

PROPOSED CAMEL OPERATION IN PUBLIC PLACES

PLANNED COMMENCEMENT: October / November 2018

Proposed Camel rides Parry Beach and Peaceful Bay

The proposal is to offer Camel rides of duration of 15-30mins on these two beaches, rides will be conducted within the shires jurisdiction on both beaches. Maps showing the proposed trek routes are attached.

The camels and all equipment and infrastructure will be housed at 6479 South Coast Highway Nornalup

Equipment required at each location to conduct the rides

The camels will be transported to both locations on a purpose built trailer, capable of comfortably carrying 4 camels at any one time. The trailer converts to a camel loading station enabling young, aged or infirmed individual's easy access to the camel for rides.

The trailer and extended station will have a footprint of 5 metres by 3 metres, the location we are proposing for the trailer while on site at both beaches is marked clearly on the attached maps. The rationale for these locations takes into account, observed existing usage of these areas, the goal to avoid impeding other beach users, traffic flow and access for the camels to the trek area.

Camel numbers

3-4 camels will be in the working string with two seats available on each camel.

Camel Management while on site

The camels will only be onsite for approx. 4 hours at a time, given the nature of the camel water and feed is not required whilst on site.

Camels will be tethered to the station when not carrying passengers so no other holding area is required.

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Waste Management

The beach and the loading area will be left in pristine condition after each session, the camels will be fitted with a bag that captures all dropping, and camel droppings are very similar in shape and consistency to kangaroos. The droppings also carry no seeds so will not disperse unwanted weeds.

All waste will be returned to 6479 South coast highway to be bagged and used as fertilizer. Our staff will also clean around the loading area and along the trek route for anything dropped by our clients.

Hours of operation at proposed locations

We propose to commence beach rides in November and continue until the end of March. Set up will be at 3.00pm and rides commencing 3.30pm to 7.00pm. Days of operation Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These hours could be extended during the school holiday period to include Tuesday and Wednesday and also Easter holiday time. Initially we would alternate days at the two beaches and look to operate both simultaneously once demand increases.

Avoiding conflict with other reserve users

Camels are placid, docile animals who love working with people. Cars on both beaches take a similar line on entering the beach and we will lead the camels 3-4 meters away from that line. We don't anticipate any issues with people on the beach the camels will give them a wide berth if they are set up on the beach. We will at all times lead the camels away from cars, people and dogs giving other beach users the right of way. Camels have successfully integrated with cars, dogs, children and adults on many beaches around Australia without incident.

Advertising signs

The camel station will carry advertising, we would like if it's acceptable a roadside sign at the corner of Peaceful Bay Road and South Coast Highway and Parry Beach Road and South Coast Highway that can be placed by our operator on their way to set up and picked up each day after the session closes. This process will serve to show opening and closing times.

If the proposal is accepted we intend to advertise heavily in local mechanisms, social media and our online booking site.

Insurance and Safety equipment

10 million dollars of public liability insurance will be in place prior to commencement of operation.

The camels will be under the control of a fully trained Cameleer at all times.

Riding helmets will be provided to all clients.

Safety signs to be erected to advise other beach users that camels are trekking in the area.

**SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS – PERMIT APPLICATION
PROPOSED CAMEL RIDES**

Submission Number	Name & Address	Verbatim Submission	Planning Services Comment
S.1	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>I read with interest the proposal put to the Denmark Shire from Mr. Mark Edwy-Smith on behalf of his company, Great Southern Camel Company, to start tourist camel rides at Parry's Beach and Peaceful Bay during the peak holiday season.</p> <p>I am originally from Broome and one of the major attractions the town has to offer are camel rides along Cable Beach. This enterprise has proved to be an extremely successful over many years and the camel rides are now synonymous with Broome!</p> <p>With all precautions put in place by the proponent and I imagine monitored on a regular basis by the Shire, I can foresee that this business will be a wonderful draw card for visitors to our town. We have a spectacular coast line and it would make a delightful change to see meandering camels taking tourists and locals alike for rides along the beach, enjoying the pristine coastline and the beauty it has to offer, rather than the steady stream of four wheel drives.</p> <p>As you will be aware, camels are soft footed creatures so their impact on the environment is less than that of a horse. With the stipulation that all droppings are collected, there will be no threat to the indigenous flora with the spread of domestic weeds. All in all it sounds like a well thought out proposal.</p> <p>One hopes that the Shire Council will view this proposal favourably and grant the Great Southern Camel Company a licence to conduct this business venture at Parry's Beach and Peaceful Bay.</p> <p>May I also add that I am in no way connected, or indeed even met Mr. Mark Edwy-Smith or any directors of his company.</p> <p>Having rescued a camel many years ago, [sadly now deceased] I can certainly vouch for the docile behaviour of these remarkable creatures.</p>	Support is noted.

