

# **AGENDA**

## **PALMERSTON ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 24 February 2021**

The Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston commencing at 5:00pm.

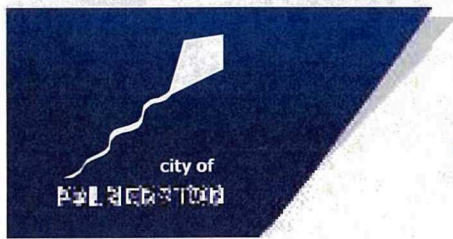
### **COVID-19 Statement of Commitment**

The Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting will be open to the public and holds a Statement of Commitment to adhere to:

- Physical distancing measures
- Health and hygiene principles



**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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## CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Notice of Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting  
To be held in Council Chambers  
Civic Plaza, Palmerston  
on Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 5:00pm.**

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### **1** ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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### **2** OPENING OF MEETING

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### **3** APOLOGIES

- 3.1 Apologies
- 3.2 Leave of Absence
- 3.3 Leave of Absence Request

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### **4** DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 4.1 Committee Members
- 4.2 Staff

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### **5** CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 November 2020, pages 116 to 119 be confirmed.

- 5.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

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### **6** CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

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### **7** OFFICER REPORTS

- 7.1 Receive and Note Reports
  - 7.1.1 Animal Education October to December Update PAMAC9/035
- 7.2 Actions Reports
  - Nil

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### **8** GENERAL BUSINESS

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### **9** NEXT MEETING

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## **10** CLOSURE OF MEETING

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# PALMERSTON ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	7.1.1
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Animal Education October to December
<b>REPORT NUMBER:</b>	PAMAC9/035
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	24/02/2021
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Animal Education Officer, Lynelle Young
<b>APPROVER:</b>	Director Lifestyle and Community, Amelia Vellar

## COMMUNITY PLAN

Family and Community: Palmerston is a safe and family friendly community where everyone belongs.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update of Animal Education activities from October to December 2020.

## KEY MESSAGES

- City of Palmerston promotes responsible pet ownership.
- We seek to empower the community through education about responsible pet ownership.
- Animal Education Officer engaged with parents and children at the Children's Week Event giving advice and tips on safe ways for children to interact with their pets.
- Rangers facilitated a Canine Body Language Information Session on Understanding Canine Body Language at Palmerston Recreation Centre with ten community members attending.
- Regulatory Services attend an Animal Management Community Event at the Palmerston Indigenous Village in partnership with other stakeholders, building strong relationships and delivering key animal management information.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report Number PAMAC9/035 entitled Animal Education October to December Update to be received and noted.

## BACKGROUND

The City of Palmerston promotes responsible pet ownership. Pets are an important part of people's lives and contribute to their wellbeing by providing companionship. The effective management of companion animals requires commitment from the entire community.

## DISCUSSION

### Animal Management Activities

There were several Animal Education activities held over the October to December 2020 quarter.

In October 2020, the Animal Education Officer worked with a member of the Palmerston Youth Round Table to help with a project on cat management. The project was presented at the Youth Round Table

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December meeting which focused on cat control. Aspects considered included the role of local and state and territory governments in cat management, trap, neuter, release programs and challenges in changing the mind sets of cat owners and the wider community.

The annual Children's Week event in October was attended by the Animal Education Officer who engaged with local families and children and spoke to them about animal education and regulation in the municipality.

On 11 November 2020, Positive Pets Palmerston on behalf of City of Palmerston held a 'Stop the Bark' information session at the Recreation Centre with nine community members attending. Feedback from the session indicates the topic was well received with residents feeling they had a better understanding of their dogs and could implement minor changes to make a huge improvement in their behaviour.



Image: Lisa Hansen, PAWS Co-Founder and Trainer

In December 2020, an Animal Education Officer attended a civics information session conducted by City of Palmerston for Woodroffe Primary School students. The Education Officer presented a session discussing dog registration, licensing, nuisance behaviours and why dogs should be on leads in public places.

On 8 December, Pawsitive K9 in conjunction with City of Palmerston, hosted an information session on "Understanding Canine Body Language" at the Recreation Centre with ten community members attending. Topics that were covered included how dogs use their senses, calming signals and dog behaviour.

On 21 December, representatives from Regulatory Services attended an animal management community event at the Palmerston Indigenous Village, hosted by Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities and Yilli Rreung Housing. The event was a great opportunity to build stronger relations with various stakeholders and educate on key animal management areas.



Image: Regulatory Services Lead cooking the Barbeque.



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## Operations Report

### Dog registration

During the October to December 2020 quarter, Council recorded 1,323 new dog registrations an increase of 208 registrations from this time last year. Currently we have a total of 3,840 dogs registered as of 31 December 2020.

