

# OUR REGION. YOUR BUSINESS. GROWING TOGETHER.

## Promoting Greater Geelong and The Bellarine as a destination of choice is what we do best.

Our rich heritage, natural landscapes, and vibrant city lends itself to brilliant stories – but we need you to help us tell them.

Within the pages of this guide, you'll find exclusive opportunities to participate in highly strategic marketing activities. From itinerary inclusions in printed guides through to sponsored content, display ads to networking events, this comprehensive deck provides ample opportunities for you to get your business in front of the right people.

Available to our Financial Members, participation in any of the listed opportunities is additional to the cost of your membership fees, but your investment goes a long way.

Involvement will expose your business to a broader audience, enhance your own marketing efforts, and increase your brand awareness. It's a win for your business and a win for the region!

Our vision is to strengthen people's connection to the region, encourage return visitors, and make an impression on all those who set foot in Geelong and The Bellarine. Together, we can achieve this.



# WE'RE ALWAYS TELLING PEOPLE WHERE TO GO!

We understand that the right piece of content seen by the right person at the right time makes a measurable difference to your business, so we make it our priority to keep strategy at the core of all we do. Inspirational and compelling, our digital platforms invite the audience to linger longer on our content and plan their next trip.

Online is supported by print material and collaborations with organisations like Visit Victoria and independent publishers. Speaking of publishing, our PR strategy engages storytellers with compelling angles and newsworthy experiences to highlight the destination through organic media coverage.

Niche campaigns are effective, particularly with the Geelong population growing. Visiting Friends and Relatives present huge opportunities to get creative, leveraging local people as tourism ambassadors.



# TRAVEL PLANNER

# FOR DIRECT TOURISM MEMBERS, INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION

The travel planner will cover all corners of Geelong and The Bellarine, with distribution largely outside the region.

It will be displayed at Visitor Centres around Victoria, shared at strategic events and delivered to targeted Melbourne audiences. The content will speak to potential visitors broadly about the whole region while they are still considering a visit or are likely to be planning a return trip, as an inspirational guide.

**SIZE:** A5 full colour magazine style on high-quality uncoated stock

**BOOKINGS OPEN:** July 2023 **PRODUCTION:** September 2023

FINAL CALL: August 2023 RELEASE DATE: October 2023

#### **PRINT RUN:**

60.000

#### **PARTICIPATION COST**

AD SIZE	COST (INC. GST)	
1/4 page	\$795	
1/2 page	\$1,590	
Full page	\$3,115	
Inside Front Cover	\$3,920	
Back Cover	\$4,320	







# OFFICIAL TOURING MAP

# FOR DIRECT TOURISM MEMBERS, DISTRIBUTED IN AND OUT OF REGION

The rise of sat-nav and Google maps has not dampened enthusiasm for a good, old fashioned printed map.

We were still handing out 100,000 of these annually in 2019, as visitors still love a get-your-bearings and draw-on-with-a-pen map. This will show all parts of Geelong and The Bellarine with a combination of scales to showcase central Geelong, our most commonly visited towns, and the broader region.

**SIZE:** Folded to DL on uncoated stock

**BOOKINGS OPEN:** July 2023 **PRODUCTION:** September 2023

FINAL CALL: August 2023 RELEASE DATE: October 2023

# **PRINT RUN:**

80,000

## **PARTICIPATION COST**

AD SIZE	COST (INC. GST)
1/4 page	\$795
1/2 page	\$1,590
Full page	\$3,115
Back Cover	\$4,320





# **DESTINATION GUIDES**

FOR DIRECT TOURISM MEMBERS
WITH EXPERIENCE BUSINESSES,
(ACCOMMODATION - ADVERTISMENT ONLY)

Destination Guides were created for visitors who are in-region, with a great level of localised detail that will support them to really explore and make the most of their stay.

That's why accommodation isn't featured in editorial - the guests are already here!

Full of practical information and local insights, they highlight activities, events and hospitality venues in an attractive and engaging way.

