

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Harry Williams:

Q1: In consideration of the alcohol ban report, can Council consider further effective policing examples of dogs off leashes, blatant ignoring of parking signs – around existing regulations in the area?

Response

In relation to policing dogs off leashes, Council's Animal Management Officers conduct patrols of parks, streets and all foreshore areas within the municipality, from early morning to late evening, including weekends as required. Animal Management Officers provided education and may issue infringements where pet owners have dogs 'off leash' in 'on leash' areas or do not pick up dog droppings.

The Animal Management unit places "advisor signs" in conspicuous places in parks and along the foreshore areas, alerting and educating pet owners of their responsibilities as responsible pet owners, in accordance with the Domestic Animals Act 1994 and Local Law No. 1 (Community Amenity). The signs alert the owners of their obligation to pick up up their dog's droppings, keep their dog under effective control, and times a dog need to be kept on or off leash in designated areas.

More recently Council Local Laws Officers managing the summer foreshore activities have intercepted many dog owners who have had their dogs off leash. The officers have taken this opportunity to educate the owners of their obligations.

Parking Enforcement Officers work across the entire municipality 363 days a year, from 6am to midnight. Officers actively patrol the entire municipality, as well as responding directly to call outs from residents/business owners and visitors.

If you have any concerns in relation to enforcement matters across the municipality please call our ASSIST centre on 9209 6777 to report any concerns or speak to an officer.

**Note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*