



Policy:

**Companion Animal
Exercise Areas**

2019

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

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Document History

Doc No.	Date Amended	Details Comments eg Resolution No.
#269772	16/7/02	
#680362	24/5/07	<p>07-265 Resolved that due to the Zoning of the Marine Park and their Policies regarding dog exercise areas adjacent to nature reserves, and a request from the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Policy 5.31 Companion Animal Exercise Areas be amended (see Annexure (3b) #674049) to reflect the following changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council consult with the Department of Environment and Climate Change and Marine Park Authority to consider a 6 month temporary extension of the Brunswick Heads Dog Exercise Area to a distance of 1km south of the Surf Club. 2. That this area be monitored during this period to ascertain any detrimental impact on the Nature Reserve or Marine Park with a view to leaving the extension in place until any adverse impact is demonstrated. 3. That the New Brighton Dog Exercise Area be from a point adjacent to Strand Street New Brighton, extending in a southerly direction to a point 500 metres north of the northern break wall of the Brunswick River. (<i>Restriction: Intertidal zone only</i>).
#689718	9/7/07	<p>07-334 Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council Rangers assist in managing companion animals compliance on Marine Park, National Park and Nature Reserve areas adjacent to Council's companion animal exercise areas. 2. That south of the surf club at Brunswick Heads, Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) support warnings where appropriate, for a first offence of a dog in a prohibited area b) prioritise management and placement of advisory signs c) publish a notice in Council's block advertising and issue a media release identifying Council's 400m companion animal exercise area, with conditions of use. 3. That Council develop a Memorandum of Understanding with agencies controlling land adjacent to companion animal exercise areas including companion animal management.
#695065	13/8/07	<p>07-449 Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That draft amended Policy 5.31 Companion Animal Exercise Area as shown at Annexure 3(a) (#695065) be placed on exhibition for a period of 28 days. 2. That any submissions received be reported back to Council prior to adoption of the Policy.
#712559	6/12/07	<p>07-695 Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council adopt the amended Policy 5.31 Policy for Companion Animal Exercise Areas as shown at Annexure 7(b) (#721559). 2. That Council advertise the adoption of the Policy for Companion Animals Exercise Areas. 3. That all signage and notices are erected under the provision of Section 632 of the Local Government Act. Any existing signs shall be amended to allow for Companion Animals to be exercised in those areas specified in the Policy. (<i>Westheimer/Lazarus</i>)
#995803	12/8/10	<p>10-573 Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council adopt the amended Policy No. 5.31 Policy for Companion Animal Exercise Areas as shown at Annexure 30 (#906605). 2. That all signage and notices to designate Companion Animal Exercise Areas be erected under the provision of Section 632 of the Local Government Act and that as required existing signs be amended or new signage be erected to allow for Companion Animals to be exercised in those areas as permitted and specified in the Policy.
#1145054	11/8/11	<p>11-593 Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council adopt for the purposes of public exhibition, the option to amend the New Brighton off lead dog exercise area by way of reduction of the southward extent to 50m north of the Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve boundary and extending the northward extent approximately 700m to a line adjacent to Ocean Avenue, resulting in an off lead exercise areas of 1500m. 2. That appropriate signage for the revised dog exercise areas are implemented once the proposal to amend the existing off lead dog exercise areas is resolved, in consultation with

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		the interested parties.
#1156660	13/10/11	Adopted – See Res No. 11-800 (varying the New Brighton off lead dog exercise area).
E2018/82250	11/10/18	Amended to remove track changes, update logo and minor formatting
E2019/10485	23/1/19	Reviewed for currency, endorsed by ET. Minor update to title year

Further Document Information and Relationships

Related Legislation	Companion Animals Act 1998
Related Policies	Local Orders Policy for the Keeping of Animals #338453
Related Procedures/ Protocols, Statements, documents	Companion Animals Management Plan #221295

