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E.8 – DRAFT RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) STRATEGY

Appendix 1 – Draft Recreational Vehicle (RV) Strategy

Recreational Vehicle



RV Strategy 2013





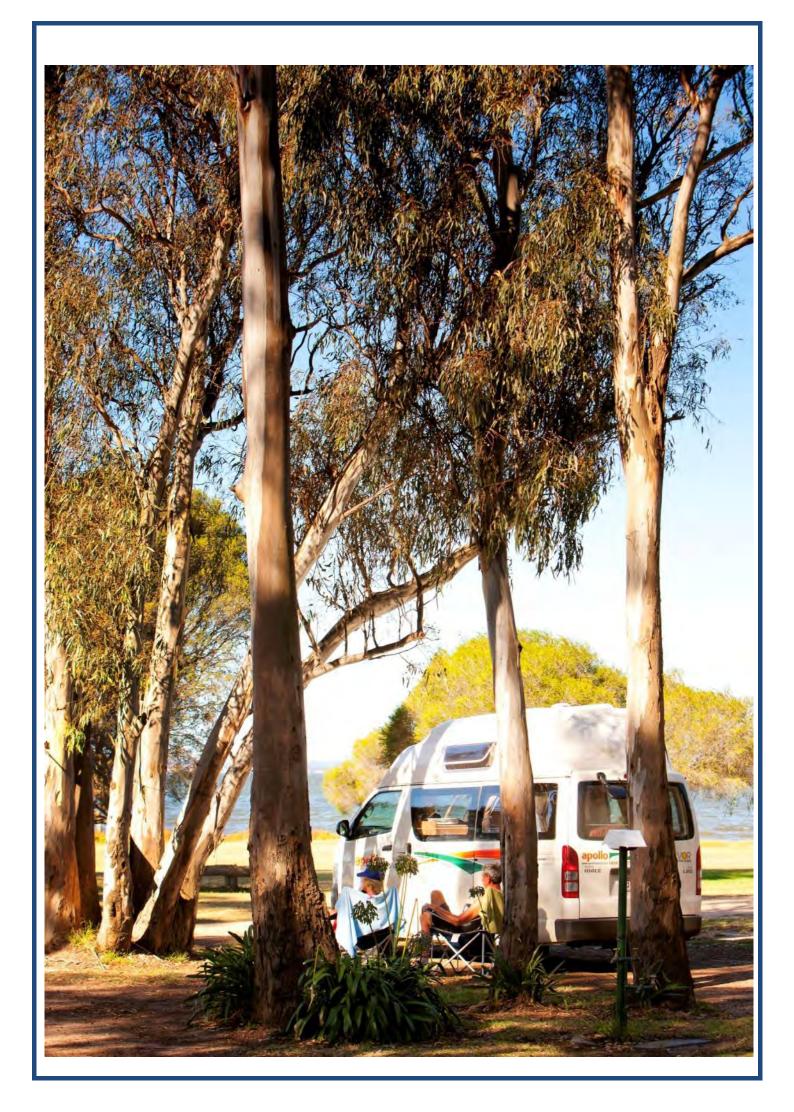


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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Recreational Vehicle (RV) Strategy sets an objective to promote South Gippsland Shire as an attractive region for Recreational Vehicle (RV – self-contained caravan and motorhome) users, by maximising marketing potential and economic return to local businesses and the community, protecting and preserving the environment and ensuring effective site management of Council assets.

Currently no South Gippsland town is equipped to achieve RV Friendly TownTM status due to the inability to meet certain essential criteria outlined by the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA). These essential criteria include issues such as lack of free overnight parking within a five kilometre radius to a Post Office and lack of accessible free dump points.

However, South Gippsland Shire can meet the objective of encouraging and managing visitation of RV users by increasing local infrastructure including developing additional signage, long vehicle parking and more options for free / low cost overnight stays. By adopting a Shire-wide approach, support can also be given to local commercial caravan parks and tourist operators to adequately satisfy the needs of the growing RV, caravan and camping market.