S.2	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>We wish to express our concerns regarding the proposed Camel Rides in Peaceful Bay.</p> <p>We feel that the area being proposed is already heavily congested during the holiday periods that the proponents are requesting and we do not support such a proposal and will be very annoyed if it receives support from the Shire of Denmark.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This includes people fishing, surfing, motor vehicles towing boats to access Irwin Inlet, groups setting up temporary gazeboes and other shelters for a day at the beach. 2. Also it is designated dog exercise area and from previous experience dogs and camels are not a good mix and this alone could cause problems that do not exist now. 3. The Inlet beach at Peaceful Bay is used by people to walk and exercise on and the last thing they would want is to have to give way to Camels on the beach which will eventually occur when people who use the beach now are restricted because on the unwanted interaction between people and camels. This has occurred in other places where camel rides are happening now. 4. The crucial issue to be considered is width of the beach as it is very narrow (not like Cable Beach in Broome) for most of the year and already subject to concerns in regards to the ongoing issue of the beach erosion. 5. All the above mentioned activities will be affected as they are the main uses on the Inlet Beach, then the Camel Rides should not be considered as a suitable activity for this area. 6. The loading and unloading area of 15sq metres does not sound a lot but the only area that would be suitable would be directly in front of the access ramp to the beach. This area is the flattest and firmest section of the Inlet Beach and would have a very significant impact on the boating fraternity and for those with only two wheel drive who park in this area to take in the ambience of Peaceful Bay. 7. Please consider that Peaceful Bay is unique and having feral animals being used as tourist activity is not what the people who live here want and those who visit would not want to see. 	<p>Camel rides are conducted on other beaches around Australia that accommodate a similar range of activities.</p> <p>It remains the responsibility of dog owners to supervise and maintain control of their animals at all times, noting that conflict and safety issues can arise between other beach users and native fauna irrespective of camels if dogs are not appropriately managed.</p> <p>The proposal is to be limited to a maximum of 4 camels supervised by two handlers at any one time. The proposal is not considered to impose significant constraints on other beach users, noting the length of the beach and the small scale of the tour. The tour route is proposed to run east of the carpark, away from the boat launching area where peak usage occurs.</p> <p>In the most part the beach would retain sufficient width to accommodate the proposed activity, in conjunction with vehicles and other beach users. Erosional impacts affecting the beach would be expected to play a role during the winter months, being outside the nominated period of operation. The nature of the tour is such that there is flexibility for handlers to choose the most suitable path to follow dependent upon beach conditions and activities on the day.</p> <p>The camel loading area is to be located within the existing carpark away from the main vehicle access track and Sea Rescue building. In the event that the nominated bays are not available on the day an alternative location is available adjacent to the south western corner of the carpark.</p> <p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate</p>
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S.3	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>I have resided at Peaceful Bay for the past 23 years as a permanent resident.</p> <p>The proposal to have camels on the beach at Peaceful Bay is not supported by my family.</p> <p>During the periods for the proposed rides to occur, Peaceful Bay is at peak holiday periods, with a massive increase in population. I know this by personal observation over the past 23 years.</p> <p>Boating, swimming, horse exercise, dog exercise, vehicle traffic and many humans make for a very congested beach.</p> <p>This beach is not a broad beach as is Broome. At times of high tide only a narrow strip of beach is available for all the above mentioned activities.</p> <p>Introducing camels into this already congested beach environment would be a recipe for disaster.</p> <p>Dog chases camel, horse and camel have confrontation, vehicle swerves to miss camel, etc etc.</p> <p>I can appreciate a person being desirous of making money from a unique experience for some members of the public but Peaceful Bay is NOT the place for this experiment.</p>	<p>Camel rides are conducted on other beaches around Australia that accommodate a similar range of activities.</p> <p>The proposed use is of a relatively low scale, being limited to a maximum of 4 camels at any one time and should not pose any significant constraints upon other beach users noting the length of beach within which it is intended to operate and the restricted hours of operation.</p> <p>Although it is proposed to operate within a designated dog exercise area, the responsibility remains with all pet owners to ensure their animals do not pose a threat to others. The remaining portion of the dog exercise area south of the Sea Rescue building would remain available should owners be concerned that their dog may react to the presence of camels. The proposed tours are to be supervised by two handlers at all times allowing interactions with other beach users to be managed as far as possible.</p> <p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate at Peaceful Bay be issued for a trial 6 month period to enable a review of ongoing operations following the peak Christmas / New Year / Easter period.</p>
S.4	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>PLEASE NO CAMELS, As a rate payer I would like voice my concerns with the proposed Camel Rides. I assume the rides will be on the beach from the beach access then towards Irwin Inlet.</p> <p>This beach is very busy during the holiday with people fishing, swimming, walking, Vehicles towing boats up and back from the Inlet and not to mention all the free range Dogs.</p> <p>The beach at the best of time is not that wide and with high tides and/or big</p>	<p>The beach rides are proposed to the north of the Sea Rescue building within land under the Shire's jurisdiction. It will not extend as far as the Irwin Inlet into the Walpole-Nornalup National Park managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction.</p> <p>Camel rides are conducted on other beaches around Australia that allow a range of similar activities.</p>