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1. OBJECTIVES

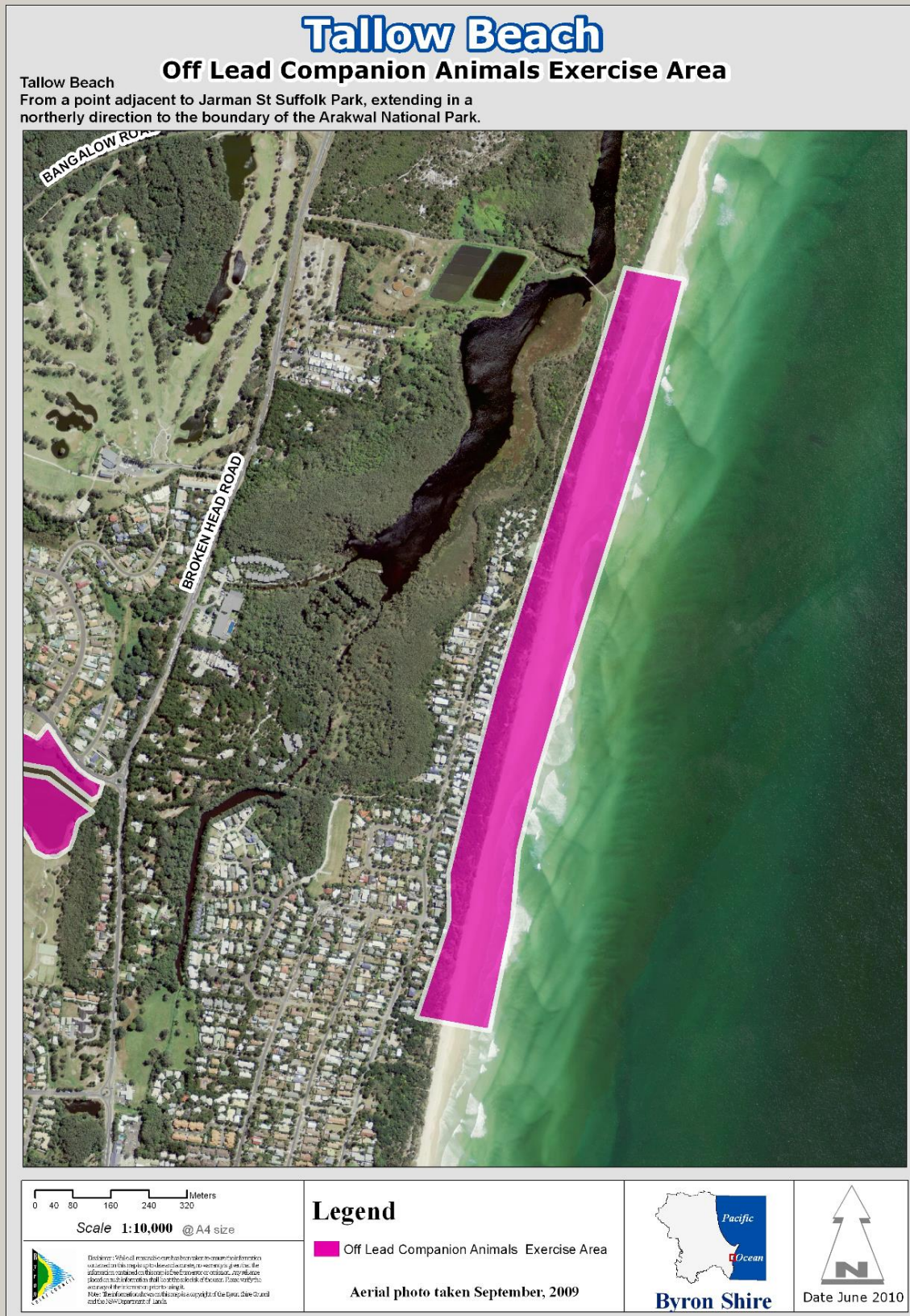
To define areas where people may exercise their Companion Animals.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

