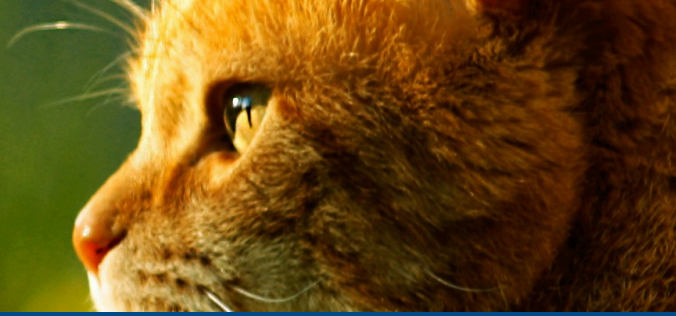




Cat Management Plan



PURPOSE

This Plan on a Page is an overview of Council's objectives and actions to educate and support responsible cat management.

BACKGROUND

Since the introduction of the State Government's *Cat Management Act 2009*, Council has promoted and worked in partnership with leading cat agencies to educate our community on responsible pet ownership, monitoring, de-sexing and microchipping.

Sorell municipality is home to the Pitt Water – Orielton Lagoon Ramsar site, a wetland of international importance, and the Southern Beaches - renowned for its coastal and bushland reserves. Initiatives by Council to support responsible cat management are particularly important as our residential areas are adjacent to significant habitat.

The *Cat Management Act 2009* differs from the *Dog Control Act 2000*, by not having the funding resources of a registration process. The authority and capacity to deliver education and promotion of responsible cat management as Council is limited to use of rate revenue or being able to source expenditure from grant funding.

Action	Why this is important	Who needs to be involved	How will it be developed/delivered / implemented
Responsible Cat Management Education	To reduce roaming domestic cats through desexing and enclosures Increase community awareness of the obligations and benefits of cat desexing and encourage responsible pet practices.	Community Schools Stakeholders	Council will promote responsible cat management through social media, events and other activities
Partnerships & Collaborative Action	Work in partnership to maximise the benefit of available resources	Key stakeholders include TenLives, TassieCat, Birchgrove, and PWS	Council will maintain and develop formal and informal partnerships with relevant stakeholders
Monitoring	To understand the prevalence of roaming and feral cats in the community	Stakeholders Land owners in targeted locations	Use of camera traps to collect data and share across stakeholders
Desexing	To reduce feral population by reducing financial and other barriers to desexing	Stakeholders such as TenLives and TassieCat who participated in the successful Midway Point project	Work with stakeholders to provide reduced cost desexing for residents
Cat Free Reserves	Declared cat free reserves enables option to trap and control feral cats	Council will undertake steps to declare reserves cat free and authorise cat management facilities to trap and control through separate agreements	Council and stakeholders

Budget

\$2,000 annually

Timeline

Ongoing

Specific actions identified in partnerships may require budget allocations

Ongoing

Nil, staff time required

Ongoing

\$5,000 annually

Ongoing

Nil

Declarations - within 12 months
Other actions - ongoing