

Dog and Cat Management Plan

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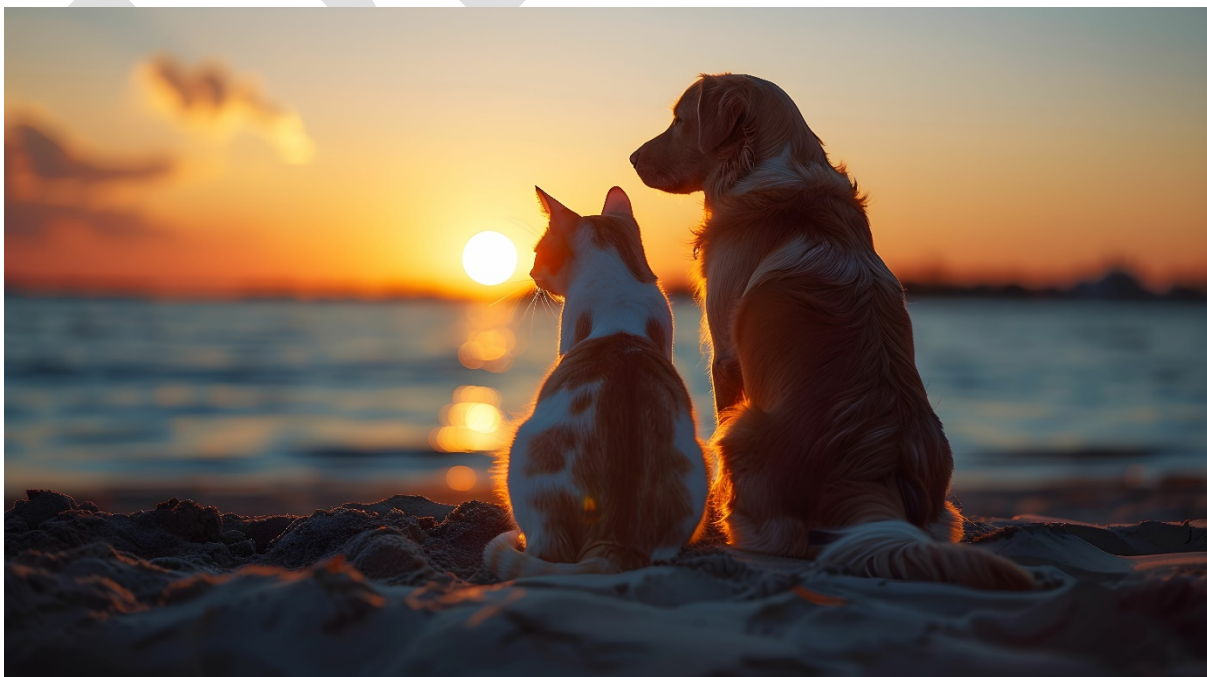
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1 Executive Summary

The Yorke Peninsula Council encompasses a vast area of 5,900 square kilometres, including 12 larger towns and 33 smaller townships. The distance between its northern and southern boundaries is approximately 175 kilometres. The principal office is located in Maitland, while Ardrossan is the most populous town with 1,188 residents.

This region boasts a distinctive geographical layout, bordered by the sea on three sides, resulting in a 485-kilometre coastline. The smaller townships, predominantly situated along the coast, are renowned for their holiday settlements.

The Yorke Peninsula is the traditional land of the Narungga people, who have inhabited the area for approximately 60,000 years. The Yorke Peninsula Council recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. Community members identifying as Aboriginal now account for 3.9% of the Yorke Peninsula Council area population, an increase from the 2016 Census. The Narungga Nations ongoing connection to Country remains a vital part of our shared history.

The Council's population is estimated to be approximately 11,922, which is less than 1% of the total population of South Australia. During holiday periods the population grows considerably.

The closest point of the Yorke Peninsula Council is situated approximately 108km from the Adelaide CBD. The major income sources for the area are agriculture and tourism.

The Council has approximately 2,770 dogs registered each year and is relatively stable in the areas of enforcement and complaints. Currently there are approximately 700 cats registered each year.

Council aims to maintain a sustainable, strategic approach to the management of dogs and cats in the Council area that encompasses the needs of both dog and cat owners, visitors and the community. The plan focuses on the legitimate needs of pets and their owners, while respecting the rights of other members of the community and protecting our environment. It will form a strategic basis that will provide Council with direction from which it can plan, coordinate and make future decisions to meet the needs of the community over the next five years.

This Plan sets out Yorke Peninsula Council's approach to dog and cat management by focusing on sustainable and strategic measures that consider public education, engagement, enforcement that encourages a voluntary lasting behavioural change regarding the management of dogs and cats. It is recognised that the enforcement of laws does not, on its own, result in lasting, voluntary changes in people's attitude and behaviour.