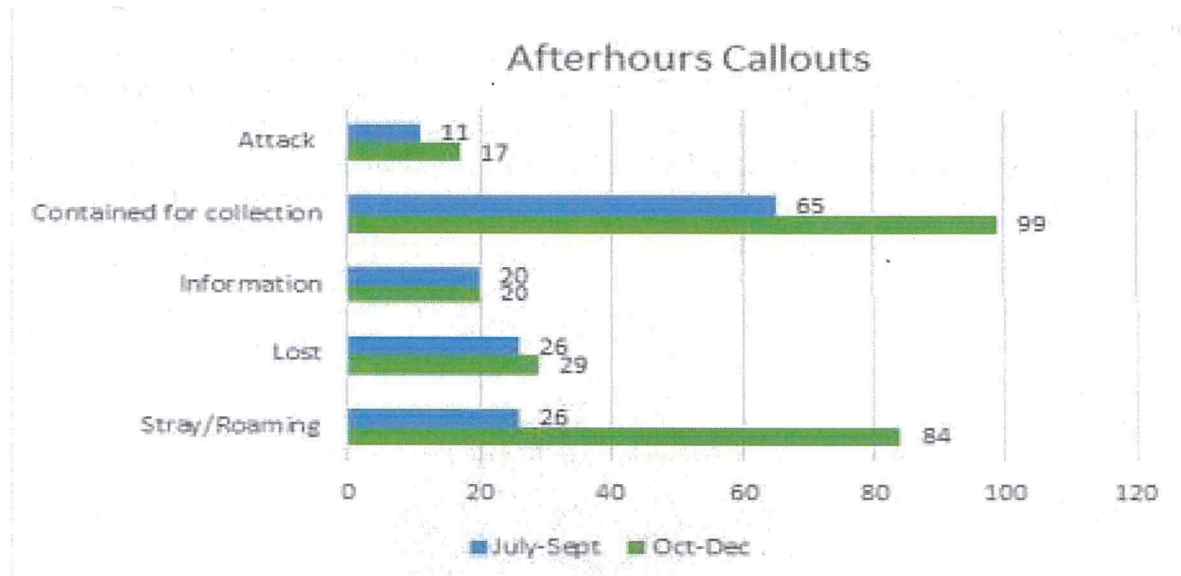
### Types of complaints

For the quarter, Council received a total of 523 complaints; 274 of those complaints were received during business hours with the remaining 249 calls received outside working hours via the afterhours service. The majority of complaints were for dogs at large which can be contributed to seasonal increased storm activity and residents going away during the holiday period whilst leaving their dogs in the care of others. The second highest contact point was dogs contained for collection. There were also a relatively high level of calls received for barking complaints and licence application queries.

<i>Complaint Type</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Total</i>
Barking	16	11	7	34
Registration	21	19	30	70
Dog at Large	72	99	101	272
Found Dog	17	26	30	46
Faeces	2	0	0	2
Surrender	4	1	0	5
Menace	3	1	4	8
Attack	4	7	5	16
Licence	17	11	4	32
Rooster	4	1	1	6
Cat	1	0	2	3
Livestock	1	0	0	1
Nuisance	1	1	3	5

Calls received after hours do not necessarily translate to jobs being logged in the original complaint category initially reported by the resident. It is often the case that the job may be reclassified into a more appropriate category when further information is received.

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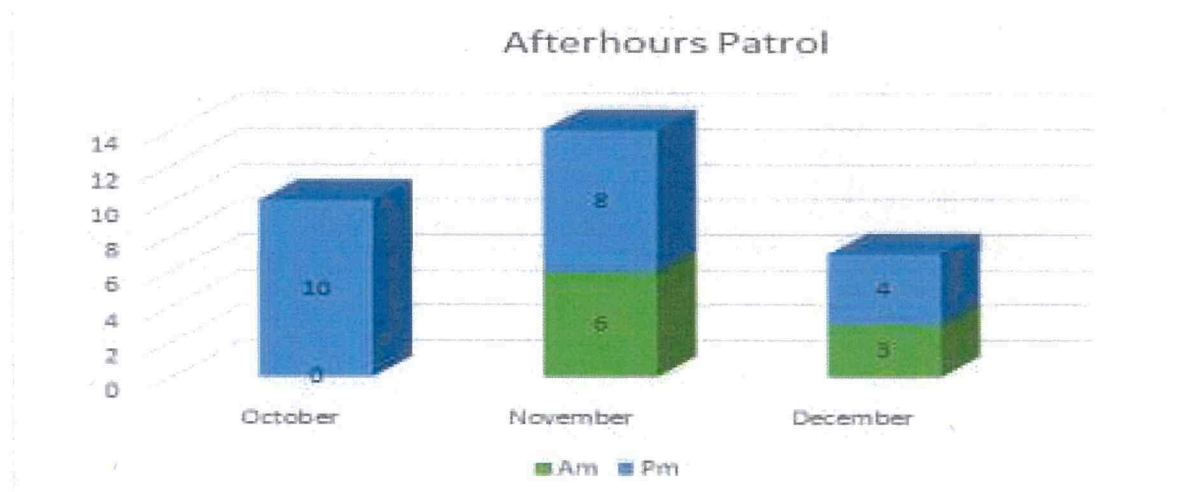