2.1. Off-lead Exercise Areas

1. Companion animals may be exercised in the areas defined below in an unrestrained manner (ie. without having the dog on a lead (chain or cord) as required in other Public Places).
2. The owner of a Companion animal shall ensure that a responsible person has care and control over the animal and does not allow the unrestrained animal to menace any person or child, or other species of animals while being exercised in any of the defined 'off-lead' areas. Animals are not permitted in the defined areas unless under the control of a competent person.
3. The defined areas are as follows:
 - **Tallow Beach:** From a point adjacent to Jarman Street, Suffolk Park, extending in a northerly direction to the boundary of the Arakwal National Park.
 - **Main Beach - Belongil Area:** From a point adjacent to Manfred Street, Belongil, extending in an easterly direction to a point on the western side of Main Beach car park and including Cavanbah Reserve.
 - **Suffolk Park:** Public Reserve, Beech Drive.
 - **Brunswick Heads:** Brunswick Heads access from a point 20 metres south of the Brunswick Heads Surf Club, extending in a southerly direction for 400 metres to the boundary of Tyagarah Nature Reserve. (*Restrictions: Intertidal zone only. Access from adjacent to the Brunswick Heads Surf Club only*).
 - **New Brighton Beach:** From a point 50m north of the Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve boundary and extending northward to a line adjacent to Ocean Avenue. (*Restriction: Intertidal zone only*)
 - **South Golden Beach:** From a point adjacent to Gloria Street, South Golden Beach, extending in a northerly direction to the Billinudgel Nature Reserve. (*Restrictions: Intertidal zone only. Access via Gloria Street*).
 - **Mullumbimby:** Heritage Park, Mill Street, Mullumbimby. From opposite Gordon Street to opposite Stuart Street. (*Restrictions*): Companion animals are prohibited from the area in or within ten (10) metres of the children's play equipment.
 - **Bangalow:** Part of the Community land at Ashton Street Bangalow. The area bounded by Deacon Street, Ashton Street and Byron Creek. (*Restrictions*): Companion animals are prohibited from the area in or within ten (10) metres of the children's play equipment.

2.2. Maps Off-lead Exercise Areas



Main Beach - Belongil Area

Off Lead Companion Animals Exercise Area

From a point adjacent to Manfred St, Belongil, extending in an easterly direction to a point on the western side of Main Beach Car Park and including Cavanbah Reserve.



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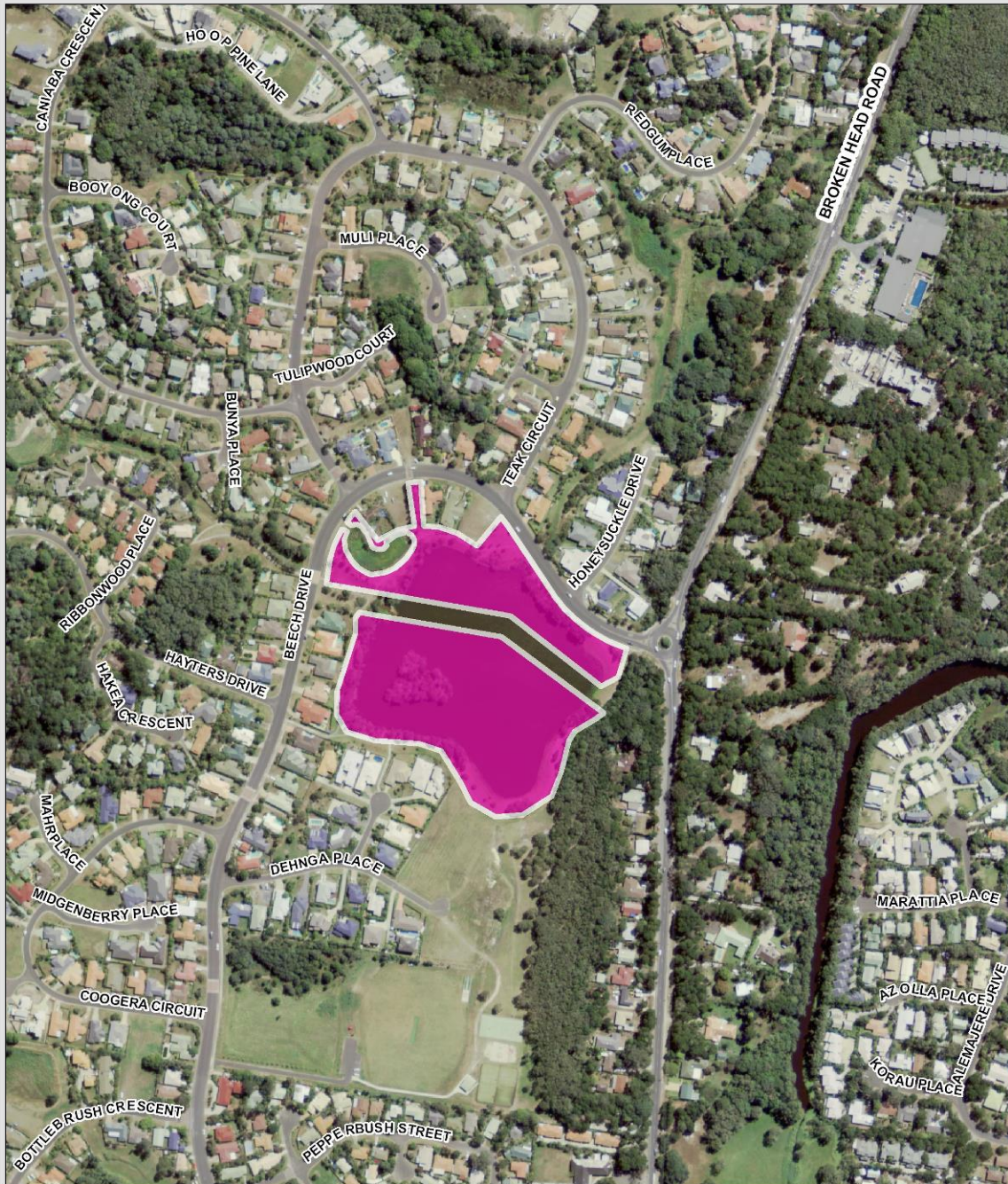
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Suffolk Park - Public Reserve Beech Drive

