

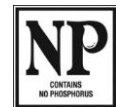
What to bring

Bedding

Lil's Place has 4 Rooms. 2 Rooms with one Queen Bed each, 1 Room with a Queen and Single bed and a Bunk Room with 2 dual Single Bunks (4 Single beds in total). Each bed has pillows, bed protectors and are also covered by navy blue fitted sheets. These sheets are not to be directly slept on, they are part of the mattress protection. You must place your own sheets over the top.

- **You Must bring all bedding – including sheets, doonas, blankets and pillow cases.**
- Towels and Washers

Warning – if you fail to comply with the bedding requirements, you will be sent to the resort where linen hire is available. If the resort is unable to provide linen, you will be turned away and your booking will not be refunded.



Cleaning products

Lil's Place supplies some basic cleaning products; however, we recommend bringing:

- Dish Washing Liquid
- Washing Powder
- Soap, Shampoo and your own toiletries



Please make sure all cleaning products you bring are fully bio-degradable. We recommend the Earth Choice brand of cleaning products. They should show the NP logo (Non-Phosphorus). Please do not bring harsh chemicals for example bleach as you will kill the bacteria in septic system.

Food & Drinks

You should bring all the food and drinks you require for your stay. Basic supplies including fuel are available at the Happy Valley Retreat and at the general store at Eurong Beach. The Retreat also has a Restaurant and Bar.

Fly's and Mozzies

Depending on the time of year, Fraser Island is well known for its March or Horse flies. Whilst Happy Valley is normally quite a good spot, we recommend bringing Mozzie coils, mosquito repellent etc. We find a few well-placed outdoor automatic sprays do the trick. As always make sure you have bite cream\stingoes in your first aid kit.

Cleaning

Cleaning the house is a major expense on the island, therefore to keep costs minimised ***you are required*** to do a "Self-Clean" before you leave. Please make sure before you leave all Benches are clean, Washing Up has been done and put away, Floors are **vacuumed and mopped** (Vacuum, Mop and Brooms are provided), Toilets and Showers thoroughly cleaned, Fridge and Freezer are empty and wiped out and rubbish has been taken to the tip (On the Moon Point Road). Any additional cleaning that is required by the external cleaners at the end of your stay **will result in substantial costs being deducted from your bond**. Lil's house is not a hotel/motel where the thorough cleaning is part of your fee.

This practice is a standard requirement of all houses at Happy Valley.

Keys.

On arrival Keys are to be collected from the Happy Valley Resort reception (centre of Happy Valley) keys are to be collected after 2pm. Please coordinate your arrival around the tides appropriately. If you arrive early you will need to wait until after 2pm before keys may be ready for pickup. During peak times (Sat\Sunday and School Holidays) keys may not always be available exactly at 2pm.

Welcome

On behalf of the current owners, Pat and Sharon Brown, we welcome you to Lils Place Happy Valley. Please find below some information about Lils Place and Happy Valley. This information is supplied to give you some background and information to make your stay the best it can be.



History

Why is it called Lils Place? There is a tradition in Happy Valley that the original builders of a house name their property. Over the years as houses are bought and sold, most often they retain their original name. Pat and Sharon have elected to honour the tradition and continue calling the property Lil's Place.

Lils Place was built in the 1970's by Lil and her Husband. The house has had 3 extensions added since the original dwelling was constructed and at the time of purchase had multiple floor coverings and floor levels. We don't know much about Lil herself, but what we have gathered from some of the long-term locals is that Lil was just a little on the exocentric side. Lil's Place was purchased from Lils family some years ago and has been run as a rental property, mainly catering for fishing parties. The previous owners changed little from when they purchased the property from Lils family.

Vision

In 2014, Pat and Sharon Brown bought Lils house, their vision is to continue operating Lils place as a holiday rental, equally suited for fishing parties or families. Lil's house has a return rate of over 70% with many locals coming back each and every year.

Pat and Sharon are eager to ensure regular clients have the same warm feeling of home, whilst providing a modern building for first time visitors. As such since taking over ownership, Pat and Sharon also have been transforming Lils place into a more modern property.

