

Horse keeping

Horse keeping is a type of use that can be established successfully if it is sited, designed and operated properly, but has the potential to cause environmental harm or be detrimental to the amenity of the locality if these factors are not considered. Because of these potential impacts, it is only possible to establish horse keeping operations in certain zones that are defined in the Rural City of Murray Bridge's Development Plan.

Horse keeping means the keeping or husbandry of horses where:

- more than one horse is kept per three hectares [7.4 acres] of land used for such purposes; or
- where hand feeding of a horse is involved.

How will my application be assessed?

When the Planning Officer assesses an application for Horse Keeping, they consider whether the proposal is the right location.

They examine whether the horse keeping will:

- not cause noise, dust and odour problems;
- not cause any adverse impact on the natural environment or amenity of the area;
- not cause any adverse impact on adjoining land uses;
- not cause or compound the denudation, erosion or pollution of land;
- not cause or compound the pollution of water resources;
- not be located on waterlogged or flood prone land;
- minimise excessive deterioration of soil quality and surface vegetation;

be incompatible with other development within the locality or the enjoyment of the locality.

In the assessment process, the Planning Officer may make internal referrals to Council's various departments such as infrastructure and health. Internal referrals will generally be undertaken if the proposed development affects, or may be affected by, Council activities and infrastructure. An Application for horse keeping may also be subject to mandatory referrals to the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and the Environment Protection Authority in certain circumstances. Please consult with planning staff to determine if any referral is required. Referrals can take up to 8 weeks and require a referral fee to be paid to Council.

What information needs to be submitted?

The following is a checklist of information required when submitting a development application for Horse Keeping. These requirements are additional to the requirements identified in "Fact Sheet 5 – What Do I

Need to Lodge an Application?".

- A detailed site plan, drawn to scale, showing the location of horse yards and any proposed buildings, boundaries, septic tank and soakage/irrigation areas, other structures;
- An outline of the reasons for the keeping of horses on the land;
- Detail of the number of horses to be kept on the land used for horse

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- keeping purposes at any one time;
- Management strategies for the horses in relation to the prevention of land degradation, e.g. Horse exercise facilities, tracks, weed control, manure management, hand feeding, use of stables etc.;
- Details of fencing and improvements relative to horse keeping, including size of paddocks;
- Provide details of existing and proposed vegetation and groundcover to be maintained to prevent soil erosion and detail any proposed land management practices to reduce dust generation;
- Outline how potential impacts will be managed, including manure management (i.e. frequency of disposal, how and where manure will be stored, and method of fly control); and
- Details of location and method of storage of food.
- Any other relevant information that would apply to your application.

Further Information

The above information is advisory and only a guide to give you a general understanding of the key issues associated with planning. For further information or assistance, please contact Council's Development Department on 8539 1414 or planning@murraybridge.sa.gov.au