

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

All members of the community who have registered have been advised that they have a **maximum of five minutes** to put their case.

Ordinary Meeting of Council on 23 October 2018

Name	Subject/Comments
Public Forum – 10.00am	
Lei Parker obo Dr Michael Holland	QON18/007 Regional Hospital in the Eurobodalla Shire
Peter Bernard	QON18/007 Regional Hospital in the Eurobodalla Shire CCS18/048 Investments made as at 30 September 2018.
Kaye Watkins	PSR18/087 Companion Animal Management Plan Review
Kate McInerney	PSR18/087 Companion Animal Management Plan Review
Chris McMurray	PSR18/087 Companion Animal Management Plan Review
Andrew Hopkins	PSR18/087 Companion Animal Management Plan Review
Heather McGregor	PSR18/087 Companion Animal Management Plan Review
Cath Bowdler	PSR18/087 Companion Animal Management Plan Review

SUBMISSION TO EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC FORUM
TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2018

DR MICHAEL JOSEPH HOLLAND

Proxy – Mr Lei Parker

To the Mayor and Councillors of the Eurobodalla Shire Council

As a resident of the Eurobodalla, I have provided specialist Obstetric & Gynaecological services to Moruya & Batemans Bay District Hospitals for the past sixteen years.

In response to what is perceived to be a potential crisis in local health services, a social media movement was initiated two months ago calling for immediate improvement in clinical services in the Eurobodalla and development of a single new Regional or Base Hospital.

This group has attracted approximately 2,700 members and an online petition received 937 signatures in one week petitioning the NSW Minister of Health for these services.

A formal petition to the NSW Legislative Assembly is to be presented to our local member the Hon. Mr Andrew Constance this Friday 26th October.

The Eurobodalla Shire has the second largest population in the Southern NSW Local Health District, the largest aged population, with a significant estimated growth over the next ten years, and the largest indigenous population.

The population triples during holiday periods further straining services.

Our services exceed those of South East Regional Hospital Bega and Goulburn Base Hospital, hospitals which have been, or are being developed, at the cost of \$187 million and \$120 million respectively.

One hundred patients per month are transferred outside the region by ambulance or retrieved by aeromedical services per month. A large number of residents need to leave the area for elective services unavailable locally.

This has arisen due to the expensive, inefficient and unsustainable division of services between two hospital sites.

The separation of hospital sites results in each hospital receiving role delineation of clinical services at the same level of smaller rural hospitals such as Moree, Narrabri and Milton-Ulladulla which have already suffered loss of services.

Combined, the services of Moruya District Hospital and Batemans Bay District Hospital would result in a role delineation equivalent to South East Regional Hospital & Goulburn Base Hospital.

Our region is disadvantaged, as a consequence, with

the loss of surgical services in the Eurobodalla,

the lack of a central Accident & Emergency service with specialist cover,

the lack of Critical Care and Intensive Care service,

the lack of a local Mental Health Unit,

as well as the lack of specialist physician, paediatric, anaesthetic, breast cancer and colorectal surgery services.

There is no Regional or Base Hospital in the 300 kilometres between Nowra and Bega.

The current divided role delineation does not allow for accreditation for intern and registrar training, positions which would sustain the local health service by retaining medical officers living in the region for the future.

The NSW Ministry of Health commissioned a review of Surgical and Critical Care Services by the Agency for Clinical Innovation in March 2017. This review is due for presentation on 14th November.

The Southern NSW Local Health District conducted a Eurobodalla Clinical Services Plan in March 2018. Community, medical, nursing and allied health members were consulted over a period of five days in Moruya, Batemans Bay and Narooma.

The significant findings of this review were the need for access to specialist services close to home, the need for local orthopaedic services, the integration of local services, the local availability of Intensive Care Services, inclusive services and a single central service.

I ask the Council

1 – Does it support the provision of immediate improvement to the Accident & Emergency, Critical Care and Perioperative services of the Eurobodalla Shire?

2 – Does it support the provision of one new regional hospital for the Eurobodalla Shire, located at a site providing equitable access for the residents of the Eurobodalla, which will provide medical services equal to those of the Regional and Base Hospitals within the Southern NSW Local Health District?

