



**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF COUNCIL**

**MINUTES  
OPEN MEETING**

**5 November 2019**

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**MINUTES OF AN SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WARATAH-WYNYARD COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 SAUNDERS STREET, WYNYARD ON TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Time Occupied</b>
Open Council	6.08pm	6.53pm	45mins
TOTAL TIME OCCUPIED			45 mins

**AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY**

The Chairman is to declare the meeting open (time), welcome those present in attendance and advise that the meeting will be recorded, in accordance with the Council Policy '**GOV.017 - Audio Recording of Council Meetings**' to "record meetings of Council to assist in the preparation of minutes and ensure a true and accurate account of debate and discussion at meetings is available".

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Tommeginne people, and to pay our respect to those that have passed before us, their history and their culture.

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<b>1.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE</b>
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**1.1 ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Robby Walsh  
Deputy Mayor Dr Mary Duniam  
Councillor Darren Fairbrother  
Councillor Celisa Edwards  
Councillor Allie House  
Councillor Gary Bramich  
Councillor Kevin Hyland  
Councillor Andrea Courtney

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Shane Crawford - General Manager  
Daniel Summers - Director Infrastructure and Development Services  
Samantha Searle - Director Organisational Performance  
Tracey Bradley - Director Community and Engagement  
Sally Blanc - Executive Officer  
Ashley Thornton – Manager Development and Regulatory Services

**1.2 APOLOGIES**

Nil received.

**1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**

Nil received.

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<b>2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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**Councillor and Agenda Item Number**

Nil

**Staff and Agenda Item Number**

Nil

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### **3.0 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

#### **3.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

##### **3.1.1 MR N BOSLEY-PASK - HISTORY OF DOG ATTACKS ON PENGUINS**

Mr Bosley-Pask of Wynyard asked for clarification of comment made in agenda report (4.2) where it states *“after consideration, it is unlikely that restrictions of dogs on beaches will reduce the likelihood of future (penguin) attacks”*. He asked on what evidence this *“consideration”* is based and if the evidence was anecdotal or empirical.

The Manager Development and Regulatory Services advised that the statement was based on the history of dog attacks on penguins where it is shown that attacks are usually by dogs which have escaped or allowed to roam free with no control by their owners.

#### **3.2 PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE**

##### **3.2.1 MRS C. BOSLEY-PASK - BEACH ACCESS**

Mrs Bosley-Pask of Wynyard made a statement regarding dog friendliness of Wynyard and the social benefits of being a dog owner. She also referred to restricted dog zones on beaches as per Council’s brochure and noted that most dogs are not on leash and there are few problems. Mrs Bosley-Pask stated that the proposed off leash area at Port Creek Mouth is too far away (1.1km approx. ) for most people to walk to. She stated that there was no real access point, no car park, beach is rocky and difficult for older people. Mrs Bosley-Pask suggested that part of East Wynyard Beach be made an off leash area / dog exercise area given that dog owners are the highest users of the beach.

##### **3.2.2 MRS J. POTTER - BEACH ACCESS**

Mrs Potter of Wynyard made a statement and noted that there are no other off-lead dog parks/areas in Wynyard and could not see a need to change the all year round exercise beach. She stated she had been walking her dog there for 30 years with no problems.

##### **3.2.3 MR N HIGGINS - ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY**

Mr Higgins of Wynyard made a statement regarding changes to the Animal Control Policy as attached below.

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Mr Mayor, Councillors,

Firstly I would like to ensure that my complete and utter rejection of the proposal to remove the facility for off-leash dog walking on Wynyard Beach is noted.

There are a number of points I would like to make:

1. This facility was negotiated a number of years ago, in good faith by myself on behalf of most, if not all, of those attending this evening and many that can't due to the absurdly short notice of the meeting.  
To have this revoked in such a cavalier fashion is frankly appalling.
2. Many reasons for the facility were cited in the original discussions and submission to Council. I had a petition at the ready and was dissuaded from presenting the petition in order to save the council the cost and effort resulting from such. Such reasons included but are not limited to:
  - a. The exercise value for those walking the dogs.  
Many elderly people make use of this facility to allow their (usually elderly) dogs to naturally engage with other dogs whilst at the same time themselves engaging with people they wouldn't otherwise meet. The toilets and car park are essential infrastructures unavailable at other off-leash areas.
  - b. The community engagement by the dog walkers, meeting other regular walkers. We regularly meet for coffee afterwards, and often during the year, meet for a meal. This will inevitably cease. Thanks for that.
  - c. The socialisation values for the dogs being allowed to behave naturally, meet and greet other dogs, to be able to behave like dogs rather than chained animals.
  - d. It is proposed that the existing Off-Leash areas are sufficient and within walking distance of the beach. What a nonsense argument. The elderly and disabled will not be able to access those beaches as there are no car parks, no toilets and no all-abilities access to the beaches from the roadside. Will council be installing such facilities?  
Most people walk to the beach and back again. To force people to get into a car to drive to the off-leash beaches is counter to all policies designed to increase physical activity and reduce our car use. And not everyone has a car, or cannot afford the petrol daily drives to the beach will use.  
Forcing people to have their dogs on-leash will reduce those using the beach, as what's the point? To have a nice beach that can't be used?  
To misquote Seinfeld's Soup Nazi: say to the dogs: "No beach for you!"  
People simply won't go.
3. The main reason offered for suggesting a major revocation of a well utilised facility is that the signage is difficult to understand. This is frankly insulting to most people.  
If the signs are difficult to understand, change the signs. I offered at the time, when the 1<sup>st</sup> signs were placed, to create a sign that would suffice, but that assistance was refused.  
As a member of the executive of the BCCI, I have worked closely with a Graphic Designer (Design Eye Creative) and am prepared to engage him to work with Council to design a sign that will do the job.

