# COMMUNITY INPUT RECREATIONAL VEHICLES STRATEGY



#### INTRODUCTION

With the increasing popularity of recreational vehicles ("RVs") and the surge of people opting to holiday in South Australia due to the COVID restrictions, there has been calls from sections of the community for Council to facilitate RV tourism for the Yorke Peninsula Council by offering short to medium term overnight facilities for self-contained RV travellers.

Council resolved to prepare an RV Strategy that will set the parameters for further development of Recreational Vehicle tourism.

The purpose of the community input is to ensure that Council is made aware of the opinions and aspirations of the Yorke Peninsula community and to design a strategy that will be beneficial for the social and economic development of the region.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There are 741,443 combined caravan and campervan/motorhomes registrations at 31 January 2020 in Australia.

Self-contained RVs are motorhomes, campervans and caravans that have in-built eating, sleeping, food storage and preparation facilities, and contain a toilet, shower and holding tanks for both grey water and black water, clean water storage, deep cycle batteries and a hot water service

Not all campervans, motorhomes and caravans are self-contained. ABS data shows 67% of registered caravans are under 1.5 tonnes and have very little holding capacity for waste water.

### **PARAMETERS**

The strategy will make recommendations based on the following factors:

- Economic benefits for the Yorke Peninsula Municipality
- Social benefits for the Yorke Peninsula Municipality
- Cost of establishing facilities
- Adherence to regulations
- · Capacity of existing facilities

## **CURRENT SITUATION**

20 caravan parks are located in the Yorke Peninsula municipality, six of them are directly managed by Council, seven leased by Council to Progress Associations, three leased by Council to individuals and three privately owned.

There are 19 Bush Camps, administered and maintained by Council and two RV Parks at Ardrossan and Port Victoria registered with Council.

15 dump points are accessible to the general public for free or a small fee.

# **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Formalising and adopting an RV Strategy would provide a consistent position for Council when deciding whether to develop facilities for RVs and provide guidance for appropriate community organisations to operate an RV site.

Council welcomes your opinion and seeks submissions in writing from individuals, businesses and community organisations from the Yorke Peninsula Council area.

Please address your submissions to <a href="mailto:admin@yorke.sa.gov.au">admin@yorke.sa.gov.au</a> or post to Yorke Peninsula Council, PO Box 57 MAITLAND SA 5573 prior to 5pm, Monday 28 February with a contact name and number or email. Anonymous submissions will be disregarded.

Please contact Muriel Scholz, Caravan Parks Coordinator or Sue Beech, Property Tenure Officer at Yorke Peninsula Council on 8832 0000, should you require further information.