



# Keeping Horses

The keeping of horses in the City of Mandurah requires planning approval. The keeping of horses may be approved in the 'Rural Residential', 'Rural' or 'Urban Development' zones (unless covered by an Outline Development Plan) under Town Planning Scheme No. 3. An application for keeping horses in the 'Rural Residential' zone must be advertised to adjoining property owners for their comment for a period of 21 days.

## **How many horses can I keep?**

Stocking rates for the keeping of horses are set out in the Agriculture Western Australia 'Stocking Rate Guidelines for Small Rural Holdings', and are based on soil types, irrigation and feed importation.

The City of Mandurah is generally characterised by the Spearwood soil landscape system. For well drained yellow to brown sands within this system a minimum of 1.7ha is required per horse for non-irrigated pasture and 0.5ha per horse for irrigated pasture. These figures can be used as a guide although soil types may vary for your property, and thus different stocking rates may apply.

Please note that approval from the Department of Water is required prior to the drawing of any groundwater for irrigated pastures.

For the purposes of calculating stocking rates your total lot area is based only on cleared land and does not include remnant bush land, building envelopes, driveways, gardens and buffers.

The stocking rates should:

- Allow for enough feed to maintain animals in good condition, and;
- Avoid soil erosion by providing enough pasture cover to protect the soil throughout the year.

## ***Lake Clifton Catchment Area***

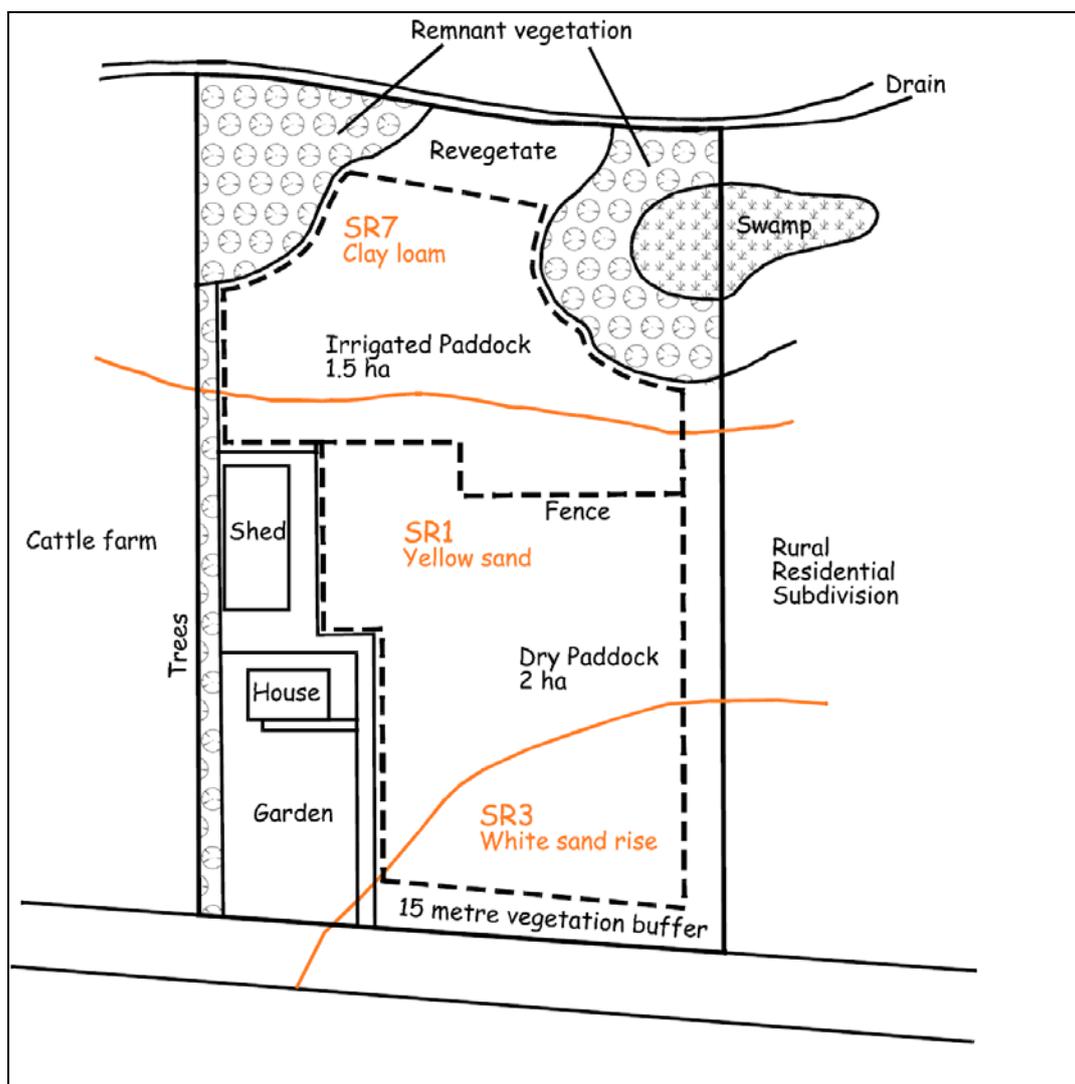
If your property is within the Lake Clifton Catchment, see attached, then more stringent requirements apply. In relation to keeping horses this means that stocking rates are based only on dry pasture and do not include any feed import. Keeping of horses is to be restricted to areas that are parkland cleared and further clearing of remnant bushland for the keeping of horses is not allowed.

