



TODAY HITS THE ROAD WITH A NEW 'WE LOVE AUSTRALIA' ADVENTURE

The **TODAY** team will have an extra spring in their step from Monday, September 25, as they celebrate the warmer season with a massive new **WE LOVE AUSTRALIA** adventure.

Kicking off in sun-drenched Cairns and making its way down south to the Yarra Valley with a performance by **Kate Ceberano**, the week-long broadcast will finish where so many family holiday memories have been made – Tweed Valley on the NSW Far Coast.

There will be loads of competitions, including your chance to win tickets to see Elton John live during his upcoming Australian tour.

Karl, Lisa, Richard, Sylvia and Natalia will kick off the week in **Cairns**, in Tropical North Queensland, where Karl will take on the ultimate dare – bungy jumping in the rainforest canopy. Lisa and Sylvia jet-ski with crocodiles, and you can't say you've visited Queensland without witnessing a Cane Toad race!

The team will then travel down the beautiful Queensland coast to the historical town of **1770** near Gladstone. Dog trainer Chris de Aboitiz will have a crack at breaking a World Record by paddling his stand-up paddleboard with 26 dogs. Karl and Dickie explore the area by taking to the streets on Harley inspired motorbikes, and they'll also try their hand at offshore fishing.

On Wednesday, the gang is off to **Griffith** in the scenic NSW Riverina. Known as the food bowl of Australia, we'll take viewers on a tour of the region including into one of the world's most successful wineries, Casella Winery; an almond farm; feeding the lions at the Altina Wildlife Park, and we'll celebrate all things Italian with a street festival and make a giant pizza.

From the food bowl to one of Australia's premier wine regions, the gang will experience the wonders of the **Yarra Valley** in Victoria. From the breathtaking views at Lake Mountain to the unforgettable animal encounters at Healesville Sanctuary, we'll be discovering everything the region has to offer, live from Levantine Estate in the heart of Victoria's wine country.

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Find out if Karl and Lisa can handle the heat in the kitchen at the hatted Ezard restaurant, there will be a live performance from **Kate Ceberano**, an interview with comedy legend Michael Veitch.

TODAY will end the week in the stunning coastal holiday region of **Tweed Valley**, on the NSW far north coast. Karl, Lisa and Richard will be live from the Tweed Regional Gallery, while we cross to Melbourne for the latest on the footy finals. With special guests including local actor Nicholas Hamilton, currently starring in Hollywood thriller *IT*, the gang will be exploring the best of what the region has to offer. Dickie helps out at a kids art workshop and local circus, while Karl and Lisa learn the art of pottery.

Lisa Wilkinson said: "We always love getting out of the studio and into the very places that make Australia the great country it is. It's such a fantastic time of the year to get out and explore, and although I'm looking forward to seeing all the diverse towns and cities, I'm looking very forward to enjoying a sneaky Yarra Valley pinot."

Karl Stefanovic said: "We know how good Australia is, but seriously, how good is Australia! Sun, beaches, wine, pizza, and five very different places that sum up the spirit of our great country. Can't wait to hit the road and meet more of our amazing viewers. We want everybody to join us – and the drinks are on Dickie!"

And it wouldn't be the *TODAY* Show without a whole heap of **competitions**. As well as the hugely popular Cash-A-Roo calls and Dickie's Double Dip, there will be cash prizes in the Captain Cook Treasure Hunt in 1770.

TODAY would like to thank the following **sponsors** for making this WE LOVE AUSTRALIA trip possible: [Gladstone Regional Council](#), [Tourism and Events QLD](#), [Destination NSW](#), [Visit Victoria](#), [Griffith City Council](#), [Community of Griffith](#)

Come and join TODAY on their WE LOVE AUSTRALIA week:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – CAIRNS, QLD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – 1770, QLD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – GRIFFITH, NSW
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – YARRA VALLEY, VIC
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – TWEED VALLEY, NSW

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