All research and indicators are demonstrating a large increase in the RV market through registrations and activity, especially in the growing retired baby boomer / self-superannuated sector. These indicators will have a significant effect on tourism in South Gippsland as the market for RV users increases. This strategy aims to maximise the benefits of this growing market through a co-operative and strategic approach with local businesses and the community.

This Recreational Vehicle (RV) Strategy supports the needs of caravan/ tourist park operators which service the needs of the traditional caravan/camping market across the shire. A number of free/low cost camping sites exist in the shire including the:

- Loch Recreation Reserve,
- Shallow Inlet Camping Ground,
- Bear Gully Camping Reserve,
- Turtons Creek.
- Council managed Bass Valley Camping Ground and Franklin River Reserve.

These areas are heavily utilised; particularly over the summer months and long weekends, when other commercial caravan parks are at full capacity.

By analysing the current RV market within South Gippsland, and identifying opportunities for increased growth of this sector, a series of recommendations have been identified.

These recommendations, aligning to objectives in the 2013-2017 Council Plan and the current Draft Economic Development and Tourism Strategy, will continue to support existing caravan park operators whilst growing the local RV market throughout the Shire.

2 INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

The caravan and camping market has evolved considerably over recent years and the availability of new self-contained recreational vehicles (RVs) and the increased domestic travel of 'grey nomads' has led to a change in the traditional caravan and camping market. Whilst the traditional market mainly utilises caravan and camping parks, the increase in RVs results in a trend towards low cost/free locations for overnight stays. RV users are self-contained, self-sufficient and do not require external toilet, shower and BBQ facilities.

2.1 Traditional Caravan and Camping Market

The caravan and camping market is guided by associations including the Victorian Caravan Parks Association, Caravan RV & Accommodation Industry of Australia (CRVA), and other industry bodies.

The traditional caravan and camping market includes:

- Self-contained vehicles (caravans, campervans and motorhomes)
- Non-self-contained vehicles (caravan, campervans and motorhomes)
- Tents

This market generally seeks full facilities including water, toilet, power and BBQ facilities each night in commercial caravan and camping grounds though many will accept lower service levels for benefits such as unique locations and between desirable travel destinations.

2.2 Recreational Vehicle Market

The pure RV market refers to self-contained caravans, campervans and motorhomes which do not necessarily require the services provided by caravan or holiday parks. This market enjoys the freedom of stopping whenever and wherever they want and are capable of being independent for up to a week, requiring only a dump point, water and a place to stop.



A self-contained recreational vehicle

2.3 Recreational Vehicle Schemes

Recreational Vehicle Schemes are initiatives of the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Limited (CMCA) aimed at assisting regional areas to attract RV tourists. They identify common criteria which appeal to the RV market, encouraging short stays. These schemes are categorised as follows:

1. RV Friendly TownTM

There are a number of criteria considered by CMCA when assessing the application for an RV Friendly TownTM:

Essential Criteria

- Appropriate parking within the town centre which is accessible to general shopping
- Short term car parking (24/48hr) no more than 5 km from the Post Office or Post Office Agency
- · Access to potable water
- Access to a FREE dump point within the town precinct
- Council to provide one person as a contact

Although not essential, it is important to note that long term parking for self-contained vehicles, access to medical facilities and access to a pharmacy, are recommended when applying for RV Friendly TownTM status. The CMCA would provide the Council with two signs advertising the RV Friendly TownTM and promotion of the town on the Club website (subject to terms and conditions).

2. RV Friendly Destination^{TM-} businesses such as wineries, cheese factories, specialist farms, hotels, clubs etc

There are a number of criteria considered by CMCA when assessing the application for RV Friendly Destination[™] status.

Essential Criteria

- A parking area where all size RVs are able to gain access and manoeuvre
- Provide self-contained parking for self-contained vehicles

CMCA will offer RV Friendly DestinationsTM specified signage at cost price plus promotion of the destination on the Club website (subject to terms and conditions).

Café Escargot in Mirboo North is the only RV Friendly Destination[™] in South Gippsland currently advertised on the CMCA website, however with the appropriate Council permits in place, this destination and other businesses could be encouraged to enquire about joining this scheme.

