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1. Purpose

This Policy assists Council and visitors with information on designated areas within Council that are acceptable as overnight stays for visitors in Self-Contained Recreational Vehicles (RV's), Motorhomes & Caravans.

2. Scope

This Policy is made subject to the operations of By Law No.2 – Local Government Land.

2.1. Designated Areas

- (a) Tarpeena Recreation Reserve
- (b) Carpenter Rocks Recreation Reserve
- (c) Browns Bay Carpark
- (d) Port MacDonnell Cape Northumberland Carparks (1 & 2)
- (e) Eight Mile Creek (Sites 1 & 2)
- (f) Dry Creek
- (g) Blackfellows Caves Carpark
- (h) Orwell Rocks

3. Definitions

District Council of Grant has adopted Local Government Land By-law No. 2 being a by-law to regulate the access to and use of Local Government land (other than roads), and certain public places.

Clause 6

Interpretation

Clause 6.4

camp includes setting up a camp, or causing a tent, caravan or motor home to remain on the land for the purpose of staying overnight, whether or not any person is in attendance or sleeps on the land;

Clause 6.14

Motorhome means a recreational self-contained vehicle which is not a caravan but includes electrical and plumbing facilities.

Clause 9

Activities requiring permission


A person must not without the permission of the Council, do any of the following on Local Government land:

Clause 9.14

Camping and Tents

Clause 9.14.1

Erect a tent or other structure of calico, canvas, plastic or similar material as a place of habitation on Local Government land to which the Council has determined this sub-clause applies.

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- Clause 9.14.2 Camp or sleep overnight on Local Government land except:
- (a) in a caravan park on Local Government land, the proprietor of which has been given permission to operate the caravan park on that land; or
 - (b) in an area which has been designated and set aside by the Council for that purpose and, in accordance with such time limits and other conditions determined by resolution of the Council and contained in any signage erected thereon.

4. Policy

Council supports 'Free Camping' for self-contained motorhomes and caravans on Council land, at designated camping areas only.

A **self-contained vehicle** is defined as a vehicle that has toilet, washing, cooking and sleeping facilities and must have holding capacity for fresh, grey and black water as well as storage capacity for garbage waste.

Council acknowledges that visitors already stay overnight at various locations within our district, and it is Council's aim through this Policy to have designated areas to prevent an 'ad-hoc' approach to free camping.

Council will not provide any additional facilities (other than those already existing for community & visitors) at these designated areas, and if visitors require additional facilities, they are encouraged to attend a caravan park.


Specific conditions and facilities available at each designated area are outlined below, but general conditions consistent across all sites are:

- No fee or permit required
- No refuse to be disposed of or left on-site
- No open fires permitted unless otherwise signed at each location
- No disposal of any wastewater permitted

Council may approve the option for exclusive use of a site by community groups. To secure exclusive use of a site, a Special Event Permit should be submitted to Council not less than fourteen (14) days ahead of the intended dates of use. Special Event Permits can be obtained from Councils website at <https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/forms> and are regulated by the Business Activity on Council Land Policy (GOVPOL23).

Council reserves the right to close any and/or all sites for:

- Requisite works
- Severe weather and fire ban days
- Approved exclusive use by community groups

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4.1. Tarpeena Recreation Reserve

- No toilet facilities – Public toilet adjacent (no shower)
- No BBQ – free BBQ adjacent
- Potable water
- RV dump point facilities available
- Maximum 7 night stay
- Strictly self-contained vehicles only
- Fee by donation to local Progress Association

4.2. Carpenter Rocks Recreation Reserve

- Public Toilet facilities – auto lock early evening (no shower)
- BBQ (free)
- RV dump point facilities available
- No potable water
- Maximum 14 night stay
- Strictly self-contained vehicles only
- Fee by donation to local Progress Association

4.3. Brown Bay Carpark

- Public Toilet facilities (cold/outdoor shower)
- No BBQ
- No waste dump facilities
- No potable water
- Maximum 1 night stay
- Strictly self-contained vehicles only


4.4. Port MacDonnell (Cape Northumberland Carparks 1 & 2)

- No Toilet facilities (available within town)
- No BBQ (free, BBQs available within town)
- No waste dump facilities (available within town)
- No potable water (available within town)
- Maximum 1 night stay
- Strictly self-contained vehicles only

4.5. Eight Mile Creek (Sites 1 & 2)

- No Toilet Facilities
- No BBQ
- No waste dump point
- Maximum 3 night stay
- Strictly self-contained vehicles only

4.6. Dry Creek

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- Toilet Facilities
- BBQ (free)
- No waste dump point
- Maximum 3 night stay
- Strictly self-contained vehicles only
- No fires

4.7. Blackfellows Caves

- No Toilet Facilities (public facilities nearby)
- Maximum 1 night stay
- Strictly self-contained vehicles only

4.8. Orwell Rocks

- No Toilet Facilities
- No waste dump point
- Maximum 1 night stay
- Strictly self-contained vehicles only

5. Responsibilities

Council's Director of Environmental Services is responsible for ensuring the requirements of this Policy are met.

6. References / Other Documents

Council By-Law No. 2– Local Government Land

7. Review

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at a minimum, once within every four (4) year Council term (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

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