



Ranger Body Camera Recording Collection Notice

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Who we are and how to contact us

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River collects, holds and manages personal information through body camera recordings made by Shire ranger officers in the course of compliance and enforcement activities. Body cameras are activated during ranger interactions with members of the public to maintain an accurate record of those interactions and to support the safety of ranger officers and the public.

You will be informed that a body camera is recording at the commencement of an interaction where practicable. In some circumstances – for example, where an interaction commences unexpectedly or in an emergency situation – it may not be practicable to notify you before recording commences. In these cases you will be informed as soon as practicable during the interaction.

If you have questions about how your personal information is handled, or wish to request access to or correction of your personal information, please contact:

Privacy Officer

Shire of Augusta Margaret River

41 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River WA 6285

Phone: (08) 9780 5255

Email: privacy@amrshire.wa.gov.au

Why we are collecting your information

We collect this information for the following purposes:

- maintaining an accurate record of ranger interactions with members of the public during compliance and enforcement activities
- supporting the safety and welfare of ranger officers and members of the public
- recording evidence of alleged breaches of applicable legislation for use in compliance action, infringement proceedings or legal proceedings
- resolving disputes or complaints about ranger conduct or actions
- supporting internal review of ranger activities and decisions
- compliance with the Shire's record-keeping obligations under the State Records Act 2000 (WA)

Where your information will be stored

Investigation recordings are held in the Shire's records management system with strictly restricted access. Only authorised officers directly involved in conducting or overseeing the investigation may access investigation recordings.

How your information may be disclosed

Your personal information may be used and disclosed for the purposes outlined above.

The Shire may disclose personal information to:

- authorised Shire officers directly involved in conducting or overseeing the investigation
- an independent investigator appointed to conduct or review the investigation

Information may also be disclosed where authorised or required by law.

Special disclosure – use in proceedings

Body camera footage may be used as evidence in infringement proceedings, compliance action, court proceedings or tribunal hearings. You should be aware of this at the time of the recorded interaction. If you have questions about how footage may be used, you may contact the Privacy Officer.

Sensitive personal information

Body camera recordings may capture sensitive personal information – for example, health information, information about a person's personal circumstances, or information about third parties who are present during an interaction. Where a recording contains sensitive personal information, access is restricted to authorised officers only and the information will not be disclosed without consent except as required or authorised by law.

How we're authorised to collect your information

We collect, use and disclose your personal information in accordance with applicable laws, including:

- Bush Fires Act 1954 (WA) – where applicable to ranger fire compliance activities
- Cat Act 2011 (WA)
- Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995
- Cemeteries Act 1986
- Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978
- Dog Act 1976 (WA)
- Local Government Act 1995 (WA)
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960
- Litter Act 1979
- State Records Act 2000 (WA)
- Surveillance Devices Act 1998 (WA) – body camera recordings are made by a ranger officer as a party to the interaction in the course of lawful compliance and enforcement activities
- Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA) – where applicable to ranger environmental compliance activities

Consequences of not providing information

Body camera recordings are activated by ranger officers in the course of their lawful compliance and enforcement duties. Recording is not contingent on your consent. If you have concerns about being recorded, you may:

- advise the ranger officer at the time of the interaction
- contact the Privacy Officer after the interaction to enquire about access to or correction of the footage
- make a complaint to the Shire's Privacy Officer if you believe the recording was made unlawfully or contrary to this notice