		<p>seas, there is very little room. To put Camels in the mix is Dangerous. My concern is the welfare of the people on the Camels and the restrictions that will be placed on the everyday users of this beach. Camels don't belong below the 26th parallel.</p>	<p>In the most part the beach would retain sufficient width to accommodate the proposed activity, with flexibility for handlers to choose the most appropriate path to follow dependent upon site conditions and other beach users. Notwithstanding, occasional tides and weather events may impact the beach at certain times and it would remain the responsibility of the tour operator to determine whether it is safe and practical to conduct tours on such days.</p> <p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate at Peaceful Bay be issued for a trial 6 month period to enable a review of ongoing operations following the peak Christmas / New Year / Easter period.</p>
S.5	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>I saw that someone's proposing camel rides on Parry's and Peaceful Bay. I have no specific input (other than being supportive of the idea) but as a fellow camel owner with camels in proximal location (and with no interest in doing rides myself) I'd love to be in contact with the people proposing the idea. If it felt appropriate I'd be really happy for the Shire to forward my details to the proposee's letting them know I'm supportive of the idea, have camels living nearby, have no interest in doing rides with my camels, but would love to make contact! If this doesn't feel appropriate for the shire, then I'll no doubt meet them somewhere along the way.</p>	<p>Support is noted.</p>
S.6	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>A number of issues have already been aired on the local morning ABC radio station.</p> <p>Some of the more pertinent issues raised include:</p> <p>The limiting beach width at high tide, which can have parked cars on the upper limit of the beach with persons fishing.</p> <p>Also at this time there will be vehicle traffic using the same stretch of beach, especially during peak holiday periods.</p> <p>Although the camels may be used to their own domestic dogs, the reverse situation probably won't be necessarily be applicable, I can see serious conflict here.</p>	<p>In the most part the beach would retain sufficient width to accommodate the proposed activity. The supervised nature of the camel tour and limited number of camels would allow handlers to determine the most appropriate path to follow on the day and to respond to any issues as they may arise. Notwithstanding, occasional tides and weather events may impact the beach at certain times and it would remain the responsibility of the tour operator to determine whether it is safe and practical to conduct tours on such days.</p> <p>Although it is proposed to operate within a designated dog exercise area, the responsibility remains with all</p>

		<p>These two beaches denoted are also popularly used by tourists to have “fun” and do some off road driving. I would not like vehicle restrictions applied because of a camel based business.</p> <p>Although I am not aware of the size of the property where the camels will be housed, should the property be large enough I suggest that camel rides be conducted on that property. It is on the main road!</p> <p>Another option is to conduct the rides in the vicinity of the Tree Top Walk, there must be sufficient tracks that can be used with no vehicular traffic (CALM access tracks), it will be a matter of getting permission from CALM and perhaps they can be coerced by the Tourist Dept. to get this through. Tourism is down at the moment in WA and we know that the Tree Top Walk is in fact a prime tourism hotspot and I cannot imagine a better location for a diverse camel ride opportunity, rather than having a boring beach ride on a wobbly camel.</p>	<p>pet owners to ensure their animals do not pose a threat to others. The remaining portion of the dog exercise area south of the Sea Rescue building would remain available should owners be concerned that their dog may react to the presence of camels during the tours.</p> <p>Due to their large size camels would be highly visible to any approaching car and are not considered to represent any greater hazard than dogs and children which can enter the path of a vehicle. The camels are intended to be kept well clear of vehicles with handlers able to determine the most appropriate path to follow as the need arises. There is no proposal to restrict vehicles on the beach as a result of the Permit application.</p> <p>Conditions are recommended to ensure conflicts between vehicles and camels entering/ exiting the beach at the access ramp are minimised by appropriate staffing arrangements and the installation of temporary signage.</p> <p>Council is required to consider the current proposal on its merits. It would be at the applicant’s discretion to consider whether they wish to operate at alternative locations.</p> <p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised, if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate at Peaceful Bay be issued for a trial 6 month period to enable a review of ongoing operations following the peak Christmas / New Year / Easter period.</p>
S.7	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>I’m only giving you facts unlike the proposal for doing Camel Rides on the beaches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are still seeds in Camel manure. 2. There has been several incidents on the beaches around Australia with Camels and dogs. In the last five years Peter Hodge Camel Hire from 	<p>Conditions are recommended to address the collection of manure and prohibit feeding of the animals on-site so as to limit any potential for seed spread.</p> <p>Camel rides are conducted on other beaches around Australia that allow a range of similar activities.</p>

