

Table 2.11 Coastal Camping Sites in the Broome Statistical Local Area

	Management Agency	Type
Barn Hill Station Stay	Kimberley Cattle Station	Powered and unpowered, fees apply
Broome Bird Observatory	Broome Bird Observatory	Unpowered and cabins, fees apply
Willie Creek	Shire of Broome	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, free
Barred Creek	Shire of Broome	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, free
Quondong Beach	Shire of Broome	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, free
James Price Point	Shire of Broome	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, free
Point Coloumb Nature Reserve	Department of Environment and Conservation	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, free
Bindurrk Hideaway	Traditional Ownership Group	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, fees apply
Neem Wonderland	Traditional Ownership Group	Unpowered and cabins, fees apply
Nature's Hideaway at Middle Lagoon	Traditional Ownership Group	Powered and unpowered, cabins, fees apply
Munget	Munget Camel Rides	Unpowered and cabins, fees apply
Chile Creek	Traditional Ownership Group	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, fees apply
Kooljaman	Traditional Ownership Group	Unpowered and safari tents, fees apply
Gambanan	Traditional Ownership Group	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, fees apply
Djoodoon - Bully's Camp	Traditional Ownership Group	Unpowered and cabins, fees apply
Mudnunn	Traditional Ownership Group	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, fees apply
La Djardarr Bay	Traditional Ownership Group	Unpowered, self-sufficient visitors, fees apply

Only a very minor amount of camping occurs in coastal area outside of designated camping areas. Traditional owners do occasionally establish temporary coastal camps to participate in fishing or other cultural activities.

2.8 Conclusion: Coastal Camping in the Rangelands

Visitation trends and coastal camping opportunities are varied along the rangelands coast. Visitation trends for Carnarvon and Broome Statistical Local areas showed that a considerable proportion of visitors were aged over 55 years. It is probable that most of these visitors were not participating in the labour force, and were in the region for recreational reasons. Caravan park accommodation trends also revealed that the areas had numerous accommodation options available for campers seeking serviced camping sites. Other information on coastal camping locations showed that in each area there were a range of managed and unmanaged bush camping sites available for visitors. The availability of a variety of camping options has resulted in the Carnarvon and Broome areas being popular destinations for many campers.

Ashburton, Roebourne and Port Hedland have traditionally attracted fewer campers than Carnarvon and Broome. Visitor trends showed that the majority of visitors were aged between 25 and 55 years. Many visitors to these areas would have been participants in the fly-in-fly-out workforce or on short stay working trips to the region. Caravan park accommodation trends reveal that in Ashburton, Roebourne and Port Hedland there was an increase in the number of permanent and semi-permanent residents. This was a result of accommodation shortages in key settlements which was driven by a growth in the mining workforce and a subsequent growth in the population. The demand for caravan park accommodation (and motel and hotel accommodation) by workers, has resulted in ongoing critical accommodation shortages in the area. Campers, therefore, often had little choice but to camp in bush camping areas. Given that many visitors to the Rangelands prefer serviced camping areas, these Statistical Local areas are often bypassed by travellers.