

# THE BEST OF THE MUDGEE REGION

## DISCOVER THE DELIGHTS OF MUDGEE

Nestled in the heart of New South Wales, the Mudgee Region is a true gem waiting to be explored. From its world-class wineries to its stunning natural landscapes, this captivating destination offers an unparalleled experience.

### SAVOUR THE FLAVOURS

Did you know Mudgee has over 35 Cellar doors to choose from? From laid back family run businesses to those specialising in organic wines or French and Italian varietals, there's something for everyone.

### OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Lace up your hiking boots and wander bush tracks shaded by wattle trees in winter, explore the magic of Ferntree Gully, or soak up summer with tranquil swimming spots and peaceful kayaking adventures.

### CHARMING TOWNS

There are five towns to explore in the region and Wandarra is ideally located between our two favourites, Mudgee and Rylstone! Browse the boutiques and discover hidden gems, from locally made gifts and homewares to mouthwatering local produce.

Let us guide you through our favourite spots in this captivating region. Get ready to create unforgettable memories!



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# MUDGEES FINEST

As self professed foodies, there is nothing that beats exploring new restaurants. Here are our top picks, and why we love them!

## FEELING FANCY

If you're looking for something special we recommend:

### ZIN HOUSE AT LOWE

**Why we love it:** from farm to table ingredients, to the time they allow between courses to wander the grounds and soak it all in, this hatted restaurant with seasonal degustation menu's is the ideal place to treat yourself.



### PIPECLAY PUMPHOUSE AT ROBERT STEIN

**Why we love it:** enjoy the views of the vines while treating yourself to their degustation menu. This fine dining experience is very well priced and a great spot to celebrate a special occasion.

### WARAKIRRI DINING EXPERIENCE

**Why we love it:** this unique experience offers a blend of traditional flavours and contemporary cuisine, showcasing the richness of Indigenous Australian ingredients. Guests are invited to enjoy a thoughtfully curated menu in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, promoting a deep connection to culture and community. There are only a few Warakirri dining experiences throughout the year, so why not plan a weekend away around it?





## MEAT LOVERS

For all meat lovers out there you can't go past Smokin Bro and Co at 3 Tails Brewery.

### SMOKIN BROS CO. AT THREE TAILS

**Why we love it:** their feast is ideal for sharing! You get to try everything. Don't worry, you will definitely **not** be going home hungry.

## CLASSIC PUB DINNERS

Nothing beats a relaxed pub dinner in a country town. These are our three faves in Mudgee:

### THE ORI (ORIENTAL HOTEL)

**Why we love it:** Large pub with lots of different zones and a broad menu. Check out their Bangladeshi curry specials too!

### THE PARAGON HOTEL

**Why we love it:** devour steaks cooked to perfection that will leave you craving for more.

### THE WOOLPACK HOTEL

**Why we love it:** Classic country local with live music every Friday and Saturday night.

## HEADED TO RYLSTONE?

Here's our top pub pick:

### THE GLOBE HOTEL

**Why we love it:** the outdoor beer garden is a great spot for lunch under the trees, with space for the kiddo's to run around.



# CAFES AND RESTAURANTS

## ALBY + ESTHERS

**Why we love it:** Great breakfasts and lunch under a canopy of vines. Their jaffle of the day is always fun, the coffee is delicious and as the afternoon progresses, you can switch to wine and cocktails. Open Mon-Sat.



## OUR CHOW

**Why we love it:** Great casual setting with a vineyard backdrop for lunch, with fresh, delicious meals at the Burrundulla cellar door right next door. It's also kid and dog friendly with open space to run around. Open Thur-Sun.

## ALTHEA BY ZIN

**Why we love it:** Our favourite coffee shop in town, with the most delicious pastries. Always a great way to start the day. They also have a cute courtyard to enjoy your treats.

## 29 NINE 99 YUM CHA TEA HOUSE, RYLSTONE

**Why we love it:** this stunning sandstone building on the main street of Rylstone has a huge selection of delicious dumplings for an authentic yum cha experience. If you aren't planning to visit Rylstone during your stay, consider driving home via Rylstone and stopping there for lunch on the way.





# BARS



## ROTHS WINE BAR

**Why we love it:** You'll often be treated to some live music while enjoying your pizza and a great local wine offering.



