

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR ACCESSING AND STAYING AT SHEARWATER

HAPPY VALLEY, FRASER ISLAND

Congratulations and thank you for choosing Shearwater for your Fraser Island holiday. As your host, I warmly welcome you to Fraser Island and Happy Valley. This is a magic place where great memories are made in a pristine and special environment.

The following Information Pack has been compiled to answer the following questions:

1. What preparations do I need to make for a Fraser Island holiday?
 - What permits do you need, and where do you get them?
 - How do you get on to the island, and what are the ferry schedules?
 - What do I need to pack to stay in an isolated village on an island?
 - What are the bedroom configurations and what linen will I need to pack?
 - When is the best time to travel up the beach?
 - Where do I find the local tide times?
2. How do I get to Shearwater?
 - Where is the house located?
 - How do I get there if coming from Rainbow Beach or Hervey Bay?
 - What obstacles can I expect on the beach?
 - What are the check-in procedures?
3. What services does the house provide?
 - Where does the water come from?
 - How much refrigeration space is available?
 - What entertainment is at the house?
 - Will my phone get coverage?
 - Where can I get more information about Shearwater?
4. What is there to do when I get there?
 - What can I do if I just want to stick to the beach?
 - What are the best spots if I am up for travelling inland on the sand tracks?
 - Tell me about the local wildlife – what do I do if we are approached by a dingo?
 - What other services are available on the island?
 - What do I do, and who do I contact if I have a breakdown?

While I don't live on the island and will not be there to greet and support you in person during your stay, I am keen to ensure that your holiday goes as smoothly as possible. If you ever have any questions either before you go, or once you are on the island, please call, text or email me and I will get back to you as soon as I am able.

Regards

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BEFORE YOU COME TO FRASER ISLAND

Purchasing vehicle permits to drive on Fraser Island

As it is a National Park, you need to purchase a permit to visit even if you are staying on private land.

Vehicle access permits are required when visiting Fraser Island. Ensure you purchase the permits before you arrive on Fraser Island, and clearly display them on your vehicle windscreen.

\$48.25 (less than 1 month)

Permits can be purchased on line at <https://qpws.usedirect.com/qpws/>

Rainbow Beach Tourist Information Centre

66 Rainbow Beach Road, Rainbow Beach QLD 4581

The information centre is on the left as you drive into town. Manta Ray barge tickets can also be purchased here. They also have some good maps and information on the island, so this is your best place to pick it up.

Opening hours: Mon–Sun: 7am–5pm. Pay by Cash, Credit Card, EFTPOS

Hervey Bay Visitor Information Centre

227 Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road, Hervey Bay QLD 4655

Opening hours: Mon–Sun: 9am–5pm. Pay by Cash, Credit Card, EFTPOS

Fraser Island Barges – Tickets and timetables

Manta Ray Barge

Please stop by the Manta Ray Barge & Permit Office to pay and collect your ticket or pay on board. Located at 66 Rainbow Beach Rd, Rainbow Beach Qld 4581 on the left as you are driving into town. Cash and Card facilities are available.

You can also call their office on 07 5486 3935 and they will organise your permits & barge tickets and post them directly to you.

Manta Ray Barge Timetable

The Manta Ray Fraser Island barge service operates two barges daily from 6.00 am to 5.15 pm (**last barge to Fraser is at 5.00 pm, last barge off Fraser is at 5.15 pm**). The trip to Fraser Island takes approximately 10 minutes. As this service runs back and forth all day approx every 30 minutes there is no need to make a booking. During peak period the barge may start earlier and finish later.

It is highly recommended you plan to be at the barge at no more than 3 hours either side of low tide to ensure an easy run up the beach.



Fares:

4wd (including passengers)	\$130.00 return
4wd + up to 7×4 Box Trailer Total Length 3.4m	\$200.00 return
4wd + Trailer	\$230.00 return
4wd (including passengers)	\$85.00 one way
4wd + up to 7×4 Box Trailer Total Length 3.4m	\$130.00 one way
4wd + Trailer	\$160.00 one way

Wanggoolba Creek Ferry

The Fraser Venture departs River Heads (20 minutes south of Hervey Bay) daily, landing at Wanggoolba Creek on the western side of Fraser Island. The ferry takes approx 30 minutes to cross the Bay. Wanggoolba Creek is directly opposite the township of Eurong on the eastern beach.

