

## Postcards Episode 5: 6 March 2016

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On this week's episode of *Postcards*, the team find you the best provincial getaways the state has to offer. Glen and Shane discover luxury holiday homes; Royal Standard Farm and Eco Tree House in Daylesford, matching them with perfect food spots. Brodie stays at Gold Finch home and relaxes at Hepburn Bathhouse and Spa in Hepburn Springs as well showing you the best accommodation and activities in Mount Macedon. Rebecca has a French-themed escape in Trentham and Daylesford teaming The French House with Manteau Noir shop and The Perfect Drop.

### Royal Standard Farm and Farmer's Arms Hotel

If the surf coast just isn't for you or perhaps you simply need a change of scenery, Royal Standard Farm in Daylesford is an idyllic choice. Surrounded by an undulating landscape and rich green pastures, the restored 1890s red brick homestead epitomises country class.

Another place steeped in history, The Farmers Arms Hotel has been serving up cold beers and hot meals since 1857. Making it the oldest and most iconic pubs in Daylesford, fresh, local and carefully curated, the food is far from your typical pub fare.

#### **Royal Standard Farm**

14 Vincent Street, Daylesford

Ph 03 5348 4422

[dayget.com.au](http://dayget.com.au)

#### **The Farmers Arms Hotel**

1 East Street, Daylesford

Ph 03 5348 2091

[thefarmersarms.com.au](http://thefarmersarms.com.au)



## Gold Finch and Hepburn Bathhouse and Spa

For those partial to a pamper, Hepburn Bathhouse and Spa will wash all stresses away in their 100% natural spring water baths, drawn directly from the local mineral springs. Housed in the original building from the 1800s, bathers can gaze out into the lush bushland as they soak.

Not far down the road, continue on the vintage, country-chic themed escape with Gold Finch house. Accommodation contained in an historic gold miner's cottage filled with old world charm, the impeccably styled home is just blissful inside, as it is outside in the landscaped gardens.

### **Hepburn Bathhouse and Spa**

Mineral Springs Reserve Road, Hepburn Springs

Ph 03 5321 6000

[hepburnbathhouse.com](http://hepburnbathhouse.com)

### **Gold Finch**

Ph 03 5348 4422

[dayget.com.au](http://dayget.com.au)



## Eco Tree House and Cliffy's

Wake up amongst the trees with Eco Tree House Daylesford's leafy green location. The holiday home is the meeting point of luxury and eco-friendly living with open dining and lounge spaces and large windows bringing the outside in.

One of Daylesford's best café institutions is Cliffy's Emporium. Try one of their homemade cakes or slices in their cosy interiors or private seats.

### **Eco Tree House Daylesford**

Ph 03 5348 4422

[dayget.com.au](http://dayget.com.au)

### **Cliffy's Emporium**

30 Raglan Street, Daylesford

Ph 03 5348 3279

[cliffysemporium.com.au](http://cliffysemporium.com.au)



## Cameron Lodge, Hanging Rock Winery and Hanging Rock Reserve

The Macedon Ranges has long been a weekend playground for city slickers, located less than an hour from town along the Calder Freeway. A unique and historical place to stay in this region is Cameron Lodge Cottage, set amongst a magnificent ten acre private garden. Dating back to 1886 Cameron Lodge offers a rare opportunity to stay within the grounds of one of Australia's oldest hill stations. The cottage has an eclectic range of rustic furnishings and sleeps up to seven people in four bedrooms. Outside you are free to explore one of the most exquisite European-style gardens in Victoria. The gardens combine heritage trees, lush floral collections, sweeping lawns, pavilions and rambling paths.

Not far up the road is Hanging Rock Winery. It was established in 1983 and forms part of the Macedon Ranges wine region. It is the largest vineyard in the area and the cellar door stocks a wide range of wines to suit most styles and tastes. Their signature drop is the Macedon sparkling wine - Macedon NV Brut - but they also sell red and white wine varieties.

Hanging Rock Reserve is another popular spot in the area and is well worth checking out. Rising 105 metres from the plain and formed six million years ago, the extinct volcano was made famous by the classic Australian mystery, 'Picnic at Hanging Rock'. It was formed through intense pressure and is referred to as a volcanic plug, which has massive granite peaks riddled with caves, tunnels and overhanging boulders. Hanging Rock Reserve has numerous walking paths for visitors to use, as well as BBQ facilities, tennis courts and wide expanses of lawn for those who love to picnic.

### **Cameron Lodge Cottage**

Ph 03 5348 4422

[dayget.com.au](http://dayget.com.au)

### **Hanging Rock Winery**

88 Jim Road, Newham

Ph 03 5427 0542

[hangingrock.com.au](http://hangingrock.com.au)

### **Hanging Rock Reserve**

South Rock Road, Woodend

Ph 1800 244 711

[visitmacedonranges.com](http://visitmacedonranges.com)



## **The French House, Manteau Noir and The Perfect Drop**

For a provincial escape with a French twist, say bonjour to The French House in Trentham. A spacious home accommodating up to eight people, it is endlessly entertaining. Have a hit on the private tennis court, soak in the jacuzzi, have a game on the pool table or simply sit out on the terrace and take in the parterre garden.

Not far down the road, Manteau Noir store in Daylesford continues the French theme. Stocking all things beautiful from linens, perfumes to clothing, the store is curated to have you lusting over

things you may or may not need.

Dine out in Daylesford's quintessential style at The Perfect Drop restaurant and wine bar, combining cottage charm, vintage furnishings and the region's best produce. Or if you're just after a drop, try their range of vino as you listen to live jazz music in their separate bar.

**The French House**

7 Gleeson Street, Trentham

Ph 03 5348 4422

[dayget.com.au](http://dayget.com.au)

**Manteau Noir**

27 Vincent Street, Daylesford

Ph 03 5348 1902

[manteaunoir.com.au](http://manteaunoir.com.au)

**The Perfect Drop**

5 Howe Street, Daylesford

Ph 03 5348 1100

[thepfectdrop.com](http://thepfectdrop.com)