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### **NEW CHEF FLAVOURS RUFFLES' REPUTATION FOR RELAXED HINTERLAND DINING**

RUFFLES Lodge & Spa's reputation for relaxed hinterland dining has been further flavoured with the appointment of internationally-experienced Steve Houghton to the position of Executive Chef.

Steve brings an outstanding reputation for culinary excellence to his new role at the luxury Gold Coast hinterland retreat having honed his skills at fine dining restaurants in Australia, New Zealand the United Kingdom and Malaysia.

Prior to joining Ruffles, the multi-award winning chef was Executive Head Chef at the 5 Star Laguna Whitsundays International Resort and has also worked as Executive Head Chef at the Clarion Hotel in Mackay and Executive Head Chef of a leading Italian and French restaurant in Kuala Lumpur.

Steve will be aiming to lift the culinary standards even higher at Ruffles Lodge, known for its mouth-watering gourmet menu comprising the finest and freshest produce available reflective of its pristine Mount Tamborine environment.

Handpicking his own ingredients from local suppliers wherever possible, Steve will deliver a modern menu which is creative, unique and allows simple flavours to shine through.

One of his first initiatives will be the introduction of a tantalizing table de hotre menu offering Ruffles diners three choices of entrée, main and dessert each evening.

The food and wine experience is one of the highlights of a Ruffles getaway where guests can enjoy their meal in the dining room, at private tables or dinner party style, with the lights of the famous Gold Coast glitter strip twinkling below.

Alternatively, romantic candlelit dinners by the pool or terrace can be easily arranged.

Set on 50 acres of parkland, Ruffles Lodge offers an indulgent day spa, wet edge pool, putting green, poolside gazebo and lounge area.

The exquisite range of guest accommodation includes Garden Villas with 180 degree views and covered decks; spacious Chums Spa Villas with double spas; Treehouse Pool Suites featuring individual plunge pools and Executive Spa Suites complete with spectacular views and private gardens, simply perfect for that special occasion.

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AAA Tourism 5 Star Rating  
★★★★★



If you can drag yourself away, beaches, themeparks, shopping, arts and craft villages, hinterland bush walking trails, scenic leisure drives and wineries are within easy reach, all less than an hour from the property.

Located high on a ridge at Willow Vale, Ruffles Lodge is about an hour from Brisbane and the Gold Coast Airports.

For bookings or further information call (07) 5546 7411 or visit [www.ruffleslodge.com.au](http://www.ruffleslodge.com.au)

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