

## MT BULLER DOG PERMIT POLICY 2020

### 1. Purpose:

The Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Resort Management Board (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').

The Regulations state that Dogs cannot be brought into the Mt Buller Resort unless a current Dog Permit (authority) has been issued by the RMB and the conditions are adhered to. Dogs are not allowed within the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort under any circumstance. Cats are not permitted in either Resort under any circumstances.

The Dog Permit system assists the RMB to:

- Manage risks to public safety, hygiene, and threats to native wildlife;
- Implement 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;
- Deliver our year-round predator (wild dog, feral cat, fox) monitoring and control program and protect permitted dogs by implementing controls to keep them safe;
- Maintain good relationships with residents, stakeholders and visitors by having fair and transparent permit allocation and enforcement system.

### 2. Scope:

To outline eligibility criteria for a Dog Permit, the application process, Dog Permit conditions and penalties for breach of conditions.

The RMB expects all Dog Permit holders and anyone responsible for their dog to know and understand the Dog Permit Policy. Ignorance of the Dog Permit Policy or Dog Permit Conditions is not a defence against enforcement action.

### 3. Dog Permit Eligibility

Property owners and year-round or full-time seasonal (declared snow season only) residents may apply for an annual Dog Permit valid from 1 June to 31 May. A Dog Permit will not be issued for one-off, short or temporary stays in the Resort.

The eligibility criteria are:

1. Payment of the annual application fee.
2. The applicant must be a:
  - a) A Property Owner and provide evidence of property ownership (e.g your name and property details from lease, sub-lease); or
  - b) Permanent or seasonal (declared snow season only) resident and provide evidence of a rental contract for a minimum of 13 consecutive weeks.
3. Current written consent from the Body Corporate/Building Management or written confirmation of unanimous consent from all apartment owners at the site.
4. Evidence of the dog's Council registration confirming where the dog resides outside the Mt Buller Alpine Resort and the dog's name, sex, breed and if it is desexed.

No preference or weight is placed on previously approved Dog Permits.

Permit exemptions apply for visiting certified Guide and Therapy dogs on active duty, and dogs being transported in a vehicle through the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort directly into the Mansfield State Forest (outside of the declared snow season only).

### 4. Application Process

Application forms are available for download from 1 April at: <https://www.mtbuller.com.au/Winter/resort-info/resort-management/dog-permits>. Permits will not be automatically renewed. Previous Dog Permit Holders will receive a courtesy reminder email from the RMB.

Applications will be processed within 2 weeks of receipt of all required information. Permits are issued in date order from the time the full application including ALL supporting evidence was received; this does not include postage time. Applications received after 22 May will not be guaranteed approval prior to the Declared Snow Season.

Dog Permits can be picked up at RMB Reception or Resort Entry prior to the Dog's entry to the Resort. Alternatively, Dog Permits can be posted.

## **5. Dog Permit Conditions**

The following Conditions apply to all Dog Permits:

- a. Dogs must:
  - i. Be on a lead at all times when outdoors.
  - ii. Not be left tied up in public spaces.
  - iii. Wear their Mt Buller registration tag (so it is visible) at all times and their Mt Buller lead and dog waste carry bag holder when outdoors.
  - iv. Not be taken on carpark or village shuttles.
- b. Permit Holders or anyone responsible for a permitted dog must:
  - i. Have effective control of the dog at all times when outdoors.
  - ii. Avoid danger or unreasonable disturbance to other persons or wildlife or interference to property.
  - iii. Clean up and properly dispose of all dog excrement in a tied bag.
  - iv. Only walk dogs on Mt Buller village streets (see Section 7) and not take dogs into:
    - a. Alpine Central
    - b. The Village Centre including Lower Athlete's Walk, Clocktower, Village Square Plaza and T's Café at any time.
    - c. The ski area including lift loads/unloads (summer or winter) or on non-designated trails.
  - v. Provide their name and address upon request from any RMB officer or mountain staff member identifiable by uniform.

The RMB reserves the right to set additional conditions on a case by case basis as it deems necessary.

## **6. Penalties for Breach of Conditions**

The RMB may cancel a Dog Permit, issue an infringement notice and/or refuse to accept future Dog Permit applications if there is a breach of your Dog Permit Conditions under Section 22 and 23 of the Regulations.

