

Council Policy No 30.

Dog Control

Former Council: Pittwater

Review Date:

August 2025

September 2026

Responsible Officer

Executive Manager Parks & Open Space

Revision

Date	Action	Note	TRIM
19 August 2025	Amendment made as per Council Resolution 217/25	Amendment made to permit dogs on Mona Vale Beach (south) from 14 October 2025 to 13 October 2026 during specific times for an off-leash dog trial as outlined in the amended policy	2025/549512
15 September 2026	Amendment made as per Council Resolution 26/202	Amendment made to extend the end of the Trial Period of the Mona Vale Beach (south) Off-leash Dog Trial from 13 October 2026 to 13 October 2027	2025/549512

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TITLE: DOG CONTROL

BUSINESS UNIT: Parks & Open Space

RELEVANT LEGISLATION: COMPANION ANIMALS ACT 1998

Objective

To provide effective dog control in leashed and unleashed areas in the former Pittwater Local Government Area in accordance with the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

Policy Statement

Dog Control

That Council has provided (in compliance with the *Companion Animals Act 1998*) the following areas:

Bicentennial Coastal Walkway

Leashed dogs are allowed on all headland sections of the Walkway, with the EXCEPTION of Bangalley Head and Turimetta Head.

Prohibited Areas

All beaches in the former Pittwater Local Government Area (except Mona Vale Beach (south) as set out in this policy), Warriewood Wetlands, Turimetta Reserve, Ingleside Chase Reserve, Careel Bay Intertidal area, Irrawong Reserve to the waterfall and Bangalley Headland Reserve.

Mona Vale Beach (south) Dog Off-leash Area and Trial

Dogs permitted off-leash on Mona Vale Beach (south) on a trial basis as follows:

- Initial Trial Period - 12 months, 14 October 2025 to 13 October 2026 (authorised by Council Resolution 217/25 (19 August 2025)).
- Extension Period - 12 months, 14 October 2026 to 13 October 2027 (authorised by Council Resolution 26/202 (15 September 2026)).
- Trial Area - the specific part of Mona Vale Beach for the trial is set out in Appendix 1.
- Trial days and times for dogs permitted off-leash - dogs permitted off-leash during the trial period in the trial area at these days and times:
 - 5.30am to 10.00am and 5.00pm to 9.00pm, Monday to Sunday (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)
 - 6.00am to 10.00am and 4.00pm to 7.00pm, Monday to Sunday (Australian Eastern Standard Time).
- At all other times during the trial period, dogs are prohibited in the trial area.
- Council may at its discretion and via a resolution of Council terminate the trial and/or amend the trial parameters subject to compliance with all relevant legislation.
- Unless Council resolves to do otherwise, at the conclusion of the trial period, dogs will be prohibited in the trial area 24 hours a day, seven days a week in accordance with the approved Council policy that applies at that time.

For the avoidance of doubt, the parameters of the Trial during the Extension Period (14 October 2026 to 13 October 2027) are identical to those during the Initial Trial Period (14 October 2025 to 13 October 2026), except that the end date is extended to 13 October 2027.

Wildlife Protection Areas

Council has designated 21 bushland reserves as Wildlife Protection Areas (*Companion Animals Act 1998 s 14 H*) with public place set apart by the local authority for the protection of wildlife.

Except where dogs are expressly prohibited from the whole reserve, dogs are allowed in wildlife protection areas on defined paths and on a lead at all times.

Wildlife Protection Areas are listed below:

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| • Careel Bay Intertidal area | • Minkara Reserve, Ingleside |
| • Irrawong Reserve to the waterfall | • Attunga Reserve, Newport |
| • Angophora Reserve, Bilgola Plateau | • Pindari Park, Bayview |
| • McKay Reserve, Palm Beach | • Hewitt Park, Bilgola |
| • Elizabeth Park, Scotland Island | • Epworth Park, Elanora |
| • Stapleton Park, Bilgola Plateau | • Algona Reserve, Bilgola Plateau |
| • Bangalley Headland, Avalon | • Bilarong Sanctuary, North Narrabeen |
| • Palmgrove Reserve, Avalon | • Fern Creek, Creekline Corridor |
| • Sunrise Reserve, Palm Beach | Warriewood |
| • Betty Morrison Reserve, Bungan Beach | • Narrabeen Creek, Creekline Corridor, |
| • Kanimbla Reserve, Bilgola Plateau | Warriewood |
| • Bushrangers Hill, Newport | • Deep Creek (Foreshore) Reserve, |
| | North Narrabeen |

