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Changes coming to City of Albany camp sites

In response to the increased popularity of camping holidays and community feedback about overcrowding at some camping areas, the City of Albany will review the way it manages camp sites under its control.

The City has acknowledged that some camping areas are under pressure due to seasonal overcrowding which is causing environmental damage and an increased risk of fire.

Cosy Corner East has been identified as a priority area following feedback from residents and businesses in the area.

As a result, the City will trial a "Camp Host" program at Cosy Corner East from 10 January 2015.

Camp Hosts will stay on site and act as a friendly liaison for visitors in order to improve the camper experience. Camp Hosts will be available to meet and greet visitors and make sure campers are fully aware of the camp site rules.

The Camp Hosts will also enforce the camp site capacity and the seven day maximum stay in order to reduce overcrowding and the number of campers who stay for extended periods.

City of Albany Rangers will also be a regular and visible presence during this trial to support the Camp Hosts.

City of Albany CEO Graham Foster said the City planned to transition to a fee-based model similar to Department of Parks and Wildlife.

"The City will look to expand the Camp Host arrangements to other sites and introduce a nightly fee in 2015/16, subject to Council approval," Mr Foster said.

"The City welcomes all visitors and intends to provide a safe and secure experience for visitors while protecting the environment, mitigating fire risk and maintaining amenity for locals."

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Background – City of Albany campsites

The City has identified six camp sites to be incorporated into this management trial:

- Cape Riche
- Normans Beach
- Betty's Beach
- East Bay (Two Peoples Bay)
- Floodgates (Torrey)
- Cosy Corner East