### Dog Attacks

There were 17 reported dog attacks within the municipality over the last quarter. Of these attacks, 12 can be categorised as being minor to moderate in nature; with superficial wounds to a person or animal, or where the complaint was withdrawn by the complainant. The remaining 4 attacks can be classified as severe having resulted in hospital treatment for a person, veterinary treatment for an animal or death of the animal. In one of these cases, the two offending dogs were required to be removed from the municipality.

### Afterhours Patrols

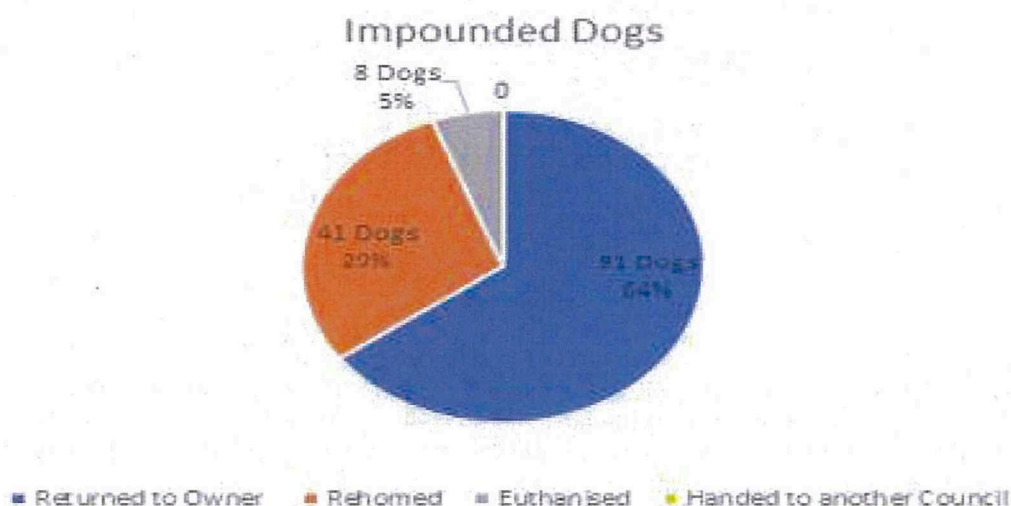
Council conducted 31 afterhours patrols over the last quarter: with nine morning patrols and 22 evening patrols. The patrols included the investigation of illegal camp sites, reports of dogs at large and general monitoring of dog parks.



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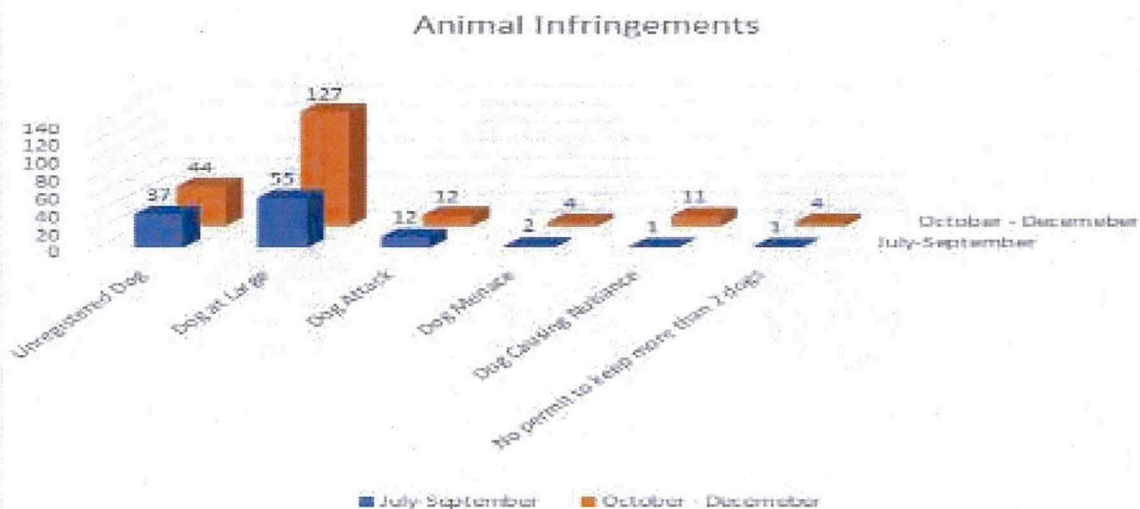
### Impounding