## THREE TAILS BREWERY

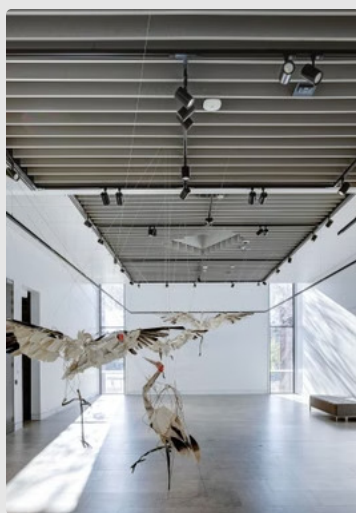
**Why we love it:** great atmosphere in the open courtyard and the whisky and gin flights aren't to be missed! On the right night there'll be live music too.



## MUDGEES BREWING CO.

**Why we love it:** From Wednesday Night Trivia to Sunday Live Music, there's always something on to keep you entertained.

# MUDGEES ARTS PRECINCT



Mudgee's new arts precinct is a must-visit for its vibrant displays of local talent and engaging cultural events. This dynamic hub showcases the region's creativity and fosters community involvement in the arts.




Check out their website to learn about the latest exhibitions, or drop into the tourist information centre to pick up delicious local delicacies and gifts.





# OTHER TOWNS TO EXPLORE

There is more to explore beyond Mudgee. Rylstone boasts beautiful heritage buildings and a vibrant arts scene, Gulgong enchants visitors with its gold rush history and classic Australian countryside charm. Nearby Hill End offers a fascinating glimpse into the past with its well-preserved historic sites and breathtaking natural beauty, making this trio of towns a must-visit for those wanting to experience the rich culture and stunning landscapes of the region.

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<p>Just 20 minutes from Wandarra Rylstone is a must visit!</p> <p><b>Our top picks:</b></p> <p><b>Folkologie</b> – for boutique and locally crafted homewares</p> <p><b>Yum Cha and Tea House</b> – the dumplings live up to the hype!</p> <p><b>GuluGulu gallery</b> – local Aboriginal art gallery</p> <p><b>De Beaurapaire wines</b> –be transported into French wine country and taste award winning wines</p> <p><b>The Globe Hotel</b> - a great, family friendly beer garden, perfect for a sunny afternoon</p>	<p>One for the antique lovers, Gulgong is a quaint town that's like stepping back in time, just 45min for Wandarra Homestead.</p> <p><b>Our top picks:</b></p> <p><b>Stroll historic Mayne Street:</b> charming shops, cafes, and galleries in 19th-century buildings</p> <p><b>Visit the Prince of Wales Opera House:</b> iconic gold rush era venue showcasing local culture</p> <p><b>Explore Gulgong Common:</b> scenic natural landscapes perfect for picnics and wildlife watching</p>	<p>Up for a roadtrip and learn about the gold rush? Hill End is 1.5 hours from Wandarra.</p> <p><b>Our top picks:</b></p> <p><b>Explore historic gold mining sites:</b> take a self-guided walking tour to discover remnants of the gold rush era, including old mines and heritage buildings</p> <p><b>Hill End General Store:</b> stop for lunch with a delicious meal featuring fresh local produce in a quaint setting</p> <p><b>Hill End Regional Art Gallery:</b> Enjoy local art and the rich heritage of the region</p>





# OUR FAVOURITE WINERIES

## LOWE FAMILY WINES

In our humble opinion, Lowe is at the top of our list for wineries not to be missed when exploring the region.

### Why we love it:

- Stunning views from the cellar door, with lots of zones and spaces to explore (including emus in one of their paddocks!)
- Always greeted by friendly and hospitable faces
- Delicious local produce available to 'make your own' charcuterie boards and the option to have a picnic

## LOGAN WINES

With an architecturally designed tasting pavilion and panoramic views of the surrounding hillside, Logan is set to impress.

### Why we love it:

- With windows all around and views for days there isn't a bad seat in the house
- A standout in the region architecturally

## ROBERT STEIN

In a relaxed setting full of rustic charm, Robert Stein's wines are one of our most loved (we can't go past their sparkling shiraz and chardonnay).

### Why we love it:

- Relaxed atmosphere and friendly staff
- Amazing home made salami & cured meats straight from their farm





## ROSBY

More than just a cellar door, Rosby is also home to a beautiful sculpture garden and art gallery. This is a great destination between other cellar door visits to mix up the activities.

### Why we love it:

- You can peruse the art gallery and sculpture garden with wine in hand
- Great cheesecake!

## YEATES

Yeates' 20 hectare vineyard is nestled in the valley at an altitude of 500m, on the outskirts of Mudgee. The modern cellar door boasts beautiful architecture, but the relaxed space is family friendly.