This Plan has been established with considerations to our Strategic Management Plan 2025 – 2029. Council's vision for the community is:

'YORKE PENINSULA – A REGION WITH DIVERSE, THRIVING COMMUNITIES THAT CELEBRATE A SHARED HISTORY, PROTECTS PRISTINE NATURAL LANDSCAPES, SUSTAINS PRODUCTIVE FARMLANDS, AND WELCOMES NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES TO GROW'.

This Dog and Cat Management Plan aims to:

- encourage responsible dog and cat ownership;
- improve public safety by reducing public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats;
- focus on educating the community in respect to the law relating to dogs and cats, promote the effective management of dogs and cats; and
- harness the benefits of dog and cat ownership whilst ensuring that Council fulfils its obligations under the Dog and Cat Management Act.

Mission Statement

To promote responsible dog and cat ownership and recognise that companion animals are part of the community, contributing to its quality of life, and to ensure that the needs of animals and their owners are accommodated while recognising the different needs of all members of the community.

2 Background

Council has implemented three Dog and Cat Management Plans since 2006, and the most recent was adopted in 2018.

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (the Act) provides the framework for Councils management of dogs and cats in the community. The purpose of the Act is to:

- Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership;
- Reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats; and
- Promote the effective management of dogs and cats.

Council is responsible for the implementation of the Act pursuant to Section 26A. This section states:

26A—Plans of management relating to dogs and cats

- (1) Each council must, in accordance with this section, prepare a plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its area.
- (2) A plan of management must include provisions for parks where dogs may be exercised off-leash and for parks where dogs must be under effective control by means of physical restraint, and may include provisions for parks where dogs are prohibited.
- (3) A plan of management must cover five year periods and each plan must be prepared and presented to the Board at least six months before it is to take effect.
- (4) A plan of management must be approved by the Board before it takes effect.
- (5) A council may, with the approval of the Board, amend a plan of management at any time during the course of the five year period covered by the plan.

The plan focuses on the legitimate needs of dogs, cats and their owners, while respecting the rights of other members of the community and protecting the environment. It will form a strategic basis that will provide Council with direction from which it can plan, coordinate and make future decisions to meet the needs of the community over the next five years.

The objectives and strategies in this Dog and Cat Management Plan are consistent with Goal L of Council's Strategic Management Plan 2025 – 2029:

GOAL L: Responsible Leadership and Governance

Council will demonstrate leadership, improve service delivery and ensure its business is conducted in a compliant, transparent, accountable, sustainable and efficient way.

STRATEGIES: to achieve this goal we will -

- L.1. Facilitate and advocate for accessible health, emergency, and community services, along with arts, culture, sports, recreation, education, and employment pathways, to foster sustainable lifestyles for families.
- L.2. Promote youth engagement in our region by offering opportunities for leadership, social involvement, community activities, and economic and business participation.
- L.3. Delivery of core services, including city amenity and the renewal of assets.

L.4. Continue to meet all legislative requirements and compliance with Council's internal controls.

L.5. Advocate for an increase in new revenue streams – rates from new developments; fees and charges; commercial opportunities.

L.6. Demonstrate Council's commitment to openness and transparency by providing regular performance updates and reporting on the progress of strategies.

2.1 Statistics and Figures

The data below shows that dog and cat issues have been well managed by Council.

Financial Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Registered Dogs	2851	2790	2813	2762	2671
Dogs Impounded	7	6	9	7	7
Dogs returned to owner	6	5	9	5	5
Dog Attacks	43	38	27	22	7
Cats Registered	N/A	N/A	391	450	714
Cat complaints	47	35	59	17	17
Income Dog registration	\$101,117	\$97,004	\$103,979	\$103,019	\$111,899
Income Cat registration	N/A	N/A	\$80	\$220	\$815
Income Expiations	\$5,610	\$6,965	\$14,978	\$13,175	\$18,096
Expenditure	\$142,474	\$154,942	\$171,039	\$176,379	\$166,873
Total number of expiations issued	27	25	71	56	88
Number of official barking dog complaints received	27	28	31	19	17
Number of official wandering dog complaints received	57	30	61	30	28
Number of dogs collected and returned to owner before impounded	32	14	51	12	9
Total number of dogs impounded	7	6	9	7	5
Total number of dogs impounded and subsequently returned to the owner	6	5	9	5	4
Number of reports of dog harassment to humans	13	11	6	6	0
Number of reports of dog attacks on humans	4	11	5	11	5
Number of reports of dog harassment to animals	15	6	5	0	0
Number of reports of dog attacks on animals	11	10	11	5	2
Number of authorised officers	3	3	3	3	4
Number of cat complaints	47	35	59	17	60
Number of registered businesses involving dogs	1	1	1	1	0

Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) is South Australia's mandatory database for the registration and records of dogs, cats, breeders, microchip and desexing information since 2018. Dog and cat records are stored on DACO and contain the following information.

- Owner summary;
- Microchip and desexing details;
- Physical description of the animal;
- Location animal is kept;
- Where animal was acquired;
- Control orders if applicable to a dog; and
- Any exemptions of accreditations.

