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It's a Wrap for My Kind of Place

The first series of 'My Kind of Place' wrapped up last Saturday after 10 weeks of high rating episodes showcasing Australia to New Zealand viewers.

The series took New Zealanders on a journey just beyond the gateway cities to a side of Australia they were unlikely to have experienced, proving that there is always something new and exciting to discover just across the ditch. Each episode was hosted by a favourite kiwi celebrity that included prominent actors, sporting heroes and broadcasters. The series may be over, but you can still check out the fun one minute highlights for each episode which have had thousands of views on You

Tube. Check out the videos, and learn more about the featured destinations and product on the My Kind of Place pages at Australia.com. This handy wrap-up guide is your go-to guide to some of the hottest destinations and products in Australia as seen on 'My Kind of Place'. So print it off and keep it handy for fresh and impressive holiday ideas you can share with your clients. Because, there is nothing like seeing it on My Kind of Place, but seeing it for yourself is amazing.

Episode 1:

Tackle Illawarra, 'Ultimate Mancation' South Coast, NSW



The first episode of My Kind of Place saw Ex All-Black's Josh Kronfeld and Frank Bunce head

to Illawarra for the ultimate 'mancation'. Just 90 minutes drive from Sydney, Illawarra boasts a stunning coastline and an epic range of outdoor activities.

The boys' adrenalin-filled holiday began with a drive day with [Prancing Horse Ferrari's](#) where they got behind the wheel of a collection of new and classic model Ferraris and zoomed along the coastal Grand Pacific Drive.

Next, they touched the sky with [Southern Bi-Plane Adventures](#) who offer open-cockpit aerobatic and scenic adventures over the spectacular Sydney south coast.

The stunning coastal roads of Illawarra made for a great Harley Davidson motorbike ride with [Just Cruisin' Harley Tours](#). Just Cruisin' Harley Tours offer chauffeured Harley tours solo, sidecar and trike tours giving passengers a thrilling ride while witnessing the region's stunning scenery.



Episode 2:

Tasmanian Travels

Iconic broadcaster Judy Bailey ventured to Australia's stunning island state for the second episode, Tasmanian Travels.

During her visit, Judy stayed at the five-star boutique [Henry Jones Art Hotel](#) located on Hobart's waterfront and whizzed around in a cream MINI convertible supplied by Tasmania's only luxury and sports car hire company - [Overdrive Car Hire](#).

Judy's adventure took her to the highly acclaimed and occasionally controversial [MONA](#) (Museum of Old and New Art) which showcases Australia's largest private art collection in a three-level subterranean space. The stunning site also houses a vineyard, micro-brewery, restaurant and exclusive boutique accommodation.

A visit to [Port Arthur Historic Site](#) enabled Judy to delve into Tasmania's turbulent past. The visit included a boat cruise of the harbour and a haunting night time Ghost Tour.





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Episode 3:

Walkabout in South Australia

Viewers were treated to a taste of one of our favourite television stars' home and favourite places in South Australia in episode three which featured a mix of the outback and some of Australia's best wine regions; McLaren Vale and the Clare Valley. The episode featured a spectacular journey to the Flinders Ranges and Wilpena Pound which is a stunning four and a half hour drive from the gateway city of Adelaide. The beautiful [Skillogalee Winery](#) proved to be the perfect place to stop for a spot of lunch. Our celeb host stayed in a luxury eco-villa at [Rawnsley Park Station](#) which offers uninterrupted views of Wilpena Pound and even features a retractable ceiling over the bed for watching the dazzling night sky. One of the highlights of the Flinders Ranges visit was a scenic flight over the gigantic Wilpena Pound with [Central Air Services](#).