		<p>Shepperton Victoria had a dog attack a Camel and two people were bucked off. There has been people in Broome bucked off due to dog attack. Another time a Camel bucked two people off in Broome. The mother and daughter was from Victoria you can google that it happened around 5 years ago. I have had a dog get loose from its owner and attacked one of my Camels. No one was hurt because I had control of my Camel.</p> <p>There has been other incidents on other beaches in Australia. Someone hasn't done their homework or they are not telling the whole truth.</p> <p>3. The WA government requires \$20,000,000.00 for Insurance. I have to have a \$20,000,000.00 policy to do Camel Rides in WA.</p> <p>You should contact the Broome Shire for what requirements they require from the Camel operators there.</p>	<p>Although not risk free for participants, such risk can be moderated by appropriate management practices.</p> <p>The Shire of Denmark <i>Policy P070404 - Principles Supporting the Shire of Denmark Activities on Thoroughfares & Trading in Thoroughfares & Public Places Local Law</i> requires a minimum \$10,000,000 public liability insurance. This appears to be consistent with requirements at Cable Beach as per the Shire of Broome Policy – Commercial Camel Activities on Cable Beach and the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions requirement for Licenses to operate within its landholdings.</p>
S.8	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>As a ratepayer and permanent resident of Peaceful Bay I would like to object to the proposed camel rides on the beach at Peaceful Bay.</p> <p>The stretch of beach between the boat launching area and the inlet is currently well-used by swimmers, fishers, people with dogs, vehicles and horse riders during peak times.</p> <p>The beach is quite narrow, and I do not believe there is enough space to also accommodate camel rides safely.</p> <p>The beach is frequently used by horse riders (both local and holidayers), and horses are renowned to react badly to camels.</p> <p>The beach proposed to be used is an off-leash dog exercising area and I am one of many who use the beach daily for this reason.</p> <p>Although the applicant states 'camels have integrated well with dogs, vehicles and people on other beaches', I would be surprised if any of those beaches are as narrow as this one is at times.</p> <p>I believe that using the track to the boat launching beach to lead camels on and off the beach could be problematic due both to the width of the track and the types of vehicles using the track- namely tractors towing large boats.</p> <p>As the boat launching area has a lot of vehicular movement I believe it</p>	<p>Camel rides are conducted on other beaches around Australia that allow a range of similar activities.</p> <p>In the most part the beach is able to accommodate the passing of vehicles and other beach users. The supervised nature of the camel tour and limited number of camels would allow handlers to determine the most appropriate path to follow on the day and to keep clear of vehicles and other beach users as necessary.</p> <p>Although it is proposed to operate within a designated dog exercise area, the responsibility remains with all pet owners to ensure their animals do not pose a threat to others. If approved it is recommended that temporary signage be required at the beach entrance to advise other beach users of the presence of camels. Dog owners would also have the choice to use the leash free area south of the Sea Rescue building should they remain concerned.</p> <p>Conditions are recommended to address the movement of camels to and from the beach in a safe manner, including additional signage and staff attendance.</p>