Return Cost	One Way Cost
Off Peak: \$180.00 per vehicle (standard 4WD) Peak: \$205.00 per vehicle (standard 4WD) Includes driver only. \$5.00 per extra vehicle passenger.	Off Peak: \$110.00 per vehicle (standard 4WD) Peak: \$130.00 per vehicle (standard 4WD) Includes driver only. \$5.00 per extra vehicle passenger.
Off Peak: \$255.00 per vehicle (large 4WD) Peak: \$275.00 per vehicle (large 4WD) Includes driver only. \$5.00 per extra vehicle passenger.	Off Peak: \$155.00 per vehicle (large 4WD) Peak: \$165.00 per vehicle (large 4WD) Includes driver only. \$5.00 per extra vehicle passenger.
Off Peak: \$100.00 under 4m (including draw bar) Peak: \$120.00 under 4m (including draw bar) (boats, campers, caravans & trailers)	Off Peak: \$60.00 under 4m (including draw bar) Peak: \$72.00 under 4m (including draw bar) (boats, campers, caravans & trailers)
Off Peak: \$140.00 over 4m up to 7m (including draw bar) Peak: \$155.00 over 4m up to 7m (including draw bar) (boats, campers, caravans & trailers)	Off Peak: \$84.00 over 4m up to 7m (including draw bar) Peak: \$93.00 over 4m up to 7m (including draw bar) (boats, campers, caravans & trailers)
Off Peak: \$340.00 per truck (2 axle) Peak: \$380.00 per truck (2 axle)	
Off Peak: \$90.00 per motor bike Peak: \$105.00 per motor bike Includes rider only. \$5.00 per extra motor bike passenger.	Off Peak: \$54.00 per motor bike Peak: \$63.00 per motor bike Includes rider only. \$5.00 per extra motor bike passenger.
Walk on passengers \$60.00 adults, \$30 children (4 - 14 years), infants (0 - 3 years) free.	Walk on passengers \$35.00 adults, \$18 children (4 - 14 years), infants (0 - 3 years) free.
All rates are in Australian Dollars and are valid from 1 July 2019 until 31 March 2020 *Peak Dates: 21 Sep - 7 Oct 2019, 14 Dec 2019 - 27 Jan 2020.	

Getting to the Vehicular Barges/Ferries

Inskip Point Barge from Rainbow Beach

The shortest and most cost-effective transfer to the Island is from the bottom of the Island crossing from Inskip Point (just north of Rainbow Beach) to Hook Point on Fraser Island on the Manta Ray.

Inskip point is about 15 mins north of Rainbow Beach (well sign posted). It is bitumen all the way to the Point, and then about 200m sand down to where the barge comes in. Just follow the tracks. It is highly advisable to let air out of your tyres, before you drive onto the sand. This short stretch of sand to the barge gets very dry, and even very experienced drivers will get bogged here if tyres remain inflated at bitumen driving levels. Check with your manufacturer for the recommended air pressure for your vehicle for driving on sand.

River Heads Ferry from Hervey Bay

From Boat Harbour Drive, you will need to turn on to Elizabeth Street at the roundabout near the Urangan Woolworths and follow this road past airport. Please turn left on to River Heads Road (which is signed and may come up in electronic GPS navigation systems as Ariadne Road) and follow the road all the way to end to arrive at ferry loading area. The Ticket Hut will be located on your right hand side.

River Heads Ferry from Maryborough

Follow the Maryborough–Hervey Bay Road and, at the large roundabout, take the Boral Road exit. Continue along until you see signage for River Heads Road (on your right hand side). Follow this road all the way through to the ferry loading area.

It takes approximately 45 minutes (depending on the state of the sand tracks) to drive from the creek landing to Eurong.

Departure times from River Heads to Wanggoolba Cree daily at: 8.30 am, 10.15 am and 4.00 pm

Departure times from Wanggoolba Creek to River Heads daily at: 9.00 am, 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm



WHAT TO BRING

1. All your food and drink requirements for your stay. While basics can be purchased from the local store (bread, milk, ice, sweets, coffee, toilet paper, alcohol, petrol and diesel) don't rely on it to purchase all your food for your trip. Not only is it very expensive, its stocks are narrow and limited. A second shop and bakery are located at Eurong has a broader range of groceries.

We keep a limited supply of kitchen foodstuffs: tea bags, instant coffee, sugar, salt, pepper, flour, kitchen wraps (glad wrap, alfoil, baking paper), oils, some herbs, garbage bags, tea towels and cleaning supplies.

2. Sheets for all the beds you will be using. The configuration of the beds is as follows:
 - 2 x queen
 - 1x double
 - 4 x single bunk beds. The top bunks are not recommended for children under the age of 9 or adults over 75kgs.
 - 1 x porta cot stored in the downstairs queen bedroom
 - 2 x spare single mattresses.

There are two spare single mattress stored under the bunk beds if your numbers stretch to twelve.

Each bed has a mattress protector, pillows with pillow protectors, and a doona with cover. Additional blankets are kept in the cupboards of the main bedroom downstairs.

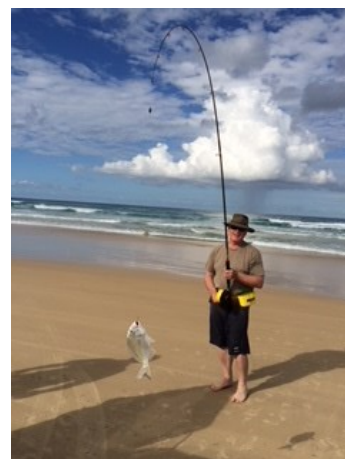
3. Towels – both bath and swimming
4. Toilet paper. There will be a roll and a spare in each toilet on your arrival. Please bring additional supplies to meet your needs for the length of your visit.
5. Fishing rods and tackle to catch some of these:

The shop keeps limited supplies of frozen bait, but it is quite expensive, so bring, or catch your own.