3 – Will the Eurobodalla Shire Council advocate for better health services for the community through representation to the NSW and Federal Governments?

COUNCIL ADDRESS ITEM ON/18/007 23 OCTOBER 2018

REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN THE EUROBODALLA

MADAM MAYOR. TO THE MADAM GENERAL MANAGER

I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH THE REPOSE TO THE QUESTION RAISED BY COUNCILLOR CONSTABLE . THE RECOMMENDATION -THAT IT 'BE RECEIVED AND NOTED WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY SOME "DISMISSIVE AND ARROGANT ".

IT IS THE SAME ATTITUDE THAT IS DISPLAYED TO MANY CITIZENS THAT ADDRESS THIS COUNCIL -THE EUROBODALLA COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IT IS THE NORM THAT HAS CREPT INTO THIS COUNCIL AND DISPLAYED TO MANY EUROBODALLA CITIZENS THAT ARE GAME BRING ATTENTION TO MANY ISSUES THAT ARE NOT BUREUCRATICALLY GENERATED AGENDA -WHICH IN MANY CASES ARE DIVORCED FROM THE CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC. IT IS ONE THING TO TREAT A COMMUNITY SPEAKER WITH A DISMISSIVE AND ARROGANT ATTITUDE BUT ANOTHER TO TREAT A REPRESENTATIVE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE IN THE SAME MANNER.

I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT AS PART OF ITS FORWARD PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL PLANNERS WOULD HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NSW STATE GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY WITH ITS LOCATION. IF THIS HAS NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT AND THE GENERAL MANAGER HAS NOT REQUESTED THIS. -WHY NOT?

IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT

COUNCIL OWN POLICY REQUIRES THAT MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS BE PLANNED FOR 100 YEAR LIFESPANS AND THE LATEST SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE BY THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SUGGEST THAT SEA LEVELS WILL NOW RISE 2.7 METRES BY 2100 .

MADAM MAYOR.

COUNCIL HAS FAILED TO CONSIDER ITS OWN SEA LEVEL RISE PROJECTION OF 1METRE PLUS FROM 2100. OR THE LATEST OEH PROJECTIONS, IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF -

- A. THE BATEMANS BAY AQUATIC CENTRE
- B. THE SOUTHERN ACCESS AND EGRESS OF THE BATEMANS BAY BRIDGE
- C. THE PROPOSED EUROBODALLA SOUTHERN WATER SUPPLY STORAGE DAM
- D. THE RAPID INCREASING SALINATION OF OUR FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS.
- E. THE REVELATIONS OF PEAK FLOOD LEVELS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED BATEMANS BAY BRIDGE WITH RESPECT TO THE BATEMANS BAY CBD .

MADAM MAYOR.

1. ARE WE ABOUT TO SEE A REGIONAL HOSPITAL PROPOSED ON A SITE THAT IS SUBJECT TO INUNDATION DURING THE LIFE TIME OF THE ASSET?
2. WE NEED A NEW HOSPITAL BUT YOU PLEASE IDENTIFY SITES THAT WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY SEA LEVEL RISE? would

3. AT THE SAME TIME COUNCIL NEEDS TO CONSIDER THE AFFECT OF PROJECTED SEA LEVEL RISE ON THE ACCESS TO ANY PROPOSED SITE. WILL THIS BE CONSIDERED AND SUPPORTIVE EVIDENCE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC?
4. EXPANSION OUR OF THE ONLY MAJOR, BUT ANTIQUATED HOSPITAL AT MOYURA HAS REVEALED IN THE PAST TO BE VERY VULNERABLE AND SUBJECT TO ISOLATION IN THE PAST.
5. MADAM MAYOR THE TIME IS TO ACT NOW AND AT THE SAME TIME THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO CONSIDER THE AFFECT OF PROJECTED SEA LEVEL RISE AND INGRESS AND EGRESS BY ROAD TO ANY PROPOSE3D SITE .IT MAY NOT EVEN LIE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EUROBODALLA .
IT MUST HOWEVER CATER FOR THE SOME 40 PERCENT OF ^{NON RESIDENT} RATE PAYERS THAT OWN PROPERTIES HERE -MANY OF WHICH ENTEND TO PLAN TO RETIRE AND EXPECT TO BE CATERED FOR IN THEIR DYING DAYS. THAT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME AS IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE ""I KARK IT "