All Councils, RSPCA, Animal Welfare League, microchip implanters and veterinarians can record and access certain information in DACO to help return lost dogs and cats with registered microchips. The Act is currently undergoing a legislative review and this could bring about some significant changes to the Act and in particular cat management.

Prior to the adoption of this plan a public notice was advertised in the Yorke Peninsula Times on Council's website and social media sites seeking public input to this plan.

3 Management of Dogs

3.1 Income and Expenditure

Money received by Council under Section 26(3) of the Act must be expended in the administration or enforcement provisions of the Act relating to dogs.

Council keeps separate accounts of money received under the Act and of money expended in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Act relating to dogs. Council pays into the Dog and Cat Management Fund by way of a percentage fixed by regulation of the dog registration fees received by Council.

Expenditure for the administration of the Act is derived from:

- Dog and cat registration;
- Expiation fees and fines for breaches of the Act;
- Dog pound fees, supplemented by;
- General rate revenue.

Councils Annual Business Plan allocates necessary resources annually for the management of dogs and cats. The resources for dog and cat management are managed by the Manager Building and Compliance.

The revenue from both expiation notices and court fines are retained by Council. Council also sets other fees in relation to the management of dogs and cats, such as the hire of equipment and pound fees.

3.2 Registration

Pursuant to Section 33 of the Act, all dogs over three months of age must be registered. Dog registration fees are set by Council.

Pursuant to the Act, there are two mandatory registration fee categories.

- Standard Dog (mandatory legislated rebate) – this applies to a dog that is both desexed and microchipped. The Act requires that councils provide a percentage rebate off the non-standard fee for a standard dog registration. The Dog and Cat Management Board (the Board) has recommended that councils offer a 50% rebate on the non – standard fee; and
- Non-Standard Dog - This fee is the full fee endorsed by Council. This fee applies to all dogs that are not both desexed and microchipped.

Council reviews the fees annually and include the following categories:

- Non-Standard dog;
- Standard dog;
- Working dog;
- Concession card holder (applies to standard and non-standard dogs only);
- Business registration (per dog); and
- Assistance dogs – free (accredited assistance dog, guide dog, or hearing dog).

Council also sets fees for dog management which include:

- Late payment fee for late dog registration renewal;
- Reduction of registration fees if the dog is under three months of age at 1 January of the registration period;
- Impoundment charges, which includes a seizure and impounding fee and a daily pound fee; and
- Additional fees are set for dog seized out of normal business hours.

The expiation fees for breaches of the Act are set under the Act. Council currently has By-Law 5 relating to dogs and By-Law 6 relating to cats. As of 1 July 2024, Council has resolved that a breach of a By-Law may result in an expiation fee of \$312.50. Fines can also be applied as a result of Court Action.

The Act prescribes Council's responsibilities for managing dogs relating to:

- Registration of dogs;
- Microchipping of dogs;
- Desexing of dogs;
- Nuisance barking;
- Dog attacks and harassment;
- Dogs wandering at large;
- Dogs defecating in public places;
- Specific duties relating to dogs;
- Seizure and detention of dogs;
- Power to make by-laws for the control of management of dogs or cats in their area;
- Dog breeder registration; and
- Selling requirements for dogs.

Council has a number of By-laws which address a variety of different community issues and expectations, and there are separate By-laws for dogs and cats.

3.3 Dogs By-Law No 5

This By-Law was introduced in 2020 to assist with the management and control of dogs within the Council's area and;

- Provides for dog free areas, dog on leash areas and dog exercise areas;
- Provides permit requirement for premises wishing to keep more than one dog in small premises in townships, two dogs in premises other than a small premises in a township and three dogs outside of a township (other than working dogs where up to five dogs can be kept on premises outside of a township);
- Requires people to carry a bag or other suitable container for removing their dog faeces from public spaces; and
- Outlines enforcement orders of this By-law.

3.4 Arrangements for the Detention of Dogs Seized

Council has two facilities that have been approved by the Board for the purpose of detaining dogs. These are located in the vicinity of the Works Depots at Maitland and Yorketown.

Council Rangers carry a microchip scanner in all Ranger vehicles. When a dog has been found to be wandering at large it is first checked to see if it contains a microchip, registration disc or other identifying features. If the owner can be identified and contact made with the owner, it will generally be returned to its owner rather than being placed in the pound, unless the dog is deemed a public nuisance due to repeatedly wandering at large. If the dog cannot be identified the dog is placed in the nearest pound. Impounded dogs that cannot be identified are advertised on the front window of all three Council Offices for a minimum period of 72 hours (unless claimed earlier) and on social media to ensure visibility to the public at all times.

If an impounded dog is not claimed, Council will ascertain if the dog is suitable for rehoming. Dogs suitable for rehoming may be offered for permanent ownership to suitable community members at no charge or relocated to a suitable dog shelter. If the dog is not suitable for rehoming, it will be euthanised by a local veterinary clinic.

