



*“For us, this rural amble promises an intense recharge; for our pup Onyx, high-octane runs and heady country scents await.”*

poised kelpie bounds up and whispers into Onyx’s ear. The pair of new best friends set off to frolic and dunk into the river. Bar the occasional streaking, furry blur, that’s the last we see of Onyx until dark. The Prince Charming of farm dogs, King, the brown Kelpie, belongs to Bev and Adrian, who own the property and live nearby (but far enough that privacy is assured) enough in case assistance or local knowledge is desired.

Reclining in the outdoor spa, we watch the streaks of purple and orange become bolder as the sun sneaks behind the enveloping mountains, then take our wine glasses to the raging outdoor fire. The velvety night sky is smudged brightly with stars, galaxies and planets. Onyx returns for dinner, blissed-out and bleary with exhaustion.

Setting off to explore, we randomly follow intriguing back roads. Ever the strategist, Onyx works out how to lower his windows, all the more leverage when it comes to staring down cows. When our car is surrounded by four curious cattle dogs, Onyx looks

humbled, realizing perhaps that whilst he shares DNA with these card-carrying working dogs, bluff will only get him so far.

Winding our way up towards the mountains, squadrons of flashy Rosellas fly low over textured grasslands. When the fern trees become almost as tall as the gums, the scenes become seriously spectacular, as one stunning valley spills into another. The sky becomes improbably bigger and bluer and the enveloping ridges cradle the afternoon light.

Baby animals are sprinkled through a landscape delightfully empty of people: calves with melting smiles and fetching giant eyelashes, adorable foals, baby llamas, even joeys. Onyx musters icy restraint when we pat a herd of young horses. We pause often to let ducks cross the road.

Everywhere there’re sparkling, crystal clear rivers lined with casuarinas and pebbly beaches and dotted with bathtub-sized ponds – perfect, according to Onyx, for a dunkinua



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