

BOWEN NEWS

BOWEN COTTAGE : RICHMOND HILL : MELBOURNE

A self contained cottage for short term stays

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Our quests just love Bowen Cottage

Leayshia & Leandra - Adelaide

Well what can we say? What a beautiful cottage! We had the best time and don't want to leave. We've stayed at a few other apartments in Melbourne previously and we will ALWAYS come back to **Bowen Cottage** in the future. You have done a wonderful job setting this place up for visitors, everything we needed was right here. You are definitely correct calling it "your home away from home" Thank you so much

Bill, Penny and Anna – Canberra

An extremely pleasant place to stay. It was much nicer than a hotel room. We were very comfortable.

Marie-Luise + Jem – Canberra

I am home now, and wanted to thank you for the opportunity to stay at Bowen Cottage. It's just beautiful! My brother and his wife have also noted our details as they would be interested to stay at Bowen Cottage too sometime, and also to refer some of their friends. I'd also love to stay again if you would be happy to have me, and I am hoping to bring my mother next time. (sadly we were fully booked for her next visit)

The Beck family - Brisbane

After travelling down from Brisbane to Melbourne by car over 2 weeks staying in all types of accommodation this was the best for comfort and homeliness. All those little extras showed how much care and love this place has making you feel at home. A true credit to you

Bernie and Chris - Jakarta

Beautiful comfy home, no touch-me-nots to damage or break but still has little touches of homeliness, flowers, mags etc – thank you. **Bowen Cottage** really felt like home away from home

Barb, Mick, Shae and Gidget - Mildura

Absolutely perfect!

Book early – because time and again I have heard the surprise and disappointment in clients' voices when I say that **Bowen Cottage** is fully booked for the period they wished to stay. My recommendation is to book as soon as you think about your next trip. The chances of success are greater if you book early (well that's the theory anyway!)

Return Visitors

We have so many clients returning again and again (if they can get in!)

Graham, Andrea and Lochie – Brisbane

We love it here – as soon as we arrived Lochie (our dog) ran up and down the hallway (with excitement) – I wish we could stay longer

First – and Last(ing) - Impressions

Our clients' text us to say that they have arrived – and departed! Nothing gives more pleasure than their responses:

- Wow it's Wonderful

- Hi! **Bowen Cottage** is lovely, feels like home!

- Everything is wonderful. We are all settled with a cup of tea. Dogs loved their biccie

- Its lovely! And I get to catch up with The Age magazine – heaven -:-)

- I managed the code and am unpacking and Jem is sniffing around happily. It is just beautiful.

- We are in and think it's wonderful

- Have arrived at last. Cottage is breathtaking

- Thank you it is beautiful. We love it! It appears you have thought of everything-:-) (We have!)

- Wow we are just in and the cottage is lovely

- Boo hoo! We've departed your beautiful cottage

- Thank you so much we have loved our stay at **Bowen Cottage**. It truly was a home away from home

Lucia's favourite dog walks

When you come to stay at **Bowen Cottage** we'll give you a list of places to go to run and explore. Finding lovely parks while Melbourne is on water restrictions is hard (even in winter!) but the **Fitzroy Gardens** are beautiful. Dogs on leads here – but take a walk through the tree lined boulevards (the gardens are laid out in the shape of the Union Jack) and visit **Captain Cooks Cottage** and the **Conservatory**. It's an easy walk from the cottage (with or without a dog!) and a great way to explore historic East Melbourne. Continue walking towards the city through the **Treasury Gardens**.

Richmond's Hidden Gems

One of my favourite hidden gems in Richmond is the **Violineri** – 500 Bridge Road, Richmond, 9428 4115 – where you can watch violins being made in the shop window in busy Bridge Road. It will transport you back in time – a truly unique experience – and a real juxtaposition with so many eateries, discount shops and then this little 'find'.

Melbourne – the Theatre Capital

Melbourne continues to draw blockbuster theatre productions including **Wicked** due to open soon. **Melbourne Theatre Company** has some wonderful plays on offer and the **Malthouse** – itself a architectural Hidden Gem - is producing some eclectic theatre. The **Arts Precinct** including the **National Gallery of Victoria** is an easy tram ride from **Bowen Cottage**.

Melbourne's Golden Mile

Exploring Melbourne doesn't have to cost a fortune and you don't have to join a free daily tour (although you can if you want to!) By looking down – and not up – as you walk the city you will find the city paved in gold! Gold discs – slightly bigger than our 50 cent piece are inlaid into the pavement and by following them using the map provided at **Bowen Cottage** – you will learn of the 33 historic sites in the city. The entire walk takes about 2 hours but as you are on holidays you could do it in sections! And shop and eat in between!

New Travel Words

The editors at Macquarie Dictionary have chosen five new travel words to include in their new edition:

Barefoot luxury - a high standard of service in a relaxed and casual setting, as at a beachfront hotel.

Health tourism - travel for the purpose of a medical treatment to a country which offers the service at a cheaper rate or higher standard than that available in the traveller's home country.

Love mile - one of a number of miles travelled by air, for the purpose of visiting friends and relatives who live far away. [love + (food) mile]

Slow travel – either

1. Travel conducted at a slow pace to enjoy more fully the places visited and the people met.

2. Travel seen as environmentally friendly through its lack of reliance on air transport. [modelled on slow food]

Voluntourism - tourism which combines volunteer work with sightseeing. [volun(teen) + tourism].

And our addition:

Home from home - a stay at **Bowen Cottage**!

And Finally - Did you know

Raising a medium sized dog for 11 years costs \$16,400 – aaagh!

Bowen Cottage – your home away from home