3. Leave No Trace R

The CMCA has created a Self-Containment Code of Conduct for RV users called the Leave No. Trace Scheme ® which promotes environmentally responsible camping. This demonstrates to Councils that RV self-contained vehicles need not have a negative impact of a site, even if it has no facilities. Under this scheme, RV users adhere to strict guidelines relating to the vehicle's capacity for holding fresh, grey and black water allowing Councils to give access to controlled areas for RV self-contained users.

3 CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTH GIPPSLAND

The South Gippsland Shire currently offers commercial caravan/camping parks as well as limited free/ low cost camping areas to cater for the RV market.

3.1 Existing Caravan Parks and Low Cost/ Free Locations in South Gippsland

The map below outlines the location of all caravan parks and low cost/ free locations in South Gippsland.

Caravan Parks

- 1. Korumburra Tourist Park
- 2. Leongatha Caravan Park
- 3. Prom Central Caravan Park
- 4. Toora Tourist Park
- 5. Long Jetty Caravan Park
- 6. Yanakie Caravan Park
- 7. Shallow Inlet Caravan Park
- 8. Sandy Point Holiday Park
- 9. Waratah Bay Caravan Park
- 10. Walkerville Foreshore Reserve
- 11. Venus Bay Caravan Park

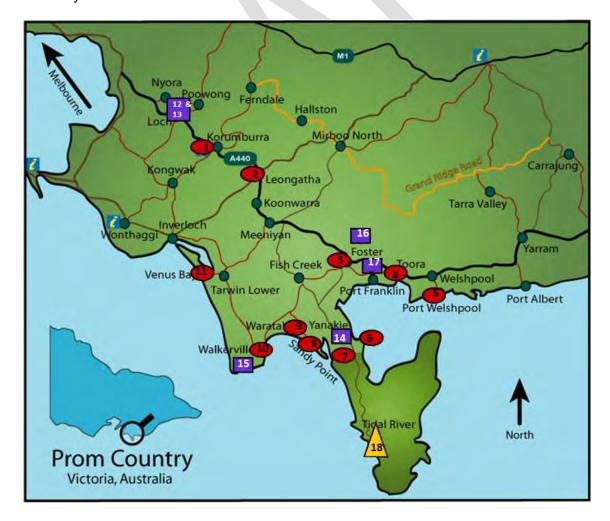
Free/Low Cost Locations

- 12. Bass Valley Camping Ground
- 13. Loch Recreation Reserve
- 14. Shallow Inlet Camping Reserve
- 15. Bear Gully Camping Reserve
- 16. Turtons Creek Reserve
- 17. Franklin River Reserve



National Park Camping

18. Wilsons Promontory NP



3.2 Current unauthorised sites

There are areas where camping occurs on an ad hoc basis. Some sites include:

- Coal Creek Community Park and Museum car park
- Koonwarra Recreation Reserve
- Yanakie Hall
- Agnes River wayside stop
- Foster North Lookout
- Tarwin River roadside, Tarwin Lower
- Mossvale Park

Property Name	Rubbish Bins	Toilets	Water available	No camping signage erected
Coal Creek car park	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Koonwarra Recreation Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Yanakie Hall	Yes	Yes	No	No
Agnes River wayside stop	No	No	No	No
Foster North Lookout	Yes	No	No	Yes
Tarwin River	No	No	No	Yes
Mossvale Park	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

3.3 Authorised Sites

The low cost/free sites generally attract both self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles. These sites are heavily utilised between November and April as well as long weekends. The table below identifies the facilities at each of these locations:

Property Name	Rubbish Bins	Toilets	Water available
Bass Valley Camping Reserve	No	Yes	No
Bear Gully Camping Reserve	No	Yes	No
Franklin River Reserve	Yes	Yes	No
Loch Recreation Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shallow Inlet Camping Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turtons Creek Camping Reserve	No	No	No

From time to time, the Loch, Korumburra and Mirboo North communities book out their facilities to the occasional club allowing access to their amenities.

SUMMARY: More effective signage is required in authorised and non-authorised sites outlining the rules and regulations associated with each site. This detailed signage will inform visitors to the Shire about restrictions such as:

- Length of stay
- Fire restrictions
- Emergency contact numbers
- Facilities close by

By restricting use of authorised and non-authorised sites within the Shire, more RV users will be encouraged to utilise existing commercial caravan/ tourist parks. It is recommended that "No Camping" signs are erected in all non-authorised sites within the shire.