Council has an excellent working relationship with many of the local organisations that are involved in the welfare of dogs, which include:

- RSPCA;
- Animal Welfare League;
- Other Local Government Authorities;
- Veterinarians;
- Dog trainers; and
- Rehoming facilities;

Microchipping is the most effective form of permanent identification for dogs and cats. Microchips have a unique identification number associated with owners contact details. Council actively promotes microchipping of dogs and cats by any of our local veterinarians.

It is compulsory that all dogs are microchipped and the details are entered into DACO. Dogs must be microchipped:

- Before they are sold;
- Before they reach 12 weeks of age; and
- Within 28 days of taking ownership of the dog.



Yorketown Depot Dog Detention Facility

3.5 Council's Allocated Resources

Council's legislative responsibilities with respect to the Act are enforced by staff of the Development Services Department. The collection of fees received by Council in relation to the Act is managed by the Corporate & Community Services Department of Council.

Council's Director of Development Services has been appointed by Council as the Registrar pursuant to Section 26 1(b) of the Act and to administer and enforce the provisions of the Act relating to dogs and cats within its area. Council's Senior Compliance Officer is the main contact person for the management and registration of dogs and cats and is a full time authorised officer pursuant to the Act. Council also has a full time Ranger and two part time Rangers who are authorised officers pursuant to the Act. Their roles are broad, unpredictable, and busy as they manage all aspects of animal control from dogs and cats to pigeons, roosters, livestock and others animals. Below is a list of some of the duties they undertake in relation to the implementation of the Act:

- Investigating dog attacks and harassments;
- Investigating barking dog complaints;
- Investigating cat and other animal nuisances;
- Seizing dogs that are wandering at large;
- Seizing dangerous dogs;
- Ensuring found dogs and cats are registered;
- Ensuring found dogs and cats are microchipped and desexed;
- Monitoring dog off-lead parks and local beaches;

- Administering additional dog and cat permits;
- Undertaking Dog Control Order inspections; and
- Providing education to pet owners and our general community about responsible pet ownership.

3.6 Encourage Public Safety

Dogs can bark excessively to such a degree that it reasonably interferes with the peace and comfort of other persons. Excessive barking complaints will be investigated and if the complaint is substantiated, actions will be taken until the barking is managed in a satisfactory manner to nearby noise sensitive receivers. Citronella collars are available for hire from Council to assist in the management of dogs that bark excessively.

Dog attacks or harassment are a major concern and are given a high priority to investigate. If the offending dog is wandering at large, Council's Authorised Officers will take appropriate action to ensure the safe wellbeing of the community. A serious injury to a person or animal may result in a destruction order being placed on the offending dog.

Council's By-law 5 Dogs limits the number of dogs that can be kept on premises and provides for the management and control of dog exercise areas, dogs on leashes and dog free areas.

The by-law also requires that a person with a dog in a public place must have in their possession a bag or suitable container for the collection and lawful disposal of any dog faeces deposited by the dog.

Council has allocated categories to all its parks and reserves so that a dog may be off leash, on leash or prohibited (dog free areas). Dogs are prohibited from being on any children's playground on Local Government land. Council has 485 kilometers of coastline, which is deemed a park under the Act, and dogs can be off leash in these areas, but must be under effective control at all times. Council reminds dog owners that when exercising their dog off leash, they need to ensure their dog is well behaved and that the dog owner needs to ensure their dog can safely and sociably interact with other dogs and members of the public. Council has developed an information sheet called *Dogs on Beaches and Public Spaces* to educate the community and visitors.

Meet Legislative Requirements

Council conducts patrols of the district to ensure compliance with the Act.

All complaints are investigated in line with Council's Enforcement Policy. Depending on the nature and seriousness of the complaint the action undertaken may include a caution, expiation notice, control orders or court proceedings. Reports of dog attacks/harassment are given a high priority. Appropriate action will be taken to reduce the likelihood of a similar incident reoccurring.

An Inspectorial report is presented to Council each month advising of the duties undertaken in the previous month in relation to dog and cat management.

On-leash and Off-leash Locations

The Act requires that a dog and cat management plan must include provisions for parks where dogs may be exercised off-leash and for parks where dogs must be under effective control by means of physical restraint, and may include provisions for parks where dogs are prohibited.

A 'Park' is defined in the Act as "a park, garden, reserve, or other similar open space, or a foreshore area, within the area of a council".

Confined Dog Parks are costly to build and maintain and due to the lack of large number of dogs in any one location, individual dog parks could only be utilised by a small percentage of the districts dog owners. For this reason, it is not envisaged that Council will establish formal Dog Parks. Whilst Council does not have a designated fenced dog park, a large proportion of the Council boundary consists of foreshore areas that are an excellent park for dog owners to allow their dogs to run off leash whilst under effective control. The only restriction currently

placed on dogs on the foreshore is that they must be on leash within 100 metres of a signed or fenced Hooded Plover Nesting Area . Rather than build specific dog parks Council will continue to encourage dog owners to exercise their dogs on the foreshore areas and parcels of local government land where there are no restrictions.