		<p>would be a dangerous mistake to be attracting more people to that area.</p> <p>I don't believe camel rides are an appropriate activity for the beach at Peaceful Bay, and strongly oppose this application.</p>	<p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised, if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate at Peaceful Bay be issued for a trial 6 month period to enable a review of ongoing operations following the peak Christmas / New Year / Easter period.</p>
S.9	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>At their meeting tonight the Nornalup Residents and Ratepayers Association Committee discussed the proposed camel ride business planned for Parry Beach and Peaceful Bay. The committee welcomes this initiative as an attraction benefiting tourists and local businesses on the south coast. The available details indicate that careful planning has gone into the proposal with consideration for other beach users, with attention to safety, the environment and to the welfare of the animals.</p> <p>Such enterprises have been successful over many years in other locations around Australia and, while we have not had an opportunity to discuss this with our members, the NRRRA Committee sees no reason why this venture should not be trialled and succeed in the planned locations.</p>	<p>Support is noted.</p>
S.10	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>At the latest committee meeting of the Peaceful Bay Progress Association on 2 April, 2018 the application for a permit to conduct camel rides at Peaceful Bay was discussed.</p> <p>The committee is not in favour of the camel rides being conducted on this beach due to the conflict between the camels and vehicles, dogs, fishers and swimmers. The beach is very narrow, especially at high tide, and cannot accommodate these family activities as well as camel rides.</p> <p>Having the loading area in the car park and leading the camels and riders on and off the beach, every 20 minutes, for three hours each day using the narrow access track would conflict dangerously with vehicles and boat trailers also entering and leaving the beach.</p> <p>For some time we have been working to reduce the amount of pedestrian traffic in the boat launching area and we feel this would negate those efforts.</p> <p>Although we have not been able to get this information formally out to all members, it was a unanimous decision of the committee to object to this proposal.</p>	<p>Camel rides are conducted on other beaches around Australia that allow a range of similar activities.</p> <p>In the most part the beach would retain sufficient width to accommodate the proposed activity, with flexibility for handlers to choose the most appropriate path to follow dependent upon site conditions and other beach users. Notwithstanding, occasional tides and weather events may impact the beach at certain times and it would remain the responsibility of the tour operator to determine whether it is safe and practical to conduct tours on such days.</p> <p>Conditions are recommended to address the safe movement of camels to and from the beach, including additional signage and staff attendance.</p> <p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised, if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate be issued for a trial 6 month period to enable a review of ongoing operations following the peak Christmas / New Year / Easter period.</p>

S.11	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	My husband David and myself have no objections to the proposal put up by the proponents of the Camel Rides & Treks enterprise and we wish them all the best in their endeavours. We strongly support efforts to create tourism attractions and thus enhance the economic development of the Nornalup locality.	Support is noted.
S.12	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>I know a lot of people are against the idea of Camels on the beach, and a lot are for the camels on the beach.</p> <p>I personally think for god sake give these people a go and let them trial for a season the camel rides on the beach. If it doesn't work well at least we tried.</p> <p>A lot of the Argument was the beach isn't wide enough. How much room does a camel need.</p> <p>I've seen it work in Broome at a great success so Denmark Shire just give it a go for a season then you will know if it could work down south.</p>	Support is noted.
S.13	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>Commercial Fishermen License No LFBA 222, are writing to you in response to the proposed camel rides that could operate in the proclaimed fishing zone of Parry's Beach and Hillier Bay. (See image attached).</p> <p>Some points that are of concern to us are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial fishing activities during the February, March and April could conflict with camel rides along Parrys Beach, especially when the beach width is reduced due to natural influences – i.e. tides, waves, swell and wind. • When fishing is in progress, (which can occur at any time of day and anywhere between the “caretakers shack” and all the way to the eastern side of the Parrys Inlet sand bar). The activity involves tractors, trucks, telescopic handlers, jetboats, personal vehicles and workers and nets which can be laying along the beach which can stretch for 300+ mts. • Time is critical when salmon fishing, and quite often there is little warning given when a school of fish has been sighted. Therefore, if animals are present on the beach and we must give way to them, it may cause us to lose the passing school. The commotion of fishing may also cause the animals to react or scare in a dangerous and unsafe manner. • Parrys Beach Salmon Fishermen and all other salmon fishermen along the south coast and west coast have struggled for many years to develop good consistent food fish markets – domestically and internationally. Parrys Beach Salmon has played a big role in lifting 	The applicant no longer wishes to pursue the application as it relates to Parry Beach.

