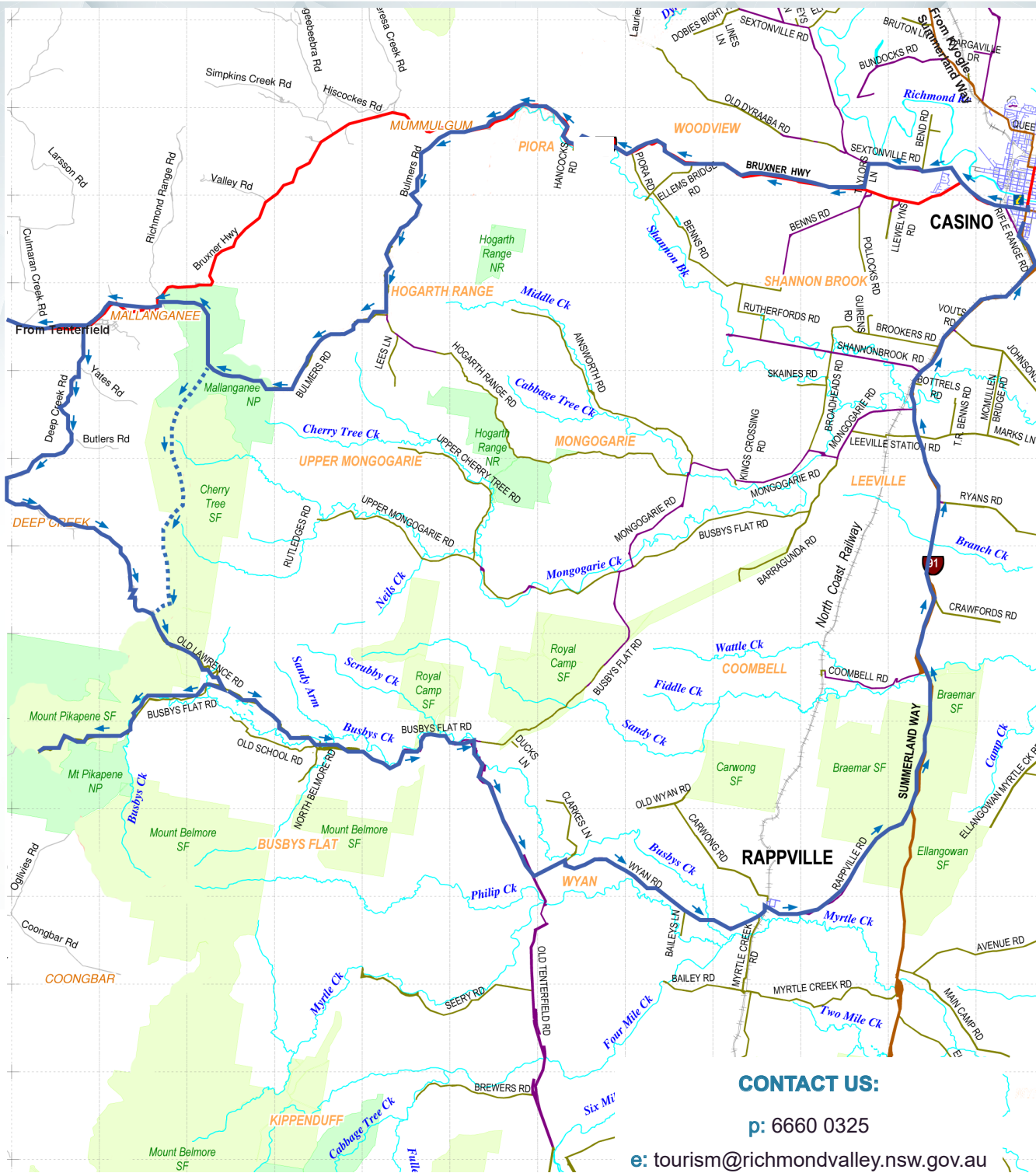


► **HINTERLAND**
FULL DAY
SELF-DRIVE TOUR

Hogarth Range - Mallanganee - Mount
 Pikapene State Forest - Rappville
 130 kilometres - Full Day Tour

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CASINO

Begin your drive at Casino Visitor Information Centre, admire the range of local goodies only available within our region, including gourmet foods and local arts and crafts. This is a great place to purchase uniquely Australian gift items, or a special treat for yourself. Drive to the Hare Street roundabout and turn right onto the Bruxner Highway heading west towards Tenterfield. You will cross the railway line and see Hurford's Sawmill, a family-owned and operated business since the 1930s. Timber plantations and milling have been a source of income in the region since white settlement. Continue along the Bruxner Highway for 2kms and turn right onto Sextonville Road for Windara Nursery, Tea Rooms and Maze. Lose yourself amongst the landscaped gardens and maze before enjoying a refreshment from the tea rooms.

