

Comely Bank – Healesville

Comely Bank Retreat is situated amongst farmland in Healesville. It is owned by the Sisters of Charity and both Colleen McDonald RSC and Joan McKenna RSC warmly welcome any visitors.



Accommodation at Comely Bank

They offer accommodation in a four bedroom house that can sleep up to 8 people. Every two rooms share an ensuite. There is a large kitchen and living area and a huge veranda. The property is approx 2½ hectares in size and is surrounded by a river and farmland. It has heaps of rosellas, wombats, kookaburras, king parrots, echidnas and the occasional platypus. There is also Nippa, the friendly goat who is happy to provide company especially if you give her a special feed. Everything is provided for except food and the price is most reasonable. **Victims of the February 2009 bushfires are especially welcome and receive special compensation.** Carers receive Government funding to spend time at Comely.

All are welcome to stay, whether it is for a few days or longer. It is particularly suited for carers, wanting some time out. However, it is also used by the homeless from places such as Briar Terrace and Prague House who wish to get away from city life for a while. These visitors are accompanied by their supervisors. It is a relaxing place and the Sisters are always available for a cuppa and a chat or to assist with driving if guests do not have a car.

There is also a hall on the property which is available to groups for retreat sessions or counselling. **The Sisters are currently offering the space for free for specific counselling for the victims of the recent bushfires.**

The hall has a separate fully equipped kitchen and toilet. In the main area are a number of relaxing chairs as well as dining tables and chairs.

These Sisters are certainly living Mary Aikenhead's vision of 'Meeting the needs of the day.'



The hall with fully equipped kitchen

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