BY-BY

PETER BERNARD 23rdOCTOBER 2018

CCS18/048

THROUGH YOU MAYOR TO THE MADAM GENERAL MANAGER

1. INVESTMENTS MADE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

THESE REPORTS SEEM TO BE A REGURGATATION OF PREVIOUS REPORTS AND THERE IS NOTHING WRONG INCLUDING NEW UPDATED FIGURES. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$111,000,000 OF TERM DEPOSITS INVESTED EXCEED THE TOTAL AMOUNT IN RATE INCOME THAT IS EXPECTED FOR THE FULL FINANCIAL YEAR. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS CORRECT?

IT IS ALSO NOTICED THAT THERE ARE \$ 51 MILLION DOLLARS IN "CLAIMED " FOSSIL FREE FUEL FREE INSTITUTIONS. ARE THESE INSTITUTIONS FOSSIL FREE OR NOT?IF NOT, DO YOU CONSIDER THAT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO "THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO MISCONDUCT IN THE BANKING SUPERANNUATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY.

MADAM MAYOR . IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT I HAVE ASKED WHETHER A "REAL "FINAL REPORT ON THE CDO'S COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OF COUNCILS INVOLVEMENT WITH PUBLIC MONEYS DURING THE GLOBAL CREDIT CRISIS.

I THANK COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND REQUIRE FURTHER

CLARIFICATION OF ITS REPLY TO ME CONCERNING ESC INVOLVEMENT

ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE \$20,121,789

How many contracts defaulted amongst the total included in the above figure?

Are the CDOs REMBRANDT & PALLADIN included in the above amount?

INTEREST RECEIVED \$ 23,147,933

Over what period of time were these COUPONS received?

I.e. Dates, amounts and specific CDO derivatives

PRINCIPLE RETURNED \$ 16,929,688

Which Derivatives (CDO) Contracts account for the difference between the \$20 million and the return of capital of \$17 millions?

RECOVERIES FROM LEGAL ACTIONS

To what CDOs, FRNs and other derivatives does this amount of \$ 2.6 million refer?

LEGAL COSTS

WHAT are the outstanding Derivatives under dispute?

Does the (\$366,826) refer to the return on capital, return on coupons or some other matter not mentioned in the letter of September 20 2018?

Are there any other amounts for future or pending legal actions included in the above amount or if not what actions are pending and proposed for the future?

NET POSITION .

This amount of \$2.18 millions would appear to be a minute return after 10 years of investment history?

Would council have been better off in BONDS where the interest and capital was virtually guaranteed?

FINAL REPORT

Is the “Final Report “final or are there Legal actions pending? If so what are these Legal actions

Peter Bernard

I thank the council for the opportunity to speak today. I asked for this opportunity because I feel strongly that the Companion Animal Management Plan should not be adopted in its current form.

My comments will be specifically in relation to Guerilla Bay and Rosedale although I believe they will apply to other areas as well.

This plan contains proposals that are incredibly restrictive in terms of dog access to the beaches and yet there has never been a 'business case' provided to support these restrictions.

I wasn't sure if public safety issue so I tried to find information on dog attacks. The Office of Local Government publishes a quarterly list of dog attacks for each local government area. The last quarter published was for April - June, 2018. There were three attacks in Eurobodalla Shire in that quarter. I looked at the last 12 reports. The previous quarter had an alarming number of 18 but this appears to be an exception as the following eight reports contain the entry 'No attacks reported' and the following two recorded 2 attacks. In the 3 year period there were no serious injuries but 10 people received minor injuries. These statistics are for the entire Eurobodalla Shire and a certainly not specific to beaches. Although I note in the submissions documentation that there was an attack in Oct 2017 on Long Beach. The average number of attacks per quarter is 2 and of course it would be better if this number was zero. But restricting dogs from beaches is unlikely to have any significant impact on this number. Whereas an education campaign to improve

dog owner responsibility would be much more likely to reduce the number.

If this plan is presented as a response to the danger presented by dogs on beaches then it is an extreme response to a low risk issue.