On leash, off leash parks and dog prohibited areas – See [Appendix A](#)

4 Management of Cats

The Act prescribes Council’s responsibilities for managing cats relating to:

- Registration of cats;
- Microchipping of cats;
- Desexing of cats;
- Power to make by-laws for the control of management of dogs or cats in their area; and
- Cats in remote or fragile areas and unidentified cats in other areas.

In 2020 Council introduced a specific By-law to assist in the management and control of cats.

4.1 Cats By-Law No 6

This By-Law was introduced in 2020 to assist with the management and control of cats within the Council’s area and;

- Cats must be registered;
- Registration procedure for cats;
- Duration and renewal of registration;
- Accuracy of records;
- Identification of cats; and
- Prescribed limit in respect of the number of cats to be kept per premises.

Council to encourage cat owners to be responsible pet owners, the registration is free for those cats that are both microchipped and desexed. Cats that are not both microchipped and desexed are charged a fee for registration.

Cat owners have a legal obligation to ensure their cat microchip details are contained within DACO. All cats born after the 1 July 2018 must be desexed by a registered veterinary surgeon:

Cats can wander onto neighbouring properties and may cause a nuisance to others. Council addresses complaints from members of the community in relation to cats. Cat management issues are currently investigated under the Cats By-law 6 and occasionally the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*. No animal is allowed to cause an adverse effect on an amenity value or unreasonably with the enjoyment of the area.

4.2 Arrangements for the Detention of Cats Seized

Council does not have any endorsed facilities for the detention of cats and does not impound any cat.

Unidentified cats are assessed by Council Rangers upon being seized. An unidentified cat that has been seized and is assessed as likely to be a pet due to its temperament, identification collar and/or microchip, will be released where it was detained. Steps are immediately taken for all other unidentified cats to be humanely euthanised by Council.

4.3 Services Available from Council.

Cat traps are available for hire from Council to assist managing un-owned and unidentified cats. Currently Council has a deposit fee for the hire of the trap and upon the return of the trap in good order, the deposit is refunded. Any unidentified cat that has a poor temperament is collected by Council and euthanised at no cost to the hirer of the cage.

Any identified cat that is detained in the cage must be released immediately.

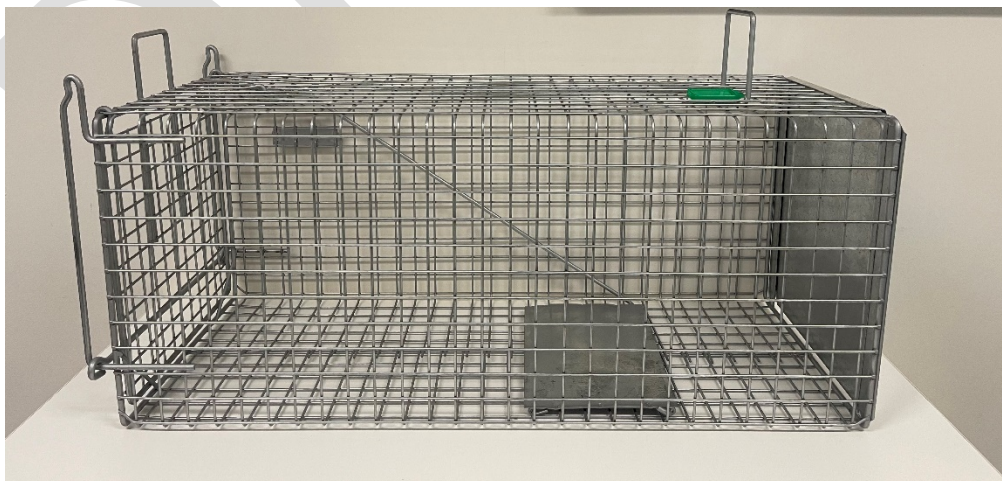
Council has for decades been trying to control unidentified cats by offering the community free cat cage hire and euthanasiation of the unidentified cats. Council also has endeavoured to remove cats from locations where people encourage the large colonies of unidentified cats to congregate by feeding them.

Once an unidentified cat is caught by a member of the public, Council Rangers attend the property, scan the cat to ensure it is unidentified, and will remove any unidentified cat. A replacement cage is generally left at the premises to catch further unidentified cats.

Council also target premises where persons feed the unidentified cats, which encourage colonies of cats to develop. In the past Council has taken away up to 30 cats in a trapping program from these locations at a given time. Council will continue to target these locations.

Council's trapping program has also benefited the rewilding program (Marna Banggara) that is being undertaken in the southern area of Council by Landscapes SA. Rewilding is the process of restoring an area of land to its natural & uncultivated state, most often in conjunction with the reintroduction of native animal species which have been extinct from that area. It encourages natural processes to take place, ecosystems to be repaired and landscapes to be restored resulting in healthier and more diverse natural habitats.

