

Stopover for RVs at Kershaw

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THE ROCKHAMPTON Regional Council is moving to accommodate “the community on wheels” by providing an overnight stopover for recreational vehicles at Kershaw Gardens.

It plans to develop the 4800sq m car park off High St – opposite Bob Jane T-Marts – into a site for self-contained caravans, campervans and other RVs.

All campers will need to be self-sufficient and no tents will be allowed.



Mayor Margaret Strelow (pictured) said this would replace the temporary stopover at Washpool, which was established at the southern entrance of the city last October.

The High St site was chosen after consultation with councillors and representatives from campervan and motorhome associations.

“It just seemed to jump out and meet the criteria,” Cr Strelow said yesterday.

“It is close to the highway, and close to shops, restaurants and entertainment.

“This will add economic value to the town as well, allowing businesses in the area to get the benefit.”

It was envisaged campers would stay a maximum of

BEST RV STOPOVER

WE ASKED readers to nominate the best location for an RV stopover.

■ **Jason Roberts:**

Perhaps across Stocklands behind the bus stop or Kershaw Gardens.

■ **Justin Carmen Challen:**

Showgrounds or music bowl.

■ **Di Villiers:** Kershaw Gardens.

■ **Rhys Jackson:** Where the dirt parking area is in Kershaw Gardens.

two nights.

Cr Strelow said the council had no plans to provide toilets and showers or a dump point at the site.

It was expected the 240-litre bins around the car park would prove adequate for the disposal of domestic waste generated by the campers.

Cr Strelow said the Rockhampton Rotary Club had offered to provide a number of functions, including a personalised “meet and greet” to campers to promote local services, facilities and tourist attractions.

The council’s parks and recreation committee yesterday voted in favour of the appropriate approvals being sought and the Land Use Management Plan being revised to progress the stopover.

Camping at Washpool would be discontinued when the new site was open.