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4. I would also like to point out that it is a rare occurrence for anyone without a dog to be seen on Wynyard Beach (I cannot talk for other areas) before 10am or after 6pm. Specially if the weather is inclement, the tide is in, or it's just plain nasty weather.
- On the other hand, we dog-walkers are down on the beach, seven days a week usually twice a day. Some of us have young(ish) dogs that require the expenditure of the energy required to walk the length of the beach and back again. We gladly take advantage of this facility as the Beach is a beautiful place. To not be able to go there will be devastating.
- This morning there were the usual suspects with their pets, and maybe three other couples walking. No-one else. Last evening, I was the only one on the beach during my walk. This is NOT an unusual occurrence. In fact it is rare to meet anyone other than another dog walker.
- I ask you: WHO are you saving the beach for? WHO is using the beach to the extent that we need to restrict the dogs that are not causing any trouble or nuisance? I will tell you who is NOT using the beach: Those calling for more restrictions on dogs.
5. I would like to address the notion of effective control: Most of those who allow their dogs to run off-leash ARE in control of their dogs. Those dogs that are not under effective control are few and do reflect badly on the rest of us. We do try to educate those owners that their dogs are not under control and will be creating a bad impression for the rest of us as well as being a nuisance and hazardous to OUR dogs.
- We agree that our dogs should only be free IF they can be controlled. Most are. PLEASE, do not punish the majority of well behaved dogs because a few owners cannot be bothered to train their pets.
6. As you mention in the Agenda, the rules are complex.
- I offer a counter proposal:
- a. The period of Off-Leash walking remains the same
  - b. The interim period becomes On-Leash permanently.
  - c. Then there are three zones as per your suggestion:
    - i. Permanent Off-Leash
    - ii. Permanent Dog Free
    - iii. Mixed Zone 10am-6pm On-Leash. Other times Off-Leash
  - d. Signage for this should be simple to create.
7. To finish, I offer the councillors the opportunity to accompany me, or any other dog-walker on the beach in the morning, to see how well-behaved but absolutely overjoyed these dogs are to be able to run free, chase sticks, balls and each other. To run in the surf, to bark at nothing, to dig freely in the sand. To be a dog. To force these dogs on to a lead, where none of this can happen, will be awful.

Please, reject this idea.

Thank You for listening.



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## **4.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

### **4.1 AWARD OF CONTRACT #740 - WYNYARD RECREATION GROUND FENCE REPLACEMENT**

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	23 October 2019
File Reference:	11.01
Enclosures:	1. Tender evaluation - Confidential 2. Endorsed Tender Evaluation Form - Confidential

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#### **PURPOSE**

To determine Council's position in relation to tender submissions received for the replacement of the Wynyard recreation ground perimeter fence

#### **BACKGROUND**

The provision of replacing the existing Wynyard recreation ground perimeter fence has been adopted in the 2019/20 budget for an estimated \$279,790. The aim of the project is to remove the existing perimeter fence, which has been highly susceptible to vandalism and damage, and replace it with a more robust fencing option.

Provision of these works is to be undertaken by an external contract provider, owing to the expense of specialist equipment and skills required, the duration over which the works are to be undertaken and the forecast works scheduling of internal staff.

A call for tenders for provision of these works was published in the Advocate Newspaper and on the Tenderlink website on Saturday 14 September 2019.

#### **DETAILS**

The contract operates as a Schedule of Rates (SoR) contract, based upon estimated quantities to deliver the scope of the project. Tender price comparison and assessment of each individual tender, based upon pre-defined tender criteria, defines the recommendation to Council to award the Contract.

At the close of tenders on 3 October 2019, eight (8) contractors had accessed the tender documents via Tenderlink and three (3) contractors submitted tenders for the works.

