

GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL

Dog Management Policy 2014-2019

Part A

#### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this Dog Management Policy are to:

- Ensure owners of dogs in the Glamorgan
   Spring Bay Municipal area comply with the requirements of the Dog Control Act, 2000;
- Actively promote responsible dog ownership through education and information, supported by regulatory measures when required and;
- Provide for reasonable exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners whilst respecting the rights of the broader public and protecting natural values.

### 2. SCOPE

This policy relates to all areas within the Glamorgan Spring Bay Municipality. Recommended declared areas cover public land owned or managed by Crown Land, the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council (the Council), and the Parks and Wildlife Service. Areas can also be declared on private land when requested by the landholder if the land is accessible by the public (such as beaches with a high tide title).

### 3. POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

The *Dog Control Act 2000* came into effect on 2nd April, 2001. This legislation has repealed the *Dog Act 1987*, and therefore, becomes the primary legislation in this area.

Section 7 of the Dog Control Act 2000 requires the Council to develop and implement a policy relating to dog management within its municipal area.

A Dog Management Policy is to include the following:

- A code relating to responsible ownership of dogs.
- The provision of declared areas.
- A fee structure.
- Any other relevant matter.

### **DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY – PROCESS**

That the Council is to:

- Invite public submissions relating to a proposed Dog Management Policy, and
- Consult with any relevant body or organisation, and
- Consider any submissions and consultation outcomes before finalising the Policy.

### **DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY – REVIEW**

A Council is to review its *Dog Management Policy* at least once every five years.

### **CODE OF RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP**

It is the responsibility of every dog owner to:

- Ensure that the dog is kept under control at all times;
- Ensure that their animals do not foul public places;
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not cause a nuisance, injure, endanger, intimidate, or otherwise cause distress to any person;
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife;
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not damage or endanger any property belonging to any other person;
- Ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter;
- Ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise; and
- Comply with the Dog Control Act, 2000.

### **FEES**

Council annually sets a fee structure reflecting the costs of Dog Management control. It is expected that dog owners pay a reasonable portion of the costs incurred by Council.

- 1. The entire system of Dog Control throughout the municipality is dependent on the ability of Council Officers to identify a dog's owner via the dog registration system which is a vital link needed to enforce the regulations and provisions of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.
- 2. All dogs six months of age or over are required to be registered.
- 3. The Council will continue to provide reduced registration fees for desexed dogs in order to reduce the instances of unwanted or abandoned dogs. Fees will be reduced for persons registering their dog before 31st July.
- 4. A discount will also be offered to pensioners for one dog only, any other dog incurs standard registration fees.
- All relevant fees will be reviewed annually.
   The Council will take into consideration other Council's proposed fee structure to ensure all related dog fees maintain a level of consistency.
- The Council will transfer dog registrations from other Tasmanian Council's at no cost to the dog owner, provided the registration is for the same registration period.
- 7. A maintenance (pound keeping fee) will be charged for every day impounded. An infringement notice will be issued in accordance with the *Dog Control Act 2000 Section 16(1) "failure to ensure a dog is not at large"*. All fees must be paid before the dog will be released.

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

All Registration Fees will be determined by the Council on an annual basis Pursuant to Section 9(2)(a)(b) of the Dog Control Act 2000. Details are available from Council Offices 6256 4777 or the website www.gsbc.tas.gov.au

### **KENNEL LICENCES**

Where a person keeps more than two dogs (or, in the case of working dogs, 4 dogs) on any property they must apply to the Council for a Kennel Licence.

A notice of intention to apply for a kennel licence must be published in the public notices section of the Mercury and/or the Examiner Newspaper on any day except Sunday in the prescribed format.

Any person residing or owning land within 200 metres of the boundary of the property to which a licence relates may object to the granting of the licence within 14 days after the notice is published.

Any objection is to be in writing and set out the reasons for the objection.

### **Application Processing**

The Council cannot consider an application until twenty eight (28) days after the publication of the "Notice of Intention to Apply for Kennel Licence".

A Council Officer will inspect a property applying for a kennel licence including all kennels and yards.

An application will not be considered until all dogs kept on the property seeking a kennel licence are registered.

### **Decision to grant a Licence**

In reaching a decision as to whether to grant a licence and in considering what conditions, if any, shall apply to the licence, the General Manager may take into account any relevant objections.

The site inspection report will be considered together with any other matters that relate to public health and environmental laws.

The likelihood of kennelled dogs creating a nuisance by barking or otherwise will be

taken into consideration.

Where the application is successful, the licence will be issued together with a covering letter drawing the licence holder's attention to the conditions that apply to the licence, and expiry date of the licence.

Where a licence is refused the applicant will receive written notification.

# Refusal to Grant, Cancel or Renew a Licence

The General Manager on the recommendation of an Authorised Officer may refuse to grant a licence if he is of the opinion that:

- The premises are unfit for the purpose of keeping the number and type of dogs applied for;
- It would be in the public interest not to grant the licence.
- Renewal of a licence may be refused if the Council is of the opinion that:
- The requirements of the Dog Control Act and the Public Health Act are not being complied with;
- The condition of the premises is creating a nuisance;
- The requirements of the Dog Control Regulations are not being complied with;
- It is in the public interest that the licence not be renewed.
- A licence may be cancelled at any time if the Council is satisfied that:
- The premises do not comply with the Dog Control Regulations;
- Laws relating to public health and environmental protection are not being complied with;
- That the conditions of the licence are not being complied with.

If Council Refuses to Grant, or Renew, or Intends to Cancel a Licence, an appeal to a magistrate may be made.

An appeal shall:

- Be instituted by giving written notice to the Clerk of Petty Sessions on the prescribed form;
- Be accompanied by the prescribed fee;
- Be made within the prescribed time (21 days of the date of notifying the Council); and
- Otherwise be instituted in the prescribed manner.

At the hearing of an appeal, the magistrate may:

- Dismiss the appeal; or
- Direct the Council to grant or renew the licence;
- Quash the Council's decision to cancel the licence, subject to any conditions the magistrate thinks fit;
- The Council must comply with any directions given to it by the magistrate;
- The magistrate's decision is final.

### Renewal of licence

Kennel licences expire on the 30th day of June each year.

Licences may be renewed for a further twelve months upon payment of the prescribed fee and a satisfactory inspection of the premises by an Authorised Officer.

Licences are not transferable from one person to another, nor are they transferable from property to property, therefore a new application will need to be submitted if you:

- Sell your property and the new owner requires a kennel licence; or
- You move to another property and wish to retain your licence.

### Costs

Details of kennel licence costs are available from Council Offices 6256 4777 or the website: www.gsbc.tas.gov.au

### **Penalties**

The Act states that a person who keeps more than two dogs (or in the case of working dogs, four dogs) six months of age or over, on any premises not being licenced premises, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine.

Normally an Authorised Officer would issue an Infringement Notice for unlicenced premises. Non payment of this fine would then involve the previously mentioned legal action being taken.

### **DANGEROUS DOGS**

The *Dog Control Act 2000* substantially increases the penalties and restrictions on owners of dogs declared dangerous.

