RV friendly caravan park approvals

Recreational Vehicle (RV) friendly caravan parks in the Mackay local government area are governed by council's Subordinate Local Law No.1.8 (Operation of Caravan Parks) 2011.

An annual approval is required to operate a RV friendly caravan park in the Mackay local government area.

There are two (2) types of RV friendly caravan park annual approvals:

• 10 sites or less
• More than 10 sites

Application forms are available on councils website www.mackay.qld.gov.au/business/permits_and_licenses/caravan_parks and on enquiry at client service centres. Annual fees also apply.

Prior to establishing an RV friendly caravan park, we recommend contact with Mackay Regional Council's planning department. Council provides general development advice via:

- Online enquiries, which can be lodged via the planning advice online enquiries form
- Or, 15-minute counter appointments, which are available Monday – Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm (minimum 24 hours notice).

Further information on Mackay Planning Scheme requirements are included in Mackay Planning Scheme factsheets: mackay.qld.gov.au/business/planning_and_development/planning_schemes_and_strategic_planning/mackay_region_planning_scheme/user_guides

Key definition

Self-contained Recreational Vehicle (RV) - means a vehicle that has on-board cooking, sleeping and toilet facilities and can
(a) hold fresh water; and
(b) store greywater and blackwater.
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General requirements for 10 sites or less

- Only self-contained recreational vehicles permitted on sites
- Maximum three (3) consecutive nights stay
- Ten (10) sites or less
- Minimum 75m² per site
- Each site must be appropriately identified and numbered
- Boundary setbacks apply; please refer to the Planning Scheme for further information
- Provide refuse collection bin in a manner and at locations for ease of use and serviced appropriately
- Operation of the RV friendly caravan park must not detrimentally affect the amenity of adjoining land
- Provision must be made for people and RV’s to enter and exit the RV friendly caravan park safely via a sealed road and one entry/exit.
- Operation of RV friendly caravan park must be maintained in a clean, safe and tidy condition and operated in a manner to not create a nuisance to surrounding properties (i.e. dust or noise nuisance)
- The approval holder must keep and maintain a register which details name, address and contact details of each person who hires a site; the identifying number for the site; registration details of RV and dates site hired
- The operation of the RV friendly caravan park must not create a traffic problem, increase an existing traffic problem or detrimentally affect the efficiency of an existing road network
- The rules which govern the use of the RV friendly caravan park must be displayed in the manner and at the locations so that the rules can be viewed by users of the caravan park (i.e. three consecutive nights only, waste disposal etc).

General requirements for more than 10 sites

In addition to the 10 sites or less requirements, more than 10 sites must allow:
- Provision of one (1) unisex toilet and maintain it in a clean and sanitary condition
- Provision of an adequate supply of potable water to the RV friendly caravan park.
- A dump point
- > for black water and grey water where reticulated sewer is available; or
- > for grey water where reticulated sewer is not available.

Other approvals may be required

It is important to remember that a RV friendly caravan park approval does not include any building, plumbing, trade waste or development approvals. These approvals should be obtained prior to making any applications for a RV friendly caravan park approval. Please provide details of these approvals on application. A RV friendly caravan park approval may not be issued unless all other approvals have been obtained.

For further information regarding approval and operation of a RV friendly caravan park, contact council’s Health and Regulatory Services team on 1300 MACKAY (622 529) or email council@mackay.qld.gov.au