

PRIVILEGE CARD SUMMER NEWSLETTER
From INN HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST
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Dear Inn House Privilege Card member:

At this festive time of the year we wish all our wonderful past guests a happy and prosperous Christmas. It has been a big year for all Inn House properties with some members retiring and some wonderful new properties becoming members of Inn House. We do hope to see many of your again soon.

*I would like to introduce you to our newest property, a great Victorian house, **LANGLEY HALL IN BENDIGO** in the centre of the Victorian Goldfields region. The hosts, Anthony and Jenny Gurrie invite Guests to enjoy the beautifully appointed suites with fine original artwork and antique furniture; to wander around the property which will reveal lovely areas to take some time out; to stroll down the rose bordered path leading to a giant chess set. Quiet courtyards and shady trees abound. While on your stay you can discover the riches of the Goldfields. Visit some of Australia's best regional art galleries, uncover homegrown talents at local exhibits, or try some retail therapy at specialty shops across the region. Explore villages, indulge your taste buds with fresh food and boutique wines, then get active by hitting the bush trails on a mountain bike. Visit the Goldfields, and leave a little richer.*

*Visit **MELBOURNE** in Summer from where you can venture into Melbourne's basements, rooftops and laneways and discover gourmet feasts and fine wines, dynamic events, secret bars, boutiques and more:*

Vodafone Boxing Day Test: Dec 26–30

The traditional Boxing Day Test at the MCG.

The Australian Open Tennis Championship: January 16 -19

For two weeks in January, Melbourne Park has it all. The eyes of the world zone in on this vibrant precinct as the best tennis players on the planet fight it out for one of the biggest Grand Slam(R) titles the sport has to offer.

Festival of Sails: January 21 -22, January 26 – 29:

Festival of sails is Australia's largest keel boat regatta. The event attracts up to 450 yachts and over 4,500 competitors, with thousands of spectators coming along to enjoy the festivities. Held annually over the Australia Day long weekend, this is a 'must do' event.

Stay at:

STAUGHTON B&B, Glen Iris

PRAHRAN VILLAGE GUEST HOUSE, Prahran

TREETOPS B&B, Blackburn

CLERE APARTMENT, St Kilda

*Unwind along the mighty **MURRAY RIVER** which forms the border between New South Wales and Victoria before heading south to the ocean. Unwind and enjoy the region's renowned slow food, wine, golf courses and temperate climate. A heritage town on the Murray River, Echuca-Moama is home to a fleet of paddle steamers, and is a great spot for a water-based holiday. Stay at:*

CHARLOTTE'S COTTAGE, Echuca

AYR HOUSE, Echuca

Stay at an Inn House properties in the [YARRA VALLEY AND DANDENONG RANGES](#) where you can escape for indulgent food and wine and explore the fern glades and forests of the Dandenong ranges:

WIDE HORIZONS, Healesville

Stay at an Inn House properties on the [MORNINGTON PENINSULA](#) where you can combine the best of Europe's coastal living with traditional Aussie charm, just an hour from Melbourne:

THE ORCHARD LUXURY B&B, Red Hill South
ROSEBANK COTTAGE, Red Hill

Stay at an Inn House property in [DAYLESFORD AND THE MACEDON RANGES](#) and visit immaculate gardens dotted around Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges, find lush tranquil forests, rolling farmland, and natural mineral springs. Take the waters in Victoria's spa country of Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges and experience total relaxation and rejuvenation from a mineral bath. And most relaxing of all it's an easy hour from Melbourne Airport.

BALCONIES, Daylesford
TILWINDA WOOLSHED AND BARN, Kyneton

The scenery and sea air around [PHILLIP ISLAND](#) never fail to inspire you to get out and about and cram in as many of the supersized attractions that belie this island's tiny size. Fill your day with leisurely outdoor pursuits that make the most of endless coastlines, taking in some island history, friendly wildlife and local shopping. Work up an appetite for delicious fresh produce served al fresco and visit some of the famous family-friendly attractions. When dusk falls, make your way to the Penguin Parade for the unforgettable sight of little penguins waddling their way over the dunes.

Super Bike World Championship: February 24 – 26 Over the weekend the event program has more than 140 riders representing 27 nations regularly competing in front of a crowd of millions worldwide. Stay at:

THE CASTLE – VILLA BY THE SEA, Cowes
HOLMWOOD GUESTHOUSE, Cowes
GLEN ISLA HOUSE, Cowes
THE WHITEHOUSE, Rhyll
LA MER APARTMENT, Cowes

Vast, tranquil and diverse, [GIPPSLAND](#) is blessed with striking natural beauty. With beautiful national parks, amazing walks and fantastic touring, the region awakens in the magical spring season. Relish in this time when nature is renewed and revitalised – when Gippsland comes alive.

SPRINGBANK, Nilma North
GRACEFIELD COTTAGE, Neerim South
JANALLI, Neerim South

Travel the [GREAT OCEAN ROAD](#) and beyond for one of the world's most scenic coastal drives, and see the 12 Apostles, iconic surf breaks and waterfalls and stay at **ELLIMINOOK HERITAGE B&B, Birregurra**

CLAERWEN RETREAT, Apollo Bay
TIMBOON HOUSE AND STABLES, Camperdown
MERTON MANOR EXCLUSIVE B&B, Warrnambool
ELLIMINOOK SOUTH WING SUITE, Birregurra.

Experience the warmest of welcomes in **HIGH COUNTRY** villages, where the food and wine flow, the scenery is stunning and the opportunities to get active in fresh alpine air are plentiful. Indulge in delectable cool-climate wines and innovative cuisine prepared by passionate local chefs in the gourmet villages of Beechworth and Milawa. Follow the Muscat Trail to Rutherglen's wineries and pedal around smaller Bright and King Valley villages and fill your basket with just-picked local produce. Historic towns and villages such as Yackandandah, Bright and Chiltern and Euroa have come alive once again. Where the cries of miners once filled their streets, today, it is the many visitors to the region who find their own reward in exploring this fascinating region. and stay at:

MAPLE GROVE B&B, Yackandandah

FORLONGE B&B, Euroa

MAPLE GROVE APARTMENT, Yackandandah

When visiting the **GOLDFIELDS** stay at:

BENDIGO COTTAGES, Bendigo

LANGLEY HALL, Bendigo

Kind regards,

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