Any dog that has caused serious injury to a person or another animal may be declared a dangerous dog, unless the attack was of such a nature that the declaration is not considered warranted. The Council will also take into consideration the wishes of the victim involved, the circumstances involved, witnesses evidence if any and the offending dog owners proposed action.

The owner or person in charge of a dangerous dog must be at least 18 years of age, must ensure that whilst the dog is in public place, is on a lead not exceeding two metres, that the dog is muzzled and unable to bite a person or animal and when not in a public place housed in a child proof enclosure or secured and restrained by a lead not exceeding two metres. The dog must at all times wear an approved collar supplied by the Council.

The owner of a dog declared to be dangerous must ensure that the dog is implanted with an approved microchip within 30 days after notification that the dog has been declared dangerous.

The owner or person in charge of a dangerous dog must ensure that appropriate signs of an approved type warning of the presence of a dangerous dog are displayed at every entrance to the premises on which the dog is kept. These signs are only obtainable through the Council.

The cost associated with the purchasing of prescribed dog collar, micro-chipping and appropriate signage is the responsibility of the dog owner.

Any premises on which a declared dangerous dog is being kept will be inspected on a regular basis by an Authorised Officer to ensure that the dog is housed correctly and that the owner is complying with the requirements as defined in the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

Appropriate legal action will be taken against any dangerous dog owner not complying with the regulations.

### **NUISANCE DOGS**

The Council currently spends large amounts of time associated with the problems caused by nuisance dogs and in particular the issue of excessive barking. The Council's preferred option is to consult with both the complainant and the dog owner addressing the issues why the dog is barking and offering advice and the Council resources. The objective is to resolve the issue quickly and avoid fines and legal proceedings which are costly and time consuming.

The most important issue is for the owner to be made aware of the nuisance and to be advised as to the best methods available to alleviate the problem.

Upon receipt of a complaint regarding a nuisance dog the following procedure is followed:

### First Stage

A letter of warning is sent to the owner indicating the nature of the complaint and their responsibilities under the *Dog Control Act 2000*. The dog owner is asked to contact the Council to further discuss the matter and strategies may be discussed to reduce or minimise the nuisance.

### **Second Stage**

The owner of the dog is given a reasonable amount of time, normally two weeks to address the nuisance and if requested an Authorised Officer may inspect the property and offer advice to overcome the problem such as the use of an anti bark collar or other methods. The aim of the discussion is to reach agreement acceptable to both the complainant and the dog owner without the need for legal action.

## Third Stage

If no attempt has been made by the dog owner to alleviate the problem or no contact made with Council Officers the complainant is requested to complete the appropriate form in accordance with Section 47(2) (a) of the Dog Control Act 2000. The person is required to pay a fee that will be refunded if their complaint has substance. Following submission Council Officers will investigate the complaint. This may

involve speaking to neighbours in the vicinity and inspecting the offending property at various times to assess if the dog is considered a nuisance. If the complaint is found to be genuine the Council may institute proceedings for an offence under *Section 46* of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

The owner or person in charge of a dog must not permit the dog to become or create a nuisance. A dog is a nuisance if:

- a. It behaves in a manner that is injurious or dangerous to the health of any persons, or
- b. It creates a noise by barking or otherwise, it persistently occurs or continues to such an extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person or persons.

### **IMPOUNDING OF DOGS**

A maintenance (pound keeping) fee will be imposed for every day impounded.

An infringement notice will be issued in accordance with the *Dog Control Act 2000 Section 16(1) "Failure to ensure a dog is not at large"* which must be paid before dog will be released.

If a dog is seized and its owner is not identifiable the dog will be impounded at the Council pound for a minimum of three working days. If the dog is not reclaimed within this period the dog will be transferred to the Dogs Home of Tasmania. The dog then becomes the property of the Dogs Home of Tasmania.

If a dog is seized and its owner is identifiable the General Manager is to notify in writing the owner of the dog that the dog has been impounded. If after five working dogs after notice has been given to the owner, the owner does not reclaim the dog the dog will be transferred to the Dogs Home of Tasmania located at Risdon Vale. The dog will then become the property of the Dogs Home of Tasmania.

### **PROVISION OF DECLARED AREAS**

Under Section 24 of the Dog Control Act 2000 the Council must resolve to make a declaration in relation to the intention to declare an area.

Before a council resolves to make a declaration

under this section in relation to an area, they must:

- (a) notify, by public notice, the details of:
  - (i) the area; and
  - (ii) any condition relating to the use of that area; and
  - (iii) in the case of a restricted area or prohibited area, the reasons for the declaration; and
- (b) invite submissions to be lodged within 15 working days after the notice is published; and
- (c) consider any submissions lodged.

### **SIGNAGE**

The Council (or Crown Land Service or the Parks and Wildlife Service) will continue to erect uniform signage to identify each declared area in the municipality.

### **DOG WASTE DISPOSAL**

The Council will continue to install Dog Waste Disposal Bag Dispensers where required and as resources permit.

### **EDUCATION**

The Council will continue with ongoing community education and awareness program about the Dog Management Policy in partnership with the relevant stakeholders as resources permit. This will include investigating opportunities for encouraging de sexing and micro-chipping, and also for suitable locations for fenced in exercise areas.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

The Council will undertake enforcement of the Dog Management Policy as resources permit, in collaboration with the Parks and Wildlife Service and other agencies are required.

### **DOG CONTROL ACT**

A full copy of the Act can be found at http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/index.w3p

### 4. IMPLEMENTATION

The policy will be implemented immediately following endorsement by Council.

### 5. DELEGATION

Regulatory Services Department.

### 6. RESPONSIBILITY

The compliance of this policy is the responsibility of the General Manager and Regulatory Services Manager.

### 7. REPORTING

Regulatory Services Manager will report monthly to the Council on activities that pertain to this policy.

### 8. REVIEW

A review of this policy will be undertaken at least within five years of its adoption by the Council, and more regularly should there be significant changes in community expectations, or there be amendments or changes to the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

The Council does have the right to declare additional areas in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Act, without having to review the entire Dog Management Policy.

### 9. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Dog Control Act 2000, Threatened Species Protection Act 1995, National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002, Nature Conservation Act 2002.

### 10. REFERENCES

Kingborough Council Dog Management Policy 4.3 (May 2010)

Clarence City Council Dog Management (November 2007)

### 11. ATTACHMENTS

Provision of Declared Areas (Dog Management Zones) for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Dog Management Policy 2014-2019.



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Part B – Declared Areas

# **PROVISION OF DECLARED AREAS**

# (Dog Management Zones)

for the

# **Glamorgan Spring Bay (GSB) Dog Management Policy**

## Definitions of DECLARED AREAS under the Dog Control Act 2000, Part 3 – Control of Dogs, Division 2.

### **Exercise Areas (20)**

A council may declare an area to be an area where dogs may be exercised subject to any specified conditions.

### **Training Areas (21)**

A council may declare an area to be an area where dogs may be exercised subject to any specified conditions.

