

Jack Cottage

Welcome to [Jack Cottage](#).

We love sharing our property with guests and we hope you enjoy it here as much as we do!

To help make your stay smooth and pleasant we have compiled this guide to help answer any questions you may have about the property and surrounding areas. If however, you have any further questions we are just a phone call away.

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COTTAGE INFORMATION

We moved to the Mornington Peninsula in 2017 as we left our full time careers and transitioned to retirement and more time to spend together and with our growing family. We thoroughly enjoy the lifestyle here and are still discovering so many wonderful places, particularly on the westernport side of the peninsula.

Our property consists of the main house and Jack Cottage. We have made significant changes since moving here and decided to share our slice of paradise with others by renovating the little cottage for others to enjoy. We share a sustainable living ethos with our friends from WonderInns, and with their help and talents, to rescue - repurpose - reuse, we have renovated Jack Cottage. Our goal was to provide a comfortable and welcoming retreat produced primarily from salvaged and reclaimed materials, including treasures handed down from our grandparents.

Jack Cottage was conceived as a place for family and friends to retreat and reconnect surrounded by beautiful trees and plants as we continue to expand the garden with Australian natives, orchids, and many other plants collected from friends. We now grow much of our own food and our little orchard is productive.

We have 5 young Jacaranda trees now growing around the property to blend with majestic gums and bird attracting natives. Our cottage is a place to recharge and reconnect with the beauty of nature, with others or indeed, yourself. It is carefully curated to transport you to simpler, slower times. Filled with items to evoke memories, start conversations, plan journeys and dream of slower days and deeper connections.

Even though many items are reused or repurposed, we have worked very hard to ensure your complete comfort during your stay. Following is some information that should assist in ensuring a pleasant stay.

KEYS/CODES

Key safe is located under the carport to the side of the shed. A code will be supplied prior to check-in. Large triangle head key marked "C" opens the front door.

The French doors do not require a key but we ask you to please make sure the bolts are locked anytime you leave the property.

On check out, please return keys to the key safe.

WATER

Our water is perfectly safe to drink.

WI-FI

Free wi-fi is included in your stay. Somerville is a notorious black spot for Telstra users so this may be challenging for some. We apologise for this but unfortunately, it is beyond our control.

A wi-fi password is on the attached Jack Cottage welcome card..

SEPTIC

Our property is serviced by a septic tank system. It is extremely important for its successful functioning for you to adhere to the following:

- Nothing other than toilet paper to go in the toilet.
- All feminine hygiene products to be disposed of in the rubbish, not the toilet. Bags are provided in the cupboard under the basin for this.
- Please use only the natural cleaning products & toilet paper supplied by us.
- All food scraps go in the bin, not down the sink.
- Both a recycling and a garbage bin are provided located between the carport and the cottage.
- Please follow the recycling guide attached at the end of this guide.

COFFEE/TEA

We offer a lovely selection of looseleaf T2 teas for you to brew in our gorgeous Made in Japan teapots. For the coffee drinkers you can choose from either plunger coffee or espresso from the pod machine.

SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed inside the cottage. We ask that if you must smoke on the grounds that you do so only on the cottage deck and dispose of all rubbish.

RUBBISH

A rubbish bin is provided under the sink. If it needs to be emptied during your stay the larger bins are housed in the carport. Additional garbage bags are under the sink. All recyclables to be placed in the large blue bin in the carport.

PARKING

There is parking for one vehicle in the carport adjacent to the cottage. Please ensure the driveway is kept clear for other users. If you have more than one vehicle please park additional vehicles in the court or check with us about an additional space.

AIR-CONDITIONER/HEATER

The remote for the unit is located on the wall directly underneath the unit.

Press the orange ON/OFF switch and the unit will start. There really should be no need to make any further adjustments as we have set the unit to AUTO. If you feel it is too hot or cold then follow the instructions below.

We have set the temperature to 20 degrees, you can adjust if necessary using the **up and down TEMP** buttons on the remote.

The FAN is set to AUTO which is the most efficient setting however if you feel this needs adjusting slide down the panel on the remote and adjust using the FAN button.

MODE is also set to AUTO so the unit will adjust to heat and cooling as required. Again, you can change this via the MODE button.

Our little cottage is small and doesn't take long to heat or cool so we respectfully ask that you **only have the unit switched on when you are here** and do not leave it running while you are out.