Tender submissions received from;

- Civilscape Contracting Tasmania
- 2B Build Pty Ltd
- CBB Contracting Pty Ltd

Each tender submission has been evaluated against a range of weighted key selection criteria by a selected tender review committee. The assessment documents have been provided to Councillors as a confidential attachment.

In considering all other matters associated with the project and tender submission it is recommended that Civilscape Contracting Tasmania be awarded the project with a calculated tender value of \$108,340.

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## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
Our community enjoys access to visually appealing safe spaces and facilities for recreation.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
4.4 Provide and maintain quality and safe places and spaces for physical, social and cultural activities, including shared and multi-use facilities where possible.

### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

<b>Community Future Direction Theme</b>	<b>Key Challenges &amp; Opportunities:</b>
<b>Strong communities and social capital</b>	<b>Enduring community capital</b> – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has adopted a budget of \$279,790 to deliver this project during the 2019/20 financial year. The recommended tender submission is \$108,340, creating a surplus in forecast budget of \$171,450

## RISK IMPLICATIONS

In the conduct of any contract there are risks to Council, including time delays and poor quality of work. The use of experienced contractors coupled with contract documents will minimise any risk to Council. The broad tender assessment, beyond just price, is intended to mitigate risk.

## CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

## CONCLUSION

The tender submission by Civilscape Contracting for the replacement of the Wynyard Recreation Ground Fence is considered the best option available to Council, in taking into consideration all aspects of the tender submission. It is recommended that contract #740 be awarded accordingly.

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MOVED BY	CR BRAMICH
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

**That Council award contract #740 – Wynyard Recreation Ground Fence Replacement to Civilscape Contracting Tasmania.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED unanimously.

**IN FAVOUR**

















MAYOR WALSH	CR DUNIAM	CR FAIRBROTHER	CR EDWARDS
CR HOUSE	CR BRAMICH	CR HYLAND	CR COURTNEY

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## 4.2 AMENDMENTS TO DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Manager Development and Regulatory Services  
Responsible Manager: General Manager  
Report Date: 30 October 2019  
File Reference: Animal control

Enclosures:

1. Existing Dog Management Policy  
2. Wynyard Dog Off Lead  
3. Wynyard Dog On Lead  
4. Somerset Dog Off Lead  
5. Somerset Dog On Lead  
6. Fossil Bluff Dog On Lead  
7. Boat Harbour Beach Dog Restrictions  
8. Sisters Beach Dog Restrictions  

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### PURPOSE

To provide a first round of improvements to Council service provision and compliance relevant to animal control resulting from the delivery of the Animal Control Report in September 2019. The options presented within the Animal Control Report have been workshopped with councillors. This report presents a number of options that can be delivered relatively quickly.

### BACKGROUND

At the May 2019 Council meeting, the following motion was adopted:

*That Council:*

1. Commence, this year, the inclusion of a dog management brochure to be issued annually with the dog registration notice, as an improved information and education measure; and
2. Within 4 months, produce a report detailing areas of opportunity to improve animal control, which includes considering;

- Initiating a compulsory enforcement period or location, regarding public area dog offences.
- Feasibility of after-hours animal control patrols (seasonal or ongoing).
- Publication of a complaint handling framework.
- Development of a suite of dog related resources and education campaign, for print, social media and the council's website.
- Improvement of Councils animal control statistics and data collection

An Animal Control Report was presented to Council in September. This report provided a clear and succinct set of service tasks, outlining the current level of service that staff are adhering to in providing for the management of dogs within the municipal area.

The report also outlined alternative options that provide Council with guidance and costing to consider to either further expand or reduce level of service within the confines of legislative obligations under the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

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## DETAILS

A review of the options within the Animal Control Report has been undertaken with a view to delivering improvements that could be implemented relatively quickly. The identified options were then workshopped with councillors to ensure they were consistent with the motion from the May Council meeting, and also to seek a general level of support prior to presentation at a Council meeting.

There were five general areas identified for improvement:

- Dog restrictions on beaches;
- Signage, particularly signs that address beach restrictions;
- Education materials;
- Patrols and out of hours compliance; and
- Recording of statistics.

For many years Council have received feedback from the community that the existing beach restrictions and associated signage are confusing and difficult to decipher. The signage has been reviewed, and it has been determined that the messaging is complicated, due to the restrictions themselves being complicated. A dog walker currently is required to make an assessment regarding the time of day, month of the year and location along the beach. If the restrictions were simplified, then the corresponding signage can be simplified.

A simplified approach would be moving to three categories of beaches; Dogs Off Lead, Dogs on Lead, and Dogs Prohibited. These are short simple descriptions, with no capacity for misinterpretation.

