

C.03 Caravan and Camping Policy

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1 OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this policy are:

- To establish a clear position and direction that builds on the existing State Policy on roadside camping;
- To ensure caravan and camping visitors to Quilpie Shire have a range of accommodation options that maximise the benefits to the local community;
- To allow visitors to experience the uniqueness of the Shire without impacting on the quality of life or the natural environment;
- To ensure Council encourages ‘competitive neutrality’ and does not aim to compete with commercial operations; and
- To ensure visitor and community safety is upheld and minimum standards are met in accordance with existing Council policies.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to that land within the jurisdiction of the Quilpie Shire Council including Bulloo Park and John Waugh Park. This excludes National Parks, state-owned land and roads. This policy also applies to the townships of Eromanga, Toompine and Adavale.

3 STATEMENT

The Quilpie Shire seeks to encourage and grow the caravan and camping market, maximising the value to the economy of the Shire through offering a spectrum of camping and caravan options.

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction on allowable use of Council owned and managed land in regards to caravanning and camping in the Quilpie Shire.

3.1 BUSH CAMPING

Bush Camping is allowed on State or Council owned land outside of the Quilpie town centre on the town Common with the exception of the Opal Fossicking area. Overnight camping is permitted on the Common, however users of the sites must be ‘self-contained’ and seasonal restrictions on length of stay may apply. No fee is charged for use of a *Bush Camping Site*. A minimum requirement to be deemed ‘self-contained’ is that black water is captured and can be stored for a minimum of 3 nights, and dumped in an appropriate facility. Further, grey water must be captured or redirected away from water courses.

3.2 BULLOO PARK – QUILPIE

Camping at Bulloo Park Complex without approval is prohibited. The following exceptions may apply:

- Camping is associated with the Annual Show and Rodeo and is permitted in the week preceeding and/or following the show with a maximum of 5 nights camping allowed;
- Camping is associated with events such as Racing, Polocrosse, Pony Club and any other horse sports;
- Camping is associated with a special event for which prior permission is obtained and would normally involve the use of some of the complex available at the facilities (eg vehicle rallies, school camps);
- Australian Defence personnel may utilise the complex when associated with exercises or troop movements;
- Campers camping with stock, including horses, provided permission is obtained from Quilpie Shire Council; or
- Camping will be permitted for a short period of time in the event of significant rain.

3.3 JOHN WAUGH PARK – QUILPIE

An Overflow is located at John Waugh Park behind the facilities. Minimum facilities are provided. The Overflow is accessible only to those vehicles who cannot access commercial caravan or camping sites due to size, inaccessibility due to wet conditions, or in peak times once commercial facilities are full. Competitive neutrality applies in pricing and a pre-determined communication network between Council, Channel Country Caravan Park and The Lake will manage the process.

3.4 QUILPIE SHIRE HALL

Camping is not permitted in the Quilpie Shire Hall unless this is associated with a special event being undertaken at the Hall such as Distance Education Mini Camps, and for which prior permission is obtained.

3.5 EROMANGA TOWN

Camping is not permitted at the Eromanga Hall or at the Sport & Recreation Grounds Eromanga without approvals. The following exceptions may apply:

- Camping is associated with the Annual Gymkhana, Campdraft and Rodeo and is permitted in the week proceeding and/or following the event with a maximum of 5 nights camping allowed; or
- Camping is associated with a special event for which prior permission is obtained and would involve use of the complex available at the facilities.

3.6 ADAVALE TOWN

Camping is permitted in the grounds of the Adavale Hall (not IN the Hall) and in the Adavale Sport and Recreation Grounds.

3.7 TOOMPINE

Camping is permitted around the Hall area and the immediate area of Toompine for a maximum of 5 nights. Camping is prohibited IN the Hall unless prior permission has been obtained.

4 DEFINITIONS

Nil

5 RELATED POLICIES | LEGISLATION | OTHER DOCUMENTS

Nil

IX #	Details