WOOROOWOOLGEN

Continue along Sextonville Road, just before you arrive at the intersection for Taylor's Lane, on the left hand side of the road is a cairn for Wooroowoolgen Station. Wooroowoolgen is an Aboriginal word meaning 'bend in the river' representing the geographical location of this station, which has been operating since the 1860s. At its peak Wooroowoolgen was one of the largest cattle stations on the NSW east coast. The Diamond D symbol you see on the cairn is the hot marking brand, used in the days before microchipping, to identify the owner of the cattle. Turn left onto Taylor's Lane and then right back onto the Bruxner Highway heading west towards Tenterfield. In the summer months a roadside stall sells watermelons and a range of other seasonal fruits, stop here for a refreshing juicy treat.

Continue along the Bruxner Highway heading west for Tenterfield. At the locality of Piora, you can see from the highway the old cuttings of the Bonalbo railway line, a project of the depression years in the 1930s which was never completed.

Nine kilometres from Wooroowoolgen turn left onto Bulmers Road heading for Mallanganee Lookout. This road is unsealed and unsuitable for 2WDs in the wet. For the wet weather alternative continue along the Bruxner Highway until you see the signpost for Mallanganee Lookout.

HOGARTH RANGE

Continue to Mallanganee Lookout through the locality of Hogarth Range. This area is a high plateau of rich volcanic soils, supporting a growing diversity of farming activities. This includes Southview peach and nectarine orchard and McKellar Range Coffee. Admire the views and listen to the sound of the bell birds and whip birds, keeping your eyes peeled for native wildlife as you cruise through the landscape. Labradorite, a semi precious gemstone, can be found on Hogarth Range with permission to enter the private property. At the intersection veer right, continuing on Bulmers Road.

MALLANGANEE

Look for a signpost and take a right hand turn for Mallanganee Lookout. This is an incredibly unique position within the landscape, carved out by volcanic activity and erosion. Situated between the two largest river catchments on the North Coast. In front of you to the east is the Richmond Catchment and behind to the west is the Clarence Catchment. This is a serene place to rest with picnic facilities, amenities and magnificent views that will take your breath away. The elevated lookout offers views over the Richmond Range to the west and the distinctive peak, visible on the horizon in the north east, is Mt Warning. The great height of the volcano caught the coastal winds and triggered rain that created radial streams, which over millions of years have carved out magnificent gorges and valleys. The interpretive signage at the lookout provides further details about this site.

Continue west to the village of Mallanganee. A further 14km, taking a turn onto Clarence Way, will find you at R & R Farmstay where you can enjoy some alpaca and farm animal interactions, bush walking, or even an overnight stay.

Your next leg of the journey to Mt Pikapene provides options for both two and four wheel driving.

2WD Option: Back on the Bruxner Highway, take your first left onto the unsealed Deep Creek Road, turn left onto Old Lawrence Road, turn right onto Busbys Flat Road and continue on to Mt Pikapene State Forest.

4WD Option in dry weather only: From the village of Mallanganee drive back up towards the lookout and continue on Bulmers Road (the road you came on to the lookout) travelling 2kms down past the lookout turn right onto Cherry Tree Road This drive offers the keen 4WD enthusiast 23kms of beaten tracks. Cross a site listed as World Heritage for its biodiversity of flora and fauna with remnants of the rainforest from the Gondwana era. Continue past many water holes, lagoons, rolling hills and soak up the fresh country air.

MT PIKAPENE STATE FOREST

Mt Pikapene State Forest, located in the southern section of the Richmond Range, contains impressive old growth Hoop Pine plantations. The park contains dry rainforest as well as areas of spotted gum, grey gum, brush box and pink bloodwood varieties. The rest area is a tranquil and relaxing spot for a picnic or camping. Toilets and picnic tables are provided. A short walk reveals a great spot for a refreshing swim in the creek. Sighting of Bunyips have been reported in the area.

Continuing to the village of Rappville, pass through the historic areas of Busbys Flat and Wyan. These were once substantial settlements, providing rest areas and supplies for early settlers. At the Busbys Flat intersection travel east for Rappville (take a good look at this signpost and the direction of the arrows for the place names). Turn left onto Wyan Road (this is not signposted). You will pass Tarmac Sawmilling, travel along the Rappville Road and continue on to the village of Rappville.

RAPPVILLE

This village is renowned for its timber and beef cattle industries. Timber getters of the early days used Rappville as a rail head to transport timber to southern destinations. The passenger train used to stop in Rappville and the Commercial Hotel would provide lunch for between 45-50 people everyday. These days, the Commercial Hotel still serves delicious meals and offers great live music and events throughout the year.

Heading east back to the Summerland Way, turn left heading north towards Casino. This will have you back at your starting point in a little over twenty minutes.



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