GARDEN and BIRD LIFE

We love our garden and spend many hours nurturing and expanding it. We want you to enjoy it and simply ask that you respect it by not walking through the garden beds. Please enjoy the lawn area surrounding the cottage and feel free to picnic on it or while away the afternoon reading a book.

Listen out for all the kookaburras, parrots and lorikeets now visiting the garden, the water birds and frogs on the water basin reserve next door, and the spectacular black cockatoos.

BBQ

We have provided a BBQ on your private deck for your use. Turn the gas on at the bottle by turning anti clockwise and then ignite the burner. Please turn the gas off at the bottle when finished.

BREAKAGES/LOSSES & REPLACEMENTS

You are responsible for leaving the cottage as you found it on your arrival. This includes properly washing all kitchenware used and putting away.

Please share with us immediately any maintenance issues, breakages, or losses. Accidents do happen and even if the damage is considered fair "wear & tear" we ask that you pass on this information so we can rectify things for future guests.

All keys need to be left at the property on departure. If keys are not left a charge will be deducted from the booking bond to cover the cost of changing all related barrels and a new set of keys.

SAFETY/FIRST AID

First Aid kit in the bathroom cabinet
Fire blanket in kitchen cupboard under the sink.

CONTACTS

Emergency (Police/Ambulance/Fire) 000
Public emergency department (24 hours) Frankston Hospital 2 Hastings Rd Frankston 9784 7777
Private emergency department (24 hours) Peninsula Private 525 McClelland Dr, Frankston 9788 3466
Medical centre Somerville Doctors 127 Eramosa Road East Somerville 5977 5915

HOSTS

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TOURIST INFORMATION

The Mornington Peninsula is over 700 square kilometres and is far too much to explore in a few days. We have provided lots of tourist brochures to help plan your stay, located in the basket in the living room. Somerville is at the gateway to the Peninsula and we don't believe you need to travel very far to experience all that this gorgeous area has to offer. We have focussed our recommendations primarily on the Western side of the Peninsula but if you have visited before you know that really can't go wrong down here. If you are after any specific recommendations please don't hesitate to ask.

Somerville and its surrounding areas, Tyabb, Hastings, Bittern, Crib Point, Somers, Merricks, and Balnarring offer visitors a huge variety of things to do. Somerville was known during the early 1900s for its orchards and there still remain many fruit and vegetable growers in the area. The Stony Point railway line extends from Frankston through Somerville to Stony Point. You will see the small trains making their way to Crib Point just out in the reserve next to the Cottage. You can take the trip to Crib Point and then the ferry to Phillip Island, or stop off to explore French Island.

From the Somers General Store there is a beautiful walk down to the beach where we frequently see pods of dolphins. The Flinders pier is the unique home of the Weedy Dragon and the mangroves around Hastings are the most southern mangroves in the hemisphere. Pelican Societie is a great place for breakfast and coffee and seeing the graceful pelicans take off and land.

Somerville is well serviced with supermarkets and retail at both Somerville Central and Somerville Plaza. Tyabb is well known for its antique and vintage stores. You can spend a whole day there!

Tulsi Indian restaurant is one of our favorites and is at 74 Station Road, Somerville. For Thai, we love Somerville Thai at 8/49 Eromosa Road W, Somerville.

For wine lovers, we really enjoy nearby [Stumpy Gully](#) for wine tasting and their fabulous restaurant. [Yabby Lake](#) is also a beautiful experience. A more casual outdoor experience is nearby at [Phaedrus](#). Treat yourself to some wines to either enjoy at the Cottage or take home.

You might also like to book with [Grape Explorations](#) for a personalised tour with friends.

Please mention you are from Jack Cottage so they know you have been recommended through us.

If you are staying with children, do feel free to use the play equipment we have set up for our grandchildren and ask us for recommendations of the many local child friendly places to visit.

We are adding recommendations to our [Jack Cottage](#) website which you can check out under the About Us page.

Of course there are hundreds of fantastic dining options on the Peninsula and we are happy to provide recommendations.

If you are sharing photos on social media please do tag us. Please take our cards provided to share with family and friends and so you can find us on facebook and instagram.

We will really appreciate your feedback to ensure we are providing the best experience we can for our guests. Please enjoy Jack Cottage.