# NOTICE SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

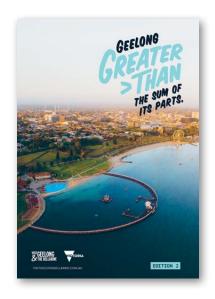
With costs increasing all round we've had to make a few changes - including merging a few guides and a slight increase on buy-in opportunities. Though there'll still be the same good content on the inside!



# **DESTINATION GUIDES**

**SIZE:** A5 full colour magazine style on high-quality uncoated stock

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# **GEELONG**

# **PRINT RUN:**

60,000 copies

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1/4 page	\$795
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# THE BELLARINE

## **PRINT RUN:**

60,000 copies

## **PARTICIPATION COST**

AD SIZE	COST (INC. GST)
1/4 page	\$795
1/2 page	\$1,590
Full page	\$3,115
Inside Front Cover	\$3,920
Back Cover	\$4,320



# MOORABOOL VALLEY AND YOU YANGS

# **PRINT RUN:**

10,000 copies

## **PARTICIPATION COST**

AD SIZE	COST (INC. GST)
1/4 page	\$595
1/2 page	\$1,190
Full page	\$2,380
Inside Front Cover	\$3,000
Back Cover	\$3,600

# BELLARINE TASTE TRAIL

# Our reputation as a place where good food and drink is made, grown and eaten is flourishing.

Hero venues are headline news in foodie mags. Our hills, valleys and seas are yielding delicious produce and the harvest is being put to good use in loads of local restaurants and cafés.

To capitalise on this growing strength and help build this gourmet advantage into an even greater driver of visitation, we've developed the Taste Trail. It brings together delicious ingredients from passionate makers and growers and promotes them as coordinated food, wine and flavour experiences.

# **TASTE TRAIL MARKETING INCLUDES:**

- A dedicated touring map featuring venues and businesses, distributed at Visitor Information Centres, member businesses, accommodation venues and relevant events
- A digital presence highlighting the trail, the experiences and the various businesses within it.
- · Public relations activity to encourage TV, radio, print and online features.

#### SIZE:

A3 full colour on recycled stock

#### **PRINT RUN:**

50,000

#### **RELEASE DATE:**

November 2023

Not sure if this is for your business? Only makers and growers on The Bellarine and supporting businesses need apply! You will be contacted directly if it's a good fit for what you do.



# **DRIVE VICTORIA**

#### FOR DIRECT TOURISM MEMBERS

#### Connect > Convince > Convert

Victorians love a road trip. Our state is compact and diverse, with loads of options for local short break travel. In fact, last year Victorians spent 48 million nights and \$12 billion travelling around the state.

We're working with our neighbouring regions to deliver a marketing program to encourage intrastate travel to our destinations. The Drive Victoria campaign will highlight experiences, touring options, itineraries and deals across the Great Ocean Road, Geelong & The Bellarine, Mornington Peninsula and Phillip Island, taking potential visitors on a journey from looking to booking.

## **DRIVE VICTORIA MARKETING**

Participating businesses will have access to the Drive Victoria portal, allowing them to generate their own campaign material and artwork. Buying in also means opportunity for inclusion in campaign content like articles and itineraries.

Drive Victoria will have a digital home featuring thematic, cross-regional storytelling and will connect with existing destination websites. Dedicated Drive Victoria social platforms will draw content from all regions and the participating businesses.

# **CAMPAIGN COMMENCEMENT:**

Late 2023

## **BOOKINGS OPEN:**

**July 2023** 

#### **PARTICIPATION COST**

COST (INC. GST)

\$250\*

\*12 months of activity



# IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHANGES TO YOUR DIGITAL BUSINESS LISTING

ONLINE PROFILES WITH THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISM DATA WAREHOUSE (ATDW) WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED AS PART OF TGGB'S BASE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS.

The changes follow Visit Victoria's decision to reinstate the \$295 annual fee to list online business profiles on the ATDW, with the price to remain locked in for the next two years.