Marna Banggara is an ambitious landscape restoration project that aims to create a safe haven for some of Australia's most threatened native species, reinvigorate iconic bushland and benefit the community, economy and agriculture on Yorke Peninsula. It is named from Narungga language with 'marna' meaning healthy or prosperous and 'banggara' signifying Country. This project includes a cat trapping program in the rural areas. Councils targeted unidentified cat trapping program in the township areas in the project amenity greatly enhances the Marna Banggara project.



Cat traps are available to members of the community to trap and remove nuisance cats

5 General Council Management of Dogs and Cats

Utilising the powers contained in Section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council has delegated powers, functions and duties, under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, to the persons occupying the office of the Chief Executive Officer of Council.

The Chief Executive Officer has sub-delegated some powers, functions and duties to other officers of the Council. This allows the Rangers to carry out all the routine responsibilities of Council contained in the Act.

Council has appointed a Senior Compliance Officer, a full time Ranger and two part time Rangers to ensure Council fulfills its obligations under the Act. Council's Manager Building and Compliance, who oversees the Ranger Team is also qualified to carry out Council's legislative obligations in relation to the Act. Part time rangers also actively patrol the district on most weekends. An after hours contact phone number is also available for any emergency dog and cat management issues.

The role of a Ranger is diverse and requires a broad range of competencies and knowledge to effectively fulfil the job tasks required. Council recognises this and ensures that all staff continue to receive appropriate training to increase the awareness of the level of professionalism, performance standards, skills and knowledge base required of an authorised person. Council ensures that authorised persons, both new and experienced at all levels, are adequately trained and qualified for their roles, and that there is a clear understanding of role requirements.

All standard operating procedures (SOPs) are available to assist the Rangers to carry out routine operations. SOPs aim to achieve efficiency, quality output, and uniformity of performance, while reducing miscommunication and failure to comply with legislative requirements.

Council also uses its website and social media to promote responsible dog and cat ownership. If a person does not have access to social media, customer service staff will either post or email the documentation to anyone who requires it.

In order to encourage responsible dog and cat ownership Council will:

- Educate the community on responsible dog and cat ownership;
- Provide education material to residents and visitors to the Council area;
- Enforce the provision of the *Dog and Cat Management Act*;
- Utilise publications available from the Board;
- Utilise Council communication tools to communicate key messages to the community; and
- Promote responsible dog and cat ownership so that all are registered, microchipped, desexed and immunised.

Section 68 of the Act allows the Dog and Cat Management Board to register a person as a breeder. The Act also outlines rules to regulate breeding and the sale of dogs and cats. Upon receiving information that alleges a person may be an unlawful breeder, Council will investigate to ensure the person selling a dog or cat is adhering to the following rules;

- Upholding welfare standards for breeding animals;
- Registered as a breeder in Dogs and Cats Online;
- Adhering to the advertising rules;
- Dogs and cats are microchipped before sale;
- Information for purchasers; and
- Understanding the desexing laws.

Council also encourages the owner or operator of a business consisting of or involving

- (a) a kennel at which dogs are bred or trained; or
- (b) the provision of security or other services involving the use of dogs,

to apply, in the manner and form approved by the Board, to the Registrar to be operated for registration of the business as per Section 25 of the Act. Council also sets a fee for the registration of dogs as a business.

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6. Objectives – Strategies – KPIS

In order to implement and measure Council's Animal Management Plan the Council will implement a series of objectives, strategies and measures during the life of the plan.

COUNCIL OPERATIONS		
a) Council authorised persons have capacity to administer and enforce the Dog and Cat Management Act		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Appropriately trained workers.	Staff undertake training, as required, relating to legislative provisions under the Dog and Cat Management Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Type and number of training sessions attended. ➤ Training needs/opportunities and incorporated into staffs Performance Appraisal. ➤ Ranger staff attend the Board's SAMOF meetings.
Effective and appropriate enforcement and administration of legislation	<p>Delegations and Authorisations are lawful and in place.</p> <p>Complaints regarding breaches of the Act and By-laws are investigated in accordance with Council's Enforcement Policy.</p> <p>Procedures are put in place to support staff fulfill their roles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Annual review of Authorisations/Delegations ➤ Number of investigations and the outcomes obtained. ➤ Procedures are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