These categories have been applied to the existing dog beaches, with proposed maps attached to this report. A breakdown of what the changes mean is provided below, by comparing the current restriction with the proposed equivalent.

<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
All year-round exercise beach	Dogs off lead
Restricted (before 10:00am and after 6pm, between 1 December and 28 February and after 10:00am and before 6pm from 1 March to November 30)	Dogs on lead
Prohibited	Dogs Prohibited

By simplifying the restrictions, dogs will be required to be on leads all year round on the restricted beaches. This is an increase in restrictions, with less areas available for dogs off lead in the colder months. However, dogs on lead beaches are generally located adjoining dogs off lead areas. Therefore, dogs can easily be walked to the off-lead beaches. The only exception to this is Fossil Bluff, which is proposed as a dogs on lead beach, with no adjoining off lead beach.

Maps demonstrating the proposed dog beaches are attached to this report. The most popular recreational beaches have been designated as dogs on lead, with all other beaches (where dogs are not prohibited) designated as dogs off-lead. This is consistent with the current restrictions.

New signage will be required to support the proposed beach classification system. A traffic light style system is recommended.

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Green	Dogs Off Lead
Yellow	Dogs On Lead
Red	Dogs Prohibited

Signage will be kept simple, with minimal words and reliance on the colour system and pictures. An education program will also accompany any changes.

It is also acknowledged that signage is provided on the foreshore but is not visible once on the beach. Therefore, it can be difficult to determine which designated area you are in. It is proposed that coloured bollards or similar are provided on the beachside, so that dog walkers can easily determine what zone they are in.

If the beach restrictions progress as per the recommendation, the changes are expected to be able to be implemented before the end of summer. Timeframes will be subject to the making of new signs, and Crown consent to erect the signs. Signage would not be prepared prior to a final decision on the proposed beach restrictions, after the feedback from the community consultation has been considered.

There is no proposal to extend the prohibited beaches. Council has been requested to review its restrictions for dogs accessing beaches following a recent attack on penguins at Doctors Rocks. Parks and Wildlife Services have requested that the current prohibited area be extended further to the west as far as Burntwood Point, as the penguin colonies have expanded beyond the boundaries of the current prohibited area. This is an extension of approximately 1.2km. After consideration, it is unlikely that restrictions of dogs on beaches will reduce the likelihood of future attacks. There has been no evidence that those exercising dogs off lead and under effective control are responsible for any attacks on penguins. Attacks are likely due to dogs being at large or stray dogs.

Improved material to educate dog owners of their responsibilities has been identified as a key action for Council. To address this, it is proposed that existing material will be reviewed and updated for inclusion on Council's new website when it becomes available. The updated information will be based on best practice from other councils. Processes and flow charts that address typical complaints/enquiries will also be developed for education and transparency. This work would complement current Q&A's on the Council website. One of the first areas for community education and awareness would be any changes to the Dog Management Policy as a result of the recommendations put forward in this report.

It is recommended that Council engage a contractor to undertake out of hours patrols between 1 December 2019 and 28 February 2020, focussing on compliance with dog beach and camping restrictions. The patrols will occur on weekends but will randomly occur throughout this period. This service has been budgeted for within the current budget.

Internal administrative processes will be amended to ensure all animal management enquiries are entered into Council's Conquest system. This will allow for more accurate statistics to be captured, as well as providing a monitoring system that issues a reminder where an action has not been closed out.

The existing Dog Management Policy is attached. The only section suggested to change as a result of this report, and subject to consultation, is the Declared Dog Areas part of the policy document.

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## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory Requirements

The review of Council's Dog Management Policy in accordance with Section 7 (4) of the *Dog Control Act 2000*. Some of the recommendations presented will require amendment of the Dog Management Policy. Any amendment of the policy requires community consultation.

#### **7. Dog management policy**

- (1) A council is to develop and implement a policy relating to dog management in its municipal area.
- (2) A dog management policy is to include the following:
  - (a) a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs;
  - (b) the provision of declared areas;
  - (c) a fee structure;
  - (d) any other relevant matter.
- (3) A council is to –
  - (a) invite public submissions relating to a proposed dog management policy; and
  - (b) consult with any appropriate body or organisation; and
  - (c) consider any submissions and results of any consultation before finalising the policy.
- (4) A council is to review its dog management policy at least once every 5 years.
- (5) In reviewing its dog management policy, a council is to take the actions referred to in [subsection \(3\)](#).

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
We highly value the use of an evidence-based approach to the development and implementation of strategies and policies that support and strengthen our decision making.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
1.8 Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.
<b>GOAL 2: Organisational Support</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
We are future-focussed and value continuous improvement.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
2.6 Lead a positive and supportive culture which is resilient and adaptive to change.

### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

<b>Community Future Direction Theme</b>	<b>Key Challenges &amp; Opportunities:</b>
<b>Natural resource management</b>	<b>Managing abundant, natural and productive resources</b> – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>Maintaining good health and wellbeing</b> – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
<b>Place making and liveability</b>	<b>Liveable places for all ages</b> – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

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## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Adoption of the changes to the beach restrictions will trigger the need to review and update the Dog Management Policy.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Appropriate funds to engage a contractor over the summer period are included within the 2019-2020 budget.

There will be a small budget impact for the signage required for amending any of the beach restrictions.

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The intent of the changes is to simplify and make consistent beach use for dog owners. There may be some criticism of proposed changes by the community, however opportunity is now available for comment.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Formal community consultation will be required should Council determine to amend the dog restrictions on beaches. Changing these restrictions requires an amendment to the Dog Management Policy, and any amendment of the Dog Management Policy requires a period of community consultation. Under the *Dog Control Act 2000*, a change to the policy requires a consultation period of 15 days, including an advertisement in the newspaper. Consultation would follow very quickly after Council's decision to allow for the 15-day consultation period, and then time to review the responses before reporting back to Council with the community input at the December Council meeting. A final decision on the beach restrictions will be required, with the policy amended accordingly.

## **CONCLUSION**

Options have been provided for Council consideration in setting the service level standards for animal control. From this report, a series of options have been selected that would be relatively quick to deliver, while also resulting in better and or clearer outcomes for the community. These changes require public consultation, with the feedback from the consultation to be considered at Council's December meeting before making a final decision on whether or not to proceed with the changes to the Dog Management Policy.

MOVED BY	CR COURTNEY
SECONDED BY	CR HOUSE

### **That Council:**

- 1. Commence consultation on the proposed changes to the Dog Management Policy;**
- 2. Improve dog owner education by updating information on the new council website as it becomes available, including the provision of flowcharts to explain Council's processes in dealing with common enquiries; and**
- 3. Engage a contractor to undertake patrols outside of business hours, commencing from 1 December 2019 through to 28 February 2020.**



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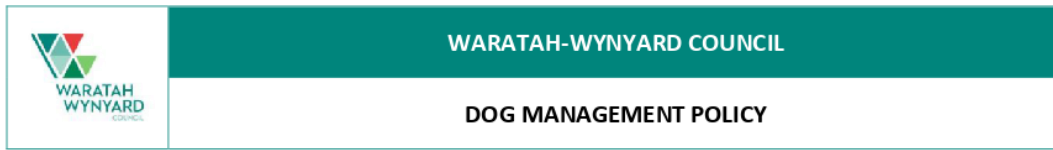
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IN FAVOUR

MAYOR WALSH	CR DUNIAM		CR EDWARDS
CR HOUSE	CR BRAMICH	CR HYLAND	CR COURTNEY

AGAINST

		CR FAIRBROTHER	



**1. SCOPE**

1.1 This policy applies to the General Manager and all staff, together with all dog and non-dog owners within the Waratah-Wynyard Municipal Area to meet legislative requirements of Council with regards to the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Dog Management Policy is to:

2.1 Ensure that all dog owners within the Municipal Area have a complete understanding of their obligations under the *Dog Control Act 2000*; and

2.2 To define the obligations and responsibilities of Council staff and dog owners for the effective management of dogs within Waratah-Wynyard Municipal Area.

**3. POLICY STATEMENT**

3.1. The Council understands the importance of dog companionship within Waratah-Wynyard Municipal Area;

3.2. The Council will administer all provisions of the *Dog Control Act 2000* within available resource allocation and consistent with its priorities for service provision;

3.3. In administering the provision of the *Dog Control Act 2000* the value of education and the delivery of information for dog owners and non-dog owners is the first guiding principle to be adopted by Council staff. Regulatory measures are to be used where education has previously been provided and a subsequent offence is detected, or in the instance of a serious offence;

3.4. The Council will work together with the community to reduce the risk from anti-social and straying dogs through education, routine patrols, and the prompt investigation of concerns and complaints of dog-related issues.

3.5. The Council will provide an emergency out-of-hours service to respond to reports of dog attacks and dogs at large that are causing a traffic hazard on a major road and, where a dog at large has been restrained within a property, arrange collection for the next working day when practicable;

3.6. The Council will provide dog exercise areas (as defined in Dog Recreation Areas) that recognise the needs of people and their dogs, taking into account any negative impacts on the environment;

3.7. The Council will actively support and promote responsible dog ownership through the development of a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs (as defined in Code of Responsible Dog Ownership);

3.8. It is the responsibility of all dog owners to comply with the Responsible Ownership of Dogs Code; and

3.9. The Council will develop and maintain a dog management fee structure (as defined in Dog Management Fee Structure).

**Legislative Requirements – *Dog Control Act 2000* – s7**

**Related Procedures/Guidelines:**

Code for Responsible Dog Ownership

Declared Dog Areas

Management Fee Structure

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Owning a dog has great benefits to people’s health, wellbeing and stress levels by exposing the owner to social interaction, companionship and cardiovascular exercise whilst out walking your dog enjoying what your local community has to offer. The following Code of Responsible Dog Ownership is provided to assist dog owners and their families to appreciate the value of owning a dog, while lessening any negative impacts on the broader community.

It is the responsibility of every dog owner whilst in the Municipal Area of Waratah-Wynyard to: -

- a) Ensure that the size, breed and activity level of the dog that you wish to select is appropriate to your current circumstances;
- b) Ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is provided with sufficient exercise, health care, food, water and shelter;
- c) Seek advice when necessary on any aspect of dog ownership and care from appropriate information sources and professional bodies, including Veterinarian Surgeons;
- d) Ensure that your dog is effectively socialized and receives adequate training from a young age;
- e) Ensure that your dog wears an appropriate collar with a current registration tag attached, and is microchipped. In the case of a guide or hearing dog that they wear the tag attached to the harness;
- f) Ensure that the dog is registered with Council when it reaches six (6) months of age;
- g) Notify the Council of any change of ownership details, including the loss or death of the dog;
- h) Ensure that the dog is kept under effective control at all times and is confined to your property in your absence;
- i) Ensure that your dog does not foul any public places, or if it does, that the faeces is collected and appropriately disposed of;
- j) Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not cause a nuisance to any other person, whether by persistent and loud barking or howling or by any other means;
- k) Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not injure, endanger, intimidate or otherwise cause distress to any person or animal;
- l) Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not damage or endanger any property belonging to any other person;
- m) Take all reasonable steps to ensure that your dog is not provoked or encouraged to attack, menace, intimidate, harass, cause stress or discomfort to any person or animal whether in a public place or any person attending business on your property;
- n) Ensure that your dog is not allowed in any prohibited area or in a restricted area during restricted time frames;
- o) If you have no intention to breed with your dog, it is highly recommended to have that animal de-sexed before 6 months of age;
- p) Apply for a kennel licence if more than two (2) dogs over the age of six months or four working dogs are housed on the property;
- q) All dogs subject to impoundment through being at large or pursuant to other action under the *Dog Control Act 2000* will be kept at the Burnie Dogs Home, 170 Stowport Road, Burnie - Phone 6431 6199 in accordance with the Act; and
- r) Comply with the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

**As a Council we will strive to:**

- (a) Acknowledge the significance that an obedient, healthy and well cared for dog can contribute to the community;
- (b) Actively encourage responsible dog ownership within the community;
- (c) Ensure Council’s dog policy, strategy and procedures balance the community expectations for both dog and non-dog owners;
- (d) Make available exercise and recreational areas that are as safe as possible and that meet the needs for both dog and non-dog owners alike;
- (e) Provide routine patrols of the Municipal area to engage with the Local Community, promote responsible dog ownership and use their professional judgement to enforce the *Dog Control Act 2000* in line with Councils *dog Management Policy*; and
- (f) Actively enforce the provisions of the *Dog Control Act* to achieve effective control of dogs.

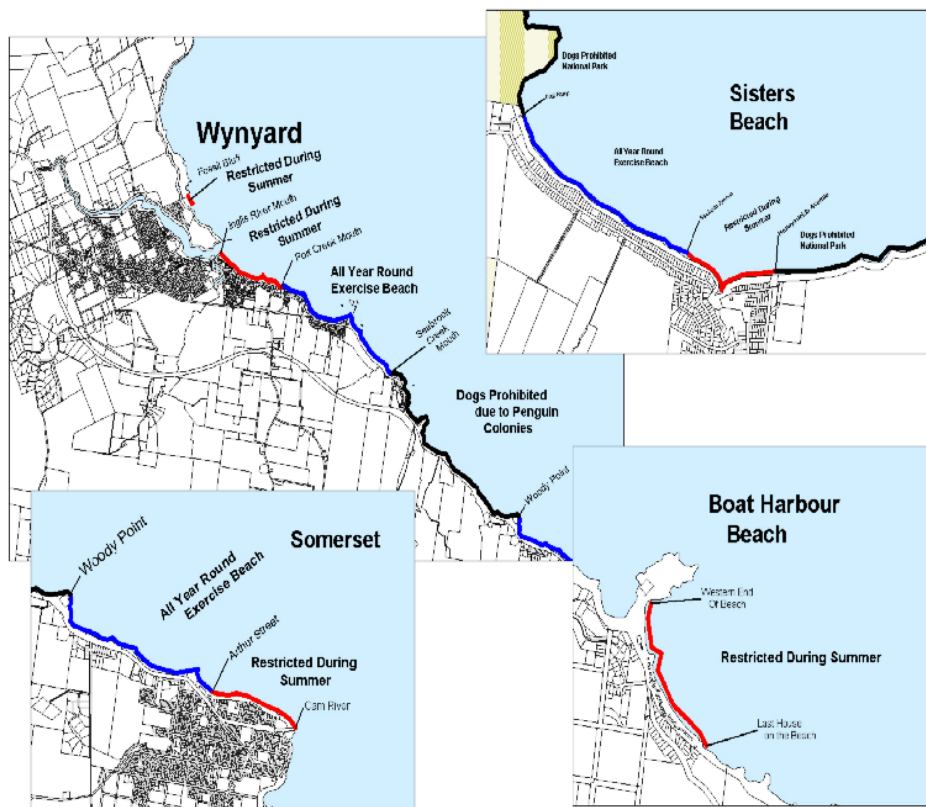
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**DECLARED DOG AREAS**

