

Consider for a moment your own **'Tree change Lifestyle business'!!** What it would be like to live and work in the tranquillity of your own retreat, yet only 90 minutes drive from Brisbane and Gold Coast. The property has the crystal clear Christmas Creek running along its rear boundary and bitumen road frontage. Christmas Creek Cafe` & Cabins is located in the district of Lamington, and Christmas Creek valley of the McPherson Range that borders Queensland and New South Wales.

The present owners have rebuilt this small family business to its stage today, previously referred to as Christmas Creek Recreation Centre, Christmas Creek National Fitness Camp or The Fitness camp and camp Lamington. The property offers 2 incomes now, 'Cafe` and Accommodation'. With an outdoor recreational facility in the picturesque foothills of the Lamington National Park and is right next door to Stinson Park Camp ground, it is 42km south west of Beaudesert in the Scenic Rim Region.

#### PROFITABLE FAMILY-OWNED UNIQUE BUSINESS OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME / CAFE` / FAMILY & DORMITORY STYLE ACCOMMODATION

- First Time Offered
- Fully equipped, walk in and start trading
- **11,633m<sup>2</sup>** Site Fronting Christmas Creek

Christmas Creek Cafe` & Cabins are pleased to present the Freehold, located at 2745 Christmas Creek Road, Lamington. Qld. 4285, for sale via **Expression of Interest**.

The asset features:

- Fully equipped Cafe` with undercover deck, commercial kitchen, with wheelchair access facilities, alfresco outdoor area.
- Function Area / Dining Room with fireplace, table tennis, foosball table
- Office
- 3 Family Cabins (1 queen bed + bunks)
- 6 Bunk Cabins (bunk cabins only) (1 owner occupied)
- 1 bedroom self-contained cottage (owners occupied)
- Camp Kitchen & BBQ area, 4 kitchenettes, Pavilion with large screen TV
- Amenities Block with laundry (separate female & male)
- Full size flood-lit Tennis & Basketball courts
- Sheds, Carports & Equipment (mowers)

Relax and enjoy the natural beauty of Christmas Creek with its spectacular mountains views, natural rock pools and abundant native wildlife. Christmas Creek Cafe` & Cabins' is much more than a just a business with unrivalled views, it is a change of lifestyle and a way of living. Connect back with nature, go swimming in the crystal-clear creek in the summer months, enjoy watching a full moon around a campfire toasting marshmallows with family and friends as the sun sets over the mountains.

The opportunities are endless here! Grasp the opportunity to own your own peace of paradise and live amongst the pristine countryside! This property is a once in a lifetime opportunity!

For further information regarding Christmas Creek Cafe` & Cabins,  
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## History of camp....

The history of the Christmas Creek Recreation Camp can be traced as far back to the late 30s when Australia was developing a National Fitness campaign. Beaudesert was one of 18 country centres chosen to participate in the national fitness committees. It was in 1943 that George Mavor, a high school teacher from Beaudesert State Rural School became involved in the program. George was the perfect candidate to organise activities at the school to increase physical education. He applied his bushcraft, camping and physical education skills to the program. You also have to remember, Beaudesert in those early days did not have church youth groups, football teams, Girl Guides or Scouts – in fact very few after school activities to involve young people.

It was during the Easter school holidays in 1944 that with George's encouragement a school camp on the south bank of Lamington (*George Scheils property, near Benyon Corner..... these days you can relate it to the last corner on the left about 1km back from the present day camp grounds*) was held with eight young men. The activities included hiking to Mt Buchanan, to Wallaby Rocks near Neglected Mountain and to Westrays Grave in the foothills of Lamington Plateau with campfire sing-alongs and stories at night. So popular became the camp that it was held annually in August in the following years.

The establishment of a permanent site on 3 acres at Lamington was offered by the Lands Department at Christmas Creek opposite the camping and water reserve in 1946.

Since the arrival of army huts in 1946, Camp Lamington as it was then known has seen many changes, however the main focus of connecting with the environment has remained strong and constant since its inception.

The cabin names of Westray, Proud, Binstead, O'Reilly and Buchanan, were chosen to honour the survivors and rescuers of The Stinson air-crash so closely embraced with the district's history. The huts Burgess and Arthy were selected to reflect the pioneering spirit of the district's forefathers. In recognition of the camps founder George Mavor the office has been named Mavor Office.

## Wilderness Walks in the valley

### TO WESTRAY'S GRAVE:

The walk to Westray's Grave retraces the steps of one of the most dramatic rescue stories in Queensland's aviation history – the stuff of myths and legends.

How could a large Stinson aeroplane simply vanish en-route to Sydney in 1937 and how did the survivors last 10 days in some of the toughest terrain in the country? The master bushman Bernard O'Reilly of (O'Reilly's Retreat) eventually solved the mystery – he believed the plane had crashed on Lamington Plateau, so with dogged determination, a bag of onions and a loaf of bread, he set off to find the wreck. His hunch paid off and after two days of trekking he discovered the crash site and initiated the rescue of two survivors.

Your journey will begin next door to the Christmas Creek Cafe` 7 Cabins from where the dramatic rescue effort was co-ordinated. The first 8kms is an easy walk (or drive) along the dirt road to the current entrance of Lamington National Park. From there, you cross the creek and spend the next three hours retracing O'Reilly's steps up to the spot where he came upon the body of the third survivor, James Westray, who had perished as he attempted to seek help. It's here at the grave site where you could enjoy a picnic lunch and re-tell the legend of the Stinson, the huge rescue operation which followed and the local bush characters involved. Take a moment to consider the unique rainforest ecology which surrounds us. This activity encourages an environment of respect, acceptance and understanding.

Visiting the actual crash site of the Stinson involves a more rugged walk. This can be arranged, using a professional guide.

**LOCATION: 1. Start at the front of the centre. 2. Start at the end of the road at National Park.**

**DURATION: 5 – 6 hours. 3 – 4 hours. WALKING TRACK GRADE: 1.5-2**