

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 camping to that land within the jurisdiction of the Quilpie Shire Council in the townships of Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga, Quilpie, Toompine, including overflow area management in Quilpie town area. This excludes National Parks, state-owned land and roads.

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 (QUILPIE TOWN AREA - WITHIN 5KMS)

Bush camping is permitted on the common area to the Western side of Bulloo River in area designated in map (appendix one), to be referred to as Bulloo River Bush Camp. This area has been allocated for camping purposes provided the following conditions are adhered to;

- All campers must be self-contained, minimum expectation for all campers is they must hold their black water, have access to their own toilet (as no amenities are available on site) and grey water must be captured and taken with them;
- Dogs must be under the control of someone capable of restraining the animal, kept on a leash and waste to be cleaned up;
- No camping is permitted within 20 metres of the Bulloo River bank;
- The area is to be left clean and tidy, all rubbish to be taken with them.

No other areas on the common are permitted for camping, this includes but is not limited to the area around Baldy Top and Table Top. This policy excludes Trucks resting.

No fee is charged for designated Bush Camping sites in Quilpie Shire.

Map of area identified for bush camping in Quilpie town area is included in Appendix one.

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 preceding and/or following the show;

- 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 OVERFLOW CAMPING AREA – QUILPIE TOWN AREA

Overflows will be made accessible in the following locations (in below order)

1. John Waugh Park behind the facilities. Minimum facilities are provided (excludes Bicentennial Park);
2. Bulloo Park (public carpark);
3. Quilpie Airport (public carpark).

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, or in the interest of public safety. Competitive neutrality applies in pricing and a pre-determined communication network between Council, Channel Country Caravan Park and The Lake will manage the process. The donation for overflow camping will be \$10 per vehicle with monies donated to charity. This charity will be nominated by CEO. Donations will be collected at the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre, if not managed by a local operator.

3.4 BICENTENNIAL PARK, QUILPIE

Camping is not permitted at Bicentennial Park.

3.5 EROMANGA TOWN

Camping is permitted in the grounds of the Eromanga Hall.

Camping is not permitted at the Sport & Recreation Grounds Eromanga without approval. 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; or
- Camping is associated with a special event for which prior permission is obtained and would involve use of the facilities available at the complex.

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. No camping in the Hall.

3.8 CHEEPIE

No camping is available at Cheepie.

4 DEFINITIONS

Bush Camping: Area designated by Council as a free location to camp.

Self-contained: A camper who can hold their own water, black water and grey water, has own toilet.

5 RELATED POLICIES | LEGISLATION | OTHER DOCUMENTS

Appendix One: Bush Camping aerial map

IX #	Details

APPENDIX ONE: Image of Bush Camping location in Quilpie town area.

Appendix one: C.03 - Caravan and Camping Policy



Image note: The green outline identifies the approximate location of the Bush Camping location for Quilpie town area. Signage will be installed identifying when visitors /locals have entered and exited the area.