

BEACH USER SAFETY

Beaches are used by the community for various activities including relaxation, recreation and nature appreciation. They must be responsibly managed to balance the various needs while acknowledging competing demands.

To ensure safe beaches for all users, the use of the vehicle must comply with the following:

SPEED RESTRICTIONS

10KM/H	Spooky Beach, Brooms Head Beach and Diggers Camp Beach
25KM/H	Within 100m of pedestrians Minnie Water Beach Wooli Beach south of One Tree access
40KM/H	Ten Mile Beach
50KM/H	Maximum for all other beaches

- Pedestrians and other beach users have right of way at all times.
- Driving on beaches is subject to RMS road rules and enforcement. Vehicles must be registered and drivers licenced.
- Only drive on those sections of beaches where vehicles are permitted.
- Only access the beach at approved and signposted access points.
- No parking within 20 metres of a vehicle access point.
- Riding in the rear of utilities, in trailered boats or in a similar unconstrained manner is not permitted. All passengers must be wearing seatbelts.
- Drivers must take measures to avoid congesting vehicle traffic on the beach.

THE BEACH ENVIRONMENT

Beaches are sensitive environments that are home to a range of flora and fauna. They provide an important buffer from the erosive forces of the ocean. When driving on beaches, please observe the following:

- Only access the beach at approved and signposted access points and only drive on sections of the beach where vehicles are permitted.
- Driving or parking on the frontal dune is prohibited.
- Maintain a safe distance from any bird nesting site.
- Whenever possible drive in the intertidal area where the sand is firmer.

PERMITS

To access any beach in CVC area, permits are required for all vehicles except those subject to exemptions as listed below:

- Permits are issued for 1, 6 or 12 months and apply for the financial year. Six month permits apply for the period from January to June inclusive.
- The fee for permits in 2026/27 is \$100 for 12 months, \$50 for six months or \$35 for 1 month (30 days).
- A 20% discount on all permits applies for pensioners. (\$80-year; \$40-6mths Jan to Jun only; \$28-monthly) Pension card must be sighted on application.
- Permits are available from Council customer service centres, selected store/post office and holiday parks.
- To access Wooli Beach (north of One Tree access), Ten Mile Beach, Woody Head, North Sandon and Sandon Beach subject to vehicles also displaying a National Parks and Wildlife pass.

VEHICLES USED FOR DISABLED ACCESS

Vehicle access to certain beaches is restricted to NSW Mobility Parking Scheme permits holders. Access is only for transporting persons with mobility problems, on or off the beach, then;

- Vehicles must be either removed from the beach or parked at a safe distance away from the shoreline (min. 40m where practical).
- No further driving of the vehicle on the beach is permitted.

EXEMPTIONS

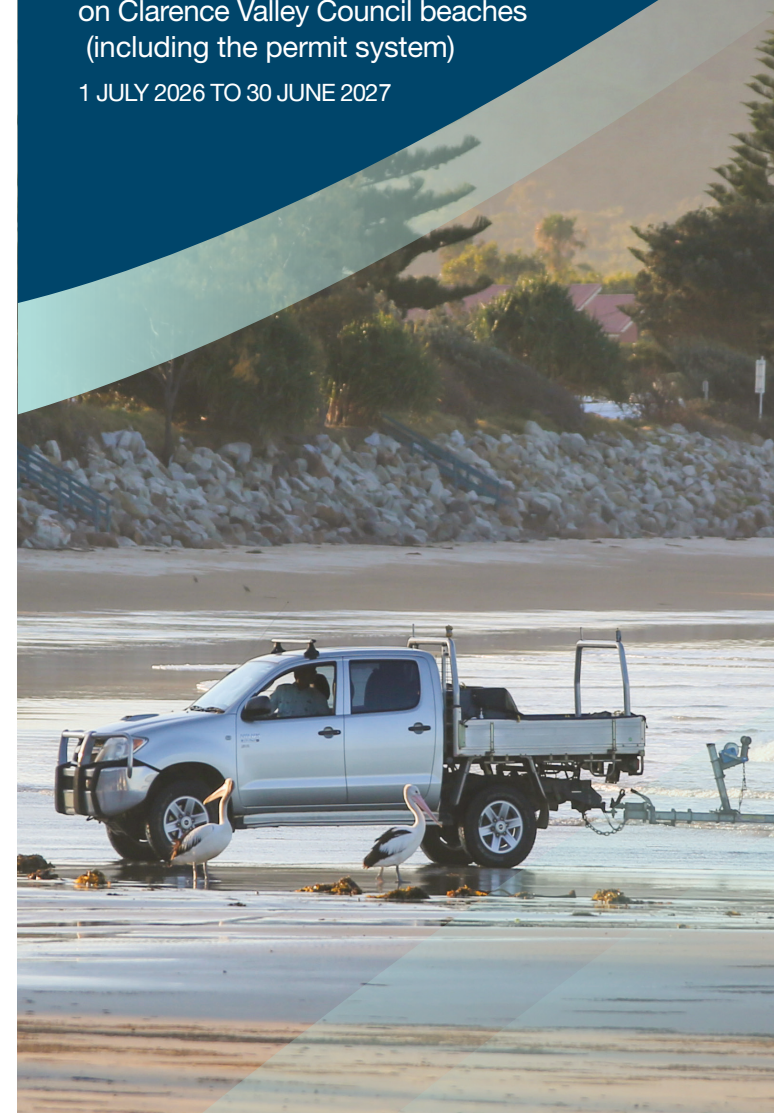
The following vehicles are exempt from purchasing permits. Users must still apply at a Council customer service centre for a vehicle sticker and provide proof of exemption:

- Surf Life Saving Club vehicles when on duty.
- Council officers when on duty.
- Emergency and government department vehicles while on duty.
- Commercial fishers while working.
- Vehicles used for disabled access.
- For residents of Sandon Village to travel through the Yuraygir National Park and directly to the Sandon Village (along Sandon Beach only).

BEACH ACCESS AND VEHICLES ON BEACHES

A guide to the safe use of vehicles on Clarence Valley Council beaches (including the permit system)

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ACCESS LOCATIONS

ILUKA (Iluka Beach)

- Beach access is available at northern end of carpark.
- Wave Trap Beach and Moriarty's Wall Beach is restricted to commercial fishers.

YAMBA (Pippi Beach)

- Restricted to holders of NSW Mobility Parking Scheme Permits (see over page).

ANGOURIE (Spooky Beach)

- Southern end for boat launching and retrieval only.

BROOMS HEAD

- Boat launching and retrieval only.

MINNIE WATER

- During NSW and Queensland school holidays access through Nip Welsh Park is restricted to disabled access.
- All users, including those that are launching or retrieving boats, are to use the Boat Harbour Beach access during this period.
- Vehicle access is not permitted north of Nip Welsh Park access.

DIGGERS CAMP

- Boat launching and retrieval only.

WOOLI BEACH

- Beach access is available north of South Terrace access. Vehicle access is not permitted at the breakwall access.

KEY

-  Beaches where vehicle use is permitted and access is controlled by NPWS (NPWS permit required)
-  Beaches where vehicle use is permitted and access is controlled by Council (CVC permit required)



Beach access point



Boat launching only



Emergency Services only



To be read in conjunction with CVC policy
'Beach Access and Vehicles on Beaches'