

CP.44 Short Term Use of Shire Ovals and Reserves for Accommodation

<i>Responsible Department</i>	Development and Community Services
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<i>Related Shire Documents</i>	
<i>Related Legislation</i>	<i>Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995</i> <i>Caravan Parks & Camping Ground Regulations 1997</i> <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> <i>Local Government Property Local Law 2008</i>

OBJECTIVE

To allow the use of approved Shire ovals and reserves for short term camping by organised caravan and camper trailer clubs or for community events attracting a large number of people from outside the Shire.

SCOPE

Where major events that attract large numbers of people from outside of the Shire are held, Council is supportive of short term camping taking place on ovals and reserves specifically approved for that event. The short term camping is likely to be for a limited number of days only and will involve caravans, campervans or tents.

This is likely to take the form of large-scale camping or touring groups; or sporting or cultural events that attract large numbers of people.

Council also recognises the economic benefits that would flow from overnight stay visitors where this is able to be approved within the constraints of relevant legislation.

POLICY

Where a request for short term camping within the Shire managed land is made, then the Shire may approve the short term use of designated ovals and reserves for camping by caravan, campervan or tent subject to the following:

- Each oval or reserve on which the camping is to occur must firstly be assessed and approved by the Manager Health and Environment or the Environmental Health Officer in relation to its general suitability for that purpose.
- Toilet numbers either already available onsite or together with portable toilets must comply with the requirements of Schedule 7, Division 6, Clause 20 of the Caravan Parks & Camping Ground Regulations 1997 relative to the number of persons to be accommodated.
- The duration of any camping approved shall not exceed a maximum of seven days.
- Where showers are not available then camping shall only be permitted on an overnight basis.
- Lighting of fires/barbecues shall only occur by the use of provided facilities and in all instances in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954.
- Appropriate refuse disposal arrangements are in place.
- The type of camping to be approved (i.e. tents, campervans or caravans) shall be determined by the location on which the camping is to occur.
- The maximum number of sites able to be established at each approved location being determined by the Manager Health and Environment or the Environmental Health Officer.
- The availability of power to the approved location.
- Emergency contact telephone numbers for shire personnel to be made available.
- Determination of the schedule of fees (if any) that are to apply to the camping.
- No liquid waste or effluent is to be disposed of at any Shire facility.
- Compliance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.
- No live bands or amplified music, unless specifically approved.