Episode 4:

Daintree and Tropical North Queensland



Star of *Outrageous Fortune*, Robyn Malcolm went on a luxurious eco-adventure to Tropical North Queensland where she indulged in a range of active pursuits alongside spa relaxation and fine dining. Robyn stayed in Port Douglas at the luxurious [Thala Beach Lodge](#). This luxurious eco-accommodation is located on a private beach and amongst the Daintree Rainforest. A highlight of the trip for Robyn was a scenic riding experience with [Wonga Bach Horse Rides](#) which included a stroll over grassy headlands, through ancient rainforest and along a deserted stretch of the

pristine Wonga Beach. [Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours](#) gave Robyn a unique and exhilarating way to experience the magical Daintree Rainforest. Robyn was hooked on to a flying fox zip line and suspended in the air allowing her to whiz through the forest while taking in the magnificent views of the forest canopy, cascading streams and Great Barrier Reef. After all of that action, [Silky Oaks Lodge](#) was the perfect place for Robyn to 'Zen-out'. A haven of tranquillity in the heart of the rainforest, Silky Oaks promises to relax and rejuvenate visitors.

Episode 5:

Northern Territory – Top End and the Ghan

Kiwi rock-star turned broadcaster Mikey Havoc took on the Northern Territory for some adventure and culture in the Red Centre which, after the wet season, turned out to be very green! Mikey's trip included an iconic train trip on the [Ghan](#). The overnight journey took him from Darwin to Alice Springs providing a great way to experience the sights of the tropical north and the outback from the comfort of an air conditioned carriage. Adventurous Mikey stared death in the face in the form of

fully grown Northern Territory Saltwater Croc when he was plunged into the croc enclosure in a glass cage for the 'Cage of Death' experience at [Corosaurus Cove](#). Later, he was able to see them in their natural habitat on a [Spectacular Jumping Croc Cruise](#) just out of Darwin. The Northern Territory is rich in indigenous experiences and spectacular sights. Mikey combined both on a [Nitnit Dreaming Cruise](#) that showcases the Nitmiluk National Park and teaches guests about the customs of its traditional land owners.





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Episode 6:

Whitsundays Fun & Great Barrier Reef



In 2009 Radio personality Clarke Gayford was a finalist for the 'Best Job in the World' competition on Hamilton Island. Clarke returned to the Whitsundays on My Kind of Place to see what he was missing out on. Turned out it was a lot - endless sun, islands with white sand beaches and the remarkable Great Barrier Reef.

Clarke's stay began at [Club Med Lindeman Island](#), the Whitsundays' only all-inclusive resort, where he was able to enjoy the resorts extensive activity offerings including golf

and flying trapeze.

Ocean-loving Clarke then took a [Fantasea](#) boat trip out to Reefworld, a large pontoon located right on the Great Barrier Reef, where he spent the day freediving. After the crowds had left, Clarke stayed on for an unforgettable overnight stay on the pontoon. An scenic helicopter flight took Clarke back to [Hamilton Island](#) where he took a jet-ski tour of the island and went on a [Renegade Fishing Charter](#) that included a visit to the world-renowned Whitehaven Beach.

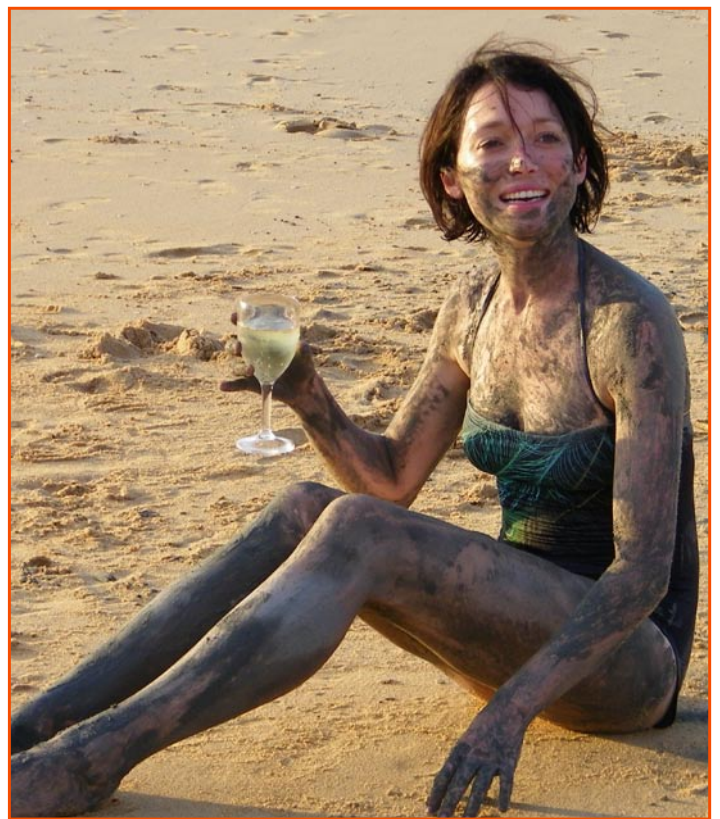
Episode 7:

