



Mt Barney Lodge

Accommodation



Mount Barney Lodge is a 30-acre property in the Scenic Rim on the edge of the World Heritage-listed Mt Barney National Park, part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia. The lodge is also an outdoor education provider and offers a range of accommodation, including homestead, cabin and camping options, as well as guided adventure activities. Their aim is to provide a country retreat set amongst nature, for people to rest, recreate, and recharge their batteries.

Mt Barney Lodge has been working to conserve the Glossy Black Cockatoo, a threatened native species from the area. The lodge is the only private business partner of the Glossy Black Conservancy, a foundation focused on the Cockatoo's conservation. For over a decade, the property has been augmented to provide better habitat for the bird into the future.

Over 140 seeding trees were planted, providing food sources and numerous nesting trees have been planted, providing nesting locations for the future. Through the conservancy, Mt Barney Lodge is assisting scientific studies on the Cockatoo and is the regional coordinator for annual surveys. Designated wildlife corridors have

been established through the property to the National Park and creek.

Energy efficient appliances and fixtures are used throughout the property to reduce energy consumption. A solar array with battery is in use to reduce day to day reliance on the power grid and reduce carbon use. Mt Barney Lodge sells recovered wood from old infrastructure via a local provider for use in fireplaces and uses gas instant hot water to reduce energy use in water heating. They are also investigating other renewable options for hot water.



Priority areas

- Waste
- Ecosystems
- Energy
- GHG Emissions
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Mt Barney Lodge uses four waste streams, including compost, recycling, containers for change and soft plastics. The commercial composting operation has been significant in reducing the quantity of waste going to landfill and the associated emissions. The hot composting system produces ten cubic metres of compost annually, which is utilised around the property including on the permaculture garden. Composting is a regular topic of education for guests. The lodge has partnered with a local business to integrate containers for change on the site, with over 80,000 containers collected and funds donated to the [Environmental Defenders Office](#). All guests are asked not to bring single use plastics to the site and the lodge participates in [plastic free July](#) each year.

Supporting local business is a key priority for Mt Barney Lodge and it chooses only to sell locally made products to guests. Over its history, the lodge has assisted with more than 400 search and rescue operations in Mt Barney National Park. As a recognition of the great work Mt Barney Lodge is doing, the Bank of Queensland featured the business as a hero business in its latest sustainability report. Mt Barney Lodge is concerned about the impact of accelerating climate change on its business practices and upon the natural environment for which it depends. They have taken on the Australia Conservation Foundations "Climb It for Climate" for the past 2 years founded local community groups Business For Climate Action and Keep The Scenic Rim Scenic 11 years ago which was recently successful in extinguishing all coal seam gas mining licences in the Scenic Rim.

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