b) Responsible Dog and Cat Ownership

Objective	Strategies	Measures
<p>Increase knowledge of the dog and cat ownership laws through proactive education of pet owners to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities.</p> <p>Ensure up-to-date promotional materials available.</p>	<p>Display information about dog and cat laws at council premises, council website and Facebook social media</p> <p>Display links to the Board's websites from Council's website and social media. Share relevant posts from Board's social media.</p> <p>Implement various campaigns, such as wandering dog campaign, to highlight various issues relating to responsible pet ownership.</p> <p>Provide educational material for display and circulation to membership, clients etc. to promote responsible pet ownership to veterinary clinics, library, dog club, tourist accommodation, local rescue group, schools.</p> <p>Regularly review and update promotional material to ensure it is accurate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of times educational information distributed ➤ Number of different formats used to distribute information. ➤ Number and type of campaigns undertaken annually. ➤ Annual reduction in dog wandering at large. ➤ Annual reduction in dogs found not microchipped or desexed. ➤ Number of pamphlets/brochures circulated. ➤ Types and promotional material provided.
<p>Community (locals and visitors) are adequately informed of dogs on-leash, off-leash and dog free areas.</p>	<p>Review and update the dog's on-leash, off-leash and dog free areas. Distribute Dogs on Beaches and Public Spaces information to the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Schedule of on-leash, off-leash and dog free areas reviewed and attached to Dog and Cat Management Plan and advertised on Council's website.

c) Effective Reporting and Management Structures

Objective	Strategies	Measures
<p>Maintain appropriate reporting mechanisms for all reporting requirements under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 to ensure timely reporting to the Board.</p>	<p>Implement reporting system for compliance with regulatory provisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reporting system developed and implemented number and type of reports generated.

d) Breeder Registration		
Objectives	Strategies	Measures
Educate residents regarding the legislative requirements for all breeders to be registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board.	<p>Advertise breeder registration requirements on Council's web site and Facebook page</p> <p>Investigate any pup litters identified for sale as per legislation and ensure that the owners are registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of local breeders registered with the Board. ➤ Reduction in the number of identified non compliances with breeder registration over time.
Enforce compliance with the breeder registration requirements	<p>Monitor adverts in local newspapers and social media pages to check if dog and cat sales advertisements contain a breeder registration number</p> <p>Inspect the premises of breeding businesses to ensure the number of dogs/cats on the premises matches the number approved by council. Assist the RSPCA representative with any local inspections they may have.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The number of expiations issued for non-compliance of breeder registrations

DOG MANAGEMENT

a) Dog Registration

Objective	Strategies	Measures
High level of dog registration achieved.	Promote dog registrations annually.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Annual reduction in dogs not registered.
Increased knowledge of legislative provisions around registration.	Undertake door knocks to identify and ensure any unregistered dog is registered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of door knocks undertaken and number of dogs identified and registered as a result.

b) Mandatory Microchipping		
Objectives	Strategies	Measures
<p>Educate residents about the mandatory microchipping requirements</p> <p>Enforce compliance with the mandatory microchipping requirements</p>	<p>Promote mandatory microchipping of dogs and cats on Council Website and Facebook social media page.</p> <p>Liaise with vets, dog training schools and other places where dog and cat owners visit and share the pamphlets produced by the Board.</p> <p>Work with local vets to promote the mandatory microchipping requirements of all dogs and cats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of times and formats used as educational material distributed ➤ Percentage increase in the number of dogs and cats found to be microchipped.
c) Mandatory Desexing		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
<p>Educate residents about the mandatory desexing requirements</p>	<p>Promote mandatory desexing of dogs and cats on Council Website and Facebook social media page.</p> <p>Using DACO records, contact dog owners who are not compliant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of times and different formats of educational material distributed. ➤ The number of dogs and cats registered on DACO that are not desexed.
<p>Increase the percentage of number of desexed dogs and cats in the local area</p> <p>Increase awareness of benefits of desexing.</p>	<p>Promote the National Desexing Networks National Desexing month of July.</p> <p>Offer free cat registration for owners of cats that are both desexed and microchipped.</p> <p>In conjunction with local vets, promote the benefit of dog desexing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ High proportion/percentage of all registered dogs and cats (born after 1 July 2018) are desexed. ➤ Promotional material provided by Council.

d) Wandering At Large		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Reduced number of dogs wandering at large.	Respond to complaints regarding Wandering dogs.	➤ Number of complaints/incidents of dogs wandering at large.
Identification of dogs in public places, whether wandering at large or under effective control.	Random patrols of all public places, detain dogs found to be wandering and speak to owners of dogs under effective control to ascertain if identified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of dogs seized. ➤ Number of dogs not identified whilst under effective control in public places.
Return of identified dogs found wandering at large to their owners prior to being placed in the pound.	Educate dog owners to identify their dogs so that dogs wandering at large are returned directly to their owners.	➤ Number of dogs return to owners prior to being placed in the pound.
e) Faeces Management		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Dog owners remove all faeces deposited by their dog in public places.	Rangers monitor dogs in public places to ensure owners are carrying a suitable bag to collect any faeces. Provide and promote facilities to ensure collection of faeces in public spaces by pet owners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of dog owners not carrying suitable bag to collect faeces. ➤ Reduction in complaints regarding faeces left in public places.
f) Barking Dogs		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Reduction in the number of complaints regarding barking dogs.	Liaise with dog owners and complainants on an ongoing basis until the nuisance barking has been reduced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of complaints received and resolved. ➤ Reduction in the number of repeat barking complaints
	Review of Barking Dog Procedure	➤ Procedure reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis
	Ensure compliance with limits on dog numbers as per By-law. Provision of barking collars via deposit ,and purchase of barking dog collar chemical canisters.	➤ Number of permit applications