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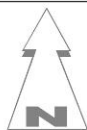
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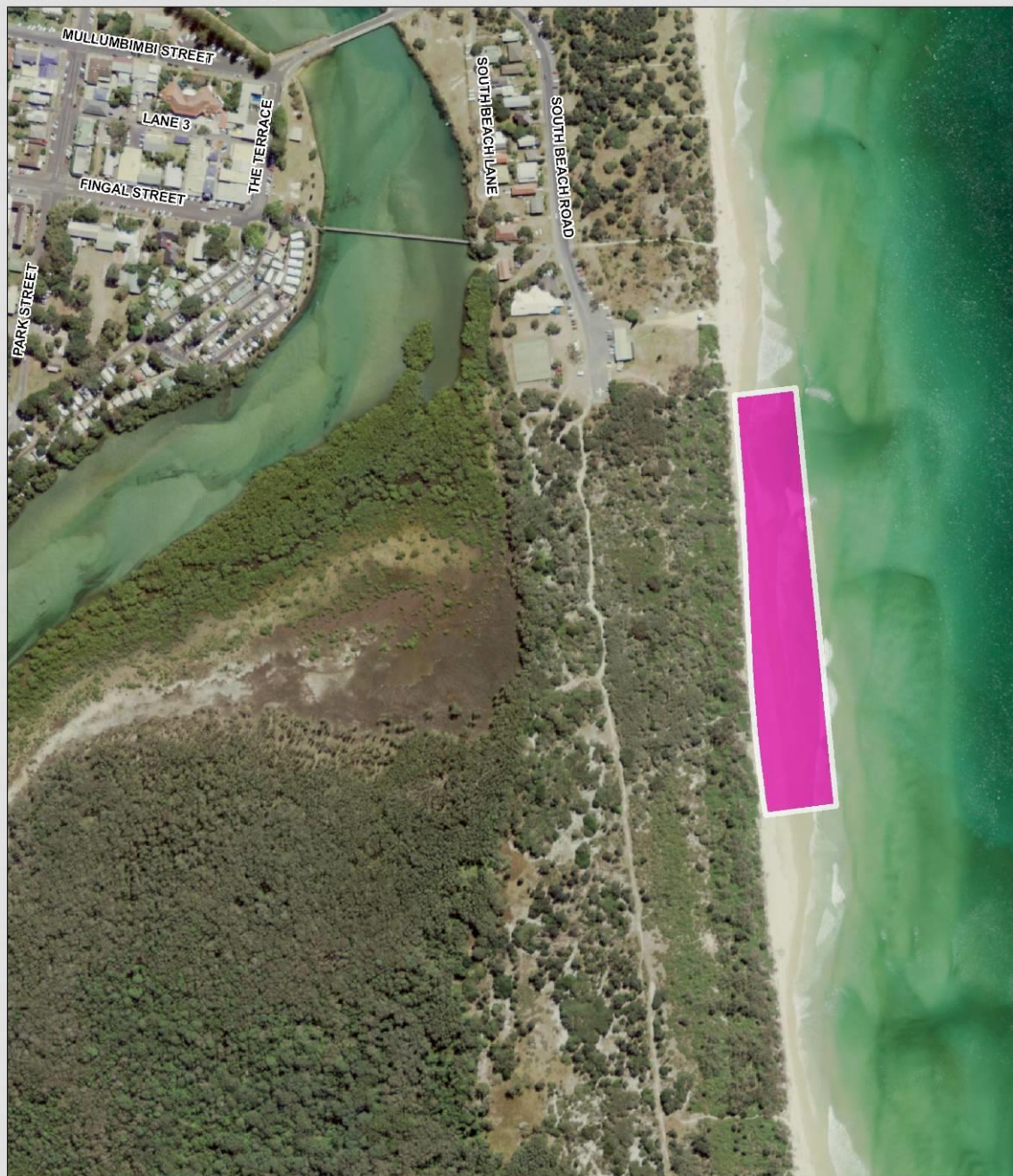
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Brunswick Heads