Over the last quarter, Council impounded 141 dogs; 112 of those dogs were unregistered and 29 were registered. In order to be released from the pound, owners were required to register their dog(s) prior to release. Of the animals impounded, 91 dogs were returned to their owners, 41 of the dogs were rehomed; 8 dogs were euthanised and 1 dog was unlawfully obtained from Council. There were no dogs handed over to other Councils.

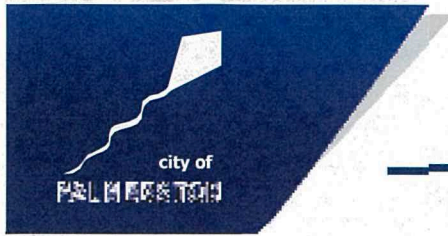


### **Infringements Issued**

There has been an increase in infringements issued for animal management matters which can be linked to seasonal factors such as increased storm activity and increased enforcement action by Council. Infringements were issued for dogs at large, unregistered dogs and dogs causing nuisance.







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## Planned Community Events for the next quarter

Planned events for the January to March 2021 quarter include:

- 1 Combat Service Support Battalion Family Day held at Robertson Barracks on 19 February;
- Fortnightly dog walking groups; and
- Registration half yearly campaign.

Other programs and activities are under development.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this report:

- Regulatory Services Manager
- Senior Ranger

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications for this report.

## **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget and resource implications for this report.

## **RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications relating to this report.

## **ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environment sustainability implications for this report.

## **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



# **PALMERSTON ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2020**





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## CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting  
held in Council Chambers  
Civic Plaza, Palmerston  
on Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 5:00pm.**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Amber Garden (Chair)  
Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell  
Alderman Sarah Henderson  
RSPCA Danny Moore  
Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Rebecca Newman

### STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli  
Regulatory Services Manager, Jocelyn Cull  
Acting Senior Ranger, Kelli Clark  
Minute Secretary, Kristy Litster

### GALLERY

One member of the public

## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting – the Larrakia People – and pay my respects to their elders, past, present and future.*

## 2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:05pm.

## 3 APOLOGIES

### 3.1 Apologies

Moved: Rebecca Newman  
Seconded: Danny Moore

THAT the apologies received from Andrea Ruske and Katrina Stafford for 25 November 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED PAMAC9/0190 – 25/11/2020

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3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Nil.

#### 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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4.1 Committee Members

Nil.

4.2 Staff

Nil.

#### 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Danny Moore

THAT the minutes of the Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 August 2020 pages 111 to 115, be confirmed.

CARRIED PAMAC9/0191 – 25/11/2020

#### 6 CORRESPONDENCE

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Nil.

#### 7 OFFICER REPORTS

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7.1 Receive and Note Reports

7.1.1 Animal Management By-Laws Update and Public Consultation Discussion Paper PAMAC9/032

Moved: Danny Moore

Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT Report Number PAMAC9/032 entitled Animal Management By-Laws Update and Public Consultation Discussion Paper be received and noted.

CARRIED PAMAC9/0192 – 25/11/2020

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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### 7.1.2 Animal Management – November Update

PAMAC9/033

Moved: Rebecca Newman  
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report Number PAMAC9/033 entitled Animal Management - November Update be received and noted.

CARRIED PAMAC9/0193 – 25/11/2020

### 7.1.3 Marlow Lagoon Dog Park Improvements

PAMAC9/034

Moved: Danny Moore  
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT Report Number PAMAC9/34 entitled Marlow Lagoon Dog Park Improvements be received and noted.

CARRIED PAMAC9/0194 – 25/11/2020

### 7.2 Action Reports

Nil.

## 8 OTHER BUSINESS

### 8.1 Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Expressions of Interest

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Council:

1. THAT the Expression of Interest for Membership received from Ann-Maree Dsouza be received and noted.

CARRIED PAMAC9/0195 – 25/11/2020

## 9 NEXT MEETING

Moved: Rebecca Newman  
Seconded: Danny Moore

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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THAT the next meeting for the Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers, First Floor, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace Palmerston.

CARRIED PAMAC9/0196 – 25/11/2020

### 10 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting, held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 closed at 5:23pm

CARRIED PAMAC9/0197 – 25/11/2020

Chair

Print Name

Date

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