The eugarie (or pippies) are easy to dig up off the beach. They present as air bubbles on the beach when cars drive over them at low tide. Dig down about 5cm under each air bubble to yield great fresh bait.

And if you have the skill, there are plenty of beach worms available to catch once you have acquired some burley (and some worming skills).

6. Boogie boards or blow up rings for floating down Eli Creek.



7. Books to read (or you can read your way through our library of books in the lounge)
8. There is no TV at the house, but a large library of board games, cards and a poker set are provided.
9. A Four-Wheel Drive vehicle to get you around the island. At least basic recovery gear - Max Tracks to wedge under your tyres if bogged, and a snatchem strap to hook onto the kind vehicle that agrees to pull you out of the sand.

TIDE TIMES

WADDY POINT (FRASER ISLAND) – QUEENSLAND

LAT 24° 58' S LONG 153° 21' E

Times and Heights of High and Low Waters

2020

Local Time

JANUARY				FEBRUARY				MARCH				APRIL			
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
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3 0206 1.34		18 0246 1.56		3 0326 1.56		18 0441 1.87		3 0216 1.63		18 0407 1.88		3 0349 1.85		18 0511 1.82	
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								TU 1217 1.31							
								1800 0.86							

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Datum of Predictions is Lowest Astronomical Tide

Times are in local standard time (Time Zone UTC +10:00)

Moon Phase Symbols

● New Moon

☾ First Quarter

○ Full Moon

☾ Last Quarter

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LAT 24° 58' S LONG 153° 21' E

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Moon Phase Symbols

● New Moon

◐ First Quarter

○ Full Moon

◑ Last Quarter

GETTING TO SHEARWATER, FRASER ISLAND

Shearwater is at Happy Valley, a small township protected by a dingo proof fence, half way up the east coast of Fraser Island on 75 Mile Beach.

The beach is the main road on Fraser Island, so a four-wheel drive vehicle is essential for visiting Shearwater. Vehicular ferries run from both River Heads, Hervey Bay and Inskip Point, north of Rainbow Beach. Tides on Fraser Island can vary by 1.5m (which may equate to about 50m of drivable beach), so it is essential that you travel as close as possible to low tide.

Arriving via Inskip Point

Once you land on the island, turn right, following the tracks (and the other cars) going around Hook Point to 75-mile beach, which runs from that point up to Indian Head (75 miles north - surprise surprise).



The beach is usually in pretty good condition, so once you get around Hook Point, you should find it easy driving. Normal road rules apply (keep to the left-hand side of the beach), with maximum speed 80km an hour. This drops to 40km going past townships.

The first township you will pass is Eurong (it is 34km north of the barge crossing and should take you about 35 - 40mins).

Once you pass Eurong, continue north on the beach for another 20km and 25 minutes. About 10 minutes north of Eurong, you will come to Poyungan Rocks. A lot of the coffee rock on the beach is often exposed, and you may need to take the bypass road around the back of these rocks on some tides.

The bypass road is a bit rough, going around the back of the main rock formation. Take it slowly and your 4-wheel drive should comfortably handle the conditions.

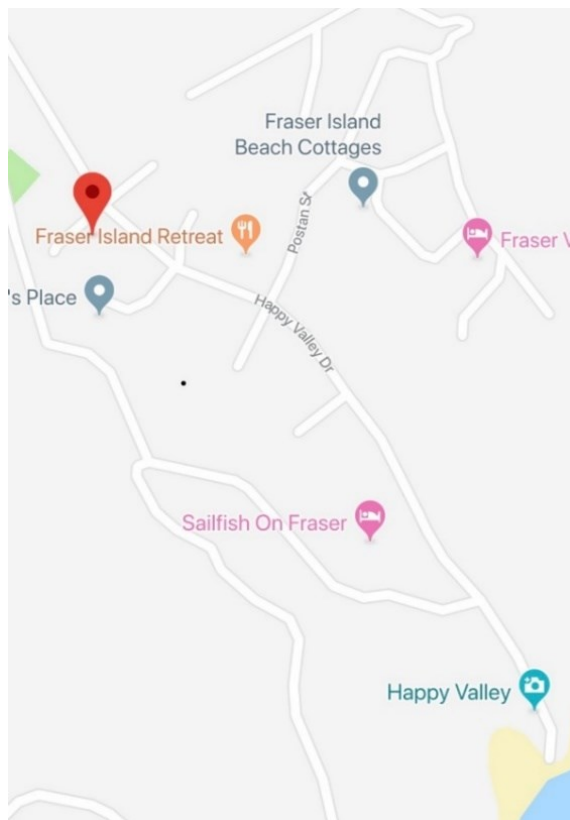


Another 10 minutes north, and you will see a group of houses right on the beach at Yidney Rocks. At low tide you will be able to travel in front of Yidney, but at other times you will need to take the bypass road behind this small settlement.

Happy Valley is only 400m north of Yidney. It is tucked up behind the dunes and is spread across two valleys. You will notice the 40km speed sign, and a big sign for Happy Valley at the base of the track into the Village.



Drive up into Happy Valley, and the house is just past the Fraser Island Retreat on the left-hand side of the road. If you go too far, you will be back in the scrub on the road to Lake Garawongera.