If the plan is a response to arguments that dogs adversely impact on the biodiversity of the beach environment. The reality is that these beaches are not fragile ecosystems. They are not breeding sites for rare or endangered birds or animals. There is nothing that dogs can do to these beaches that can compare to what nature can do to them.

If this plan was driven by a need to review existing arrangements - then okay. But then this became not okay when the draft plan was amended, supposedly in response to the feedback the council received. But in the case of Guerilla Bay and Rosedale the amended proposal had little or no relationship to the community feedback.

For example, the main Guerilla Bay beach was originally a green zone 'Off-leash. Dogs allowed at all times' but the Stoney Beach was red 'Dogs Prohibited'. Yet based on the information the council provided on the 70 responses it received, only 7 submissions were in favour of 'increased restrictions on dogs' (10%). The clear majority wanted reduced restrictions and this of course was relation to total prohibitions of dogs on the Stoney beach.

It is inexplicable, therefore, that the Council kept the Stoney beach as 'Dogs Prohibited' and increased !! restrictions to the Main Beach designating it a Timeshare zone.

This restriction is absurd. I have been monitoring both Guerilla Bay beaches between 9am and 5pm over the last 4 to 5 days. I have 112 photos that I am happy to share with anyone that wants to verify of the following information. I checked 29 times at approximately hourly intervals when I could. On 20 of the 29 times there was no one on the main beach. On 17 of the 29 times there was no one on the Stoney beach.

The total number of people I saw on the main beach was 40. The total number of people I saw on the Stoney beach was 32. The average number of people on the main beach was 1.4 and this is a beach that is approximately 370 m long. The average number of people on the Stoney beach was 1.1 and it is approximately 120m long

We are 9 days away from the proposed Timeshare period. And there will be no appreciable change in these numbers until the summer, or school holidays or Public holidays. What sense is there in a proposal to prohibit dogs from virtually deserted beaches.

I don't own a dog but my 93 year old mother is a frequent visitor and she has an 11-year-old cavoodle. She loves to take the dog for a walk along the bush track in front of the houses on Beach Pde to the Stoney beach. This beach is far easier for her to accessed than the main beach. But if you prohibit dogs from this beach the alternative will be a much more difficult

and dangerous trip to the main beach. And not only is it more difficult and dangerous, for six months of the year, it must be done before 9am or after 5pm.

When you, as counsellors, make a decision on this plan it may have little or no affect on your daily lives. But this decision has the potential to have a hugely negative impact on the enjoyment of many people living in, or visiting, the area.

Generally people are prepared to accomodate changes if it is for the common or greater good. But it is very difficult to accomodate change when you can see no rhyme nor reason for it.

If these restrictions are because a handful of submissions indicated a preference to not interact with dogs on beaches. The proposals in this plan give them thousands of hours of dog-free beach time. The best, most convenient hours of the day for 6 months of the year. One can only wonder how often these people will even be on the beaches during this time.

The council says when recommending adopting the proposals that the 6 months timeshare zone is “acknowledge as a reasonable balance by the broader community”. I don’t know anyone who thinks it is reasonable. It is not balanced and it is certainly not the outcome that the overwhelming number of submissions from Guerilla Bay and Rosedale were requesting.

Please do not adopt this plan in its current form.

- Remove the Stoney Beach at Guerilla Bay and the Boat Shed beach at Rosedale from the **Prohibited** beaches list.
- Put the main beach at Guerilla Bay on the **Off Leash** beach list
- Reduce the onerous restrictions of the **Timeshare** zone by reducing both the period of year it extends for and the number of hours a day it applies.

Thank you for the opportunity to address Council on the draft CAMP, on behalf of the Committee and members of the Rosedale Association Inc (RAI). The Rosedale Association welcomes aspects of Council's latest draft, particularly its attention to:

- Reviewing signage to send clear and consistent messages and eliminate confusion about the rules and dog access areas;
- Increasing visibility of Rangers to enforce the rules; and
- Putting more effort into informing and educating dog owners on their responsibilities.

We do, however, object to the proposal to totally ban dogs from the northern end of Rosedale Beach (locally known as Boatshed Beach).

