

## **MT BULLER DOG POLICY 2019**

### **1. Purpose:**

- a. Mt Buller Mt Stirling Resort Management (RMB) is the land manager for the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Alpine Resorts ('Resorts'), and is responsible for administering the Alpine Resort (Management) Regulations 2009 ('Regulations').
- b. The Regulations state that dogs may not be brought into the Resorts unless in accordance with an authority (Dog Permit) issued by the RMB and that the conditions of the authority must be adhered to.
- c. The Dog Permit system assists the RMB with:
  - Management of risks to the public, hygiene, and threats to native wildlife;
  - Our commitment to the Resorts' Environmental Management Plan, the Recovery Plan for the critically endangered Mountain Pygmy-possum, and the management framework for the vulnerable Broad Toothed-rat;
  - The year-round predator (wild dog, feral cat, fox) monitoring and control program across the Resorts, in protecting permitted dogs from harm;
  - Upholding RMB corporate and strategic environmental commitments;
  - Maintaining good relationships with residents, stakeholders and visitors to the Resorts.

### **2. Scope:**

This Dog Policy outlines Dog Permit eligibility and requirements of the application, application process, conditions of holding a Dog Permit, and penalties for breach of conditions.

Communication is a vital aspect of this Dog Policy. The RMB expects all Dog Permit holders and anyone responsible for their dog to know and understand the Dog Policy. This reduces potential for confrontation, misunderstanding and disputation.

### **3. Dog Permit Eligibility and Requirements of Application:**

Property owners, year-round or full-time seasonal residents may apply for a Dog Permit to bring and keep their dog in the Mt Buller Resort. No dogs are allowed within the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort under any circumstance and cats are not permitted in either Resort.

Permit exemptions apply to certified Guide Dogs, certified Therapy Dogs, and dogs being transported in a vehicle through the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort directly into the Mansfield State Forest.

Dog Permits are valid from the period of 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> May each year. Eligibility criteria include:

- a. Payment of the annual application fee.
- b. i.) Property Owners:
  - Evidence of property ownership (e.g your name and property details from lease, sub-lease).ii.) Permanent or seasonal residents if not Property Owners:
  - Evidence of a rental contract for a minimum of 13 consecutive weeks.
- c. Current written consent from the Body Corporate or Management or written confirmation of unanimous consent from all apartment owners on site, permitting the dog onto the site.
- d. Current and certified written details of the dog's council registration where the dog resides for the majority of the year outside the Mt Buller Alpine Resort. Registration information must state dog's name, sex, breed and if it is desexed.

#### 4. Application Process

This Dog Policy does not allow for one-off, short-stay or temporary permits of any kind.

- a. Application forms will be available from the RMB from March/April annually.
- b. Application forms will be emailed to current Dog Permit holders, and will be made available by enquiring at [dogs@mtbuller.com.au](mailto:dogs@mtbuller.com.au). (Note: 2019 is the last year that forms will be distributed automatically to previous permit holders. In future, applicants will be responsible for making contact with the RMB to apply for and obtain a Dog Permit).
- c. Applications will be processed according to the date and time of being received by the RMB electronically or via post.
- d. It is the dog owner's responsibility to ensure a complete and fully compliant application is submitted to the RMB in a timely manner prior to arriving at the Resorts. A minimum of two weeks should be allowed for processing and payment of a complete and fully compliant application. This does not include postage time.
- e. No preference or weight is placed toward any criteria.
- f. No preference or weight is placed on previously approved Dog Permits.
- g. A permit will only be issued upon receipt of a fully compliant and complete application from an eligible dog owner subject to permit availability.

#### 5. Conditions of Holding a Dog Permit ('Conditions'):

The following Conditions apply to all Dog Permits issued by the RMB.

The RMB reserves the right to consider applications for a Dog Permit on a case by case basis and impose other conditions in order to meet its statutory obligations.

- a. Dog must be on a lead at all times when outdoors, and must not be left tied up in public places.
- b. Mt Buller Registration tag must be visible, and worn at all times.
- c. Dogs must not be taken on any public transport.
- d. A waste removal device must be attached to the dog lead, and the responsible person must clean up and properly dispose of all dog excrement in a tied bag.
- e. The dog must be under effective control at all times and restrained from causing the following:
  - Danger or unreasonable disturbance to other persons;
  - Damage or interference to property; and
  - Disturbance or injury to wildlife.
- f. Dogs may only be walked on a lead, in Mt Buller village streets. Dogs are not permitted in the Village Centre (Lower Athlete's Walk, Clocktower, Village Square Plaza, T's Café) or Alpine Central at any time.
- g. Under no circumstance are dogs to be permitted to enter the ski area including lift loads/unloads (summer or winter) or on non-designated trails.
- h. The responsible person in care of the dog must provide their name and address on request of any RMB officer or mountain staff member identifiable by uniform.

## 6. Penalties for Breach of Conditions

The RMB may revoke/cancel a Dog Permit, issue an infringement notice and/or refuse to accept future Dog Permit applications in the event of the failure to comply with any of the above Conditions, pursuant to Section 22 and 23 of the Regulations.

