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Cosy: 65 Main has all the home comforts

65 Main, Daylesford

YOU know the feeling. You arrive back at your family home after a while away, hang up your coat, check if there's anything in the cake-tin and plonk yourself down in your favourite armchair.

That's the feeling also at 65 Main, a cosy guesthouse just round the corner from Hepburn Springs.

Potential spots for a read or a snooze abound in two big loungerooms, one complete with pool table, TV and stereo, the other with all the day's newspapers and a roaring fire.

The accommodation

Ranked top Hepburn Springs B&B in the recent RACV poll, this deceptively large house sleeps 11-12, but the five rooms are well spread out so, wherever you are, it feels as if you have the place to yourself. We had shiraz and merlot, which come complete with their own little heated terraces and a giant spa bath.

65 Main works equally well for a cuddle-up with your loved one or a chill-out with your best mate.

Books and DVDs are in the library — all your favourites — and suddenly going out is hard to do. When your biggest decision is whether to watch *Dead Poets Society* or *My Best Friend's Wedding*, you know you've found a cosy corner.

The food

Christine, 65 Main's landlady for the past 10 years, prides herself on putting local fare on the table at breakfast time. This means a rich assortment of fresh breads, eggs, jams, honey and bacon. Delicious coffee brews on the side and there are always pancakes on Sundays.

The fun

A walk through the woods leads to Hepburn Springs and its open pools or, for a special treat, various combinations of massage, facial and spa therapies.

Accommodation and health packages are available through 65 Main. Five minutes' drive away is everything Daylesford has to offer: exclusive restaurants, more beauty treatments, organic bakeries or a stroll through kasbah-like grottos touting all types of vintage fashion and home goodies. You'll find the hours pass quickly and easily before returning to the B&B for a DVD or a glass of red on the terrace.

The deal

Herald Sun readers who book a getaway from November to February can stay two nights midweek and receive daily cooked breakfast and a two-hour pass to Hepburn Bathhouse. From \$150 each.

Stay three nights and have a dining experience at Mercato Restaurant, Farmers Arms or Lake House. From \$250 each. Please quote the *Herald Sun* when making your booking.

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