

## SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE - FACT SHEET

# **Caravan short-term occupation**

# I have bought land in the Shire of Coolgardie, Can I live on the property in a caravan or shed, until I build my home?

No. you cannot live on your land in a caravan or shed. You will have to apply for a Building Permit to construct your dwelling and associated services – sewer, water, power.

## Can someone live in a caravan on my residential site?

No. WA legislation restricts the use of caravans to licensed caravan parks.

The legislation provides for short stay Living in a caravan on a residential site, is limited to:

- Up to 3 nights (in total) in any period of 28 consecutive days:
  - o approval required from the property owner.
  - o Is limited to one caravan.

If you want to have someone stay for:

- More than 3 nights and up to 3 months: approval is required from:
  - o the property owner and Shire of Coolgardie
  - o Is limited to one caravan.
  - o May be subject to planning scheme provisions.
- Between 3 to 12 months: approval required from:
  - o the property owner, Shire of Coolgardie, and the Minister for Local Government.
  - o Is limited to one caravan.
  - o May be subject to planning scheme provisions.

Caravan parks are required by law to supply a certain level of services and utilities to its customers. If a person uses a caravan outside a licensed park without the correct approvals or exemptions, they risk committing an offence. This will be the case irrespective of whether the land is private property or public land.

If you have a commercial or industrial site, you will also be subject to planning legislation requirements.

### Where can I find further information about these requirements?

Further information about the controls, limitations and penalties associated with camping and living in a caravan on your residential site can be found in the following legislation:

- Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997
- Planning and Development Act and Regulations
- Shire Local Planning Scheme No 5 Caravan Parks are not permitted in the residential area.

### Where can I stay in a caravan within the Shire of Coolgardie?

For long term caravan parking there are dedicated caravan park facilities in Coolgardie

For **short-term** stay there are RV (Recreational Vehicles) and caravan locations in Coolgardie and Kambalda.