



### Live the High Life

Ruffles Lodge is perched high in the Gold Coast hinterland between the coast and the mountains. It is the perfect luxury 5 star retreat for those who have a taste for the finer things in life and also for those guests who are looking to 'treat' themselves or celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary.

Owners John and Jan Nicholls have an extensive and some might say rather enviable background establishing and operating highly successful charter boat services in magical locations such as the Western Pacific Islands (Solomon, PNG, Vanuatu, New Caledonia), Great Barrier Reef and finally Sydney Harbour. John and Jan have liberally applied their experiences to develop Ruffles Lodge as one of the most reputable accommodation providers in south east Queensland.

The stunning retreat has been established on 50 acres, with 3 acres of garden and parklands surrounding the buildings. The natural hinterland forest acts as a further privacy screen from the world and provides many hours of bushwalking trails for the more active guests. Ruffles also has its own chipping green for the golf enthusiast and magnificent wet edge pool for relaxing in the warmer months while overlooking the city beyond.

The architecture of the buildings perfectly compliments the depth of surrounding landscape and the beauty of the panoramic views from the elevated location. The main building is an extension of the Queenslander style of constructions and features a large verandah, stone walls and high ceilings. The everlasting charm of natural timber was capitalised on by using aged timbers that were remilled from 100 year old wharves along the Brisbane River.

The lounge area provides the perfect meeting place for a pre-dinner drink and hors d'oeuvres before a beautiful dinner which can be enjoyed in the dining room (relaxed dinner party style), out on the large covered terrace or in the poolside gazebo. The garden gazebo also provides a magnificent view in all directions and invites total relaxation with a good book and an aromatic coffee.

A brand new Day Spa facility is currently under construction and will also feature the inviting warmth of natural timbers set off by luxurious fittings and furnishings. While the Day Spa is under construction, a range of health and beauty treatments is available in the guests' room. Once operations commence at the Day Spa, an extended range of treatments will be available including use of a steam room and various wet areas.

William and Alison Ewens are the managers of Ruffles Lodge and also have an interesting and varied background which comprises around 10 years of travel and work throughout Europe and New Zealand and a further year of travel around Australia. Alison worked previously for John and Jan Nicholls as a cruise director in Sydney Harbour and William spent 15 years as an actor and became well known on NZ television. They are now both pleased to call Ruffles home, and say,

“The Gold Coast truly is a magnificent place to live and work. The beauty of Ruffles is that most people don't realise the diversity of the region until they arrive. When you're here, you can be looking out over the busy cityscape of Surfers Paradise one minute and in the next moment be enchanted by the geese and swans wandering the gardens or the native birds flitting through the trees. It really does seem as if you're in an entirely different world.”

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William and Alison concentrate on providing an intimate and memorable luxury retreat experience for all guests, a philosophy which is supported by the carefully planned size and design of the property catering to a reasonably small number of guests at any one time. The Ruffles Lodge guest accommodation range includes:-

- Garden Villas (3) - independent of the main Lodge, these villas each have their own covered deck and provide 180° views across the hinterland to the Broadwater and ocean. Villas 1 and 2 are separated by a porch and Villa 3 stands alone. Internal styling features extensive use of natural timber and includes large well appointed bathroom, king size bed and quality linen and toiletries. Facilities are provided for use at the guest's discretion and include high speed internet connections, video, satellite and free-to-air TV and a private phone number.

- Chums Spa Villas (2) - Two separate villas in the only 2 storey accommodation at Ruffles Lodge. The upper villa has a large deck with day bed and provides filtered views. The lower villa has large glass sliding doors and patios on both sides to maximise the forest/garden outlook. Both villas feature a queen bed (upper) / king bed (lower), double divan beds, spacious bathrooms, double spas, log gas fires, plasma TV, quality sound systems and high speed internet connections.

- Executive Lodge Suite (1) - this suite takes full advantage of spectacular coastal views and its own private garden. It is perfect for a honeymoon or executive retreat and can be easily reconfigured to allow for small business meetings. The bedroom has a king size bed, walk-in dressing room, TV, large deck with outdoor furniture and a beautifully appointed bathroom with spa bath. The Executive Lodge Suite also utilises the warmth of natural timbers and luxury furnishings and is complimented by the comfort of air conditioning and a wood fire. Modern conveniences include a plasma TV, DVD, sound system and high speed internet connection. Private dining is also available in this suite.

- Treehouse Pool Suite (3) - these new 'pole house' style villas are situated 200 metres from the main Lodge and provide breathtaking views from the individual plunge pools and decks. Each villas has undercover parking for the golf buggy provided for guest movement between the villa and the lodge. The bedroom and bathroom with freestanding spa bath is situated on the mezzanine level with the living area just 2 steps below. Villas also provide a log fire and air conditioning.

Dining is an integral part of the Ruffles Lodge experience and the managers William and Alison will go to almost any lengths to source the freshest and best quality produce. Breakfast, lunch and dinner services are provided and overseen by the Ruffles culinary chef Nerys Kinnaird. From time to time, Nerys is supported by guest chefs, which simply expands upon the experience guests receive.

Ruffles has an extensive wine selection which was established on advice from renowned Sydney wine expert Peter Bourne, and includes wine from Australia's largest and boutique wineries to suit all palates from the more placid wine styles to the premium aged varieties.

A range of day tours and suggested activities has been put together by Ruffles Lodge to encourage guests to explore the surrounding region. From bushwalks and bird-watching to a leisurely country drive stopping in at art galleries, boutique wineries, art and craft villages, quaint cafes and country pubs to the more well-known Gold Coast tourist attractions, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

All aspects of the Ruffles Lodge retreat are consistent with the owners' and managers' visions of providing a first class facility and unforgettable experience for all guests, whether they are simply seeking a private retreat from the hustle of everyday life or are wanting a warm and inviting place to rest their head at the end of a long day exploring the region's offerings.

**Ruffles Lodge is located at 423 Ruffles Road, Willow Vale, Queensland. For further information on Ruffles Lodge or to book online visit [www.ruffleslodge.com.au](http://www.ruffleslodge.com.au) or contact William and Alison on 07 5546 7411.**