Unleashed Exercise Areas

That the following reserves or picnic places be declared and approved by Council as areas in which dogs, under the control of a person (but not necessarily on a leash) may be exercised, namely (See Location Sketches (6) attached):

- Mackerel Beach only permitted from the public wharf north of the boundary with the National Park from sunrise to 9.30am and 5pm to sunset. At other times the shortest direct route with dog on-lead is to be taken across the beach between a vessel and the grassed strip.
 - Hitchcock Park, Careel Bay (restricted to the Reserve Area north of the soccer field);
 - Dearin Reserve, Newport;
 - Rowland Reserve, Bayview (north of the boat launching area car park and including the adjacent tidal sand flats);
 - South Mona Vale Headland Reserve (area east of Narrabeen Park Parade/ Coronation Street junction).
- Progress Park, Narrabeen (water access to Mullet Creek)

Unleashed Training Area

That the following reserve or public place be declared and approved by Council as an area in which dogs, under the control of a person (but not necessarily on a leash), may be trained, namely:-

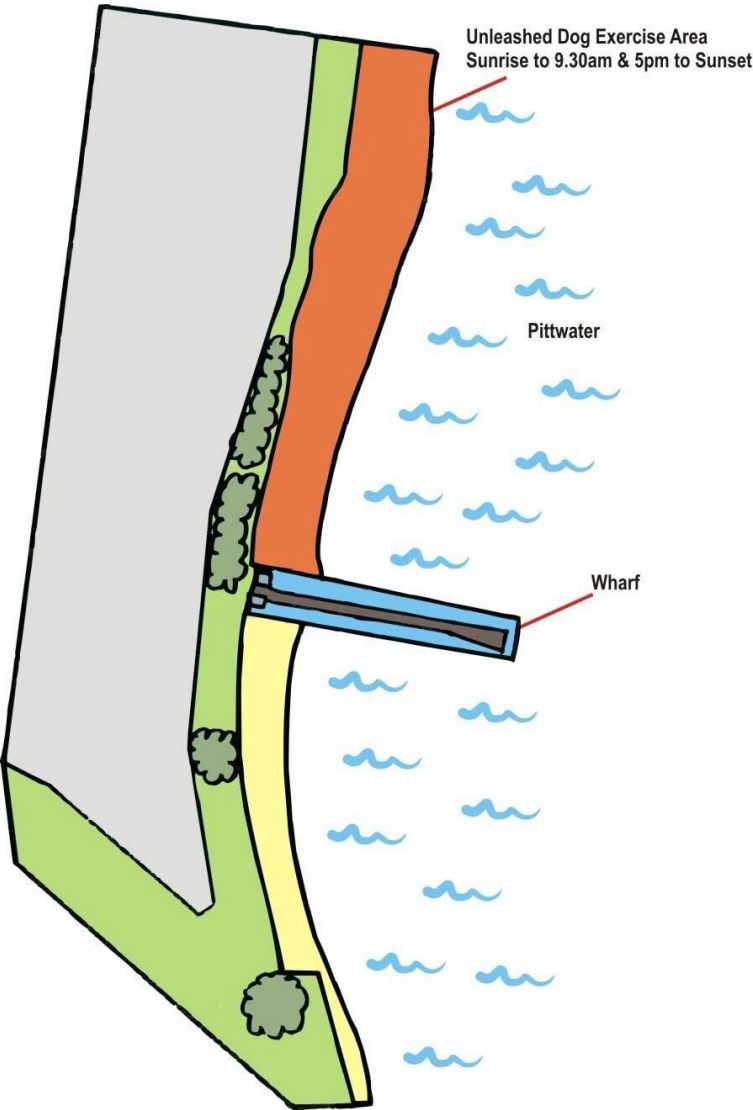
- Deep Creek Reserve, Narrabeen – within the fenced area (see location sketch attached).

Reserve Advisory Signs

That the reserve advisory signs for each declared area display a diagrammatic plan showing the boundary of the declared area; a notice to accompany the diagram advising dog owners that they are required to control their dogs within the specified area and remove any litter caused by their animals.

That publicity be given from time to time to the prohibitions, the penalties and to the provision of approved areas and appropriate signage be erected.