Off Lead Companion Animals Exercise Area

Access from a point 20m south of the Brunswick Heads Surf Club, extending in a southerly direction for 400m to the boundary of Tyagarah Nature Reserve.

Restrictions : Intertidal zone only. Access from adjacent to the Brunswick Heads Surf Club only



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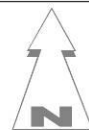
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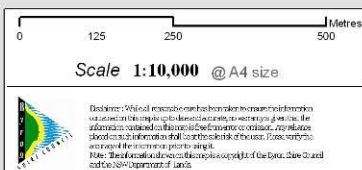
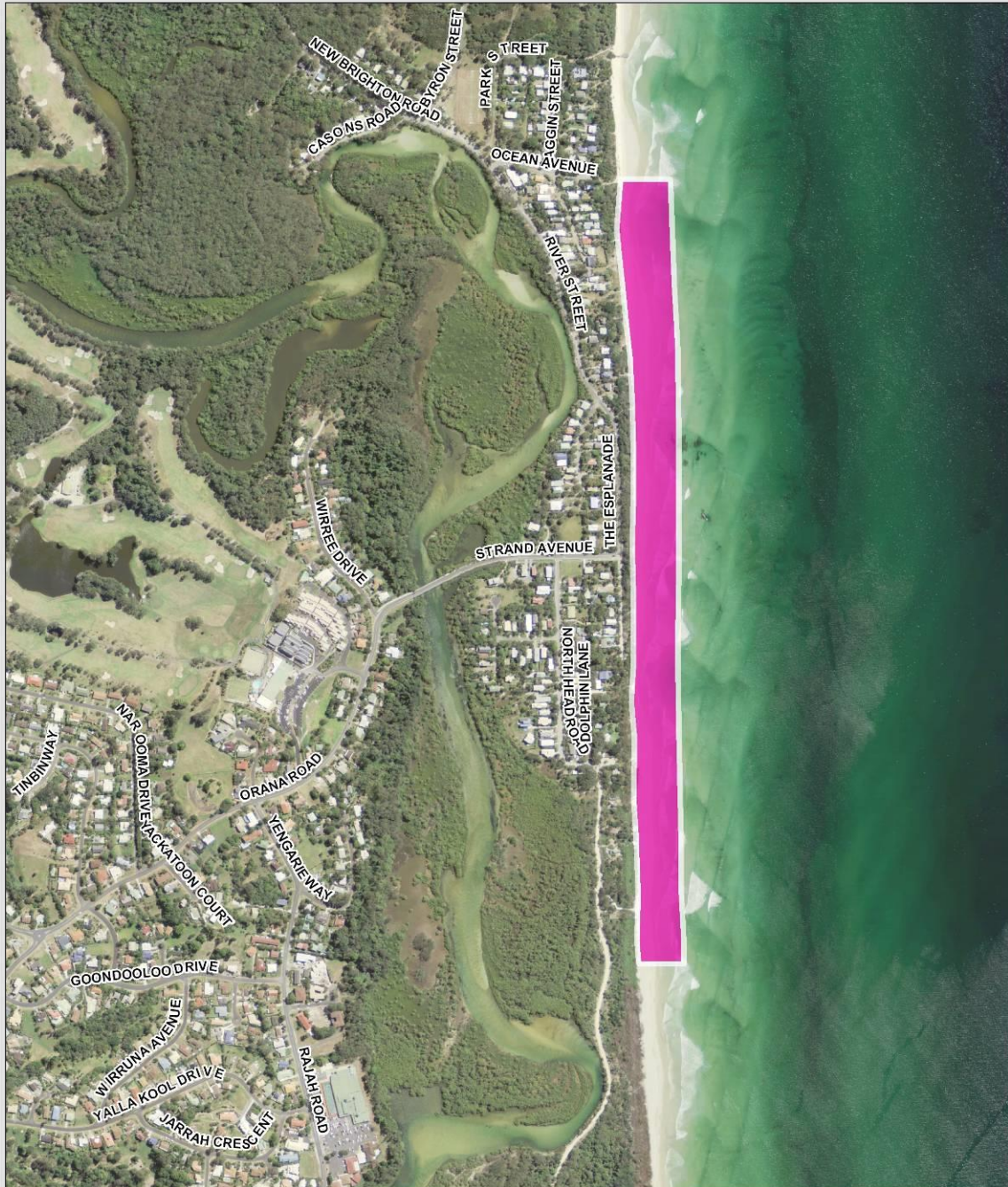


