



# Bush retreat



The historical homestead of Millamolong, which boasts a range of great wines

A group of minerals in the Belubula River, including calcium and magnesium, help the Ashton family of Millamolong produce a range of great wines.

That's even though the literal meaning of the property's name is Sick Man's Creek.

Aboriginal families knew it by that name, however latter-day owners of the property prefer to give it the more acceptable name of Healing Waters.

It may be the case that the majority of Millamolong's guests pay in the Euro currency, yet the historic property, in the central highlands of NSW, has just about everything Australians look for in a holiday destination within their own country.

Riding the ponies along the various trails form part of the overall experience. Touring Millamolong's historic sites is another.

Tasting the property's excellent wines is a popular evening's pursuit.

Accommodation ranges from the fully serviced 1930s homestead which can accommodate up to 18 guests, through the original historic slab farm house - with its 10 rooms, or one of the cottages, namely Primrose or Wattle.

Staying in the grand homestead means a flirtation with days of yore.

One room was used by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the vice regal couple of the '30s.

At the other end of the scale, and so much fun for children, is the 1840s post office. At one time it was the smallest in Australia.

A little further down the track is where bushranger Ben Hall did much of his mischief, robbing coaches.

The 3642ha property is rich in history and its golden days can still be experienced.

Play pretend farmers by day and at night over dinner and a wine or two, become would-be squatters.

Recent rains have been beneficial with farming activities continuing to entertain and educate city slickers, many of whom have never been able to experience life on a farm.

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## IF YOU GO

**Location:** Millamolong is a four-hour drive from Sydney and close to Bathurst, Cowra and Orange.

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