

Bawley Bush Retreat

1. Buying seafood

Fresh fish and seafood are unavailable in Bawley. But you can eat a great prawn pizza at Bawley Beach Café, fish and chips at the take-away at Bawley shops and Termeil store and top quality a la carte fish at the Merry St Bar and Restaurant.

Fresh seafood can be purchased at these places:-

Zorans: (highly recommended local fresh and cooked seafood open evenings until 7pm), on left 150m over bridge at Lake Burrill; *Fishermans Co-op* at the wharf in Ulladulla, huge range of local and farmed seafood; *Lucky's Seafood* 120m west of Deering St roundabout at top of hill in Ulladulla; *Coles and Woolworths* at Ulladulla. *The Oyster Bar* in Ulladulla in the Plaza sells oysters, tapas and is a late night music venue.

In the Bay go to the *Oyster shop* on North Street, *Innes's Seafood Café* on the river on Clyde Street or a very comprehensive seafood shop opposite Woolworths within the Clyde Street mall.

2. Nearby eateries:

The nearest eatery is the *Bawley Beach Café*. New owners from August 2015. They do pizzas (eat-in or takeaway) ranging from Hawaiian (small) at \$12 to chilli prawn (large) at \$23.50. Open for coffee, breakfast and lunch off-peak Thurs-Mon from 9am – 3pm and for dinner Thurs/Fri/Sat from 6pm. Closed August. Open most evenings over peak periods when dinner bookings essential, Ph 4457 1058...ask for an outside table. BYOG. Details: <http://www.bawleybeachcafe.com>

The excellent and recommended licensed *Merry Street Bar and Restaurant* (4457 2020) at Merry Beach (about 10km from BBC via Bawley Point) is open for dinner from 5.30pm Thursday-Sunday. On Thursdays many locals enjoy the fixed-price, rotating ethnic dinner menu (\$39, 3 courses). The menu is a la carte on the other nights with entrees around \$15 and main courses up to \$36. On Sundays you can have breakfast from 8-11am and/or lunch from 12-2pm. Closed from mid-July to end August. Over summer the restaurant opens for dinner most nights. Bookings always essential. Details: <http://www.merrystreet.com.au>

Licensed *Masquerades* (phone 4457 3133) is at the Lake Tabourie Motel (on Highway about 10 mins north). Normally open for dinner from 6pm-9pm Thursday – Saturday (extended in summer): Entrees \$12-\$24 (oysters), mains \$20- \$32 deserts \$9.50. Bookings appreciated.

3. Fine Dining Restaurants and Bars

Our nearby towns, less than half an hour's drive away, are now richly endowed with fine dining restaurants. We recommend all of the following.....

Rick Stein at Bannisters: This much and justifiably-hyped restaurant is at the 5-star Bannisters Lodge, Mollymook (about 25 minutes north through Ulladulla) looking north over the Pacific Ocean. Prices match the reputation topping out at around \$170 for the lobster/seafood. Menu details at www.bannisters.com.au/index.php/restaurant Phone (02) 4454 1933. Downstairs there is stunning casual poolside cocktail bar (6pm-10pm daily): excellent pizzas, antipasto and light meals and cocktails. Great ambience in the bar, winter

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fires and overhead gas heating. Recommended for special occasions and the restaurant for comfortable wallets: www.bannisters.com.au

Tallwood: We very highly recommend “Tallwood” at Mollymook, a fine food licensed tasting-plate restaurant and bar owned/operated by Matt (ex Rick Stein and the Merry Street Bar and Restaurant) and Clayton, food and service experts from Merry Street Bar and Restaurant. It is opposite Mollymook shops on Tallwood St. Ph 0447 690 897.
<http://www.tallwoodeat.com.au/>

The Pavillion on Tallwood Av at Mollymook almost opposite Mollymook shops. Owned by Bannisters (mentioned above) this brand new modern hotel with beautiful pool-side roof-terrace with luxury bar with tasting plate dining was opened in December 2015. Given the ambiance, Terrace prices are reasonable at between \$22 and \$27 per plate, beers \$8-\$10 and cocktails around \$18. Recommended, no bookings. <http://www.bannisters.com.au/>

Cupitt's Winery Restaurant.: We highly recommended this hatted lunch or dinner licensed winery restaurant for its food and beautiful rural views. Ulladulla Ph 4455 7688 (turn left off highway at Green Street, travel 3km to then left to 60 Washburton Rd). Rosie Cupitt is a foodie extraordinaire. Cupitts is a very popular destination for Sunday lunches with entertainment. Website: <http://cupitt.com.au/>

St Isidores: “Eat, drink, laugh, live” is the slogan for *St Isidores* restaurant at 89 Croobyar Rd Milton. Food is modern Australian “with a wink to Asia and a nod to the Mediterranean”. Beautiful gardens and views, food excellence. Open from 12.30 Fridays and Saturdays for lunch and from 6pm for dinner Wednesday to Saturday. Web: info@http://www.stisidore.com.au Ph 4455 7261 to book.

