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PARKING ON VERGES

The Shire has received a number of queries and complaints recently about vehicles (including trailers) being left on verges within townsites.

The Shire of Coorow has a **PARKING AND PARKING FACILITIES LOCAL LAW** which includes the following clause:

3.8 Parking on verges

(1) A person shall not—

- (a) park a vehicle;
- (b) park a commercial vehicle or bus, or a trailer or caravan unattached to a motor vehicle; or
- (c) park a vehicle during any period when the parking of vehicles on that verge is prohibited by a sign adjacent and referable to that verge;

so that any portion of it is on a verge.

(2) Subclause 1(a) does not apply to the person if he or she is the owner or occupier of the premises adjacent to that verge, or is a person authorised by the occupier of those premises to park the vehicle so that any portion of it is on the verge.

(3) Subclause 1(b) does not apply to a commercial vehicle when it is being loaded or unloaded with reasonable expedition with goods, merchandise or materials collected from or delivered to the premises adjacent to the portion of the verge on which the commercial vehicle is parked, provided no obstruction is caused to the passage of any vehicle or person using a carriageway or a footpath.

The Shire also has an enforcement policy which aims to carry out law enforcement in a fair, equitable and consistent manner. It sets out levels of enforcement staff should take, with infringements or legal action only being used when verbal and written warnings have previously been issued for the same offence.

Prosecution would normally only commence where no apparent action has been taken by the offender to prevent the offence from re-occurring.

In the past staff have not actively enforced the parking local law, however will do so when complaints are received.

In the interest of fairness and equity, staff will soon carry out an inspection of Coorow, Leeman and Green Head townsites, paying particular attention to breaches of the Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law.

The Shire's Enforcement Policy will then be followed regarding infractions, ie

- 1) Advice and guidance
- 2) Verbal contact
- 3) Written warning
- 4) Formal enforcement

A copy of the Shire's local laws and policies can be found on the Shire's website www.coorow.wa.gov.au

If you have any queries, please contact one of the Shire Rangers on 0428 521 106.

OTHER AREAS OF NOTE:

- Dogs are prohibited from the following places:
 - ◇ Maley Park, Coorow
 - ◇ Wann Reserve, Leeman
 - ◇ Cliff Park, Green Head
 - ◇ all other children's designated playground areas
- Shire Policy requires all households, rural properties, business premises, road verges and laneways to be maintained in a manner that supports the general health, safety and amenity of the district.
- The Shire can issue notices against land that is considered 'unsightly' as well as 'untidy' against a property which "does not conform to the general appearance of other land in the locality".