

Beach Towels Manual

This manual should help you to enjoy your stay at Beach Towels by detailing how the house works, what to bring and where to go to find all the facilities in the area.

It is the second version of the manual so we are open to any suggestions about how to improve it and what else we need to add to it. Please feel welcome to make any comment you like, we take criticisms as challenges to improve our service and property.

What to bring

If you bring your own linen then you will need queen sheets (high side 40cm) and 4 pillow cases for the main bed. Mattress protectors and pillow protectors have been provided.

Each bunk bed used will need sheets and pillow cases. One pillow per bed. Mattress protectors and pillow protectors have been provided.

Dooners and dooner covers are provided for all beds.

In the bathroom towels are needed. A floor mat has been provided and is in the cupboard.

Tea towels are provided for the kitchen. Sponges and scourers have been provided.

Berrara is 2 kms from the nearest shops so if you want to put the car to sleep and enjoy your holiday then come with all provisions. The shops in Sussex are comprehensive and you can get anything you need there.

A new shop at Cudmirrah is now open and has most of the emergency supplies and is great place for a coffee or takeaway food though it will be busy at Xmas holiday time. This shop is only 2 kms away next to the lake.

When you arrive

Drive into the driveway and enter through the back gate. If it is dark when you arrive leave the car lights on to see the gate and when you walk through it there are two light switches on the side of the garage (see J on the lights map) to light up the driveway and backyard. This will enable you to find the lock box with the keys inside. Location of the box will be sent to you before you arrive.

Enter the house through the back door, the flyscreen door and back door will both be locked.

The house may have been locked up for some time before you arrive. The first thing to do once you open the doors is also to open the front doors and windows to let the breeze blow through from front to back. This is particularly so on hot days. Even in winter you should air the house for a short while after arriving.

Upstairs will be even hotter and should be aired straight away. Windows at front and back behind the venetions should be opened and if necessary the front door onto the balcony should be opened. Use the rope to hook the door onto the hook. Keep these windows open during your stay but be careful of the southerly busters when they come through. Shut the front door and leave the front windows open only a few centimetres when this happens. If it rains then close the front window and door.

The same applies if summer storms come in from the north east and west. Close the front and back window upstairs and the front door. Downstairs doors and windows can be left open.

You will need to **check the meter box out the front to make sure the hot water is turned on**. It is only a small tank so takes around 15-20 minutes to heat up to shower temperature. A light switch on the kitchen wall turns on the front light.

In winter we get westerly winds that can get quite strong. Keep the upstairs back window shut on these days.

Lounge

Three remote controls are used, one for the TV, one for the DVD and one for the Stereo. The stereo has an iPod connection cable. Set the function button to Auxiliary to play the iPod or Tuner for the radio and CD for CDs.

Ironing board and iron are kept in the corner cupboard along with the vacuum cleaner. A power board is close by to plug in to.

In winter the gas heater will be plugged in. It is easy to operate but **should only be lit by adults**. Instructions for lighting and using the heater are on the inside of the controller lid. Just flip this open and follow the instructions.

If the gas runs out you should switch the lever on the gas bottle on the back

verandah to the other bottle. Please leave a note for us if you have had to do this. An electric oil heater is upstairs to keep the bedrooms warm in winter.

Kitchen

Stove and oven are both gas. To light the burners turn the knob and press the bottom ignition switch with the lightening bolt symbol. To light the gas oven do the following. Locate the gas knob on the far right of the control panel.

Now push in the gas knob and turn it to full on. After 5 seconds start pressing the ignition switch while still holding in the gas knob. This may take ten seconds or more but don't panic keep it held in and it will eventually light. If the ignition switch is not working then turn everything off, wait for the gas to clear and test the ignition switch only until it starts clicking. Then resume the start procedure again.

Microwave is self explanatory as is the toaster, kettle and coffee percolator. All cooking utensils have been provided for you to cook up a storm during your stay.

