

## Horse Riding on Council Land Policy – Lake Bonney

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<b>Related Procedures:</b>	
<b>Delegations:</b>	

### 1. Purpose

Berri Barmera Council has been granted joint care and control of Crown Land around Lake Bonney. Portions of this area have historically been utilised for horse riding.

### 2. Definitions

Council	Berri Barmera Council
Local Government Land	As per the meaning in the Local Government Act 1999 Chapter 11
By-Law	As per the meaning in the Local Government Act 1999 Chapter 12
Authorised Officers	A person appointed as an authorised person under Chapter 12, Part 3 of the Local Government Act 1999
Apex Park	Located on the northern outskirts of Barmera on Queen Elizabeth Drive

### 3. Principles

Council's By Law No. 3 – Local Government Land states under clause 2.20 that no person should ride, lead or drive any horse, cattle, sheep and other like animal except where the Council has set aside a track or other area for use by or in connection with the animal of that kind. The undertaking of horse riding at Lake Bonney is a non-permitted use under this clause.

The provision of this Policy facilitates lawful horse riding on Council land at Lake Bonney in areas and locations designated for that purpose, while maintaining shores in a clean and safe condition for all users.

#### **4. Policy Statement**

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Lake Bonney offers horse enthusiasts a unique opportunity to ride and swim horses in a safe and attractive environment. It is important however that horse owners are aware of the need to contribute to the protection of the Lake and environs and ensure their activities do not adversely impact upon the environment or other users of Lake Bonney.

**Recreational horse riding on Council land is only permitted to be exercised within the area of Lake Bonney described in this policy.**

Horse riding on Council land within Apex Park is allowed and horse riding is strictly prohibited in all other areas of Lake Bonney under the joint care and control of Council.

#### **5. Confidentiality**

*Any information provided will be treated as strictly confidential. Information provided to the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be securely retained within Council's records.*

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## 6. Permit

This page is your permit to ride at Lake Bonney.

All conditions of this permit must be met. You need to carry this permit with you at all times whilst riding at Lake Bonney in the permitted area. You may be required to present this permit to a Council Officer upon request. An electronic version of the permit is acceptable.



Please keep our lake shores and access areas beautiful, clean and safe by following the conditions of this policy.

Please be advised that the areas covered by this policy are shared spaces, please respect the rights of all other users of Lake Bonney as the sections of shoreline identified in this policy are also available to the wider public for various activities including camping, boating, walking dogs and exercising.

### Conditions

- Access to Lake Bonney can be gained from Apex Park as sign posted.
- Riders to use only the section of Lake Shoreline on the Permit Map and as signposted.
- That all horse floats to be parked in designated areas as signposted in Apex Park
- No horses to encroach into fenced off areas or areas signposted for conservation purposes.
- 24 hour access to Lake Bonney is permitted in accordance with the above conditions.
- Generally horses should be ridden at a safe speed at all times and in a manner that does not endanger the safety of any person in the area.
- Horse riders should not unduly interfere with the peace, comfort or convenience of other users of the foreshore.
- Horses should be ridden at walking pace within 50m of all other users of Lake Bonney and environs.
- **All manure and rubbish must be collected and taken with you and NOT placed on land adjacent Apex Park or any other area of Lake Bonney and surrounds without specific permission of Council.**
- Horses are excluded from all sections of walking/cycling tracks adjacent Lake Bonney unless otherwise signposted.

