

# BEACH AREAS PERMITTING DOGS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA POLICY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Policy sets out Port Macquarie Hastings Council's policy relating to specific beach areas where dogs are permitted and specifies conditions under which dogs are permitted on beaches.

## 2. POLICY OBJECTIVE

- To set aside specific beach areas where dogs are permitted.
- To specify conditions under which dogs are permitted on beaches.

## 3. POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the public who either own, care for, or exercise dogs in the local government area.

## 4. DEFINITIONS

N/A

## 5. LEGAL & POLICY FRAMEWORK

Companion Animals Act 1998.

## 6. POLICY STATEMENT

- To set aside specific beach areas where dogs are permitted.
- To specify conditions under which dogs are permitted on beaches.

## **7. IMPLEMENTATION**

Ongoing implementation.

### **7.1 Roles and Responsibilities**

Team Leader Ranger Services

### **7.2 Support and Advice**

Team Leader Ranger Services and authorised officers

### **7.3 Communication**

Update to existing policy

### **7.4 Procedures and Forms**

N/A

### **7.5 Guidelines**

None applicable to the policy.

## **8. REVIEW**

As required

## **POLICY**

### **1. Prohibited Areas**

Dogs are prohibited on the following beach areas:

North Shore Beach (adjacent to Corrilla Estate residences)  
Pelican Island, Port Macquarie  
Town Beach, Port Macquarie  
Flynn's Beach, Port Macquarie  
Shelley Beach, Port Macquarie  
Little Bay, Port Macquarie (directly north of Tacking Point Lighthouse)  
Lighthouse Beach, Port Macquarie (from Tacking Point to Watonga Rocks)  
Cathie Beach, Lake Cathie (from Dirah Street Beach Access to Molong Street Beach access)  
Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills (from Duchess Creek south and including to Sponeys Bay)  
Bartlett's Beach, Bonny Hills  
Grants Beach, North Haven (from northern end of Surf Club carpark to breakwall)  
Pilot Beach, Dunbogan  
Wash-House Beach, south of the Kattang Nature Reserve Boundary.  
Dunbogan Beach, south of Beach Street Access Point  
Dunbogan Beach, from Camden Head to the southern boundary of Kattang Nature Reserve

## 2. **Permitted Areas - Leashed**

Dogs are permitted on the following beach areas whilst under effective control of a competent person by way of a leash, cord or chain:

- \* Oxley Beach, Port Macquarie
- \* Lighthouse Beach, Port Macquarie (from Watonga Rocks to Matthew Flinders Drive 4WD beach access point)
- \* Cathie Beach, Lake Cathie (from Molong Street beach access point to Middle Rock)
- \* Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills (from Duchess Creek north for a distance of 200 metres)
- \* Grants Beach, North Haven (from Surf Club carpark north for a distance of 200 metres)
- \* Dunbogan Beach, Dunbogan (from the southern boundary of Kattang Nature Reserve to the Seaview Avenue beach access point)

## 3. **Permitted Areas - Unleashed**

- \* Dogs are permitted on beach areas not indicated in 1 or 2 above unleashed, at anytime

## 4. **Exemption for Guide Dogs**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this policy, guide dogs may be exercised unleashed on any dog permitted beach area.