

Tathra

Sapphire Coast

A beachside blast from the past

There's something so comfortable about the memories of family holidays long-gone - something so simple and innocent.

Those of us who remember the summer days of cricket games crackling from a Bake-lite radio, the totem tennis poles and helmetless bike rides are lucky to have known a time when we were not so fashionably plugged in.

Somehow in an effort to make holidays as easy and relaxing as possible, many of today's savvy holiday-makers expect the standard of holiday accommodation to be as slick and state-of-the-art as the facilities in their own homes. This expectation is understandable and is proudly catered for at Tathra Beachside with their super-luxurious beach houses.

But the joy of being on holiday isn't always in knowing that every room has a flat-screen television and instant wifi connection. A holiday is not always made

special by designer fixtures and cosmopolitan coffee machines.

With a nod to the simpler style of the 50s and 60s, Tathra Beachside has recognised a niche in the market and has gone back to basics.

A trip down memory lane is now as easy as booking into one of Tathra Beachside's retro vans for a delightful holiday from the past.

In a celebration of all that is vintage, three gorgeous vans from that iconic era have been lovingly restored and filled with cheerful reminders of a simpler time. Re-live the days of the chenille bedspreads, the anodised cups and the groovy canisters, as you cosy-up inside these classic Franklin caravans.

And because these little beauties are located within the grounds of one of the tourism industry's leading holiday parks, you will also have access to Tathra Beachside's extensive range of facilities and activities.

The recently installed



Step back to a time when holidays lacked the technology of today, and reconnect with a stay in one of Tathra Beachside's retro vans.

'Big Splash' waterpark, complete with giant tipping bucket and super slides is always a

massive draw card, as well as a swimming pool, playground, pedal carts and a huge well-equipped camp kitchen and fire pit.

A successful holiday, though, is made of far more than just accommodation. It relies on the destination itself, and Tathra ticks all the boxes for a truly memorable experience.

The retro feel of a holi-

day in Tathra Beachside's vintage vans doesn't stop at the gates of the park. The village of Tathra has an old-world charm, and is quaint in the true sense of the word, with friendly locals happy to chat and make your holiday special.

There's no rush, and plenty of boutiques, cafés, galleries and specialty shops to

browse through, along with the important staples like the butchery, bakery, chemist, supermarket and of course the essential fish and chip shop.

And not a franchise or traffic light to be seen - just like the old days.

Tathra Beachside sits happily in the very middle of a 170km stretch of pristine coastline aptly named the Sap-

phire Coast for its brilliant blue sparkling waters. It's no surprise that UNESCO has declared part of this awesome coastline a World Biosphere Reserve. With vast stretches of inland waterways including lagoons, estuaries and inlets, Tathra is a paradise for fishing, kayaking, surfing and boating enthusiasts.

In a concerted effort to keep everyone happy on holidays, Tathra Beachside also offers a vast range of organised activities including games days, latest release movies, treasure hunts, sand modelling, scavenger hunts and craft sessions for all ages. Owners Frankie J Holden and Michelle Pettigrove get the joint jumping with trivia, karaoke and concert nights, so polish your repertoire for lots of family fun.

The word is spreading too, about Tathra Beachside's mega meal-times. Their famous pizza oven regularly pumps out mouth-watering favourites, as well as giant spuds stuffed full of toppings.

So if you're looking for an old-fashioned holiday at a pace you can be the boss of, step back in time to Tathra Beachside's blast from the past retro vans. Be as busy or relaxed as you like, as you re-live those uncomplicated days before the internet. And just in case you can't do without it, they will let you cheat with free wifi, and they won't even dob.

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