



Welcome to Ocean Yakka Lodge!



Welcome to our new, completely off grid house set on our 103 hectare property of mostly native bush. We hope you enjoy the lovely view and the peace and tranquility as well as the local kangaroos and birdlife!

Here is some information about your stay:

1) General

We share the environment with local wild life - mice, tiger snakes, possums, and flies. Please don't leave doors open unattended for long periods!

The house is completely off-grid but modern and fundamentally no different to any suburban house – with a few differences. Please read specifics about energy and water, as it is different to city living.

Please note there are manuals for all appliances.

2) Energy

a) Power

The house runs on solar, wind, battery and backup genset if ever needed – typically calm overcast days in Winter when much energy is consumed),

b) Cooling

There is reverse cycle cooling in living area and the main bedroom (to be installed soon). In summer – particularly if the sun is shining in the windows, there will be abundant power generation, so run the aircons flat out. The house was designed to be warm and to conserve power in winter when solar PV is 25% of summer generation.

c) Heating

Please use the lovely fireplace and firewood provided in cold weather. We ask that you clean out the fireplace before you leave and ensure the fire is out if you're not in attendance. You can use the reverse cycle aircon, but use sparingly, if energy is low.

3) Water

Rain water is collected in the tanks around the house and garage. We ask that you please be mindful about your water usage and avoid lengthy showers! It is carefully filtered and provides clean and chemical free water for drinking, cleaning etc.

The sewerage and waste water is off grid and treated on site - please don't flush any wipes or sanitary items down the toilet - place them in the bins provided.

Please avoid any harsh chemicals and use the soaps we've provided as harsh chemicals will damage the waste water treatment system.

If you need to use the outside tap (eg. washing sand off feet), there is a timer with a grey button under the tap to unlock. Press the button turn to amount of time needed eg. 15mins and then close the tap when finished. The timer will keep ticking and is a safeguard if accidentally left on.

4) Wi-fi

There is free wi-fi - its Ocean Yakka guest and the password is OceanYakka.

To monitor energy usage and battery state of charge, go to <https://select.live/systems>.

Username: graham.davies@reson.com.au Password Yakka01

*Yakka is a Grass Tree or
Xanthorrhoea Semiplana*

*When all else fails –
read the instructions!*

5) Television

The regular free to air channels are available and you can stream movies using your own log in.

In the drawers under the TV there's a small portable DVD player and a limited selection of DVD's

6) Sound bar

There's a sound bar for you to stream your music to but note it doesn't work with the TV.

7) Games and Puzzles

Please enjoy the selection of games and puzzles in the drawers under the TV.

8) Cook top

The cook top is induction and is very energy efficient, but heats up very rapidly at full power – so take care. Induction cooking heats the pots (no element), so if the pot is removed heating stops. Switch on at the wall.

Put your finger flat on the on/off button for a few seconds. If it shows "Lo" hold your finger on the key/unlock button.

Tap on which hot plate you want to use then tap the + or - button to choose the heat setting

Switch off using the on/off button.

The instruction manual is in the Appliance folder in the drawer of the bookshelf

*Oven is 2.5kW,
Cooktop 3.5kW*

9) Oven

This should be easy to use - if you have any issues with it the manual will be in the appliance folder

10) Dishwasher

Please use it on the setting we have it on . Should you need a different setting please look at the manual in the Appliance folder

11) Coffee machine

There's a Nespresso machine and a limited supply of biodegradable pods - please put them in the compost bin near the shed

12) BBQ

Please clean the BBQ if you have used it. A spare gas bottle is in the store room

*The only fossil fuel, but
likely go electric BBQ*

13) Washing machine

Please use the soap we've provided - if you need the manual it is in the appliance folder in the drawers below the book shelf. There is a wash line near the shed and a small rack in the storeroom.

14) First Aid Kit

There's a small first aid kit in the drawers below the bookshelf in the kitchen.

15) Bins and recycling

Please empty the bins prior to your departure and put the rubbish in the red bin across the road from the gate.

Please put your recycling in the small bin provided in the house and when you leave put the recycling in the yellow bin across the road from the gate.

16) Organic kitchen waste - Compost

Very few self-contained accommodations do composting. Organic recycling is the best type of recycling – 100% recovery (compared to plastic, bottles, cans etc.) Food waste going into landfill creates methane (80x CO2 emissions) so we want to put as much of the organic matter back into the environment.

For this purpose, please use the kitchen bin with a compostable bag. When the bag is full tie the top and drop into the green aerobic organics bin, next to the shed water tank.

Not necessary, but if you want to go the extra mile, please add a few handfuls of grass/leaves from to cover the green waste when you leave.

17) Beds

We use Sleeping Duck beds – which we have found to be the ‘best’ beds. We have as a default ‘firm’ mattresses, but in the main bedroom the side furthest from the window is ‘medium’. It is possible to also change the other beds, and depending on feedback this could happen. If ‘firm’ is just too much for you, please advise (phone), and the top cover mattress can be replaced with medium (we have a spare medium in the 2nd bedroom cupboard).

18) Walks

There are short walking trails on our property - you'll need to download the trails on a Smart phone as they aren't well marked, as well as a map from www.oceanyakka.com.au/downloads as well as a map. All walks around the property are undertaken at your own risk. Closed shoes and long trousers are essential. There is a great walk to Antechamber Beach, 4km one way, and the beach is 4km long. So a 16km trip if you go to the end and back to the lodge. This walk is likely a grade 3-4 level – and use of the kml files and App is mandatory. We use GPS Tracks (\$5), but free apps such as Avenza also work.

19) Kayaks

There are 2 single kayaks , a double kayak and a wave ski you can use at Antechamber bay Lagoon or at Penneshaw - you will need roof racks to transport them. Life jackets are in the store room. Any use of the kayaks is at your own risk. Please clean heavy dirt off the Kayaks and leave the kayaks at the edge of the concrete slab.

20) Checkout

Check out is at 10am on the morning of your departure - please respect this.

21) BEFORE you Leave::

- Please empty the dishwasher and pack all your dishes away.
- Please close all windows and blinds
- Check all taps and lights are off
- Empty all bins
- Put the key back in the key safe
- Ensure you have all your belongings!

Ka Kayak is an anagram of Yakka

Thank you very much for being our guest. We really hope you've enjoyed your stay- and appreciate any feedback.



If you have any queries, issues, or ideas, suggestions contact the property owners:

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