From time to time items may be left on the bench and in the pantry and fridge to make your stay more comfortable. These are gifts for you so please use or consume them during your stay.

Broadband

A Broadband internet connection is available for connection by ethernet cable or by wireless connection. At this time this is a complimentary service while we monitor the usage and subsequent costs incurred. We welcome you to connect and use this to keep in touch by email or to lookup local attractions but discourage you from using it to download large amounts of data, movies or other internet content as this may result in an extra service charge which we will pass on to you. Normal usage for a week should result in around 200mb of downloads which is acceptable. To connect by cable place your notebook on benchtop near the microwave or on top of the microwave and connect to the blue cable located there. If you want to connect wirelessly you will have to get a password from us. As this is a long password it is best to send us an email before you're there or an SMS and we will send back the password for you to use. We do not guarantee

the connection 24/7 as some outages do occur in the area from time to time. You should know how to configure your notebook to use the internet connection, in most cases it should be automatic particularly if you have a similar connection at work or home. Your network connection should be set to automatic receive and IP address by DHCP. If you have a manual IP address entered, it should be in the 192.168.0 range otherwise it will not work. We cannot provide connection support services as it is difficult to know how each computer is setup. If it does not get a connection for any reason try turning the power off to the router for a minute and then turn it back on and check the connection lights all come on.

Kids

There is a child gate for the top of the stairs that may be used if necessary. If it has not already been set up then it will be in the first sliding mirror door at the top of the stairs. It screws into the caps left on the stair railings.

Be careful when using the ceiling fans in the bunk bedroom and discourage young children from using this fan. The switch is hidden in the mirrored wardrobe so keep it hidden for the safety of your children.

Always be careful of very young children on the top bunks. They should sleep on the bottom bunk unless they are used to top bunks.

The cubby house and trampoline have been left for kids to play on. You should always supervise your child when you first arrive so they get to know their way around and learn how to climb in and out of the cubby house.

Use these items at your own risk. Children should be 4-5 years old to use the trampoline and should always be supervised. Younger children can use the cubby house but make sure they can climb up and down the ladder before letting them use the cubby. Always keep an eye on the kids in the back yard.

When not in use the trampoline is left on end on the concrete in front of the garage windows. This helps to stop wayward balls going through windows and if playing cricket use the trampoline as the wicket keeper and hit towards the entertainment area. Any snicks onto the tramp is caught behind. Over the fence is six and out.

If you are using the trampoline try to move it each day to save the grass dying under the legs. When you leave tip it back up on edge and leave it on the

concrete where it was when you arrived.

A travelling cot is available. Please advise us if you need it so we can set it up ready for your arrival. If not set up then it will be in the upstairs wardrobe with the mirror doors. See setup instructions at the end of manual.

A high chair is also available on request. This will also be set up for your arrival if you have requested it. Otherwise it will be stored upstairs as well.

BBQ & Entertainment Area

At night turn the one master light switch on. Refer to lights and switches diagram for location.

To use the BBQ first turn on the gas at the bottle. Take the lid off the BBQ and then lift out the hot plate using the handles. Using the gas lighter from the kitchen drawers to light the right hand burner. Once lit put the hotplate back on and turn on other gas jets if necessary.

The far left hand jet is not working so the knob has been removed.

BBQ implements are in the kitchen drawers.

Always turn off the gas at the bottle when finished. If the gas runs out there are three options, firstly check the garage to see if the spare gas bottle is available and switch that over. Secondly if it is not available then SMS or email us and we will get the cleaner to call by and get it from the locked garage. Thirdly if all else fails take the empty bottle over to the garage in Sussex Inlet and either refill it or swap it over, keep the receipt and leave it in the kitchen when leaving and then email us and we will refund the cost along with your bond.

During winter firewood is supplied for the open fire. Please take care if you wish to use this fire and make sure it is always started and maintained by adults. DO NOT LET CHILDREN PLAY WITH FIRE. Always check for Firebans before lighting the fire.

