

## **APPROVED INSPECTION PROGRAM DETAILS**

In accordance with Section 134 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 113 of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, Council's authorised officers will be undertaking a door knock of all properties within the town area as designated under Council's Local Law No 2.

The inspection program will commence on:

***Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and concluding Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022***

during normal workdays between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm. Some follow up calls may occur between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays & Sundays.

### **Purpose of Program**

The purpose of the systematic property inspection program is to monitor compliances with regards to the following:

- Dog registration
- Microchipping of dogs
- Excess Dog Permits and Kennel areas
- Compliance with Regulated Dog Declarations
- Other Local Laws – overgrown allotments
- Building Act – Swimming Pool Safety Barriers

### **Details of Program**

Council's authorised officers will be door knocking to make sure all dogs recorded on Council's register at that property are currently registered. Dogs are required to be registered annually with Council. Any unregistered dogs will be issued with Penalty Infringement Notices (PINs) fines.

Council's authorised officers will also check that all current holders of a three (3) dog permit are fully compliant with the conditions of the permit, and that the annual permit fee has been paid.

Declared Dogs, either as Dangerous or Menacing, are required to be kept within a special enclosure, signs to be displayed and have conditions that apply when the dog is outside the enclosure. These are inspected during the program to ensure ongoing compliance with the conditions placed on them as part of the declaration notice issued by Council.

Richmond Shire Council encourages responsible pet ownership. Registration and microchipping is compulsory in the declared town areas. You do not need to "desex" your dog, however it is recommended to do so and a reduced registration fee applies.

Dog registrations expired on 30 June 2021. Renewals and new dog registrations applied from **1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. With a discount period of 50% until **17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.

If you are a new dog owner, please get in touch with Council's Customer Service Centre to register your dog within fourteen (14) days of obtaining your dog or moving into the Council area.

Owners of dogs have a legal responsibility to advise Council of any changes relating to their dog registration, i.e. change of address, animal sold, given away or is deceased.

You are permitted to register and keep:

- ONLY 2 dogs on an allotment in a designated town area.
- ONLY 1 dog on premises which are multi-residential premises.
- ONLY 3 dogs with approval and issued by Council.

An overgrown or unsightly property can be both a nuisance and a danger to neighbour's and the community. Please note that all residents have a responsibility to keep their properties neat and tidy to improve the appearance of our community, remove places for vermin to breed and reduce health risks. Council officers will be undertaking inspections of properties and issuing notices as per Subordinate Local Law No. 3 – (Community and Environment Management) 2012.

Domestic pools are a great source of enjoyment for families and their friends. Any pool (permanent or temporary) capable of holding water more than 300mm deep, has a volume of more than 2,000 litres or has a filtration system fitted will require approval and fencing to comply with the QLD Development Code. All pools that require safety barriers and approval have been required to be registered with QBCC since 1 December 2015. Council officers will be checking to make sure these rules are followed as part of the inspection program.