3.4 Current Council Managed Sites

Below is an assessment of the current sites which are managed by South Gippsland Shire Council.

FRANKLIN RIVER RESERVE: Managed by South Gippsland Shire

The approximate budgeted annual cost to manage Franklin River Reserve is \$\frac{\$30,000 p/a at 2013}{\text{with increase use this may require more extensive maintenance.}}

Criteria	Comment
	Toora Tourist Park is located 3km from the
	reserve
Located in a town that does not feature a	Neighbouring Foster and Port Welshpool also
caravan park	contain caravan parks
Down a sint located in the terms of the second	Located in neighbouring commercial caravan/
Dump point located in the town or nearby	tourist parks
	Sufficient space, though no established bays
Parking and access for larger vehicles	to minimise the impact on the environment
Safety from passing traffic	Located off the main road
Limited intrusion to private dwelling	No adjacent dwellings
Length of stay-maximum 48 hour	Length of stay currently unregulated
Approval of the land manager	Council manages the site
Compliant with a risk assessment	Periodic Risk assessment required
Site accessibility for large vehicles	Clear entrance and exit to the site
Appropriate site safety	Determined through site maintenance plan
	Economic return likely through use of nearby
Ability to generate economic return	towns







Lengthy stays and fires not in provided fire places are management issues of Franklin River Reserve

SUMMARY

Franklin River Reserve is located close to the townships of Toora and Foster, and although this site is not within a town itself, it does have a benefit to businesses in nearby townships. Enhancement of Franklin River Reserve with the establishment of parking bays and more informative signage complete with emergency contacts will ensure visitors commit to the regulations imposed by Council.

BASS VALLEY CAMPING RESERVE: Managed by South Gippsland Shire Council

The approximate budgeted annual cost to manage Bass Valley Camping Ground is: \$15,000 p/a at 2013 with increase use this may require more extensive maintenance.

Criteria	Comment
Located in a town that does not feature a	Poowong and Loch do not contain caravan
caravan park	parks
Dump point located in the town or nearby	In Korumburra
Parking and access for larger vehicles	No established parking bays to minimise the impact on the environment
Safety from passing traffic	Located off the main road
Limited intrusion to private dwelling	No adjacent dwellings
Length of stay maximum 48 hour	Length of stay unregulated
Approval of the land manager	Council manages the site
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SUMMARY

A small camping ground, Bass Valley Camping Ground has been in operation as a Council managed campsite since the 1950's. Extensive signage to and within this campground is recommended, ensuring that RV users continue to add benefit to the local area.

3.5 Dump Points

A Motorhome Dump Point is a properly designed facility intended to receive the discharge of wastewater from any holding tank or similar device installed in any RV. Installed as low to the ground as possible, they can allow access to large vehicles up to 20 metres in length. They are an essential aspect of the RV market allowing tourists to discharge wastewater in an acceptable manner to an approved disposal system.

3.5.1 Dump Point Locations in South Gippsland

The dump stations situated within South Gippsland are all privately owned, with the exception of Wilsons Promontory's Tidal River, managed by Parks Victoria and Long Jetty Carayan Park. managed by South Gippsland Shire Council.

Below is a list of current dump point locations:



South Gippsland Dump Point Locations

- 1. Korumburra Recreation Reserve—Free. Refundable key deposit
- 2. Leongatha Apex Caravan Park—Free for guests. Fees apply to the public
- 3. BP service station Mirboo North—Fees apply
- 4. Prom Central Caravan Park, Foster---Free for guests. Fees apply to the public
- 5. Toora Tourist Park—Free for guests. Fees apply to the public
- 6. Long Jetty Caravan Park Port Welshpool—Free for guests. Fees apply to the public
- 7. Venus Bay Caravan Park—Free for guests. Fees apply to the public
- 8. Tidal River—Free

