

## Shire of Mundaring

# POLICY

### SHORT TERM USE OF SHIRE OVALS AND RESERVES FOR ACCOMMODATION

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<b>Statute Ref:</b>	<i>Caravan &amp; Camping Ground Regulations 1997</i> <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>		
<b>Local Law Ref:</b>			

#### PURPOSE

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.

#### BACKGROUND

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.

The number of caravans and camper trailers is increasing in Australia. This has resulted in the formation of a very large number of caravanning and camper trailer clubs. These groups of people can provide an economic benefit to the Shire of Mundaring that does not currently exist in terms of hire fees and secondary spend. These clubs are constantly seeking suitable locations for short term accommodation so they can experience what that area has to offer and this is getting increasingly hard due to the closure of many caravan parks in the southwest of Australia. In addition, there are very limited accommodation opportunities for these clubs to experience the Shire of Mundaring and this policy provides additional options to attract these people and the economic benefits they provide to the Shire.

Council also recognised the economic benefits that would flow from overnight stay visitors where it was able to be approved within the constraints of relevant legislation.

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Where a major community event which will attract large numbers of people from outside the Shire is to be held or official caravan or camper trailer clubs make a request for short term camping within the Shire managed land, then Council 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 Service 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 & 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 7 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 site on which the camping is to occur.
- the maximum number of persons able to camp at each approved location being determined by the Manager Health Service.
- 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.