## **What information do I need to submit with my planning application?**

When submitting your application for planning approval to keep horses three copies of the following items of information are required:

- Brief description of the project, including land area and the maximum number of horses to be kept;
- A site plan of the whole property, as seen below, showing:
  - Where horses are to be located (details of existing or proposed stables);
  - Location of existing and proposed fencing;
  - Horse exercise areas;

- Lot boundaries;
  - Location of existing buildings;
  - Existing vegetation;
  - Wetlands, drains or water courses;
  - Any feed to be imported;
  - All proposed improvements including waste treatment and disposal facilities; and
  - Contours (or details of land slope).
- Details of waste quantities produced, method of treatment, recycling, disposal or ultimate use; and
  - Details of environmental management practices, such as irrigation and fertiliser application



Site Plan (Agriculture Western Australia 2000, p.11)

For further information on any of the above please contact the City's Planning Services section.

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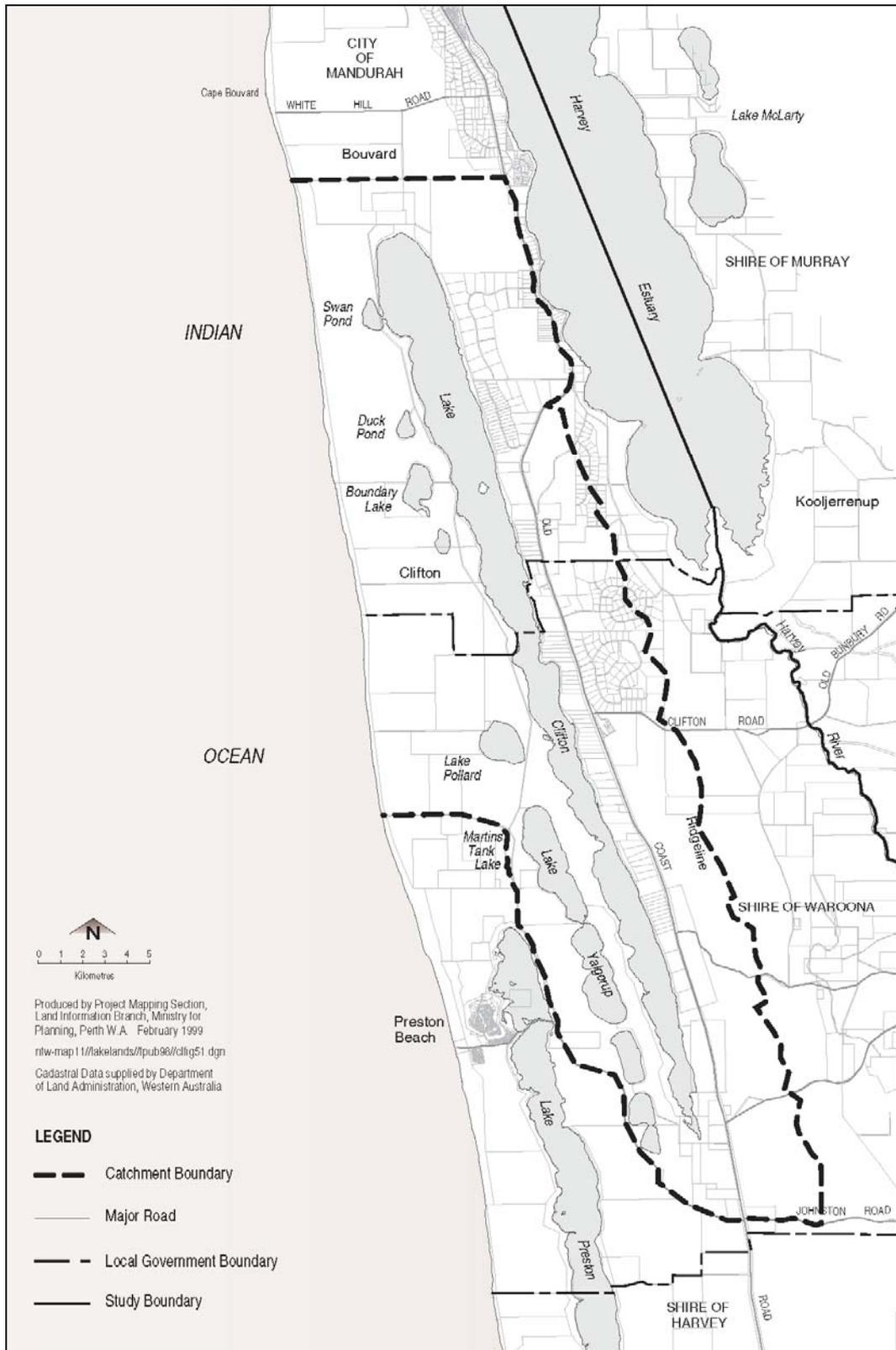


Figure 5.1 Lake Clifton Catchment Boundary (Western Australian Planning Commission 1999, p.52)