Puppies

The backyard is fully fenced though if you have a very small dog you may find it able to squeeze through some of the gaps so watch your puppy for a while to see if they can get out. A few boards are available to cover the gaps if necessary.

Berrara's location close to water and bush means ticks so be prepared. We use

Proban tablets on our dogs and give them the first tablets a few days before arriving and then two tablets every second day while you are here and one more course when you get home. We have found that this is the most effective treatment. Never become complacent and spend plenty of time patting your dog and feeling for ticks. A pair of tick tweezers and eucalyptus oil have been left in the bathroom cupboard should you need them (bring your own just in case they have gone missing as well). Always return them to there when finished. Any ticks found should be burned straight away. Check yourselves as well.

We do not permit dogs in the house as this has resulted in too many cleaning problems and can impact on the following guests. If your dog does end up in the house then usually dog hair and fleas will be found and this may take longer to clean up and require a flea bomb resulting in a cleaning charge.

A dog bed has been left on the back balcony and an outside bed can be set up here for outdoor puppies. Always bring your own dog blanket so they will feel at home. **Please no barking dogs.** We live in a residential neighbourhood with permanent and friendly residents all around. The last thing anyone needs is continual barking and any complaints received could lead to a premature end to your holiday. Most dogs bark when they are lonely so spend plenty of time with puppy while you are here. A good walk and a swim in the morning should keep puppy happy and contented all day long. Please make sure your dog does not dig up the garden. Any plants that need replacing will be done so from the bond.

Doggy bags have been left to help you clean up after them. A shovel has been left up the side and the bags are in the pantry. All dog droppings must be cleaned up before you leave so doing it on a daily basis is the easiest.

Berrara has abundant wildlife and kangaroos regularly graze in the front yard and are great for children to look at up so close. Dogs have a habit of wanting to chase these kangaroos which can create a danger to cars and people as they bound away. The local ranger is quick to respond to complaints and many were fined over the holidays for having dogs off leads. When taking your dog for a walk always keep them on a lead. There are plenty of areas to take them to where you can let them off a lead but always keep hold of them on the way.

We do swim our dogs up Berrara creek but only early in the morning and late in the day when there are less people around to notice. You will notice the No Dogs sign at Berrara beach due to the bird breeding grounds which are signposted.

Keep right away from them and the beach and head up the creek along the sand flats for the best swimming spots. A short walk up the hill to Kirby's Beach is a great beach that you can let your dogs run along without having to worry about birds and rangers, and a short drive to Swan Lake is our favourite spot and is recommended as a great swimming and walking spot for puppy. Also walk straight down Beachway Avenue to the front where the rock shelf is, turn left at the bottom of the stairs and walk around the cliffs. It is a safe walk usually but be careful if a big swell is running and the tide is in. Puppy will love chasing fish in ponds and crabs on rocks. Check the printed manual in the house for the council designated off leash areas.

Be aware and responsible and you and your puppy will have a great holiday.

Washing & Drying

A washing machine and dryer are in the garage. The taps to the machine may be turned off when you arrive so check this and turn them both on before using the machine. They are simple to use and operate. Make sure you push the button in on the door for the dryer to start. Watch out when opening the garage door as sometimes this can hit against the dryer button and start it going. The clothes line has pegs already to go. In rainy weather use the string line under cover in the entertainment area to get essentials dry.

When you leave please turn off the taps again.

Departure

Always shut all windows and lock all doors. Turn all lights off, check and clear the fridge and your items from the pantry. Please leave the items that were there when you arrived for the benefit of other guests. In winter please turn off the hot water as well. Check all taps have been turned off and the toilet flushed and cleaned properly.

Full cleaning materials and products are available for you to return the house to the same state you found it in. If any of the cleaning products have run out then please leave them out on the bench so that we can replace them.

