

CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL

CAMPING GROUND REGULATIONS 1985

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

The Camping-Grounds Regulations have been in force since the beginning of 1986 and they prescribe standards to be provided within grounds used as camp sites for vans, tents and relocatable homes.

All Camping Grounds are required to be registered with the Council. In order to achieve this, a Camp Plan must be prepared which shows the boundaries of the camp. The position and boundaries of every site must be shown and numbered. These must correspond to markings within the actual site. All buildings, roads, drainage, ablutions, toilets, etc. must also be shown. Operating a camp site without registration, or failure to comply with the requirements of the Regulations, constitutes an offence.

Individual camp sites have to be a minimum of 53 sq. m. in area and with a minimum width of 8m. They must be accessible via an all weather path or roadway. Tents or vans must be a minimum of 3m apart and at least 1.5m away from the site boundary.

All buildings or structures on a camp site must be permitted by the Council.

Where cabins are provided they must be of a minimum 7.5m size which will be suitable for two persons. An additional 3.5 sq.m. is required for each additional person to occupy the cabin.

There must be adequate artificial lighting provided to the site for buildings, footpaths and roadways within the site.

The site must be kept clean and tidy at all times and rubbish bins must be emptied on a daily basis. There must also be adequate fire precautions provided and maintained within the site.

Records must be maintained of at least one person's identity for each site together with the total number of occupants, and their dates of arrival and departure. The Council has a right to inspect these records. They also provide you with a useful customer information database.

Within the Schedule to the Regulations are prescribed standards. These cover Buildings, Water Supply, Ablutions, Refuse Disposal, Cooking Facilities, Laundry Facilities and Drainage. These are summarised as follows:-

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REQUIREMENT	DETAILS				
Buildings	To be maintained in good repair.				
Water Supply	Must be wholesome, drinkable and not more than 25 m from each site. Hot water to be provided within laundry, kitchens and ablutions.				
Ablutions		No. Fixtures	Male	Female	
	WC's	1	25	12	
		2	90	25	
		3	100	50	
		4		75	
		5		100	
	An additional fixture is required for each 40 persons of either sex or part thereof.				
	Urinals	1 per every 50 males or part thereof Note: - Every 600 mm length of urinal equals 1 urinal stall.			
	Wash basins	1	25	25	
		2	50	50	
		3	100	100	
		4	150	150	
		5	200	200	
		6	250	250	
	An additional basin is required for each additional 50 persons of either sex, or part thereof.				
	Showers	1	25	25	
		2	60	60	
		3	100	100	
		4	140	140	
		5	180	180	
	6	220	220		
An additional shower is required for each additional 50 persons of either sex, or part thereof.					
Notes:- [i] All sites within the camp are deemed to accommodate 3.5 persons. [ii] Ablutions must be within 75 m of all sites. [iii] Internal finishes of ablutions must be smooth and readily cleansable. [iv] Arrangements for privacy of users must also be in place. [v] For all new sites [as distinct from existing ones] the Building Act standards will apply. The Building Act also recognises Unisex facilities.					
Refuse Disposal	Durable refuse containers with close fitting lids must be available within 50 m of all sites.				
Cooking Facilities	Adequate cooking facilities must be provided and must include hot water, sinks, benches and cooking appliances. Wall surfaces must be durable and readily cleansable.				
Laundry Facilities	Washing and drying facilities are required on the basis of 2 laundry tubs and 1 washing machine for every 200 persons of part thereof.				
Drainage	The drainage system must adequately cater for foul, waste and storm water and in accordance with the Building Code.				

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

All Camping Grounds must also be provided with adequate Fire Precautions and the Council has produced a separate Guide to give further information upon this particular aspect.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Council's Environmental Health Officers at:-

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