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New Brighton

Off Lead Companion Animals Exercise Area

From a point 50m north of the Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve boundary and extending northward to a line adjacent to Ocean Avenue. Restrictions : Intertidal zone only.



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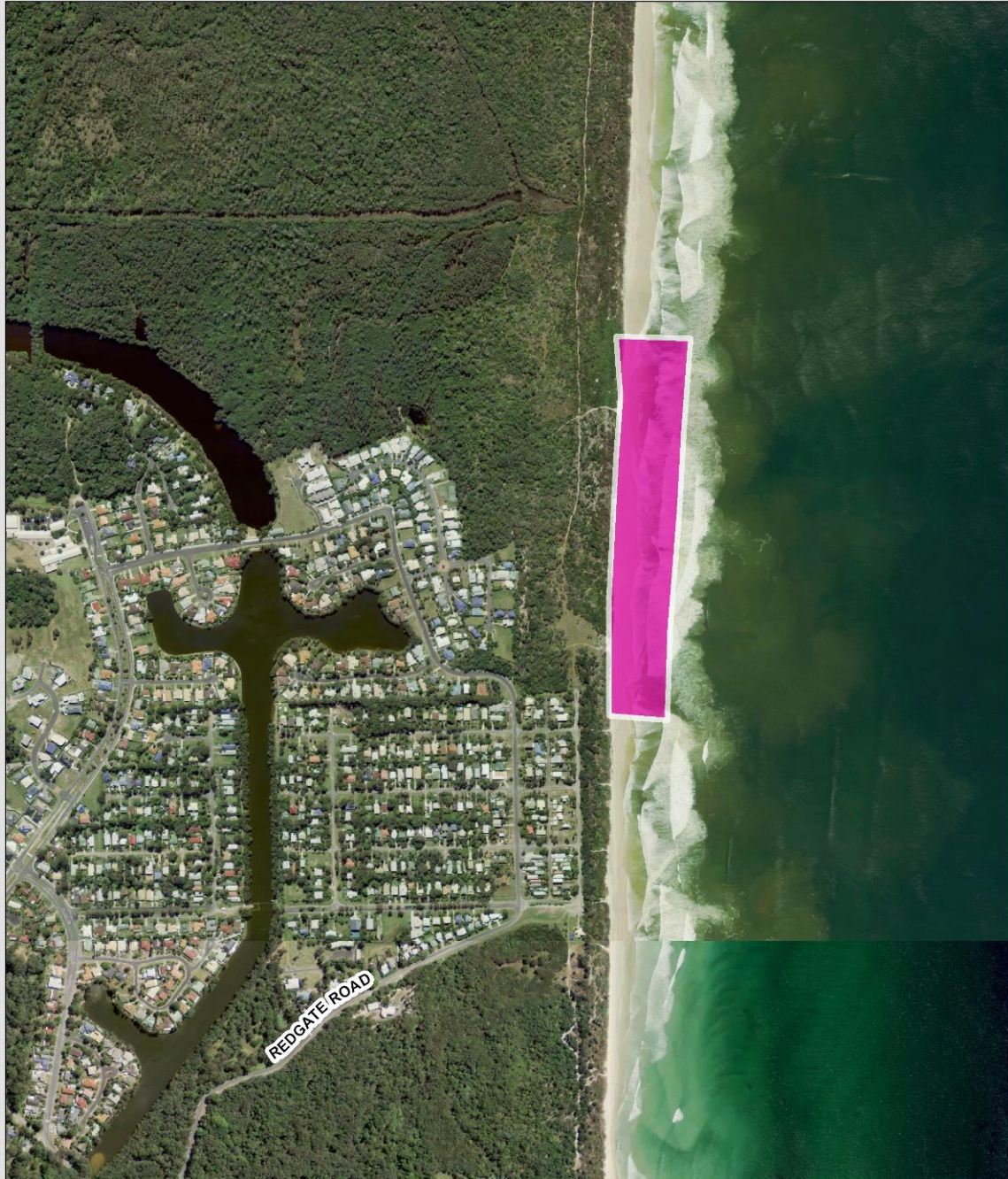


