VILLAGES
The heritage and contemporary essence of the Dandenong Ranges live within its villages. Follow the scenic winding roads and discover the wonderful villages and communities scattered amongst the trees. Character-filled streets lined with boutique shops wait for you. Fossick through the antiques and curio stores, then sit in a quaint tearoom or indulge in a slice in front of a crackling fire.

ARTS & CULTURE
Communities of artists are dotted throughout the hills and back roads. Some opening their doors to private spaces over the Dandenong Ranges Open Studios weekend in May each year, others with permanent spaces for the public to visit or represented in shop spaces dedicated to the diversity of talent that flourishes here.

FARMERS & CRAFT MARKETS
Belgrave South Community Market First Sunday of the month.
Belgrave Big Drink Market Second Sunday of the month.
Macedon Ranges Craft and Produce Markets Third Sunday of the month.
Lilydale Community Market Fourth Sunday of the month.

TOURS & TRANSPORT
Bellarine Tours Pty Ltd www.bellarine.com.au

PICNIC SPOTS
Take the time to be in the outdoors and feel the difference. Picnics can be the ultimate in a family day out or an intimate date for two to reconnect. Enjoy spectacular mountain views, amazing wildlife and spectacular gardens, all nestled in an incredibly wonderful adventure.

TOP 5 GREAT WALKS
Valley Walks This 6.5 km walk for more experienced walkers starts at the Valley Picnic Ground and connects to Meroo Falls and picnic ground and returns along the Little Range Gully Track.
Margaret Laster Walk Located at Gembrook Picnic Ground, this hard surfaced track has been especially designed for visitors with limited mobility. It follows a steady gradient going through spectacular Mountain Ash bush.
Olinda Falls This walk starts at the Olinda Picnic Ground. A 300m walk leads to the two viewing platforms across Olinda Creek as the steady flow of water cascades over the creek. A further 100m leads to lower viewing platform and a small bridge crossing over the creek.
Sherbrooke Loop This 4.8 km loop starts at Sherbrooke Picnic Ground. Head north along Lloyds Track, continue along Monument Track, McCarthy Track, Olinda Falls and back to the picnic ground via Sherbrooke Track. You will pass through hemlock rainforests, gullies and ancient towering Mountain Ash trees.

1000 Steps/ Kokoda Memorial Walk At a length of 2.5km in-canyon, this track combines the challenges of the famous 1000 steps walk with the Kokoda Memorial Walk, between the Olinda Picnic Ground and One Tree Hill Picnic Ground. Leave no trace! Please take all your rubbish home.

WEDDINGS
Country Place Receptions www.countryplace.com.au

PHOTOGRAPHY
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