and for anyone who's never been to a rodeo or campdraft, we say .. treat yourself. The weekend promises to be one of adrenaline-pumping action as you watch bull, horse and rider fly out the gate as they battle it out across the historic high-stakes week-long event.
 - Dance in the sand to Aussie country music legends, browse tradeshow alley for genuine country attire, tuck into great country cooking, wash away the dust with a refreshing drink, and so much more. Cowboy Up for this action-packed event, only 2 hours west of Brisbane in Southern Downs, Queensland.
 - Explore further with a mini roadie on [SQCT | The Cedar Route](#) or 40min further down the road on the [SQCT | Granite Belt Drive](#)
 - More info: [SQCT | Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft](#)
 - Images in the Dropbox folder, see link below
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Art lovers extended weekend on the Granite Belt

- Location: Stanthorpe, Southern Downs and Granite Belt. Under 3 hours from Brisbane
- When: this Friday, Saturday and Sunday – 27-29 October 2023
- Grab a local-produce picnic platter, available from 6 providers and head out on your art-inspired journey. Hop between artistic experiences, open studios, workshops and entertainment dotted throughout the region – from printmaking to pottery, collage to cosmetics making and many more.
- Workshops and demonstrations connect the visitor with the artist and the artform, held across the region on farms, in cafes, parks, art studios, country inns and cellar doors. Start at Suttons Juice Factory, famed for their apple pie for a demo on making socks, connect with an indigenous artist in her home, and trail your way through the town, heading south to Ballandean and Eukey for the full art-explorer experience.
- GBART central is at the Stanthorpe Showgrounds where art and music converge. Listen out for roving ukulele group The Graniteers, join in a charcoal workshop or have an artist create a beautiful piece silver jewellery to your design. Then head to Stanthorpe Heritage Railway precinct where the Artworks Granite Belt Collective have gathered with 3 artists and a hand-made book maker in residence.
- Signature events include Teri Welles and Jazzify at GBART Central on Friday night and music and entertainment with Stanthorpe local, Australian actor, singer and muso Matthew Manahan's performance 'Feelin Fine' on Saturday night.
- Want even more to do? Here's [where to stay](#) and [10 more things to do in the Granite Belt](#)
- More info: [SQCT | Granite Belt Art and Craft Trail](#)
- Interviews available with Matthew Manahan, connect via the GBART team at gb.art.trail@gmail.com
Feelin Fine promo clip and GBART Event Guide in the Dropbox folder, see link below

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Juicy vibes and strawsesome fun at Stanthorpe Berry Festival

- Location: Stanthorpe, Southern Downs and Granite Belt. From Brisbane tap Stanthorpe into your GPS – a 2hr 50min country drive.
- When: Saturday 18 November 2023.
- For the love of berries! From the region burgeoning in respect and reputation for quality alternate variety wines, comes a festival for berry lovers celebrating the summer berry harvest.
- The Granite Belt with Stanthorpe at its heart, happens to be Queensland's primary producer of summer fruits. From strawberries and blueberries, cherries, apricots, nectarines to apples and of course grapes, the region grows them all.
- And for one day in November every year Stanthorpe dishes up a day full of interactive experiences, masterclasses, taste testings, demonstrations and meet-the-farmer opportunities with a festival bursting with the regions' best summer strawberries, plump raspberries and juicy blueberries.
- Celebrity Chef, Dominique Rizzo will be cooking up ideas to make the most of the season plus there's a jam competition & eating challenges hosted in the Jamworks Marquee.
- Sip wines from across the Granite Belt along with brews from local micro-breweries. Plus BBQ masterclasses hosted by the boys of the BBQ - Shank Bros.
- Wander the boutique market fair showcasing local artisans, makers and creators, call into the Berry Art workshop and join in the free art sessions.
- More details: [SQCT | Stanthorpe Berry Festival](#)
- Stay a little longer and head off on your pick-your-own strawberries adventure at [Ashbern Farms](#) or [Eastern Colour](#). Create your own PYO trail using the [Savour Queensland Country – Source and Eat Local Tasting Trail](#)
- Images in the Dropbox folder, see link below

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