MACKEREL BEACH UNLEASHED DOG AREA MAP

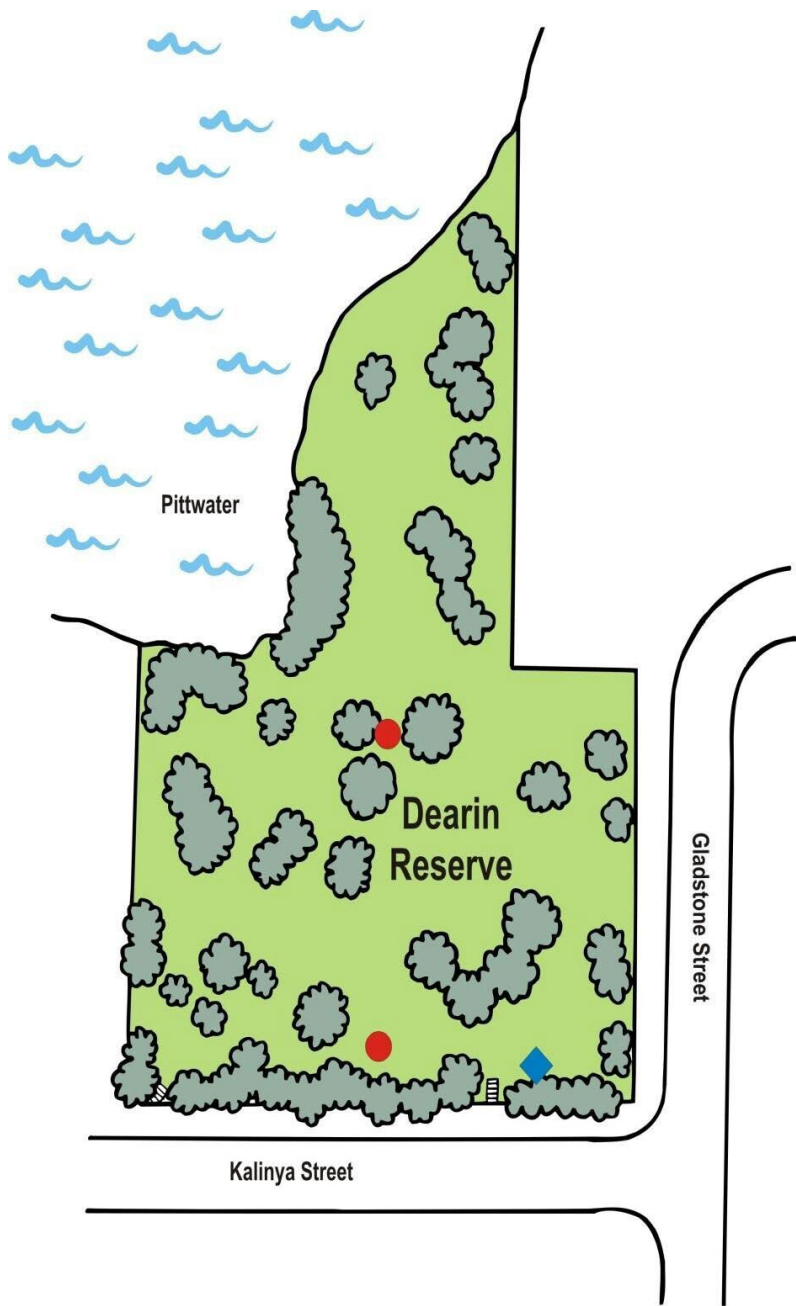


Unleashed Dog Exercise Area
Hitchcock Park, Careel Bay
(restricted to the reserve area north of the soccer field)