Empty the kitchen tidy and put the bins out the front with the wheels and handles away from the kerb.

Check the BBQ is clean of fat and oil and the gas bottle turned off.

Return the trampoline to the concrete path and stand it on its edge. Turn off the taps to the washing machine.

Thank you for your patronage. All comments are welcomed as we aim to continually improve and it is only through your feedback however small and insignificant you thinks it is, that will help us do this.

Leave the keys in the lock box after locking the doors. Spin the wheels on the combination lock to hide the combination.

Things to do

It is not all hot and sunny days at Berrara so here are a few activities that you might enjoy while you are here.

Relaxing

There is no better place to relax than Berrara, miles away from work and worry, take a walk along the beach to mermaids rock and pool or catch some rejuvenating rays on the beach. Relaxing in the backyard is one of our favourite pastimes, we always bring a set of Boules, and a croquet set as well as some board games. There is a table tennis table in the garage.

Walking & Bike riding

Some great bush and beach walking and riding tracks surround Berrara. One of the best walks is along the north side of Berrara creek, past Fisherman's rock and up to the end of the creek where you can cross a rock crossing and proceed through the bush to either the south end of Berrara Beach or further along to Monument beach and walk back home along the beach, or return by the same track along the creek. Time about 3 hours for the full circuit or 2 hours for the shorter return trip. The track starts down on the Berrara reserve. Take plenty of water and food, a good map, walking shoes, hut and sunscreen, swimmers, camera and find a good walking stick in the bush. This is the Conjola national park so there will be abundant wildlife. A CMA map is the best one to use though the local petrol station at Sussex has detailed maps as well.

The same track can be used for a bike ride though there are some spots where you will have to get off. Near the end of the creek you veer to the right and head north to meet up with a major dirt road that will take you back to Cudmirrah. There is an excellent old gravel pit out here for the adventurous with great jumps and bumps suitable for trail bike riders as well.

For more details look up some great rides on the web site of <http://users.bigpond.net.au/cam/southcst.html>. A copy of these pages are in the back of the manual. This refers to shops at Berrara and Cudmirrah which are no longer there so you will have to stock up at Sussex.

Fishing & Boating

Sussex Inlet is renown for estuary fishing. To start off there is easy fishing from the

shore of Berrara creek either along the sand flats west of Berrara reserve or take the short walk to Fisherman's rock. Bream, flathead and whiting can be caught up here.

Another fun outing is to hire a boat from one of the marinas in Sussex Inlet and enjoy the excellent fishing or site seeing available in the inlet. Easiest marina to find is straight down the end of the main street of Sussex. All bait and tackle can be purchased from here, if you're just beginning you will have just as much fun with an inexpensive hand line as with the full rod and reel equipment. When you have had enough fishing, motor around the canals looking at all the houses, this is always fun and there are plenty of fish in those canals as well. Canoes can also be hired from the marinas.

Beach fishing is also great at Berrara and Cudmirrah beach, no problems grabbing some worms from the beach and plenty of banks and gutters to bring the tailor, salmon and bream in.

For the serious fisherman, Sussex Inlet opens to the ocean for some deep sea fishing. The entrance can be dangerous so make sure you consult with the Coastal Patrol before going out. A less stressful way of going out is to sign up with the RSL fishing boat for a deep sea fishing adventure day.

Around the rocks at Berrara headland is an excellent place to skin dive with plenty of fish to chase around. Remember with any fishing to know your minimum sizes and bag limits as the rangers are active in the area.

Sailing is best on Swan Lake just down the road from Berrara. You will probably need to bring your own boat, from time to time operators are there to hire small skiffs out but this cannot be relied on.

Skiing and wakeboarding is also popular on Swan Lake. There is plenty of room to keep your boat off the street at Beach Towels if you bring it with you.

