

KERSHAW GARDENS PRECINCT

The Kershaw Gardens precinct has been introduced to allow for the overnight stay of campers for the purpose of encouraging tourism in the Rockhampton region.

The specific requirements include:

- Non-commercial use that excludes ancillary facilities;
- Maximum of 35 self-contained recreation vehicles; and
- Maximum of 2 nights or 48 hours stay.

During the peak season (June - August) 2,500 self-contained recreational vehicles used Kershaw Gardens. With the obvious demand for this type of activity, the re-establishment of an area for campers ensures economic and social benefits that might otherwise be lost to the region.

Self-contained recreational vehicles do not necessarily require infrastructure and services, and therefore some choose not to stay exclusively in commercial caravan parks. Where areas don't exist to accommodate this use, travellers may simply choose not to stay or to bypass unreceptive cities and towns.

Council has sought to address this recognised demand and to reinstate an area that has been recognised for that purpose since 2014.

The adopted planning scheme amendment still controls the nature, size and scale of use within the precinct.

