

Permit Conditions Depasturage of Stock on Town Commons and Reserves

These permit conditions govern the depasturage and movement of stock on Town Commons and Reserves within the Shire.

- 1. A person may be allowed to depasture stock in accordance with these permit conditions only while his/her domicile at law shall be within the Shire.
- 2. All stock for which depasturage is sought must be:
 - (a) The bona fide property of the applicant
 - (b) In the case of cattle be clearly branded with a brand registered in the applicants name, ear marked, ear tagged with the owners name, have a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) device in their ear prior to depasturage and have the Barcoo Shire Council issued ear tag fitted on arrival, all at the owners own cost. In the case of horses - be clearly branded.
 - (c) No person shall be allowed to run any entire horse, rig, stag, ram, or bull, or any male cattle over the age of two (2) years upon a reserve.
- 3. The maximum number of stock that may be depastured by each household shall be determined by the Council from time to time.
- 4. An approval to depasture an animal on a town reserve must not be granted to a person, inside or outside of the Barcoo Shire, who has a legal or equitable interest in land if the safe carrying capacity of the land is 20 or more livestock units.
- 5. An approval to despasture animals on the town reserve may only authorise the depasturing of a maximum of 20 livestock units.
- 6. When and if the abovementioned lands suffer from overgrazing, drought or any condition prejudicial to the continued well-being of the animals depastured thereon, the Council acting on its own appraisal or on reports from the Rural Lands Officer shall issue destocking notices to relevant permit holders to reduce numbers to a level determined acceptable by the Council.
- 7. Welfare of agisted animals is the responsibility of the Stock Owner who must ensure provisions of adequate feed and water at all times.
- 8. Stock shall not be placed on the abovementioned lands without the permission of the Rural Lands Officer or before any permit in the prescribed form has been approved.
- 9. All fees must be paid in advance for each six (6) month period on or before 15 January, and 15 July.



- 10. In each case of stock being depastured fees will apply for the six (6) month period in which a permit has been approved and no pro-rata adjustment shall be made. Fees will be calculated on approved numbers only i.e. the number advised to Council within the application.
- 11. Stock owners wishing to muster on the abovementioned lands for any reason what-so-ever must have given at least 5 days' notice and must have the permission of the Rural Lands Officer or the Chief Executive Officer beforehand. The Rural Lands Officer must be present for all musters undertaken.
- 12. A permit to muster may be issued by the aforementioned Officers on application.
- 13. Applications for a permit and fees for depasturage will not be accepted once a Council sponsored muster has commenced and non-acceptance will continue until such time as the muster is finalised.
- 14. Stock shall become eligible for a permit upon reaching the age of six (6) months. Animals under six (6) months of age that are the progeny of stock depasturing on reserves shall not be charged for; other stock under six (6) months shall be charged for. The Rural Lands Officer or a representative appointed by the Council will be the sole judge in this instance and their determination of the ages will be final.
- 15. All pound fees together with depasturage fees shall be payable in respect to stock seized on the abovementioned lands for which no permit has been approved.
- 16. Permits authorised by the Barcoo Shire Council and signed by the Chief Executive Officer or Rural Lands Officer will be the only recognised form of authority to depasture stock on the abovementioned lands.
- 17. It is an express condition of the permit that all stock being mustered must be mustered to the Council trucking yards in Jundah unless another destination is requested by the owner and approved by the Rural Lands Officer or Chief Executive Officer.
- 18. Musters shall be at the discretion of the Rural Lands Officer taking into consideration the prevailing weather and stock conditions and the adherence by stock owners to the conditions contained in the permit.
- 19. Failure to observe all conditions contained in the permit shall result in immediate cancellation of any approval previously granted.
- 20. On it being proved to the satisfaction of the Rural Lands Officer that any animal depasturing on a reserve is causing or is likely to cause injury to persons or property, the Rural Lands Officer may order the owner of such animal forthwith to remove such animal from the reserve, and in the event of such order not being complied with, the Rural Lands Officer may impound such animal, and the owner shall be guilty of an offence.



- 21. No stock, in respect of which a permit has been issued to depasture on a reserve under the control of the Council, shall be permitted to depasture, stray or trespass on any road or street, within the Shire, and for so doing may be impounded by the Rural Lands Officer.
- 22. No stock, in respect of which a permit has been issued to depasture on a reserve under the control of the Council, shall have a bell attached to such stock.
- 23. Any person desiring to enter any reserve with a camel shall give not less than twelve hours' notice in writing, to the Rural Lands Officer or Chief Executive Officer of their intentions to do so.
- 24. Any animal not able to be clearly recognised by the Rural Lands Officer from the description given on the agistment application may be impounded.
- 25. The Council may in its discretion grant or refuse any application to depasture stock on a reserve.



Barcoo Shire Council Application for Agistment on Barcoo Shire Town Commons and Reserves

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