### **Prohibited Areas (22)**

- A council may declare an area containing sensitive habitat for native wildlife to be an area where dogs are prohibited from entering.
- 2) A person must not take a dog that is not a guide dog or a hearing dog into a prohibited area.

## Dog Restricted Area (23)

- 1) A Council may declare an area to be an area where dogs, other than guide dogs or hearing dogs, are restricted from entering
  - (a) During specified hours days or seasons; or
  - (b) During specified hours, days or season unless they are on a lead.
- 2) A person must not take a dog that is not a guide dog or a hearing dog into a restricted area otherwise than in accordance with the declaration.

### **PROHIBITED PUBLIC AREAS (28)**

- 1) A person must not take a dog into:
  - a) Any grounds of a school, pre-school, kindergarten, crèche or any other place where the reception of children without the permission of the person in charge of the premises.
  - b) Any shopping centre or shop.
  - c) Any grounds of a public swimming pool.
  - d) Any playing area of a sports ground on which sport is being played.
  - e) Any areas within 10 metres of a children's playground.
- 2) These section does not apply to:
  - a) a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose; or
  - b) a hearing dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially deaf person or is in training for that purpose; or
  - c) a pet shop; or
  - d) the premises of a veterinary surgeon; or
  - e) a pet-grooming shop; or
  - f) any other premises related to the care and management of dogs.

## Definition of Dog Under Effective Control under the Dog Control Act 2000, Part 1 – Preliminary

- (1) A dog is under the effective control of a person in a public place if the dog is
  - (a) Off the lead and -
    - (i) In close proximity to the person;

and

- (ii) In sight of the person; and
- (iii) The person is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of an authorised person that the dog is immediately responsive to the person's commands; or
- (b) Secured and restrained by means of a lead not exceeding 2 metres long held by had by a person of sufficient age and strength to control the dog; or
- (c) Tethered to a fixed object by a lead not exceeding 2 metres long for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.
- (2) A dog is under effective control on a road or road-related area in a built-up area if the dog is secured and restrained by means of lead not exceeding 2 metres long held by hand by a person of sufficient age and strength to control the dog.
- (3) A person, at any one time, must not have, in his or her charge, more than
  - (a) 2 dogs on a lead on a footpath; or
  - (b) 4 dogs in a public place.
- (4) A dog is under the effective control of a person on private premises if the dog is securely confined to those premises.
- (5) A dog is under the effective control of a person while not on a lead if the dog is
  - (a) A working dog engaged in working; or
  - (b) A hunting dog engaged in hunting; o
  - (c) Engaged in racing or showing; or
  - (d) Engaged in obedience or agility trials;

or

(e) Engaged in training for any activity referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d); or (f) Engaged in training in a training area.

## Prohibited Areas under the National Parks and Reserved Land Regulations 2009

Dogs are prohibited from all reserved land areas managed by the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), however, there is provision to designate areas for dog exercise and recreation in certain reserve classes or where permitted by the management plan for the reserved land.

With the exception of the PWS reserved land declared Exercise Areas and Restricted Areas within this policy, dogs are not permitted on any other reserved land except where an authority has been granted in accordance with the *National Parks and Reserved Land Regulations 2009*.

Please note that only the higher usage and more accessible reserved lands where dogs are prohibited have been identified in this document.

The Parks and Wildlife Officers at Freycinet National Park are available for queries regarding land tenure. Contact: Freycinet National Park on ph. 6256 7000 or PWS Seven Mile Beach Office on ph: 6214 8100.

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification	
1	Denison River Carpark and within 100m either side of the river mouth. (Denison Beach Conservation Area, Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dog on Lead at all times	Popular local attraction and swimming area in summer. Narrow beach and picnic site access tracks and restricted space along river banks.	
		PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited from swimming in river mouth 1st Dec to 1st March	Social equity, public safety and water quality justification.	
2	Area south of the Dog on Lead Zone (1) around the river mouth and north of the Southern Denison Beach access track (Denison Beach Conservation Area, PWS)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective  Control at all times	Popular section of beach for local residents to walk their dog off lead and under effective control. Good practice for dog owners to place their dog on a lead, to avoid potential conflict, whenever other dogs, people or birds are close by. Always walk on wet sand to separate dogs from potential birds nesting areas above high tide zone.	
3	From Southern beach access track to Denison Beach south to the northern end of Redbill Beach, including Diamond Island Nature Reserve (Crown Land Service (CLS)/ PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Significant populations of Little Penguins and shorebirds (Hooded Plovers, Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers, Little and Fairy Terns) nesting year round along this section of coast. Dogs prohibited at all times. Actively managed to protect these values.	
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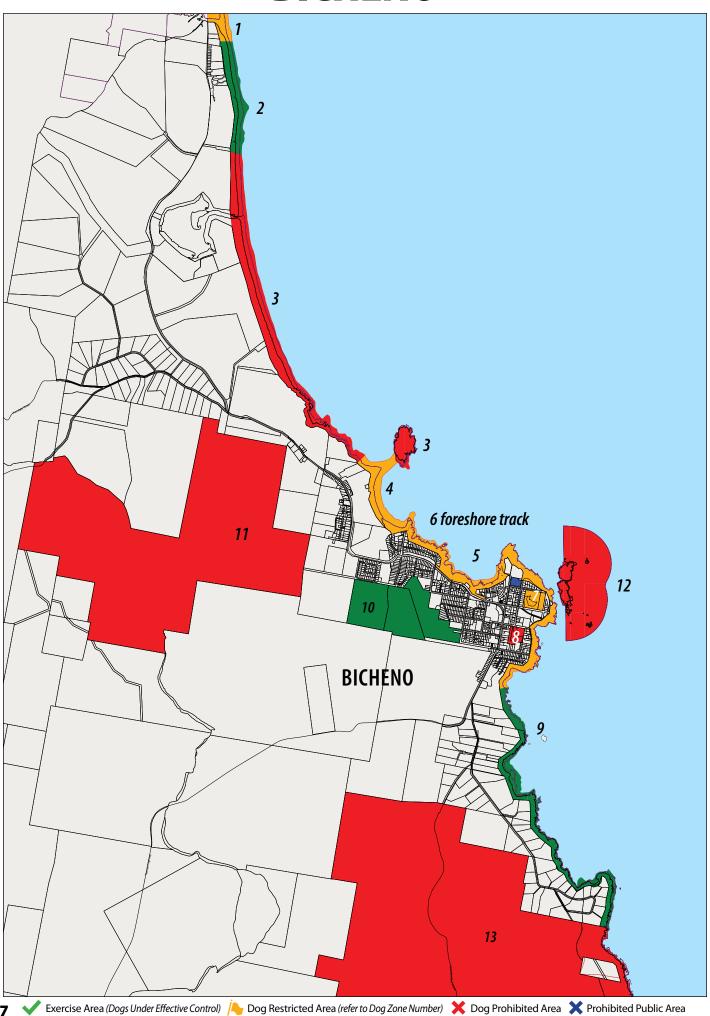
Bazza the Great Dane

