

APPROVED INSPECTION PROGRAM DETAILS

In accordance with Section 134 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 113 of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, Council's authorised officers will be undertaking a door knock of all urban and environ properties and rural town areas as designated under Council's Local Law No 2.

The inspection program will commence on **15th July 2019** and end **Ongoing** with authorised officer calling urban property owners during normal workdays between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm. Some follow up calls may occur between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays & Sundays.

Purpose of Program

The purpose of the systematic property inspection program is to monitor compliances with the following legislation:

Animal Management

- Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 (stock & dog numbers)
- *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* (Dog registration requirements)
- Excess Dog Permits and Kennel areas
- Compliance with Regulated Dog Declarations
- Other Local Laws – overgrown allotments
- Building Act – Swimming Pool Safety Barriers

Details of Program

1. **Animal Management**

Council's authorised officers will be door knocking to make sure all dogs recorded on Council's register at that property are currently registered, dogs are required to be registered annually before 30th June 2019. Dog owners detected with unregistered dogs after 15th July 2019 may be issued with Penalty Infringement Notices (PINs) fines.

Council's authorised officers will also check that all current holders of a three (3) dog permit are fully compliant with the conditions of the permit, and that the annual permit fee has been paid.

Declared Dogs, either as Dangerous or Menacing, are required to be kept within a special enclosure, signs to be displayed and have conditions that apply when the dog is outside the enclosure. These are inspected during the program to ensure ongoing compliance with the conditions placed on them as part of the declaration notice issued by Council.

Richmond Shire Council encourages responsible pet ownership. Registration and microchipping is compulsory in the declared town areas. You do not need to "desex" your dog, however it is recommended to do so and a reduced registration fee applies.

Dog ownership is about caring for a dog and ensuring that it is socially acceptable. Owning a dog brings many rewards, but also responsibilities for keeping the dog within your property and ensuring the animal's welfare.

Dog registrations expired on 30 June 2019. Renewals and new dog registrations applied from **1st July 2019**.

Keeping unregistered dogs may incur a fine of \$252.00 for each animal. If you are a new dog owner, please get in touch with Council's Customer Service Centre to register your dog within fourteen (14) days of obtaining your dog or moving into the Council area.

Owners of dogs have a legal responsibility to advise Council of any changes relating to their dog registration, i.e. change of address, animal sold, given away or is deceased.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP GUIDE

	DOGS 12 WEEKS AND OVER	BUYING/SELLING A DOG	GIVING AWAY A DOG (AT ANY AGE)	LEGEND:
Do I need to register my dog with Council?				 Yes, it's compulsory
Do I need to microchip my dog?				 No, but it's recommended
Do I need to have my dog desexed?				

2. Prohibitions

You are permitted to register and keep:

- ONLY 2 dogs (as of right) on an allotment in a designated town area.
- ONLY 1 dog on premises which are multi-residential premises.
- ONLY 3 dogs with approval and a permit issued by Council.

Further details may be obtained from any one of Council's Customer Service Centres.

3. Breeding, selling or giving dogs away

Dog owners are now required in QLD to register for a Breeder Identification Number (BIN) if their bitch has a litter of pups after 26 May 2017 and they will be selling, gifting or giving dogs away. Owners have a twenty eight (28) day period to apply for a BIN after the pups are born. BIN can be obtained free of charge by going to Dept. of Agriculture & Fisheries website www.daf.qld.gov.au or ringing 13 25 23.

4. Local Laws

Councils in QLD adopt Local Laws to effectively control activities that have the potential to impact on other people living in your local community. These include activities such as overgrown allotments, keeping of stock and animals, occupation of structures as temporary homes, operating camping & caravan areas and operating temporary entertainment events. These activities all have the potential to impact on neighbours and the amenity of their neighbourhood.

5. Building Act 1975 & Queensland Development Code MP3.4

Domestic pools are a great source of enjoyment for families and their friends. Any pool (permanent or temporary) **capable** of holding water more than 300mm, has a volume of more than 2,000 litres or has a filtration system fitted will require approval and fencing to comply with the QLD Development Code.

Pools smaller than the above dimension or capacity should not be left full after use and be secured to prevent young children gaining access or becoming filled due to storm events or sprinklers and watering systems being used.

Safety Barrier requirements for pools and details on clearances from structures and landscape plantings around pool barriers can be obtained from Council or from the QBCC website www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/Pool_Safety_Compliance or search QBCC swimming pool.

All pools that require safety barriers and approval have been required to be registered with QBCC since 1 December 2015. Register online at qbcc.qld.gov.au.

Pool safety is a high priority when considering public and personal safety for children under five (5) years of age.

6. Building work

Approvals are required for all buildings or structures greater than 10m² in area and greater than 2.4m in height.

The Queensland Building Act applies to building work throughout the state in urban and rural areas.

Property owners are advised to speak with Council prior to undertaking building work to ensure all aspects of the work are compliant or any approvals required are in place.

Planning approval may also be required for certain developments before Building and Plumbing/Drainage approvals are issued.

Planning, Building & Plumbing/Drainage approvals are three stages in undertaking development and building work.

DATES AND TIMES OF INSPECTIONS

15th July 2019 to Ongoing

Times: 7:00am to 6:00pm on a normal business day

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