

Use of Off-Road Vehicles

Can I drive on the beach?

Yes – but only in certain areas. These are indicated on the Prohibited Beach Areas Map.

What can I drive on the beach?

You may drive any vehicle that is registered for use on a road (ie licenced under the *Road Traffic Act 1974*), except a motorcycle. These are not permitted on any beach within the Shire of Capel.

My vehicle is not registered – where can I use it?

Unfortunately, you are not permitted to use an unregistered vehicle or motorcycle on beaches or reserves within the Shire of Capel.

You may, however, use your unregistered vehicle or motorcycle on private land with the consent of the owner or occupier of the land. You should carry written permission from the owner or occupier whilst driving on private property.

The use of vehicles in off-road areas within the Shire of Capel is managed by the *Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act 1978* and Shire of Capel Local Laws.

Important Information

Please help us keep our dunes and reserves in good condition, and keep you safe.

- Drive only in the designated areas;
- Reduce your tyre pressure – this makes it easier on your vehicle;
- Please take all of your rubbish with you when you leave;
- Do not enter the dune areas, either on foot or in your vehicle, as they are sensitive and easy to damage;
- Sand boarding is prohibited in the sand dunes;
- For your own safety you are required to wear seatbelts (where provided) whilst driving on the beach.

The beaches are frequently patrolled by Rangers and on-the-spot penalties of up to \$100 are applicable if you use your vehicle in an inappropriate manner off-road. Courts may impose penalties of up to \$5000 for offences involving vehicles in off-road areas.

If you have any further queries regarding off-road areas, please contact Community Rangers on 9727 0222 during business hours, or on 0417 953 959.