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
4	Redbill Beach. Public Reserve (CLS / PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs Prohibited  from 10am to 6pm between Dec 1st to 1st March  Dogs Prohibited  from dusk till dawn on the beach.  Dogs Prohibited  in the dunes behind Redbill Beach at all times  Dogs Under Effective control at all other times	Popular swimming, walking and surfing beach. High numbers of users during the peak season at peak times. Social equity and public safety justification - No dogs  Little Penguins walk from the ocean to their burrows during the evening and early morning. Penguins and other wildlife in dunes behind Redbill Beach justifies no dogs in dunes at all times  Opportunity to exercise dogs off lead on beach at all other times. Good practice for dog owners to place their dog on a lead (to avoid potential conflict) whenever other dogs or people or birds are close by; and always walk on wet sand to separate dogs from potential birds nesting areas above high tide zone
5	Waubs Beach Public Reserve (CLS leased by GSBC)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs Prohibited  between 10am to 6pm from 1st Dec to 1st March except to walk Dog On Lead to transit from one end of the beach to the other  Dogs on lead at all other times	Social equity, nuisance and public safety reasons.  Main public swimming beach in Bicheno. No dogs during peak use season at peak times. An exception will be trialled enabling dogs on lead to transit from one end of beach to the other  Dogs on lead at non-peak times, provides a means of thoroughfare when walking around the Bicheno foreshore
6	Bicheno foreshore track (and coastline) from southern end of Redbill Beach to Rice Pebble Beach (excluding Waubs Beach). Public Reserve (CLS leased by GSBC)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Popular public walking track and coastline with dawn and dusk movement of Little Penguins to and from their burrows. Social equity, public safety and wildlife (penguin colony) along path. Dogs on a lead at all times safeguards against dogs roaming, impact on wildlife or social conflict issues. Please do not walk dogs in penguin areas at dawn or dusk when birds are on the move



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7	Whalers Lookout Conservation Area (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Opportunity to walk dogs on lead along public walking track through this reserve. Confined space and public access track – 'dogs must be on lead'
8	Lookout Rock State Reserve (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	State Reserve tenure does not permit dogs
9	Rice Pebble Beach south to Harvey's Farm Point (CLS)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective  Control at all times	Beach fairly isolated (mostly used by locals). Rough bush track used principally by locals. Owners should return their dogs on a lead where a situation of potential conflict or wildlife disturbance (possibility of penguins) may occur.
10	Bicheno Hills Reserve. Public Reserve (CLS / PWS)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective  Control at all times	Bushland walking opportunity, rough bush tracks, open space, quiet and good views. Dogs must be under effective control, nearby their owner at all times and placed on lead when potential conflict situations arise
11	Apsley Conservation Area (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	No public access and wildlife habitat
12	Governor Island and Marine Reserve (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Significant wildlife habitat (seabird nesting colonies) and natural area -Dogs prohibited at all times all year round
13	Freycinet National Park	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	National Park tenure does not permit dogs. Significant wildlife habitat and natural areas





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13	Freycinet National Park (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	National Park tenure does not permit dogs. Significant wildlife habitat and natural areas
14	'The Fisheries' (GSBC)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times on Council owned public reserve (Parsons Cove), and on any access tracks within the Fisheries  A PWS access permit to be issued to ratepayers via council rates notice each year permitting tenants to drive with dogs to and from the Fisheries through the National Park. Permit is not for guests, visitors and holiday rentals	Dogs are prohibited in and around the 'Fisheries' other than on private property. No dogs on the small Parsons Cove Beach, on the Fisheries roads or anywhere outside of private property. Due to restricted public space, public safety, and close proximity to significant wildlife habitat of Freycinet National Park.  PWS regulations require written permit for transport of a pet through the National Park
15	Coles Bay Public Reserve (CLS / PWS/ Council)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective  Control at all times	Dogs may be walked off lead, under effective control, on the road and track systems within this reserve.  Dogs should be placed on lead if they cannot remain close by owners at all times. This area contains wildlife which must not be harassed / chased by dogs



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16	Rita and Doris Reserve - Council Depot (CLS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Public tracks and reserve within town boundary. Restricted space	
17	Harold Street Reserve - Town Hall Tennis Courts Fire Shed (CLS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Public walking tracks within reserve surrounding tennis courts, hall and fire shed	
18	Coles Bay foreshore (Coles Bay Conservation Area) (Council / PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Public foreshore and walking track with wildlife habitat along the path and adjacent to esplanade public road.  Dogs on lead at all times	
19	Muirs Beach (Coles Bay Conservation Area) (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead along first 200m from Southern end of Muirs Beach between 1st Dec to 1st March	Main beach for recreational activities for Coles Bay. Dogs should be on lead around carpark / picnic and shops area at all times and should walk well clear of people on popular beach area (nearer boat ramp) during the peak season, before being let off lead - but still kept under close control	
		Dog under effective control along entire beach at all other times other than restriction above.	Dogs may be let off lead outside of the 200m-restriction zone of Muirs beach. Owners should return their dogs on a lead where a situation of potential conflict or wildlife disturbance may occur	
		In dunes behind Muirs Beach at all times.	The dunes behind Muirs Beach form an important wildlife corridor. There are no formal access tracks over the dunes and dogs should not be taken onto or permitted to roam on the dunes	
20	Coles Bay Conservation Area, behind Coles Bay Public Reserve (with the exception of 21& 22 – see below)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Wildlife habitat reserved for nature conservation	

