ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

23 June 2020

Attachment Booklet – June 2020
IO01-06/20 Nature-Based Camping Review

ATTACHMENT: IO01

Nature-Based Camping Review

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C10 NON-COMMERCIAL CAMPING

PURPOSE

To provide direction on Council controlled land in regards to caravan and camping in the Shire of Irwin.

OBJECTIVE

- To ensure caravan and camping visitors to the Shire of Irwin 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 residents 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.

POLICY

1. Nature based camping is allowed on Council controlled land outside of Dongara – Port Denison town sites centres at Cliff Head, Knobby Head, Fresh Water Point and Seven Mile Beach. Only travellers with *Self Contained Vehicles* are permitted at Seven Mile Beach as there are no toilets provided. Camping is allowed for a maximum of 72 hours at all of these locations.

2. Dongara Town Oval on Waldeck Street is available for a free overnight rest for travellers with *Self Contained Vehicles*, a dump waste point is provided and parking for oversized vehicles. Mobile power generators external to the vehicle should only be used up to two hours to top-up internal batteries and not operating after 10pm. Externally strung washing lines are not permitted. If dogs accompany campers the Dog Act 1976 and the Shire of Irwin Dog Local Law applies.

3. Free camping is prohibited elsewhere within the Shire of Irwin.

4. The Shire of Irwin may open a temporary overflow facility to accommodate the excess influx of visitor's during peak tourist periods when existing accommodation providers are operating at or near full capacity (such as the Easter long weekend). This facility is provided at the Town Oval on Waldeck Street Dongara. A basic toilet block is opened for this period and an overnight fee is payable to the Ranger by all users.

Definitions

Self Contained Vehicles must carry a minimum of 20 litres of fresh water, have waste (grey) water holding tank with minimum capacity of five litres per person or 15 litres per person if the vehicle is fitted with a shower, and have a portable toilet cassette, all waste must be retained within the confines of the vehicle and nothing released to ground.

Date of Original Adoption– 24 September 2014 (reviewed 27 June 2017 Minute 140617)

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P6 OVERFLOW CAMPING – DONGARA OVAL

PURPOSE

To ensure visitors to the Shire are able to be accommodated during peak tourist periods.

POLICY

Council will during peak tourist periods, when all existing caravan and camping premises are fully booked, allow camping at the Dongara Oval.

Shower facilities will be made available on site, and a daily rental for a camping site will be set in the Fees and Charges Schedule.

Date of Last Amendment – 25 June 2013 *(reviewed 27 June 2017 Minute 140617)*

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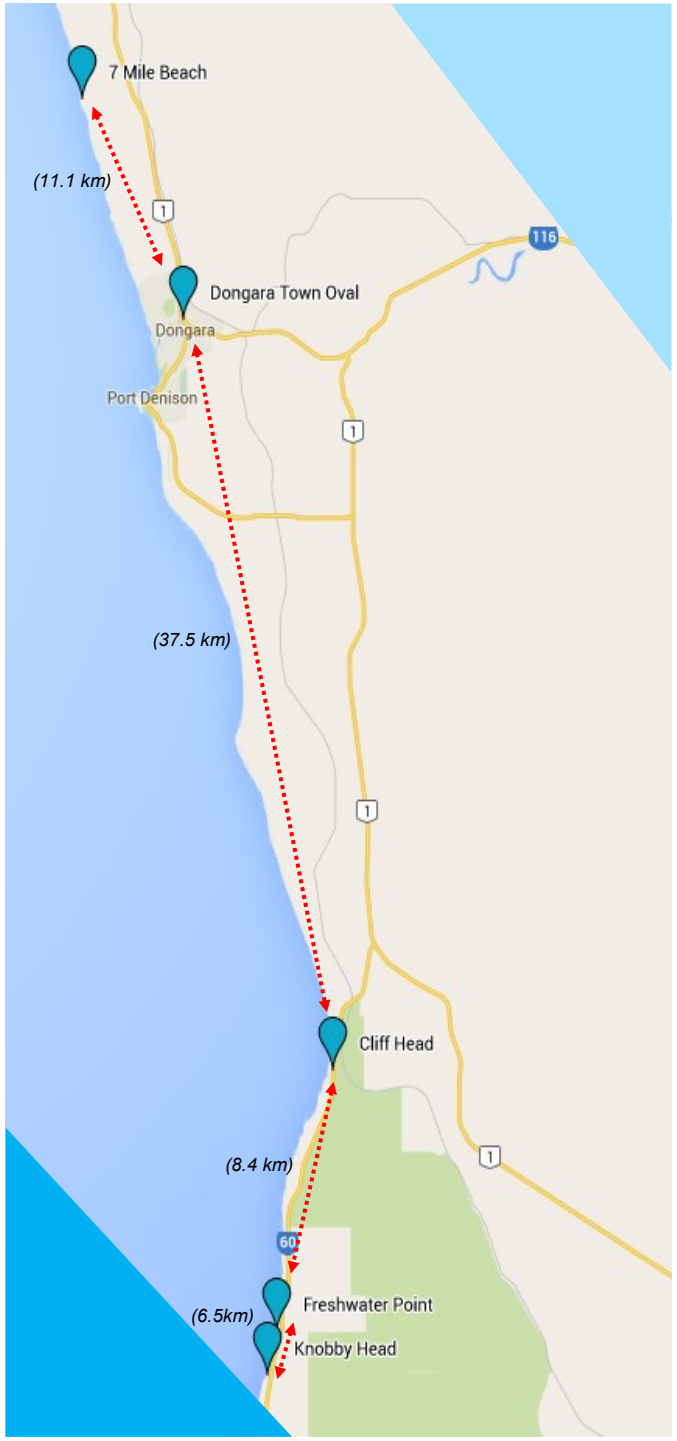

