



Welcome to Ocean Yakka Lodge!



Ocean Yakka is off-grid lodge set on 103 hectares of mostly native bush. We hope you enjoy the lovely view and the peace and tranquility as well as walks and local fauna and flora!

Here is some information to enhance your stay:

1) General

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

The house (lodge) 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,.

Please note there are manuals for all appliances in cupboards or drawers

2) Energy

a) Power

The house runs on solar, wind, battery and backup genset (only needed on overcast days in Winter and when a/c heater left used for over 8 hours). Energy consumption and battery state of charge can be monitored at <https://select.live/systems>.

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

In the unlikely event of a power trip, check the meter box at the right side of the house. If there is no power at all, please phone Graham or Kelly.

You could also try DIY, but only if comfortable.

Switch off all appliances then go to the shed (key on carport post and code 2109) and read instructions "Power Failure Reset" at power board.

b) Cooling

There is reverse cycle cooling in living area and the main bedroom. In summer – there will be abundant power generation, so run the aircons flat out if you need.

c) Heating

In summer, there is 4x more power than winter

Please use the lovely fireplace and firewood provided in winter. We ask that you clean out the fireplace before you leave. Or use the reverse cycle aircon, but switch off when going to bed.

3) Water

Rain water is collected in the tanks around the house and garage. It is carefully filtered and provides clean and chemical free water for drinking, cleaning etc. We ask that you please be mindful about your water usage and avoid lengthy showers, but also don't rush – enjoy.

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 time 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.

Note that if there is a drip at the 'first flush' downpipes, no worries - its designed this way.

*Yakka is a Grass Tree or
Xanthorrhoea Semiplana*

*When all else fails –
read the instructions!*

4) Wi-fi

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

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. It 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.

To use, 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.

*Oven is 2.5kw,
Cooktop 3.5kw*

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

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 Pod machine and a limited supply of biodegradable pods - please put them in the compost bin near the shed. Note the pods provided have a biodegradable container, and the foil is retrieved once the rest has broken down.

12) BBQ

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

In time, we intend going electric.

*The BBQ is the only
fossil fuel used!*

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 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

*Organic recycling is the most
valuable form of re-cycling*

Very few self-contained accommodations do composting. Organic recycling has a 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.

Please use the kitchen compost bin with a compostable bag. When the bag is full drop into the green aerobic organics bin, next to the shed water tank. If you like, add a few handfuls of grass/leaves to cover the green waste when you leave.

17) Beds

We use Sleeping Duck beds – which we have found to be the ‘best’. We have as a default ‘firm’ top covers on the mattresses, but in the main bedroom, the side furthest from the window is ‘medium’. In the 2nd bedroom, we have a spare ‘medium’ top cover in the cupboard if you need to change out. If ‘firm’ is not comfortable, please phone or provide feedback.

18) Walks

There are walking trails on our property – it is mandatory to download the trails and map from www.oceanyakka.com.au/downloads so as not to get lost. You will need an App to read kml files. A map print out is at the back of the booklet. 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 la grade 3-4 level. We use GPS Tracks (\$5), but free apps such as Avenza also work for kml files.

19) Kayaks

There are 2 single kayaks, a double kayak and a wave ski alongside the carport for guest usage, but at your own risk. Life jackets are in the store room. Please clean off heavy dirt. Lashmar Lagoon offers easy kayaking and is a 3km drive. This leads to Antechamber Bay, but only go on the sea if conditions are suitable for your ability. There is also Pelican Lagoon (launch near American River or Island Beach) or Penneshaw is great, and dolphins often come right up to you!

20) Guitar

Feel free to use the guitar. It generally needs a slight tune before playing. Treat it well!
Ah.... IT was damaged, so may be in for repair.

21) Checkout

Check out is at 10am on the morning of your departure.

22) 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
- Ensure you have all your belongings!
- Put the key back in the key safe

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



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

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Kayak is an anagram of Yakka