

MEDIA RELEASE

Dogs in Norfolk Island Public Reserves

Community members visiting Norfolk Island Public Reserves are reminded that dogs must be kept under the control of and in the company of a person at all times.

Dogs are not permitted between the seaward side of Bay Street and the high-water mark and between the seaward side of the road around Emily Bay and high water mark, and dogs must be kept on a leash at all times within Hundred Acres, Bumbora and Point Ross Reserves, and within other areas of Reserves that are not grazed by cattle.

The Plans of Management for Public Reserves on Norfolk Island state that:

Except as otherwise provided here or provided in the Dogs Registration Act 1936 and the Dogs Registration Regulations 1994, a person shall not take a dog into a Reserve unless that dog is under the control of and is in the company of that person.

A dog must be kept on a leash at all times within Hundred Acres, Bumbora and Point Ross (Crystal Pool) Reserves, and within other areas of Reserves that are not grazed by cattle to avoid death or injury to seabirds and other fauna.

A dog that is accompanied by and is under the control of a person is permitted in:

- *those areas in public Reserves to which cattle normally have access for grazing;*
- *all of Point Hunter, Kingston Common and Kingston Recreation Reserves except for those parts of those Reserves between the seaward side of Bay Street and high water mark and between the seaward side of the road around Emily Bay and high water mark; and*
- *those parts of Government House Domain Reserve generally to the south of the wall on the south and south east of Government House grounds and driveway to which the public normally have access.*

A person shall not permit any dog over which they could reasonably be expected to exercise control to go onto a tee, green or bunker that is part of Government House Domain Reserve or Point Hunter Reserve that is maintained and used by the Norfolk Island Golf Club as part of the golf course.

A person shall not permit any dog over which they could reasonably be expected to exercise control to enter the graveyard in Cemetery Reserve.

A person shall not permit any dog over which they could reasonably be expected to exercise control to interfere with any native animal or the habitat of any native animal.

A person who could reasonably be expected to be responsible for exercising control over a dog in a Reserve must carry means for removing and disposing of dog faeces. If a dog over which a person could reasonably be expected to exercise control defecates in a Reserve that person must remove the faeces from the Reserve. A person shall not feed a dog in a Reserve.

For more information about Public Reserves on Norfolk Island, please contact Customer Care on local free call 0100.

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