

# Two days in Toogoolawah

It's a story like no other



## DAY 1

### All Roads Lead to Toogoolawah

Toogoolawah awaits just a short 2-hour drive from Brisbane, 1½ hours from Moreton Bay and Toowoomba, and 1 hour from Ipswich. From the North, journey along the D'Aguiar Highway through rolling hills and farmland. From the South, travel across the expansive waters of Lake Wivenhoe and through the beautiful Brisbane Valley.

Welcome to Toogoolawah, a tiny town of timeless tales. Stories of a railway line of yesteryear, memoirs of the old condensed milk factory and legends of the cattle yards, all still echo across the plentiful pastures and rich farmlands surrounding Toogoolawah.

### Toogoolawah's Art and Culture Scene

Your Toogoolawah story starts at The Condensery | Somerset Regional Art Gallery, a state of the art, unique cultural precinct, formerly home to the Nestlé condensed milk factory packing facility. Proudly owned and operated by Somerset Regional Council, The Condensery is a producer and presenter of contemporary visual arts content. The gallery presents an everevolving array of exhibitions, arts education and cultural programs, sure to spark curiosity, creativity and joy.

Step back in time at the Toogoolawah History Museum. Housed in the old Toogoolawah Railway Station building, the museum is a treasure trove of historical artifacts and memorabilia from Toogoolawah and the surrounding rural areas. The museum's local historian even offers a family search service to visitors, so you never know what you might uncover during a visit to the Toogoolawah History Museum!

Stroll through a world of yesteryear as you pass by the historical shopfronts of Cressbrook St and surrounds. With its bright pink and green shopfront, you can't miss Two Galahs Gallery on Fulham St, featuring an array of hand-crafted goods, local art, crafts and artisan wares. Discover heritage listed St Andrew's Church at 2 Mangerton Street. The church was designed by renowned architect, Robin Dods, and built from 1911 to 1912 by local builder Donald Alexander Menzies.

### Lunch

Lunch is calling! Located right along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, the Hav' A' Chat Café offers fantastic views of Australia's longest recreational rail trail. Indulge in fresh house made meals and treats and sip on Somerset's own Somerset Coffee for the perfect midday recharge for your next adventure.





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## DAY 1 continued

### Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Bike Ride

Explore the wonders of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail by bike. Grab your helmets and pump up your tyres, before hitting the trail to head north along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail to the heritage listed Yimbun tunnel. The 22km return journey is suitable for any fitness level and the return trip can easily be completed between two to three hours. Journey beyond the town's boundaries and enjoy a comfortable ride taking in views of plentiful pastures and acres of farmland along the track. Be sure to snap a picture at the historical Yimbun tunnel, that has stood the test of time since its construction in 1909. Retrace your steps back to town for some well-earned rest and relaxation.

### Check in to your accommodation

After a day of adventure, nestle into your home away from home for the night, at Peddlars Rest. Offering a variety of accommodation from cosy, quiet queen rooms to a fully self-contained family suite. With a secure bike storage area, cyclists can have peace of mind and rest easy for the night. As for the rest of the afternoon, have a well-earned rest in your comfortable room or if you've still got energy to burn, head out for an afternoon stroll around town. Before you know it, it's time to freshen up and head out for some good old-fashioned country hospitality at The Exchange Hotel Toogoolawah.

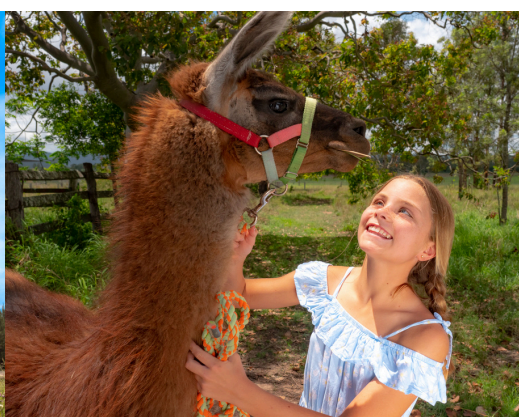
Alternate Accommodation: Toogoolawah Motel

### Dinner and a movie

The Exchange Hotel Toogoolawah has been pouring beers and serving cheers for over a century. Established in 1911, the Exchange has not lost its old-world charm and country hospitality. Serving value for money, hearty meals and drinks seven days a week, it's not surprising that the Exchange Hotel Toogoolawah is a favourite among locals and visitors alike.

It's Saturday night at the movies in Toogoolawah! Head to the Alexandra Hall and watch it come to life with the Toogoolawah Pictures. Grab your tickets at the historical box office and experience a cinema experience of yesteryear. The perfect combination of old meets new, visitors to the Toogoolawah Pictures can relax back into the old canvas chairs and watch the latest block busters on the silver screen.

After a night with the stars at the Toogoolawah Pictures, it's time to see the real stars of Toogoolawah up above. With no city lights to spoil the view, take a star lit stroll back to Peddlars Rest. Look to the skies and let the multitude of shimmering stars add sparkle to the end of your night.





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## DAY 2

### Breakfast

Good morning! Awaken to an early complimentary, continental breakfast at Peddlars Rest or take a stroll down Cressbrook St for a decadent and delicious, hot café breaky. Drop into Picnic Society and feast on farm fresh flavours for breakfast, perfect for fuelling your day ahead of more Toogoolawah adventures.

### Outdoor Adventure in Toogoolawah

Let your sense of adventure guide today's activities.

For those looking for an adrenalin rush, try an adventure from the skies of Somerset with Skydive Ramblers. Queensland's largest and longest established skydiving operation, Skydive Ramblers has been the number one choice for skydiving in Queensland for more than 40 years. Climb the clouds then feel the rush as you soar through the sky and witness the most spectacular Somerset scenery from above. It's one small step out of the plane, but one giant leap of a lifetime!

For something a little lower key, try a trail walk with a twist of llama, meet up with the friendly folk at Ottaba Llamas and add some fun to your next Brisbane Valley Rail Trail journey. Let a llama be your personal tour guide as you discover the natural beauty of a different part of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail. Head south toward Esk and experience beautiful views of the countryside and spectacular Somerset scenery. Alternatively, saddle up with Nash Horse Trekking and explore this beautiful part of the BVRT on horseback.

### Lunch and a sweet treat

Is lunch time calling already? Lucky the Toogoolawah Hotel has your midday munchies covered with daily lunch specials and exceptional counter meals. Experience real true blue, Aussie hospitality at this beautiful century old hotel.

A trip to Toogoolawah wouldn't be complete without satisfying your sweet tooth at Sister Bake Co – The Fudge People. A true blue, family-owned Australian business, Sister Bake Co produces handmade fudge using the finest Southeast Queensland ingredients. Two sisters bake their hearts out, using time honoured fourth generational recipes to create some of the sweetest treats you'll ever eat. Sister Bake and Co is the perfect stop off on your way home, to stock up on sweet treats for the ride and souvenirs to commemorate your stay.

As you glance the last of Toogoolawah in your rear-view mirror, and look back on the chapters of your journey, travel home with huge smiles, happy hearts and a story like no other.