Facilities

The Shire of Irwin has several facilities for the Caravan and Camping traveller free of charge or a minimum cost including;

Waste Dump Point at the Town Oval on Waldeck Street, Dongara.

Fresh Water is available at our free water tap located near the intersection of George Street and Point Leander Drive near the playground.

Public Toilets are provided in Dongara, Port Denison, Knobby Head, Cliff Head and Big Freshwater Point.

Long Vehicle Parking is available at the Town Oval on Waldeck Street, this is a short walk to the Visitors Centre and main street Moreton
Terrace in Dongara

Rubbish Bins are provided throughout the Shire; please leave no trace and take only memories.

Dongara RV Survey
https://dongaraportdenison.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Dongara-RV-Survey.pdf

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Shire of Irwin Camping Information

Including our twin towns Dongara and Port Denison



Welcome to our twin towns Dongara-Port Denison

About Us

We are located within the Shire of Irwin in Western Australia, approximately 360km north of Perth.

Please take the time to read this information which clearly outlines where you can camp and what facilities are provided for the travelling folk.

Definitions

To camp when used as a verb, includes to camp in a vehicle.

Road side rest area means an area designated by a traffic sign in direct accordance with a written law, as an area which may be used for 24 hours for

A) Resting
B) Stopping; or
C) Camping in a vehicle

A Self Contained Vehicle

must carry a minimum of 20 litres of fresh water, have waste (grey) water holding tank capacity, have a portable cassette toilet, all waste must be retained within the confines of the vehicle and nothing released to the ground.

Pets

Dogs must be kept on a leash or in control at all times, during the night they are to be locked inside the camping equipment. Dog waste bags are provided throughout the Shire.

Camp Fires

Camp fires are highly prohibited at the Town Oval and during the total fire banned months of October to April at all other locations.

Free Campsite information

Site 1 (Cliff Head, Fresh Water Point & Knobby Head)	Any style of camper is allowed to stay in Site 1 for a maximum of 72 hours, after the 72 hour period is up you have to move on to another camp site, you are allowed to move to the other two sites listed within our Shire. At Cliff Head, toilets and seating are available to use.
Site 2 (Dongara Town Oval)	Campsite 2 is for travellers with self contained vehicles only. Campers are allowed 24 hours at this campsite. A Waste Dump Point is located at this site.
Site 3 (7 Mile Beach)	Site 3 is the last available free campsite within the Shire of Irwin. Site 3 is for travellers with self contained vehicles only. You are allowed to stay up to 72 hours. Unfortunately there are no facilities available at this campsite.

You may stay at each location once within a 28 day period. Campers may return to the camp sites in our Shire after the 28 day period ends. No fees apply, however we encourage visitors to support local businesses located in Dongara-Port Denison.

Overnight Rest Area

Located within the Dongara town centre at the Town Oval on Waldeck Street for self contained vehicles only. This site has a Waste Dump Point. Mobile power generators external to the vehicle should only be used up to two hours and not operating after 10pm. Externally strung washing lines are not permitted.

Overflow Camping

Located at the Town Oval in Dongara. Camping is provided at a cost of $30 per family or $15 per person for all campers, to accommodate the excess influx of visitors during peak tourist periods when existing accommodation providers are operating at full capacity, such as the Easter long weekend. Self-contained travellers get 1 night for free during overflow period if parked at the overnight rest area. The fee is paid to the Ranger each night by all users of the overflow campsite.

Caravan Park Accommodation

Big 4 Dongara Denison Beach Holiday Park
250 Ocean Dr, Port Denison
Ph: 9927 1131
E: contact@ddbeachholidaypark.com.au
W: www.ddbeachholidaypark.com

Dongara Denison Top Tourist Park
8 George St, Port Denison
Ph: 9927 1210
Dogs are welcome on sites, conditions apply
E: stay@dongaratouristpark.com.au
W: www.dongaratouristpark.com.au

Leander Reef Holiday Park
123 Pt Leander Dr, Port Denison
Ph: 9927 1840
E: office@leanderreefholidaypark.com
W: www.leanderreefholidaypark.com

Seaspray Beach Holiday Park
79-81 Church St, Dongara
Ph: 9927 1165
Pets welcome on the powered sites
E: stay@seaspraybeachholidaypark.com.au
W: www.seaspraybeachholidaypark.com.au

Please call into the Visitors Centre for maps and information on the region. Please support local businesses by purchasing your supplies locally.

We'd love any feedback please forward to the Manager Community Capacity
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