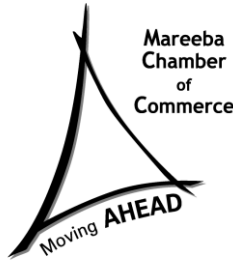


# Mareeba Chamber of Commerce Media Release



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## **Mareeba declares its open with a series of local comedy tours**

There's never been a better time to explore and seek out the wonders of Mareeba than now, thanks to a local travel firm who is offering a unique visitor experience.

Mareeba Chamber of Commerce president Joe Moro said with travel restrictions lifted to allow for travel in a 150km radius, Mareeba's doors were open wide and businesses were adopting innovative ways to deliver unique visitor experiences.

"While other interstate, intrastate and overseas travel is still prohibited, the Chamber and Mareeba Shire Council has been working together on ways to help our local businesses," Mr Moro said.

"From there, Ida Portella Business and Travel Services presented a concept for day comedy tours, combining local attractions and humour to deliver a much-needed break from the current challenges.

The first tour will be hosted by Vula, a vivacious business associate of Ms Portella. She is well-known through hosting and guest appearances at a number of Mareeba events.

Having been inundated with enquiries, Ms Portella is working on rolling out a series of class comical tours.

"Currently our aim is to give people the opportunity to get out of their house, feel safe and more importantly have a laugh, particularly during this challenging COVID-19 Pandemic," Mr Portella said. "In doing so we can also help play our part to help grow and support local tourism in the Mareeba Shire."

The self-drive tours will take locals around to various local tourist attractions and businesses where they get to have a fun day out.

Mr Moro said the tours were a novel way of inspiring and uplifting the local community.

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“This will help people to understand that businesses are open in Mareeba,” Mr Moro said.

“Everyone can get something out of this even if it’s just to get out of the house.”

Limited spots are available and all current COVID-19 restrictions will be followed at all times while on tour.

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