Proposed dog access amendments have caused significant angst in our community. Council has acknowledged the high number of submissions it received regarding the proposed changes for Rosedale during the two public exhibition periods. The proposed introduction of a Red Zone (dogs prohibited) area for Rosedale Beach also attracted strong opposition in the 208 survey responses that related to Rosedale, when the draft CAMP was initially put on Public Exhibition.

Comments to our Committee continue to indicate a high level of concern within the community, particularly regarding the proposed blanket restriction to be imposed on dog owners who wish to exercise their dogs on the full length of Rosedale Beach.

There are long-standing traditions of generations of Rosedale families and their dogs enjoying long walks along the beaches between north and south Rosedale, around the headland and through bushland to Guerilla Bay. We have never had a situation where any members of our community have been subjected to a total ban from accessing any part of the beach, so it is understandable that Rosedale dog owners are upset. Outside of the busy holiday periods, it is often only the dog walkers that are on the beach. It is unnecessary to stop this practice in Rosedale. Council says its proposal to have Boatshed Beach as a dog prohibited zone is aimed at people who do not wish to interact with dogs. But this will not be achieved, as they will still have to interact with dogs to get to Boatshed Beach.

The Rosedale Association seeks to protect our amenity and traditions and make it easier for people to access the natural environment – not harder. We want to enjoy the benefits of the open space within the Rosedale precinct. We therefore recommend that the entire length of Rosedale Beach be zoned Amber. This will eliminate confusion, as the entire beach will be subject to the timeshare arrangements, and dog owners can continue to walk their dogs on and across Boatshed Beach to access other zones. This includes the Green zone that is otherwise extremely difficult to access. It will also mean that beach goers can expect to have an entire dog-free beach from 9am to 5pm during the timeshare period but that the beach is otherwise available to everyone to access.

An alternative presented to Council was to apply an 'on leash' walk-through zone for Boatshed Beach to allow people to traverse the beach with their dogs to access other zones. The preference is, however, for an Amber zone to apply to the full length of the beach. Several of our members have also called for the time-share period to be reduced to 1 December to the end of February each year.

On behalf of the Rosedale Association, I ask that Councillors:

- vote against the proposal for any Red zone at Rosedale and instead agree to zone the full length of Rosedale Beach as Amber; and
- consider reducing the time-share period.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Council. The point I want to make is that the Companion Animal Management Plan isn't just about dogs; it's about community health.

I'll speak first as a health researcher. The substantial body of research on the contribution of daily walking to reduction of lifestyle-related diseases is well known¹. The benefits include reduction of cardio vascular disease, diabetes and obesity. Perhaps less well recognised are the mental-health benefits of walking, including reduced stress and susceptibility to depression and increased self-esteem. Research has also shown that pet ownership provides similar mental health benefits to walking², and if that pet is a dog, strong motivation for regular walking. Walking with a dog also facilitates social interaction, gives the owner confidence and a sense of security, and probably does reduce their vulnerability.

I now want to speak as a person in her mid 70s who has maintained good health and fitness throughout life by early morning dog-walking, including on Denhams and Wimbie Beaches. The majority of people on those beaches around 7.30 am have a dog with them, and most are regulars. I've come to know quite a few and we always exchange greetings. I return from my walk feeling refreshed, re-energised and part of the local community. At times when I haven't had a dog I've overslept, skipped walks and gained weight until my family have insisted that I acquire another dog.

Walking along roadsides in Eurobodalla Shire does not compare with walking on beaches. Roadsides are often uneven, many roads do not have footpaths, crossing busy roads can be very dangerous, especially for the elderly, and one doesn't meet the same people every day. When the Council proposed that dogs should be banned from Denhams Beach I conducted an informal survey of people who use that beach for dog walking. While every respondent said they walk on the beach to benefit their dog's health, 14/15 said to benefit their own health and well-being. More than half were aged 60 years or more, and most of the others were aged over 30. It's not an exaggeration to say that in several instances walking their dog on the beach is a key factor keeping an elderly owner on their feet and living independently.