Tipsy Fig: This restaurant on Wason St (West) in Milton offers a modern Australian menu including seafood. It is a licensed restaurant that has everything: friendly service, consistently good value food and a great wine list. Opening hours are 12 noon to 2.30pm and from 6.00pm Wednesday to Saturday. Open from noon on Sundays. Phone: 4455 3383.

Bacchus: On the highway in the heart of Milton you will find the licensed *Bacchus* restaurant with its modern Italian cuisine and penchant for supreme food excellence. It is open for breakfast lunch and dinner over winter on Friday to Tuesday, from October-April open Tuesday to Saturday for brunch and dinner, Sat/Sun breakfast from 8am. Ph 4455 3449.
<http://www.bacchusatmilton.com.au>

Millards Cottage: In Ulladulla we recommend (on Highway north Ulladulla 4455 3287). It is licensed and owned and operated by the convivial Maurie Abbott and his wife, former neighbours/owners of Bawley Vale Estate . They are open 7 nights a week and enjoy a very good reputation. May be changing hands so phone to check current opening status.

In Batemans Bay (35 minutes) we recommend the well-established and always reliable, good value licensed *Starfish Deli* (Ph 4472 4880) with nautical views on Orient Street (near the bus stop). www.starfishdeli.com.au. For the true excellence of its cuisine and bar, we recommend the popular Little Restaurant and Bar (LBR) on Orient Street (see Trip Advisor reviews). Ph (02) 4472 4664. We also like *On the Pier* 50m (turn towards Canberra and then turn left 50m)

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which has an excellent wharf/riverside location, nautical ambience and good seafood (especially the seafood platter for 2): be prepared to wait. Phone 4472 6405.

4. Casual (breakfast)/lunch/dinner/bar options:

Ulladulla: The *Boardwalk Café and Bar* (on Highway at Ulladulla) has fair food and by far the best casual dining view of the harbour. It offers a tapas menu from 5pm Ph 4454 2555. We suggest you try *the Top of the Town Café*, turn off the highway opposite Rivers near the top of the hill in Ulladulla. Great value mini-breakfast at \$8.50 and good coffee. A highly recommended café is the *Bean* on the highway near the Burrill bridge. An excellent Thai restaurant is *Yes I Am* on Wason Street Ulladulla Ph 4454 2889 but we like the good value Thai Restaurant *Thailand Only* Ph 4455 1855 on the Highway near the top of the hill. It might be worth trying *Emersons on Main*, a strangely named new Thai restaurant with bar located on the highway at the south end of Ulladulla (391 Princes Highway, ph 0405 059 634). It is the closest Thai restaurant to us and has a \$10 lunch menu with a good selection of dishes. The best Chinese Restaurants are the licensed *Harbour Asian Restaurant* on Wason St Ulladulla (open 6 nights but closed Tues, ph 455 1632) and the older licenced *South Street Chinese* in South Street Ph 4455 1943. *The Sand Bar* at the Ulladulla Civic Centre is a new and interesting café open from 7am for breakfast. It is adjacent to the library with views out towards Ulladulla Harbour. *The Mango Tree* is an Indian Restaurant and bar **open for dinner 7 nights**, very good Indian food. <http://mangotreerestaurant.com.au/ulladulla-menu/>

Milton: *Harvest bar*: This is a recently opened wine bar with food on Wason Street East and is a great place to go to meet friends and talk in a lovely bar environment. Ph 4455 6269. *Commercial Hotel*: The dining room is operated by the owners of the Tallwood Restaurant. Here you will get large servings and very good food....about the best food value locally available. *Annabelle's Café/deli* in the carpark off Wason Street west is a good café with easy vehicle access. *Coastal Indulgece* (on the Highway opposite IGA) has a lovely garden setting. We like the *Driftwood Café* at 72 Princes Highway and underneath it, accessible from both Wason Street east and the Highway.

5. Kids dining

Pizzas at the *Bawley Beach Café*: hamburger/fish/pizza and chips at *Bawley Takeaway* located at the Bawley Point shops, Country chicken at the Termeil service station. There is also a *MacDonald's* and a *Subway* in Ulladulla

6. Clubs/pubs:

We are not club goers and we thank God there is yet no club at Bawley Point to make this place a clone of other holiday places on the coast. The *Mollymook Golf Club* (8/10) at Mollymook Beach has excellent beach views. You can enjoy a wine or an ale, while watching surfers, swimmers and, sometimes, dolphins frolic just below you....or, you can watch humans feeding the poker machines nearby. Other Clubs to the north are the *Ex-Servos* (7/10), *Milton/Ulladulla Bowling Club* (6/10) and the *Mollymook Bowling Club* (5/10). In Batemans Bay there are two very large 7/10 Clubs; *Catalina Golf Club* and the *Batemans Bay RSL Club* and a 5/10 club, *Batemans Bay Bowling Club*. The Commercial Hotel at Milton has been renovated with a modern Aussie food restaurant run by Tallwood (pub food 9/10) and a traditional and pleasant bar (5/10). The Star Hotel at Milton has been renovated and is now rated by us at 4/10. For ragers or even brawlers the Marlin in Ulladulla offers a 2/10 hope.