

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

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INTRODUCING
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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS - IT'S MULTI COLOURED AUTUMN !

FARMGATE -

- APPLES, VEGETABLES

Yerrinbool Orchards THE BIG RED apple on the Hume Highway driving south from Sydney,

Dr. John Vella and his family have now bought this property and the Farmgate is open again !! - Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. It's a huge apple Orchard and visitors can buy the latest season's apples – Pink Lady's, Fuji and a variety called Sundowner – sweet and crisp On our visit on Sunday, we bought parsnips, pumpkin, leeks, lettuce, silver beet and picked a Sundowner apple from the tree! Also just planted: ARTICHOKEs – 8 acres of them !!!!! ready about August

- GARDENS OPEN THIS WEEKEND :

'Greenbrier Park on Old South Road, Mittagong is one of the few gardens open at this time of the year. There are 5 acres, a mixture of natives and exotics to wander through

This Garden was the National Champion at the Garden Club Of Australia in 2001.

Their cellar Door is also open, so some wine tasting may be in order !

- Cheeses from Small Cow Farm, Robertson -

The Williams Family, Lesley Mark & Amy are relatively new cheese- makers, but they've done lots of research and now make a fetta, blue, camembert at their 'cheesery?' 'from their own herd of the small Irish Dexter Cow.

And just recently their Fetta won Gold at the Aust. Specialist Cheese Association held in Sydney. : a perfect balance of salt, softness of curd and excellent flavour – the judges said.

They now have a Cheddar maturing which, if it's anything like the blue, will be a world beater !

I'm not sure when it'll be ready for sale, but I told them to speak kindly to it - to hurry it up !

- Cuttaway Creek Raspberry Farm, Mittagong.

This Farm is producing some superb jams, sauces, vinegars from their own raspberries, blueberries, blackberries. And Nicki Penn makes the most delicious raspberry tarts ! Their Farmgate is not open yet – probably late January for raspberry picking time..... but.....

both these products are sold at **Bowral Farmers Market, every 2nd Saturday in the month** - in grounds of Bowral Public School.

NEW WINERY/CELLAR DOOR

Blue Metal Vineyards about 5 kms west of Berrima opened last weekend Six varieties including a 2005 Pinot Gris – this wine is fast becoming a signature variety for the region. Their 2004 Sangiovese Cabernet Sauvignon – a Bronze winner at the 2005 Wine Show can also be tasted.

AND..... FOR ALL VISITORS - A FREE GLASS OF MULLED WINE IN FRONT OF THE FIRE

AND.....

THE BIG WEEKEND COMING UP !!!!!

COOL FLAVOURS OF THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

June long weekend, 10, 11 and 12

Well, Simon, we've called it an "Event of Happenings"
We've coordinated over 30 different activities and produced a brochure listing them all with a location map

Let's look at a few:

- 1 Stockmans Bar & Grill in Moss Vale is holding a "Beer and Sausage' Tasting lunch. Chef Greg Pickup (formerly Bellevue Hotel Paddington) will be featuring local sausages & artisan beers, including beers from new Southern Highland breweries (Pigs Fly Pale Ale and Fish Rock Brewery's Red Emperor Amber Ale and Leather Jacket Lager).
Sunday June 11, bookings essential 4868 3878
And....these beers are available in most hotels and some restaurants in the Highlands.
- 2 'Baklawa and Botrytis' – in front of the fire at Mount Ashby Estate Winery's Cellar Door - locally made baklawa and Chris & Sally Harvey's Gold WINNING D'Or Pinot Gris 'sticky !
Grand Opening all weekend
and then from Thursdays to Sundays
3. And there's even special offers of Camellias and Cyclamen at Bowral's Garden R Us, go and have a chat to Justin, it might just be time to plant some of his daffodils, hyacinths, tulips.

ALL DETAILS !

DOWNLOAD 'COOL FLAVOURS' brochure and an indexed map

www.southernhighlands.net.au

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Or you can pick one up at the SH Visitor Information Centres
At Mittagong, Fitzroy Falls and Berrima.

And all our wineries, food producers are listed on our website
AND.....orders can be requested for wines and foods.