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For more than 20 years McGrath has created a brand that stands alone in signifying outstanding results through high quality and integrity rich service. We are committed to constantly evolving our marketing approach to ensure your property is held above the rest. Our dedicated, in house team ensures our brand and your property is consistently and strongly represented in every media outlet.

In bringing the McGrath brand to Picton we have been able to promote local homes to the shared McGrath buyer database of almost 300,000 active buyers from across the Eastern Seaboard including the affluent Sydney market.

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Wollondilly is a popular destination for visitors, yet the name is often unfamiliar until memories stir with the mention of more prominent features such as Razorback Range and Burragorang Valley or towns like Picton, Appin and Warragamba.

Wollondilly is surrounded by spectacular, natural beauty and rural pastures. Its 2,560 square kilometres stretch from Yanderra in the south, Appin and Menangle in the east, Warragamba in the north with the Nattai wilderness, Yerranderie and Burragorang Valley to the west.

We know that some of you prefer jumping out of a plane at 10,000 feet rather than kicking back with a good book and a roaring fire. So we’ve done the hard work for you.

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**Sydney**
Take the M5 and follow the signs to Canberra.
Take the Picton Road exit.

**Blue Mountains**
Take the M4 and follow the signs to Penrith. Take the exit to Mulgoa Road and turn right. Follow Mulgoa Road until you approach Silverdale Road.

**Illawarra**
Take the Princes Highway/Mount Ousley Road and follow the signs to Sydney.
Take either the Picton Road or Appin Road exits.

**Train**
Menangle, Douglas Park, Picton, Tahmoor and Bargo Stations are located on the Southern Highlands Line. Check the CityRail website for details.
Heritage is a strong drawcard with visitors beginning their visit to the area at the Old Picton Post Office Visitor Information Centre to collect maps, information and local advice. The town boasts a modern shopping centre and a vibrant collection of main street businesses including a variety of gift shops, cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs. The Picton Walking Tour offers a chance to view a large number of heritage buildings, bridges and tunnels.

Thirlmere is today home to Australia's largest Rail Heritage collection: Trainworks. Thirlmere Lakes National Park is a popular destination for bushwalkers and nature enthusiasts. Lakesland and Mowbray Park boast many stone fruit orchards and vegetable farms and is home to Mowbray Park Farmstay offering horse riding and accommodation on a real working farm.

In Tahmoor, don't miss Mermaid Pools in Bargo Gorge and a convenient one stop shopping centre which offers everything visitors to the area will need.

Bargo is the gateway to both the Nepean and Avon Dams, which offer breathtaking scenery and picnic facilities.

Warragamba is a quiet retreat nestled by the side of Sydney's iconic Warragamba Dam. There is a Visitor Centre, picnic grounds and viewing platforms. The village itself is a fascinating heritage legacy of the grand post-war construction era during which the dam was built. Surrounding areas offer visitors glorious scenic drives in real farmland surrounds with an abundance of deer farms, nurseries, equestrian studs and vegetable growers prospering in this agricultural belt on the outskirts of the city.

The Oaks offers a great cluster of shops and is the perfect place to stretch out amongst the blissful surrounds over a cup of your favourite coffee.

Oakdale is a strong stone fruit growing area and Nattai is the gateway to the Burragorang Valley lookout over the Blue Mountains wilderness.

The Burragorang Valley makes up a large portion of the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park. Access to the valley is restricted due to the provision of water supply for Sydney. Yerranderie is a must see destination for nature lovers and can be accessed by either Wombeyan Caves or Oberon Stock Route Road which is off the Goulburn / Oberon Highway.

The village of Menangle has deep links to the country's agricultural heritage, being the home of the Macarthur Family's 'Camden Park Estate' - a ground breaking Pastoral Company - a first for Australia's agricultural beginnings.

The Menangle village has a 6km radius, with 37 listings on the State Heritage Inventory, along with 10 historic houses – an historical asset that befits the area's humble beginnings when it was known as ‘The Cowpastures', discovered by cows that had escaped confines in Sydney after travelling with the First Fleet in 1788. Menangle is an ideal place to plan an adventure of discovery.

