



Appendix 1

13.1 Dog Restriction Order

Dog Restriction Order

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 7:00pm

Queenscliff Town Hall

Borough of Queenscliffe

Domestic Animals Act 1994

The Council in the exercise of its powers under Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* resolved that from the date of the publication of this Order that:

1. General Matters

- a. The owner of any dog must keep the dog under effective control by means of a leash or chain when they are in a public place in the municipal district, except where signs designate an area as being available for unleashed dogs.
- b. Dogs are not permitted on any beach in the municipal district between the hours of 9.00am and 8.00pm each day from the period from the first day of December until the last day of February in any year.

2. Exceptions and obligations

Despite clause 1 (b), dogs may be exercised off leash at the Narrows Beach provided that an owner has the dog under the effective control at all times and provided –

- a. The dog remains under effective control by either voice or hand commands and the dog remains within sight of the owner so that it can be immediately brought back under control by placing it on a leash or chain if it becomes necessary to prevent the dog wandering out of effective control or to avoid any intimidating behaviour or threatening attack; and
- b. The owner does not allow the dog to worry or threaten any person or animal and does not allow the dog to attack any person or animal.

3. Interpretation

For the purposes of this Order:

- a. “Public Place” has the same meaning as the *Summary Offences Act 1966*
- b. “Owner” has the same meaning as in the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*
- c. Narrows Beach is the beach that is adjacent to the area described as Dog Beach carpark (also known as Narrows Beach carpark) in the Narrows, between Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff. The Narrows Beach extends from the end of the rock sea wall eastwards to a boundary which is approximately level with the west end of Fraser Street, Queenscliff to the low water mark.

Any previous Orders made under Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* are repealed.

Kelvin Spiller

Acting Chief Executive Officer