

## OFF-LEASH PARK AREAS

Figtree Oval, Figtree



● Access Point

Proud Park, Helensburgh



● Access Point

Riley Park, Unanderra



● Access Point

King George V Park, Port Kembla



● Access Point

Eleebana Reserve, Koonawarra



● Access Point



## RULES FOR USING OFF-LEASH AREAS

Off-leash areas have been provided as a facility for enjoyment by the community. To improve conditions for users of off-leash areas, Council has included rules of use which can be seen on signage at each off-leash area.

All dogs within the designated off-leash area must be supervised by a person. The person in charge of any dog within this area **MUST**:

1. Be a competent person 16 years of age or over.
2. Be able to control the dog (by voice command or other means).
3. Carry a bag suitable for dog faeces.
4. Remove and place dog faeces in a suitable bag and dispose in an appropriate rubbish bin.
5. Not allow restricted breeds, or dogs declared as dangerous, to use this off-leash area.
6. Not allow dogs suffering from contagious disease, skin irritation or parasitic infection to use this area.

**NOTE: THE OWNER OF A DOG IS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE IF THE DOG ATTACKS A PERSON OR ANIMAL.**

As well as educating users about expectations of use, the rules sign is enforceable under the Local Government Act where users act contrary to the signage.

## AGGRESSIVE DOGS AND ENFORCEMENT

Please contact Council on 4227 7111 should an attack occur in a public place, including an off-leash area. Please provide as much information as possible. Council will investigate and take the appropriate enforcement action. Any injury or damage as a result of an attack, however, will involve that person taking legal action against the owner of the offending dog through the Court process.

All areas are randomly patrolled by Council Rangers and penalties for offences apply, including offences relating to un-microchipped or unregistered dogs. Penalties range from \$165 to \$1760.

## ZONES

### Green zone: off-leash

This zone allows dogs off-leash at all times, see overleaf for declared off-leash areas.

It's important to note that walkway access, car park and adjoining parks and reserves are **not** part of the off-leash area. Dogs must be kept on leash and under effective control at all times until reaching the designated off-leash area.

### Orange zone: timed access

The orange zone is a time sharing zone allowing access on the beach on leash in summer before 9am and after 6pm, and in winter before 9am and after 4pm. Summer is defined as being from September school holidays to ANZAC Day, and winter is the remainder of the year. The orange zone includes all beaches not designated as off-leash (green) or banned areas (red).

### Red zone: prohibited

The red zone is an area where dogs are prohibited at all times due to sites having sensitive environmental fauna and flora factors, high human population areas or for heritage reasons.

All rock pools, rock platforms and ocean pools are red zones.

## FAECES MANAGEMENT

There is a legal responsibility to immediately pick up after your dog. Each off-leash area will have sufficient bins and dispensers, and bike tracks adjoining orange zones will also be provided with bins and dispensers. Please utilise these facilities to avoid any unnecessary fines and prevent nuisance to others using public areas.

## OTHER PUBLIC PLACES INCLUDING PARKS, SPORTSFIELDS AND KIOSKS/CAFES

The Companion Animals Act 1998 requires all dogs to be under effective control by cord, chain or leash while in a public place. Signage is not required to enforce this provision as it is NSW State legislation applying throughout the State. Therefore, unless otherwise stated, all public road reserves, park areas and streets allow access for dogs but they must be controlled on leash. 'No dogs allowed' signage is used in the restricted areas.

Dog owners at kiosks and cafes located in public spaces must also ensure that their dog is under effective control at all times.

## WILDLIFE

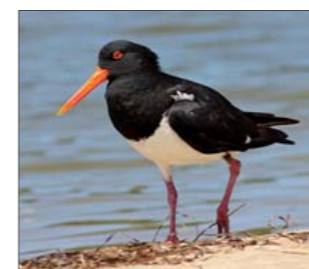
Protect our endangered and vulnerable wildlife. Should you see one of the birds below please control your dog to ensure their preservation in Wollongong.



