

# 6 things to do these summer school holidays in Outback Queensland



## 1. Ride 'em, cowboy

Don your favorite cowboy hat and grab your comfiest swag, it's time for the Mt Isa New Year's Eve Rodeo Party. Watch brave (crazy) people hop on (and fall off) angry bulls and broncos, camp for free and tuck into a bush BBQ that makes this event more Aussie than Paul Hogan.

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## 3. Desert oasis

Camp and canoe at Boodjamulla National Park where the water is full of birds and turtles and the trails are full of prehistoric creatures. Well, fossils but that's still pretty cool. This oasis in the desert is like a museum and campsite all in one.

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## 5. Alright stop, lava time

Go with the flow (the lava flow) and visit one of the oldest and best preserved lava tubes on the planet. The Undara Experience in Mount Surprise (best mountain name ever) offers a spotlighting tour that lets you witness thousands of micro-bats emerge from the caves. Mount Surprise, indeed.

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## 2. Rev 'n' ride

Fill summer with the tranquil sounds of an off-road motorcycle race. The Bedourie Bikekhana race is going to shoot sand and dirt all over this quiet town. Start your engines then swing by the Outback Golf Course for a sand trap or two.

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## 4. Bonus farm stay

Pack up the wagon and head out west for a farm stay with your soon-to-be extended family. Lyle and Madonna Connolly have created a true outback experience at Bonus Downs where you can learn the daily workings of the farm. This place is the epitome of "no worries".

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## 6. Take to the skies

Amplify your kids' excitement after they finish watching *Planes* (for the 567th time!) by taking them to Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach. They have enough aircraft and knowledge that you will never have to answer a question about airplanes again.

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