Surfing

This can be done all year round and while in sunny days are the best, great waves can be found in all conditions. Best in any wind except southerlies and easterlies, a great variety of breaks from easy beach breaks at Berrara, Cudmirrah and Sussex

beaches through to some legendary rock shelves and gnarly point breaks.

Berrara is the best beach for learners and works best in north east to north west winds and a south swell. Jerry Brown runs a surf school here in summer and holiday times and can be contacted at jbsurfschool@hotmail.com or 0449 266 994.

While Berrara Beach is one of the safer beaches on the coast, the north end being protected by the rocks out the front, be aware that **it is not patrolled** and like any beach conditions can change and make it dangerous. The water temperature can be cold at times so being caught in the water for too long can be dangerous. Always be aware and tread gently to start with. Generally waves will break down the beach and the water will move back out to sea next to the rocks at the north end so this creates a rip along the sandbank that will take you out to see. This is great for board riders as it is an easy way to get out the back, but dangerous for swimmers. For young children always swim and catch waves on the sandbank protected by the rocks, that is the safest place. Walk about 200 metres down the beach and there will be another sandbank with larger waves breaking on them and this is generally safe as well, but always watch the conditions, if it looks rough it will be rough. For toddlers and youngsters the lagoon and creek is the safest place to swim as it is normally still water but can be running out at certain times so be aware of tidal movements as well and you will have a great and enjoyable swimming experience at Berrara Beach.

This shouldn't scare you away from the beach, most of the time it is a fantastic and safe place to swim but always be aware of the conditions and your limitations.

Golf & Bowls

The Sussex Inlet golf club is the best place to see our local kangaroos and is a fun 9 hole layout on the Sussex Inlet Rd a kilometre or so west of town. The real test of golf in the area Mollymook Hilltop, a championship 18 hole layout along with a less testing 9 hole beachside course around 30 minutes south of Sussex Inlet. You have to drive back out to the highway and then south towards Ulladulla.

The Sussex Inlet Bowling Club is open for visitors and keep an eye out for the great fun barefoot bowls days during Xmas and school holidays. These days are a great family day with children of all ages laying down a few bowls. Contact the club on 4412087 to find out more and to organize the courtesy bus if you want to have a few drinks.

Shops

Sussex Inlet town centre has a good range of shops and essentials services. There is a chemist, National Bank, Post Office, two doctors, a dentist, veterinary surgery, a supermarket, petrol station as well as a good range of takeaway foods shops, liquor shop, surf and clothes shops and a fully stocked hardware. A highlight of any visit to Sussex Inlet would be the Ocean and Earth factory shop located just as you turn into Springs Rd heading to Berrara where you can get great bargains and a full range of surfing clothes and accessories.

Saturday mornings has a mini market place in the main street and for the more serious market shopper a 30 minute drive south along the highway to Milton on the first Saturday of each month will find you the famous Milton markets.

Nightlife and Dining Out

There are a number of restaurants in Sussex Inlet, the most popular being at either of the three clubs, the RSL and Sailfish club in the main street and the Bowling Club at South Sussex. Best way to get there if you enjoy a drink is to ring the RSL club and find out when their courtesy bus comes around. This will pickup and deliver from Beach Towels though we usually walk to the corner of Beachway and Surfway to make it easier. When you ring on 44412076 just tell them you will be on Pear's corner. A gold coin donation will get you to the club.

