

Welcome...

to the fourth edition of the Local Law Scoop from Livingstone Shire Council.

In the Scoop, Council's Local Law Unit will continue to provide up to date information for our residents and visitors.

Council will continue to work to ensure that current and relevant information regarding Council's Local Laws is available on our website.



Animal Registrations

As of March 1, registration fees will be half price for new registrations. Full price is still applicable for expired animal registrations.

Registration tags were supplied with the renewal applications. Remember - the registration is not valid until payment has been made.

Local Laws officers are following up on expired registrations and fines may be issued for unregistered dogs and cats.

As a requirement of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, dogs are required to be registered with the local government. Cats are required to be registered under Council's Local Law No. 2 (Animals).

Payment can be made at a Livingstone Shire Council Customer Service Centre or via post to PO Box 2292, Yeppoon Qld 4703.

Join us at our Micro-chipping Day

We are pleased to announce our annual micro-chipping day for cats and dogs!

Saturday 20 May 2017

Merv Anderson Park Yeppoon

10am - 2pm

Ensure your dog is on a lead and cats are contained in a carry cage or similar.

Industry representatives, including RSPCA, Four Paws and Capricorn Animal Aid as well suppliers to the pet industry will be available to discuss your pets particular circumstances.

Micro-chips will be free to animals currently registered with Livingstone Shire (current tag required) and \$30 for other animals. Enjoy a sausage sizzle to keep your appetite at bay and compliment it with a Ruby coffee.

Cat Ownership



If you own a cat there are certain responsibilities you need to be aware of. Did you know that cats are required to be restrained to their property?

Under Local Law No 2 it is an offence for a cat to be unrestrained and outside of its property.

The safest way for your cat to be outdoors is to provide a purpose built or constructed cat enclosure. These are now available in kit form from many pet suppliers.

All cats over the age of 12 weeks are required to be registered. All kittens over 8 weeks of age are required to be micro-chipped prior to being given away or sold.



Impounding Stats

In 2016 Council impounded 420 dogs. 80% of these dogs either were re-homed or returned to the owner.

In that same period Council impounded 98 cats. Twelve were claimed by their owner and 15 cats and kittens were re-homed thanks to our rescue organisations, RSPCA, Capricorn Animal Aid and 4 PAWS.

Council is looking to better this achievement by working more closely with the above organisations for animals that are not claimed from the pound.

As of 30 January **2017** Council has already impounded 26 dogs and 16 cats.

Of these, 13 dogs have been reunited with their owners; 9 cats and 7 dogs have been taken by the rescue agencies. We still have 5 dogs and 7 cats in the pound.

 **A loved dog has a
chip on it's shoulder**

YOUR **PET** YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY

Beach and Dune care

We all enjoy a day out at the beach and a frolic in the sea and on the sand.

The vegetation on our beach and dune areas plays a huge role in the stabilisation and formation of these areas.

It is an offence to undertake works or damage vegetation in these areas.

On the spot fines of up to \$2500 dollars may apply if an offender is found to be undertaking these types of activities.



Are you going Fishing 5 fast facts to remember

- Farnborough Beach (north of the Bangalee Access) is the only beach in the metro area where vehicles can be driven along the beach.
- Town beaches provided with boat ramps only allow the launching and retrieving of boats. Driving on these beaches is not permitted.
- It is an offence to clean or gut fish near or on a boat ramp or landing.
- It is an offence to discard fish scraps and waste at any of these boat ramps unless a waste disposal receptacle is provided
- It is an offence to obstruct anyone from using a boat ramp or landing.

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Noise Complaints Can Council Help?

In some instances yes. Contact Council if...

- Noise is during the construction of a new house or residence. You will need to provide details of the complaint for investigation by Council officers.
- There's noise from a business. For example loud music from a gym in the early morning.
- Animal noise nuisances - dogs barking continually or at odd hours.

Contact the QLD police if...

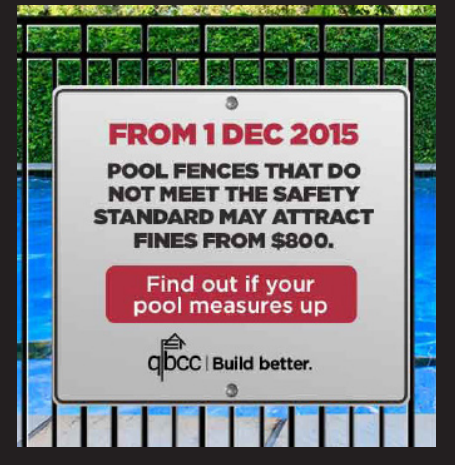
- The music is from a residential area. For example your neighbour has his music up too loud while partying.
- Vehicle/s are causing noise on public and private property.
- Loud music is from a licenced premise such as a nightclub or hotel.

Are you installing or filling a Swimming Pool?

Then there are some things you should be aware of...

Council's Local Law area is responsible for monitoring the use of Council's water resources.

Did you know that filling your pool from a Council hydrant requires a Council approved stand pipe. Fines of up to \$2500 may apply for the use of incorrect stand pipes.



Pools capable of being filled with water to a depth of **300mm** or more **must be fenced!**

Just like these...



Avoid a fine contact Council on **4913 5000** for information on pool safety laws.