It is easiest if you drive right up between the clothes line and the back of the house and park at the back door for ease of unloading.



Travelling from Hervey Bay

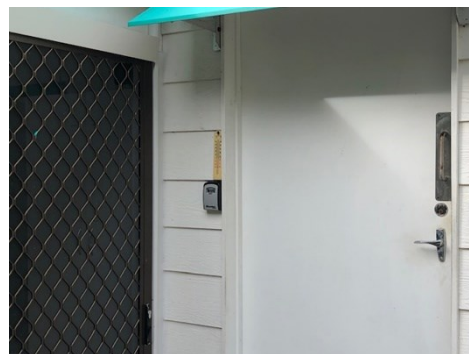
If you are coming from Hervey Bay, your vehicular ferry will take you to Wangoolba Creek. You will then have about a 45-minute journey through inland tracks to the eastern beach, that will bring you out at the township of Eurong. Turn north onto 75 mile beach and follow the directions mentioned above to get to Happy Valley.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

The standard check-in to the house is 3pm and check out is 10am. However, if there are no other tenants checking out on the day of your arrival, or none coming in the day you depart, check in and check out can be more flexible to meet the best time for beach travel. Elspeth will advise you about this prior to your arrival. If you have any questions on your check in and check out times, please call her on 0488 237 553.

Securing the key to enter the house

If you pull up at the back door, you will find a “Lock Box” on the wall. Enter the code sent to you and you will see the key that opens all the doors to the house. Please return the keys to the Lock Box on leaving.



HOUSE SERVICES

Power

The house runs on solar power, with the energy stored in batteries in the battery room beyond the laundry. In an adjacent room there is a backup generator which may automatically start every few days to fully charge the batteries, particularly if it has been overcast, or you have been running anything that draws a lot of power. **Please DO NOT use hair dryers, curling irons or straighteners.** Items like these with heating elements draw a lot of power and can drain the solar batteries.

Gas

The hot water and oven run on gas. There are two tanks on the southern side of the house (outside the main bathroom window). If at any stage the gas runs out, just switch to the second tank. If you are not familiar with this, please call and I will organise our caretakers in the Valley to come and do it for you.

The barbeque also runs on gas and has a separate bottle that sits under the tiled return to the BBQ, along with a gas bottle refill. Please DO NOT place the gas bottles directly under the hot plate as they are likely to ignite!

Water

Shearwater has a plentiful supply of naturally sand filtered water that is sourced to the house directly from the spear pump in the front lawn. All water to the house goes through a filtration system and is perfectly safe to drink.

Feel free to wash your car as often as you would like. The hose at the side of the house outside the bunk room has great pressure to get in under your vehicle to remove sand.

THE HOUSE

Kitchen

You will find the kitchen is very well equipped for up to 12 people. This includes picnic ware (kept in the top of the pantry cupboard) as well as crockery, cutlery, pots and pans, salad dishes, baking dishes etc. There is also a kitchen blender, coffee plunger, toaster and microwave.

Along with utensils, we keep a limited supply of kitchen foodstuffs: tea bags, instant coffee, sugar, salt pepper, flour, kitchen wraps (glad wrap, alfoil, baking paper), oils, some herbs, garbage bags, tea towels and cleaning supplies. Please feel free to avail yourself of these supplies. There are also baking dishes, cake tins and muffin trays in the bottom drawer of the pantry if you feel like baking.



There are two big fridges (one with a freezer on bottom) along with a chest freezer for your use. We usually use the fridge freezer for food and the stand-alone fridge for drinks.

Cooking

The oven and stove top both run on gas. Turn on and press in the dial for which ever hob you are using, and then use one of the gas lighters hanging on the wall to the right of the stove to light it. There are self-igniting nobbs for both the oven and griller. Make sure you press in the dial while to self-ignite to ensure the gas is running. You need to continue to hold in the dial for a few seconds after the hob/oven/griller is lit, to establish the flame.

BBQ

To use, simply turn the gas bottle knob to open, turn the knobs at the front of the BBQ and light using one of the gas lighters in the kitchen beside the stove. Place the wooden cover on the BBQ when not in use to keep the water off it when it rains.

There is a really good barbeque cleaner “Spotgo” provided under the kitchen sink. Please use it to keep the barby clean while you are here and to clean it as you leave.

Fish Filleting

Please do not clean or fillet fish in the house. There is a fish cleaning and filleting sink at the back of the house, behind the laundry. Bag up your fish frames and take them straight to the dump to avoid the goannas raiding the bins for these tasty morsels.

Rubbish

There are two rubbish bins on the back landing, along with more industrial bins stored in the laundry. Bin liners are kept in the drawers of the broom cupboard outside the bathroom. Please always use bin liners, and regularly remove your rubbish to the large rubbish bins located at the rubbish station, about 200m along the inland road that passes the house. Please make sure you take all rubbish to the dump on your departure.

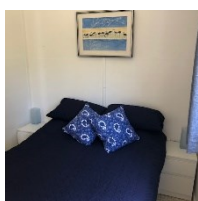
Laundry

There is a strong, reliable top loader washing machine in the laundry. Washing powder and pegs are provided for guest use.

