

# Dog Off-Leash Areas Conditions of Use



KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
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*Welcome, responsible dog owners...*

**Why does my companion animal have to wear a collar and tag?**



**In addition to being microchipped and registered all dogs and cats have to wear a collar and tag showing the name of the animal and the owner's current address and/ or telephone number.**

**This will ensure the prompt return of any lost or missing pet.**

# Off-Leash Areas

## Facilities for Dog Owners

Kiama Municipal Council offers its residents and visitors eight coastal locations for the off-leash exercise and recreation of dogs, whilst under the control of their owners or handlers. Six are headland areas and two are **time restricted** beach swimming areas which are at Bombo Beach and Werri Beach between sunrise and sunset. They extend from Minnamurra in the north to Gerroa in the south. Council established all areas after public consultation and following a recommendation of Council's Companion Animals Management Advisory Committee.

Kiama Council understands that companion animal ownership is an integral part of family life. It recognises the need for resident and visiting dogs and their owner families, to be provided with facilities that promote health, recreation and socialisation. Dog Off-Leash Areas represent Council's holistic approach to sustainable living and environmental management.

### **Be responsible and protect your off-leash area**

All off-leash areas are subject to ongoing regulatory patrol and evaluation by Council's Ranger Service. The areas are also subject to an annual review by Council where factors such as environmental and regulatory compliance are reviewed. Council monitors impacts caused by any irresponsible dog owners who fail to remove and properly dispose of their dog's faeces in the bins provided or who fail to maintain control of their unleashed dogs on off-leash areas.

### **General responsibilities of pet owners in NSW**

To ensure the comfort, safety and health of our community, the NSW Companion Animals Act places certain responsibilities on all pet owners.

Responsibilities of dog owners under the Act are:

- If your dog is in a public place (except an approved off-leash area) it must be under the effective control of a competent person (over 16 years old) by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash
- If your dog is being exercised in an approved off-leash area it must always be under effective control of a competent person (over 16 years old)
- You are not permitted to walk more than four dogs at any one time in an on-leash area or an off-leash area;
- Greyhounds must be muzzled at all times when in a public place except when approved re-trained "Greenhounds"
- If your dog defecates in a public place it is an offence not to remove the faeces immediately
- Dogs are prohibited in children's play areas, signposted recreation areas, public bathing areas, school grounds, childcare centres, shopping areas and wildlife protection areas.

# Minnamurra Headland

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- Owners and handlers are responsible for their dogs actions.
- Dogs must be registered and identified by wearing a collar and tag.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the designated area.
- Dog faeces must be immediately removed and properly disposed of in bins provided.
- Greyhounds, dogs declared dangerous and restricted breed dogs are prohibited in this area.
- Owners and handlers must comply with all relevant provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Council's Conditions of Use.
- Members of the public accessing the dog off-leash area as a recreational activity are advised that Council utilises defences afforded to it under the Civil Liability Act 2002.



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# Bombo Beach Headland



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All companion animals must be registered by 6 months of age.

# Kaleula Reserve Kiama

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Your dog must be under effective control  
of a competent person (over 16 years)  
at all times.

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# Marsden Headland Kiama

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- Dogs must be registered and identified by wearing a collar and tag.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the designated area.
- Dog faeces must be immediately removed and properly disposed of in bins provided.
- Greyhounds, dogs declared dangerous and restricted breed dogs are prohibited in this area.
- Owners and handlers must comply with all relevant provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Council's Conditions of Use.
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# Gerringong Headland

