

Blue Gum Lodge

"... a home away from home..."

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Makes 4 round trips a day to RNSH (and to Mater Hospital if prearranged at BGL Reception)

7.45am, 10.30am, 1.45pm, 3.45pm

For radiation oncology patients, transport to and from RNSH or the Mater Hospital can be arranged where their appointment is more than an hour outside the regular times.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL CAFETERIA

Breakfast (\$3), lunch (\$4) and dinner (\$4) can be purchased from Greenwich Hospital.

IPTAAS

Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) is a NSW Department of Health scheme, which will cover the accommodation costs for those patients and carers meeting the criteria.

We suggest that contact be made with the local IPTAAS office, your local doctor or social worker prior to arriving at the Lodge to ensure you are eligible for accommodation assistance.

Residents who gain IPTAAS bulk billing accommodation approval and can supply the approval number need pay only for their first two night's accommodation at BGL. After leaving they submit the required documents to enable IPTAAS to pay the remainder of their costs.

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LOCATION



Blue Gum Lodge is located in the grounds of Greenwich Hospital:

97-115 River Road
Greenwich NSW 2065

1.1km from Royal North Shore Hospital
2km from Mater Private Hospital

Closest shops:

Greenwich, St Leonards, Crows Nest, Lane Cove, Chatswood.

Sydney Buses:

Routes 261, 265, 269

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Self-care, self-catering accommodation

Blue Gum Lodge provides comfortable accommodation for patients receiving medical treatment at the Royal North Shore and Mater Hospitals and their carers. The facility cannot accommodate children under the age of 12 years



Welcome to Blue Gum Lodge

BOOKINGS

Bookings can be made by telephoning the coordinator between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday on (02) 9437 5470. Please appreciate that the coordinator may be out of the office; therefore leave a message on the answering machine clearly stating your name and contact phone number.

AFTER HOURS ENTRY

24 hour key access is available for residents who have checked in.

If you are arriving outside office hours you must make arrangements at the time of booking. You will be given a code to the locked box where you can collect your keys on arrival. The instructions on where to locate the box and how to enter the code can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you.

Cost:

\$33 for single occupancy per night

\$46 for twin/double occupancy per night

Payment options: EFTPOS, credit card, cash or cheque prior to departure.



FACILITIES

Bedroom:

Each room contains two single beds, a TV, clock radio and reverse cycle air-conditioner, wardrobe and bedside drawers. Pillows, blankets, doonas, mattress covers, sheets and towels are provided.

Bathrooms/Laundry:

For every 7 to 10 bedrooms there are:

- Three small bathrooms (one is fitted with disability access equipment); and
- A washing machine (with liquid detergent) and dryer – both free.

Kitchen:

For every 7 to 10 bedrooms there is a kitchen containing:

- Food storage cupboard for each room
- Fridge (one shelf per room)
- Freezer (mark items with your name)
- Microwave
- Grill/electric frying pan and electric hob
- Toaster
- Electric jug
- Blender
- Cooking equipment
- China and cutlery
- Thermal flasks are available to have hot or cold water in your room
- Vacuum cleaner
- Iron and ironing board

Lounge Area:

For every 7 to 10 bedrooms there is a lounge /dining room with dining tables, comfy chairs & sofas, a TV, video/DVD player, games, jigsaw puzzles and books.

Outdoor areas:

There is a patio or balcony with seating and a BBQ accessible from each lounge.

Relaxation Room:

There is a separate room, complete with comfortable seating and some amenities just behind Blue Gum Lodge.

Parking:

Free parking is available within the grounds.

Telephone:

There are no telephones in the rooms. A phone is located on each level for incoming calls:

- Level 1 9906 4720
- Level 2 9906 5523
- Level 3 9906 7856

A Telstra payphone is located on Level 2 for outgoing calls..

Internet:

There is a PC and printer in the room beside Reception on Level 1, which is free for residents' use.

Blue Gum Lodge is a service run by Hope Healthcare under an agreement which includes the Royal North Shore Hospital and the NSW Cancer Council.