



Merry Beach Camp

Brindabella Baptist Church

5 - 8 March 2010

Getting There

Allow 2.5-3 hours for the drive down (about 200km through Braidwood toward Bateman's Bay, turning left at the roundabout at the bottom of the Clyde).

<http://www.merrybeach.com.au/contact-us.html> will provide a map and directions.

The following are requests that have come directly from the caravan park to our church community. Please read and ensure you are familiar with what you need to do.

When You Get

For Campers: Your campsite number is written on the A 5 sheet of paper with this information that has already been provided to you. When you arrive to the office at the park, **YOU WON'T BE PAYING FOR YOUR SITE ON ARRIVAL.** They will provide you with your boomgate key (**a \$20 deposit is required**) and tick you off the list that's been provided to them. Come in through the gates and find your site. If you have any trouble finding it, come to our community sites (you'll see the big tent) and we'll help you out.

So – when do I pay my camp fees?

On Saturday morning between 10.30 and 11.30, you need to come to the community tent and see Ruth Sawtell and Heather Healey who will provide you with the final tally for your site on a piece of paper. You need to take this up to the office, pay the remainder and they will provide you with a receipt. You are able to pay this anytime up until 5.00 pm on Sunday evening. Please **DO NOT** make your final payments on the way out on Monday. Please make sure you come to the tent between 10.30 and 11.30 on Saturday because Ruth and Heather won't be chasing people all weekend! THANKS!

If you have forgotten the amount you will need to pay, it goes like this:

Beachfront – MUST pay for three nights. Adults/night \$10, Child/night (4 – 15) \$3.00, Family/night (2adults/2ch) \$25.00.

Middle sites – MUST pay for minimum of two nights (no exceptions). Adult/night \$8.00, Child/night \$3.00, Family/night (2 ad/2 ch) \$21.00.

Ensuite sites – Must pay for minimum of two nights (no exceptions). Adult/night \$13.00, Child/night \$3.00, Family/night (2 ad/2 ch) \$31.00.

Thank you for the \$20.00 community site contribution - already paid to secure your camp site.

For Cabin dwellers: The front office will assist you and payment will be required **on arrival or before 10.00 am on Saturday morning, if you arrive late on Friday evening.**

Friday Night Arrival

The office closes at 9.00 pm, so you **must** let the park know if you will be arriving later than that and they will make arrangements for you to get a boom gate key and cabin key, if you're in a cabin. The park's number is 02 4457 1065. You also need to inform the park if there is more than one car per site because they provide a boom gate key for each car. If you arrive after 9.00 pm on Friday evening, and you are in a cabin, you will need to go to the office before 10.00 am on Saturday morning to finalise your account with the park. This is a simple and reasonable request, so do your utmost to meet this requirement.

If You Change Your Plans

You **must** contact Ruth Sawtell in the office **as soon as possible and also let the park know if you won't be making it down on the Friday night**. From now on, you will lose your deposit if you are unable to come. If you are still coming but arriving later or leaving early, the main thing you need to be aware of is the minimum day requirements for the beachfront and middle sites. There are no exceptions to these rules laid down by the caravan park.

Showers

You need a supply of 20cent pieces if you want your shower hot! Yes – it's still 20 cents. The new ensuites have free showers.

Shop

The shop is marked on the map. It is a short walk away and a very helpful, friendly store to visit. There is also an ATM and restaurant located here. You can also drive to Bawley Point (5 min drive) that has a larger shopping centre. You can find cans of drink for \$1.00 in the community tent fridge, throughout the weekend.

No Fires unless ..

Due to the recent brush of fires, there is now a permanent ban on open fires. You can have a fire in a contained ventilated drum off the ground. You can hire these from the office or bring your own.

What to Bring

We have traditionally experienced rain for at least some of the weekend. A packet of strong garbage bags are very useful in case you need to **pack up in the rain**.

Apart from normal camping and cooking gear, board games and beach games, fishing rods, kayaks etc could be useful! There is a list of basic camping equipment you may need, available from ConneXion.



Our Own Community Area

Once you've arrived and settled in, come looking for our community area where you can find friendship as well as facilities for your use – see sites PE 17, 18 & 19.

Hot water and tea, coffee, sugar and UHT milk are available. Bring over a chair, board games and a cup and have a chat.

Two fridges are also in this area for community milk. Obviously, this is not for everyone's general use because 30 plus families will be bringing a large amount of food. However, you can refreeze ice bricks for use back at your tent for example and the community milk is stored here. Please label your items! If you're really stuck, and you find some room, you can put some food in there. Everything still in the fridge at 9.00 am on Monday morning will be thrown away.

Three gas BBQ's are also available here for your use.

There is also a **site plan** in this area with families listed if you want to locate a friend.

Your contribution of \$20 goes toward the cost of providing this community area.

Families in cabins are also asked to contribute in this way, per family.

Community Chores

There is no roster this year. If everyone can pitch in with tidying the community tea and coffee area and refilling the urn, that would be great. We need the most help putting the big tent up and down. Times for this are 5.00 pm Friday afternoon and 9.30 am Monday morning.

Wristbands For Everyone

We will be providing wristbands for everyone. You may like to talk with your children about this before you arrive, especially the younger ones. Because our community of campers is so large and it's unlikely you will know everyone, the wristbands will identify you with others in our group, since we are camping in a public park. We suggest that you **do not** put the child's name on the wristband. Instead, please put your site or cabin number or leave them blank. The wristbands and a permanent marker will be available in the community tent from Friday evening.

Please Know Where Your Children Are at all times. Perhaps organise turns for beach or pool watch – you can never be too careful with these precious lives.

Curfew

The camping ground rule is for peace and quiet to reign between **10.00pm and 7am**. We are suggesting that the older kids/teenagers don't wander off down the beach after dark and remain either in the campsite or on the beach in front of it. They should check in with parents by 10.00pm at the latest (by all means earlier at parental discretion). See letter attached.

For more information contact: ConneXion on 6293 4560 or see the Information table.