

# Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

## Community Engagement – Dogs on Beaches

### Inverloch

- Is anyone enforcing the 9-6 time restrictions???? (Dogs on beach Inverloch)
- Inverloch - dog on beaches at present the dogs on leash and off leash beaches is a disaster. The dogs off leash beaches us a nightmare. There were 24 dogs at the end of Pymble street beach area and they were fighting, chasing each other up and down the beach and into the water and terrorising people and children. They then run into the beach designated 'on leash' and the owners don't care. This policy needs to change for me to live, visit or invest in Inverloch.
- Dogs on beaches must be contained to areas where there are less people, such as West of the surf beach in Inverloch. Allowing off leash dogs at the inlet beach is ridiculous and has made this area very unpleasant.
- Less restrictive rules for dogs on beaches near Inverloch would be greatly appreciated by residents and attract more holiday-makers to the area. This would then have a flow-on benefit to businesses here.
- A review on the dog leash free areas at the beach, without using expensive Consultants, in particular giving back the area at Abbott Street as the Grandview Gve to Cuttriss Street is very congested with dogs as well as many little children, particularly during holiday periods.
- Off lead to the left of inlet fishing club end, would be the best and make most dog owners very happy
- Dog excrement throughout Inverloch unacceptable.
- I would like to see a lead free area on the beach for dogs. Maybe the far side of the Anderson Rd boat ramp. A lot of dogs love to swim and I don't like having to put a wet dog in the car. Most other seaside councils have these areas including Mornington and Brighton
- More off leash area for dogs. the town of Inverloch is very accommodating for dogs but the beaches available as off leash are very biased.
- More dog beaches, Inverloch.
- No dogs on beaches.
- Review dog walking on beaches and current location of off leash beach at Inverloch
- Dogs off lead at Invy beach – restrict times.
- Enforce dog control ✓ (x6)
- Large / clear signage re dogs including maps
- Make dog free areas that are accessible to elderly
- Enforce dog laws ✓(x14) XXXXX Especially McMahons Reserve, Inverloch

- **Add an** Off leash area for dogs – Strongs Reserve, Wonthaggi ✓✓✓
- Council spent considerable money on consultants re the dogs on breach issue and then totally ignored all recommendations. Allow dogs on beaches under control (on a leash) ✓✓✓✓
- No dogs on best beach for young children ie permanent off lease area. They should be on a beach not so child friendly (opposite caravan park). **Dogs off leash before 9am and after 6pm.** ✓✓✓ XXXX
- Retain off leash beach area for dogs – clearer signage that it is an ‘off leash dog beach’ ✓(x6) **Not only a dog beach – people that don’t want dogs attacking them want to go too**
- Signage for on/off leash beaches is inadequate ✓✓✓ **X dog owners are not always responsible ie not in control of their dogs** ✓
- Clean up area around Thompsons Reserve and have faeces bags

## Island

- A dog beach in walking distance to Cowes, ie maybe around the boat ramp, other Councils including Mornington & Brighton have them
- My request is, could you please follow up on the signage at Rhyll Beach. There are dog times on leash only and there are dog free times 1/12 to 1/4 yet there are no signs to give visitors or locals that information (although locals should know) I walk on the beach during the dog free times, yet I encounter on many occasions dogs on and off leash, so to provide information to all dog owners could we please have signage back there. Note I love dogs but not when they are not on a leash.
- Any chance Phillip Island could have more off leash areas?
- Also there are too many restrictions on dogs, not allowed on walking paths [ie pyramid rock to Berrys beach, Rhyll wetlands etc], the Bass coast path is excellent [where dogs on lead are allowed], the only mess on this path is rubbish left by people NOT DOGS!!
- Much better dog friendly beach access. Currently there is only ONE area on the whole of Phillip Island where dogs can be let off leash on the beach. That area is from Graydens Road to Ventnor Beach Road at Ventnor. It is approximately 800 Mts of beach .
- review of dog regulations on Phillip Island.
- Stop increasing areas where you are not allowed to walk dog on lead eg Rhyll track to conservation point and down from McIlwraith rd to shops. Provide an increased number of dog off-leash areas.
- Why aren't there horses and dogs at Cowes beach ???
- Opportunity: Bluegum reserve as an off leash area needs to be made secure with fencing
- Threat: Friction between nature loving people and pet owners
- Who are also nature loving but need places/spaces for pets
- Have very diverse views
- Need a compromise

