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Accommodation Shortage New Shire Policy to Assist

People employed in Broome can now reside in a caravan in residential, rural, industrial and recreational areas for a period of time providing they meet Shire of Broome requirements.

Approved by Broome Council in October, the new policy is supported by Ljiljana Ravlich, Minister for Local Government and is now being implemented.

Approval takes a range of conditions into consideration such as ablution and laundry facilities, proposed location to property boundaries and cyclone safety standards.

Depending on the land use and zoning, in some instances caravans may be permitted to stay for up to 12 months on a site with Minister approval.

While the aim is to provide short term accommodation for those employed in Broome there is an opportunity for family and friends to stay in a caravan on residential property for a maximum of three months providing certain conditions are met.

The application form is simple to complete and together with the policy, is available from the Shire of Broome Administration Office or through the website www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Broome Shire President Graeme Campbell welcomed the new policy.

“We are all aware of businesses struggling to find accommodation for staff and while this policy doesn’t completely solve the problem, it should go some way to relieving it in the short term,” he said.

“This doesn’t mean that you can go ahead and have an occupied caravan parked in your driveway for months on end. Proper procedures need to be followed and the Shire will be keeping a watchful eye on how this policy plays out.

“While the Council will continue to consider all possible accommodation solutions, this new policy is something we could implement as businesses look for staff for the upcoming tourist season,” said Cr Campbell.

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