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- Dogs must be registered and identified by wearing a collar and tag.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the designated area.
- Dog faeces must be immediately removed and properly disposed of in bins provided.
- Greyhounds, dogs declared dangerous and restricted breed dogs are prohibited in this area.
- Owners and handlers must comply with all relevant provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Council's Conditions of Use.
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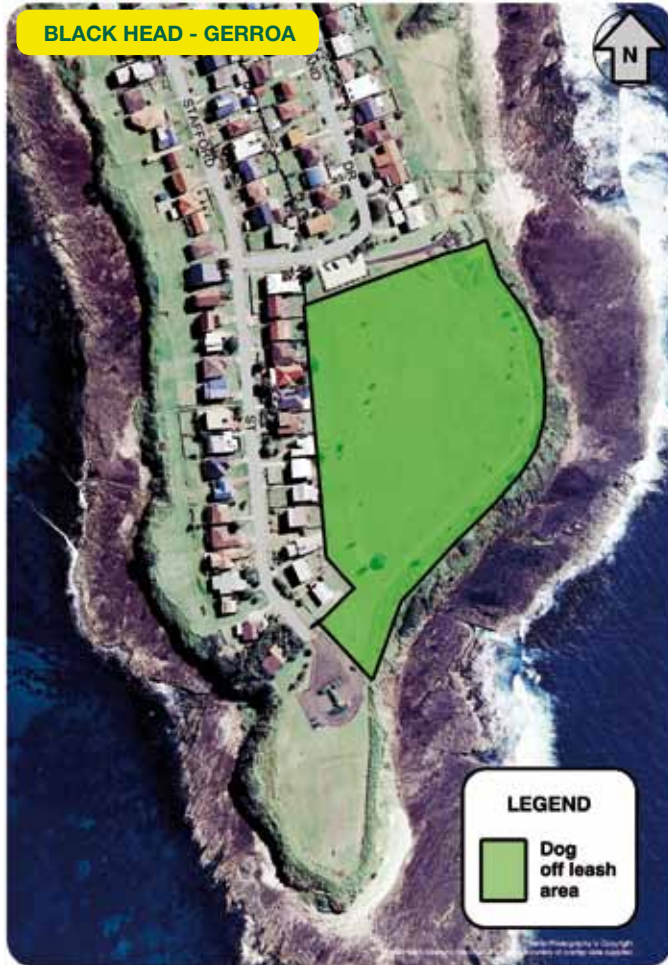
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Your dog is prohibited from Council's public pool areas.

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# Black Head Gerroa



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- Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the designated area.
- Dog faeces must be immediately removed and properly disposed of in bins provided.
- Greyhounds, dogs declared dangerous and restricted breed dogs are prohibited in this area.
- Owners and handlers must comply with all relevant provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Council's Conditions of Use.
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## Infringement notices will be issued for offences

Your dog must be kept on a lead and under effective control outside of any off-leash areas.



# Bombo Beach

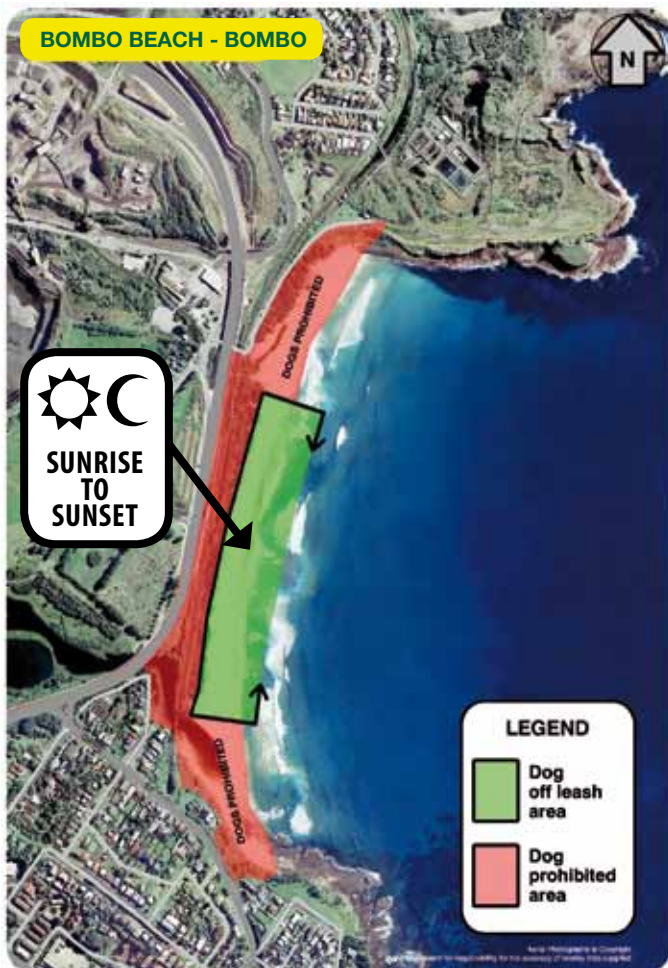
(Northern Entrance)  
Sunrise to Sunset

## Dog Off-Leash Swimming Area

The area shaded green as identified on the map below is a designated leash-free area for dogs, subject to strict compliance with “Conditions of Use”