Camden South, Cawdor, Mt Hunter and Glenmore are mainly rural and residential locales, but if you know where to look they too can offer a few unique surprises.

Settled in 1811, Appin was one of the earliest villages in the colony. The rugged beauty of Wollondilly is a feature of the drive between Appin and Douglas Park, through Broughton Pass and crossing the Cataract River at Broughton Pass and the Nepean River at Menangle Weir.

Douglas Park is a true country village boasting St Mary's Towers Monastery, one of the oldest oldest complexes of heritage buildings in the Shire.
For the adventurer Wollondilly is the place to come. We offer thrills for all levels of experience including: sky diving, horse riding, mountain biking, motocross, go-kart racing and more.

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Wollondilly is full of passionate locals, who have all fallen in love with the lifestyle of our region.

We’ve curated some stories that give insight to their lives and their passion.

It was a business assignment in 1986 that brought Blair Briggs to Sydney. In his native New Zealand, Blair designed energy and water efficient irrigation systems for agriculture. Seeing room for improvement in Australian practices, he crossed the Tasman to share his team’s advancements with the world.

A decade later, his roots now firmly planted in Australia, Blair established an organic Nashi orchard in Cowra. While his farming experience had been limited, Blair learned what it really took to design efficient, living systems and to see them thrive.

With his engineering background, he was a thinker and a problem solver. This quest for improvement was not without its hurdles. Since the surge of European farming methods in the 1800s, Australian agricultural practices have expanded and evolved. In earlier times, resources were scarce and unreliable. The scale of farming we see today was unimaginable. Critics say that current models come at the cost of efficiency and sustainability.

But it need not be that way. For Blair, modern agriculture is about connecting with our past and drawing from what we know. The challenge of developing more innovative practices is one he and his team at Mowbray Park are ready to face.

"Farming is part of the solution," says Blair. When he joined Mowbray Park in 2007, he was ready to focus on the opportunities in modern farming. Today, the farm is on the cutting edge of agriculture, with a focus on sustainability. The farm is equipped with the latest in irrigation technology. Aquaponics systems circulate nutrients and fresh water between fish and plants. Strategically designed ‘cluster plantings’ reduce the energy needs of horses during the cold.

Across the globe, people are responding to Mowbray Park’s vision. Blair routinely travels to Asia to inform and educate about his work on the farm. Mowbray Park serves international tourists and regularly hosts student groups and families who want to reconnect with rural Australia. Blair also hopes to teach children where their food comes from, treating visitors to a full paddock to plate experience.

From the sheep shearing sheds to the century old silos, Mowbray Park delivers a complete snapshot of agricultural life.

“Our task is to find the missing links to our agricultural past,” says Blair. To any visitor, Mowbray Park’s mission is clear. Blair and his team have become leaders in their field. They have demonstrated that alternative agricultural options can still be viable.

And while the farm exudes a complex history, the future for Mowbray Park is every bit as exciting.
It’s all about fun at the award winning Mowbray Park Farm. Loads of activities only 9km from Picton which is just 1 hour from Sydney.

Mowbray Park is one of the largest agricultural tourism farms in the Sydney basin, offering everything from day visits to farm stays and even birthday parties. It’s a great day out for the whole family. We’ve all been to zoos and seen the exotic and the unusual but this is what a real farm looks like and we can show you how it all works.

As well as having a great time all visitors to Mowbray Park Farm leave with a greater understanding of modern agriculture.

The team at Mowbray Park place emphasis on sustainable practices and they lead by example, making sure the health and safety of their animals is at the forefront of everyone’s mind. This is demonstrated in Mowbray Park’s Horsemanship Camps which focuses on Natural Horsemanship. This is about the relationship between human and horse.

These camps suit 8 – 16 year olds and they run each school holidays for five days. You can visit Mowbray Park Farm for a day, overnight or a whole weekend.

As well as supervised farm activities, horse and pony rides, you can swim, play tennis, go canoeing, discover the wetlands area, try archery even throw a boomerang.

There is sheep shearing, whip cracking, hayrides, animal feeding, camp fire nights and bush dances. If you’re up for it bring your mountain bike, or your running shoes, our 9km track is just one more thing to do at Mowbray Park Farm.

MOWBRAY PARK FARM HOLIDAYS

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BELGENNY FARM

Belgenny Farm is a National tourist attraction. A 5,000 acre land grant was provided to Elizabeth and John Macarthur in 1805 and became known as Home Farm.

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On many of the walking tracks in Wollondilly Shire no mobile phone coverage is available. We advise that you let someone know that you will be taking one of these walks. The following risks may be encountered when accessing these walking tracks and persons doing so partake at their own risk – uneven ground, slippery surfaces, insects, snakes.

Robert Sloss is more than just an avid bushwalker; he is a generous and go-getting member of the Wollondilly community. Whilst walking along Tahmoor’s Bridging Track with his dog, Rosie, following closely behind, he speaks of the passion he has for bushwalking and his admiration for Wollondilly.

Robert became involved in bushwalking in 1949 at the age of 13. Amongst his portfolio of achievements are mapping and leading a bushwalk from Metagang to the Nattai Valley. He forged over 30 new bushwalks and has published 12 comprehensive bushwalking guide books of Wollondilly and its surrounding areas. Additionally, Robert is a pioneer for the Wollondilly community, voluntarily giving his time to maintain the aesthetics and accessibility of the tracks, so these bushwalks can be enjoyed by Wollondilly’s tourists and locals. He strongly advocates for people to take up bushwalking for a good way to exercise, to meet friends and to try something new.

Fortunately, Wollondilly is gifted with an abundance of tracks suitable for beginners, in areas such as Appin, Bargo, Picton and Thirlmere. These tracks are not only easy for the bushwalking novice, they are also naturally beautiful.

Robert particularly recommends that beginners to bushwalking try Thirlmere Lakes, one of the safe yet beautiful bushwalking tracks that Wollondilly has to offer.

In Robert’s eyes the vast range of bushwalking tracks; the Shire’s natural beauty; and relaxed rural feel are what make Wollondilly special.

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**Robert’s Bushwalking Checklist**

- 1 litre bottle of water
- Lunch
- A good pair of walking shoes
- Pullover
- Raincoat
- First aid kit
- Walking stick for rocky ground
- Robert Sloss’ Bushwalking guide
Robert Sloss Publications have their genesis in the three 1988 Bicentenary 7 day celebration bushwalks, from Katoomba to Mittagong, a distance of 140km. Constant requests for maps and notes for this walk resulted in the publishing of the Ensign Barrallier Guide Book. Having been bitten by the literary bug the Author then set out to record all the known tracks in the bushwalking areas between Blaxland and Nowra. He has discovered near forgotten walks as well as creating over 18 new walks.

ROBERT SLOSS PUBLICATIONS

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Thirlmere Lakes and Nattai National Parks are also unique features of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Nattai National Park is an important part of the Warragamba Dam water supply catchment. Most access points to these national parks have basic facilities for picnics and BBQ’s, and often provide short bushwalks. Overnight hiking opportunities for experienced bushwalkers can also be found in the remoter National Parks within Wollondilly.

WORLD HERITAGE – NATIONAL PARKS

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02 4684 1112
www.wirrimbirra.com.au

WIRRIMBIRRA SANCTUARY

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Begin your “Dilly” day with a good coffee and visit to the Wollondilly Visitor Information Centre in Picton to collect your free map, walking tours and scenic drive information.

Trainworks in Barbour Road, Thirlmere showcases rail exhibits dating back to 1865 with Heritage train rides available most Sundays.

Thirlmere Lakes is only a few minutes away from Trainworks along Barbour Road with five connecting fresh water lakes. Toilets and picnic facilities are available in both picnic areas.

Head south toward Tahmoor or Bargo, to grab a picnic lunch, then follow the signs to either the Nepean or Avon Dams at Bargo. At either one you can take a scenic walk across the dam wall, enjoy the beautiful gardens and picnic facilities available.

Lakesland is the agricultural heart of Wollondilly. Orchards include apples, cherries, peaches and plums plus more.

At Mowbray Park or Fergusson Roads you will find various farmers road side stalls selling fresh produce direct to the public.

Mowbray Park Farmstay offers accommodation or a simple horse ride; bookings are essential at this popular venue on Barker’s Lodge Road.

Head to Nattai which is home to the spectacular Burragorang Lookout. There are amazing views over Lake Burragorang which supplies water to Warragamba Dam – Sydney’s drinking water.

The Oaks Village is home to the Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum located in Edward Street; this is only open on weekends and public holidays.
Wollondilly connects you with the past. You can browse in a museum, wander through a churchyard or stroll down a quaint mainstreet lined with historic buildings. Wollondilly’s heritage is rich in stories of the first Australians; colonisation and land grants; the birth of Australian farming; the golden era of rail expansion; the tough lives of our early miners and the grand vision of our dam builders.
All aboard at Trainworks!

The Trainworks railway museum is a great day out for families and kids of all ages! Embark on a heritage train trip every Sunday or come along any day of the week to explore the huge collection of trains and treasures from the NSW Railways.

10 Barbour Road Thirlmere NSW 2572
02 4683 6800 | www.trainworks.com.au

THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM

Transport heritage comes to life at the annual Thirlmere Festival of Steam, on the first Sunday of every March. There’s steam train & vintage bus rides, a huge array of market stalls, hot rod display, vintage machinery demonstrations, carnival rides, great food, musical entertainment and a grand street parade. A great day out for the whole family!

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Visit Warragamba Dam

Look out at Warragamba Dam and see the past and future of Sydney’s water supply. Marvel at this engineering masterpiece as it nestles in native bushland. Delve into the history of the dam builders who laboured to create one of the world’s largest domestic water supply dams.

Step into the future - Permanent and temporary exhibitions are showcased in the impressive Warragamba Dam Visitor Centre, which perches on a rocky outcrop high above the dam wall. Take a journey through the water cycle in the ‘Water for Life’ exhibition. Be amazed by the unique ‘drops of wisdom’ interactive table. The centre’s Burragorang Room boasts sweeping views of the lake, children’s activities and video presentations. Friendly visitor centre staff are available to answer your questions.

Soak up the views - There are three viewing platforms at the Warragamba Dam Visitor Centre which offer excellent vistas of the upstream dam wall and Lake Burragorang. Head down to the dam wall (weekends and public holidays ONLY) for sweeping views up the lake and a close up view of the downstream spillway. The lake created by the dam stretches back 52 kilometres from the wall.

Step back in time - Take a self-guided walk around the dam grounds and discover the history of this monumental undertaking. Interpretive signs and heritage items along the way reveal the stories behind the dam’s construction.

Relax with a picnic - Relax with family and friends in the landscaped grounds. Throw down a rug and picnic under a shady tree or use one of our tables or shelter sheds. Drinking water and modern toilet facilities are scattered throughout the grounds. Barbeque facilities and a children’s playground are located at the adjacent Warragamba Recreation Reserve managed by Wollondilly Shire Council, and Warragamba township has cafes and shops for hot drinks and meals.

Just a 30 minute drive from Penrith, or one hour from Sydney’s CBD, bring the family and escape the everyday at Warragamba Dam.

Where to find us:
Warragamba Dam
Production Avenue
Warragamba 2752

Dam grounds: 8am to 5pm daily - Entry is free
Extended hours, 8am to 6pm, on weekends and public holidays during daylight saving time
Visitor Centre: 10am to 4pm daily - Entry is free
Phone: 02 4774 4433
Closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday

Sydney’s other dams
Looking for a great day out? Then take a look at the dams of the Upper Nepean.
Cataract, Cordeaux, Avon and Nepean dams are hidden gems only 1hr 20 minutes’ drive from Sydney. Completed between 1907-35, these dams feed water to the 120 year old Upper Canal which carries water by gravity all the way to Prospect Water Filtration Plant in Sydney’s west. The Upper Nepean dams offer the opportunity to walk across the dam walls for impressive views of the lakes upstream and gorges downstream. Each of the dams have beautiful viewing areas, and offer picnic areas with drinking water, barbeques, play equipment and toilets.

Cataract Dam
Is located on the Cataract River, a tributary of the Nepean River, just below the junction with the Loddon River. By June 1903 much of the area to be submerged had already been cleared of timber.