The platform is undergoing significant upgrades and with new features for both visitors and businesses coming during 2023/24, it still represents significant value for tourism operators promoting to broad visitor markets.

ATDW profiles are an important part of the digital promotion mix for tourism businesses, particularly as they're the key connection from the industry to Visit Victoria and Tourism Australia, as well as the ideal way to be featured on our website:

## visitgeelongbellarine.com.au

We have adjusted our membership structure to reflect the changed costs, while still providing flexibility for tourism businesses to choose the option that suits them best.

# Members currently at the Base level have three options:

- Upgrade membership to a Premium Level for an extra \$350 per annum. This will include an ATDW profile, invitation to Biannual Round Table Sector Catch ups and Feature in a Visit Geelong Bellarine digital content piece. This can continue to be paid in quarterly installments via direct debit
- 2. Remain a Base member and pay for ATDW at \$295 per annum direct to Visit Victoria.
- 3. Remain a Base member and allow your ATDW profile to lapse. It will be replaced by a line listing with business name, phone number and clickable URL on visitgeelongbellarine.com.au but will not connect to visitvictoria.com or australia.com

Existing Premium members will continue to have their ATDW profile renewed via their Tourism Greater Geelong and The Bellarine membership.

If you would like to confirm your membership tier, hear more about ATDW profiles or discuss these options, contact our friendly team at: membership@tourismgeelongbellarine.com.au



# INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

# PUTTING US ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

International Travel Marketing is a complex and long-term investment, often taking several years to see results, which is why we have created this exciting program to position the entire region internationally.

Through co-operative marketing opportunities with touring routes, industry development and marketing activities, year one of this three year program includes all you need to set yourself up to promote to the international travel trade. For those that already play in this space we have packaged up a program to make it easier for you to navigate the international stage.

# **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

#### **SALES AND MARKETING**

Through various sales and marketing activities your business will be promoted directly to travel trade decision makers. From representation at trade events to inclusion in sales presentations, your business will be showcased in key markets across the globe.

#### **TOURING ROUTES**

Promoting the best of Victoria's regions and participating tourism products to the inbound travel trade, your product will be included in both the **Great Southern Touring Route** and **Go Beyond Melbourne** cooperative marketing programs.

The **Great Southern Touring Route (GSTR)** is renowned as one of Australia's best road trips. Participation in this program will see your product promoted as part of this touring route to over 1,500 primary providers of high yield international bookings to Victoria from The Americas, Greater China, UK/Europe, South East Asia, Japan and Korea.

**Go Beyond Melbourne** is a self-drive touring route that showcases accommodation, activities, tours and nature experiences to encourage the dispersal of visitors into the following regions: Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges, Mornington Peninsula, Phillip Island, Geelong and The Bellarine.

#### **INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS**

Have access to all the resources you need to build your business to full international capability with a provisional membership\* to the **Australian Tourism Export Council (ATEC)**, the peak industry association for the Australian inbound tourism industry sector.

\*For Year one participants only, year 2 participants receive a \$500 credit towards their full ATEC membership.

#### **INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING**

Receive all the necessary tools and resources required to succeed in the international market. For those entering year two of the program, you will have access to market specific training to help you understand how you can best attract, serve and sustain visitors from **India. China** and **Indonesia**.

#### **MENTORING**

A one-on-one online mentoring session will provide you with the support you need to promote and sell your product to the international travel trade.