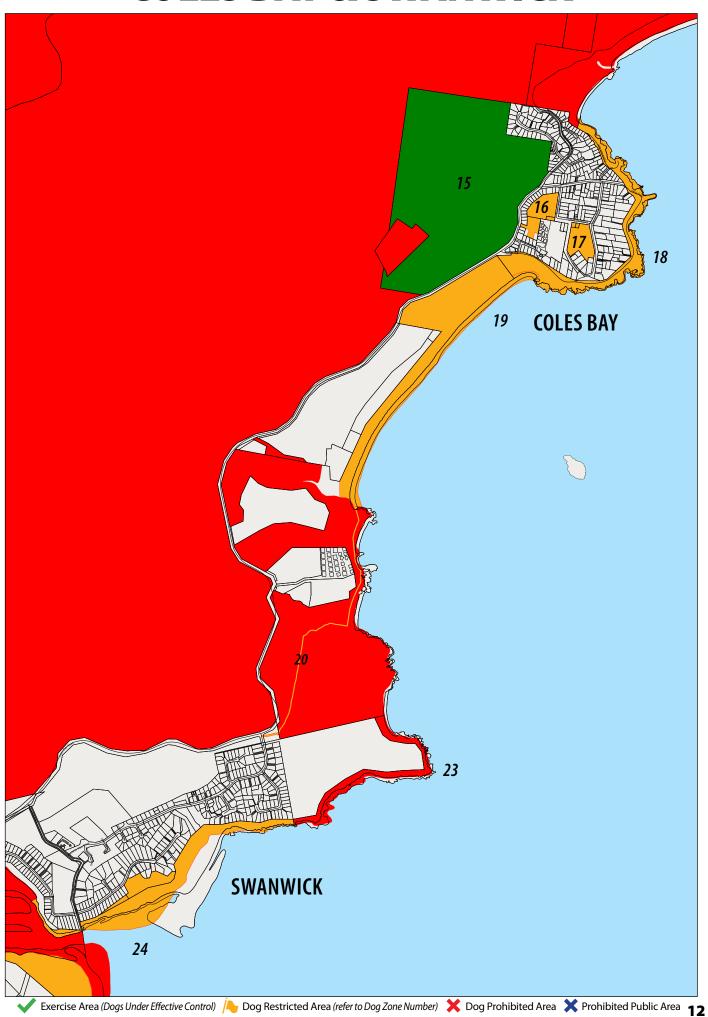


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21	Corridor along track and foreshore linking Hazards View Road to the northern end of Muirs Beach (Coles Bay Conservation Area) (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Dogs must be on lead through this access corridor as marked. Principally due to wildlife habitat values within this part of the Coles Bay Conservation Area
22	<b>Telstra Track</b> (Coles Bay Conservation Area) (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Dogs must be on lead through this multi-use access corridor as marked. Principally due to wildlife habitat values within this part of the Coles Bay Conservation Area
23	Hepburn Point foreshore (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Dogs prohibited due to wildlife habitat
24	Foreshore of Hazards View and Swanwick subdivision (Coles Bay Conservation Area and Moulting Lagoon Game Reserve) including Swanwick Bay (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs on lead between  10am to 6pm from  1st Dec to 1st March  Dogs Under Effective  Control at all other times	Sandpiper Beach is the main public beach for the increasing Swanwick and Hazards View communities. During peak hours of the peak summer season the beach is busy and dogs must be on a lead for public safety and social equity  Outside of the peak hours dog owners may walk their dogs off lead. However, owners should return their dogs to a lead as required, to avoid potential conflict with other beach users or when shorebirds are sighted nearby on the beach
		Prohibited from entering shorebird protection fenced off areas at all times.	The high tide zone of the beach is known to be a nesting site for Hooded Plover and Pied Oystercatchers. Protection fences will be installed to designate a prohibited area during the breeding season for humans and dogs to protect nest sites



Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
25	Moulting Lagoon Game Reserve: foreshore and waterways including Meredith Point subdivisions and Pelican Bay (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited unless by general authority for duck hunting purposes only during the duck season.  (Note there is an exemption to allow dogs on lead at River and Rocks Campsite) (see 26).	Wetland and waterfowl habitat of the Internationally significant Moulting Lagoon.  Legislation allows duck hunters to use dogs specifically for retrieving ducks. Dogs permitted only during the duck-hunting season and must be under effective control of their owners
26	River and Rocks Campsite, Moulting Lagoon Game Reserve (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs on lead at all times (and dogs only permitted in the campsite area)	Authority to have dogs within public camping area providing they are on a lead at all times and not outside of the campsite area. (i.e. Not onto Moulting Lagoon Foreshore area)





# **SWANSEA & NINE MILE BEACH**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
27	Bagot Point day use area (CLS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times in day use area and boat launching area	Day Use Only. Dogs on lead at all times
28	Bagot Point sandspit (CLS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Shorebird breeding and feeding habitat on the river mouth sand delta  Protection fences may be installed during the breeding season to protect nesting birds
29	Nine Mile Beach (excluding Swan & Meredith River mouth areas) (CLS / PWS)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective  Control at all times	Designated Dog Exercise Area along beach adjacent to Dolphin Sands subdivision  Owners should be aware of potential conflict situations and immediately return their dog to a lead as required  The steeper nature of this beach does not generally provide for optimum shorebird breeding habitat, however if sighted please keep well clear from shorebirds
30	Meredith River mouth (CLS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Dogs prohibited in area above wet sand. Dogs can be walked on lead along wet sand of beach until past river mouth. Significant populations of waterfowl and shorebirds breeding and feeding within the mouth and sand delta of the river
31	Nine Mile Beach to the Northern end of Jubilee Beach to (CLS / PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead between 10am to 6pm from 1st Dec to 1st March  Dogs Under Effective Control at all other times	Popular public beach requires dogs to be on a lead during summer months and under effective control at all other times

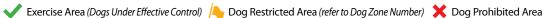






# **SWANSEA & NINE MILE BEACH**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
32	Jubilee Beach, beach, jetty and parkland/ playground/BBQ area to end of Waterloo Beach (CLS/Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs Prohibited to between 10am to 6pm from 1st Dec to 1st March  Dogs on Lead at all other times	Main public beach, parkland and jetty area in Swansea. No dogs during peak times of summer season. Public safety and social equity reasons
33	Waterloo Beach to Gordon Street Boat ramp (ex- cluding the Loon- titetermairreleho- iner Track) . (CLS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs on lead between  10am to 6pm from  1st Dec to 1st March  Dogs under effective control at all other times	Popular public beaches during peak use season therefore dogs on lead  Dogs under effective control at other times however owners should return dogs to lead when potential conflict situations arise
34	Loontitetermair- relehoiner (Water- loo Point) Walking Track (CLS / PWS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs Prohibited X during night hours from DUSK till DAWN from 1st Sept to 31st April  Dogs on Lead at all other times	Short tailed Shearwater (Tasmanian Muttonbird) breeding colony on Waterloo Point (and adjacent to walking track) between September to April each year. Birds return to burrows in evening  Popular walking track all year round. Dogs on lead during September – end of April
35	Swansea Duck Park both sides of Saltwater Lagoon (PWS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Popular walking track and picnic area within Swansea township. Dog on lead at all times for public safety and social equity reasons



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Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
36	Gordon Street Boat Ramp along beaches and foreshore south to Stoney River (Coswell Beach Conservation Area) (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs Prohibited  from all beach dune areas and within signposted penguin colony areas	All beach dunes in this area contain wildlife values, in particular Penguin colonies. Dogs are prohibited in all dunes and areas signposted as bird breeding areas
		Dogs on Lead between 10am to 6pm from 1st Dec to 1st March on all beach areas (and at all times on foreshore walking tracks)	Public beaches within the Swansea township with increasing local population using the beaches during peak times of summer. Public safety and social equity
		Dogs Under Effective Control at all other times	Outside of peak times owners may walk dogs off lead, however please return dogs to lead when near shorebirds or other beach users to avoid disturbance and conflict