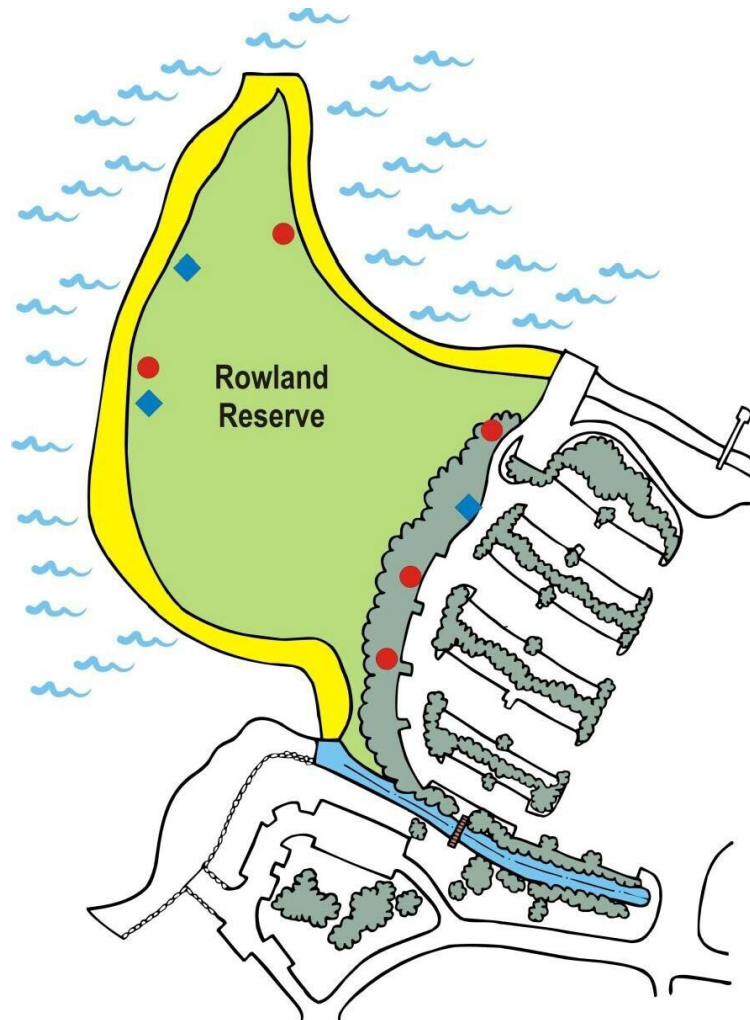
Unleashed Dog Exercise Area

Dearin Reserve, Newport



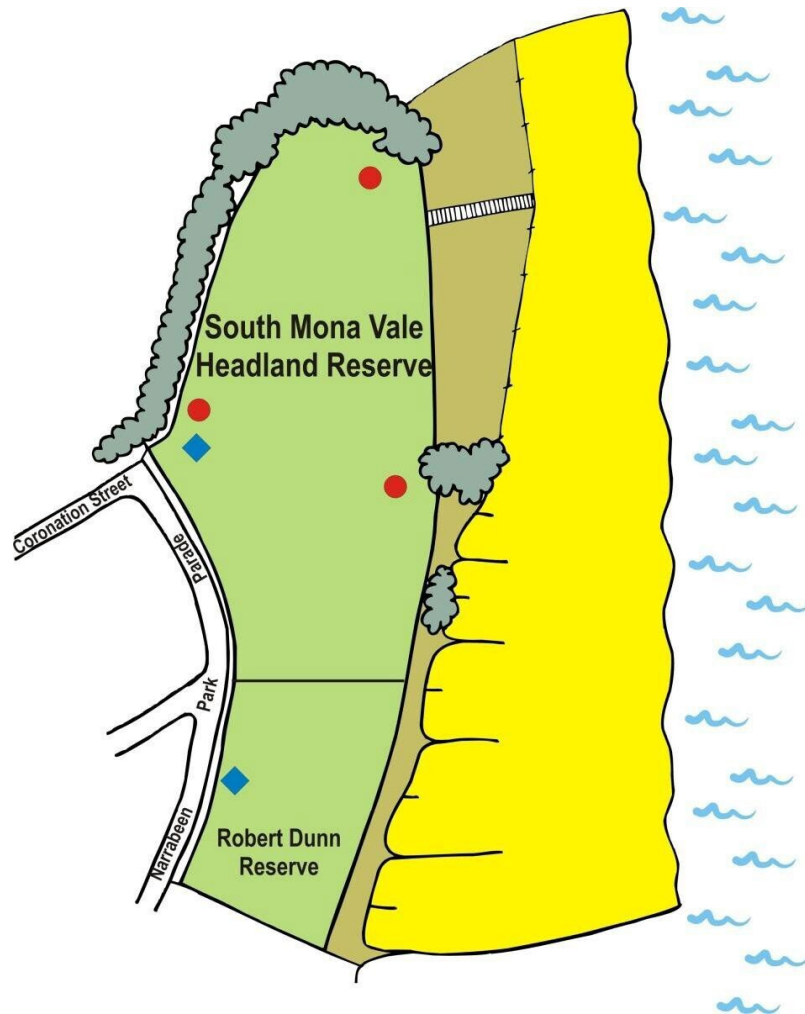
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Rowland Reserve, Bayview
(north of boat launching area carpark
and including the adjacent tidal sand flats).