- Simplify rules for dog access on Inverloch beaches – the current rules are confusing and too restrictive. E.g. off leash before 9am /after 6pm on all beaches \*\*\* (3)
- Dogs brochure for residents and holidayers – see Bega Valley SC brochure
- Dogs – pit bulls on beach – no go? (Dangerous dogs!)
- Dog bags /info/water at each beach entrance and all parks \* (1)
- Please sort out dogs of beach issues!
- More off leash beaches for people to enjoy with their pets
- More off leash dog beaches so people can stay fit while having a pleasant time with their treasured pets. Many elderly people in Inverloch have dogs which would help their health to be able to exercise with them. \*\*\* (3)
- Promote use of the beach for dog walkers – healthy and cheap and safe! \*\* (2)
- Plus dog bins
- Dogs on leads on beaches 24/7
- Improve signage on beaches – no dogs etc.
- Better control of dogs on beaches and monitor
- Off leash dog area in Dunsmore should be fully fenced
- An off-leash area for dogs between the old Colomades steps going north-west as far as the cliffs that cut off further beach access in the direction of Forrest Caves, I don't believe the hooded plovers nest in that area.

## Other

- At least half of residents have dogs. Why can't we walk them on half the beaches?
- Allow dogs more access for a longer period than now. December through to April is too long.
- Would love to see an all year leash free beach at Kilcunda. I think Shelley Beach would be ideal. I would love to see BCSC take part in the campaign to make Australia more pet friendly.
- When are the dogs on beach laws going to change? Frankly I'm sick and tired of not being able to go to my favourite beach with my dog who causes no public annoyance to anyone. It's ridiculous. I've had a warning and almost prepared to get a fine just so my dog can have a run on his favourite beach!
- More areas of beaches to be dog friendly and off lead.
- complete ban on dogs off leash in all public areas.
- No dogs to be permitted on beaches and purpose-built dog parks to be established throughout the shire, enforcement of dog regulations, more rangers, ranger foot patrols on the beach, total dog ban on beaches where hooded plovers nest.
- Rangers on Beaches controlling Off Leash Dogs etc.
- A much better dog off lead beach near wonthaggi eg the hump where all dogs could swim and run around.
- Additional Dog Parks and off leash area on beaches and in parks.

- Equal access to all beaches for all- with, or without dogs. bag dispensers on all beaches.
- Enforcement of dog leash/off leash areas on Grantville foreshore.
- Having more dog off lease areas on our beaches. Having dog waste bags available at beaches/parks/rail trails.
- Dog poo bags at start of rail trial tracks and beach access points. More and larger off leash areas both on beach and inland.
- having dogs allowed on leashes on all beaches all year round.
- Remove dogs and horses from norsemans road beach, they are filthy and dangerous, my children have been charged at by dogs kicked by horses, the area stinks.
- Aligning the norsemans road coronet bay beach with those of the other beaches in the council around dogs and horses, dogs not allowed during peak holiday periods on the beach and remove all access for horses.
- Remove dog bans from beach.
- better rubbish facilities including more public bins and bins and bags for dog waste on beaches.
- Dog owners picking up their dog waste.
- more dog free beaches and less interference from council
- Being more dog friendly
- Ban dogs on the beach.
- Dogs rules for beach use need to be improved and away from areas of heavy use during or restricted times.
- Facilitation of wider access to beaches for people of all ages, with dogs.
- I would like to see the council play a more active role in educating for responsible dog ownership. For example, the council could provide bags for cleaning up dog mess and clearer signage for the penalties of not cleaning up dog droppings. Stonnington council provides a good example of how this can be done.
- Remove dogs from beach and restrictions are not adhered to by owners nor are they policed by council - just remove them from this beach and same with horses the shared path is dangerous you tube spooked horses and then tell me if you'd walk the path with a horse.
- Revert back to when council decided to remove dogs from the beach and then reversed the decision when the council recieved negative media attention.
- More dog patrols at beaches after hours (particularly Cape Paterson).
- We only have one fenced dog park in the whole shire. If we cannot have dogs on beach we need more fenced dog parks for letting the dogs run around.
- Services to enable dog owners to collect and dispose of their dog waste.
- We currently have no bins in the wet lands or surrounding areas where people walk their dogs. People have been picking up their dogs poo but due to their being bins people throw their doggy poo bags in the bush or simply leave them next to the footpath.
- dog beaches
- Better off leash areas for dogs
- - Keep a dogs off leash beach area

