

# Local Planning Policy 8 - Cape to Cape Surfing

AMRSC Planning Policy

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*This Policy was adopted by Council to give guidance as to how discretion under a town planning scheme or other regulatory instrument may be exercised. It also serves to help proponents, landowners and the community understand how decisions are likely to be reached.*

## Authority

This Policy provides guidance on the operation of surfing and other ocean sports competitions within the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River for the purpose of the Local Government Act 1960 and the Planning and Development Act 2005. The purpose of this Policy is to achieve consistency and co-ordination for the staging of surfing contests within the Cape to Cape region. The Policy is trilateral, to be implemented by either Shire's of Augusta-Margaret River, Busselton or the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) depending on where the contest is to be held.

## Objectives

1. To ensure equitable use of surf locations by recreational surfers.
2. To minimise damage to, and promote the recovery of, coastal systems within the Shire's of Augusta-Margaret River and Busselton and within DEC reserves.
3. To provide opportunities for surf event organisers to run events in the area.

## Policy

### EVENT CLASSIFICATIONS

**International Events** (100 + competitors and large spectator component)

4. Only one International event organised in conjunction with Surfing WA, will be approved by each Council in any one year. The DEC will not be approving any international events.
5. Confirmation shall be provided at least 6 months prior to the event date, in order to assess the proposal and exclude other potential events. 30% of any fee charged for an event will be used for coastal rehabilitation purposes at that event site.
6. An application fee in accordance with Council's adopted schedule of fees and charges is required for international events.

**Major events** (32-70 competitors)

7. Only one Major Event in any one year will be approved by each Council and DEC. Approval will be on a non-exclusive use basis and for a maximum of four days duration. Any request for exclusive use rights will need to be approved by the Department of Transport.

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### **Minor events (0-32 competitors)**

8. Only one minor event in any one year will be approved by each Council and the DEC. Approval will be on a non-exclusive use basis and for a maximum of four days duration.

### **Club events (no structures erected on site)**

9. Amateur Clubs require a permit/approval from Council or the DEC and must not erect any structure on a reserve. Club contests should be organised to run outside of peak periods, such as school holidays and long weekends.
10. Notwithstanding the above, Council's and the DEC require that they be notified of all club competitions (dates, location, number of competitors etc.). If Council or the DEC is of the opinion that a proposed club event exceeds the scale of a normal 'low key' club contest (maximum 32 surfers), it reserves the right to assess the proposal as a Minor or Major contest under this policy requiring approval.

### **Traditional contests**

11. Due to the long standing tradition of the "Margaret River Classic", the "Gracetown Grommets Contest" and the "Yallingup Long Board" competitions, the Shire's of Augusta-Margaret River and Busselton will support the above contests outside the provisions of the "Cape to Cape Surfing Policy". Conditions of approval will be at the discretion of the Council's yet consistent with the intention of this Policy. This 'traditional' status will, however, only be applicable for the period that the contests continue to be run on a management basis and size consistent with their operation at the time of adoption of this policy.

### **APPROVALS**

12. Implementing bodies will not issue approval for competitions that coincide with peak tourist periods or long weekends unless special approval is given in a particular case following Council's advertising procedures. May, June and July are not permitted for contests. All approvals for Minor, Major and Club events are on a non exclusive use basis and a sign indicating this shall be erected at the event site.
13. Not more than one contest (at any level) per month shall be held at any one surfing break and no more than six weekend contests per year shall be held at Injidup Car Park (DEC) and Yallingup (Busselton).
14. At the beginning of each year, organisers of surfing contests to which this policy is applicable, shall provide to the Shire's of Augusta-Margaret River and Busselton and DEC their proposed event calendar for consideration and assessment under this Council Policy.

## **Application**

Application This Policy applies to all club events and to organisations wishing to conduct a surfing contest at international, national, state or club level within the localities of Augusta-Margaret River, Busselton or within DEC reserves within the Cape to Cape region. The Policy applies to events for all forms of surfcraft, specifically including surfboards, wave ski's, body boards and windsurfers.

### **LOCATIONS**

15. Available event sites are nominated below. Sites are only available for certain sized events based on accessibility, carparking, environmental sensitivity, toilets, rubbish disposal etc.

<b>INTERNATIONAL SITES</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED</b>
Surfers Point (Prevelly)	Additional infrastructure to be provided as directed by Council.
Yallingup	Additional infrastructure to be provided as directed by Council.

<b>MAJOR EVENT SITES (30 – 70 COMPETITORS)</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED</b>
Rabbits/Shallows	Toilets, rubbish bins – taping off dunes/sensitive areas
Left Handers Area (Gracetown)	Rubbish Bins Taping off dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control
Gas Point (Gnarabup)	Toilets, Rubbish Bins Taping off dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control
Smiths (Yallingup)	Rubbish Bins Taping off dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control
Indjidup (Yallingup)	Rubbish Bins Taping off dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control
Rivermouth (Prevelly)	Environmental Control Rubbish Control

<b>MINOR EVENT SITES</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED</b>
Big Rock/Cobblestones (Gracetown)	Rubbish Bins Taping off dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control, Toilet
The Box (Prevelly)	To be run from a boat approval to use Rivermouth carparking required
The Bombie (Prevelly)	To be run from boat only
Moses Rock (Wilyabrup)	Rubbish Bins Taping off dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control, Toilet
Redgate (Redgate)	Taping off Dunes/sensitive areas Rubbish Bins Environmental Control
Conto's (Boranup)	Taping off Dunes/sensitive areas Rubbish Bins Environmental Control
Windmills (Dunsborough)	Rubbish Bins Taping off dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control, Toilet
The Farm (Dunsborough)	Rubbish Bins Toilet
Huzza's (Gracetown)	Taping off Dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control
South Point (Gracetown)	Taping off Dunes/sensitive areas Environmental Control
Jays Beach (Augusta)	Taping off Dunes/sensitive areas Rubbish Bins Environmental Control

All sites other than those nominated above are to be excluded from competitions.

## Approval Procedure

### LODGEMENT OF APPLICATION

16. Organisers are to provide the respective Council or the DEC with the following information 6 months prior to a contest being held:
- i. Name, address and contact telephone number of applicant;
  - ii. Previous relevant experience of the applicant(s);
  - iii. Full details of type of contest to be held;
  - iv. Preferred location of contest (with 1 alternative);
  - v. Hours and dates of contest;
  - vi. All details with regard to the use of one vehicle only on the beach if appropriate are to be submitted;
  - vii. All of the intended safety measures - i.e. marker buoys, rescue boats, signs and so on;
  - viii. Insurance coverage (minimum \$5 million public liability coverage required);
  - ix. Application fee to be paid for the site on receipt of application (see schedule of fees); and
  - x. Any additional information specific to the individual contest to be provided.
17. Applications are required 6 months in advance of surfing contests to allow sufficient time for other approvals, possible advertising and for the organisation of the proposed surfing calendar.
18. The applicant is advised that in the interest of efficiency that surfing contest organisers submit one application, consistent with this Policy addressing all proposed contests for the year.

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