

Dogs and Cats – Designated Areas

COUNCIL POLICY NO. 068

This Policy is made in accordance with Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

1. POLICY

That Council prohibit dogs from the following areas:

- Municipal Swimming pools and surrounds
- School grounds throughout the municipality

That Council prohibit cats from the following areas:

- Atkinson Park, Kerang
- Municipal Swimming pools and surrounds
- Town & Back Swamp, Kerang
- School grounds throughout the municipality

That Council permit dogs in the following areas, but only on a leash:

- All recreation grounds within the municipality whilst a sporting fixture is taking place
- Garden Park, Cohuna
- Parks and playgrounds where children's play equipment has been installed
- Apex Park, Cohuna
- Roads as defined under Section 3(2)(a) of the *Road Safety Act 1986*
- Atkinson Park, Kerang
- Gorton Point, Kangaroo Lake
- Gilrule Park, Cohuna
- Cohuna Ski Run, Island Road, Cohuna
- Murrabit Market, Murrabit

That dogs be permitted in other public places and in recreation grounds whilst a sporting fixture is not taking place, but dogs in such locations may be off leash but must be under 'effective voice control'.

That 'other public places' means any park, garden, reserve, or other place of public recreation controlled by Council, but not areas where dogs have been prohibited or where dogs must be on a leash.

That 'effective voice control' is where the dog responds to the controlling person's command by the second call. This also means that the dog does not rush, threaten or attack any person or animal and that the handler must remain close enough to see the dog at all times and if required promptly place it on a leash.

2. POLICY REVIEW

Council will review this policy as required but always within two years after a general election of the Council.

At the time of review, this policy was compliant with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the public may inspect all policies at Gannawarra Shire Council's Kerang and Cohuna office or online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au

Any enquiries in relation to this policy should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer on (03) 5450 9333.

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