

8.4 – Emergency Overflow Camping Grounds

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide overflow facilities in the Shire that will accommodate additional numbers of camping tourists when permanent caravan parks and camping grounds facilities within the Shire are operating at or near capacity.

This policy will ensure that the operation of overflow sites/facilities within the Shire of Exmouth complies with legislative requirements.

Ensure that there is a consistency of regulation so that all overflow site/facilities operate and meet the same standard.

Ensure that the operation of overflow sites/facilities does not impact on the viability of permanent facilities.

Legislative Requirements:

The legislative base for the overflow facilities will be in accordance with the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act and Regulations.

POLICY

Part A

This section relates to the use of overflow camping sites within the existing licenced caravan parks within the Shire of Exmouth.

Each caravan park is issued with a limited number of overflow sites in accordance with the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act & Regulations. These are the only sites that may be used as an overflow facility. All such bays will be identified on the caravan parks licence and can only be used during the peak holiday periods and in accordance with the conditions detailed on the licence.

Part B

This section relates to the establishment and operation of a self-contained Recreational Vehicles emergency overflow facility.

For the purposes of this policy, a self-contained Recreational Vehicles includes all buses and over-size motorhomes that are completely independent of needing power, water, waste services, sewerage and sullage points (based on the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia Self Contained RV guidelines).

It does not include any caravan, trailer or tent.

1. The Shire may establish an overflow area for self-contained Recreational Vehicles only when there are no vacancies for vehicles of this nature available at any caravan park within the Shire of Exmouth. A camper is permitted to book for up to 3 consecutive days at the overflow only if it is believed that there are no available spaces in the caravan parks during the 3 day period.
2. The maximum stay at the Exmouth Shire Council self-contained Recreational Vehicles Overflow Camping facility is to be a maximum of 3 consecutive days. Authorised camp ground hosts may stay longer than the maximum period at the Overflow Camping grounds.
3. The self-contained Recreational Vehicle overflow shall be primarily based between the Arboretum and the Netball courts on Willersdorf Road, although specific circumstances may arise requiring the site to be temporarily relocated e.g.: heavy rainfall or increased numbers. Temporary relocation of the Overflow will be at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.
4. Fees for camping at this facility shall be determined in accordance with Council's Annual Schedule of Fees and Charges.
5. The maximum number of vehicles allowed in self-contained Recreational Vehicles overflow facility area will be determined based on allocated spacing between vehicles, size of vehicles (whether they have trailers), turning circles, and usable space in the allocated area.
6. Dogs are permitted in this overflow camping area but must be held on a leash and be under the control of a responsible person at all times.

Part C

This section relates to the Shire of Exmouth Overflow Camping Grounds.

1. Where there are no vacancies available at all existing Caravan Parks within the Shire of Exmouth, including approved overflow sites within the licensed Caravan Parks, the Shire of Exmouth, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, may authorise the operation of Overflow Camping Grounds at the following locations:-
 - Designated overflow bays east of Koobooroo Oval – under the supervision of Council's Ranger Services and/or the authorized Camp Host;
 - Exmouth Golf Club (secondary option) – under the supervision of the Exmouth Golf Club Caretaker;
 - And should both the above become full, Niblett Park south of Exmouth Visitor Centre - under the supervision of Council's Ranger Services and/or the authorized Camp Host;
2. These overflow sites are only to be opened for use in the following sequence and occupied in accordance with the number of sites specified:-

1 st	Koobooroo Oval	20 powered sites and 10 unpowered sites;
2 nd	Exmouth Golf Club	10 unpowered sites; and
3 rd	Niblett Park	20 powered sites
3. The maximum stay at the Exmouth Shire Council Emergency Overflow Camping facilities is to be a maximum of 3 consecutive days. Authorised camp ground hosts may stay longer than the

maximum period at the Overflow Camping grounds. A camper is permitted to book for up to 3 consecutive days at the overflow only if it is believed that there are no available spaces in the caravan parks during the 3 day period.

4. During the utilisation of the Koobooroo and Niblett oval overflow sites, the Council's Ranger is to resolve any unforeseen problems arising except where a camp ground host has been appointed, in which case the camp ground host is responsible for day to day supervision and management of the facility. In relation to the Exmouth Golf Club overflow sites, the Exmouth Golf Club Inc and/or their appointed camp ground host is to resolve any unforeseen problems arising and are responsible for day to day supervision and management of the facility.
5. Fees for camping at the above facilities shall be determined in accordance with Council's Annual Schedule of Fees and Charges.
6. Dogs are permitted in the above overflow camping areas but must be held on a leash and be under the control of a responsible person at all times.
7. Use of clothes washing machines is prohibited at the Exmouth Golf Club and Niblett Park overflow camping grounds due to the lack of sullage disposal facilities. Patrons are to use the public laundry in the Central Business District or other approved accessible facility.