The higher than normal iron content in the water reacts with any sunscreen on clothes and may stain light coloured clothes when washed. Rather than risk any precious light-coloured clothing pieces that have come into contact with sunscreen, I would suggest you take them home with you to wash. Washing all other clothes is perfectly fine.

Bedding and Linen

The house has 5 bedrooms: 2 x Queen; 1 x double; and 2 x bunk rooms.



Each bed has a mattress protector, pillows with pillow protectors, and a doona with cover. Additional blankets are kept in the main bedroom downstairs.

While tea towels, hand towels and bath mats are provided, you will need to provide sheets and pillow cases for every bed you use and your own bath and beach towels. If you are not able to bring your own sheets and towels, these can be rented from the Fraser Island Retreat, phone +61 7 4127 9144. It is requested that if you are utilising this service, you ring and book before coming to the island to ensure there is linen available and waiting for you on your arrival. Just go to the office window at the Retreat (off to the side of the verandah as you come up the stairs to the store) to collect your linen.

Baby gear

If you are travelling with a baby, there is a portacot, highchair, change mat, baby bath and bathing frame in the cupboard in the main bedroom downstairs. There is also a gate behind the blue chair at the foot of the stairs in the lounge room that can be put up if you have a crawler or toddler you want to keep off the stairs.

Cleaning

It is inevitable that you will track sand into the house during your stay. It is a sand island and very hard to avoid. There is a Dyson Stick Vacuum cleaner charging attached to the cupboard on the back patio. This is invaluable for doing a regular whip around to keep the sand from underfoot. To maximise the length of charge, run the Stick on minimum power, which is ample for picking up sand and dust from the hard floors. To empty the cleaner, pull the red tab at the top then release the canister at the bottom to empty the Dyson dust bin.

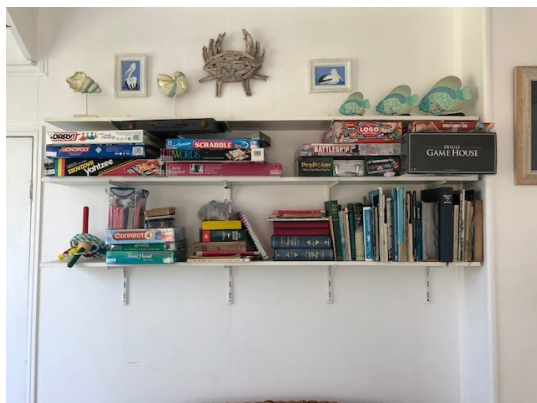
For a more thorough clean, the main vacuum cleaner is kept in the cupboard on the back patio. There is also a steam mop in this cupboard, that is an easy and quick way to clean the floors.

We provide bath mats, hand towels, tea towels and dish cloths (spare tea towels and dish clothes are kept in the drawers near the water filter), and there are also rags under the sink in the laundry for use on the barby, or your car. It would be much appreciated if you could leave the rags soaking in the laundry bucket and put the tea towels and bathmats on to wash as you go. The care taker can hang them out when they come to check on the house after you leave.

ENTERTAINMENT

Library of books and games

There is a large supply of novels, books on Fraser Island and birds and fish, along with cards, board and other games for your enjoyment. Feel free to take any novels with you that you did not get around to finishing. And if there are any that you have brought with you and are finished with, we would love it if you left them on the book shelf to add to the collection.



Connectivity (phones, Wi-Fi etc)

Currently Fraser Island is not well supported with connectivity and mobile phone coverage. There is a Telstra tower at the back of Happy Valley, so you will get good Telstra mobile phone coverage around Happy Valley (along with the other settlements on the island), but no other carriers are supported. So, if your phone is with Optus or Vodaphone, it will not work at Happy Valley.

Connectivity for data is also poor. It runs at 0.3mbps download speed (as a point of comparison, we get over 100mbps in Brisbane). We have tried putting a Wi-Fi dongle in the house for guests to access, but it worked so poorly we removed it. Locals in the Valley are campaigning for better connectivity and have been told that Optus are putting up their own tower later in 2020, which should improve the connectivity and coverage for all.

Unwelcome wildlife

The house is fully gauzed to keep out the mosquitoes and flies. Keep the front and back gauze door closed as much as possible to keep these insects out.

This is particularly important at night. If the house is left open, you might get a visit from the resident lace monitor goanna or other local rodent.

Fraser Island Retreat, Satinay Bar and Bistro

The Retreat, which includes the Satinay Bar and Bistro, is just 100m and one minute's walk from Shearwater, making it a great alternative to cooking every night. The Bistro has a large deck, providing opportunities for indoor and outdoor dining for lunch or dinner. Takeaway meals and barista coffee are also available from the café.

The licenced bar and bistro are open every day for lunch and dinner. There is a large screen TV over the bar and shows major sporting events that are telecast on free to air TV.

ON DEPARTURE...

Cleaning requirements

As the island is isolated, with limited support services, we ask that you clean the house on leaving, (vacuum and mop floors, clean the bathroom, and kitchen, wipe out the fridges and clean the barbeque) leaving it as you found it. This is a term of your rental of Shearwater.

