



Jo and James Stewart-Rattray at their Old Church School at Carlsruhe, near Waterloo.

As you drive through the gates of the Old Church School at Carlsruhe, near Waterloo, you know you will be welcomed by the lovingly restored building, pampered and calmed.

The former Lutheran school building, last used as a Sunday school, was built in 1929.

For owners, Jo and James Stewart-Rattray, the restoration work has been a journey to blend a little Native American and Mexican culture with the luxury of a traditional bed and breakfast cottage.

The attention to detail to both the sensitive restoration work and décor has ensured a blend of modern and mellow materials steeped in history.

Old Oregon timber benchtops in the full size kitchen, made from the ceiling joists of Centennial Hall in Adelaide, black iron fittings from Arizona in the United States of America and wall tiles from Mexico are blended into a perfect fit.

Reclaimed materials were used, where possible, including the origi-

nal floor boards which have been recycled into furniture.

There has been extensive use of Mintaro slate in the entry and outdoor areas.

All the fabrics used in the Old Church School have been imported from the Pendleton Woollen Mills in Portland, Oregon.

Visitors are supplied with a basket of local produce to enjoy, including jams and preserves from Jo's own kitchen.

The garden is being developed with the same care, with plantings of corn and chillies as part of the Native American tradition.

Enjoy a mellow evening by the firepit with a glass of local wine and watch the sun set.

The adjacent tennis courts were built in the 1970s for the local tennis association and for many years were the home of the Kundun Tennis Club.

The courts are now available for visitors to use, as are the old school

swings.

Guests can enjoy two luxuriously appointed queen-sized bedrooms, a fully equipped gourmet-style kitchen and cosy bathroom with antique claw-foot bath – a second bathroom is almost complete.

The great room has comfortable leather sofas and chairs, a slow combustion wood heater and a dining setting for up to eight people.

There is digital television, CD and DVD player and an iPod docking station, and reverse cycle air conditioning to ensure indoor comfort.

The Old Church School is designed to cater for the needs of adult guests by offering a luxurious and comfortable environment, set in quiet and peaceful rural surroundings, and is not suitable for children.

**Contact James and Jo Stewart-Rattray for more information and bookings on 0407 710 791 or visit: [www.oldchurchschool.com](http://www.oldchurchschool.com)**



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