Horses on the Foreshore

Horse riding along our coasts is a wonderful privilege and is something many people can only dream of. Council provides this area to enable horses to be exercised safely away from traffic and other hazards. However, the privilege can be taken away where irresponsible people ruin the experience for the responsible people. Out of control or dangerous horse riding, riding or walking your horse in a prohibited area or leaving the area you visited in a worse state than when you arrived – are all things Council would consider if they decided to ban this activity. Please do the right thing for yourself and others who would like to continue to ride or be with their horse on our beautiful coast.

Permitted Times
Council permits the use of its foreshore for horse riding between the hours of 5 am and 8 am daily.

There is also a sandpit area on the foreshore in front of Arthur Street, Semaphore, where you can take your horse to dry off.

Horses are not permitted on the foreshore outside of these hours, except under special circumstance, such as at an event classified by Council as a "Special Event".

In these exceptional circumstances, a permit application form must be completed, and appropriate arrangements must be made and complied with, to Council's satisfaction.

Parking
If you have travelled your horse to the beach via a horse float, the best place to park is in the big car park to the end of Bower Road, Semaphore South. This car park is big enough to accommodate a large towing vehicle and float, and a cul-de-sac arrangement at both ends of this car park allows the vehicle to safely U-turn when exiting.

For the safety of others, please ensure your horse is tethered to your float in an appropriate manner while you are feeding, watering or saddling your horse. Ensure you remove all excess horse feed, manure and any other rubbish from the site around your float and you must leave the area in a pristine condition for other beach users.

Remember! No horses are allowed on the grassed reserve areas as Council staff spend many hours caring for these areas. If you wish to wash your horse down after a swim and roll in the sand, please bring your own water and do so in the car park area or in the sand on the foreshore.

Horse riders must take responsibility for ensuring their horse is under effective control and does not present a risk to other beach users.