For the first time in Australia, pre-cast moulded concrete blocks were used in construction for the upstream face of the dam. They were hauled to the site from an open factory on the banks of the Loddon River. Cement and other supplies were delivered to the site by steam tractors hauling trailer trains over rough roads from Campbeltown, about 28 kilometres away.

The dam was completed in 1907 and cost about $1.3 million. When Cataract Dam filled to capacity for the first time in January 1911, it soon became clear that the spillway should be widened to prevent any risk of floodwaters overtopping the dam wall. This work was completed in 1915. In 1968 a large flood saw the water level climb 1.5 metres overnight reaching 75 millimetres below the walkways across the wall. About 150 million litres of water was discharged out of the old spillway.

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Cataract Dam

Height 56 metres
Length 247 metres
Total capacity 97,190 mL
Lake 8.5 km²

For more information about visiting Cataract Dam, call 1300 722 468 or go to www.waternsw.com.au

Adam Hollingsworth © WaterNSW

The historian

For more information about visiting Warragamba Dam or the other dams in the area, go to www.waternsw.com.au or call 1300 722 468
The Viaduct

off Menangle Street Picton commenced being built in 1862 and took several years to complete. It has five 12.2 mtr arches, is 84 mtrs long with the highest point being 23.8 mtrs above the creek bed. It is now the oldest existing stone archway over water in NSW which is still in use.

St Matthew’s Anglican Church

The Oaks

Circa 1838 /39: Built by the families of John Wild of “Vanderville” and Major Russell of “Orthez” for their servants and families, it is constructed of local timber. Archival photos show the church to have been originally L shaped but it had to be extensively renovated in 1923 due to damage by white ants. The church was renovated again in 1983 by The Oaks Historical Society volunteers. The cemetery contains some interesting headstones, included that of First Fleeter, Henry Kable, and caskets removed from Burragorang Valley before it was flooded for the Warragamba Dam.

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The air is clean, the water fresh and clear. Yet deep below the city’s premier water reservoir rest the villages that Sydney forgot.

Lost to the modern world were farms, shops, an historic church and homes were abandoned in the 1950s to make way for one of the most ambitious projects in Australian history: Warragamba Dam. Burragorang embodied classic Australiana, unspoiled in its isolation from greater Sydney until it was submerged in 1956.

For tourists, the valley conjures images of tin-roofed farmhouses, stern hills and drovers. The villages had a rustic charm untouched by the city rush.

Legend has it that the church doors heaved inwards as water engulfed the valley. From the Burragorang lookout in Nattai, some claim they’ve seen the church spire peaking through the shallows. But while myth and mystery prevails, where does legend end and real life begin?

Although most structures were destroyed, all was not lost to the deep, explains Trish Hill, President of The Oaks Historical Society. “All evidence suggests that most of the structures, including the church, were dismantled or demolished before the flood.

“All many things were relocated. The old church bell is now at the Wollondilly Heritage Centre and Museum in The Oaks,” says Trish, who volunteers at the museum. The museum is also home to a timber and slab cottage, a replica of a typical home in the valley before the flood. Today, stone remnants from the church are scattered throughout buildings in neighbouring regions. But what has become of the graves?

“A lot of people forget to ask about that!” says Trish. “Many of the graves and headstones were excavated. Some went to St Matthews at The Oaks and some to Camden.”

But while the pioneering spirit of the Warragamba lives on, few pause to remember the great sacrifices of the venture. Steadfast residents did not go down without a fight. The feat that tamed the Australian landscape also stripped countless families of their homes and communities. A Burragorang Valley Defence League was formed to argue the case against damming the valley, but the deal had already been done.

“In the end, property owners received poor compensation. They had little security for the future,” says Trish.

Opposite: Burragorang Valley, prior to flooding.
Left below: Burragorang Valley today.
Right below: Exhibition display at Wollondilly Heritage Museum.

THE VALLEY OF DISPOSSESSION

An exhibition dedicated to the Burragorang Valley is on permanent display at the Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum.
Do you like taking a piece of your adventure home with you?

Within Wollondilly you’ll find passionate makers of all varieties. Pick fruit fresh from the branch or browse the wares of our local artisans.
The Wollondilly Harvest Experience showcases local places of fresh food which will light up your tastebuds. Local food is important, especially produce direct from the farm or from cheese or jam makers. Hawkesbury Harvest supports the Wollondilly Harvest Experience by producing a Farm Gate Trail map and a weekly newsletter telling you what is fresh and in season.