WE LOVE THE REGION JUST AS MUCH AS YOU WHICH IS WHY WE WANT TELL THE WORLD ABOUT IT

# **INTERNATIONAL MARKETING BENEFITS & COSTS**

BENEFIT	YEAR 1 PARTICIPANT	YEAR 2 PARTICIPANT
SALES AND MARKETING:		
Inclusion in Trade Sales Presentation used by Geelong and The Bellarine	V	<b>✓</b>
Representation at various tradeshows	V	<b>✓</b>
Inclusion in Destination Geelong and The Bellarine itineraries	~	<b>✓</b>
Promotion on the China hosted Geelong Bellarine website and WeChat account	~	<b>✓</b>
Inclusion in request for proposals sought by ITO's where suitable	~	<b>✓</b>
Inclusion in Travel Trade Guide	V	<b>✓</b>
TOURING ROUTES:		
Access to participate in the Great Southern Touring Route (optional add on, extra cost applies)	<b>✓</b>	•
Go Beyond Melbourne participation		
Representation at selected major trade events and trade missions in high-yield international markets	~	•
Representation and development of partnerships with Inbound Tour Operators (ITO's)	~	<b>v</b>
Training and product updates with Aussie Specialist Retail Agents	~	<b>✓</b>
Industry updates, market intelligence and research findings via member e-newsletters and reports	~	•
Access to global marketing networks and expert advise	~	<b>✓</b>
Opportunities to participate in cooperative international marketing campaigns (both online and traditional)	V	~
Exposure in major public relations and consumer campaigns	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>
Priority invitations to host trade and media familiarisations	<b>✓</b>	~

BENEFIT	YEAR 1 PARTICIPANT	YEAR 2 PARTICIPANT
INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS:		
ATEC Provisional Membership	V	
\$500 credit towards ATEC membership		<b>V</b>
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING:		
Tourism Trade Ready training program	<b>✓</b>	
Market Specific Training programs		<b>V</b>
One-on-one mentoring session	<b>v</b>	<b>V</b>
COST	\$1,700	\$1,500

# **OPTIONAL ADD ON - GSTR PARTICIPATION**

BENEFIT	NON-COMMISSIONABLE PRODUCT e.g. Restaurants, Cafés and Wineries	SMALL ACCOMMODATION, ATTRACTIONS AND TOUR OPERATORS e.g. Under 10 rooms or group capacity less than 20	LARGE ACCOMMODATION, ATTRACTIONS AND TOUR OPERATORS e.g. Over 10 rooms or group capacity greater than 20
WebListing	•	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Itinerary Inclusion	~	~	<b>✓</b>
Promoted in key international markets	~	~	<b>✓</b>
Showcased at ATE		V	<b>✓</b>
Opportunity for media/trade famils		V	V
Media Kit Inclusion		V	V
Opportunity for a Virtual Training session with GM and GSTR in-market reps and 1 Visit Vic Rep		<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>
COST	\$500	\$900	\$1,800



# CONNECT WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE

As the official convention bureau for the region, Business Events Geelong exists to undertake highly targeted marketing initiatives to increase domestic and international visitation into the region from the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) market.

Our strategic buy-in marketing opportunities are designed specifically to connect Business Events Geelong member businesses with conference and meeting planners from across the MICE market. Participation costs in these highly strategic marketing activities are additional to membership fees and only offered to Business Event Geelong members.

# NETWORKING EVENTS

These strategic networking events provide an opportunity to connect with key decision makers within the MICE market (for Business Events support and direct members).

### IN REGION EXCLUSIVE BUYER LUNCH

A new addition to our marketing program, BEGeelong will bring a minimum of 10 qualified conference and meeting planners to your property for an exclusive hosted lunch. Hosted by you this exclusive lunch will give you the opportunity to wine and dine a highly targeted group of conference and meeting planners, giving you the chance to showcase the very best of your product.

#### **LOCATION:**

In region at your venue

**DATES:** 

September 2023 & April 2024

#### **PARTICIPATION COST:**

Fully sponsored lunch by the host, we will bring the conference and meeting planners to you\*.

\*Limited to two businesses

# **MYSTERY DINNER**

This not to be missed biennial buyer networking dinner is designed to show buyers just how close Melbourne is to our region. Held over 5 hours BEGeelong and participating members will host more than 50 key decision makers from across the MICE markets on a mystery dinner in the region.

**LOCATION:** 

Geelong

DATE:

March 2024

**PARTICIPATION COST:** 

\$495 (inc GST)\*

\*One person per business





BUSINESS EVENTS MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES

# TRADE EVENTS

Co-exhibit alongside Business Events Geelong as we take a collaborative approach in promoting the destination to key decision makers within the MICE market. (for Business Events direct members).