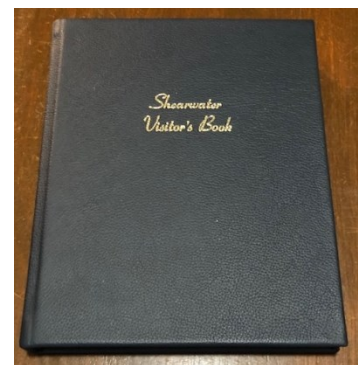
Make sure all rubbish is removed to the rubbish dump – 200m past the house on the right-hand side.

After you have locked the house, please return the key to the “Lock Box” on the wall beside the laundry.

Visitors Book

Shearwater has been the holiday destination for our family for over 40 years. Over that time, the extended family have visited regularly, and have hosted many friends as well. The visitors book dates back to 1976, and is a wonderful snapshot of the joy many have experienced on Fraser Island while holidaying in the house. Please make sure you add comments from your family group to this piece of history, letting us know what you have loved about your visit to Shearwater.

If there are things you would like to suggest as improvements, or items you feel would have improved your holiday experience, please let us know.



ISSUES ARISING

As an isolated property, with none of us living locally, it is even more important to let us know if there are any breakages or maintenance issues you identify when in the house. We would really appreciate you reporting them through to us as soon as possible so we can get items replaced or repaired.

If you have any issues or questions while you are at the house, please call

Elspeth Murray: 0488 237 553. If you can't get on to me, please call my brother

Pete Frith: 0429 158 770

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET THERE???



There are lots of books about the island, it's history, the vegetation and wildlife on the book shelf in the lounge, if you want to get more detail on anything you see. There is also a range of bird and fish books to assist with the identification of the local species.

Easy things to do (without going inland)

Chill on the beach



The beach straight down in front of the house is lovely, and a good option for families. While there are no patrolled beaches on Fraser, playing in the shallows is safe. There are also some fresh water streams and rock pools in front of Happy Valley which are great to keep children entertained.

You will find a variety of beach buckets and spades and games in the cupboard of the main bedroom downstairs that you are welcome to use.



Eli Creek

About 7km north of the Valley is Eli Creek. This is the biggest freshwater creek on the island. It is spring fed, and the water pours out at 1 million Gallons an hour. The fast-flowing creek is a must to float down.

The volume of water also makes it a hazard to cars if you stop in the middle of the creek. The sand will be washed away from your tyres and make it very difficult to get out. So safely drive right through - **DO NOT** stop your car in the creek.

Maheno - beached on the Island another 3km or so further north of Eli Creek.

The Maheno, an old passenger /hospital ship was being towed to Japan for scrap metal in 1935 when it encountered a rare winter cyclone, broke the tow line, and ended up beached on Fraser Island.

The Maheno was involved in active service during WW1, and a plaque celebrating its life and achievements is located in the dunes adjacent to the wreck. If you are lucky enough to be on the island for ANZAC Day, a moving service is held at the Maheno each year.

There is a lot of information on the Maheno on the shelves with the games in the lounge if you want to read up on it more.

Happy Valley Retreat also has a good display of Maheno information and memorabilia



Cathedral Coloured Sands

Head further north along 75 mile beach and you will notice that many of the sand dunes are coloured orange and red.



The most impressive of these is the Cathedrals, so called because the formation looks like the spires of a cathedral.

Indian Head, Middle Rocks and Waddy Point

About 40 mins drive North of the Maheno (about an hour from Shearwater), will take you to the top of 75 mile beach and Indian Head.

This is the first of three Basalt Rock outcrops, behind which the Island was built. Indian Head, Middle Rocks and Waddy point.



To go north from Indian Head, you need to drive on a sand track behind the headland (only about 400m long). This sand can be very soft, so make sure your tyre pressure is down.

It is worth driving to the other side of the headland, as there is often a lagoon on the northern side, and a great safe place for children to swim. It is also well protected when the southerly winds are blowing.

While you are there, climb to the top of the headland and enjoy the spectacular view.

The top of the headland is a great place for spotting whales in season (May to October), turtles, sharks and schools of fish.

This is the view south from the headland back along 75 mile beach.



Indian Head looking north to Middle Rocks and Waddy Point.

Champagne Pools at Middle Rocks.

From mid to high tide, waves crash over into this pool so it feels like you are swimming in Champagne bubbles. It is a great and safe place for children to swim, with lots of little fish in the pools formed by the rocks.



Wabby Lake.

The hike access trail is located 4.3km North of Eurong near One Tree Rocks camping area, or about 20 mins south of Happy Valley. It is a popular tourist spot so there are likely to be buses or tag-a-long vehicles parked near the dunes, making it easy to identify the entrance. Lake Wabby is 2.4km from the carpark and will take 40 minutes to walk in.

Lake Wabby is relatively close to the ocean side of Fraser Island and unlike the other lakes, it supports several varieties of fish. It is known as both a window lake and a barrage lake. Window lakes form when the ground level falls below the water table. Barrage lakes form when a sand blow blocks the waters of a natural spring. This phenomenon is easy to see at Lake Wabby. On one side its deep green waters are bordered by a giant sand dune that is slowly moving into the lake. In a century or so, the sand dune's inexorable march westward across Fraser Island will see it completely swallow the lake.

