



### 1. Intention

The purpose of this policy is to guide the operation and management of Recreational Vehicle (RV) short stay sites within the Shire of Waroona, in order to:

- Support the growth of RV tourism as a driver for local economic activity and visitation.
- Provide safe, compliant, and welcoming short-term accommodation options for self-drive travellers.
- Ensure RV site operations are compatible with community, event, and environmental priorities.
- Allow flexibility to meet accommodation demand during major events while preserving site integrity.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- The Railside Park (Fouracre Street) RV Short Stay Site.
- The Waroona Showgrounds (South Western Highway) RV Short Stay Site (temporary location until an alternate use for the site is determined).
- Preston Beach Carpark RV Short Stay Site.
- The Waroona Showgrounds (South Western Highway) hardstand area when temporarily opened as a managed RV or camping ground during major events.

The policy covers:

- Site activation and closure requirements.
- Maximum stay durations.
- Operational controls and compliance measures.
- Conditions for temporary site openings during major events.

### 3. Definitions (remove if irrelevant)

**Recreational vehicle (RV)** is a self-contained motorhome, campervan, caravan, or similar vehicle designed for temporary accommodation.

**Short stay site** is a designated area where RV travellers may park and stay overnight for a maximum of 48 hours, subject to site rules and compliance requirements.

**Dump point** is a facility for the safe and hygienic disposal of black and grey water waste from RVs.

**Hardstand area** is a paved or compacted surface area suitable for vehicle parking and temporary accommodation use.

**Major event** is a community, tourism, or sporting event that generates significant visitation to Waroona and has been approved by the Shire.

## 4. Statement

### 4.1 Operation of RV Short Stay Sites

#### 4.1.1 Railside Park (Fouracre Street) RV Short Stay Site

- Permanent free RV short stay site.
- Maximum stay: 48 hours.
- Facilities include designated RV parking, dump point, and wayfinding/regulatory signage.
- Centrally located to provide walking access to town amenities.

#### 4.1.2 Waroona Showgrounds (South Western Highway) RV Short Stay Site

- Temporary free RV short stay site to remain operational until an alternate use for the site is determined.
- Maximum stay: 48 hours.
- Includes dump point and existing ablution facilities.
- Site will be closed during events at the Showgrounds where RV use would conflict with event operations.

#### 4.1.3 Preston Beach Carpark RV Short Stay Site

- Permanent free RV short stay site.
- Maximum stay: 48 hours.
- Centrally located to provide walking access to town amenities.

### 4.2 Temporary Use of Waroona Showgrounds Hardstand Area During Major Events

- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has the authority to temporarily open the Showgrounds hardstand area as a managed RV or camping ground during major events, where:
  - Appropriate ablution facilities (e.g. changerooms near the Memorial Hall) are available.
  - No conflict exists with the event's primary function or site capacity.
  - Operational controls and communication with event organisers are in place.

- No fees will be charged for temporary openings during major events, in recognition of the positive economic benefits generated.

#### 4.3 Compliance and Management

- Stay limits, waste disposal rules, and site conditions will be enforced by the Shire's Ranger services.
- Rangers will conduct regular patrols, maintain a log of stays, and issue warnings or infringements as required.
- Signage will clearly communicate:
  - Maximum stay duration.
  - Waste disposal requirements.
  - Responsible visitor behaviour expectations.

#### 4.4 Environmental and Community Protection

- The Shire will maintain education and signage to promote responsible use.
- Temporary camping will not be permitted during events where such use could:
  - Interfere with the primary purpose of the event.
  - Overload infrastructure or amenities.

### 5. Legislative and Strategic Context

The Local Government Act 1995, the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 and the associated subsidiary legislation provide the broad framework within which this policy operates.

### 6. Review

This policy is to be reviewed triennially.

### 7. Associated Documents

Nil.

### 8. Document Control

Division	Economic/Tourism
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Related Shire Documents	Nil.
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### 9. Previous Policy No's.

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Nil.	

### 10. Amendments

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