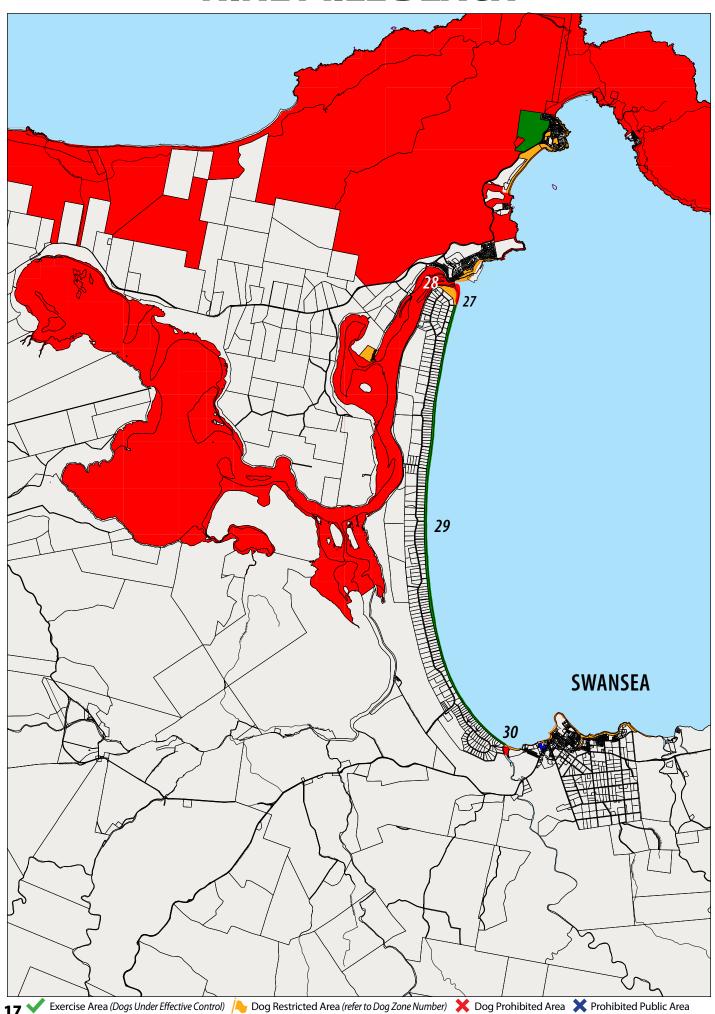




# **SWANSEA**



# **NINE MILE BEACH**



# **CRESSY, SPIKY, KELVEDON & MAYFIELD**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
37	Cressy Beach Conservation Area (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dog Prohibited X Area at all times on the dunes of Cressy Beach  Dogs on lead on beach east from access track and at all times in the	Sensitive shorebird (September until March) and Short-tailed Shearwater (September to April) breeding colony in the dunes  Dogs on lead east of the beach access track all year
		Carpark/ day use area  Dogs under effective control at all times on the beach west from the beach access track (and outside of breeding season for eastern end)	West from the beach access track, dogs may be walked on the beach off lead, but under effective control. However should be returned to a lead when a potential disturbance or conflict situation arises
38	Spiky Beach Conservation Area (PWS)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs under effective control at all times and on lead on carpark and access track	Owners may take their dogs off lead but under effective control at all times while on the beach, Owners should return their dogs to a lead when potential conflict situations arise with other beach users



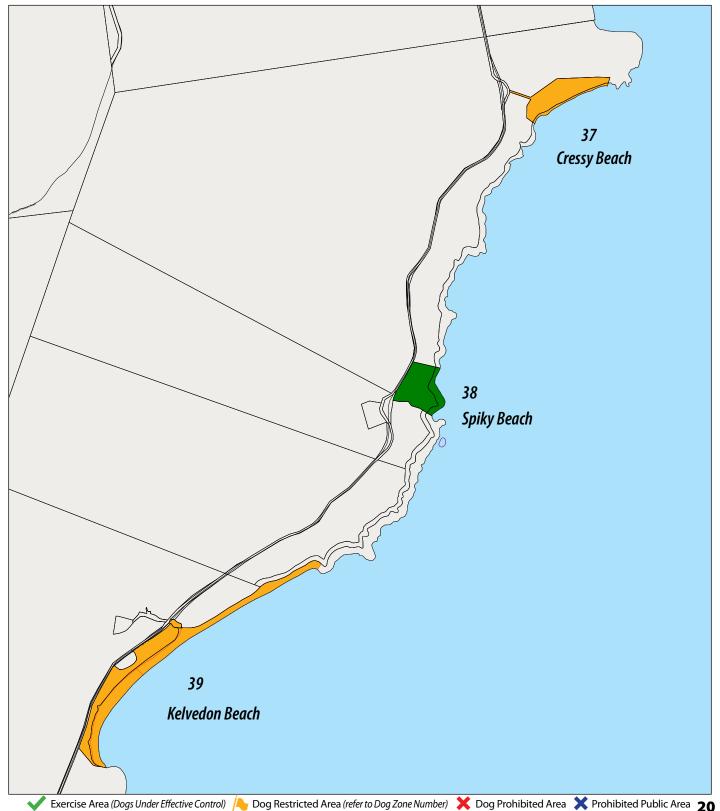
# **CRESSY, SPIKY, KELVEDON & MAYFIELD**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
39	Kelvedon Beach Conservation Area (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA	
		Dog Prohibited X  Area north of the beach access	The northern part of Kelvedon beach and Troyhelener Lagoon supports sensitive shorebird breeding and feeding sites
		Dogs under effective control on the beach south from the public car park  Dogs on lead in the public car park and picnic area	Dogs are permitted off lead, but under effective control to the south from the beach access however should be returned to a lead when a potential disturbance or conflict situation arises.  Dogs on lead in car park and picnic area
40	Mayfield Beach Conservation Area (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED / AREA Dogs on lead at all times within the campsite area	Public camping site - Dogs must be on lead at all times within the campsite
		Dogs on lead on beach in front of campsite between 1st Dec to 1st March	During the summer, the beach in front of Mayfield campsite is busy with families enjoying the beach.  Dogs must be on lead during this time for public safety and social equity
		Dogs under effective control along the beach area south from the campsite but to be kept on the wet sand	On the beach south from the campsite area, owners may walk dogs off lead but under effective control, However should return their dogs to a lead to avoid disturbance to shorebirds or potential conflict with other beach users
		Pogs Prohibited from entering shorebird protection fenced off areas at all times	Shorebirds are known to breed at the southern end of Mayfield Bay. Shorebird protection fences will be installed to designate a prohibited area during the breeding season for humans and dogs



# **CRESSY, SPIKY, KELVEDON & MAYFIELD**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
41	Little Christmas Island Nature Reserve (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dog Prohibited Area at all times	Significant Little Penguin and Short-tailed Shearwater colony present on island

