

# **Bawley Bush Retreat**

## **General information to enhance your stay**

Your hosts are Pip James and Bill Powell and we welcome you to our part of paradise. We have designed Bawley Bush Retreat with two aims in mind:-

1. to provide beautiful spaces for people to so enjoy their holiday, seminar or celebration experiences that they will want to return and will want to tell their friends about us,
2. to operate as sustainably as possible in keeping with our desire to minimise our impact on the local environment.

Please note the following:-

1. **Children:** Children are more vulnerable than adults to the natural and man-made hazards on this property and must be actively and visually supervised by adults at all times. There are two dams on the property. They are unfenced, have steep sides are extremely deep and opaque. Swimming or boating in them by guests is prohibited. ***Never allow a child the opportunity to wander unattended away from you.***
2. **No smoking inside any of our buildings.**
3. **Water:** *We are not on town water and for environmental reasons our waste water flows are restricted. Please be conservative when showering.* With the exception of the caravan and hot water taps in Café Cottage kitchen the **only** taps that always dispense drinking (potable) water are the cold water taps at kitchen sinks and bathroom basins. Other taps do not. *Do not use inside non-potable supplies or any outside taps for cooking or drinking.*
4. **Dogs:** We love dogs and allow guests to bring them (extra tariff) but make sure it Rover is protected against ticks which can be fatal for dogs. If you have a dog with you it is your responsibility to prevent it from annoying other guests, to clean up after it, to restrain it from chasing native wildlife, to secure it at night and to prevent it from entering carpeted rooms or using furniture. Dogs are not to be left alone inside cottages and are required to be *under close control* on beaches, preferably on leads. There is only one legal local off-leash beach...Cormorant Beach.
5. **Power:** Please turn off lights and equipment you don't need.
6. **Toilets and waste water:** Because we are adjacent to protected Lake Willinga and wetlands we went to a great deal of trouble to find sustainable waste water treatment solutions that Council would approve. We have a mix of composting toilets (to minimise water use) and, for biological treatment and architectural reasons, we have some flushing toilets. All waste water is passed through septic tanks and a Halgen bio-filter before passing to a pumping sump, balance tank and disposal. We use passive Ecomax and Wisconsin mounds for this purpose. Please do not put anything into toilets except bodily wastes and toilet paper, and, in the case of the composting systems, the bags of mixed wood shavings/sawdust provided for daily "dosing" by guests. Definitely no plastics.
7. **Rubbish:** There are three types of waste containers for each unit...compost (plastic buckets), recyclables (milk crates) and general waste (plastic/steel rubbish bins). Use the inside compost container provided for *all food wastes* (excepting only big bones and oyster shells but liquids, tea water, leaves, coffee grounds, fat, oil and meat scraps can all be composted). When full empty into the larger "Compost" bucket outside or into the active side of the composting worm-farm alongside the Cormorant/Oystercatcher access

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road. All paper, plastics, bottles and cans not food-contaminated go in the milk crates which we recycle. Everything else is general waste. It should be placed into black plastic bags and *tied* before being placed in Otto bins. We remove all waste left outside by hand.

