



SUMMER 2018 - NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to our guests and friends, where have the past 12 months gone? We know where some of you have gone - holidaying at Bells By The Beach pet-friendly. Thank you for your support.

For those who are not holidaying on the Bellarine Peninsula this summer the new Port Phillip ferry from Docklands to Portarlington - **BELLARINE EXPRESS** - is a brand-spanking new 35m-long catamaran carrying 405 passengers, licensed café and bicycle racks. The vessel was recently christened (with some of the best Bellarine wine) by Governor Linda Deassau at Victoria Harbour, Melbourne.

What's on, you ask? There's so much happening at Ocean Grove and on the Bellarine Peninsula. When you read through this list you'll find many interesting things... some to your taste, some not, but all worth a look.

- Festivus Twilight, Ocean Grove - every January.
- Ocean Grove Market - 1st Sunday of month at Ocean Grove Park (formerly Kingston Park).
- Wallington Strawberry Fair - March 2018
- Festival of the Sea, Barwon Heads - each March.
- Wonderland Spiegeltent By The Sea, Barwon Heads - summer fun program till January 29 on the foreshore near the bridge.
- Queenscliff Harbour - a hub of marine activity.
- Point Lonsdale Lighthouse - organized Sunday tours.
- Small coastal towns - St Leonards and Indented-Head - sheltered beaches and superb fishing.
- Bellarine Railway Heritage Steam Train, Queenscliff-Drysdale, a trip down memory lane for young and old.
- Drysdale/Clifton Springs - Clifton Springs beach, no waves, calm seas, sheltered marine harbour.
- Bellarine Rail Trail - get active, walk or cycle.
- Drysdale Market - 3rd Sunday of month, Local Recreation reserve.
- Festival of Glass, Drysdale - February 2018
- QTrain - departs Drysdale, a dining experience like no other. Fresh local produce, wines, beers



Latest guest comments...

- *This place is a real home away from home. We were warmly welcomed and made to feel at home. This is the best pet-friendly we have stayed in.*
Amanda R.
- *Wonderful house full of the extra thoughtfulness that makes for a good break. Dog proof fences meant the Corgis were secure and we didn't worry.*
Sarah and Bernie.
- *What a great place to stay. Thank you so much. Everything we could think of that we needed is already here.*
Carol C and friends.
- *Another great holiday at Bells. Always a tear or 2 when we leave. Love it!*
Merridy and Ben

- and ciders - a classic restaurant train.
- Portarlington - Portarlington Ferry, swimming beaches, camping grounds, fishing opportunities, Bayside Miniature Railway - each Sunday 11am to 4pm, a hit for young and old.
- Portarlington Mussel Festival - 13 January 2018
- Light of Day Australia - raising money for Parkinson's Disease - July 2018
- All year round - 8 superb golf clubs, all calling the Bellarine Peninsula home.

If this information makes you want more, you can check out the latest edition of **go-Bellarine** Summer 2017/2018 or What's On in Geelong and surrounds - these free magazines available from most locations, and at Bells By The Beach Holiday House.

Summer Dog Control Beach Zones



Dogs are prohibited on the beach in a number of locations from
18th December until 31st January.

If you would like a copy of the Dog Control Zones for Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads beaches, please visit

www.barwoncoast.com.au
or phone 5254 1118 for a hard copy.

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DOGGY GUESTS FOR 2017



During 2017, 51 new dogs enjoyed a holiday at Bells - we hope we didn't miss any!

Queenie, Stitch, Brandie, Tiff, Billie, Chanel, Ebony, Dotti, Tilly, Forrest, Mollie, Jasmine, Rab, Jet, Remy, Mandy, Charlie, Cobber, Millie, Ramona, Jamie, Sam, Trouble, Archie, Rupert, Barney, Alfie, Spicegirl, Fletch, Banjo, Rusty, Layla, George, Carly, Bella, Sonny, Georgy, Danny, Teddy, Jessie, Piper, Miley, Bobby, Benji, Zena, Cali, Matilda, Brownie, Hugo, Storm... and OBIE is our most recent guest! Wow, that's amazing!



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