



JARRAHDALÉ

Jarrahdale puts out the welcome mat for RV drivers

THE Shire of Jarrahdale is hoping for a tourism boost after the Jarrahdale RV short stay area was opened last week.

It coincided with the Shire being declared an RV Friendly Town by the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia.

The short stay area is near the corner of Jarrahdale Road and Kingsbury Drive and has a dumping point as well as space for about 30 self-contained RVs.

RVs can stay in the spot for free for up to 72 hours.

The site will be monitored by Shire officers to ensure people are abiding by the rules.

It is hoped businesses in the Jarrahdale area will experience the benefits of the new RV short stay area as road-based tourism in Australia is estimated to be worth about \$7 billion per annum.

Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire President John Erren said it would boost tourism in the Shire.

"RV travellers can now

leisurely experience Jarrahdale as a tourist destination and all

that it offers," he said.

"We look forward to welcoming many mobile travellers to Jarrahdale."

In order to qualify as an RV friendly town, the area must meet demands of travellers including access to a general shopping area, parking and access to a free dump point for toilet waste.

Former state representative and Camillo resident Phil Chad regularly travels around WA, visiting short stay locations.

He said the advantage of the Jarrahdale facility was its location close to the City.

"The advantage of it is that it is close to the city and close to the coast," he said.

"Most travellers are oldies like myself and they very often need to get to hospital, specialists or chemists.

"It is the variation that makes this place very attractive."



Travellers Doreen and Chris Ward, Phil and Pamela Chad, Shire president John Erren, Councillor Sandra Hawkins and Bevin Martin at Jarrahdale's new RV short stay area. Picture: Marie Nirme

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Western Australia invited to "Cruise for a Cause" as Dometic Follow the Sun launches in Perth

Story courtesy of NBCF

The Australian dream of freely exploring the countryside could soon be a reality for three lucky couples or families, with the Dometic Follow the Sun competition launching in Western Australia. Dometic will launch its Follow the Sun competition at the 2016 RAC Perth Caravan & Camping Show, which sees three winners embark on an expenses-paid three-month road trip, while cruising for a cause.

In their efforts to promote the recreational vehicle industry and mobile living lifestyle, Dometic has joined forces with the National Breast Cancer Foundation

(NBCF) to give the opportunity for anyone to win a trip of a lifetime in the NBCF's show-stopping Pink Minnie Caravan. All three Dometic Follow the Sun winners will travel through cities and towns across Australia, holding Happy Hours at various holiday parks, while also spreading awareness about breast cancer and raising vital funds for critical breast cancer research.

Dometic and NBCF are reaching out to the booming \$17 billion, 587,000-strong Australian recreational vehicle (RV) population by giving away two 'RV RENOS'. Winners receive up to \$25,000 worth of Dometic mobile living products tailored to their vehicles, \$10,000 in selected travel expenses and a chance to help save lives.

The third winner does not need their own RV as they will be provided with the Pink Minnie Caravan plus a vehicle to tow it around Australia for the three-month trip. "Together with NBCF we are in search of travel enthusiasts to cruise in comfort in the name of breast cancer research and have a great time seeing the sights of Australia," Dometic Marketing Manager Justine Schuller said.

"This competition is open to everyone, whether you have a vehicle or not or any caravanning experience, you can enter! You just need a passion for travel and the desire to make a difference to the many Australians whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. The winners will be sharing

messages of support and awareness throughout the duration of the journey. "We invite everyone to visit Dometic's stand 33 (Silver Jubilee Pavilion), at the RAC Perth Caravan & Camping Show, to enter free and potentially be a part of an incredible odyssey.

"Not only do we have the exciting Follow the Sun competition launching, but we are also giving away a pink WAECO 22L icebox daily. You can also purchase a 13L, 22L or a 55L pink icebox, with 25% of every sale being donated to NBCF. This way, everyone can get involved in fundraising for a great cause!"

National Breast Cancer Foundation Corporate Partnerships Executive, Jackie Horwill, said the opportunity for one couple or family to cruise in comfort for a good cause, raising funds and sharing information about the NBCF throughout their journey, makes this competition special. "There is an enormous and amazing community out there all across Australia living the dream. We are so excited to be able to reach out and take our message to those wonderful people as part of the Dometic Follow the Sun competition," Ms Horwill said.

"We can't wait to meet our newest ambassadors when they win, because they really are in for a life changing experience and they are going to do some extraordinary things for breast cancer research in this country."

The chosen winners will become Dometic Ambassadors on their three-month journey, hosting 'Follow the Sun - Happy Hours' at predetermined stops along the way for members of the public. Competition winners will be notified on 3 June 2016 and the winners will travel from August to October 2016.

To enter go to www.dometicfollowthesun.com.au or visit the Dometic Australia stand at the following Caravan and Camping Shows:



■ The RAC Perth Caravan and Camping Show,
16-20 March 2016





Free campsite proposal

Council explores short-term stays to boost tourism



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GRANT District Council has flagged opening up areas for limited short-term free camping in a bid to boost tourist numbers to the region.

The plan earmarks a number of spots that will be designated for free camping for self-contained vehicles, which includes Tarpeena, Little Blue Lake, Mount Schank, Carpenter Rocks and Port MacDonnell.

Other sites include Brown Bay, Donovans and Cape Northumberland at Port MacDonnell.

The proposed policy has now been released for community comment, which will include direct dialogue with caravan park owners in the district.

Grant District Mayor Richard Sage said the plan aimed to tap into the burgeoning tourism market.

"The number of visitors travelling to the region with self-contained motorhomes and caravans has been rapidly growing," Mr Sage said.

"These visitors generally refuse to stay in caravan parks and are known to move through districts without stopping if free camping sites are not provided, taking their spending money with them."

He said the draft policy would limit the free camping to appropriate locations in the district, which would improve regulation.

"Council acknowledges that visitors already stay overnight

at various locations within the district, often in inappropriate locations or on private property, and it is council's aim through this policy to have designated areas rather than an ad hoc approach to free camping," Mr Sage said.

Only free camping for self-contained motorhomes and caravans at designated camping areas will be supported by council.

Self-contained vehicles are defined as having a holding capacity for fresh, grey and black water, as well as storage capacity for garbage waste.

They should also have on-board showers, fresh water tanks and toilets.

No additional facilities, other than those already existing for community and visitors at the designated areas, will be installed.

If visitors want additional facilities, they are encouraged to attend a caravan park.

Council is also considering installing free dump sites at Port MacDonnell, Carpenter Rocks and Tarpeena.

More information on the draft policy is available on the council's website.



COME AND STAY: Grant District Council's Leith McEvoy and Linda Hay stand in the Mount Schank carpark, which has been mooted as a free camping site for self-contained vehicles.

Picture: SANDRA MORELLO

FREE SITES

- Tarpeena Recreation Reserve - maximum of three nights
- Little Blue Lake - one night stay
- Mount Schank carpark - one night stay
- Carpenter Rocks Recreation Reserve - maximum of three nights
- Brown Bay carpark - one night stay
- Donovans Recreational Reserve - one night stay
- Port MacDonnell Cape Northumberland/Lighthouse carparks - one night stay
- Port MacDonnell Clarke Picnic Reserve - maximum two nights