*The Little Tern, Sterna albifrons, is an endangered species that breeds along the NSW coast from September to May. This small bird, less than 25cm long, makes its nest with a scrape in the sand in low dunes or on sandy beaches just above high tide mark, and feeds in shallow water of channels and estuaries, and in the surf on beaches.*



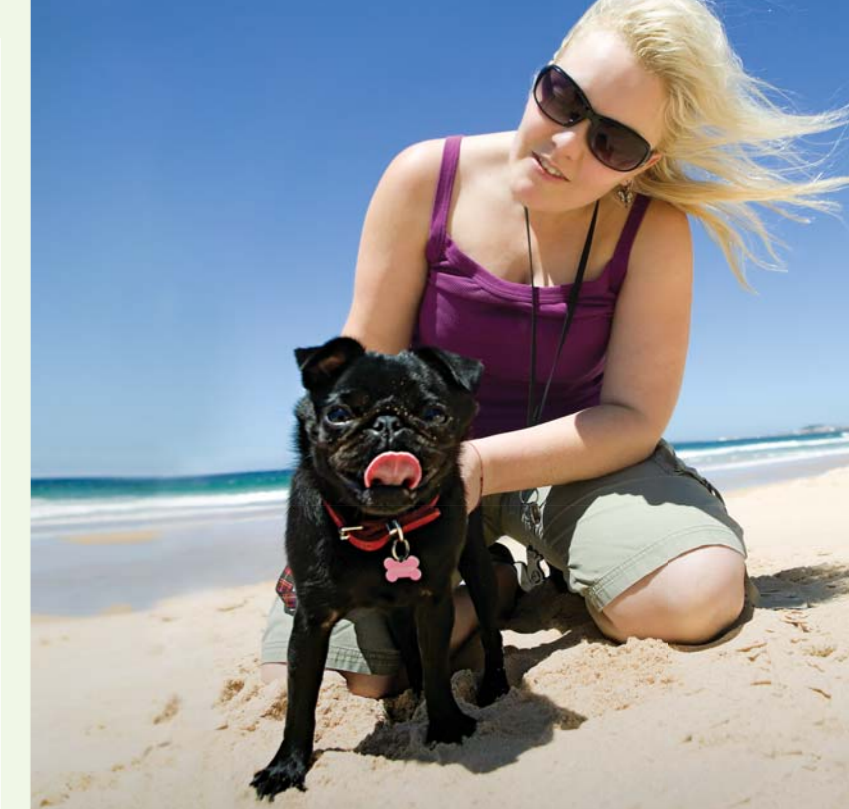
*The Sooty Oystercatcher, Haematopus fuliginosus, is an endangered bird species that forages for food on the rock platform or on the beach after a storm amongst the seaweed.*



*The Pied Oystercatcher, Haematopus longirostris, is a vulnerable species and is a large black and white wading bird up to 50cm in length with a distinctive orange/red beak and eyes. It feeds on sandy beaches, mud and rock platforms at low tide, for molluscs, worms, crabs and small fish.*

## MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Wollongong City Council on **4227 7111** or visit Wollongong City Council's website [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au) to view Council's Dogs on Beaches and Parks Policy.