### Conditions of Use

- Dogs are only permitted to enter or exit Bombo Beach off-leash area via the shortest practical route from the walking track at the northern end which is adjacent to the train tunnel entry into the northern carpark.
- Dogs are only permitted off-leash and to swim, in the centre area of Bombo Beach as shown and indicated by southern and northern limit signs erected on the beach.
- Dogs are permitted off-leash in this area but must remain under effective control at all times by a person over the age of 16 years.
- Owners and handlers are responsible for their dogs actions.
- Dogs must be registered and identified by wearing a collar and tag.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the designated area including entry and exit through the designated entrances.
- Dog faeces must be immediately removed and properly disposed of in bins provided.
- Greyhounds, dogs declared dangerous and restricted breed dogs are prohibited in this area.
- Owners and handlers must comply with all relevant provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Council's Conditions of Use.
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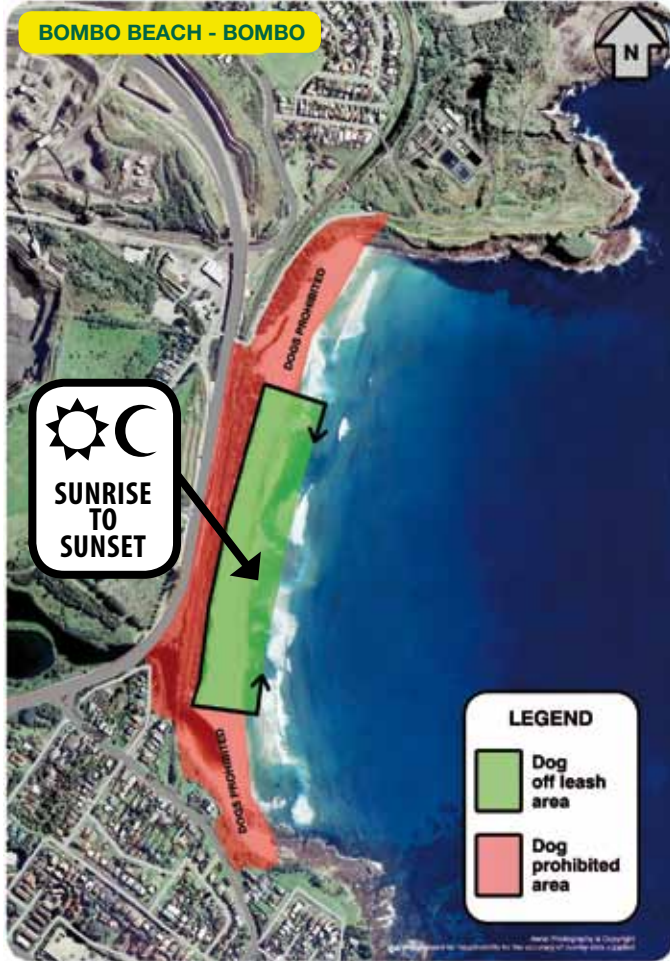
## Infringement notices will be issued for offences

An owner must notify Council of any change of address or details within 14 days.

# Dog Off-Leash Swimming Area

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## Bombo Beach (Southern Entrance) Sunrise to Sunset



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### Conditions of Use

- Dogs are only permitted to enter or exit Bombo Beach off-leash area via the shortest practical route from the fenced walkway that passes under the railway bridge from Hothersal Street carpark at the southern end.
- Dogs are only permitted off-leash and to swim, in the centre area of Bombo Beach as shown and indicated by southern and northern limit signs erected on the beach.
- Dogs are permitted off-leash in this area but must remain under effective control at all times by a person over the age of 16 years.
- Owners and handlers are responsible for their dogs actions.
- Dogs must be registered and identified by wearing a collar and tag.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the designated area including entry and exit through the designated entrances.
- Dog faeces must be immediately removed and properly disposed of in bins provided.
- Greyhounds, dogs declared dangerous and restricted breed dogs are prohibited in this area.
- Owners and handlers must comply with all relevant provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Council's Conditions of Use.
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# Werri Beach