Please note:

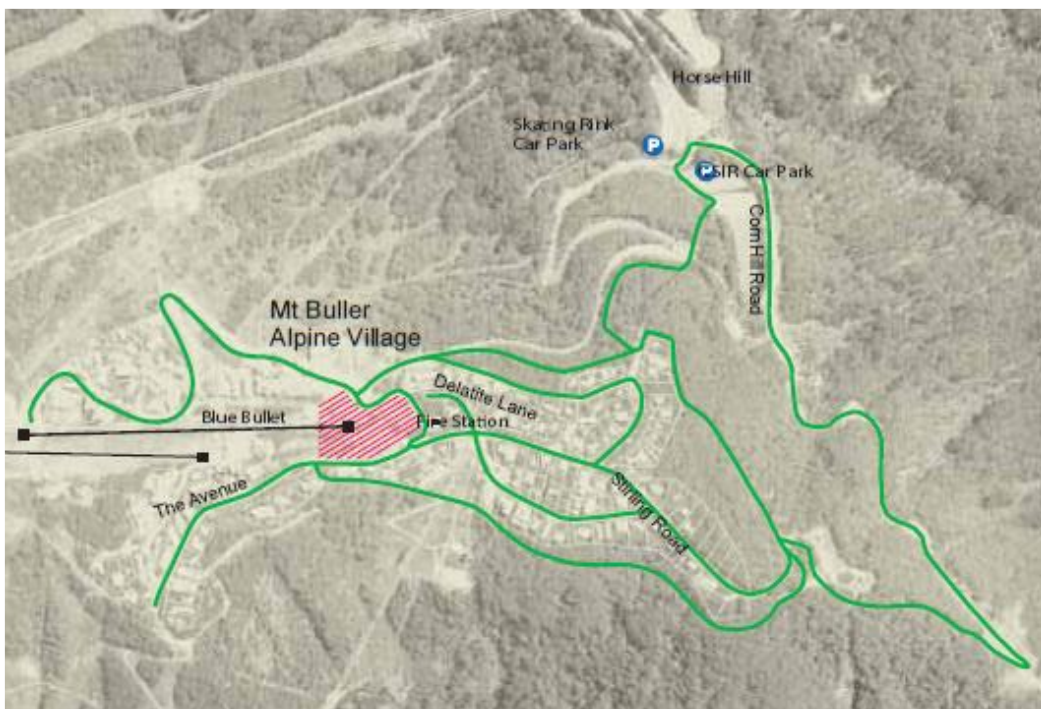
- a. No warning notices will be provided. The RMB expects all Dog Permit holders and anyone responsible for their dog to acknowledge and understand all Conditions of this Dog Policy and Dog Permit Conditions.
- b. A dog attack/bite will result in the immediate revocation of the Dog Permit, and removal of the dog from the Resorts, at the owner's own cost.
- c. Any dogs removed from the Resorts via compliance/enforcement activities where an owner cannot be identified or is not present will be transported and delivered to the Mansfield Shire dog pound. Return of these dogs to their owners is at the owner's cost.

## 7. Designated Dog Walking Area

Dogs may only be walked or carried on the trails shown below.

**GREEN** = DOGS PERMITTED: indicates sealed roads and walking tracks on which dogs may be walked or carried.

**RED** = DOGS NOT PERMITTED: indicates Village Exclusion Zone (Lower Athlete's Walk, Clocktower, Village Square Plaza, Kooroora Hotel, T's Café, Alpine Central).



### MT BULLER DOG PERMIT DECLARATION

I confirm that I, and anyone to be responsible for the dog have read, understand and acknowledge the Mt Buller Dog Policy and the Dog Permit Conditions in entirety.

I acknowledge the following:

1. The purpose and scope of the Dog Policy;
2. I am eligible for a Dog Permit and have submitted a complete and fully compliant application form;
3. I, and anyone responsible for the dog, have read, understand and agree to conform to all Conditions set by the Dog Policy and the Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009 Regulation 45;
4. I, and anyone responsible for the dog, have read, understand and acknowledge the Mt Buller Dog Permit Penalties for Breach of Conditions, and declare that:
  - a. the dog will be on a lead at all times when outdoors, and will not be left tied up in public places.
  - b. the Mt Buller Registration tag will be visible, and worn at all times.
  - c. the dog will not be taken on any public transport.
  - d. a waste removal device will be attached to the dog lead, and all dog excrement will be cleaned up properly for disposal in a tied bag.
  - e. the dog will be under effective control at all times and restrained from causing the following:
    - Danger or unreasonable disturbance to other persons;
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  - h. the responsible person in care of the dog will provide their name and address on request of any RMB officer or mountain staff member identifiable by uniform.
5. I understand my Dog Permit may be cancelled upon breach of the Conditions without warning.

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**Dog Owner's name**

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**Signature of Dog Owner**

<p><i>Office Use Only</i></p> <p><i>RMB Environmental Services Approval Y / N*</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Signature of RMB Environmental Services</i></p>
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This declaration must be completed and returned to the RMB with the fully complete and compliant application form including the required current supporting documents. Following approval, a request for payment will be provided.

**Dog Permits will not be issued if this declaration is not returned.**

<p><i>*Office Use Only - Further comment for non-approval:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant notified ( ____ / ____ / ____ )</p>
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