

	<p><b>Free Camping Policy</b> Policy No. ENVPOL 17</p>	<b>Version No:</b>	1
		<b>Responsible Officer/s</b>	Director of Environmental Services
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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 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.

### Designated Areas

1. Tarpeena Recreation Reserve
2. Carpenter Rocks Recreation Reserve
3. Brown Bay Carpark
4. Port MacDonnell Cape Northumberland Carparks (1 & 2)

## 3. Definitions

District Council of Grant has adopted Local Government Land By-law No. 2 of 2014 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.

Clause 9.14.2 Camp or sleep overnight on Local Government land: (a) unless 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) other than on 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.

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#### 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 Councils aim through this Policy to have designated areas rather than an 'ad-hoc' approach to free camping.

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

Specific conditions and facilities available at each designated area outlined below, but general conditions for 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

##### Tarpeena Recreation Reserve

No toilet facilities – Public toilet adjacent (no shower)  
 No BBQ – free gas BBQ adjacent  
 Potable water  
 No waste dump facilities as at date of Policy  
 Maximum 3 night stay  
 Strictly self-contained vehicles only

##### Carpenter Rocks Recreation Reserve

Public Toilet facilities – auto lock early evening (no shower)  
 BBQ (free, gas)  
 No waste dump facilities  
 No potable water  
 Fee by donation to local Progress Association  
 Maximum 3 night stay  
 Strictly self-contained vehicles only

##### 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



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### Port MacDonnell

- No Toilet facilities (available within town)
- No BBQ (free, gas BBQs available within town)
- No waste dump facilities
- No potable water (available within town)
- 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:**

Council By-Law No. 2 of 2014 – Local Government Land

### **7. Review**

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at minimum every four (4) years, within 12 months of a general election (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

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