The revised proposal for dog access to Denhams and Wimbie Beaches is much more appropriate than the original proposal because it takes into account the community benefits of allowing dog walking on beaches. That is, the health and psycho-social benefits to the owners, and the community cost savings on health and nursing home service delivery. Allowing access across the Surf Beach Reserve is an excellent initiative, so that walks can be extended to the recommended daily duration for good human health of at least 30 minutes.

Most regular dog walkers on these beaches are responsible people who pick up after their dogs, keep them on leashes where required and observe the hours of time share. Those who do not observe these practices are nearly always outsiders or new to the area. It is therefore critically important that the regulations and times are clearly posted at all points of beach access, and it is pleasing that a budget has been provided for signage.

I'd like to conclude by thanking the Council on behalf of the Denham Beach Dog Walkers group. You have responded to our feedback and we urge you to please endorse the revised plan. Thank you

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¹ For a brief summary see <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/walking-for-good-health>

² For example, <https://www.health.harvard.edu/special-health-reports/get-healthy-get-a-dog>

Submission to ESC Meeting, October 23, 2018

Re: Companion Animal Management Plan

From Andrew Hopkins and Heather McGregor
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We sympathise with need to balance interests of dog owners and other beach users. We own a dog. But we are also grandparents and we regularly take grandchildren to Boatshed beach at North Rosedale during school holidays. We resent having dogs off leash approach us at these times, because they often frighten our grandchildren. For this reason, we support the exclusion of dogs from this beach at times when children are likely to be playing.

The second draft of CAMP is an improvement on the first, but it ignores concerns expressed in the great majority of submissions from Rosedale residents. In particular

1. The prohibition of dogs on Boatshed Beach at any time will prevent dog-walkers accessing the area where dogs are explicitly allowed - North Rosedale beach. This is nonsensical. Council staff have ignored requests to consider options whereby leashed dogs are allowed to transit prohibited areas.
2. Outside holiday periods, dog-walkers are often the sole users of Rosedale Beach. Banning these few beach-goers would needlessly leave the Beach completely deserted during the day for several months each year. Council staff have ignored requests to explore more sensible periods for time-share, e.g. 'during NSW school holidays' in place of '1 November to 30 April'.

The ESC staff comment is that our submissions expressed "mixed views on arrangement for Rosedale Beach". This is not an accurate statement. The submissions overwhelmingly opposed the blanket prohibition of dogs on Boatshed Beach. Indeed, based on the reported comments, *no one* explicitly argued for this prohibition, or even supported it. Most submissions urged that Boatshed Beach be subject to the same time-share arrangements as the rest of Rosedale Beach. This would mean dogs not allowed between 9am and 5pm on time-share days. This provides ample time for beachgoers who do not wish to interact with dogs.

Moreover, the great majority of submissions urged the adoption of time-share arrangements that were more sensitive to the actual usage of the beach throughout the year, that is, aligned to school holiday periods.

The ESC staff comment does not respond to these proposals. It provides no justification for imposing arrangements that are contrary to the wishes of the great majority of residents.

