



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: CPS 7624/1

Duration of Permit: From 27 November 2017 to 27 November 2019

PERMIT HOLDER

Derby Rodeo and Horseriders Association Inc.

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 529 on Deposited Plan 207983, Derby.

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 4.515 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7624/1.

CLEARING NOT AUTHORISED

This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear trees or large shrubs within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7624/1.

CONDITIONS

1. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

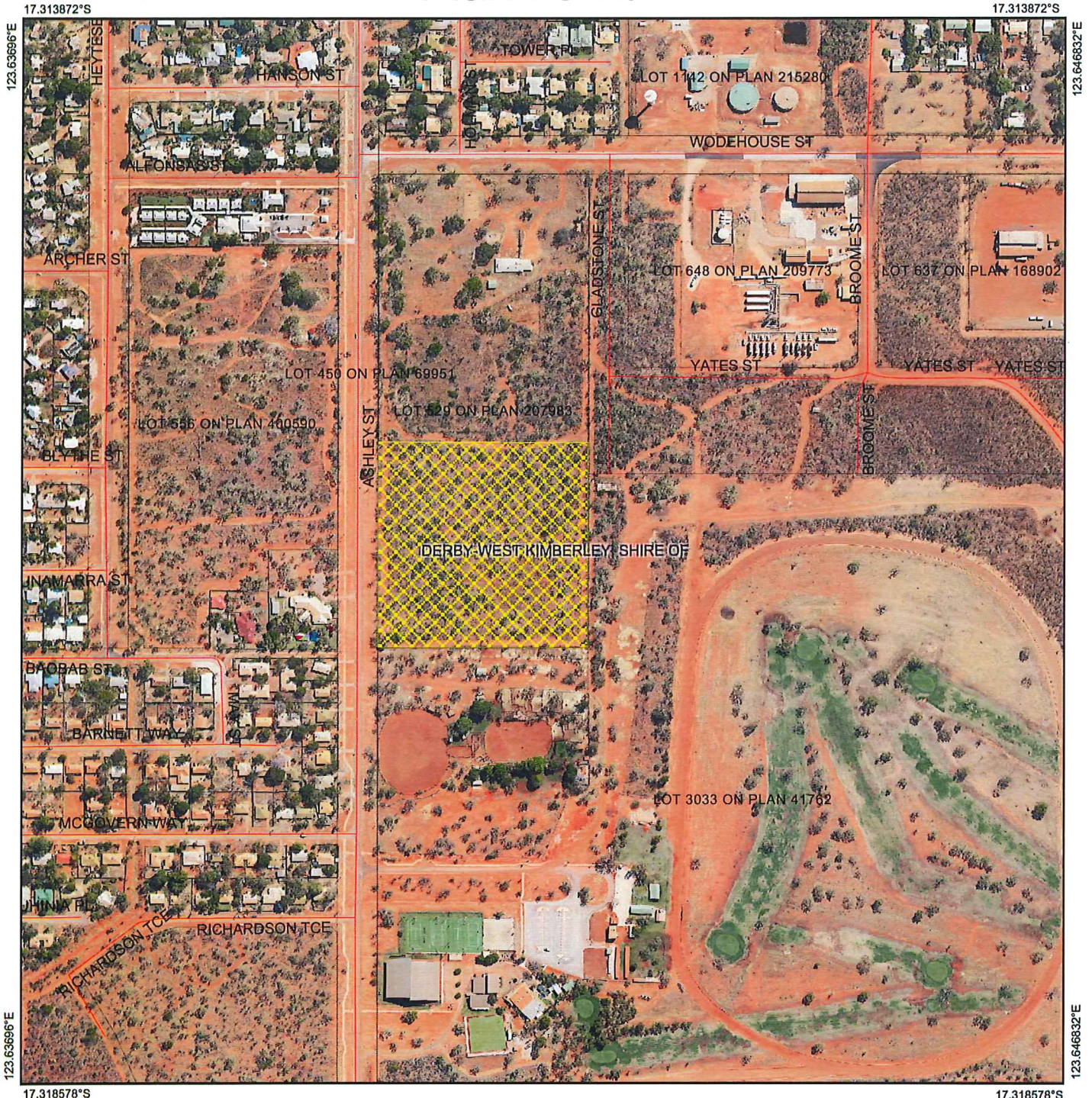
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Mathew Gannaway
MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

*Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

23 October 2017

Plan 7624/1



Legend

-  Roads
-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Local Government Authority



1:5,558

(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

GDA 94 (Lat/Long)

Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

Matthew Connaway Date 23/10/2017

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986



1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7624/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Applicant's name: Derby Rodeo and Horseriders Association Inc.

