

# Shire of Moora Caravan Park Expansion Draft Plan

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#### Introduction

The Shire of Moora Caravan Park Expansion Master Plan provides a strategic framework for the future development and enhancement of the caravan park to support increased visitation and economic growth within the region. The expansion aims to improve the overall quality and capacity of the park through the addition of new powered and unpowered caravan bays, self-contained cabins (chalets), communal facilities, and upgraded amenities for visitors.

# **Project Vision**

The vision for the Shire of Moora Caravan Park Expansion is to create a high-quality, sustainable, and welcoming accommodation hub that enhances the visitor experience while maintaining the character and natural appeal of the Moora township.

# Aims of the Expansion

- Increase accommodation capacity by adding more caravan bays and chalets to meet demonstrated demand.
- Enhance visitor experience through modern, accessible, and family-friendly facilities.
- Support local economy by strengthening Moora's role as a regional touring base, especially during peak seasons.

# Methodology

This Master Plan was developed through consultation with community stakeholders, site analysis, and alignment with the Shire's strategic objectives for tourism development. The planning process included an assessment of the current caravan park layout, utility services, and visitor demand forecasts.

# Evidence of Demand (2025/2026 FY)

To substantiate the need for expansion, recent utilisation data demonstrates sustained demand for chalets and seasonal pressure on caravan sites:

- Chalets (current supply: 8 units)
  - o Single-bedroom chalets: 81.71% average annual occupancy.
  - o Double-bedroom chalets: 79.36% average annual occupancy.
  - o *Implication:* High year-round utilisation indicates insufficient supply and limited availability during peaks, constraining visitor choice and length of stay.
- Caravan Sites (current supply: 28 sites)
  - o Annual average occupancy: 30.66%.
  - o Wildflower season (Aug–Nov) average occupancy: 43.83%.

Implication: Strong seasonal surges align with regional tourism patterns.
 Additional sites will help capture peak-season demand and reduce turn-aways.

# **Key Development Components**

The key components of the proposed expansion include:

- Installation of new powered caravan bays and RV-friendly sites (provision for an additional 6 caravan sites in the new plan).
- Construction of new self-contained chalets (an additional 4 chalets initially, with layout revisions under assessment to determine whether further units can be sensitively accommodated within the limited area).
- Modernisation of the ablution blocks, camp kitchen, and laundry facilities.
- Improved site access, internal road layout, and drainage upgrades.
- Enhanced landscaping, lighting, and signage.
- Sustainability measures including solar lighting, water-efficient systems, and waste-reduction infrastructure.

# **Indicative Costings**

Preliminary cost estimates indicate a total project cost in the range of \$4.5 – \$5.5 million, depending on the final design and staging of works. This estimate includes civil works, new accommodation units, landscaping, amenities upgrades, and contingency allowances.

# Community Comment – Have Your Say (Prior to Council Endorsement)

We are now seeking community comments on the Draft Plan before it is finalised. Your feedback will help guide the Shire's priorities and ensure the Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community.

Read the draft and share your thoughts by emailing shire@moora.wa.gov.au.

# Next Steps

Following consideration of community feedback and Council's endorsement of the Master Plan, the next steps include:

- 1. Detailed design development (architecture, civil, services, accessibility, landscaping).
- 2. **Funding applications** to State and Federal programs and identification of co-funding opportunities.
- 3. **Phased implementation** aligned with available resources, minimising disruption to park operations and peak seasons.

