

1. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the control of camping that takes place at Bassett Park Showgrounds, Mitchell Showgrounds and Wallumbilla Showgrounds.

The objectives of this policy are;

- To establish a clear position and direction that builds on the existing Queensland State Government Caravan Park Policy PUX/901/102.
- To advise what type of travellers can camp at Council Showgrounds in the Maranoa region.
- To ensure visitor and community safety is upheld and minimum standards are met in accordance with existing Council policies.
- To foster and support local business and ensure Council does not unfairly compete with local business.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to any individual or group wishing to camp at Maranoa Regional Council Showgrounds being at Bassett Park, Mitchell Showgrounds and Wallumbilla Showgrounds.

3. Definitions

Maranoa Regional Council seeks to accommodate the travelling public who are travelling with livestock/animals or have circumstances that preclude them from staying in commercial caravan parks in the region. Council also aims to encourage and grow the caravan and camping market in Wallumbilla by meeting the individual needs of that community.

4. Policy Details

Camping may take place at Bassett Park, Mitchell Showgrounds and Wallumbilla Showgrounds under the following general conditions:-

- Approval to be obtained prior to camping at Bassett Park and Mitchell Showgrounds.
- Camping is to be provided for the travelling public only and any stay be limited to no longer than three (3) nights in accordance with State Government Policy.
- All campers respect their fellow campers and the surrounding community by observing noise levels to ensure no inconvenience is caused.
- Dogs to be under the control of someone capable of restraining the animal, kept on a leash and waste to be cleaned up and placed in bins on site.
- For any livestock applicable to the NLIS Database, if unloaded at the grounds a transfer is required for the movement in and out of the showgrounds.
- Livestock/ animals must not be allowed to damage any building, fixture, fence, watering system or arena surface at the facility.
- Travellers are responsible for cleaning up after their livestock/animals including cleaning out any available stalls that have been used.

- This policy does not apply to stock travelling under a stock route travel permit.

Council allows the travelling public to camp at Bassett Park, Mitchell Showgrounds and Wallumbilla Showgrounds in the following circumstances:-

- The persons are directly associated with the operation of an event held at the showgrounds i.e. members of the showman's guild, trade displays or exhibitors.
- People travelling with large oversize vehicles and/or livestock i.e. horses.
- Armed forces on tour and staying overnight in our region.
- Where an organised tour are travelling through the region and require camping for a large group, and the purpose of the tour is to benefit a charity e.g. car rally fundraiser.
- Where camping is associated with an event and the event organisers have hired the entire complex and event organisers make arrangements with Council to offer camping i.e. Easter in the Country, Roma Cup, Mitchell Camel Races.

Wallumbilla Showgrounds

- In addition, camping is available at the Wallumbilla Showgrounds for bona fide travellers and tourists to meet the individual needs of this community. At its General Meeting on 12 July 2017, Council resolved to offer free camping at the Wallumbilla Showgrounds and to allow the Wallumbilla Town Improvement group to install a donation box at the showgrounds and for the group to retain all donations received. (*Resolution No. GM/07.2017/15*). When travellers and tourists stay at the Wallumbilla Showgrounds, no prior approval to camp needs to be sought from Council.

5. Special Provisions (e.g. Privacy Provisions etc.)

6. Related Policies and Legislation

State Government Caravan Park Policy PUX/901/102

https://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/?a=109113%3apolicy_registry%2fcaravan-park-policy.pdf

7. Associated Documents

**Council Fees and Charges Register
State Government Caravan Park Policy PUX/901/102**

Local laws:-

Local Law No. 1 – Administration 2011 - Schedule 2

Local Law No. 4 – Local Government controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads 2011

Subordinate Local Law 1.6 – Operation of Camping Grounds 2011

Subordinate Local Law 1.8 – Operation of Caravan Parks 2011

The Land Act 1994