Improvements

The previous owners were running Lil's place purely in maintenance mode, fixing only what needed urgent attention. When Pat and Sharon bought Lil's Place they knew that many improvements were needed. The issue of course on Fraser Island is that you can't just pop down to the local building supplies if you need something. Every upgrade and project has to be carefully planned and all materials and tools bought onto the Island.

The first task that was tackled was clearing out 40 years of stored up left over building materials and bits and bobs. Across 2014 and 2015, over two dozen trailer loads of rubbish, timber and building supplies have been removed from the property. Everything from rusted tin sheets to lengths of old pipe and rusted old garden sheds (full of those bits and bobs).

The next task was upgrading Lils power plant. There is no central power grid at Happy Valley, so each property produces its own power. Lils Place had 2 separate sheds, both not only an eye sore but practically falling apart, inside the sheds the battery system and generator were of a similar standard and it was not uncommon for Lils house to run out of basic power. In late 2014 Pat and Sharon (with the help of lots of family members) pulled down both sheds and erected a brand new generator shed which now houses a state of the art power generation system. The new system is "Off Site" monitored which allows monitoring of power usage and production which in turn allows alerts/warnings to be sent to guest concerning abnormal high power usage.

During storms it was common for Lil's place to spring leaks, so the next big task undertaken was the complete replacement of the entire roof, no more leaks during storms.

The improvements made to date have not only been external though, in between the above projects Pat and Sharon have also been busy replacing all the furniture, Lils place now has new beds and mattresses throughout, a new lounge suite and new bedroom furniture. Sadly, all of Lil's flower power themed cupboards were past salvaging.

Pat and Sharon have also upgraded the entertainment system to include a brand new Samsung LED TV, DVD player and set top box capable of receiving 300 Satellite channels (there is no normal TV signal on the island). The kitchen has also received some love with new utensils, mixing bowls, knives and kettles etc.

The kitchen fridge was also rather old and run down so it has been replaced with a new energy efficient large capacity model. Some of the rooms were also lacking ceiling fans, which has now been addressed. On the patio you will find a brand new BBQ complete with heavy duty BBQ utensils.

In 2016 the grey water treatment was completely over-hauled and brand new treatment trench was installed. New water pipes have been installed throughout the house along with 2 high quality water filters. We also installed a new bathroom vanity and shower for sand removal at the front patio entrance.



Improvements cont.

2017 was finally the year when all major infrastructure projects had been completed and we could finally turn our attention to the interior (no small task). Outside of each wall having different colours of paint, the flooring consisted of 5 different types which were all different levels, we also needed to build in the stair case leading to the caretakers flat. In May 2017, Pat and his son Joshua along with multiple tradies gutted Lils interior, levelled the entire flooring throughout the house and laid nice new modern wood textured floors. After another two full weeks of painting, Lils house was finally getting that modern feel Pat and Sharon have been working towards since 2014.

Before



After



Power

As above, each house at Happy Valley is self-sufficient. Like many houses on the island, Lils Place relies primarily on Solar power to charge a battery bank and utilises a diesel generator as a backup.

Running Solar off grid is very expensive due to the cost of batteries. The reason why Solar power is cheap to install on the mainland is because no batteries are required. Because of this cost, the battery system at Lil's house has been matched to the standard usage of the house. This means the battery system is large enough to keep the fans and lights running throughout the night. The biggest power users in the house are the pressure pump and the bore water pump.

We ask that tenants observe the following

- Use the washing machine in the mornings
- Keep showers as short as possible
- Try and have showers in the early evening whilst the sun is up, the earlier the better
- Top up the house water supply tank in the morning if required
- Do not plug in additional power-hungry items such as portable fridges, Engels, Waco, ARB etc
- Items such as hair dryers, electric frypans, electric jugs and toasters are strictly forbidden as they draw too much current and will overload the system. Once overloaded the system has to be reset, this procedure can only be performed by the Happy Valley Maintenance Managers which means it may be hours before power can be restored.