		<p>the profile of the Australian Salmon as a table fish and do not want any reason to jeopardize our ability to supply the orders contracted to us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salmon fishing is also a tourist attraction for onlookers to watch the spectacle of beach seine fishing on this scale, and has been an attraction since Parry's inception in 1947. • There is also a large financial outlay prior to the seasons commencement which needs to be considered. • Parrys Beach is one of a kind, because of its single vehicle access, there is beach launching for boaters who park their trailers on the beach after launching. Frequent users are the Dog walkers, campers from the nearby campsites and other animal lovers (horses) are permitted. Parrys is one of the few remaining beaches where surfers, fisher's and families can drive on the beach for kilometers. Extra pressure could possibly cause the closure of vehicle access onto Parrys Beach, which would be very disappointing to many. <p>In conclusion: The professional Salmon Fishermen at Parrys Beach do not want to restrict any beach user and have had a good relationship with the public for 70 years. Because of this long-term involvement with Parrys Beach, we feel that we have a clear perspective of the mounting pressure that the beach is under during the summer months that the camel rides would operate.</p>	
S.14	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>The Parrys Beach Volunteer Management Group would like to respond to the submission: <i>permit to conduct camel trekking along Parrys Beach.</i></p> <p>We are all very supportive of new businesses and we wish them all the best, but we don't believe that Parrys Beach will suit another type of use adding to the many that are currently occurring on this beach as per the Shire of Denmark Coastal Reserves Management Strategy & action plan Feb 2011. (Please see attached detail)</p> <p>The submission wishes to run treks from Nov to April which includes the beaches busiest time of the year. The camp ground will be crowded for much of this time or full most of this time with active beach goers. This includes locals and tourists pursuing the following activities that occur</p>	<p>The applicant no longer wishes to pursue the application as it relates to Parry Beach.</p> <p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised, if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate at Peaceful Bay be issued for a trial 6 month period to enable a review of ongoing operations following the peak Christmas / New Year / Easter period.</p>

		<p>on Parrys Beach: Boat launching Surfing Recreational fishers Families Dog walkers Horse riders Walkers Professional salmon fishers 4wd drivers</p> <p>Where the trailer is to be set up is going to obstruct other vehicles and boat launching area. With only limited width along Parrys beach there can be very little beach available for cars to travel along the beach and a large trailer is going to cause an access problem for other beach goers. A wider beach would be required to manage all of the users which sadly Parrys isn't.</p> <p>We cannot find an area in the car park or the overflow area for the trailer to be parked as it's the busiest time of the year and both areas are also full most of the time.</p> <p>To conclude our group believes that Parrys is only one of very few beaches (Peaceful being the other) in the Shire where the locals (for many years) have been able to pursue such a wide range of activities with the ability to drive along the beach. We do not think that one commercial operator bringing in income to a small group of people should impinge on the activities of the many who love these beaches for their accessibility. There would, we believe, be a conflict especially with dogs, cars and children.</p>	
S.15	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>I wish to submit my objection to the proposed camel rides on the Peaceful Bay inlet beach given the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The beach is used by people and children playing, swimming, surfing, fishing and generally enjoying the beach: • Vehicle access to the beach and inlet allows disabled and older people to enjoy what is otherwise denied them. • It is one of a few beaches that allows dogs and horse riding. • The access to the beach by the sea rescue group could at times be a problem. 	<p>The proposal seeks to undertake rides using a maximum of 4 camels. The small scale and supervised nature of the activity across a 1 kilometre stretch of beach is unlikely to significantly impede existing beach users. There is no intention to restrict vehicles using the beach as part of the proposed camel tours.</p> <p>The main tour route would operate north of the boat launch area. The camels would take only a short</p>

		<p>The beach is at times very narrow depending on the tide and swell. November to March and April is an extremely busy time on the beach, and at times there is limited capacity with all involved working together to avoid conflict and exclusion.</p> <p>The introduction of camels to an already congested beachfront, where conflict is currently managed will create a land use that will inevitably cause conflict and undesirable results.</p>	<p>amount of time to pass across the beach access track and are unlikely to significantly impact vehicle access to the beach by the public or the Sea Rescue Group, noting that all beach users would be expected to give way during emergency operations.</p> <p>Conditions are recommended to ensure that signage is in place during any tours to advise other beach users of the presence of camels and to ensure a staff member is in place to assist when the tours enter and exit the beach.</p> <p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised, if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate at Peaceful Bay be issued for a trial 6 month period to enable a review of ongoing operations following the peak Christmas / New Year / Easter period.</p>
S.16	Details omitted as per Council Policy.	<p>We do not want camels on our beach at Peaceful Bay as we have very high tides a lot of the time and there is barely enough room for cars and boats to go to the inlet.</p> <p>As this is also the dog beach it just would not work with dogs and camels together. We have witnessed horses and dogs together on the beach and there has been havoc.</p> <p>There is not enough room for cars, boats, dogs, walkers and horses without introducing camels.</p> <p>We vote against the proposal to introduce camels to Peaceful Bay.</p>	<p>In the most part the beach would retain sufficient width to accommodate the proposed activity, with flexibility for handlers to choose the most appropriate path to follow dependent upon site conditions and other beach users. Notwithstanding, occasional tides and weather events may impact the beach at certain times and it would remain the responsibility of the tour operator to determine whether it is safe and practical to conduct tours on such days.</p> <p>The small scale and supervised nature of the activity across a 1 kilometre stretch of beach is unlikely to significantly impede existing beach users.</p> <p>Although it is proposed to operate within a designated dog exercise area, the responsibility remains with all pet owners to ensure their animals do not pose a threat to others. If approved it is recommended that a condition be applied requiring temporary signage at the beach entrance to advise other beach users of the presence of camels.</p>

