

FACTSHEET

Conditions on proposed licence to train horses on beaches between Warrnambool and Port Fairy

The Belfast Coastal Reserve is approximately 750 hectares in size, of which approximately five hectares will be accessible by commercial horse trainers under the special conditions. In other words, commercial training will be prohibited at 99% of Belfast Coastal Reserve.

The number of horses permitted to train on beaches within the Belfast Coastal Reserve will be reduced to a maximum of 65 across the reserve. Before the introduction of the licence, the numbers of horses being trained in the area had increased from about 180 to 250 in two years, with a significant increase in the number of those horses using the beaches.

There are five locations where horse training has historically occurred across the reserve. Of these five locations, one (Killarney Beach) is managed by the Moyne Shire Council and two are managed by Warrnambool City Council (Lady Bay Beach and Levys Beach). The South West Owners, Trainers and Riders Association has agreed to cease training horses at Killarney Beach from 1 December 2016 onwards as a gesture of goodwill.

The table below shows where horse training is now permitted within the reserve, as per the conditions of the new licence.

Location	Conditions
Rutledge's Cutting middle car park eastwards towards Levy's Beach	A 1200-metre stretch will be permitted for horse training, with signage in place, from 1 May to 31 August, Monday to Saturday, dawn to 10am. Maximum of 15 horses per day.
East Beach, Port Fairy, from Park Victoria's car park (Skene's Rd) eastwards towards Mills Reef,	An 800-metre stretch will be permitted, with signage in place, from: 1 December to 1 March, Monday to Friday, dawn to 10am. Maximum of 50 horses per day. 2 March to 30 November, Monday to Friday, dawn to 10am. Maximum of 20 horses per day