

5.14 Recreational Vehicle Camping Policy

1. POLICY PURPOSE

Provide a policy and guidelines for short term (24 -72 hour) camping within the Merredin townsite for fully self-contained Recreational Vehicles (RVs).

2. POLICY SCOPE

This Policy shall be applied to requests for fully self-contained RV's 24 -72 hour overnight camping from caravans & motorhomes representing recreational vehicles.

3. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997

4. POLICY STATEMENT

To become a RV Friendly Town under the RV Friendly Town Scheme through the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) there is a requirement to fulfil the essential criteria of providing a short term parking (24/48/72+ hour) area for self-contained RV.

Short-term camping at the following sites will be permitted for fully self-contained RVs:

- Merredin Peak RV Site: up to 72 hours

Short Term Camping will be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. Only fully self-contained vehicles with wastewater tanks are permitted. In this instance, the definition of fully self-contained is a caravan or motorhome with the ability to store grey water;
2. Keep noise to a minimum, compressors & generators are not to be used to the annoyance of other campers; and
3. The area used is left in a clean and tidy condition and all rubbish is to be removed.

5. KEY POLICY DEFINITIONS

Fully self-contained Recreational Vehicle (RV): A vehicle equipped with sleeping, cooking and bathroom facilities including onboard freshwater storage and wastewater storage.

Short term camping: camping permitted for a limited duration (24-72 hours) at designated sites outlined in this policy

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Shire of Merredin Ranger will monitor and patrol the Merredin Peak campsite to ensure stays are at a maximum of 72 hours.

Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre will upgrade signage as required and promote Merredin as an RV Friendly Town.

7. MONITOR AND REVIEW

This policy will be monitored by the Governance Officer every two (2) years.

This policy will be reviewed by the Executive Leadership Team.

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Reviewer:	Governance Officer				
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