

# Wildlife Protection Areas of Hornsby Shire

Caring for our pets and protecting our wildlife



## Did you know?

**The average life span of a cat kept indoors is 12 years**

Cats allowed to roam live an average of three years.

**“Roaming domestic cats kill about 60 million birds a year  
and feral cats are a major cause of mammal extinction.”**

*Federal Government Threatened Species Commissioner (2017)*



## Help to protect your cat and our wildlife

- Create a ‘cat enclosure’ in your backyard/courtyard or use clear netting to enclose your balcony/verandah
- Attach a barrier (e.g. floppy chicken wire) on top of your existing boundary fence to keep your cat contained within your yard.
- Encourage your cat to stay indoors by providing sufficient stimulation such as a scratching post, toys and indoor pots of cat grass.
- Select a breed of cat which is suited to living indoors. Contact the RSPCA for more information.
- Teach your new kitten to be happy indoors and gradually adjust the time spent indoors for older cats.

## Contacts

Hornsby Shire Council – phone (02) 9847 6666

For more information about Wildlife Protection Areas or responsible pet ownership visit:

[hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au)



## What are Wildlife Protection Areas?

Hornsby Shire Council has declared Wildlife Protection Areas (WPA's) in bushland reserves to conserve the unique biodiversity of the region.

Declaring WPA's aims to increase community awareness of our local wildlife and encourage responsible pet ownership.

## Why are they important?

Hornsby Shire is characterised by its unique bushland and diverse range of native wildlife. There are over 388 species of mammals, birds and reptiles and over 1,000 different plant species known to occur in the local bushland.

Native animals such as possums, bandicoots, lizards, frogs and birds are more vulnerable to pets who roam and hunt. By walking your dog on a leash and keeping your cat on your property, you can reduce the number of native animals disturbed and killed in your area.



## Help protect our wildlife

### Dogs

- Dogs must be kept on a leash in WPA's
- Keep to designated tracks and clean up after your dog
- Utilise Council's dog off-leash areas

### Cats

- Cats are prohibited in WPA's
- Council strongly encourages cat owners to keep their cats indoors at night and contained on their property

All natural features within WPA's (including native vegetation, bush rock and fallen timber) are protected and must not be removed or damaged.

Dumping of rubbish and garden waste and the use of motor vehicles or motor bikes within WPA's is also prohibited.

## Penalties

- Owners of dogs roaming in WPA's can incur a penalty of **\$330** under Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998)
- Cats found in WPA's can be caught and the owner will incur a penalty of **\$180** under Section 3.0 of the Act.

## Where are the Wildlife Protection Areas?

SUBURB	RESERVE
ARCADIA	Arcadia Park Bushland Reserve Carrs Bush Conservation Reserve
BEROWRA HEIGHTS	Berowra Park Conservation Reserve
BEROWRA WATERS	Furber Park Bushland Reserve
BROOKLYN	Brooklyn Park Conservation Reserve McKell Park Bushland Reserve
CHERRYBROOK	Callicoma Conservation Reserve Cherrybrook Lakes Conservation Reserve McKinley Place Conservation Reserve
CHERRYBROOK/ CASTLE HILL	Erlestoke Park and Upper Pyes Creek Conservation Reserve
CHERRYBROOK/ DURAL	Lower Pyes Creek Bushland Reserve
DURAL	James Henty Park Bushland Reserve
GALSTON	Galston Bushland Reserve Galston Gorge Conservation Reserve
HORNSBY	Florence Cotton Bushland Reserve Hornsby Park Conservation Reserve
HORNSBY HEIGHTS	Rofe Park Bushland Reserve
HORNSBY/WESTLEIGH	Dog Pound Creek Conservation Reserve
MIDDLE DURAL	Forsters Bushland Reserve
MT KURING-GAI	Mt Kuring-gai Park Bushland Reserve
NORMANHURST	Waitara Creek Conservation Reserve
PENNANT HILLS	Azalea Grove Conservation Reserve Britannia Street Conservation Reserve Pennant Hills Park Conservation Reserve
THORNLEIGH	Larool Creek Bushland Reserve
WESTLEIGH	Corang Road Bushland Reserve
WEST PENNANT HILLS	Walumeda Reserve and New Farm Road Conservation Reserve
WISEMANS FERRY	Singleton Mill Bushland Reserve Wisemans Ferry Lookout Bushland Reserve