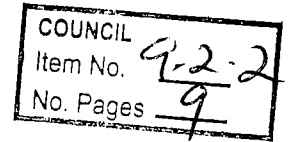

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Subject

HORSES ON CABLE BEACH POLICY



Objective

The Horses on Cable Beach Policy will provide guidelines for the riding and exercising of horses on Cable Beach.

Policy Area

Gantheaume Point to Coconut Well

Definition

For the purposes of the Horses on Cable Beach Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

“Cable Beach” means that area of beach between the motor vehicle access/egress point at Gantheaume Point and the estuary at Coconut Well;

“Beach Foreshore” means the land in the Shire of Broome which lies between the high water mark and the low water mark of the Indian Ocean.

“Horse” means the horse and its rider and/or handler collectively.

Policy Objectives

To identify the conditions and areas permitting the riding and exercising of horses on Cable Beach to ensure an integrated and coordinated approach to the management of all public, commercial and tourist activities on Cable Beach.

Policy Principles

The Horses on Cable Beach Policy will aim to achieve a balance between community and tourism requirements, and the protection of the natural and cultural environments.

Legislative Framework

This Policy should be considered in conjunction with the following Acts and Regulations:

WA Local Government Act 1995
Road and Traffic Act 1974
Shire of Broome Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2003.
Shire of Broome Trading, Outdoor Dining & Street Entertainment Local Law 2003
Health Act 1911
Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975

Conditions

Gantheaume Point

The following conditions will apply to horses on Cable Beach foreshore north of the rocks at Gantheaume Point:

- (a) All horses on Cable Beach must have an approval from the Shire of Broome;
- (b) The approval shall be held by the horse owner, specified trainer or the Broome Turf Club;
- (c) An approval shall be granted for one year;
- (d) Horses can only be exercised within the beach foreshore area defined as that land which lies between the high water mark and the low water mark of the Indian Ocean or in the sea adjacent to the low water mark;
- (e) Horses must be lead or walked on the first 500m of the beach foreshore north of the rocks as close as possible to the high water mark;
- (f) Horses are permitted on Cable Beach foreshore in the area extending from the rocks at Gantheaume Point for 2km north;
- (g) Horses are permitted to walk, trot, canter, gallop or swim on Cable Beach with the exception that horses can only be galloped on the beach foreshore between 5am and 10am;
- (h) Horses must give right of way to pedestrians;
- (i) Horses must use the "horses only" access/egress point to and from the beach foreshore;
- (j) Horses must cross Gantheaume Point Road at the signed horses crossing
- (k) Race horses are permitted on Cable Beach from 17 April until 31 August only;
- (l) Any person liable for the control of a horse shall ensure that all excreta is removed from the beach foreshore area and from any public land traversed.

Cable Beach Reserve to Coconut Well

The following conditions will apply to horses on Cable Beach foreshore north of the rocks from Cable Beach Reserve to Coconut Well:

- (a) All horses on Cable Beach must have an approval form the Shire of Broome;
- (b) The approval shall be held by the horse owner, trainer or handler;
- (c) An approval shall be granted for one year;
- (d) Horses can only be exercised within the beach foreshore area defined as that land which lies between the high water mark and the low water mark of the Indian Ocean or in the sea adjacent to the low water mark;
- (e) Horses can only access Cable Beach north of the rocks via the access/egress point at Cable Beach Reserve or from the end of Denham Road at Coconut Well;
- (f) Horses must be lead or walked on the first 3km of the beach foreshore north of the rocks as close as possible to the high water mark;
- (g) Horses are permitted to walk, trot, canter, gallop or swim horses on Cable Beach with the exception that horses can only be galloped on the beach foreshore between 5am and 10am;
- (h) Horses must give right of way to any person on the beach;
- (i) Race horses are not permitted on Cable Beach between 3km north of the rocks at Gantheaume Point to Coconut Well;
- (j) Any person liable for the control of a horse shall ensure that all excreta is removed from the beach foreshore area and from any public land traversed.

Delegation

Director Community Services
Shire of Broome Rangers
Shire of Broome Beach Inspectors
Manager Health Services
Others as authorised by the Shire of Broome

Delegation:

Policy Number:

Resolution Date/Page No:

9 December 2006

Implementation Responsibility:

Community Services

Review Responsibility:

Date Amended:

Date Reviewed:



Pearl Coast Racing

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Broome Turf Club

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25th May 2006

Mr Ian Bodill
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Broome

RE: - Shire Policy on Horses on Cable Beach

Dear Ian,

I am writing in regard to the recently formulated policy concerning racehorses on Cable Beach.

Obviously all of us at the Broome Turf Club are anxious to make this policy work to ensure the ongoing use of the beach for racehorses, however there is one particular aspect of the policy that is of serious concern to those people charged with the responsibility of these horses.

Whilst all concerned accept that safety and harmony will best be achieved by taking the horses away from other beach users (as per condition e) for any fast exercise (trot, canter or gallop), the same will not be the case when leading or walking the horse for swimming exercise. In this circumstance the horse handler is either riding bareback or walking next to the horse on a lead and has limited ability to maneuver away from attacking dogs and fast moving vehicles. Both of these are unfortunate common occurrences and are responsible for the vast majority of incidents of concern involving horses.

By far the safest means for the handler to swim the horse is to take the most direct route from the access point to the water and return. This considerably reduces contact with dogs, vehicles etc. and enables the handler to get into the safety of the water relatively quickly if threatened, and similarly make the most expedient and safe exit from the beach on completion of the exercise. It will also mean that in the rare event that a horse gets away from it's handler it will run directly to the path from whence it came (as they are almost always inclined to do) with minimal threat to other beach goers.

