



DAIRY FLAT BY LAKE HOUSE

Greener Pastures



36 YEARS AFTER LAKE HOUSE DAYLESFORD opened its doors, the award-winning hotel has welcomed a sibling, and she's an 'Earth Child' if ever we've seen one. Set on a 15-hectare regenerative farm surrounded by rolling hills, seven kilometres from Daylesford, Dairy Flat by Lake House offers the kind of idyllic country life many of us dream about – especially when we're stuck in traffic on the morning commute. The European-style lodge offers just six luxurious suites but all the charm of its sister property, plus an extensive and productive kitchen garden, a vineyard, its own bakehouse, an

established olive grove and an orchard of 350 heritage fruit trees. Like Lake House, Dairy Flat Lodge champions sustainable and local produce, with the farm meaning the vast majority of food served at both Lake House properties now comes entirely from the local area. Inside, it's a country estate of utmost elegance, with custom-made furniture, cabinetry and upholstery, original artworks by Allan Wolf-Tasker, botanical paintings by Alesandro Ljubicic, sculpture by bronze-worker Anthony Vanderzweep and woodwork from craftsman Greg Stirling.

Lodge guests can roam the pastures on a farm tour or book into scheduled workshops on gardening, baking and beekeeping, or immerse themselves in the day-to-day activities of the farm – in the vegetable garden, orchard, vineyard, olive grove, ornamental gardens and bee hives. It's 'mi casa es su casa' at Dairy Flat Farm, with that fresh country air and expansive green space all ripe for exploration and immersion. You might not be able to escape the rat race just yet, but in the meantime there's always weekends at Dairy Flat by Lake House. dairyflatfarmdaylesford.com.au