

RESERVE AREAS SET ASIDE FOR THE RIDING OF HORSES COUNCIL POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

1. To provide a comprehensive framework for the management and control of activities involving horses being walked, ridden or driven in areas that fall under the care, control and management of the City.
2. To ensure that the walking, riding or driving of horses does not interfere with or cause a nuisance to users of an area.
3. To ensure environmental controls are considered for the future sustainability in areas that may be subject to an application.

POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to areas within the City of Bunbury that come under the care, control and management of the City.

Nothing within this Policy shall prohibit the walking or riding of horses in a public place, road reserve or verge if the person in charge of the horse is in compliance with any written law.

POLICY DETAILS

1. An application shall be required by person who walk, ride or drive horses for commercial purposes, financial gain and/or participate in the harness racing or turf racing industry.
2. Persons who walk, ride or drive horses for recreational purposes shall not be required to make application, however those person shall adhere to any restrictions or conditions posted at a location and where applicable, the conditions of this Policy.
3. An application shall be in the form that is determined by an Authorised Person from time to time.
4. An application may require the payment of a fee. All fees are specified in the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges.
5. Following the assessment of an application by an Authorised Person, an approval may be provided to the applicant in the form determined by the Authorised Person.
6. The Chief Executive Officer may from time to time, set or vary the times for the use of those areas set aside for horses to be swam, walked, ridden or driven in Bunbury.
7. Any changes or variations to this policy or any changes to any activity times/dates/locations shall require local public notice to be given of not less than 28 days requesting public submission relating to the proposed changes or variations.
8. An application determined in accordance with this Policy may include, but not be limited to

the following conditions:

- a. The applicant shall only operate during the approved times as stipulated in an approval.
- b. The Applicant shall provide proof and a copy of certificate of currency of public liability insurance for the minimum sum of \$10,000,000, workers compensation insurance and personal accident insurance.
- c. The approval is not transferrable however nothing precludes the direct agent or employee of the applicant also being a party to an approval.
- d. The applicant shall ensure that they, their agent or their employees are trained and qualified to ensure the safe operation and handling of any horse and/or equipment.
- e. The applicant, agent or employee shall ensure that all equipment used for the training of horses is maintained in a safe manner.
- f. The applicant, agent or employee shall ensure that no nuisance of any kind whatsoever is created by the activity and must act and carry on the activity in a safe and responsible manner.
- g. The applicant, agent or employee shall ensure the removal of any litter, debris or horse excrement associated with their activities and comply with any condition relating to the protection of the environment i.e. dieback control.
- h. The applicant, agent or employee shall only be in the approved area/s specified on a permit and only during such times/dates as stated on a permit.
- i. The applicant, agent or employee must produce an Approval if requested to do so by an Authorised Person within the time as stipulated by the Authorised Person.
- j. An Authorised Person may at any time remove a person from an approved area and/or revoke an Approval if it is determined that the applicant , agent or employee acted in contravention of any condition as stipulated as part of an approval, or is found to be or have acted in contravention of a Local Law.
- k. An Authorised Person shall cause written notification to be forwarded to the applicant stating reasons as to why an approval has been revoked.
- l. The applicant shall not be entitled to any refund of any fees or charges if an approval is revoked.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1995*

INDUSTRY

ORGANISATIONAL

- *City of Bunbury Local Government and Public Property Local Law*
- *Application Form*

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