Please note:

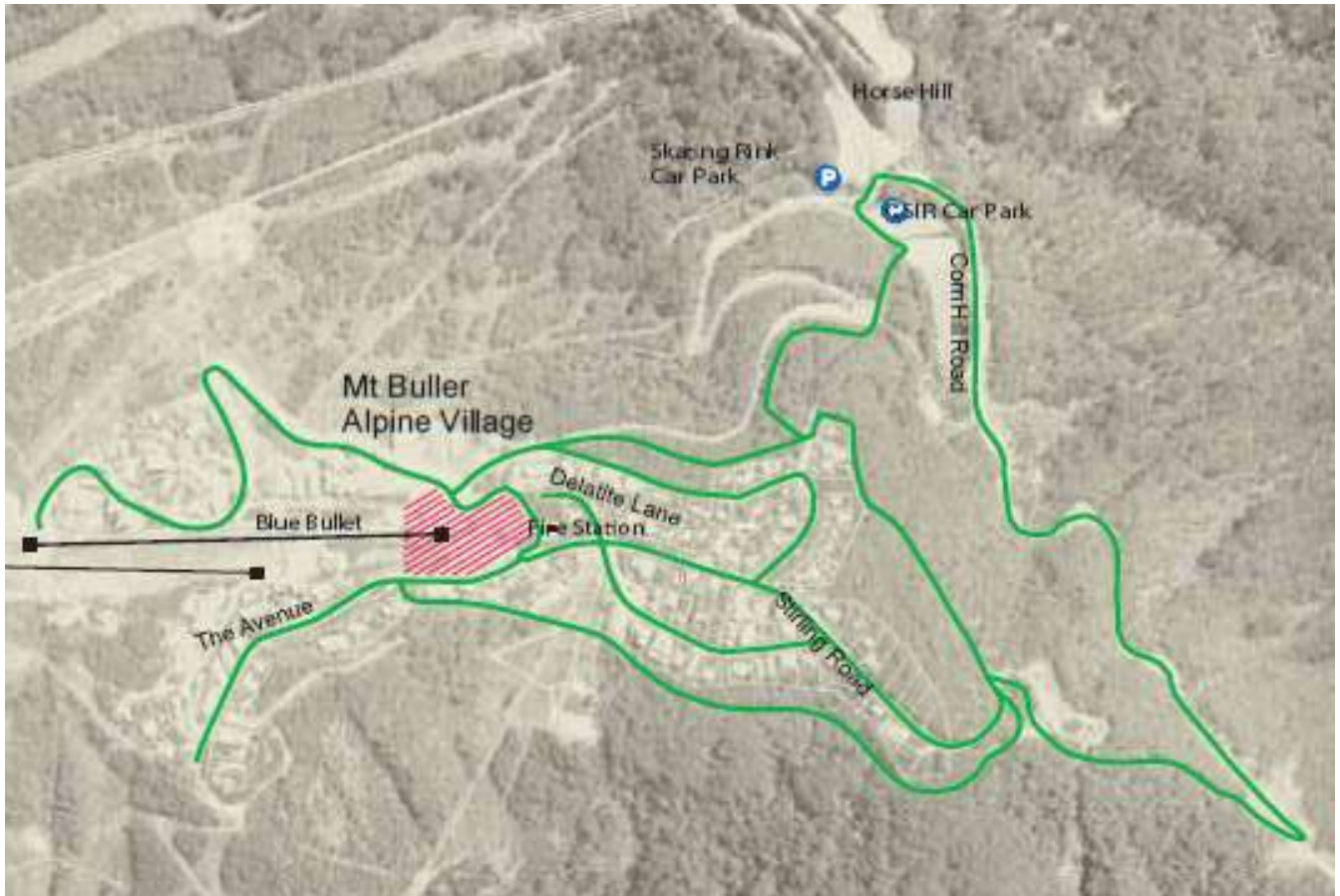
- a. No warning notices will be provided. The RMB expects all Dog Permit holders and anyone responsible for their dog to be aware of and comply with the Dog Permit Policy and Dog Permit Conditions.
- b. A dog attack/bite will result in the immediate cancellation of the Dog Permit and removal of the dog from the Resorts, at the owner's own cost.
- c. Any dog 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.

## 7. Designated Dog Walking Area

Dogs may only be walked or carried on the trails shown below. Dogs are not permitted in the ski field areas or on other trails not identified in the map 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).



**Appendix 1 – Mt Buller Dog Permit Declaration**

The following declaration must be completed and returned to the RMB with the completed application form. ***Dog Permits will not be issued if this declaration is not returned.***

**MT BULLER DOG PERMIT DECLARATION**

I confirm that I, and anyone with responsibility for my dog, is aware of and understands the Mt Buller Dog Permit Policy and agrees to abide by the following Dog Permit Conditions:

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  - v. Provide their name and address upon request from any RMB officer or mountain staff member identifiable by uniform.

I, and anyone responsible for my dog, acknowledge that:

- a. A breach of any Dog Permit Conditions may result in the Dog Permit being cancelled, an infringement notice being issued or a refusal to issue future Dog Permits.
- b. No warning notices will be provided. The RMB expects all Dog Permit holders and anyone responsible for their dog to be aware of and comply with the Dog Permit Policy and Dog Permit Conditions.
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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 Approval Y / N*</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Signature of RMB Officer</i></p>
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*\*Office Use Only - Further comment for non-approval:*

Applicant notified ( \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ )