

DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY

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.
- 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 DOCUMENTS:

Code for Responsible Dog
Ownership Declared Dog Areas
Management Fee Structure

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CODE OF RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

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;

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- (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.

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 Dogs Off Lead (provided dogs are under effective control)
 - 1.2 Dogs On Lead between 10am and 6pm (Dogs Off Lead all other times)
 - 1.3 Dogs Prohibited (Dogs prohibited from entering other than guide/hearing dogs)
2. The declared areas are to be identified through a traffic light style colour system, as described below:

Green	Dogs Off Lead
Yellow	Dogs On Lead
Red	Dogs Prohibited

3. Council will supply and maintain signage at appropriate access points to clearly identify declared areas. The following maps outline those declared areas:

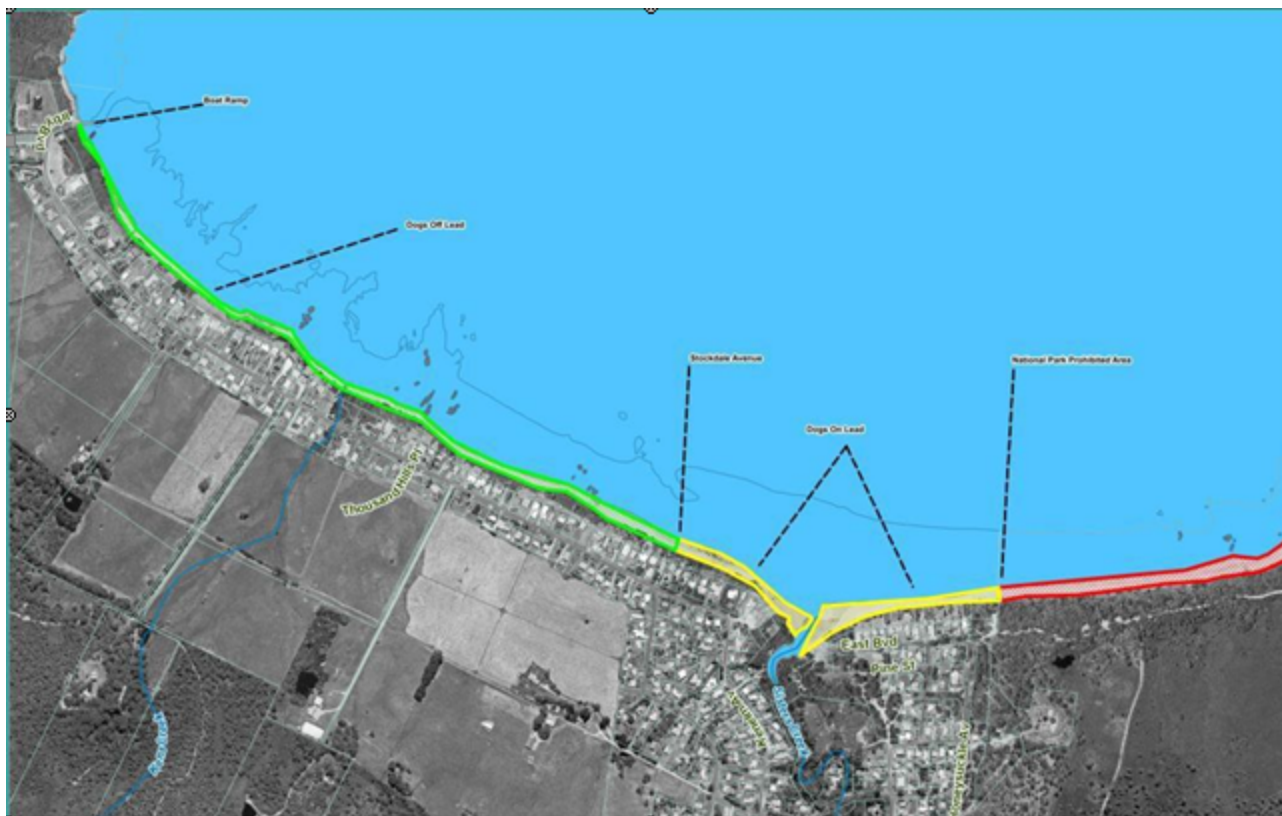


Figure 1. Sisters Beach – Declared Dog Areas

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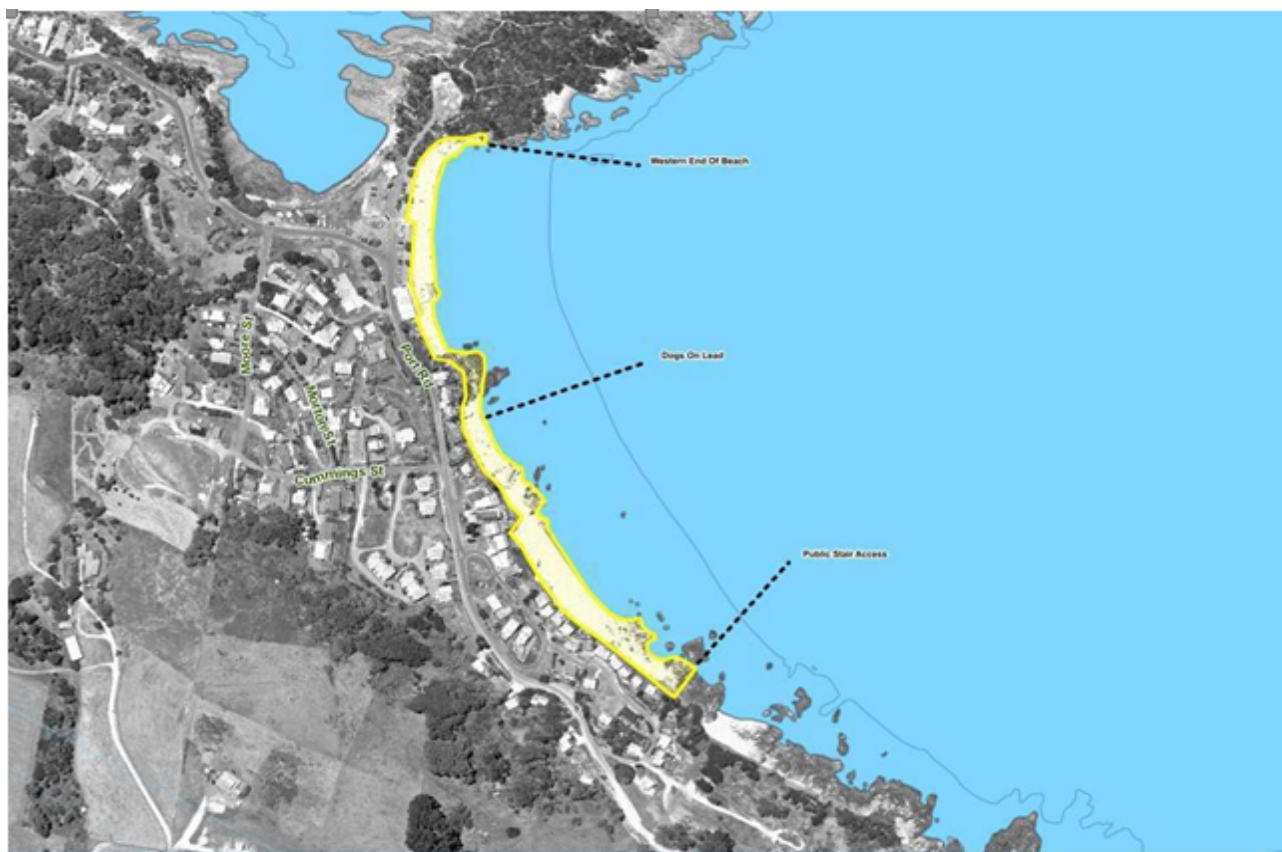


Figure 2. Boat Harbour Beach – Declared Dog Areas



Figure 3. Fossil Bluff – Declared Dog Areas

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Figure 4. Wynyard – Declared Dog Areas



Figure 5. Wynyard – Declared Dog Areas

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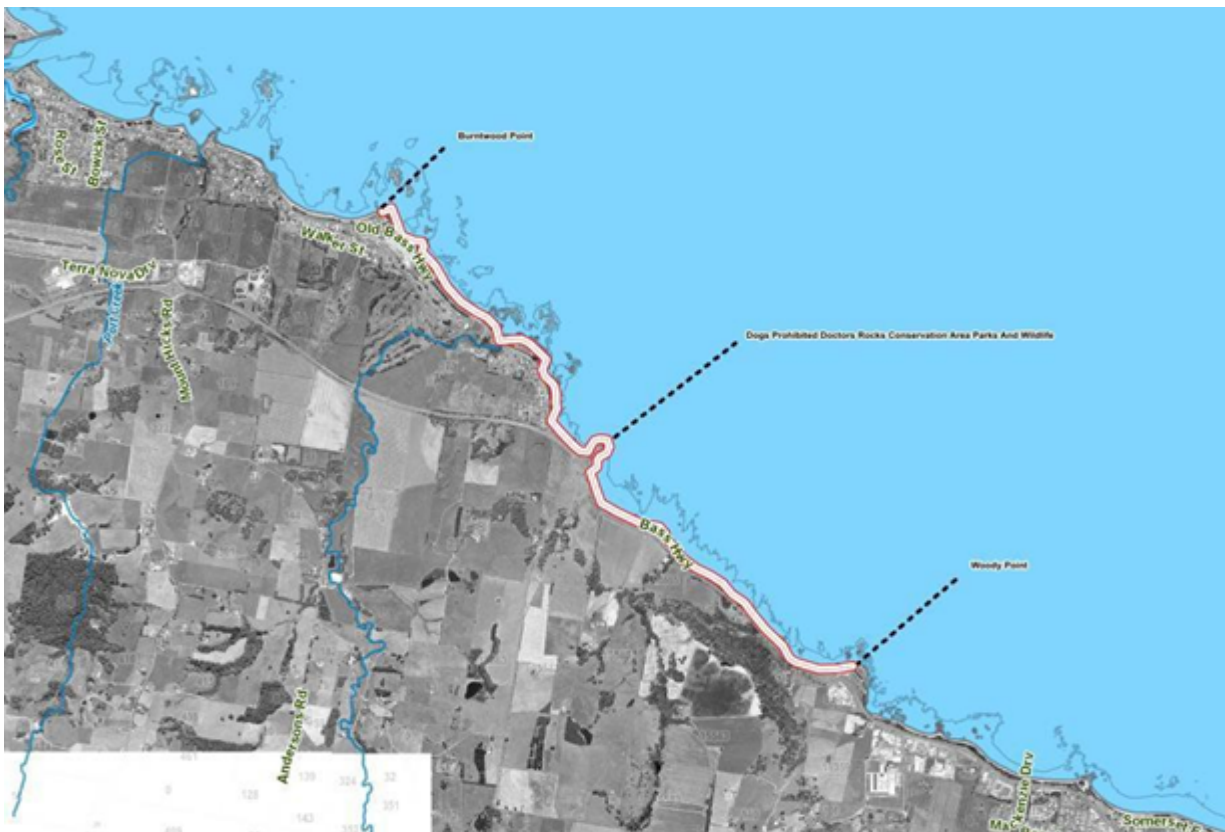


