



## NEWS

# Community celebrates opening of new dog park

**GOOD NEWS FOR LOCAL PUPS (AND THEIR HUMANS). THE NEW CAMBRIDGE DOG PARK IS NOW OPEN AND IT'S ALREADY A TAIL-WAGGING FAVOURITE!**

This purpose-built off-lead space has plenty to keep dogs happy and active, including:

- two fully fenced areas for different play styles
- a dedicated training zone
- natural play elements like logs and rocks to explore
- water stations to keep thirsty pups refreshed
- shaded seating so owners can relax while dogs run free.

Whether your dog loves to zoom, exercise or sniff out new adventures, there's something for every kind of pup.

Pack the treats, grab the lead and come check it out. Your dog will thank you for it.



## A SMALL REMINDER

# It's time to renew

**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN WITH REGISTRATIONS DUE BY 7 AUGUST 2026.**

Registering your dog helps reunite lost pets faster, supports local pet services and funds 24/7 emergency ranger support.

Moved house, changed your number, recently desexed your dog or received a concession card? Update your details. You may be eligible for a discount.

Update your details at [ccc.tas.gov.au/update-your-contact-details](http://ccc.tas.gov.au/update-your-contact-details)

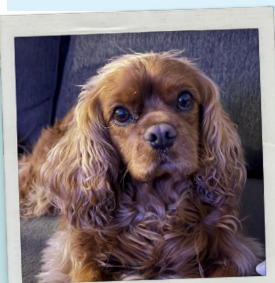
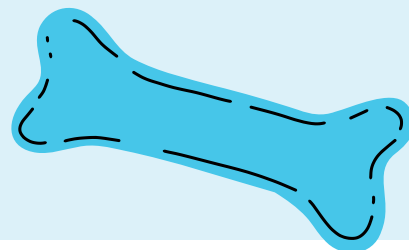
### How to renew:

1. Scan the QR code to the right
2. Enter the payment reference on your renewal notice
3. Complete your payment

### Need help?

Contact us with any questions. We're happy to help!

Scan the QR code to register or renew today!



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## EVENTS

# Doggie events you can't miss in 2026!



## The Pochibald™ Art Prize 2026

Calling all dog lovers and budding artists! The Pochibald™ Art Prize is back for 2026, and it's your chance to celebrate dogs of all shapes and sizes through your creativity. Whether you love painting, drawing, printmaking, or sculpting, there's a category for you!

### Categories & Prizes:

- Adult – 1st prize & runner-up
- Children – Junior (up to 12 yrs) – 1st prize & runner-up
- Children – Senior (12–16 yrs) – 1st prize & runner-up
- Rangers' Prize

The exhibition will be open from 30 October to 22 November this year. Winners will be announced at the exhibition opening on Thursday 29 October at the Schoolhouse Gallery. To find out how you can submit your artwork make sure to check Rosny Farm's website: [rosnyfarm.com.au](http://rosnyfarm.com.au)



Photo: 2025 Pochibald winners Rachel Wolfe, Lily McCarter and Melody Zhang.

## Dogs' Day Out

Mark your calendars! Dogs' Day Out is returning **7 November 2026** with a tail-wagging good time for you and your furry friends. Keep an eye on [rosnyfarm.com.au](http://rosnyfarm.com.au) for updates.

It's going to be pawsome - don't miss it!



## DOG HYGIENE

# Scoop the poop

**WE ALL ENJOY OUR CLEAN FOOTPATHS, PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES IN CLARENCE AND KEEPING THEM THAT WAY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.**

One of the simplest ways we can help is by cleaning up after our pets. While it might seem like a small thing, dog waste can carry harmful bacteria and parasites that contaminate soil and waterways, posing risks to people, wildlife and other dogs.

Unfortunately, we're also seeing bagged dog waste being tossed over fences or left in bushland and reserves in some of Clarence's more remote areas. If there isn't a bin nearby, please take it home instead.

Doing the right thing is easy by:

- always carrying dog waste bags when walking your dog
- using designated bins, or take waste home if a bin isn't nearby
- encouraging others to do the right thing

To support responsible dog ownership, we provide waste bag dispensers, signage and clearly marked dog-friendly spaces across Clarence.

Not picking up after your dog can also result in a fine.

Let's all do our part to keep Clarence clean, safe and enjoyable for everyone, whether walking on two legs or four.



## Calling all dog lovers!

Do you enjoy walking your dog...or any dog really?

If you're a dog enthusiast who doesn't mind a few furry friends on your walking routine, we'd love to hear from you.

Join the Clarence Community Volunteer Service and help give local dogs the exercise and care they need. This paw-some service really helps those animal owners in our community who need a bit of a helping hand.

To register your interest, visit the website [ccc.tas.gov.au/volunteering](http://ccc.tas.gov.au/volunteering) or call 6217 9500 today!