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 529 on Deposited Plan 207983, Derby
Local Government Authority: Shire of Derby-West Kimberley
DER Region: North West
DPaW District: West Kimberley
Localities: Derby

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
4.515	0	Mechanical Removal	Establishing a camping ground

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 23 October 2017
Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application was received on 1 June 2017 and has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and it has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

The Delegated Officer determined that the proposed clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts.

2. Background

2.1. Existing environment and information

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Mapped Beard vegetation association 764 described as Shrublands, pindan; <i>Acacia eriopoda</i> and <i>Acacia tumida</i> shrubland with scattered low bloodwood and <i>Eucalyptus setosa</i> over ribbon and curly spinifex (Shepherd et al., 2001).	The clearing of 4.515 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 529 on Deposited Plan 207983, Derby, for the purpose of establishing a camping ground.	Degraded; basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance, scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition (Keighery, 1994).	The condition and description of the vegetation was determined by photos supplied by Derby Rodeo and Horseriders Association Inc. (DRHA) and aerial imagery (DRHAa, 2017).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application is to clear up to 4.515 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of establishing a camping ground.

The vegetation within the application area is comprised of a mixture of *Eucalyptus* species, *Bauhinia cunninghamii* and *Adansonia gregorii* (Boab) over *Acacia tumida* over mixed shrubs dominated by introduced species (DRHA, 2017a). The vegetation is considered to be in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

The Dampierland bioregion, Shire of Broome, mapped Beard vegetation association and local area (defined as a 10 kilometre radius around the application area) all retain greater than 98 per cent of their pre-European vegetation extent (Government of Western Australia, 2017).

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, and Attractions (DBCA) advised that the application area is degraded by weeds and previous clearing activities, and is therefore likely to offer marginal environmental values in its current state (DBCA, 2017). DBCA further advised that mature trees are likely to provide the greatest habitat value within the application area (DRHA, 2017). The applicant advised that the proposed clearing will be of undergrowth, such as regrowth of wattles, declared weeds and grasses with all trees and large shrubs to be retained on the premises (DRHA, 2017b).

The DBCA advised that flora and fauna are unlikely to be impacted by the proposed clearing within the application area (DBCA, 2017). Given the above, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on a priority or threatened ecological community, conservation reserves within the local area, rare or priority flora, significant fauna habitat, and is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape.

As no wetlands or watercourses are mapped within the application area and there will be vegetation remaining adjacent to the application area, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on riparian vegetation, contribute to or cause land degradation, deteriorate the quality of ground water or surface water and is not likely to cause or exacerbate flooding.

Given the above, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

Methodology References:
DBCA (2017)
DRHA (2017a)
DRHA (2017b)
Government of Western Australia (2017)
Keighery (1994)

GIS Databases:
- Hydrography, linear
- Hydrography, hierarchy
- Parks and Wildlife tenure
- SAC bio datasets accessed August 2017
- Virtual mosaic

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments The applicant proposes to clear 4.515 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 529 on Deposited Plan 207983, Derby, for the purpose of establishing a camping ground.

The application area is zoned for conservation and natural environments, and secondarily for other minimum intervention use, under the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley town planning scheme. The Shire of Derby-West Kimberley raised no objection to the proposed clearing (Shire of Derby-West Kimberley, 2017).

The proposed clearing occurs in an area that is covered by the following Registered Indigenous Heritage Site – Maradja (ID 20599). It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* and ensure that no Sites of Aboriginal Significance are damaged through the clearing process.

The clearing permit application was advertised on 26 June 2017 with a 7 day submission period. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

Methodology References:
Shire of Derby-West Kimberley (2017)

GIS Databases:
- Aboriginal sites register system
- Town Planning Scheme Zones

4. References

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