- A health and wellbeing issue that concerns me is not being able to walk on the beach for exercise and relaxation without being terrorised by dogs.
- Dogs on beaches and owners not cleaning up.
- Dogs charge at children shit all over the sand swim in the non dog area, sharing swimming with horses and dogs in sickening and there is shit in the water. The car park stinks of horses shit there's no room to park once the horses floats park, the shared access for horses dogs and humans in dangerous my grandson was kicked but that did not charge councils decision to remove them. Have you seen horses get spooked ? Very life threatening.
- Ability to walk (with dog) without unnecessary restrictions.
- Again, dog waste.
- Anything that gets people moving should be encouraged. e.g. walking a dog on a beach ....
- More off lead areas for dogs out of season.
- ban on dogs on the beach.
- making the beaches safe for people without dogs and young children. Bring back the policy where owners could walk their dogs before 7 am and after 7 pm at night.
- A bin and (where allowed) dog poo bags at every beach entry.
- Sensible beach access for dogs...away from popular areas, such as the Bellarine and Mornington peninsulars.
- bins provided along beaches with dog pooh bags provided like they do on the peninsula!
- an off lead dog beach close to wonthaggi.
- Simplifying the rules for dogs on beaches.
- Remove horses and dogs from beach.
- Dog waste disposal points in Cape Paterson along foreshore walking tracks.
- We bought a house here to go on the beach with our dog, keep it that way.
- Council to change 'softly softly' approach to irresponsible dog owners and start taking an enforcement approach.
- If ratepayers could be rewarded for providing proof of dog owners 'Off leash and defecation' contravention activities, with a spotters fee after BCSC fine and/or charge the guilty owners.
- Dogs should be allowed on all island beaches, on lead, all year round. We are chancing away holiday makers who increasingly bring dogs with them and find that they have to leave them at home during the day.
- Review dog bans on beaches. Encourage and support the hundreds of dog owners to get on board as agents for environmental protection WITH THEIR DOGS, rather than banning them and creating divisions in what was 4 years ago, a peaceful and cohesive community.
- Dog waste bins/ bags- and more Rangers patrolling beaches for dogs outside of the allowed times.
- Over the years I have raised this issue (dog waste) at various forums but never seen anything happen. This issue is not just about holiday people visiting the area. It is a year round problem. Just wish locals were more responsible when walking their dogs. It seems

they just walk to allow the dog to poo and never pick up. It is a disgrace, dangerous to older people and young children.

- I think the new dog rules are great, they are a great compromise between conflicting user groups and values. Thank you!
- Please extend the off-leash areas for dogs at the beach.
- Improve Access to off-leash dog walking areas\*
- dog free zones reassessed, especially 24 hours of leash on most child/family friendly beach in Inverloch
- Poo bags at off-leash areas
- Improve number of dog inspectors on beaches.
- More off-leash dog areas.
- Walking dog on beach
- Become more dog friendly - a beach around Wonthaggi a dog off-leash area.
- Owners of off-leash dogs and those taking dogs onto beach out of hours should be fined. People are thumbing their noses at the regulations and the council appears to go on warning repeat offenders rather than enforcing the laws.
- dogs on beaches (on-leash/off-leash areas)
- Access to more areas including beaches where dogs are permitted off-leash - on a time share basis if appropriate. (Having visited many other coastal shires/councils around the East coast in recent years, Bass Coast is way more restrictive than most.)
- The council needs to sort out the dogs on beach issue so everyone understands it, keep it simple without wasting money on reviews.
- Dog regulations need to be enforced. People should have the right on the beach not have their children and grandchildren approached by off-leash dogs and by owners who then swear and threaten those who object to the dogs' behaviour.
- I would like to see the current rules pertaining to dogs retained and enforced. In this new area of Inverloch one (small) dog wanders freely and all but one resident has been seen to walk their dog(s) off-leash.
- Dog restrictions on beaches must be clarified. Please refer back to the desires of the local community in the survey undertaken by the previous council which were ignored in the greater part
- not having an off-leash dog area on beach in Cape Paterson
- As above, health and wellbeing are also connected to people's ability to enjoy their environment with their four-legged companions. For many residents this is a very social experience and perhaps one of the ways they are able to meet others
- Non-dog owners' rights should be protected. Dog owners have set times on the beach, why should they encroach upon the leisure time of others.
- Good Dog Laws on Beach Currently.
- Don't Agree (Good Dog Laws on Beach Currently)
- No dogs on beaches
- Keep the dogs on the beach.

- Please set aside beaches for dogs off lead \*\*\*\*\* (5)
- Off lead beaches for dogs.
- Dogs on beach on leads – good
- Increase in dog excrement \*
  - Smelly
  - Unsightly
  - Not nice if found by resident
  - Toxocara canis virus problem
- Weakness: Signage re beach access/dogs on/off leash
- Management of (dogs) hooded plovers considered with dogs on beaches \*
- Better dog park facilities.
- Retain the leashed and unleashed areas for dogs - it's great now!
- Dog droppings and dog on leash should be regulated not just signs.
- Env. limited dog access
- Off leash areas for dogs at Cape Paterson during the day