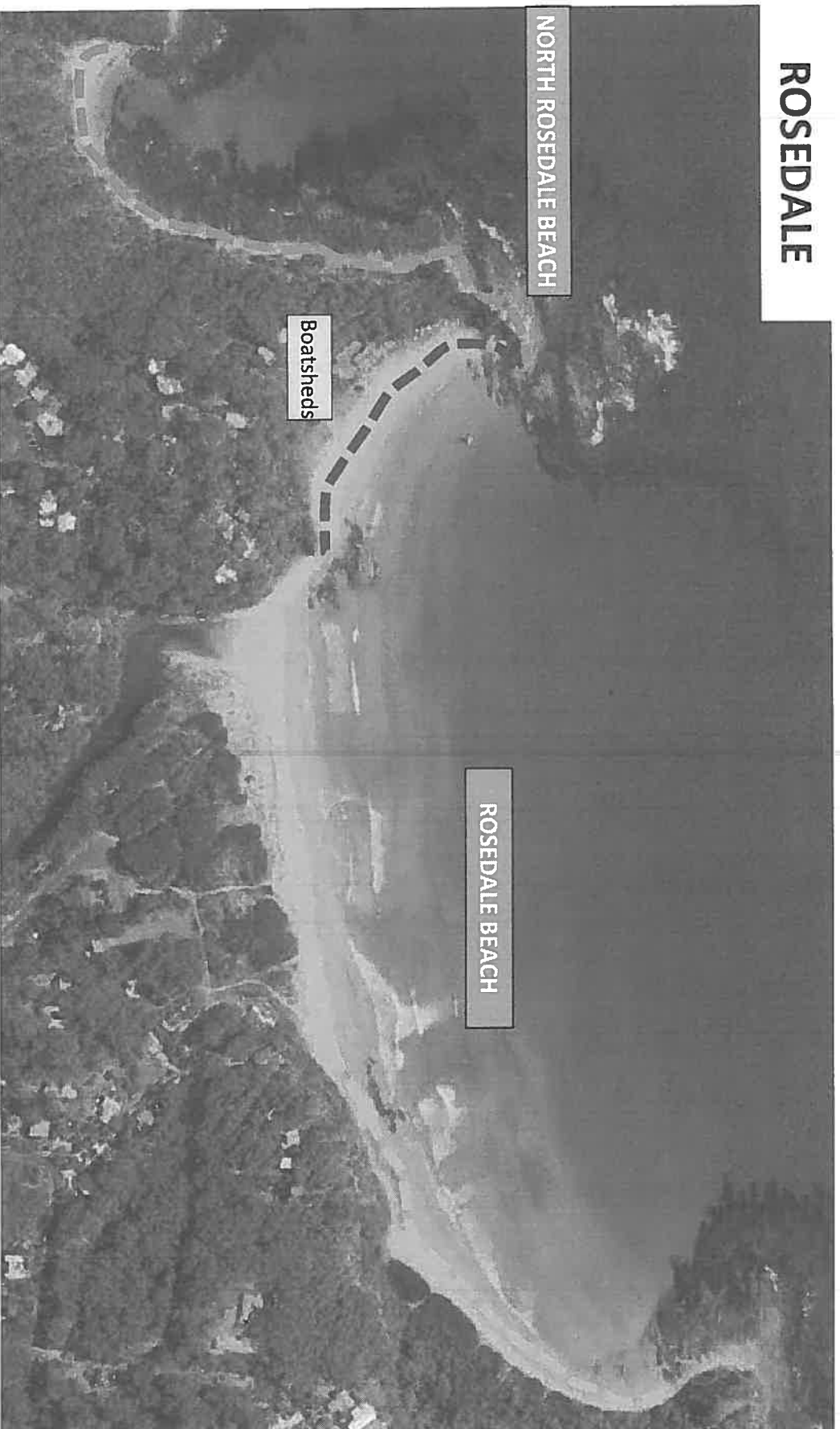
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We therefore request that Council defer a decision on this matter until our concerns have been adequately addressed.

If Council is committed to finalising the matter at this meeting, we urge it to amend the draft as follows:


- 1. Boatshed Beach is to be subject to the same time-share arrangements as the rest of Rosedale Beach.*
- 2. The time-share period is to be restricted to school holidays. At other times there will be no restrictions on dogs.*

ROSEDALE



 Dogs allowed off leash at all times on North Rosedale Beach.

 Dogs **prohibited** on beach adjacent to boatsheds.

 Timeshare from rocky outcrop south of boatsheds to southern headland:

From 1 November to 30 April dogs allowed on or off leash before 9am and after 5pm, and prohibited from 9am to 5pm.

From 1 May to 31 October dogs allowed on or off leash at all times.

Submission from Heather McGregor

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In addition to the points made in other submissions, I would like to emphasise to Council that what we are talking about here, is people's healthy lifestyles including stress relief and mental health, about recreation and exercise. This should not be about efficiency, economics, standardised rules, or what looks appropriate on a map. What is appropriate for one beach may not be appropriate for another and it makes sense for this to be recognised.

Many submissions to this dogs on beaches question, made it clear to you that for periods outside school and public holidays, the Rosedale beaches are largely deserted. It is not a wild claim to say that on week day daylight hours outside of holiday periods, there are days when nobody uses the Rosedale beaches. I am in a position to make this claim because when at our house, I spend most daylight hours either on the beach or overlooking it. By using the 1 November to 30 April timeframe for time share rules, what you are doing is regulating for deserted beaches during November, February and March and April. Beaches like Rosedale should be for pleasure and enjoyment, not for unnecessary prohibition.