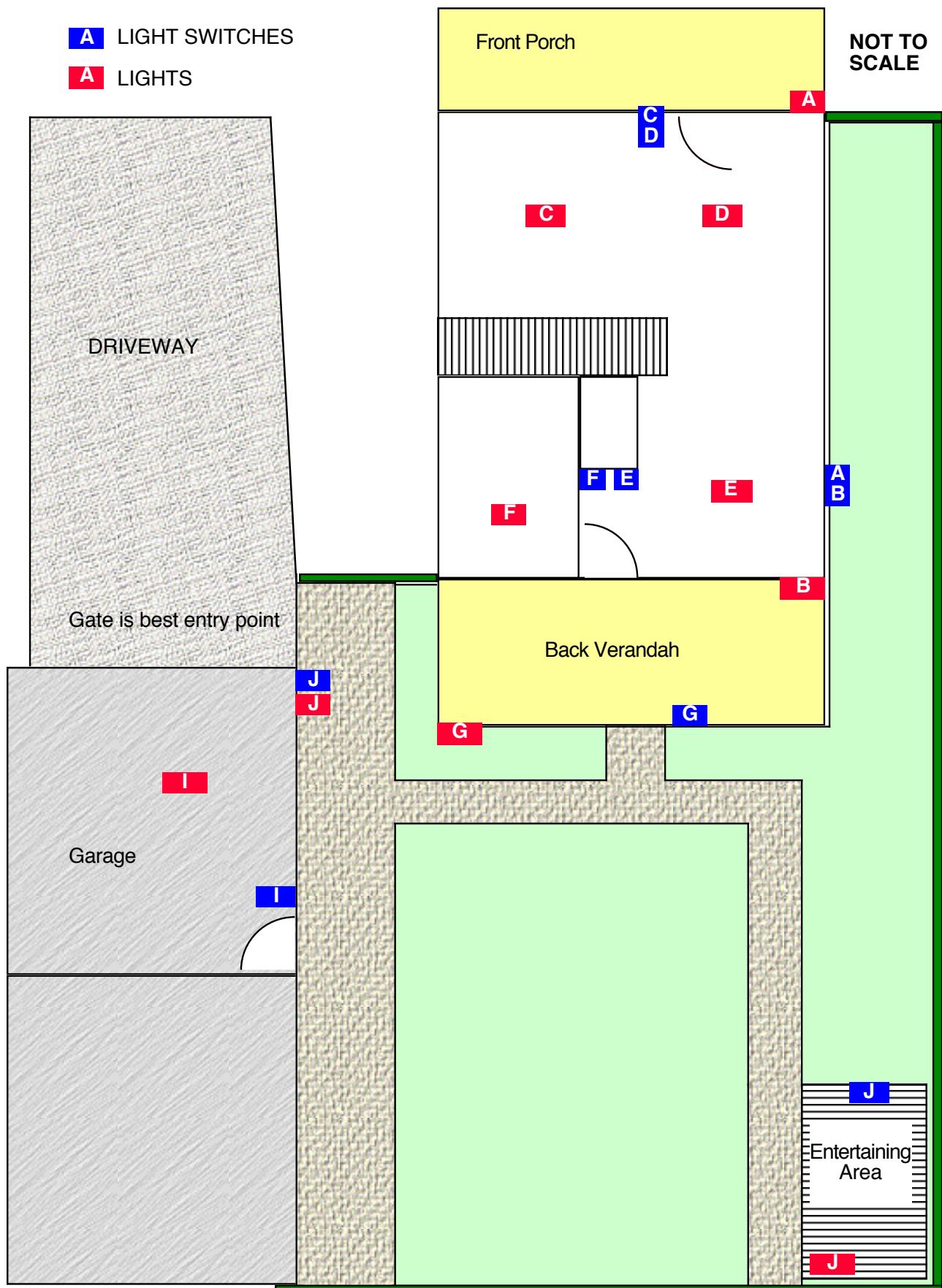
The club and nearby hotel have bands on most weekends and holiday times, meat markets and bingo days and nights.

The best nightlife and dining we have found in the area has been in our own backyard down the back in the "Ladies lounge"

Wine Tasting

Reknown wine maker Kladis has a vineyard with cellar sales at Wandandian, we can recommend the Cab Merlot as a great drop along with the Grenache. Drive out to the highway and head north for 2-3 kms and look for the entrance on the left just past the Wandandian township (they are building a wine tasting centre in Wandandian but it is not open as yet).

Map



Inventory

Below is a detailed inventory of all items in Beach Towels.