			<p>Noting the nature of concerns that have been raised, if granted it is recommended that the Permit to operate at Peaceful Bay be issued for a trial 6 month period to enable a review of ongoing operations following the peak Christmas / New Year / Easter period.</p>
<p>S.17</p>	<p>Details omitted as per Council Policy.</p>	<p>As a citizen Scientist and Parry Camp Caretaker in considering the proposed camel tourist rides I wish to point out that the beach is already under considerable pressure that would be opportune to address prior to promoting this attractive activity.</p> <p>To proceed regulations should be developed and implemented that protect and specifically manage the beach use for each ride season. This could be considered to be overdue. Parry Beach has volunteer groups that provide valuable and cost effective service to the Parry Inlet catchment over a range of environmental and camp management projects. Adding another management issue could be the straw that breaks the camel's back to the members of these community groups.</p> <p>During my 2017 camp caretaker duty there were 3 illegal camper groups out of the camp ground. 30 September: 3 4WDs at Parry Inlet 8 October: 2 young Asian males (bogged in Aldi car) 300m from beach entry. 14 October: 6 4WDs at the bird inlet nesting area on Mazzoletti Beach Williams Bay.</p> <p>I have multiple images and more information of the above incidents if required.</p> <p>On each of these dates there was space in the camp site. These three camp groups made the decision to beach camp despite availability in the Parry camp ground facility. The Camp at this time was at most estimate less than half full with approximately 25 camps available from 45. All were weekend incidents. Each on the beach camp group produced pollution and caused disturbance to other users (minor) and the Parry environment (major). The Denmark Shire ranger responded to the first September incident and has information on file of the second and third. No fines were issued.</p>	<p>The applicant no longer wishes to pursue the application as it relates to Parry Beach.</p>

Sunset Camel rides places people on the beach at the end of the day. If tourists, operators and camels operate to not pollute the beach will the council provide staff each activity day to regulate that users leave to appropriate accommodation? In the summer when the South Coast accommodation is over booked. What decision will the tourist riders make? The volunteer caretaker is likely to be off duty at the camel ride conclusion. Caretakers are on duty long hours over peak times.
No activity should encourage users to extend the experience into overnight on the beach camping.

The first and last response Parry Beach management often falls to volunteers. Pressure of future tourist activity management, a commercial enterprise, would stretch volunteer service duty and hours at a busy beach period. A tourist fee on each ride cost could cover the staff cost.

Other background information is that the camp and beach is Bibbulmun Track used by approximately 30 hikers per month. The beach is open to 4WDs. Locals, campers and visitors and dogs and horses exercise along the beach. Some dogs run beside travelling 4WDs. Additionally first Australians use the Parry Camp showing their permit and stay for several weeks in groups. This occurred in October 2017. It would be respectful to include indigenous input in this approval process.

Parry Inlet opened twice in 2017 naturally. The open running water can be a hazard and limits safe beach length for all. This protects the William Bay Park wildlife. Noticeably the hooded plovers take young to the water edge without human engagement. William Bay Rangers mark nesting areas but tides, weather and 4WDs do on occasions alter the marked area.

Tides can leave a small beach and weed at the entry. Parry Beach has a narrow entry point at the caretaker hut. It is very popular over good weather holiday times with the camp full and many day visitors on foot and wheels. Also imposing at the entry rocks are launching boats and the commercial salmon fishing activity with vehicles on the beach. Access to the Parry Salmon Camp is at the Parry Beach entry.

The Shire has already defined in a coastal strategy Parry Beach review that this entry is a pressure point for the safety of the activity variety of users.

