

# Seasonal Workers' Accommodation

## Guide to Council requirements for a Camping and Caravan Park

### What is a Camping and Caravan Park?

A Camping and Caravan Park is defined in the Swan Hill Planning Scheme as, "land used to allow accommodation in caravans, cabins, tents, or the like."

### What are the Planning Scheme requirements for a Camping and Caravan Park?

There are no specific requirements for Camping and Caravan Parks in the Farming Zone. However, the following general requirements should be considered if you are thinking of applying for a Camping or Caravan Park to accommodate your workforce.

A Planning Permit will be required. Some of the issues to be addressed as part of a Planning Permit are:

- Is the proposal consistent with planning policy?
- Is the land suitable for this use in terms of land capability and compatibility with surrounding farm uses?
- Site layout and design
- Vehicle access and car parking
- Servicing

Registration with the public health department will be required.

### Building Requirements

Certain buildings and structures associated with camping and caravan parks would require building permits i.e. toilet blocks, offices, carports etc.

### Public Health Requirements

Caravan parks must be registered with Council's Public Health Team under the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 and Residential Tenancies (Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards) Regulations 2010.

The Regulations require parks to maintain standards for a wide range of matters, including:

- Fire prevention and safety
- Emergency management plans
- Water supply and standard
- Sewage and waste water
- Laundry facilities
- Lighting
- Garbage bins
- Smoke alarms.

Installation requirements of Unregisterable Movable Dwellings (UMDs) is also outlined within the Regulations. UMDs must be able to be removed from their location within 24 hours and be affixed with a compliance plate.

UMDs without compliance plates will require Building Permits to be installed.

## Further information

For further information, please contact:

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