Lounge Room

6 Seat leather Rubelli lounge with foot stool & 4 blue cushions
Dimplex Fan
Ironing Board & IQ Iron
Vax V091 Vacuum cleaner
Mop and bucket
LG TV & DVD player each with remote control
TEAC CD/Tuner/iPod player with remote control
Various wall hangings & decorations
Timber coffee table
Netgear Rangemax Wireless ADSL modem

Kitchen

Glass 6 seat dining table
LG Microwave
Breville 4 slice Toaster (Model BTA340)
Kelvinator 351 Refrigerator
Kambrook Kettle
Breville coffee percolator
5 Knife block
Chopping board
8 person dinner setting, dinner plates, side plates, desert bowls
6 coffee mugs
3 microwave dishes
18 glass tumblers in 3 different sizes of 6 per size
4 frosted plastic wine glasses in white and 3 shades of blue
4 clear blue plastic wine glasses
6 glass wine glasses
4 light blue plastic cups
6 dark blue plastic cups
3 saucepans (one with steamer) and one frypan
1 oven baking dish
1 red porcelain salad bowl
1 plastic salad bowler with tossers
1 mixing bowl
1 colander
1 grater
1 measuring cup
1 timber fruit bowl

2 black table mats
1 blue teflon oven mitt
2 blue material oven mitts
1 Fire extinguisher fixed to wall

Drawers

1. 8 person cutlery setting, knives, forks, tablespoons, soup spoons, teaspoons (1 knife missing).
2. Can opener, grater, 4 egg rings, meat tenderizer, 2 basting brushes, 2 salad serving spoons, 1 wine opener, 1 potato masher, 1 plastic peeler, 1 metal peeler.
3. BBQ implements (see BBQ), tongs, two whiskers.
4. Plastic Chopping Board and garbage bags.

Cleaning Products

Oven cleaner
Detergent
Steelo pads & scourers and sponges
Fly and insect spray
Jif
Windex glass cleaner

Bathroom

Shower curtain
Baby's bath
Tick tweezers and eucalyptus oil

Main Bedroom

One queen size bed on leather bedhead
One dooner
One mattress protector
Four pillows
Two light stands

Second Bedroom

Two double bunks
4 dooners
4 pillows
4 waterproof pillow protectors
4 mattresses
4 waterproof mattress protectors
Travelling Cot in wardrobe

Childs High Seat in wardrobe

Rear Verandah

6 person glass outdoor setting with 6 bamboo tablemats (left inside)

1 Dog bed (only left out when dogs are visiting)

2 dog bowls (as above)

Garage

Washing Machine

Clothes Dryer

Washing basket and trolley

Portable hose and trolley (can be plugged into tap at side of house)

Entertainment Area

4 burner BBQ, 1 burner not working far left

1 six seater outdoor dining setting

1 vinyl "ladies lounge"

1 gas BBQ starter (left in kitchen drawers)

1 BBQ scraper

1 BBQ knife & fork, spatula and tongs (left in kitchen)

Broom and rake

Axe

Instructions for setting up Cot and High Chair

Travelling cot. Assembly

1. Unzip bag, remove cot and stand in upright position.
2. Unhook three velcro tabs on the outside of mattress and remove.
3. Separate the four corner posts.
4. Lift the four side rails upwards till they click into position.
5. Push down the centre support until it locks into position.
6. Lay the mattress in and check assembly is correct and safe.
7. Fix the velcro fasteners under the mattress onto the cot base.

Disassembly

1. Unfasten the velcro from the base and lift the mattress out.
2. Grasp the centre handle and lift upwards.
3. Lift the top rails and squeeze the buttons outside the centre joint to release the rails downwards.
4. Repeat for all rails.
5. Gather the corners all together and wrap the mattress base around it then fasten the velcro straps. This is done easier on the floor.
6. Put in bag and return to wardrobe.