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## Luncheon launch of Sky Lodges recalls pioneers

On Saturday 19th May the new Sky Lodges at Binna Burra opened with a fanfare followed by laid on luncheon fare, in marked contrast to the experience of that first hardy contingent of campers in 1933.

But first came the official opening formalities, ably overseen by descendants of the pioneers. To celebrate the launch of these modern luxurious apartments came members of the founding Groom and Lahey families, including the late Romeo Lahey's niece, Ann Neale, almost certainly the only living member of 'The Big 1933 Christmas Camp'.

Yugembeh elder and story teller, Ruby Rose, performed the

traditional Welcome to Country. Newly re-elected Scenic Rim Mayor John Bryant spoke in praise of the new development, then Richard Groom told of the founding of Lamington National Park and in particular the crucial role played by Binna Burra and O'Reilly's as gateway custodians, upholding the precepts enshrined by the founders early last century.

Next, supported by the late Arthur Groom's son, Richard, and Mayor John Brent, Ann Neale cut the opening ribbon to a round of warm applause.

The official party and about 220 guests from Beechmont and surrounds then tucked enthusiastically into lunch.



Ann Neale, neice of Romeo Lahey and Richard Groom, son of Arthur Groom played a major part in the launch of the Sky Lodges.

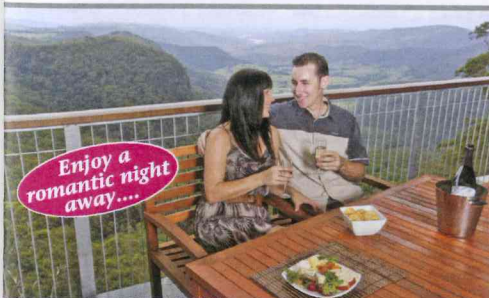


Invited guest Gil, Mayor Brent, Canungra Times' Chloe and Binna Burra Lodge Director, Robert McDowall, .

Below, Binna Burra's Karen Duncan serving cakes after lunch in the garden.



Richard Groom, Angie Thomas, Robi Pacnik and Lisa Groom in the garden at the launch.



Enjoy a romantic night away....



### LOCAL'S JUNE SPECIAL

(only for readers of The Hinterlander)

Stay in a Sky Lodge studio with dinner for 2 in the Clifftop Dining Room for only \$300! Relax in the spa with views across the valley, curl up in front of the fireplace.

Special Local's Deal also for 2 & 3 brm apartments.

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### Local's Night

6.30pm every Tuesday enjoy a 3 course dinner in the cosy, historic Clifftop Dining Room at Binna Burra Lodge

**\$25 adults**  
**\$12.50 kids** (5-12 years)

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