## COMMUNITY UPDATE

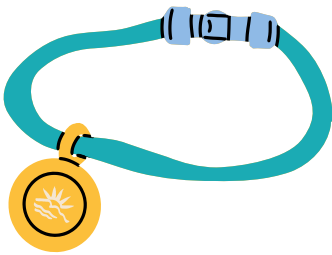
# Managing our dogs in Clarence

**DOGS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF LIFE IN CLARENCE, WHICH IS WHY WE RECENTLY REVIEWED OUR DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY TO HELP GUIDE HOW DOGS AND PEOPLE SHARE OUR PUBLIC SPACES INTO THE FUTURE.**

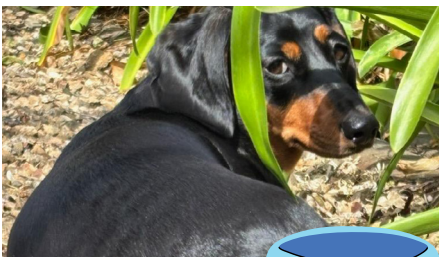
The first round of community engagement closed last month with over 600 survey responses received, as well as a number of written submissions, alongside many conversations with community members and stakeholders. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share feedback on dog access, off-lead areas and responsible ownership.

We're now working through the survey results and reviewing the feedback and preparing a report which will be available on [yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/dog-policy](https://yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/dog-policy)

The new policy will aim to find a balance that supports the needs of dog owners while ensuring our beaches, parks and reserves remain safe and enjoyable for everyone.



## Dogs of Clarence



**MAGGIE**

**AGE:** 2.5 years.

**BREED:** Miniature Dachshund.

**LOVES:** Cheese and toys.

**FAVOURITE PLACE IN CLARENCE:** ANZAC Park, Lindisfarne.

**TALE/TAIL/TRAIT:** Maggie loves exploring her local neighbourhood, strolling the Lindisfarne Esplanade, greeting fellow doggies and visiting the water fountain at ANZAC Park. She's always delighted to hear, "look, it's a sausage!" as she struts by.



**JAGGAR**

**AGE:** 8 years.

**BREED:** King Charles Cavalier.

**LOVES:** Swimming in the ocean.

**FAVOURITE PLACE IN CLARENCE:** South Street Reserve, Bellerive.

**TALE/TAIL/TRAIT:** Always cries when he sees you for the first time. It's a howly cry of excitement.



**MORRISSEY**

**AGE:** 13 years.

**BREED:** Miniature Schnauzer.

**LOVES:** Loves walks – lives for them!

**FAVOURITE PLACE IN CLARENCE:** ANZAC Park, Lindisfarne.

**TALE/TAIL/TRAIT:** He's a schnauzer and a smoocher who loves his morning hugs.

## ASK A RANGER

### RANGER JACK

**What's the most common reason people contact a ranger?**

Barking complaints. While nuisance barking is relatively rare, education and working with owners to understand the cause usually leads to positive outcomes for both neighbours and dogs.

**What's your top tip for keeping dogs safe at home?**

Making sure your yard is secure! Most dramas start when your dog decides to go for a solo adventure in the streets.

**What's one thing every dog owner should do but often forgets?**

Keep your dog registration up to date. If a dog escapes, current registration helps us reunite them with their owner quickly.

**What's your favourite thing about working with dogs?**

Reuniting lost dogs with their owners and seeing the excitement and relief when they're back together. The daily pats are a bonus too.

**What's your go-to advice for new owners?**

Start training early, be consistent and avoid reinforcing bad habits.

**What's the most rewarding part of your day?**

Finding positive outcomes in tricky situations. By listening, talking things through and working together, we can often reach a solution that feels fair for everyone involved.

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

# Keeping our parks and playing fields safe for everyone

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT DOGS MUST STAY AT LEAST 10 METRES FROM CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, AND AREN'T PERMITTED ON CLARENCE SPORTS GROUNDS AT ANY TIME, EVEN WHEN THEY'RE NOT IN USE.**

This helps us keep playing surfaces, including the perimeter of the ground, and surrounding areas safe, clean and in great condition for players, spectators and the wider community.

Our parks and open spaces are shared by families, children, walkers, cyclists, wildlife and dog owners. In designated on-lead areas, dogs must be kept on leads in line with our Dog Management Policy. While most dogs are well behaved, keeping them on lead helps ensure everyone feels comfortable and safe, while also protecting local wildlife and supporting responsible pet ownership.

The good news is there are plenty of fantastic on-lead and off-lead areas across Clarence where dogs are welcome to run, play and explore. Just remember to check local signage before visiting, as rules can vary between locations.

Our rangers regularly visit parks to provide guidance and support, and we thank the many dog owners who already do the right thing.

Find your nearest dog exercise area at [ccc.tas.gov.au/dog-exercise-areas](http://ccc.tas.gov.au/dog-exercise-areas)



**Photo:** Sarah Capes walking her dog, Cinnamon, in Wentworth Park

## More than just dogs

**THINK OUR RANGERS ONLY DEAL WITH DOGS? THINK AGAIN!**

Our rangers look after all kinds of animals, including some much larger (and louder) residents. From wandering cattle to curious sheep, we've been hearing a few more moos and baas than usual lately, with some livestock deciding to go on little adventures of their own.

When that happens, our team are on hand to help safely contain animals and reunite them with their owners. But just like with dogs, a little preparation goes a long way.

If you own livestock in the Clarence area, make sure your animals are clearly tagged. It makes it much easier for us to identify them and get them back home quickly if they stray.

Want to go one step further? You can also add your livestock to our register by emailing [dogs@ccc.tas.gov.au](mailto:dogs@ccc.tas.gov.au).

So next time you spot a ranger out and about, remember we're not just here for dogs. We're here for all creatures great and small, helping keep Clarence safe, one hoof (or paw) at a time.



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