

SPICERS PEAK LODGE

Business with purpose

Hospitality and care for a sustainable future

Spicers Peak Lodge sits at the heart of a 2000-hectare private nature reserve – one of the largest in Queensland - enveloped by the World Heritage-listed Main Range National Park and the Great Dividing Range, within an arc of spectacular mountains on the Scenic Rim of Queensland's high country.

Ecologically, the Spicers Peak Nature Reserve is strategically important as it forms a key link in a bio-regional corridor between National Parks known as the Green Shield. It provides a refuge for many of Australia's vulnerable, endangered and rare species and features ten unique ecosystems, including rainforest, open eucalypt forest and rocky ridges. These habitats are home to species such as the rarely seen Albert's lyrebird; brush-tailed rock wallabies; glossy black red-crested cockatoos, the eastern bristlebird and koalas.

The reserve was established in 2006 by Spicers' Founder and ardent conservationist, Jude Turner, to share and protect the spectacular landscape of the Scenic Rim.

It shares a seven-kilometre boundary with the Main Range National Park and is protected in perpetuity through a Conservation Agreement between the Turner family and the Queensland Government. It served to bind all future owners to conserve the significant natural and cultural resources of the property, and to provide for controlled use of the land for livestock production and eco-tourism.



Encounter rare and endangered wildlife

Guests at Spicers Peak Lodge can undertake guided day hikes, mountain bike adventures and walks to learn about the local flora and fauna, Indigenous culture, geological history and the seasonal changes to the landscape.

During these guided adventures, they have the chance to see platypus, two species of kangaroo and three species of wallaby (including the endangered brush-tailed rock wallaby), three types of possums, dingoes, bandicoots, potoroos and bats. The property is also renowned for its bird-watching opportunities with regular sightings of rare and threatened birds.



Sustainability goals as part of the guest experience

A sustainability ethos permeates operations at Spicers Peak Lodge, best seen through the lens of focus and respect for produce, the producers and the environment. The menu highlights the best of Australia, sourced as locally as possible, combined with the lodge's own freshly grown produce.

Spicers has aligned its operations with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and has developed a Sustainability Management Plan with defined actions across energy, waste, water and community engagement.

Spicers Peak Lodge is an Eco Tourism Australia Sustainable Tourism accredited property, reflecting its commitment to responsible tourism practices and continuous improvement. The lodge is focused on the ongoing reduction of emissions associated with energy use, alongside broader initiatives to minimise environmental impact and support local communities.

Environmental performance is monitored through structured sustainability reporting, with progress reviewed regularly to inform operational decision-making and drive continuous improvement at the property level.

Other sustainability initiatives (Our mandates):

- In 2024, Spicers Peak Lodge achieved Eco Tourism Australia Sustainable Tourism Certification, recognising the property's commitment to responsible tourism practices, environmental stewardship and continuous improvement.
- In 2017, Spicers joined the EarthCheck Evaluate Plus program and, in combination with its new Sustainability Management Plan, is taking active steps to reduce its impact on the environment by benchmarking waste, water and electricity usage and levels across the group.
- An energy audit of the site was conducted in 2021 and 2022, forming a baseline for developing an annual 'energy consumption budget' and identifying potential usage reductions. Over this period, grid electricity consumption was reduced by 12 per cent and Scope 1 and 2 carbon footprint was reduced by eight per cent, as measured using the Australian Government's National Greenhouse Accounts Factors.
- In August 2021, 34 kW of solar PV was installed, the maximum allowable by the Network Service Provider (NSP). This project also included an upgrade to circuitry to improve efficiency (improved harmonics and power factor). Further upgrades to lighting, equipment and hot water were installed in 2022 under the Australian Government's Hotel Energy Uplift program.
- As part of its zero-waste goal, Spicers Peak Lodge's restaurant, The Peak, has replaced the plastic prep containers in the restaurant kitchen with stainless steel. It uses a specialist recycler for latex chef's gloves and works only with suppliers who agree to eliminate Styrofoam boxes and plastic bags from their deliveries, reducing the amount of waste that enters the premises in the first place.
- In The Peak's kitchen, preparation leftovers go to the local farmer's pigs to create a positive loop for organic waste.
- Instead of plastic water bottles for guests, Spicers provides refillable glassware in both guest rooms and the restaurant. ety of hospitality and tourism-related roles.