Potential Dump Point Location

9. Meeniyan Recreation Reserve

Neighbouring Councils Dump Point Locations

- 10. Amaze N Things Holiday Park, Cowes—Available for guests only
- 11. Anchor Belle Holiday Park, Cowes—Available for guests, fee for general public
- 12. Beach Park Tourist Park, Cowes—Available for guests only
- 13. Big 4 Holiday Park, Inverloch—Available for guests only
- 14. Mollers Caravan Park, Inverloch—Available for guests only
- 15. Cape Paterson Caravan Park—Available for guests only
- 16. The Watertower, Port Albert—Available to the general public







SUMMARY: The approximate cost to install a dump point is \$5000 - \$6000. After installation running costs are minimal and relate to normal cleaning and servicing. Currently, the details of dump points in Korumburra and Mirboo North are listed on the CMCA website for RV users to access. Many of South Gippsland's commercial caravan/ tourist parks currently have dump points within their premises. Discussion to install a dump point in the township of Meeniyan is currently under-way; however, to allocate more dump points within the Shire's town centres could directly affect the ability for caravan/ tourist park operators to engage with the RV market.

3.6 Long Vehicle Parking in Major Towns

Long vehicle parking bays are significantly longer than a regular vehicle bay. These bays allow parking of caravans, boats and longer vehicles which are otherwise difficult to accommodate. For a town to gain an economic return from the RV market, it is essential that long vehicle parking is located close to the town retail precinct.

Korumburra, Leongatha and Mirboo North are currently the only towns in South Gippsland to have designated long vehicle parking bays, though many smaller towns and settlements can accommodate long vehicles.

3.6.1 Designated Long Vehicle Parking

Parking which is line-marked in a designated area ensuring availability to long vehicles in centrally located areas providing easy access to the town shopping precinct and amenities. A 2 hour time limit is recommended for long vehicle parking.

KORUMBURRA: Located in Little Commercial Street. Directional signage is located from both Radovick Street and King Street.



MIRBOO NORTH: Located on the Corner of Baths Road and Ridgeway in the Baromi Park car park opposite the former Shire Hall.



LEONGATHA: Located on the South Gippsland Highway wayside stop, opposite the Leongatha Police Station.



Parking also located along the western side of Anderson Street from Alison Street to Smith Street



3.6.2 Non-designated Long Vehicle Parking

Parking which is not line-marked however is usually within easy access to the town shopping precinct and amenities.

MEENIYAN: Adjacent to the Great Southern Rail Trail on Tompkins Road, this gravel road is often utilised for its convenience to the retail precinct and town amenities.



FOSTER: Located on Main Street opposite the Foster Historical Museum with easy access to the Visitor Information Centre, town amenities and the retail precinct.



FISH CREEK: Located beside the Great Southern Rail Trail, providing a central access point to town amenities and the retail precinct.



TOORA: Located at the bottom of Victoria Street, Sagassar Park is a comfortable stop for RV users, with easy access to town amenities and retail outlets.



POOWONG: Located along Nyora Road, there are some opportunities for long vehicles to park.



3.7 Potential and identified sites

A number of sites have been identified as having potential to raise the profile of South Gippsland as an accessible tourist location with excellent amenities and facilities. Continued study and consultation is required to ensure that these and other potential sites will add economic benefit to the Shire whilst having minimum environmental impact.

3.7.1 Potential Long Vehicle Parking

LEONGATHA: By increasing long vehicle parking along Smith Street, RV users are a short walking distance to public amenities and the retail precinct.



3.7.2 Potential Dump Point

MEENIYAN: Currently there is discussion regarding the construction of a dump point at the recreation reserve, however, this is still under negotiation with stakeholders.



3.7.3 Potential Free/ Low Cost Camping BUCKLEY PARK, FISH CREEK

Buckley Park is ideally located on the outskirts of Fish Creek (which does not contain a caravan park), close to town facilities and the entrance to The Great Southern Rail Trail. Currently managed by a Section 86 committee which is due for review by April 2014, this reserve is ideal for free/low cost camping. It is currently under-utilised due to the increased use by sporting clubs of Fish Creek's John Terrill Memorial Park. With running water and two toilet blocks, Buckley Park would be suitable due to the self-sufficiency of most RV users.