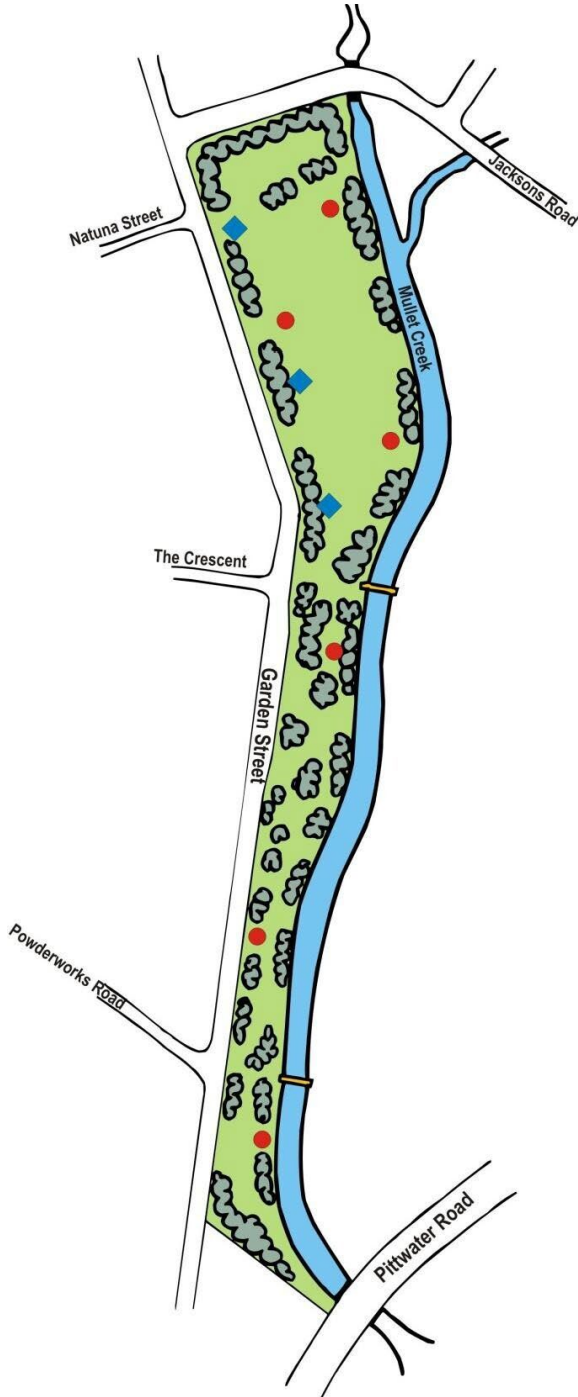


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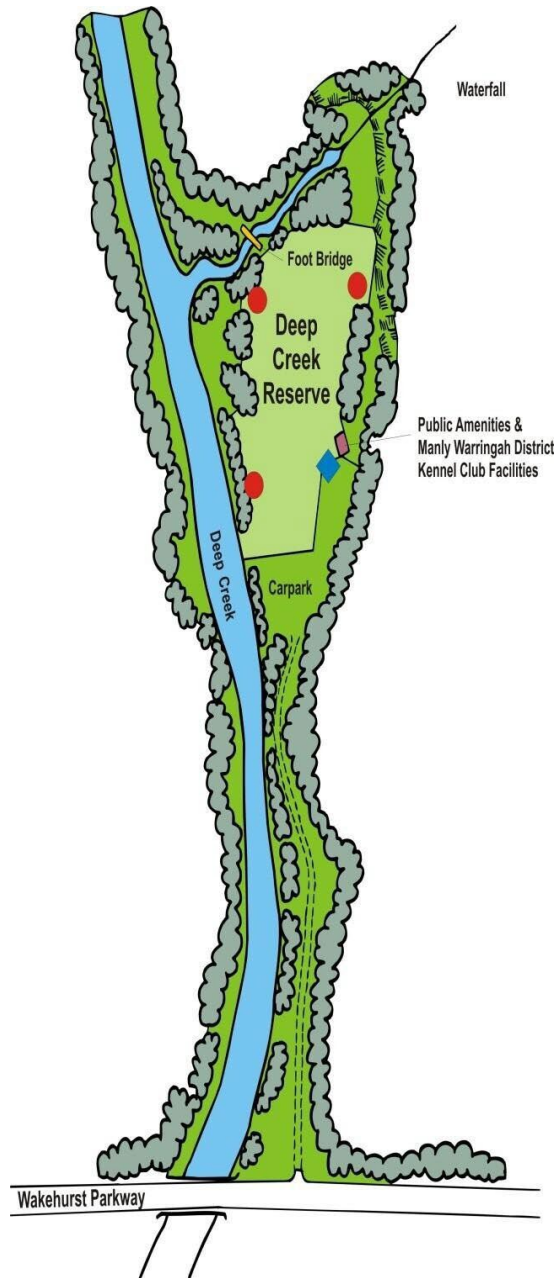
South Mona Vale Headland Reserve
(area east of Narrabeen Park Parade/
Coronation Street junction)



Unleashed Dog Exercise Area
Progress Park, Narrabeen (water access to Mullet Creek)



Unleashed Dog Training Area
Deep Creek Reserve, Narrabeen (within fenced area only)



Appendix 1: Map of Dog Off-leash Trial Area Mona Vale Beach (south)