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South Golden Beach

Off Lead Companion Animals Exercise Area

From a point adjacent to Gloria Street South Golden Beach, extending in a northerly direction to the Billinudgel Nature Reserve. Restrictions : Intertidal zone only. Access via Gloria Street .



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Mullumbimby

Off Lead Companion Animals Exercise Area

Heritage Park, Mill Street Mullumbimby, from opposite Gordon Street to opposite Stuart Street.

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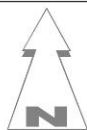
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Bangalow

Off Lead Companion Animals Exercise Area

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Part of the Community Land at Ashton Street Bangalow - the area bounded by Deacon Street, Ashton Street and Byron Creek.

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2.3. On-lead Exercise Areas

1. Owners of animals may exercise their animals in the areas defined below in an restrained manner (ie. On a lead or cord).
2. The animal owner shall maintain care and control over the animal and not allow the restrained animals to menace any person or child, or other species of animals while being exercised in any of the defined areas. Animals shall not be allowed to be present in the defined areas unless under the control of a competent person and on a lead or cord.
3. The defined areas are as follows:
 - **Brunswick Heads Lot 33 DP7300006 and Lot 36 DP800926 Kingsford Drive Brunswick Heads – Public Reserve and Lot 68 DP851902 Bayside Way Brunswick Heads**
 - **Ocean Shores - Lot 1454 DP575235 Warrambool Road (known as Devines Hill, Lookout):** This Public Reserve area is accessible from the west via Lookout Road and from the east via a walking track off Warrambool Road. The Reserve includes trees and shrub areas with open space at the lookout and road area, suitable for an on-lead dog exercise area.
 - **Ocean Shores (Water Lily Park and Sports Ground) also known as Lot 175 DP238456 Orana Road Ocean Shores:** Restriction: All dogs are to be excluded from those areas within 10 metres from any playing apparatus provided for the public or park for the use of children and on recreational areas being any place or part of public place for playing organised games.
 - **Ewingsdale - Lot 40 DP786291 Brookview Court, Lot 14 DP882879 Citriadora Drive Ewingsdale:** These Public Reserves include shrubby areas and are suitable for on-lead dog exercise areas and link several streets that may allow dog walkers to use these reserves and roadways as walking circuits.
 - **Federal - Lot 24 DP814436 Coachwood Court Federal and Lot 7 DP263974 Roses Road Federal and Lot 11 DP1003205 Roses Road:** These three reserves are linked by tracks, pathways and roads. The walk begins at the track accessed through Coachwood Court that leads to Roses Road where there is a public park. Dogs are permitted in this park on lead excluding those areas within 10 metres of any playing apparatus or food preparation areas. Dog owners can also walk their animals via Roses Road to a reserve and track that leads to Wean Way Federal.

2.4. Maps On-lead Exercise Areas



Devine's Hill (Ocean Shores Lookout)

On Lead Companion Animals Exercise Area

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Water Lily Park - Ocean Shores

On Lead Companion Animals Exercise Area

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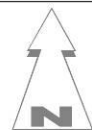
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Ewingsdale

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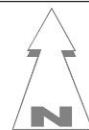
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