COUNCIL POLICY

Recreational Vehicle (RV) Friendly Status Guidelines

Policy Number:	PO144		
Strategic Plan Objective	Offer a range of accessible community facilities, programs, events and activities.		
Policy Owner:	Chief Executive Officer	**File Number:**	16.63.1
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1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

To outline the criteria under which an application received by a Progress Association (or similar) will be assessed by Council.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all persons undertaking work in relation to administering an application for RV Friendly Status.

3. DEFINITIONS

RV	Recreational Vehicle being a self-contained vehicle either towed or self-propelled having as a minimum its own toilet, shower, water tank, black water and grey water collection.
CMCA	Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia

4. POLICY STATEMENT

Council recognises the possible benefits to the community of encouraging RV travellers to the Yorke Peninsula.

Council will support qualifying applications from towns seeking RV Friendly Town status where the application does not detract from the amenity of the town. When a town or location has a CMCA recognised RV Friendly status it agrees to offer a welcoming attitude and a minimum combination of services to the RV traveller.

The Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) have developed their RV Friendly Town Status program to promote a partnership between the RV traveller and small towns. This program encourages the expansion of tourism related infrastructure and services and brings benefits to the town through increased tourist traffic.

The CMCA will only consider an application for RV Friendly status if it has the endorsement of Council.

Council encourages the use of the existing network of caravan and camping sites for longer term camping.

Council will endorse an application to the CMCA for RV Friendly Status if it meets CMCA criteria, the applying organisation is capable of managing the responsibilities associated with RV Friendly Status, and it complies with the following criteria -

Short term RV camping areas on un-alienated (e.g. non leased or licenced) Council land within town boundaries are required to:

Be in accordance with Councils Development Plan and all necessary approvals have been obtained.

Have as a minimum a dump point within five kilometres for grey water and effluent disposal, a potable water source and general waste management facilities.

Have a maximum concurrent stay period of two nights.

All short term RV camping areas are required to:

Be clearly signposted to permit only self-contained vehicles.

Include CMCA required RV Friendly signs at the town entrances and at the short term RV camping areas. These will be paid for by the Progress Associations but erected by Council staff.

Competitive neutrality must be respected.

Commercial operators must not be unfairly disadvantaged by the provision of facilities for visitors from the caravan/ motor home sector. A fee should be charged for RV overnight camping relative to the services offered at each designated site.

Community acceptance is an integral component of the RV Friendly classification. Council will undertake a public consultation process prior to any RV Friendly application being endorsed the costs of which are to be borne by the applicant. Affected businesses, clubs, organisations and the community should be involved in the consultation procedure.

5. COMPLAINTS

All complaints relating to RV Friendly Status should be directed to the Property Tenure Officer in the first instance.

6. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every three years and must be reviewed within twelve months of a general election, in consultation with employees and/or their nominated representative(s). The policy will also be reviewed as deemed necessary in consideration of any changes to legislation and relevant standards, codes and guidelines.

7. TRAINING

Training needs in regard to RV Friendly Status will be reviewed as necessary in consideration of any changes to legislation and relevant standards, codes and guidelines.

8. RELATED COUNCIL POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

SF194	RV Friendly Town Application

9. REFERENCES AND LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1999

10. COUNCIL DELEGATION

Delegate:	Chief Executive Officer

Sub Delegate:	Director Corporate and Community Services Corporate Services Officer

11. VERSION HISTORY

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RV Friendly Guidelines	PO144		21/06/2017