Fishing

Fishing attracts many visitors to Fraser Island. The fishing is regularly good and many visitors to the island are keen to throw a line in. Tailor are the most numerous fish caught from August to September but whiting, trevally, bream, flathead and mackerel are all caught in large numbers at various times of the year.

On the east coast, all tailor found north of Sydney are part of the stock that spawns at Fraser Island, Australia's only confirmed tailor spawning ground. Each autumn and winter large schools of tailor migrate north along the NSW coast into Queensland waters where they congregate near Indian Head and Waddy Point on Fraser Island. The spawning migration begins once water temperatures start to drop in early autumn and gathers pace into winter, with the peak of the spawning period around September, a time when the spawning tailor are protected by a fishing closure in that area.

Exploring the inland

Take a day trip into the centre of the Island from Eurong Beach.

Central Station

Drive down to Eurong and then head inland to Central Station. Central Station was originally established as a forestry camp. Now you can walk through the beautiful rainforest and learn about the development of the island and its various flora and fauna. There are also picnic areas and a short boardwalk around Wanggoolba Creek and through the rainforest.

Basin Lake



For a secluded and unique experience, follow the walking track from Central Station to the perched dune Basin Lake. It is only accessed on foot, and if you make the journey, you are likely to have the lake all to yourself.

The 30 - 40 minute walk to **Fraser Island's Basin Lake** passes through a rainforest. It is an easy walk and very rewarding.

Lake Mackenzie

Popular among tourists and sunbathers, Lake McKenzie is another of the island's perched dune freshwater lakes. What sets it apart among other lakes is its sugary white sand and clear, sparkling blue waters, which, beautiful as they may seem, do not encourage the development of aquatic life.



Lake Birrabeen

While better known, Lake McKenzie is often very crowded. A good alternative, equally distanced from Eurong and Central Station is Lake Birrabeen. Also a perched dune lake, Lake Birrabeen is great when you want to take a swim and avoid crowds of sunbathers in Lake McKenzie.



Lake Garawongera

Take the road past the house and follow the sign to Lake Garawongera. It is 7.7km to the lake and the drive takes about 30 minutes. It is another of the perched dune lake, but unlike Lake Mackenzie, it is lined with tea trees so has water the colour of tea. If you are up for a hike, there is a good walking track in (about 7km) that takes about 1.5 hours each way. This is part of the Great Walk, and leaves from just passed the house.



Yidney Scrub



While driving inland from Shearwater, take the time to visit Yidney scrub with its towering kauri and satinay trees, just 10km inland from the house.

Go inland for about 10 minutes and you will see the left hand fork takes you to Lake Garawongera and the right hand fork to Yidney Scrub. Unlike the inland tracks around Central Station, this road is less travelled, so you

will be able to pull up and enjoy the forest without worrying about a constant stream of traffic. A lot of the bigger trees in the centre of the scrub have plaques identifying their species.



Inside the shell of a Strangler Fig in the centre of the Yidney Scrub.

Kingfisher Bay Resort

From Eurong, drive inland past Central Station and follow the signs to Kingfisher Bay Resort on the South Western Coast of the island.

Kingfisher Bay Resort facilities include: Four swimming pools. Three restaurants. General store. Cafe. Gift shop. Petrol station. Massage and Beauty Centre.



Exploring the top end of the Island

Orchid Beach

From Middle Rocks, you take the inland track that takes about 20 minutes, cuts off Waddy Point, and brings you out at Orchid Beach. There is a shop, pub and petrol station at this township.

Wathumba Creek

From Orchid Beach follow the tracks to the western side of the Island to Wathumba Creek. It is a pristine Creek with white, white sand and blue, blue water on a clear day. There is often good fishing for whiting and flathead in the creek.



Sandy Cape

If the tides are favourable, and the beach is in good condition, a trip up to Sandy Cape is a wonderful experience. Speak to the locals before you attempt this trip, to ensure Ngala Rocks, between Orchid Beach and Sandy Cape, are passable.

If you do get to the top, you will be rewarded with endless sand dunes, lots of bird life, good fishing, and not many people.



To burn off some energy, a hike up to the Sandy Cape Light house is a memorable experience, with panoramic views of the top end.

Local wildlife



A family of Curlews nest near the house. They are regular visitors on the verandah at Shearwater, so don't be surprised to see one looking in the window at you as you sit in the lounge.

Loggerhead turtles can be seen laying their eggs up the beach at various times of year. They are most likely seen closer to Sandy Cape, but this one was snapped making her way up the beach to nest about 200m north of Happy Valley.



Humpback whales travel up the East Coast of Australia each year, breeding in various safe locations like Hervey Bay. They can be seen from Fraser Islands eastern beach from May to October each year.

The dingoes on Fraser Island roam all over the island. The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has installed dingo-deterrent fencing around most townships, including Happy Valley.

Generally, dingoes go about their lives and stay clear of people. Unhabituated dingoes have a natural fear of people and shy away. From time to time, dingoes may come close and some encounters can turn to tragedy. Stay alert and stay calm.