Another point I should make is that there are far too many rocks in the water at the end of the 500 meter point for horses to swim without serious injury.

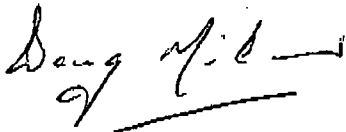
Exercising racehorses by swimming is an integral part of horse training and has been taking place on this beach for most of the last century, it is probably the most important 'carrot' that we have in attracting trainers and owners to Broome. Almost all horses stabled at the racetrack are walked to the beach via the horse trail most afternoons between 2pm and 4.30pm. It is no mean feat performing this task and it's not that long ago that handlers were able to go straight down the road to the water. Whilst it has been a bit of a challenge we have finally been able to convince trainers that they must use the new horse access trail. To now ask them to struggle even further, through far riskier circumstances, is too much to ask.

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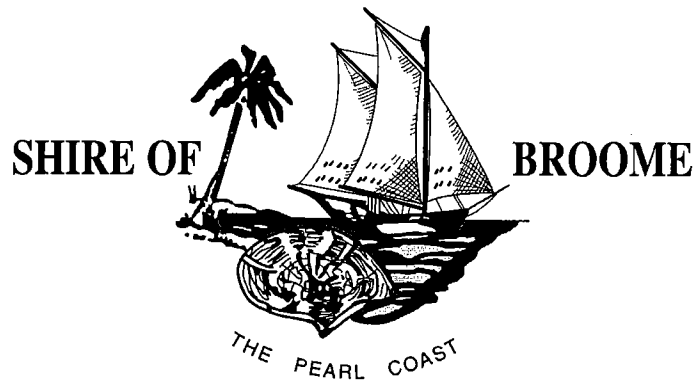
I am aware that this policy was implemented after consultation with representatives of the Turf Club including your President Graeme Campbell and our President Ron Johnston, and for the most part the policy is good. However both of these gentlemen will concede that given their inexperience with horses they would not have given a thought to this particular aspect. The policy was basically presented to me as a fait accompli, but I must say that even I overlooked this until it was realized that the safety of our horses and riders was at serious risk.

We ask that you review this aspect of the policy as soon as possible in order that we can gain the cooperation of all concerned in making the policy workable.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Milner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Doug Milner
Manager
Broome Turf Club



Horses on Cable Beach Policy

PUBLIC RESPONSE REPORT

Tabled at a Special Meeting of the
Broome Shire Council on 9 December 2005

Introduction

On 11 August 2005 the Council resolved to advertise and seek comments on the Draft Horses on Cable Beach Policy and proposed amendments to the Shire of Broome Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law.

Under the Local Government Act 1995 amendments to any Local Law must be advertised for public submission for a period of 42 days.

Advertising through media releases, advertisements in the Broome Advertiser and on the Shire's website took place over a number of weeks.

Packages outlining the proposed Horses on Cable Beach Policy and proposed changes to the Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law were available from the Shire administration office, the public library and on the Shire's website.

The public submission period was initially advertised with a closing date of 5 October, however the submission time was extended until 17 October 2005.

This document provides an overview of the public submissions received.

Public Submissions

Responses have been forwarded to the Shire via letters and emails.

The public submissions were not guided by any set format. Therefore the issues identified in the submissions should be read within the context that they were written.

No assumptions have been made in this document about the opinions and viewpoints of those who did not make a public submission.

The following provides a summary of the correspondence received following advertising for public submissions.

<p>Mr Bernard Gerbes BROOME</p>	<p>Shire of Broome Local Government and Public Places Local Law 2003 requires that a permit be obtained prior to the entering of a large animal to a public place or thoroughfare. Permit also needs to cover moving horse from place of stabling to the Beach. Perhaps the Shire could consider how it will identify a horse for which a permit is used- perhaps a description and marking diagrams?</p>
<p>Ali Pentelow BROOME</p>	<p>I am a long term resident of Broome. There should be strict control of horses and camels in the dunes where environmental damage and spread of weeds is already a major concern. Camel and horse owners must be strictly regulated and dung removal enforced.</p>
<p>Tania Devereux BROOME</p>	<p>Resident & business owner. I also object very strongly to your new guidelines regarding horses on the beach. As a social horse rider who occasional rides onto the beach I find it absolutely ridiculous that you expect me to obtain a permit before doing so.</p>
<p>Sharon Griffiths BROOME</p>	<p>Race horses and horses generally have the same impacts, though race horses may have need of greater exercise, and are a business activity. Is this why you have differentiated re Nth Cable Beach? Definitions used in the brochure and policy needs clarification and consistent definition. What form will the approval of horses take? Needs name of owner or controller, number of horses, etc Recommends that no horse riding or exercising be approved between Cable Beach and Coconut Well.</p>
<p>Mr Doug Milner Broome Turf Club BROOME</p>	<p>Many thanks to the rangers who have helped maintained harmony between horses and people on the beach. The new (proposed) local laws governing control of horses on the beach and access route will assist us greatly in maintaining control over this situation.</p>
<p>Angela Gardner BROOME</p>	<p>I have lived in Broome for 17 years. I get annoyed when I read a sign saying we have to watch out for horses on the beach between May and August. One of my dogs loves horses- I am worried that one day one (horse) will get startled and rear up and a nasty accident will occur. There should be certain times during the day when horses are not allowed on the beach.</p>

Mr David Dureau
BROOME

Allowing highly sensitive race-horses to gallop for 2km over a 5 hour period daily from May to August, the height of tourist season may not be in the best interests of safety.
I recommend the time be from 5am to 8am and distance be reduced from 300m marker to 2km north.