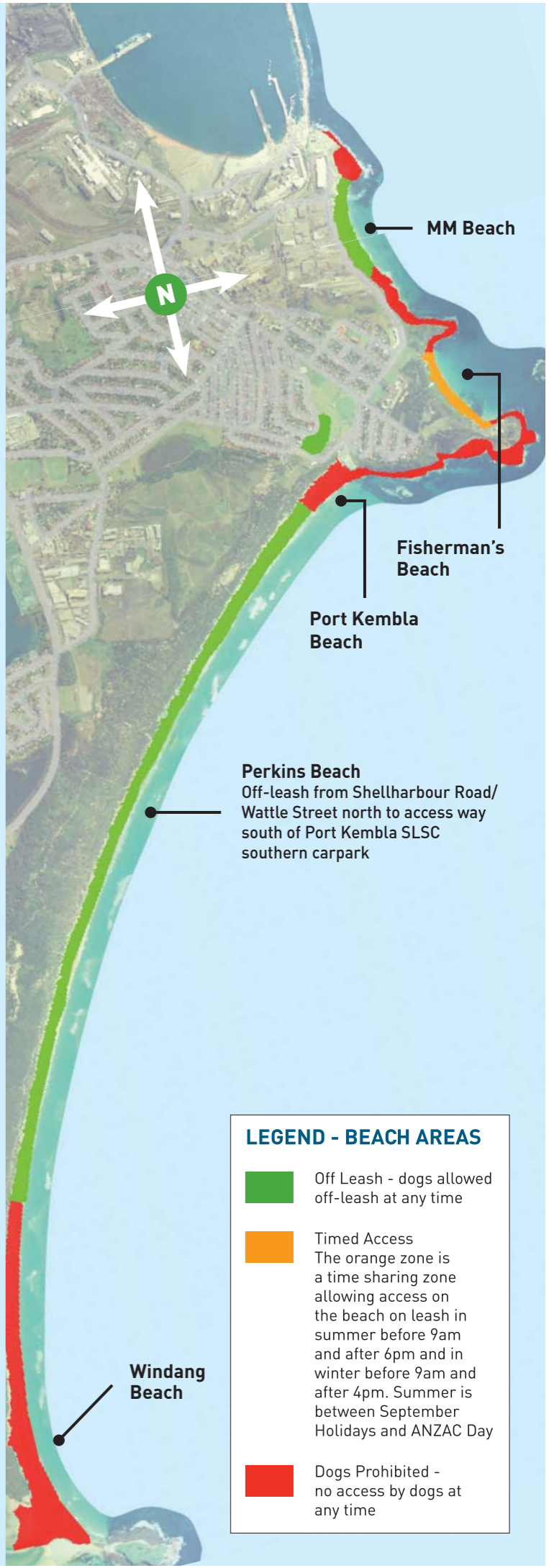
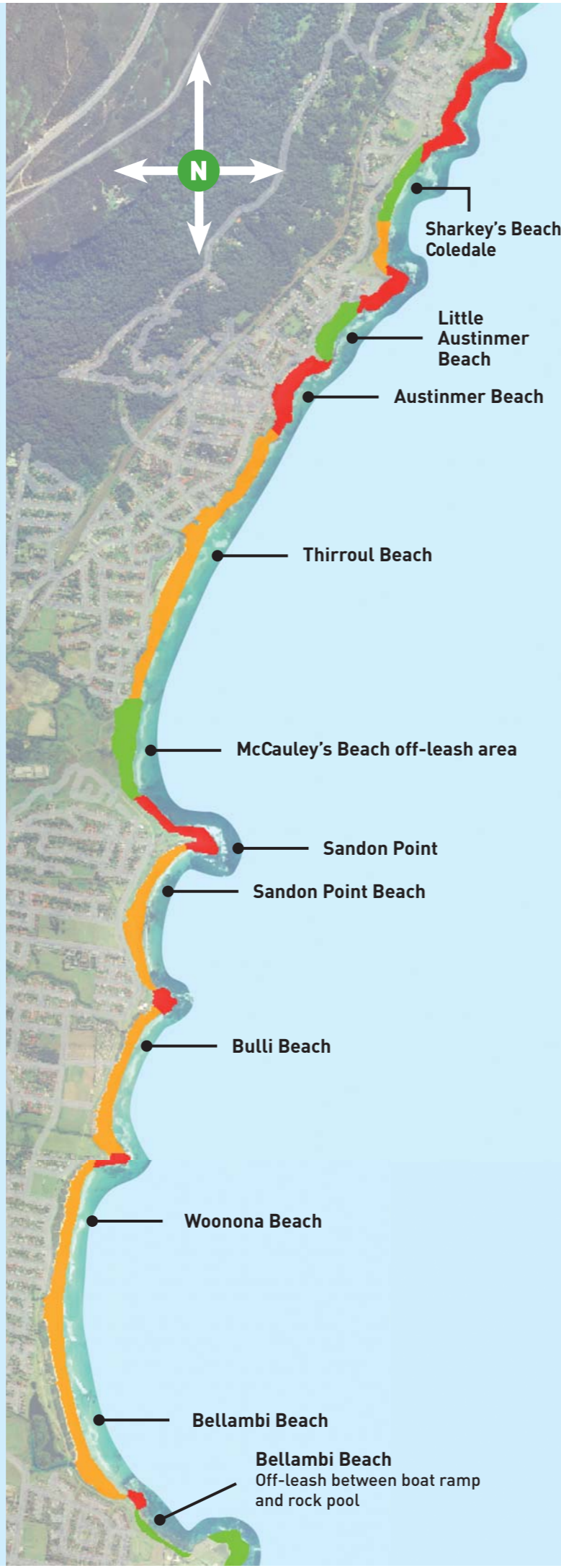
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# DOGS ON BEACHES & PARKS IN WOLLONGONG

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Council has adopted a three tier dog access policy. The green areas are off-leash, the orange areas are time share access areas and the red areas are dog prohibited areas.



**LEGEND - BEACH AREAS**

- Off Leash - dogs allowed off-leash at any time
- Timed Access  
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- Dogs Prohibited - no access by dogs at any time