Get the Harvest Trails and Markets App free from the APP Store. It is called The Farm Gate and it is free. Visit the website for more information.

www.harvesttrailsandmarkets.com.au
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WOLLONDILLY HARVEST

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Every 3rd Sunday of the month.

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Wollondilly Harvest Experience showcases local places of fresh food which will light up your tastebuds. Local food is important, especially produce direct from the farm or from cheese or jam makers. Hawkesbury Harvest supports the Wollondilly Harvest Experience by producing a Farm Gate Trail map and a weekly newsletter telling you what is fresh and in season.

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armourcollect@gmail.com

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4/72-80 Argyle Street Picton 2571
02 4677 2905
timelestrareasures@bigpond.com
Facebook: Timeless Treasures Gifts & Decor

PICTON CREATIVE TRADERS MARKETS

Welcome to a classic country styled market! Picton Creative Traders Markets is Wollondilly’s original market showcasing unique, boutique and home-grown goods.

FIRST SUNDAY MONTHLY; every market features over 50 stalls and live musicians, the Universe Gallery pop-up art space and plenty of onsite parking.

Held in and around the grounds of Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton Markets is an ever changing, always amazing meeting place - come on down for a lovely day out!

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0449 851 676
Facebook: PictonMarkets Instagram: itsalovelydayout

THE COLLECTOR
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Enjoy some of Wollondilly’s finest produce, and if you feel like you’ve overindulged, stay the night and do it again tomorrow.
The ‘Thirlmere Rowing Club’ was set up to honour the nearby Thirlmere Lakes and ask the question, “where do the rowers go now?”

With no water to row in or even take a swim, the Thirlmere Rowing Club was established to give everyone somewhere to relax, pay tribute and remember what the Thirlmere Lakes once was.

Take a quiet moment to reflect and raise a glass, here’s cheers to the Thirlmere Rowers.

3 / 135 – 139 Argyle Street Picton 2571
02 4677 3546
A recipe by Ben Richards from Thirlmere Rowing Club

PORK BELLY
Fresh herbs, chilli, peanuts

- Add all ingredients for the pork belly into a large pot and put onto a medium simmer with the lid half on.
- Cook for 2-3 hours until the pork belly falls apart.
- While the pork is cooking, prepare the Asian salad dressing by adding all ingredients in a bowl, then whisk to combine. Reserve for salad.
- Carefully take pork belly out of the liquid and shred using a pair of tongs.
- Reduce some of the masterstock and add back to the pork belly.
- Strain and reserve masterstock for a later use.
- Mix all ingredients for the Asian Salad in a large bowl except for the fried shallots.
- Serve pork in a large bowl with the salad with a generous helping of the fried shallots.

For pork belly
1 side pork belly
4L soy sauce
100g ginger chopped
2 red chillies
50g palm sugar
3 stalk lemon grass crushed
1 bottle shaoxing cooking wine
4L water

For Asian salad
500g bean sprouts (washed)
2 bunch coriander picked
2 bunch purple basil
2 bunch mint
2 fresh red chillies sliced finely
200g roasted peanuts
100g fried shallots

For Asian salad dressing
200ml yuzu juice
(can substitute for fresh lemon juice)
200ml soy sauce
100ml Mirin
100ml rice wine vinegar

best paired with a chilled glass of Pinot Gris
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Tahmoor Bakehouse is located in Tahmoor Shopping Centre and is the proud winner of the Best Bakery Business Award 2014 and finalist in 2015. We offer good products, good prices and provide excellent service. We cater for large and small parties. Open 7 days.

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02 4683 0375

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The Bargo Grill and bistro has modern local and international cuisine styles and open 6 nights and 5 days for lunch with many weekly specials. Just 20 min South of Picton on the Tourist Road or take the Bargo / Avon Dam exit off the Hume. See you at Bargo Sports.

3580 Remembrance Drive, Bargo NSW 2574
02 4684 1222
www.bargosportclub.com.au

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- Development of individual student potential
- Character and leadership development.

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