Future regulations and regulation staff should indicate priority when

		<p>considering the right of way of these uses at the entry. While all users intend to be courteous with common sense; conflicts may arise of self-interest operation of these leisure and commercial activities.</p> <p>Thank-you for the opportunity to comment.</p>	
G.1	<p>Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions</p>	<p>Thank you for your letter received 16 March regarding an application for a permit to run a camel rides business at Parry's Beach and Peaceful Bay.</p> <p>The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Parks and Wildlife Service has no objections to this proposal.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

Response to points raised in relationship to Camel rides on Parry beach and Peaceful bay

The objections seem to be centred around three points

1. Congestion on the beaches in peak season and high tide
2. The potential for dog attacks on the camels
3. The potential conflict between camels, cars and other beach users

We have revisited our proposal and concede after repeat visits there is an issue at Parry beach in terms of positioning the camel station and the narrow aspect of the first 50 metres of beach. As a result we would like to put our request for Camel rides at Parry beach on hold until we can determine a better process. This said we see no such issue at Peaceful bay and wish to proceed with our proposal at this beach. We believe over time the rides at Peaceful bay will become a strong tourist attraction.

Looking at the points raised, these are our thoughts for consideration.

Congestion - as a regular visitor to Peaceful Bay during peak season we have made a number of observations.

1. The days when the beach is at its busiest - very little use is made of the car park behind the Sea Rescue building, this being the proposed site for the camel loading platform.
2. The majority of beach goers populate the beach to the right of the access ramp, away from the boat launching area, where cars are not allowed. The proposed camel rides are to the left of the access ramp.
3. Cars and trailers parked for boat launching area are also parked to the right of the access ramp, I have never seen a car and boat trailer parked to the left of the access ramp.
4. The proposed route for the camel rides is to the left of the access ramp which is mostly used by walkers, dogs and cars driving up the beach.
5. Camels and cars - as the camels come down the access ramp and turn left for the ride route we don't envisage any issue with cars, the camels are very visible and only are on the ramp for approx. 10 seconds before moving onto the beach.

Hopeful the presence of camels moving along the beach and up and down the access ramp will help reduce the speed at which some people drive up and down the ramp and the dangerous speed at which they drive along the beach.

Cars entering the beach all take a similar line; (staying on the firm compacted sand) the camel train will be at a mid- point between the car track and the shoreline. Camel footprint from a width perspective is 1.5 metres max. There is a large separation between cars and camels. Camels will give other beach users a wide berth.

Dogs and Camels

Concerns were raised re the possibility of a dog attacking a camel, my thoughts on this, if a dog was brazen enough to attack an animal of that size what would stop it attacking other dogs, beachgoers or a small child? Dogs on the beach should be under the control of the owner and if not controllable keep firmly on a lead.

Camels are not fazed by cars, dogs or other animals, they are docile, obedient and at all times under the control of an experienced Cameleer.

There would be three camels in a team lead by a cameleer with a staff member at the rear of the train on foot approx. 3 metres from the rear camel as a spotter for potential issues.

High Tide

The point about high tide is well taken, as low and high tides are accurately forecast we would propose not to take bookings at high tide. Our online booking system allows for this functionality.

We have looked at all the objections and revisited our proposal. We have removed the request for Parry but strongly feel a great tourist attraction could be established at Peaceful Bay.

There is always going to be objections to anything new.

To ease this plan into place, to provide time for the people that are objecting to become comfortable with the idea and to show the viability of the idea we propose the following:

Instead of situating ourselves at the beach Friday, Saturday and Sunday in peak season for four hours, we will only bring the camels to the beach when we have bookings made through our website, social media, Asian, NZ and AU databases or by phone.

This initially will dramatically reduce the time on the beach, but over time, build exposure and give us a soft entry to show viability and compatibility.

Our Family have been long term visitors to the area and twelve months ago purchased a property in Nornalup with a view to relocating from Perth. We are business people who have run and operated successful business for 40years.

Our goal is to open business in the area, drive tourism, create jobs, work with other businesses in the area for mutual benefit and of course to make money.

We would like the Shire to consider our proposal

SITE VISIT RECORD FORM

Proposed Camel Rides – Peaceful Bay



Foul Bay, north of vehicle access track (11 April 2018)



Foul Bay, north of vehicle access track (22 May 2018)



Entrance signage to beach



Vehicle Access Track to beach



Vehicle Access Track from beach



Sea Rescue Carpark – Southern End



Sea Rescue Carpark – Northern end