

1. INTRODUCTION

Council recognises the longstanding practice of horse owners exercising their animals on beaches within the District Council of Barunga West. Council wishes this to continue this practice at designated areas whilst keeping the beach safe for other users and protecting the vulnerable native vegetation in the area.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

This policy enables the regulation of horse activity on the beaches to maintain the natural environment and keep the beaches safe for all users. This policy reflects the recommendations from the Coastal Assessment Report adopted by Council in 2010. The policy provides guidelines for horse owners wishing to use the beach.

3. SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This policy applies to all persons taking horses onto the beach within the District Council of Barunga West.

4. DEFINITIONS

HORSE	Includes horses and ponies, and to both horses being ridden or driven as well as being lead on foot
JOG CART	Includes all types of horse drawn vehicles
BEACH ACCESS 2	Mundoora Arm of Harbour of Pt Broughton, Kadina Road
BEACH ACCESS 4	Mundoora Arm of Harbour of Pt Broughton, Wards Hill Road
OTHER BEACH USERS	Non equestrian, including dogs under effective control of owners, both on the beach and in the sea within the permitted areas.

5. POLICY DETAILS

5.1 Permits

Permits are issued by the Council at no cost to owners. Fines will apply to owners taking any horses on the beach without a permit.

5.2 Permitted areas

Horse owners with permits are able to use the beach area within the Mundoora Arm of the Port Broughton Harbor, between Beach Access point #2 and Beach Access point #4, at all times for the exercise of horses.

Horses without jog carts are allowed access to Tickera beach at all times.

5.3 Safety

Horses must be under effective control at all times and not allowed to wander freely on the beach.

Horses must give way to, and maintain a walking pace within 50m of, other beach users.

5.4 Native vegetation

Disturbance to native vegetation must be avoided; horses must be kept away from vegetated areas.

The beach area is to be monitored by Council for native vegetation damage.

5.5 Horse trailers and cars

Vehicles and horse trailers are to be parked in designated parking areas and horses walked onto beach.

5.6 Cleanliness of area

Owners must clean up after their animals on the beach and in the carpark area removing all rubbish and manure.

11. LEGISLATION and OTHER DOCUMENTS

Allen, D. (2009) Coastal Assessment Report, Rural Solutions SA.

By-Law No. 2 Local Government Land

12. Availability & Grievances

This policy is available for inspection at the Council office at 11 Bay Street, Port Broughton during ordinary business hours.

It is also available for inspection, download or printing, free of charge, from Council's website www.barungawest.sa.gov.au

Any grievances in relation to this policy or its application should be forwarded in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Barunga West, PO Box 3, Port Broughton SA 5522.

13. REVIEW

This Barunga West Policy shall be reviewed by The District Council of Barunga West Council within four (4) years of the last date of review.

Date	Revision Number	Reason for Amendment
	01	Initial Adoption of Policy