RV provision on this site would not restrict usage by the local cricket club. Council would need to pave a gravel entrance and create some designated areas for overnight stays.



4 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STRATEGIES FOR OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

RV strategies vary between Shires depending on the features and needs of the differing regions. It is important to note the following Gippsland based approaches.

4.1 Gippsland

Wellington Shire Council: With five RV Friendly towns and locations, 11 dump points and the promotion of over 50 free/low cost camping and Short Term Overnight Parking (STOP), Wellington Shire Council actively promotes the benefits of RV visitation to the Wellington region. Council Officers regularly attend consumer shows and events to promote benefits of the region to RV users and hosted the 2012 annual CMCA national rally.

East Gippsland Shire Council: The *RV Development Plan Framework* was adopted in 2010, in acknowledgment of the increased visitation of the RV market. East Gippsland currently has four designated free rest areas and eight dump points.

Bass Coast Shire Council: Bass Coast Shire does not have an RV strategy or any free camping sites: however, they do have a number of dump points located in commercial caravan parks.

Baw Baw Shire Council: Baw Baw Shire does not have an RV strategy, free camping, or dump points. The RV market is recognised in their Council *Draft Tourism Strategy* and the installation of dump points will be the first consideration when pursuing the RV market.

Latrobe City Council: Latrobe City Council does not have an RV strategy or public dump points and the key focus of their *Tourism Strategy & Action Plan* in 2013 is to concentrate on the corporate and events market.

4.2 Other selected Councils

Moyne Shire Council (VIC): No free camping within this Shire, however, Council owned caravan parks provide free dump points.

Glenelg Shire Council (VIC): A variety of free camping sites within the Shire suitable for motorhomes and larger vehicles. There are also two commercial caravan parks providing dump points for tenants only.

5 CHALLENGES AND ISSUES

Although the RV market can be seen to bring an economic return to the region, the potential issues and challenges associated with low/free cost camping must be acknowledged.

Impact on South Gippsland commercial caravan park owners: Lengthy overstays of RV users in South Gippsland Shire's free/ low cost camping sites could affect commercial caravan parks close by if not properly managed.

Regulatory requirements: Council Local Law General Local Law No.1 (2005) Section 68 states that "A person must not, without a permit, camp in a public place (being a road, and/or land which is owned, occupied or managed by Council) in a tent or caravan unless they are within a caravan park registered under the Residential Tenancies Act 1997, or an area determined by the Council to be available for camping purposes"

Regulatory changes: The introduction of the reformed Farming Zone, gazetted on 5 September 2013, allows further opportunity for land owners to apply for a permit allowing the development of new caravan/tourist parks within the region. If further sites are identified, they will be assessed in accordance with Council guidelines.

Environmental Management: Increased use of Council managed free/low cost sites raises issues relating to waste management and possible damage to flora and fauna. Council would be required to allocate funds to and/or find solutions that minimise cost and impact.

Land Management: In many cases, potential low cost/free sites are Crown Land, usually managed by Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI). Unless Council is the land manager, it is unlikely that any further potential sites will be approved for use because it appears that current State Government policy does not allow camping on Crown Land not reserved for the purpose.

Council Management and Enforcement: The development of new and existing rest areas and dump points carry an ongoing management and maintenance responsibility to Council. Site issues concerning visitor overstay, littering and poor behaviour by low cost/free camping users can be managed by the installation of signage and the introduction of management procedures.

Risk Management: All Victorian Councils and caravan/tourist park operators are required to protect site users and to minimise risk to themselves, Council and the environment.

This report is assessing the suitability of several sites, taking these issues and challenges into consideration.

6 FINDINGS/ DISCUSSION

With the retirement age of the 'Baby Boomer' reaching its peak by 2021, it is clear that the domestic RV market will continue to grow. In order for the South Gippsland Shire to benefit from this increase of visitors, it is important that the RV demographic is adequately and appropriately provided for. This Recreational Vehicle (RV) Strategy identifies the current needs of the RV market in South Gippsland, the gaps that currently exist, and the measures to be taken to meet those needs whilst taking local issues into account.

No South Gippsland town is able to meet the specified essential criteria required by CMCA for an RV Friendly Town TM as no town has free camping and free sewerage dump point.