Glamping out West, Ningaloo and Western Australia

Outrageous Fortune's Antonia Prebble travelled way out west to the Ningaloo Coast of Western Australia to go swimming with whale sharks and 'glamping' (glam camping). Antonia's amazing holiday started out in Exmouth where she stayed at the luxurious [Novotel Ningaloo Resort](#). The area has stunning beaches and marine life which Antonia checked out on a [Ningaloo Safari Tour](#).

Antonia then when further up the coast for a glamping experience at [Eco Beach](#). Eco Beach is just an hour south

of Broome and offers a huge range of activities including daily yoga classes, massage, fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, whale or turtle watching tours and more. Ningaloo Reef is one of the few places in the world where you can swim with the world's biggest fish - the whale shark. Antonia jumped in the water with these gentle giants on an [Ocean Eco Adventures](#) tour which also offers the chance to see a range of other magical marine creatures including humpback whales, manta rays, dolphins, seals and more.





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Episode 8:

Culinary Journey in Victoria's North East



Celebrity chef Josh Emmet indulged in a culinary journey of Victoria's North East – a destination of breathtaking landscapes, historic towns and award-winning wine. His adventure included a [Man from Snowy River Horseback Experience](#). This guided horseback tour allows participants to experience Victoria's high country by horseback before an overnight stay at the luxurious Riverhouse at Howqua Dale; a magnificent

country house hotel on the banks of the Howqua River. A [High Country Bike Adventure](#) allowed Josh to explore some of the region's vineyards, historic towns and picturesque landscapes while he sourced fresh local produce to create the ultimate high country feast. Josh's next stop was [Mt Bellevue](#), a working cattle stud farm and vineyard in the foothills of the Victorian Alps which offers luxurious bed and breakfast of self catering accommodation.

Episode 9:

Barossa & Beyond

Our favourite McLeod's Daughter Lisa Chappell returned to South Australia to taste the delights of the Barossa and Houseboat on the Murray River for the penultimate episode of My Kind of Place.

Lisa's journey began just an hour from Adelaide in one of the world's most famous wine growing regions – The Barossa. Lisa cycled around the vineyards, stopped in at the famous Maggie Beer's Farm Shop and enjoyed luxurious accommodation. She even

made her own wine at the [Penfold's Blend Your Own Wine Experience](#) where visitors blend different varieties to create their own personalised blend.

Her journey continued with an [Unforgettable Houseboating](#) adventure on the mighty Murray River. Lisa was able to captain her houseboat as it cruised down the river past wildlife, towering limestone cliffs and quaint riverside towns. Lisa commented that it was one of the most relaxing and enjoyable things that she had ever done.



Episode 10:

Melbourne & Great Ocean Road

The final episode of My Kind of Place saw New Zealand stage and screen actress Teresa Healey speed shop in Melbourne before taking on the Great Ocean Walk. After exploring the Melbourne's Laneways, Teresa travelled to [Phillip Island](#) to check out the spectacular coastal scenery and wildlife. Her visit included a few laps in a go-cart at the world-renowned Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit and watching the Penguin Parade, the island's biggest attraction, where hundreds of penguins emerge from the ocean at sunset to return to their burrows in the sand dunes.

The adventure continued on Victoria's spectacular West Coast where Teresa experienced the famed [Great Ocean Walk](#) where she weaved her way along national parkland, along deserted beaches and within sight of the magnificent 12 Apostles. After a day of hiking, Teresa put her feet up at [Bothfeet Luxury Lodge](#) located midway along the Great Ocean Road hiking trail, the lodge features five eco-chic rooms nestled into the rainforest near the stunning Johanna beach.