If you feel threatened

- Stand still at your full height and fold your arms across your chest.
 - Face the dingo, then calmly back away.
 - If you are with another person, stand back to back.
 - Confidently call for help.
 - Wait until the dingo or dingoes are gone before you continue on your way.
 - Do not run or wave your arms.
- As soon as you can, report any negative incidents to a QPWS ranger.



Other services on the island

Fraser Island Retreat, Happy Valley

Petrol, diesel and LPG gas for cylinders, a limited range of food, alcohol and souvenirs can be purchased from the Retreat. Because of the isolation and cost of transport for goods to the island, there is a price premium applied to all goods making them more costly than mainland prices. Along with the shop, the Retreat also has a bar and bistro operating 7 days a week.

It also has a good display of Maheno information and memorabilia.

Emergency Services

While there is no doctor resident on the island, we are fortunate that there is a permanent ambulance station in Happy Valley. If you need urgent medical attention, dial 000, and the ambulance base will connect you with the local service. If it is less urgent, drive over to the Second Valley (past the Retreat), and you will see the Ambulance Station and helipad on the left at the top of the hill.

Fraser Island Taxi

To book the Fraser Island Taxi or for general enquiries, call Steven and Lisa –

Phone: 07 4127 9188
Mobile: 0429 379 188

Email: admin@fraserservice.com.au

Fraser Island Taxi Service
Lot 12 Jarvis Street
EURONG QLD 4581

Fraser Island Vehicle Recovery and Towing Service

The only towing service located on Fraser Island is at Eurong. On call for all towing, recovery and general breakdown assistance. Mechanical repairs and parts supply also available.

Call Andrew Mikitis 07 5486 3288
Email: enquiries@adventurecentre.com.au

For any questions about your barge transfers

Manta Ray Barge: 07 5486 3935
Kingfisher Bay Ferry: 1800 372 737
Fraser Venture Barge: 1800 227 437

Fraser Air

Fraser Air operates joy flights from various locations off the Eastern Beach. The beach is the landing strip for the planes, which increases the memorability of the flight. Flights go for approximately 10 minutes, flying over perch dune lakes and along the coastline.

Fraser Air will also fly passengers direct to Happy Valley from Hervey Bay, if you have visitors joining you from the Bay.





Satinay Café

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MEALS

STARTERS

Garlic Bread	\$9
Wedges	\$12
<i>With sour cream and sweet chilli sauce</i>	
Calamari	\$14
<i>5 crumbed calamari rings with Tartare sauce and lemon</i>	

MAINS

Fish of the Day	\$34
<i>Grilled OR Battered</i>	
<i>With Tartare sauce, salad and chips</i>	
Seafood Basket:	\$28
<i>Prawn cutlets, fish cocktails, calamari rings, seafood bites served with Tartare sauce and chips</i>	
Chicken Parmigiana	\$30
<i>Crispy deep-fried crumbed chicken topped with Napoli sauce, ham, melted cheese, salad & chips</i>	
Chicken Schnitzel	\$26
<i>Crispy deep-fried crumbed chicken, salad & chips</i>	
Steak Sandwich	\$22
<i>Grilled steak, bacon, cheese, onion, tomato, beetroot, lettuce and BBQ sauce between freshly toasted bread, with chips</i>	
Winnum Fritter	\$24
<i>A spinach and ricotta fritter with salad and chips.</i>	
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$24
<i>Bolognese sauce with Parmesan cheese</i>	
Lasagne	\$24
<i>Bolognese & Napoli sauces, Parmesan cheese, chips & salad</i>	

SALADS

Caesar Salad	\$24
<i>Baby Cos lettuce, croutons, crispy bacon and Parmesan cheese tossed in our Chef's dressing and topped with a poached egg</i>	
<i>GF – no croutons</i>	
<i>V – no bacon</i>	
with grilled chicken	\$30
Greek Salad	\$22
<i>Mesclun lettuce, tomato, cucumber, red onion, Feta cheese, olives</i>	
Garden Salad	\$20
<i>Mesclun lettuce, tomato, cucumber, red onion, beetroot, carrot. French dressing</i>	
with grilled chicken	\$24

CHILDREN'S MEALS

Choose from...	\$14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steak & Chips • Fish & Chips • Spaghetti Bolognese • Crumbed Chicken Schnitzel & Chips • Calamari & Chips 	
Kid's Meal Deal	\$18
<i>A meal from the selection above plus</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7oz glass of Soft Drink and • Ice-cream & Topping 	
<i>Chocolate, Strawberry or Caramel</i>	

DESSERTS

Ask about the range	\$8
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LINEN HIRE

QUEEN 2 x Queen Flat Bed Sheets 2 x Pillow Cases	\$12.00
SINGLE 2 x Single Flat Bed Sheets 1 x Pillow Case	\$11.00
TOWEL 1 x Bath Towel	\$4.00

- Book in advance to ensure we that have linen stock available and we will have it ready for you to collect
- Pick up from and return to Fraser Island Retreat
- Payment in full prior to collection
- Credit Card required as security for lost or damaged items
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