Figure 6. Doctors Rocks – Declared Dog Areas

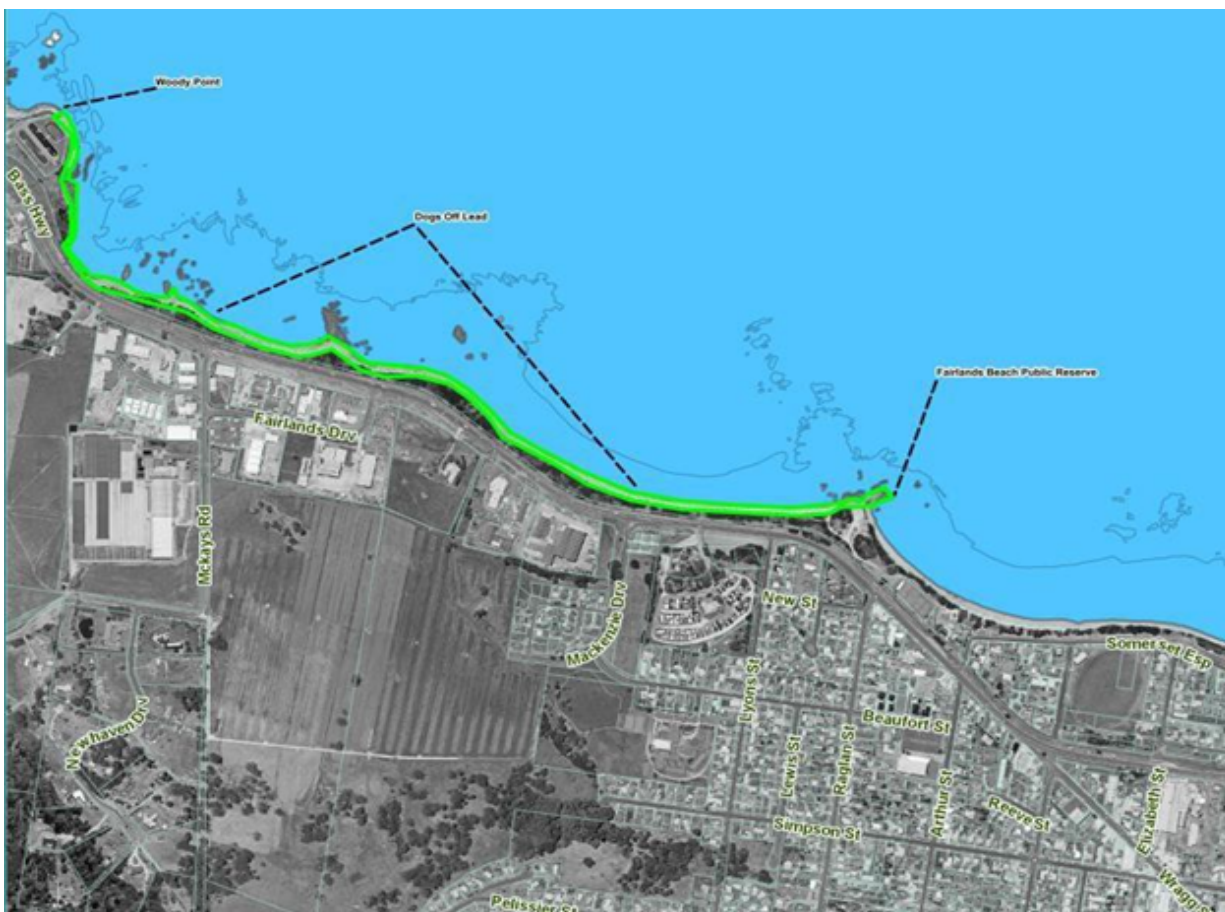


Figure 7. Somerset – Declared Dog Areas

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Figure 8. Somerset Declared Dog Areas

DOG MANAGEMENT FEE STRUCTURE

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 foreshore and if your dog 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