



## Be considerate

Be mindful of dog behaviour around others.

- Children and others may be frightened by, or not understand dogs. Dogs might not like or understand children.
- Some dogs can become stressed if an uncontrolled dog approaches them.
- Dog owners or handlers must prevent their dog from jumping up, running up to, or barking at people. It is always the dog owner or handler's responsibility to take utmost care around other people, especially children and older people.

Dog owners should move to avoid any potential for conflict.

## Fines

The following fines apply under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998.

Dog not registered Minimum fine **\$330**

Dog not permanently identified Minimum fine **\$180**

Dog without collar or name tag Minimum fine **\$180**

Dog not under effective control Minimum fine **\$330**

Failure to remove dog faeces Minimum fine **\$275**



For further enquires please  
contact Council on 6568 2555.

# Going for a walk with your dog in the Nambucca Valley?



# Responsibilities for dog owners and handlers

## Prohibited areas

Dogs are prohibited in the following places, even on a leash.

- **Shelly Beach** – Nambucca Heads
- **Main Beach** – Nambucca Heads
- **Beilbys Beach** – Nambucca Heads
- **Swimming Creek Beach** access southwards to **Main Beach** – Nambucca Heads
- **V-Wall Beach** – Nambucca Heads
- **V-Wall River Beach & Park** – Nambucca Heads
- **Wellington Beach** – Nambucca Heads
- **North Valla Beach** – Valla Beach ( except at times stated)
- **South Valla Beach & Deep Creek Inlet**
- **Fosters Beach (Main Beach)** – Scotts Head (except at times stated)
- **Little Beach** – Scotts Head (except at times stated)
- **School grounds**
- **Shopping centres** Except premises whose owners allow dogs.
- **Childcare centres**
- **Public swimming areas**
- **Patrolled beaches, year round** Dogs are prohibited from patrolled beach areas, at all times, including the non-patrolled period of the year.
- **Dining areas** Except premises whose owners allow dogs.
- **Playgrounds** Dogs must be kept at least 10m from children's play equipment.
- **Some nature reserves and other parks** Check the requirements for individual recreation areas, state conservation areas and nature reserves before taking your dog.

You are responsible for your dogs actions and must keep your dog under control at all times.

In public places, dogs must be secured on a leash, and you must be capable of restraining the dog.

## On-Leash Areas

All times:

- **Boulton's Crossing Reserve** – Gumma
- **Taylor's Arm Reserve** – Taylor's Arm

Sign stated times:

- **North Valla Beach** – from the timber walkway on the north side of the headland to the access path referred to above; and
- **Forsters Beach (Main beach)** – Scotts Head from the Southern Main Beach car park to Banksia Crescent.
- **Little Beach** – Scotts Head

## Respecting the Environment

- Always dispose of bagged dog poo in public bins, or take the bags home with you.
- Be mindful of native flora and fauna. It is illegal for a dog to chase or attack native animals, birds or any other animal.
- Dogs must be under control and kept on established tracks. Do not make your own track in bushland or on sand dunes.



## Off-leash Areas

- **Nambucca Heads** - from Swimming Creek beach access northwards to the walk bridge access to the beach from the public reserve adjoining Valla Park Resort; and
- **North Valla Beach** - from the access path off the car park on the northern end of Cockburn Street (4WD access) to the northern boundary of the Shire; and
- **Scotts Head** - from the beach access path on Banksia Crescent northwards (dogs are prohibited in National Parks); and
- **The northern end of Stuarts Island** as an off-leash area on the Crown Land Reserve - dogs are not permitted to chase the wildlife within the inter-tidal zone; and
- **Valla Beach Lions Reserve** The off-leash area commences 10m from the southern side of the amenities block and extends to the southern end of the reserve. Dogs are not permitted to be off-leash in this area during organised public events.

### What to bring

- Lead and collar with name tag
- Poo bags, ideally compostable
- Water bowl