

## 2017 WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Hello folks, welcome to our Winter Newsletter. We are now into our 11th year at Bells By The Beach and even though it's Winter we still have a steady stream of guests staying for rest and relaxation.

Enquiries come from all over Victoria. We particularly love speaking to people who've just found our website. They quickly realize how easy it is to book a holiday at our place. We organize everything with a minimum of fuss - friendly courteous service, all questions answered, nothing is too much trouble. This is the best place in Ocean Grove for anyone wanting to stay here by themselves, or with their dogs or family.

Victorian school holidays start 1st July - we have a few vacancies during that time, \$185 per night for the whole house, linen and towels extra or you can bring your own. Everything else, except personal items and your food, is supplied.

Imagine the fun your family will have on the beach, walking, fishing, and enjoying delicious food and fresh brewed coffee.

For rates, facilities, photos and vacancies (our booking calendar is always up-to-date) visit our web site.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

*Jan and Lin Bell*



### Guest Book comments...

\* *Thank you both, we had the best time. We went home re-charged and rested. Everything about your house and what it includes is fantastic. Richard, Chris and the dogs.*

\* *Wow! If only all holiday accommodation was the high-standard of Bells - a delight to stay and relax with my beautiful Tilly. A real credit to all involved. Returning in October. Christine and Tilly, the dog.*

\* *We had two lovely days here. It's been so relaxing. The doggies have really made themselves at home. Your home is clean, well equipped and so comfy. Emily, Susan and the dogs.*

\* *I had a lovely time here with my friends. It is such a nice place. Thank you for making us so welcome. Tonie and guide dog Freeman*

\* *We all loved Bells. A very comfortable clean house that ended up feeling like home. Ann and family, Barney and Daisy the dogs.*



### GIFT VOUCHERS or HOLIDAY LAYBY available...

**Vouchers** - an excellent idea for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, Christmas, Easter or any time of the year.

**Layby your holiday** - plan and pay-off your holiday without blowing the weekly budget!

Call us to find out how - **0403 221 737**

### ***Walkies... on the beaches!***

It's winter and dogs are allowed to run free on the beach, but always under effective control for the safety of everyone.

Please check dog signs at entrance points along the coast or on information provided at Bells By The Beach.

You can find more details at [www.barwoncoast.com.au](http://www.barwoncoast.com.au)



**Ocean Grove Hotel**, Bonnyvale Road, is a great place for families to meet for good pub tucker.

There's an undercover playground out back for parents who want to keep an eye on their kids and enjoy their meal at the same time.

Monday to Thursday all day *Specials* include deluxe pizza, braised lamb shank, parma with chips and salad and 300g steak with choice of gravy, salad and chips - all priced at \$18 !

**Open 7 days, lunch and dinner  
P: 5255 1122 to book**



**Ocean Grove** is rapidly expanding and experiencing increased land sales, new businesses moving in, more tourism activity and higher retail sales all year round.

The end of 2018 will see the opening of the new Kingston Village with Woolworths, Aldi, Dan Murphy, JETT 24 hour gym and 20-plus speciality retailers.

*Lifestyle* **OCEAN GROVE** offers 5-star resort-style living for over 50's. Construction will start soon near the site of the new Kingston Village.

It's all happening in Ocean Grove!



### NEW FERRY TIMES

The Portarlington-Docklands ferry is now running to a new schedule.

The ferry will depart from Portarlington at 7am on weekdays, 11.30am on Mon, Wed and Frid, and 3.30pm on Tues and Thursday. Return journeys will depart Docklands at 9.30am and 5.30pm week days.

Weekend services will run from Portarlington at 9am and 4.15pm, and from Docklands at 11am and 6.15pm.

**For more information visit <http://www.portphillipferries.com.au/schedule-pricing/>**



**FREE WiFi** - The roll-out of free Wi-Fi in The Terrace (main shopping strip) has happened. There are 7 phone charge points along The Terrace. Look out for them and remind your friends about this service.

CCTV cameras will soon be installed in The Terrace with a feed to VicPol and to the monitoring room in Geelong.

Help us make Ocean Grove safer for residents and visitors.



### Visiting dogs... we love 'em!

Our last count showed 370 individual pooches have stayed here since 2008, plus many new pooches joining the list every month.

Unusual names pop up every now and then... Doza, Rab, Nox, Momus and Remy, Bosley, Zeppi and Ramona, Tarot, Mausgrass, Kyuss and Noodle, to name a few.

Bells By The Beach Holiday House is a haven for dogs, with an awesome dog-friendly garden, safe fences and lots of grass for dogs and kids.

Inside our place, we love our hotel-style modern shower room, roomy pets/playroom, new extra comfy sofas, warm beds, a flexible reading lamp for book worms, personal 'welcome' sign and of course refreshments for everyone and their pet, on arrival. In winter we usually have the gas log fire on, ready for our guests. It's so nice to walk into warm, snug living areas on arrival.



**Experience** a scenic steam train trip this coming school holidays. Trains run Tues & Thurs during this time, from Queenscliff and Drysdale stations. Trains also run on

Sundays throughout the year and most public holidays, departing Queenscliff 11am & 3pm, or Drysdale 12.10pm & 4.10pm.

Purchase tickets online or from either station. [www.bellarinerailway.com.au](http://www.bellarinerailway.com.au) or P: 5258 2069

