

Shearers' Quarters

Accommodation

Kincheha National Park



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Treat yourself to a unique experience by staying overnight at the Kincheha Shearers' Quarters. This accommodation is suited to singles, couples and families alike. **Booking and pre-payment is essential** - contact National Parks and Wildlife Service, Broken Hill Area office on 08 8080 3200 to book today. Bring your own bedding, food and drinks and enjoy your stay !

BOOKING YOUR ROOM

All bookings are to be made at our Broken Hill Office in person or over the phone on 08 8080 3200 during business hours (8:30 to 4:30 CST). No bookings will be accepted at Kincheha National Park.

Full payment is required at the time of booking for the entire number of nights booked. Please refer to our cancellation policy for refund details.

Please bring with you:

- Bed Linen, blankets, sheets, towels and pillows, suitable for single bed bunks.
- Food and drinks for the duration of your stay and extra if the weather forecasts are unfavorable.
- Drinking water. Bore water is available on the park but should be boiled for 3 minutes prior to use.

GETTING THERE

Kincheha National Park is located 110 km south east of Broken Hill on the Broken Hill – Menindee Road. The township of Menindee is two kilometres from the park entrance.

The Shearers' Quarters are approximately 14km from the main park entrance on an unsealed road. Allow about 1.5 hours to get to Kincheha Shearers' Quarters from Broken Hill.

The Shearers' Quarters are located next to the Historic Kincheha Woolshed on the Woolshed Drive. You can pick up a park map at the information / pay station located near the park entrance beside Menindee Lake. This is also one of three locations where you can pay your vehicle entry fee.

GUEST ROOMS

There are a total of 6 rooms with two double bunks per room. Three rooms contain one additional trolley bed. This provides a total of 27 beds.

All rooms are air-conditioned and have electric lighting and a power point.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO GUESTS

A separate toilet and shower block are located in the Shearers' Quarters complex for use by all park visitors.

Guests of the Shearers' Quarters also have use of laundry facilities located next to the men's shower block and the Kincheha 'Hilton' where the kitchen, dining and lounge are located.

THE KINCHEGA 'HILTON'

Located inside the Kincheha 'Hilton' is the kitchen, dining and lounge rooms for use of Shearers' Quarters guests. This is a shared facility and you may have to share with other Shearers' Quarters guests.

Cups, plates, cutlery, pots and pans are provided. A four burner gas stove and microwave oven are available for cooking meals as well as a gas BBQ outside.

A large fridge is available for storage of perishable goods. This is located in the dining area.

Located in the lounge room is two lounge chairs and an arm chair as well as an open fire place. Please note there is no television in this facility.

The Kincheha 'Hilton' has ducted evaporative air conditioning for the comfort of our guests. The controls are located in the kitchen.

ACCESSING ROOMS AND FACILITIES

Keys will be placed in the door to your room, awaiting your arrival. They will be labelled with the surname of the person who made the booking.

These keys will provide access to your guest room, to the shared kitchen, lounge and dining facilities of the Kincheha 'Hilton' and the laundry.

At the end of your stay please place keys in the key return box in the Kincheha Visitors Centre (same building as the accommodation).

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please help us to keep the place clean and tidy by doing a few simple things:

In the 'Hilton'

- All guests are expected to wash, dry and put away all utensils, pots and pans after use.
- Please place all rubbish in bins provided and on your last day place rubbish in outside bins near staff car park.
- Guests using the fridge are to ensure it is cleaned and all their food is removed. Last group to leave please turn it off – the switch is on the wall above the fridge.
- Please clean the gas stove top and wipe out the microwave oven if used.
- Please sweep all floors in the kitchen, lounge and dining area. The broom is located in the pantry in the kitchen.

The BBQ

- If you use the gas BBQ please ensure it is turned off and cleaned. The gas tap is located to the left of the kitchen door.

The Fireplace

- If you would like to have an open fire in the lounge room National Parks staff keep a small wood pile beside the staff car park for use of Shearers' Quarters guests. Kindling is not provided. Do not collect wood from within the Park, it is illegal to do so.
- If you use the fireplace you must remove the cold ash and place it in the bin provided.



HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Located within the Woolshed precinct are several historic buildings.

Guests at the Shearers' Quarters stay in the 1950s Shearers' Quarters. These quarters were built during the 1950s wool boom and represent a significant link to one of the more buoyant phases of Australian wool production. The building has been modified by the addition of verandas in 1994 and the conversion of some rooms into the Visitor Centre and Park office.

Staff when visiting Kinchega National Park stay in the Shearers' Quarters built in the 1920s. Most rooms still have original doors, locks and some have original windows.

The Kinchega 'Hilton' or cookhouse burnt down in circa 1930 and was rebuilt. It is presumed that the fireplace was built at this time and the wood stove inserted. The fireplace retains an iron bar for suspending cooking pots over the fire.

The construction dates of the meat house, Wool classer's hut, Experts' hut, pit toilet and killing shed are unknown. Due to the materials used in the construction of these buildings it is assumed that the Wool classers' and Experts' huts date to the 1920s and were built at the same time as the staff quarters. The Killing shed and pit toilet dates to the 1950s.

The Historic Kinchega Woolshed dating from 1875 illustrates the huge size of pastoral holdings in the arid areas of Australia and is a good example of a large scale shearing shed. The distinctive sweating pens were added to the building in the 1920s.

The Historic Kinchega Woolshed, Shearers' Quarters and Homestead complex was entered into the Register of the National Estate in March 1978.

The Historic Kinchega Woolshed was also listed in the NSW Heritage register in April 1999.

Images:

Main: Historic Kinchega Woolshed (J.Doyle/OEH)

Top right: Woolshed complex from the air (J.Doyle/OEH)

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