The Asia Pacific Incentives and Meetings Event (AIME) is the leading trade event for the meetings and event industry in the Asia Pacific region. Connect with International and local event planners on the premium 'Team Victoria' stand.

# **LOCATION:**

Melbourne

#### DATE:

February 2024

#### **PARTICIPATION COST:**

An individual prospectus for this trade event will be sent out directly to BE members.



# ASSOCIATIONS FORUM NATIONAL CONFERENCE

With a membership base of more than 600 including professional associations, industry bodies, special cause groups and charities this two-day trade show offers great opportunities for forging new relationships within this sector.

**LOCATION:**Gold Coast

**PARTICIPATION:** \$3,000 (inc GST)\*

DATE:

**April 2024** 

\*Investment includes two days exhibiting on an exhibition stand and access to the database of contacts captured during the show. Participation is limited to five members.

# **DIGITAL MARKETING**

Through our digital platforms we provide inspiration to event organisers while making it as easy as possible for them to discover, connect and plan a business event in our region (for Business Events support and direct members).

# MEET GEELONG MARKETING PACKAGE

Take advantage of our packaged marketing opportunities for 2023-24 and stretch your brand awareness even further. The new Marketing Packages include the following.

- An advertisement in the Business Events Geelong Digital Regional Planner's Guide
- A sponsored Linkedin social media post directly targeting EA's and Event Planners
- Inclusion in a 'Deal Based' eDM directly sent to our database of more 4,000 conference and meeting planners
- 1 Dedicated blog to be shared across our digital platforms and industry partners
- Inclusion in a dedicated eDM with one of our industry publication partners, such as Micenet, SPICE News or Associations Forum.
- Meet Geelong Banner ad on our website for a 3 month period.

#### **PARTICIPATION COST**

COST (INC. GST)

\$1,750\*





# DIGITAL REGIONAL PLANNER'S GUIDE

This practical guide is the 'go-to' resource to assist meeting and event planners in sourcing the most suitable conference venues, accommodation, experiences, and services on offer in the region\*.

\*Offer open to new and current advertisement renewal.

# PARTICIPATION COST

COST (INC. GST)		
Service and experience	\$350 per year	
Venues and accommodation	\$550 per year	



# WHAT'S HOT FEATURE

The 'WHAT'S HOT FEATURE' allows you to stand out from the crowd and exclusively feature your venue, experience or service in our quarterly BE-Newsletter shared with over 4,000 conference and meeting planners.

#### **PARTICIPATION COST**

PARTIOIPATION COST
COST (INC. GST)
\$165 per edition*
* Limited to one business per neweletter

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# SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES.



# **LEISURE MARKETING**

**TRAVEL PLANNER** 

DRIVE VICTORIA  12 months buy in	\$250			
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	1/2 Page \$1,590	Full Page \$3,115	O Inside Front Cover \$3,920	Back Cover \$4,320
GEELONG DESTINATION 1/4 Page \$795		Full Page \$3,115	Inside Front Cover \$3,920	Back Cover \$4,320
TOURING MAP  1/4 Page \$795	1/2 Page <b>\$1,590</b>	Full Page \$3,115	Back Cover \$4,320	
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# **INTERNATIONAL MARKETING**

\$1,700

**INTERNATIONAL PACKAGES** 

Year 1 Package

GREAT SOUTHERN TOURING ROUTE (GSTR)  Non-commissionable \$500 Small Accommodation, Attractions & Tours \$900
C Large Accommodation, Attractions & Tours \$1,800
BUSINESS EVENTS
NETWORKING EVENTS
In Region exclusive Buyer Lunch - <b>Sponsored by host</b> Mystery Dinner \$495
TRADE EVENTS
Asia-Pacific Incentives and Meetings Event (AIME) - <b>Prospectus to be sent</b>
Associations Forum National Conference \$3,000
DIGITAL MARKETING
Meet Geelong Marketing Package \$1,750 What's Hot Feature \$165 (per edition
DIGITAL REGIONAL PLANNER'S GUIDE
Service & Experience \$350 Venues & Accommodation \$550