### Why we love it:

- Beautiful architecture and interiors at the cellar door
- Great spot to pre book a tasting for larger groups

## GILBERT FAMILY WINES

Firth and sixth generation wine makers, this award winning label combines modern and classic wine making techniques and overseas vintages.

### Why we love it:

- The tasting board and more extensive small plates to accompany your wine
- The beautiful sandstone cellar door

## LAZY OAK

With a relaxed vibe and lots of space to sit outside among the gum trees, it's a great spot for a lazy tasting on a sunny day.

### Why we love it:

- The host great events throughout the year
- The Mudgee Wine School offers wine tasting courses either at the cellar door or at Wandarra Homestead





## FIRST RIDGE

For lovers of Italian varietals. Made from shipping containers and perched on a hill, this is another cellar door with a spectacular view looking back towards Mudgee town.

### Why we love it:

- Another great spot to sit outside and enjoy a tasting on beautiful day
- The view

## DE BEAUREPAIRE

For lovers of French style wines. This vineyard is uniquely set on an ancient limestone rich terroir with shallow sandy soils and ultra-cool inland climate similar to their homeland of Burgundy. If you love French wine, then this is the winery for you.

### Why we love it:

- For those serious about their wine, the guided wine tastings are ideal
- Outdoor seating area is great for familie







# ENJOYING NATURE

Mudgee is best known for its wineries, quintessential country towns and delicious food, but some of our favourite outdoor adventures are in the beautiful mudgee region. Here are our top picks!



# GET BACK TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS



## THE DRIP AND HANDS ON ROCK

Nestled in the Goulburn River National Park, just 50 minutes from Wandarra Homestead, lies a true natural wonder - The Drip. As you stroll along the scenic gorge trail, you'll be captivated by the impressive sandstone walls lining one side and the picturesque river flowing beside you. It's an experience that's hard to put into words, one that simply must be witnessed firsthand.

Pack a delicious picnic lunch and, during the warmer months, bring your swimsuit and towel to cool off in the refreshing waters.

Before leaving, be sure to also visit the nearby Hands on Rock, where you can see ancient rock art and hand stencils left behind by the Wiradjuri people, adding a fascinating cultural element to your outdoor adventure.



## GUNGUDDY (DUNNS SWAMP)

Less than 50 minutes from Wandarra, the stunning Gunguddy-Dunns Swamp National Park offers a wealth of activities for the whole family.

Explore a variety of walking trails, from easy to moderate, try your hand at fishing, or embark on a guided kayak tour with the team from [Southern Cross Kayaking](#), who are on-site most weekends between the September and Easter school holidays.

Be sure to pack a delicious picnic lunch before setting out, as the fully-equipped Gunguddy campground provides convenient picnic areas, well-maintained bathroom facilities, and ample parking - everything you need for a relaxing day in the great outdoors.



## FERNTREE GULLY

Less than 30 minutes from Wandarra Homestead you'll find the Ferntree Gully trail which takes you on a stunning journey through lush bushland, featuring towering trees and vibrant wildflowers. As you stroll along the well-maintained path, keep an eye out for the local wildlife, such as kangaroos and a variety of bird species, which add to the area's natural charm.

The walk offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape, providing an excellent opportunity for photography and peaceful reflection amidst the serenity of the Australian countryside. Ferntree Gully walk is a perfect destination for families and nature enthusiasts alike, offering a chance to connect with the beauty of the the Australian bush.





# WANDARRA HOMESTEAD

## AWAKEN INNER PEACE

Wandarra Homestead's amenities make a cozy and comfy space with plenty of attractions nearby, but not **so** close that they start to feel intrusive. You'll be ideally situated to explore the best of the region as outlined in this guide, knowing you have a private and tranquil oasis awaiting you at the end of the day.

## SPACE TO BREATHE

A fully private and tranquil property spanning 25-acres, every corner of Wandarra Homestead is designed to offer you a retreat from the hustle of everyday life. Wandarra's fresh air and picturesque landscape make it the ideal place to escape, with the added benefit of nearby attractions in Mudgee and Rylstone if your group wants to get out and explore.

## DESIGNED FOR COMFORT

Our homestead comfortably accommodates up to nine guests across four beautifully appointed bedrooms and three designer bathrooms. Each space is crafted to be your home away from home. From two cosy living areas to a large open fireplace, outdoor dining areas, and a well-equipped kitchen, our facilities are perfect for sharing meals and stories.

## CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Engage in intimate conversations by the firepit or explore the starlit skies, perfect for making memories that last a lifetime. Enjoy the luxury of a late 5pm checkout on Sundays to extend your blissful escape.

(And, there's even a secluded bar beneath the home)