8. **LPG stoves/ovens:** The 3 bush apartments have 2-burner LPG cooktops. Depress controls to start flow of gas, matches may be needed to light. The LPG domestic gas stoves in Chef's and Kookaburra Cottages have fan-forced ovens. After these ovens are turned off the fan may continue running until the oven cools. If you want to use the fan-forced commercial stove oven in Café Cottage please make sure the pilot is alight first. See Instruction Manual in kitchen. Café domestic LPG oven is not fan-forced. Caravan stovetop, grill and oven are all LPG.
9. **Microwave/convection ovens:** Seabird Bush Apartments have combined microwave-convection functions which can be used for a variety of cooking applications. If you are unfamiliar with their operation please refer to the manuals provided. Cockatoo and Wattlebird have microwave-only ovens...use the BabyQ Weber BBQs for cooking/baking at these cottages.
10. **BBQs:** All cottages and the caravan have BBQs, most are oven type. Please do rough clean after use including with with paper towel to absorb grease.
11. **Wood stoves:** In winter there will be kindling and firewood in the wood cupboards next to the stoves (Chef's, Cockatoo, Kookaburra), in the verandah wheelbarrow and rear storage tank (Café, Cockatoo) and in the wood cupboard in the back porches (Bush Apartments). Please be reasonably sparing with wood, it is a very labour-intensive resource. Overloading/overheating is dangerous. Do not leave stoves with full air (air handle on left fully out to the left) unattended. Especially do not fully load the Chef's or Cockatoo Cottage stoves with fuel. On retiring stoves may be loaded with wood but the air flow should be reduced to a minimum. If the wood or kindling supply runs low please tell us and we will replenish. If you can't find us you can replenish yourself by wheelbarrow from the stockpiles near cottages or from the woodshed near Wattlebird. Do not take wood or kindling from areas that are not cleared/mown. We are leaving these areas in as natural a state as possible.
12. **Outside fires:** Outdoor camping fires at the caravan and camping area must be contained in designated fire place or brazier. Burn only split wood provided. Keep fires small, be aware of bushfire risk, keep hose handy.
13. **Dishes/Dishwasher:** On departure please wash and put away all dishes used. It is OK to leave the last load running in dishwashers on departure.
14. **Television/DVD:** DVDs are built in to most of our televisions have a single remote. We get good TV reception via a digital signal in all cottages and caravan. You are welcome to borrow from our own largish DVD library at the residence...no charge.
15. **Bathroom exhaust fans:** For everyone's comfort, bathroom/shower fans, where provided, should be turned on when bathroom is in use. Note that compost toilet extraction fans run all the time. Report any such fan not working.
16. **Laundry:** Guest laundry (with washing machine and dryer) is in the outhouse adjacent to Café Cottage.
17. **Fresh linen/cleaning:** If you are visiting for more than 7 nights we will provide you with clean linen and linen at least weekly. If for any reason you require replacement linen or towels before a week is up we will be happy to supply.

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18. **Phone:** Telstra has best reception, but Optus and Vodaphone reception is poor. For Optus try on road above the Cockatoo Room or on top of our hill....or use VOIP.
19. **Internet/fax/photocopy:** NBN is not here. We offer free ADSL-provided wi-fi internet to guests. Each logon session terminates after a period of nil use. Once logged onto it the logon page should come up...if not go to your browser. Current user name and password are on page 1 of this compendium or can be found on a cupboard or fridge in your unit. We have fax out and very limited photocopy facilities.
20. **Medical:** The local doctor, Dr Scott Brown (ph 4457 1112), has a surgery below his hillside home in Bundle Hill Road (2 km south of Bawley Point shops) but he has very limited capacity for new patients. His hours are limited to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10-4.30 but Friday only 10 -1. In any case an appointment is essential. There are no after hours medical services apart from Milton or Batemans Bay Hospitals. If you experience a medical condition requiring you to visit Casualty/Outpatients the nearest hospitals are at Milton Ph 4455 1333 (23 minutes, on the Highway) and Batemans Bay 4472 5404 (28 minutes, 1.5km off highway to left Visitor Info Centre). In deciding which of these to visit you might take into consideration the fact that they are within different NSW medical administrative districts. Both are small hospitals with rostered local GPs on duty, both have excellent staff but limited resources. If your condition is judged to be such as to need more intensive hospitalisation you will likely be moved to Nowra or Wollongong from Milton and to Canberra from Batemans Bay. *Where you live may therefore be an element to be considered if you are choosing where to go.* If an ambulance is necessary it may come from Ulladulla or Batemans Bay. No choice of destination!!
21. **Pharmacy:** The pharmacy at Bawley Point is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 5pm and Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm. There is a rostered chemist open until 5pm during the weekend in either Ulladulla or Milton. There is no late chemist.
22. **Supplies:**

*Bawley Point:* The IGA supermarket (Ph 4457 1361) is open from 7.30am - 6.00pm normally but opens 7.00am -7.00pm during summer holidays. It has an ATM. There is also a bakery, pharmacy, butcher, mini-hardware/fishing/bait shop and a newsagent. A liquor outlet (ph 4457 1311) operates from 10am until 6pm each day.

*Termeil:* Amazingly, the BP service station (4457 2552) at the corner of the Princes Highway and Bawley Point Rd is open 24/7 all year. About 1.5km closer than the Bawley Point shop, it contains a fast food franchise, ATM, convenience store and liquor department. Liquor department closes 10pm.