We all have to change our driving speed during school terms when driving past a school, so there is already a societally recognised precedent for the proposal, and public consciousness about behaving differently during school terms. Thus I am asking Council to change the timeshare periods to be in line with school holidays.

It is a great idea to have timeshare arrangements during school holiday periods and my observation is that these arrangements work well. In the main, dog owners, just like fisher people, are respectful of and sensitive to, other people using the beach. There will always be fisher people who are not careful about

their bait hooks and fishing line, boat users who are careless about swimmers, and dog owners who are oblivious to their dog being a nuisance. So during times when the beaches are being used for holidays, it is important to have dogs off the beach by 9am.

I submit to you, that there is no reason to categorise Boatshed Beach differently from South Rosedale Beach. It forms the only easily accessible pedestrian link between North and South Rosedale beaches. There is no compelling argument to treat Boatshed beach differently to South Rosedale beach. Again, outside school holiday periods this beach is used by only a few walkers or joggers and is very often deserted.

Thus I am asking council to apply consistent arrangements for South Rosedale and Boatshed beaches.

Dog beach changes – ESC

My name is Cath Bowdler and I live in Dale Place, Rosedale, overlooking what is referred to as North Rosedale Beach (NRB) in the document. We have a small dog that we walk everyday through the streets of Rosedale and then on to the Boatshed beach and round the rocks to NRB.

Today I want to raise two issues:

1. The unsuitability of NRB as an off-leash area for the general public
2. The total ban of dogs from the northern end of Rosedale beach, known as the Boatshed beach.

North Rosedale Beach is not suitable as the only 24/7 off leash area in Rosedale for a number of reasons. The major problem with this beach is that access is dangerous and difficult. We are lucky that we can access the beach on a path through private property, but the general public only has access to the beach down a steep, uneven, rocky path. (This assumes there is no access from Boatshed beach with a dog). When I mentioned this to a council worker at a community consultation at Broulee he said he had never been there or seen the path. I can only surmise that whoever thought of encouraging people to NRB to let their dogs off leash had also not been there. There is seriously no safe access from the headland from any kind of OH&S perspective or any other perspective. It is a goat track that older residents and visitors are unwilling to use. Giving this area a green light will encourage people to use it as a dog beach and I can just imagine someone trying to navigate that path with a big dog pulling down the hill. It is a recipe for disaster.

Another issue with that beach is that is a very small beach, especially at high tide when there can be hardly any sand or flat bits to walk on. Can you imagine the chaos if people arrive there at high tide with dogs to exercise in a matchbox sized piece of beach. NRB is basically completely unsuitable as a place to encourage people to come to let their dogs run free. I would strongly advise councillors to do a site visit before any final decision is made to see how unsuitable an area it is for general access. There is also no suitable parking in the area.

My second point relates to making the Boatshed beach at the end of Rosedale beach completely dog free. I feel that this is a total over reaction and completely unnecessary. As I walk on this beach almost every morning I can say that I am often the only person on the beach with my dog. There is hardly anyone there most of the time. Apart from holidays that is the norm. However, at peak times the Boatshed beach is often full of young families with their dogs, as it is the safest area to swim with young children. A total ban will affect these families with dogs who need to use the safe part of the beach and may deter holiday makers from coming to the area. We have an unusual situation where most of the time no one is affected by dogs being on the beach and at busy times people want to be there with their companion animals.

It could be reasonable that the Boatshed beach is an always on-leash area but what would be best is to leave things as they are. A total ban is crazy and may have unwanted consequences. It is time to really think about the implications of dividing the beach in two and completely banning companion animals from half of the main Rosedale beach. This is an unpopular move in order to placate a small number of people who do not like dogs. I also feel that the 'stop light' system and the desire of Council to implement has led to some bad decisions. That NRB, which is totally unsuitable, is green and part of Rosedale beach is red is just plain silly. It suggest to me that that there is a rush to do this and that the proposals have not been thought through with enough due diligence. There are serious possible consequences in giving a green light to NRB and I strongly urge you not to proceed with either of these proposals.

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