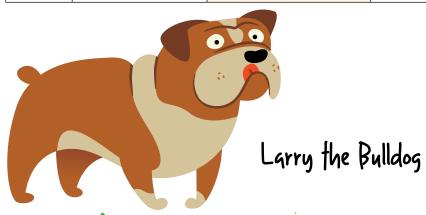


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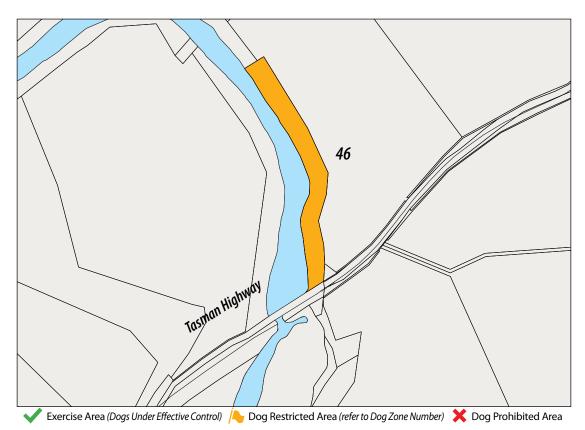
# **LITTLE SWANPORT & BOLTONS BEACH**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
42	Northern end of Saltworks Coastal Reserve (Northern beach) (CLS / PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Significant threatened shorebird species breeding and feeding area
43	Saltworks Coastal Reserve and the northern side of the Little Swanport River mouth (CLS / PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs on lead on main Saltworks beach (in front of the ruins) between 10am - 6pm from 1st Dec - 1st March (and on roads, walking tracks and around the jetty at all times)	Popular beach and historic attraction. Also a popular jetty. Public safety and social equity
		Dogs Under Effective Control at other times in the large open area of the reserve	Large open reserve for public use. Dogs may be walked off lead, when not on roads, however should be returned to a lead nearby other visitors to avoid conflict
44	Southern side of the mouth of the Little Swanport River (Private land)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dog Prohibited Area during shorebird breeding season from 1st Sept to 31st March Dogs on lead at all other times.	Significant shorebird breeding and feeding site on the delta at the mouth of the river southern side year round

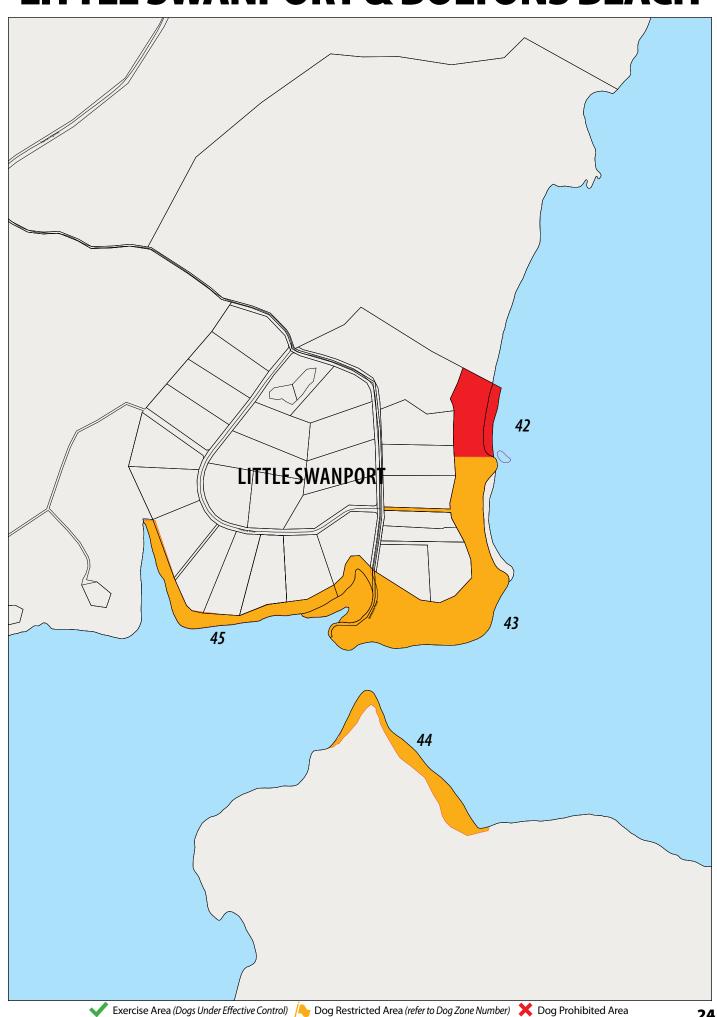


# **LITTLE SWANPORT & BOLTONS BEACH**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
45	Foreshore area of the Little Swanport Estuary and Coastal Reserve (CLS / PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Estuary foreshore adjacent to private property – not generally accessible to public. Shorebird feeding areas present
46	<b>Little Swanport</b> <b>River</b> (CLS / PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Popular fishing location. Public safety and social equity
47	Boltons Beach Conservation Area north of beach access track (PWS)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective  Control along the beach area north from the beach access track but to be kept on the wet sand	Beach environment with shorebird breeding and feeding populations year round
48	Boltons Beach Conservation Area south of beach access track (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Significant habitat of threatened shorebird species including Hooded Plovers breeding and feeding populations all year round



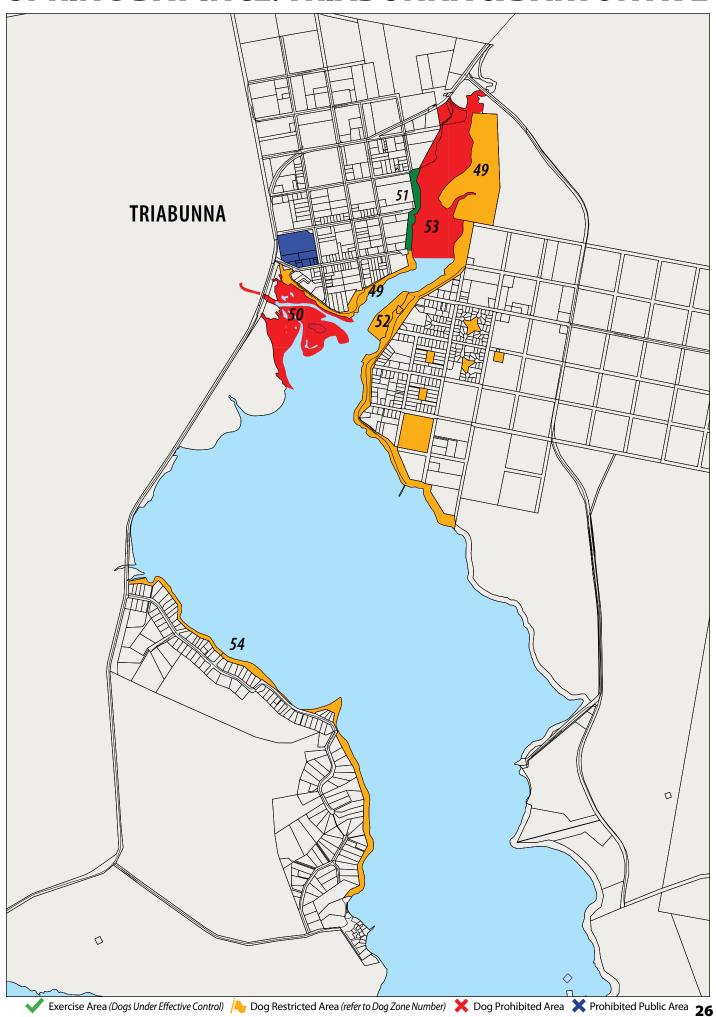
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# **SPRING BAY INCL. TRIABUNNA & BARTON AVE**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
49	DPIPWE / Council Reserves and Foreshore areas including marina in Triabunna township (CLS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	In built up areas for reasons of public safety and social equity
50	MacLaines Estuary including Dead Man's Island (CLS / PWS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dog Prohibited Area at all times	Significant shorebird habitat area and important area for pelicans, ducks and cormorants
51	Pelican walk – western side of estuary (CLS / Council)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective  Control	Open space in town with good visibility and away from roads. Dogs not to go down to the estuary and please be mindful of other uses and place dogs on leads if need be
<b>52</b>	Pelican Reserve  – eastern side of estuary (CLS / PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Coastal reserve adjoining estuary and road leading to old sewerage lagoons. Lots of bird values
53	<b>Triabunna saltmarsh</b> (CLS / PWS / Council)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Significant saltmarsh and waterbird habitat including resident and visiting pelicans, ducks, cormorants
<b>54</b>	Barton Ave foreshore from Double Creek on the Tasman Hwy to Louisville (CLS / PWS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times on narrow walking tracks.  Dogs Under Effective Control on open grassed areas (not on saltmarsh)	In built up areas for reasons of public safety. Popular walking area  No dogs are to be allowed on the saltmarsh due to vegetation and wildlife habitat

