



**Cassowary Coast
Regional Council**

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Council urges residents to be responsible dog owners

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is calling on dog owners to do the right thing and help to reduce the incidents of wandering dogs in the region.

A council spokesman said an unleashed and wandering dog could cause problems for others in the community, for wildlife and for the dog itself.

“Dog owners have a duty of care to keep their dog in the yard, to walk their dog on a leash when in a public place, to prevent their dog from frightening or attacking people or other animals, and from being hit by a car or attacked by another animal,” the spokesman said.

“Your dog’s activities should not interfere with your neighbours or other animals.

“Building an adequate fence around your property or an adequate enclosure on your property is a requirement, as is keeping you dog under effective control when you are outside the yard.

“It is also a requirement to register your dog every year. Registration is important as it enables Council officers to quickly identify a dog's owner. If Council officers find a lost dog, a registration tag is the first step in reuniting the owner with their pet.”

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