

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BADGERUP LAKE EQUESTRIAN USE CHANGES

Why is the City removing equestrian use from Badgerup Lake Reserve?

Due to increased environmental damage and in accordance with State Planning Policy 2.8 'Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region' (SPP 2.8) and the City's Local Law (Section 26(2) of the City of Wanneroo's Animals Local Law 1999) Council considered equestrian use and recreation at Badgerup Lake Reserve, Wanneroo at its meeting held on 2 February 2016. Council resolution is as follows:

1. ACKNOWLEDGES that equestrian use is prohibited within the boundaries of Lake Badgerup Conservation Reserve and all City reserves and foreshores, unless specifically set aside for that purpose in accordance with the City's Local Law (Section 26(2) of the City of Wanneroo's Animals Local Law 1999).

The report contains further information and is available for viewing on the City's website (AS04-01/16):

http://www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/info/20003/council/10/council_meetings/2

What are the environmental concerns?

Some environmental concerns include:

- Spread of weeds
- Increase in soil nutrient loads
- Increase in erosion
- Decrease in natural regeneration

When will equestrian users be prevented from entering Badgerup Lake Reserve?

Equestrian use will not be permitted within the Reserve following the end date of the notification period, which is Friday 15th April 2016.

What community engagement has there been?

City Officers met with representatives of the Horse and Pony Club who advised that they do not use the Reserve for Club activities and had no concerns with the restrictions.

What happens if I am found within the Reserve undertaking equestrian activities?

It will be an offence under the City's Local Law and a \$100 infringement fee will apply.

How long is the public notification period?

The notification period runs for four weeks, from Tuesday 15th March until Friday 15th April 2016.

During the notification period will equestrian use be permitted within Badgerup Lake Reserve?

Equestrian use within the Reserve is not encouraged. However, enforcement of the Local Law will only apply following the end date of the notification period which is Friday 15th April 2016. Note that although the Local Law will not be enforced during the 4 week notification period, any equestrian use within the Reserve must continue to observe all signage within the reserve relating to equestrian users. After Friday 15th April 2016, equestrian use will no longer be permitted within the Reserve and the penalty for not abiding with the City's Local Law is a \$100 infringement per offence.

Will I still be able to access the Horse and Pony Club from Badgerup Road?

Yes the undeveloped road reserve running between Badgerup Road and Benmuni Road, to the north of Badgerup Lake Reserve will still be able to be accessed by equestrian users, both during the notification period and after the notification period has concluded. Equestrian users will not be infringed if found within this road reserve area.

Will I still be able to access the Horse and Pony Club from Grisker Road?

Yes, the undeveloped road reserve at the end of Grisker Road, which connects to the other undeveloped road reserve (to the north of Badgerup Lake Reserve) will still be able to be accessed by equestrian users, both during the notification period and after the notification period has concluded. Equestrian users will not be infringed if found within this road reserve area.

What do I do if I see people using the Reserve for equestrian activities after Friday 15th April 2016?

You should contact the City's Ranger and Safety Services;

- During office hours on telephone 9405 5000.
- After office hours on telephone 1300 138 393.

What methods of communication are being used to advise the public of the changes to equestrian use within Badgerup Lake Reserve, Wanneroo?

- Signage installed at Reserve access points and major internal track junctions;
- Letter mail out to residents (Letter 16/51856[v2] and Map 16/76653); and
- Webpage hosted on the City's website wanneroo.wa.gov.au/badgeruplake