The major sewered towns of Leongatha, Korumburra, Foster and Toora all have caravan parks and locating free / low cost sites in these towns would be inappropriate. Mirboo North and Meeniyan do not currently have a suitable free / low cost site able to be provided by Council. In addition RV Friendly Towns TM status requires free dump points and none of the dump points in the shire are provided free of charge.

Despite the inability to have RV Friendly Towns [™] the CMCA system of RV Friendly Destinations [™] that allows for private business to achieve the status by providing overnight free parking may be possible in a number of locations subject to planning permission.

South Gippsland Shire whilst not able to fulfil the CMCA requirements is and will continue to be a very attractive destination for RV users as a result of its villages, attractions and proximity to Melbourne. Council can enhance this good reputation through the provision of a new overnight stay location at Fish Creek and through the creation of official long vehicle parking close to the shopping precinct in our major towns.

Free camping is recognised as a necessary attractant for RV users to any area including to South Gippsland. Franklin River Reserve and Bass Valley Campground currently provide free low amenity overnight stays in locations that do not have a commercial camping alternative. By providing these locations for limited periods visitors are encouraged to stay at high amenity caravan parks across the shire. This allows visitors to restock with water, dump sewerage tanks and experience the higher level shower etc facilities available at commercial sites. By including Buckley Park, Fish Creek in this network, South Gippsland will continue to cater for the increasing needs of the RV market. The site is ideally located in a town without a caravan park at a convenient location along the Wilsons promontory touring route and the Great Southern Rail Trail. Buckley Park is owned by Council and presently underutilised with numerous sites for overnight stays by self-contained vehicles.

Signage for authorised overnight stay and long vehicle parking as well as for unauthorised sites is essential to promoting the appropriate use of RV's in the Shire. Signage should be installed across the sites discussed in this Strategy to limit inappropriate usage and direct RV's to acceptable parking and overnight stay locations.

By taking a Shire-wide approach, effective measures can be taken to ensure that the needs of the RV market are met, protection and preservation through regulation of sites occur, and respectful processes are taken with existing caravan / tourist operators. A series of recommendations through a phased approach can be taken to fill existing gaps for the South Gippsland Shire.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject to community consultation about this Draft Strategy there are a number of ways to enhance the profile of South Gippsland as an attractive region to RV users. By completing the following actions, South Gippsland will be taking a pro-active approach towards encouraging greater visitation from the RV market.

1. Endorse South Gippsland as an RV attractive Shire

Council positions the shire as a destination that supports the appropriate usage of RV's by providing a network of free and commercial campsites at diverse location across the region. This will be achieved by promotion of the shire attractiveness to all RV users through Council's Visitor Information Centres and the Prom Country Regional Tourism website.

2. Provide additional line-marked long vehicle parking in Smith Street Leongatha As South Gippsland's main service town, additional line-marked parking is required for RV users to access the central shopping precinct and the amenities of the town.

3. Creation and distribution of a South Gippsland RV facilities map

The creation of a map which can be distributed through the Shire's Visitor Information Centres and Prom Country Regional Tourism website will provide vital information to RV users, encouraging them to access local town amenities and the facilities of commercial caravan/ tourist parks. An approximate cost is \$10,000 for the design and production.

4. Provide New Signage

Signage including site signage is essential in managing RV use of the Shire's free/ low cost camping areas. An approximate cost is \$26,000 for signage in South Gippsland's three largest towns and Franklin River Reserve, Bass Valley Camping Ground and Buckley Park in Fish Creek.

5. Creation of a network of free camping reserves

Consolidating the network of attractive free camping areas at the Franklin River Reserve, Bass Valley Camping Ground and Buckley Park in Fish Creek will provide a network of opportunities for RV users across the shire that will provide the maximum benefit to town based retail and commercial camping opportunities. A maximum stay of 2 nights / 48 hours will apply at each location.

6. Dump Point

Installation and ongoing maintenance by Council of a dump point in Meeniyan in a location suitable for RV users.

The above recommendations will help enhance the profile of South Gippsland as an attractive region to RV users, allowing local business and community maximise the economic benefits to the region.

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