1. Council will strive to uphold a fair balance within the community and the environment and in accordance with the *Dog Control Act 2000*, Council may declare and regulate parts of the municipality to be:
  - 1.1 Dog Exercise areas (all dogs under effective control).
  - 1.2 Restricted exercise areas (Dogs not permitted during 10:00am – 6:00pm daily from 1 December to 28 February).
  - 1.3 Prohibited areas (Dogs prohibited from entering other than guide/hearing dogs).
2. Council will supply and maintain signage at appropriate access points to clearly identify declared areas and displaying restricted timetables for dog access. The following maps outline those declared areas:



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Dog registration fees have a positive impact for both Council and the community. Registration fees go towards providing a Council dog management service with safe and enjoyable surroundings free from any negative impacts from dogs to the wider community. Dog tidy bags are strategically located along the forshore and if your dogs accidentally strays from home wearing a valid registration tag, it can then in most cases be swiftly reunited to loved ones.

Council will determine fees and charges for dog management based on a dog that has not been de-sexed and the following fees will be a percentage of that base rate. Each year Council will offer a discounted re-registration fee for all dog owners who re-register their dogs before 31 July.

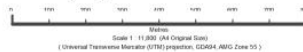
CLASS	DESCRIPTION	%
UNST	Dog	100%
WORK	Working Dog	50%
BREED	Registered Breeder	50%
GREY	Registered Greyhound	50%
STER	Sterilised Dog (Certificate required)	25%
PEN	Dog Owned by pensioner	
	-one dog (either sex) -each subsequent dog	25% 100%
GUID	Guide Dog	0%
KEN	Licence to keep multiple dogs	200%
DANG	Declared Dangerous Dogs	300%
OTHER FEES	Investigation and report fee (Estimated \$75)	At Cost

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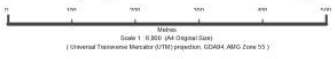


**Enclosure 3 Wynyard Dog On Lead**



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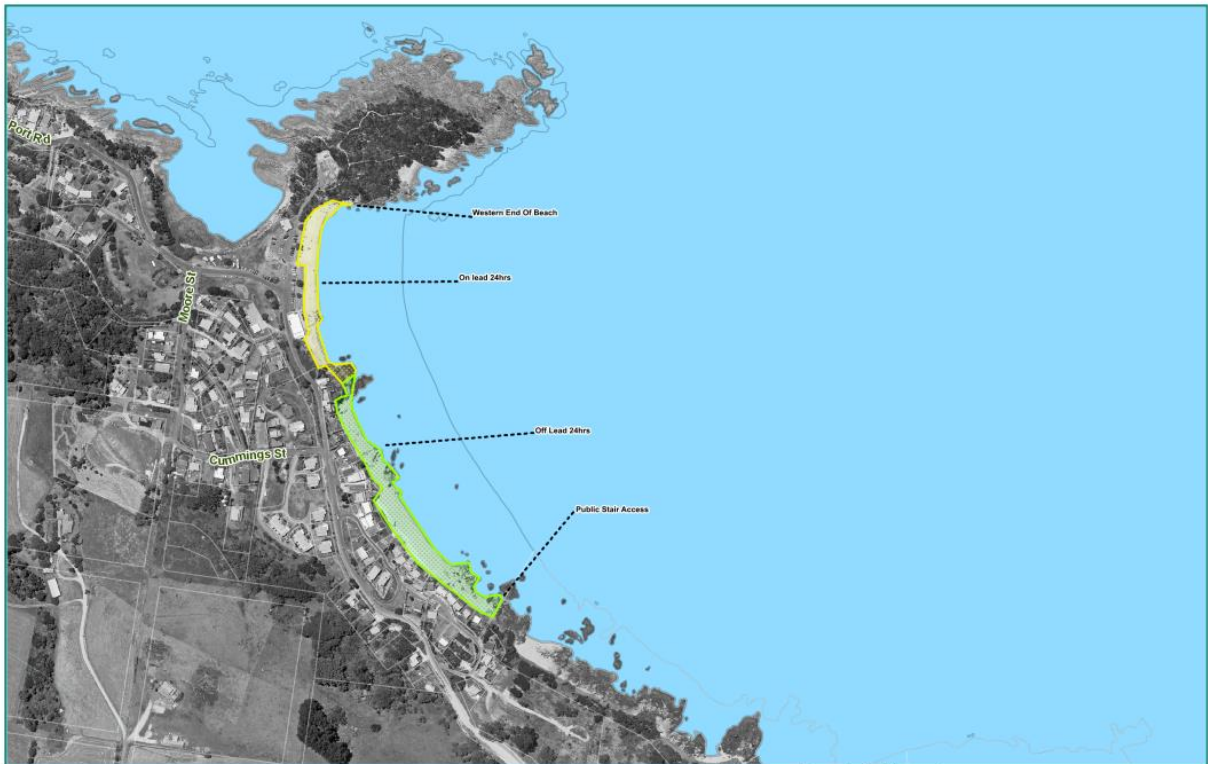
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**Enclosure 7 Boat Harbour Beach Dog Restrictions**