Year 2 Package

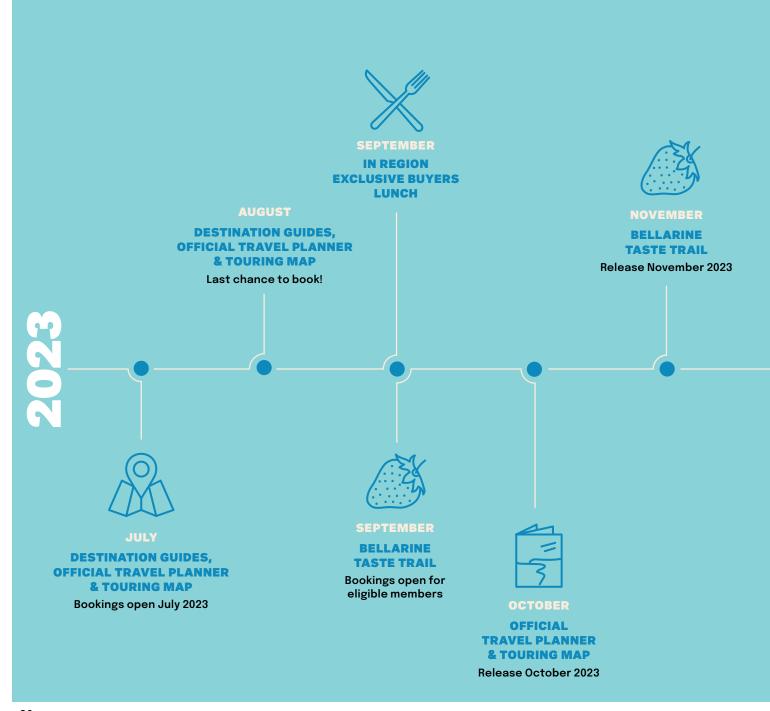
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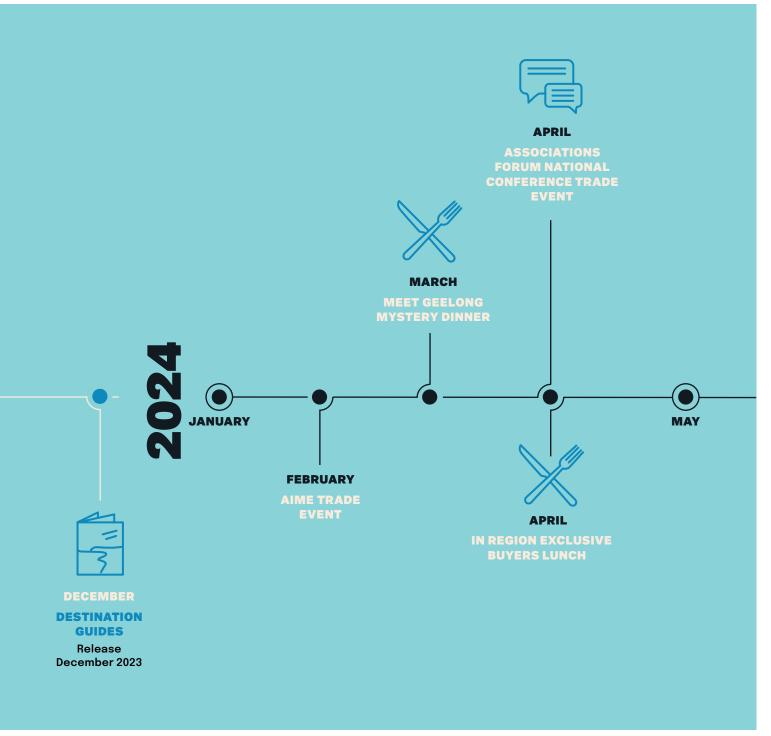


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