

# Camping on Private Property (Including Hipcamp)



You may require a Local Law Permit and/or a Planning Permit to camp on private land.

Under the General Local Law 2019, <https://www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/About-Pyrenees-Shire-Council/Local-Laws/General-Local-Law-2019>

- 1) A person must not, without a permit, occupy a tent, caravan or other temporary or make-shift structure in a Public Place unless in an area designated by Council as a camping area.
- 2) The owner or occupier of land must not, without a permit, occupy or allow a person to occupy a tent, Caravan or other temporary or makeshift structure on the land for a period exceeding a total of 31 days in a single calendar year.
- 3) A permit is required for camping on any private land if the camping exceeds 10 consecutive nights.
- 4) Subclauses (1) and (2) do not apply to persons within a Caravan Park registered under the Residential Tenancies Act 1997.
- 5) At the end of the period specified in the permit, all camping/temporary accommodation structures must be removed from the site immediately following the completion of the approved occupancy period to the satisfaction of Council's Local Laws unit.

In determining whether to issue a permit for camping on private land for a period exceeding 10 consecutive days, or for camping on private land that exceeds 31 days in a single calendar year, Council may consider:

- a) availability of suitable all-weather access to the site that will allow adequate access for emergency vehicles;
- b) provision of adequate sanitary facilities and availability of a chemical toilet;
- c) potential risks from bushfire, along with the availability of a suitable water supply for firefighting; and/or
- d) whether there is access to clean and reliable sources of water, shelter structures, and heating.

This policy would be applicable to family and friends visiting the property rather than a business.

Should you wish to open your property as business, for example under Hipcamp, a planning permit may be required to use and develop the land for accommodation (camping and caravan park) under both the Zone and Overlay Provisions of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme.

It will need to be determined whether the site is a suitable location for the proposed use, and this is to ensure protection to you as a business owner and to the people who stay at your property.

Please contact a Planning Officer should you require further information.

For more information, please contact the Planning Department on (03) 5349 1100 or you can email [pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au) Attn: Planning