

Barking up right trees

With all the little luxuries and location a nature lover could require, it's no wonder birds of a feather flock together on this plantation

When deciding where to go for a short break, there are three things people usually consider before making their choice: location, standards and service. And The Plantation at Cooroy ticks all three boxes.

It's on the town's northern outskirts, in a prime spot for heading to Pomona, Gympie and the picturesque Mary Valley. The Great Sandy National Park and Rainbow Beach are an easy drive away. Steer east and you arrive at the dining strip at Noosaville, while the ever-popular Eumundi markets are down the road.

But the luxurious accommodation and facilities at The Plantation might keep you from leaving the resort. Once a family homestead with a few separate B&B rooms, its new owners have converted the large building into two king-sized suites, and three large bedrooms sharing an even larger bathroom with a separate shower and claw-foot bath.

We stayed in one of the suites, where quality cotton bed linen was matched by the fluffy towels and L'Occitane toiletries in the bathroom with its walk-through rainforest shower. Our view through french doors was of a Mediterranean-style courtyard with a fountain (that's turned off at night), a saltwater pool and the summerhouse.

All guests have use of a large and well-equipped kitchen and a living room, where a trio of sofas ensures a big group of people can enjoy a comfy view of the large plasma television. Groups will also no doubt

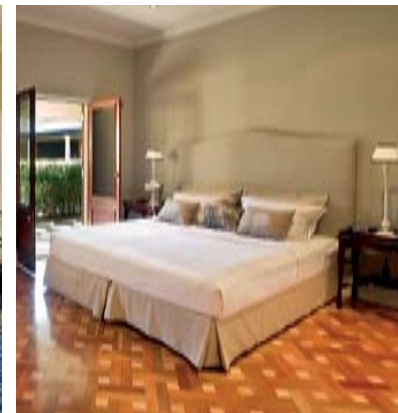
appreciate the huge barbecue and if no one feels like cooking, food and a chef can be seconded from nearby pub The Victory.

An important plus for any holiday establishment is finding good staff and estate host Veronica Ross brings with her many years in five-star hospitality. She made our stay special from the moment she greeted us and no request was a problem.

Part of the 8.5-hectare property's attraction is the number of easily accessible walks – along the creek and through peaceful bush, all to the soundtrack of local birdlife. One of Veronica's goals is to clear introduced plants from the water's edge and replace them with indigenous ones. However, the tall timber of the Paulownia grove will be staying put. These are the trees that give the resort its name. Legend has it that the original owner of the property planted the first tree when his first daughter was born and years later he used the wood to make furniture as her wedding gift.

Whether it's for a couple's downtime or a gathering of the clan, if you demand high standards expect The Plantation to more than match your every requirement.

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