

# LAKE BYWATER COTTAGE

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So why should we stay at Walker Flat?  
Lake Bywater Cottage in fact?  
Here are a few clues of things you can do  
And some options which may appeal at that

To take a few days away to play and relax  
With good food, some booze, river views and a sun hat  
A spa bath to unwind, fire pit at night, the stars so bright  
A combustion heater inside if the weather decides it's time to hide

The sweeping lawn invites a few games to play  
Like ball sports, bocce or even croquet  
The local store is just next door and there's short nature walks to explore  
Find time to cast a line and study old artefacts under the verandah out back

There's bird life galore, a full sized pool table for sure  
The games room has overhead heat which is hard to beat  
Of course a bar, couches, video games, darts – lots to entertain  
Undercover large table and chairs, the Barbie resides there

Hammock or chair under the large spreading tree  
With a book, the paper and a cup of tea  
The majestic Murray Princess may serenely pass by  
A huge river boat to catch any eye  
It gives a loud hoot at the ferry to boot  
And once seen, I understand why

You could paddle a board on the lake, but a life vest you must take  
There is a huge streaming TV and Wi-Fi is free  
Full kitchen, dishwasher, pantry stuff, large table, chesterfield couch  
You can wash you clothes, but when away who does that anyway?

So on your last night, do what's right and sign the Visitors Book  
Make some remarks but remember we all sneak a back look  
Perhaps a toast on your stay at Lake Bywater Cottage is okay  
It's nice to leave our normal affray for a great river getaway.

So thanks to the team, Mark and Deann  
Who make our visit relaxed, fun and slightly grand  
Thank you to the Murray River and Walker Flat  
I have rebooked and can't wait to come back!