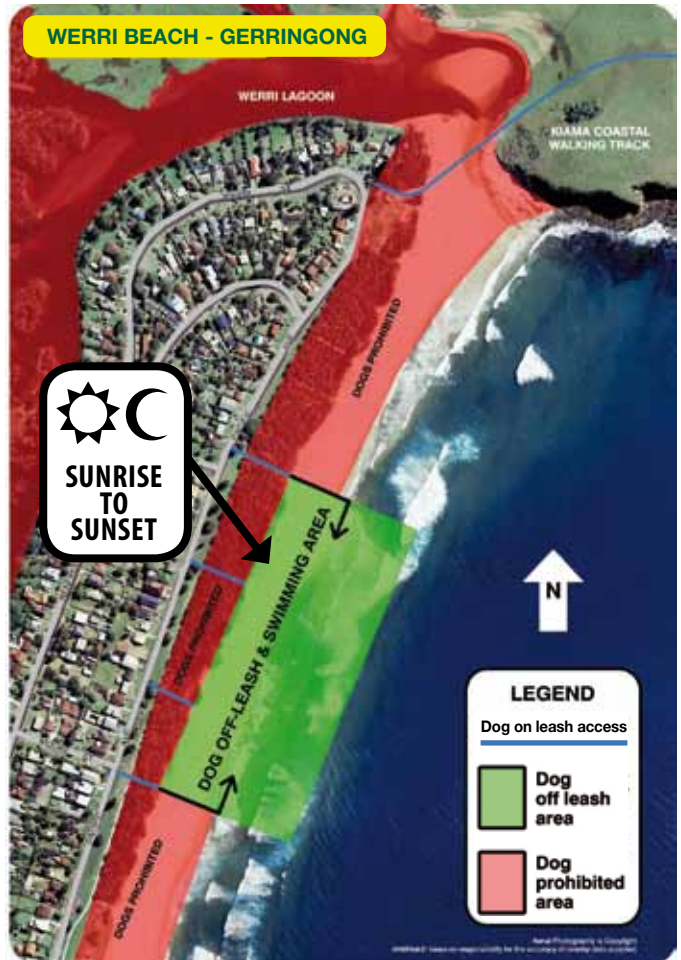
## Sunrise to Sunset

# Dog Off-Leash Swimming Area

The area shaded green as identified on the map below is a designated leash-free area for dogs, subject to strict compliance with **“Conditions of Use”**

## Conditions of Use

- Entry or exit to and from the off-leash area is only permitted via four designated entrances located between Moore Street and 63 Pacific Ave.
- Dogs are only permitted off-leash and to swim in the designated area shown by northern and southern boundary signs erected on the beach.
- Dogs are prohibited at all times and in all areas of this beach, including the dune area, other than in accordance with the Conditions of Use.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the designated area including entry and exit through the designated entrances.
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- Dogs must be registered and identified by wearing a collar and tag.
- Dog faeces must be immediately removed and properly disposed of in the bins provided.
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- Owners and handlers must comply with all the relevant provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Council’s Conditions of Use.
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## Infringement notices will be issued for offences

Your dog is prohibited from within 10 metres of a children’s play area.

**Immediately  
remove and  
dispose of dog  
faeces or face on  
the spot fines**

# Penalty Notices

## Issued under the Companion Animals Act 1998

Please note, on the spot fines may be issued for the following offences (minimum penalty \$165):

- Animal not permanently identified (microchipped)
- Animal not registered
- Failure to notify change of address/owner
- Failure to prevent dog escaping
- Dog not on lead in public place
- Failure to remove dog faeces
- Failure to take seized animal to pound/shelter
- Dog in prohibited place
- Own or in charge of attacking dog

**For further details refer to the Companion Animals Act 1998, the Companion Animals Regulation 2008 and Kiama Council's website – [www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au)**

### Advice for off-leash users

- Restrain your dog if asked and don't allow it to be a nuisance.
- Ask any person approached by your dog to remain still until the dog has scented them. Do this if you are approached by another dog.
- Do not allow your dog to wander off exploring. Use your visit to the off-leash area for controlled exercise or play only.
- Keep your dog under control at all times. Keep your first visits to strict routine and your dog will soon learn 'the drill'.
- Control over your dog and respect for the rights of local residents, other users, and the environment are the keys to preserving these facilities.



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All off-leash areas are established as joint use facilities.

Bombo Beach and Werri Beach are time restricted off leash areas where dogs may also swim.

Off-leash areas border environmentally sensitive natural rock platforms, creeks and beaches where dogs are prohibited.

Off-leash areas form part of large reserve areas where boundaries must be adhered to.