g) Attacks and harassments reporting		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
All dog attacks to be reported to Council.	Promote the reporting of dog attacks on Councils web site and social media and develop an information sheet that can be left in accommodation outlets, caravan parks and doctor clinics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase awareness of dog attacks in the community to reduce numbers of dog attacks.
Reduce the number of dog attacks.	Educate the public in dog attack prevention strategies and that the majority of dog attacks occur on private property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of dog attacks reduced. ➤ Type of promotion and educational material.
Investigate all reported dog attacks.	Fully investigate all dog attacks and take appropriate action regarding issuing of expiations and dog control orders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of attacks reported. ➤ Orders and expiations issued.
h) Exercise and enrichment of dogs		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Provide walking trails and parks that encourage dog owners to exercise their dogs both on-leash and off-leash in a safe environment.	Monitor the foreshore areas and parks to ensure they are appropriately designated as on/off-leash areas to encourage dog owners to exercise their dogs. Review community requests for designated dog off-leash parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of off-leash/on-leash areas provided.
i) Impounded Dogs		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Dogs are properly identified so that they can be returned to their owner prior to be placed in the pound.	Promote the compulsory microchipping of dogs and the registration of dogs so that they are identified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of dogs not identified reduced.
Rehome any suitable unclaimed impounded dog.	Have unclaimed dogs temperament tested to see if suitable for rehoming.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of dogs euthanised reduced.
j) Dog By-law		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Ensure Council's Dog By-law effectively assists in the management and control of dogs.	Review Council's Dog By-Law with endorsement of the Dog and Cat Management Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed Dog By-Law 5 to be introduced prior to December 2027.

CAT MANAGEMENT		
a) Owner responsibility		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
To reduce the nuisance caused by owned domestic cats.	Promote responsible cat ownership.	➤ Number of cat nuisance complaints reduced.
Educate cat owners in relation to being a responsible cat owners.	Promote the information contained on the Good Cat web site to educate cat owners.	➤ Number of cat complaints reduced.
b) Cat Trap Hire		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Proactively manage the unidentified and unowned cats within the townships.	Cat traps are available for hire as required.	➤ Number of cat traps hired.
	Unidentified and unowned cats to be euthanised.	➤ Number of cats euthanised.
c) Receiving seized cats and impounding Cats		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Efficient management of cats trapped.	Review Council's procedures in relation to the euthanising of unidentified cats to enable Rangers to fulfil their role in relation to cat control.	➤ Procedures reviewed on an ongoing basis
d) Cat By-Law		
Objective	Strategies	Measures
Ensure Council's Cat By-law effectively assists in the management and control of cat.	Review Council's Cat By-Law with endorsement of the Dog and Cat Management Board.	➤ Reviewed Cat By-Law 6 to be introduced prior to December 2027.

7 Appendix A: On-leash, Off-Leash Parks and Dog Prohibited Areas

DOGS ON-LEASH AREAS:	
<i>Location/Area/Address</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Port Victoria Jetty, Victoria Terrace, Port Victoria	Dogs must be on-leash at all times.
Port Rickaby Jetty, Nelcebee Square, Port Rickaby	
Port Turton Jetty, Bayview Rd, Port Turton	
Marion Bay Jetty, Slow Street Marion Bay	
Stansbury Jetty, Jetty Road, Stansbury	
Port Julia Jetty, Jetty Road, Port Julia	
Ardrossan Jetty, Jetty Road, Ardrossan	
DOGS OFF-LEASH AREAS	
<i>Location/Area/Address</i>	<i>Comments</i>
All foreshore areas	Dogs MUST be under effective control at all times
Designated bush camping grounds	
All Local Government land to which the public have access that is not a road.	
"Walk the Yorke" walking trail	Except those parts of the walking portion of the trail that are on a road. Dogs MUST be under effective control at all times
DOG PROHIBITED AREAS.	
<i>Location/Area/Address</i>	<i>Comments</i>
All children's playgrounds on Local Government Land	Dogs prohibited at all times
Edithburgh Oval, Yorketown Road, Edithburgh	
Edithburgh Tidal Pool, O'Halloran Parade, Edithburgh	
Yorketown Oval, Stansbury Road, Yorketown	
Warooka Oval, Oval Ave Warooka	

8 Links to Related Documents

YPC 2025-2029 Strategic Management Plan

Yorke Peninsula Council's 2025-2029 Strategic Management Plan

By-Laws:

Dogs By-Law No. 5 of 2020

Cats By-Law No. 6 of 2020

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