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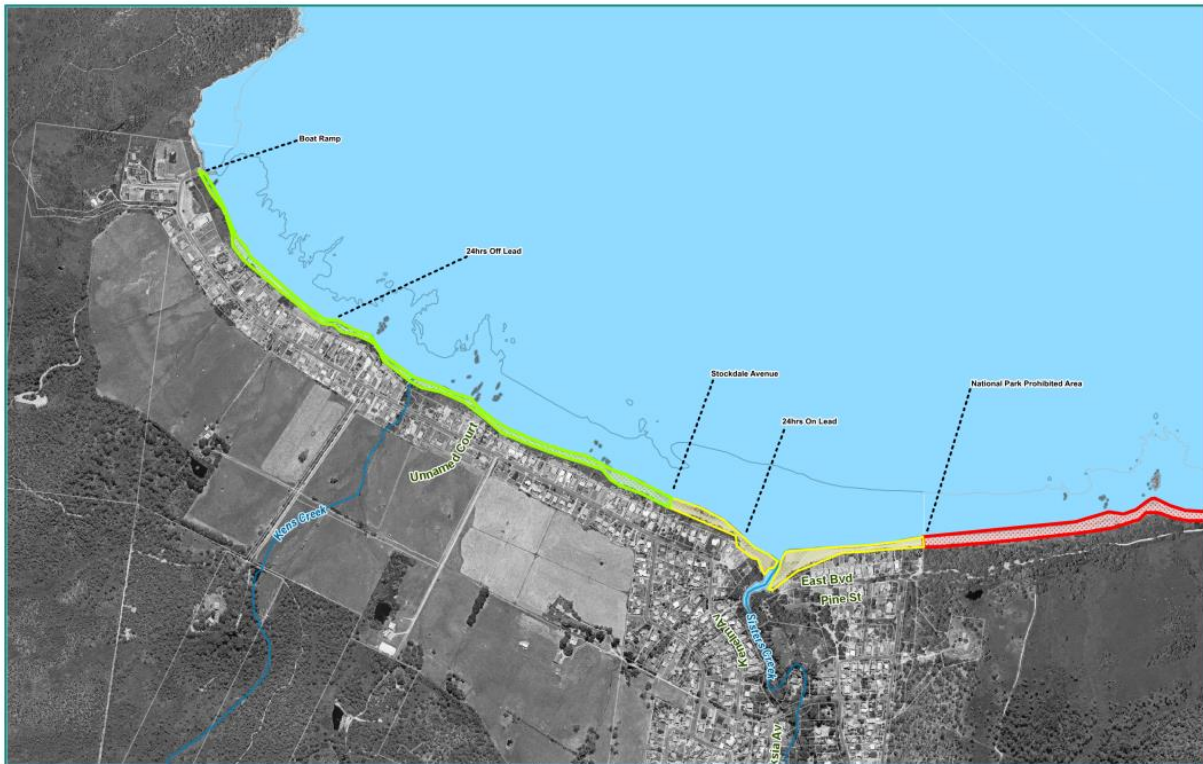


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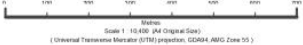
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<b>3.0 MATTERS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED MEETING</b>
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No items in this agenda have been recommended for consideration in Closed Session.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED  
AT 6.53PM**

Confirmed,

MAYOR  
18 November 2019