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Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
55	Raspins Beach Conservation Area (PWS/Council) Excluding the sandspit in the Prosser River mouth, which is a Dog Prohibited Area	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs on Lead 10am - 6pm from 1st Dec - 1st March.  Dogs on Lead on all walking tracks  Dogs Under Effective Control at other times	Popular area for locals and tourists all year round. Public safety and social equity  Dogs must be on leads on walking tracks at all times  Generally quiet beach the rest of the year and popular dog exercise area for locals
56	Orford Sandspit, Prosser River (CLS / Council)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	Important shorebird habitat and breeding area – including endangered Fairy Terns. No dogs (or humans) at any time. Signs and fenced areas will be erected during the shorebird breeding season
57	Prosser River Estuary foreshore (CLS / PWS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Popular walking / bicycle track for locals and tourists all year round. Public safety and social equity issue

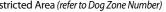


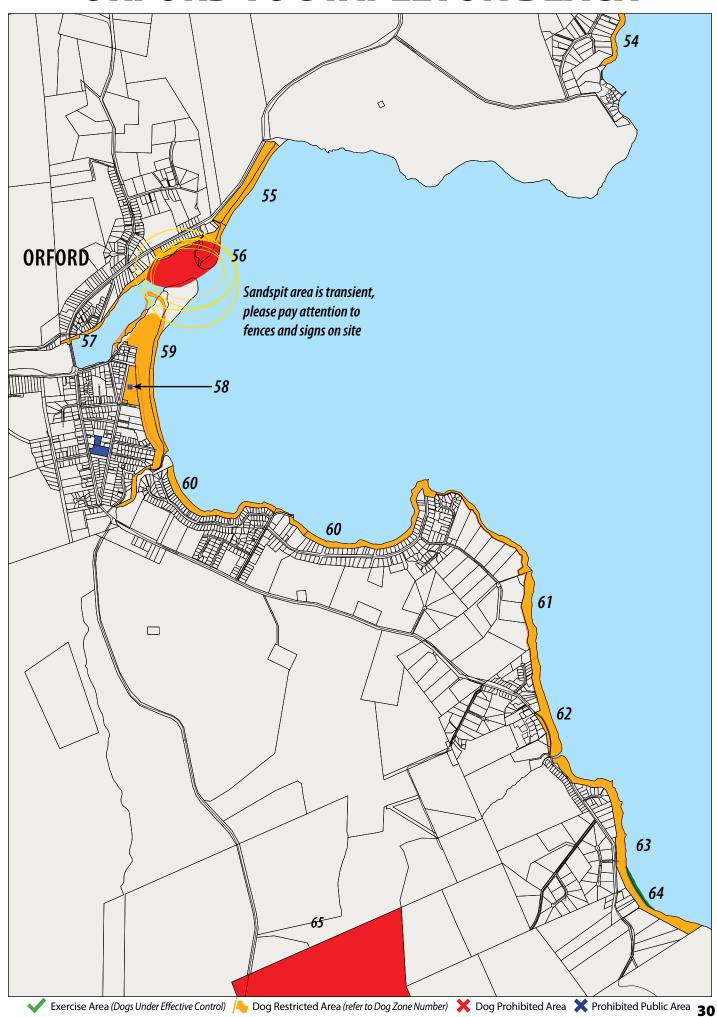


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58	Our Park and 10 Minute Track, Orford (CLS / PWS / Council), vegetated areas and walking tracks within Millingtons Beach Conservation Area (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Popular area for locals and tourists all year round. Public safety and social equity issue
	Our Park playground (Council)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dog Prohibited Public  Area at all times in playgrounds	Playgrounds are a prohibited public area
59	Orford / Millingtons Beach (Millingtons Beach Conservation Area) (PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on Lead 10am - 6pm from 1st Dec - 1st March on beach between Our Park to Rudd Avenue	Popular family swimming beach. Dogs on lead between 10am - 6pm in peak use season. Public safety and social equity issue
		<b>Dogs Under Effective Control</b> north of Our Park and at other times	Dog exercise area close to town. Dogs must still be under effective control and not allowed to run in the dunes and through pine trees (sensitive wildlife area)
60	East and West Shelly Beach (CLS / Council) including public reserve	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on Lead 10am to 6pm from 1st Dec to 1st March	Popular swimming and boating beach. Dogs on lead between 10am and 6pm in peak use season. Public safety and social equity.
		<b>Dogs Under Effective Control</b> at other times	Dogs under effective control on beach in low season and in early mornings and evening during peak season. Dogs not to roam through vegetation along the coastal reserve



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61	Shelley Beach to Spring Beach walking track (CLS / PWS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Popular walking track. Public safety, social equity as well as wildlife present in coastal vegetation along the path
62	Spring Beach (CLS / Council)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA  Dogs on Lead at all times from the 1st Aug to 1st April  Dogs Under Effective Control from 1st April to the 31st July.	Public safety and social equity reasons. Significant shorebird values
		prohibited from entering shorebird protection fenced off areas and in coastal vegetation at all times.	Fences to be erected when shorebirds are breeding and no dogs to enter vegetated areas to protect other sensitive wildlife
63	South of Spring Beach along the walking track to headland beyond Stapleton Beach (CLS / PWS)	DOG RESTRICTED AREA Dogs on lead at all times	Popular walking track. Public safety and wildlife along path
64	Stapleton Beach (CLS)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective Control	Designated Dog Exercise Area Generally quiet beach and limited shorebird values. Please respect other beach users and place dogs on leads if required
65	Three Thumbs State Reserve (PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dogs Prohibited at all times	State Reserve tenure does not permit dogs. Sensitive wildlife habitat





# **RHEBAN BEACH**

Dog Zone No.	Area description	DOG ZONE RULES	Justification
66	Northern end of Rheban Beach (CLS / PWS)	EXERCISE AREA  Dogs Under Effective  Control for access area for 1km south until next sign.	Low level of public use and limited bird values.  However care needs to be taken when boats are launching. Respect other users (including horse riders) and place dogs on lead if need be. Keep dogs out of dunes at all times
67	Southern end of Rheban Beach (CLS / PWS)	PROHIBITED AREA  Dog Prohibited Area at all times beyond the sign 1km south of the public access point.	Significant shorebird breeding and feeding habitat areas



# **RHEBAN BEACH**

