

Grey Submission Re Shack G6

I Terresa Teale write this submission with the intent of representing my Shack partners Michael Lynes, Sandra Komorowski and John Komorowski. The four of us purchased Shack G6 in April of 2004. We initially looked at the shack as a place to get away however we quickly learnt that it meant more than that. We have found that it has become a haven for our families, friends and extended families at any given time throughout the year. Our shack has been used by over 300 people since April of 2004. We are very giving when any of our friends ask to stay even if we are not going to be present. We give strict guidelines regarding what can and can't be done within the Grey area and our instructions are always followed.

When we first started going to Grey I will admit we liked the idea of having somewhere ride our quad bikes, we were devastated when we found we were no longer allowed to have them within the National park area, however we followed the rules and have ceased taking bikes to Grey in the hope this will show our respect for CALM's wishes. We now enjoy other pastimes such as fishing, boating, swimming, bushwalking, socializing within the community and generally just relaxing.

As a country born person living in Perth the sense of belonging to a community is something that is missing within city limits, I am very pleased to say that Grey has provided my family with a sense of belonging to something special and unique. We take great pride in sharing this wonderful place with other shack owners and visitors.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting two travellers' from Brazil they wanted to set up their tent somewhere; we welcomed them to stay with us in our shack. Our shack is very basic however we still managed to make room for them, they claimed to be in total awe of our shack and considered us to be extremely fortunate to be able to experience such a unique way of life. They had travelled extensively around the world and still claim Grey to one of their most memorable experiences.

I decided that the Grey community needed a place to share stories and pictures as we don't all get to be in Grey and the same time so I created a Facebook page "Save the Shacks at Grey" I am extremely proud to say that this page now has 649 members and over 140 photos posted. Members are from all over Australia and several are from overseas.

Grey has made an impact on not only my life but the many people that have had the pleasure of staying in not only our shack but in the many other shacks in Grey. From the mouth of babes my six year old son says "I just want to go to Grey Mummy"!

I thank you for considering my submission in the outcome of the future of Grey.

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