The diesel generator is only used as a backup for charging the battery bank, normally only during bad weather periods. It may start between 6pm and 9pm to boost the battery bank storage if required. There is a noise curfew in the Valley between 10:00pm and 7:00am, if the system loses power due to excess usage, it may not be restored until 7:00 am the following morning. There is a power point in the kitchen and in most bedrooms, these can be used to recharge mobile phones etc or to run CPAP machines.

Do not plug in fridge\freezers, toasters, electric frying pans, hair straighteners, portable air conditioners or any devices that have a large power usage.



The following items are strictly **PROHIBITED**



Out Door Cooking

Fraser Island is subject to a TOTAL FIRE BAN all year round. Use only the BBQ, no open fires.

Cleaning Fish

Please clean any fish on the beach, not at the house.

Water

Like all houses at Happy Valley, Lils place draws its water from a shallow bore. Water is pumped from the bore to a tank at the top of the hill behind Lils Place. From there it is gravity fed to the house. Like most bores on Fraser Island the water may at times have a slight red\brown colouration. This colouration is caused by coffee rock found throughout Fraser Island.

Although the water has never been found to be unfit for drinking, we recommend boiling any water intended for drinking. This is purely a precaution for your own safety but one we must recommend. We also simply recommend bringing enough drinking water with you for the duration of your stay.

The laundry is fitted with a washing machine which is the older style twin tub. It has been selected for the ability to customise the wash cycle and thus keeping power usage lower. We do not recommend applying water when spinning (rinsing) as there is a chance the water might stain white coloured clothing. As such we recommend only washing clothes were possible staining will not be an issue.

The tank is fitted with a flag pole which rises and falls with the water level in the tank. When the flag is low the pump should be started. The pump runs on a timer which is located on the front door of the lower level of Lil's House (caretaker's room). We recommend running the pump for 30 mins every second or third day depending on the size of the group. If the flag is in the high position, there is no need to run the bore pump. As previously mentioned, the bore pump is one of the main power consumers in the house, so please turn on the pump in the morning, this aids the ability of the solar plant to recover.

Toilets

Lil's Place, like many island homes runs a septic system which is fully maintained and tested. The system is capable of supporting 10 guests so external visitors should be kept to a minimum.

We ask that guests observe the following

- Do not flush foreign objects, use the receptacle/bins provided
- Do not use excessive toilet paper as you will block the system.

Sand in the house

Please do your best to keep sand out of the house. We have recently installed a shower at the top of the stairs on the front of the house so that you can wash off excess sand before entering the house. Please use this as required, it will make your life easier when you do yourself clean. There is also a second shower at the rear of the house next to the clothes line.

Wild Life

It goes without saying that Happy Valley is subject to the same rules in regards to wild life that the rest of the Island is subject to, being a National Park. Happy Valley has a Dingo boundary fence with electric fence vehicle entrances. You should however always remain vigilant and children should not be left unsupervised. Like all wild animals Dingoes are attracted to food, so it is important to dispose of food waste correctly, please do not leave food or fishing scraps on the grounds.

The Valley does have an abundance of wildlife, from a wide range of birds through to its resident monitor lizards which often roam the grounds of Lil's Place. There are 19 varieties of snake on the island including the Brown snake, Death Adder and Coastal Taipan, all of which can be found throughout the Valley. It is important that you give snakes a wide berth, many of the islands snakes are highly venomous. Snake encounters in the Valley are rare, as most snakes will hear you coming and get out of the way well before you get to them. However, again children should not be left unsupervised and all care should be taken when walking around the grounds.

If there is a snake in the vicinity of the house, please let the Happy Valley Management team know immediately. DO NOT try and move the snake yourself. Most often snakes will move away from humans if given the chance, however if they feel threatened they will defend themselves.

As per National Park rules, please do not feed any of the animals including birds.

Some of the birds in the Valley are very tame as unfortunately not everyone has followed the rules. Although this can provide some great photo opportunities, please resist the urge to feed the animals. Often if animals become too tame they can become a nuisance and have to be relocated, or worse they become reliant on humans and forget how to fend for themselves.



Above a recent photo of the resident Blue Winged Kookaburra.

We hope you enjoy your stay!