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1. The Bulletin - Introduction

The Dog and Cat Management Board (DCMB) is keen to ensure that all interested parties are aware of DCMB activities and have the opportunity to contribute, provide suggestions and comment on DCMB proposals. To this end, DCMB distributes a bulletin to interested individuals and groups on a monthly basis after each meeting. Your comments and feedback on any issues in the bulletin are welcome.

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2. Endorsed Animal Management Plans

The following 5 Animal Management Plans were endorsed by the Board on the 22 August 2007.

- Town of Walkerville
- Naracoorte Lucindale Council
- Wattle Range Council
- District Council of Streaky Bay
- District Council of Franklin Harbour

These 5 plans will join the others already available on the DCMB website

(<http://www.dogsncats.asn.au/>)

3. District Council of Tumby Bay By-law – dogs

The Board noted the District Council of Tumby Bay's By-Law on Dogs which will promote the effective management of dogs within the Council's area and to limit the number of dogs kept any premises. The by-law has been

amended to include dog exercise areas and the by-law will be enforced by the General Inspector who will do regular patrols of the area.

4. Adelaide City Council Grant Report

In June 2006, funding was provided to the Adelaide City Council to research the desirable elements of a dog park. A survey was completed at the RSPCA Million Paws Walk on 21 May 2007. The survey was designed to identify dog owner perceptions and supporting elements in an off leash park, and to determine what motivates dog owners to visit off leash areas. Four hundred and twelve people were interviewed during the event. The information from the survey will be used by council in future planning and marketing of off leash areas in the Park Lands and will position the park lands as a desirable off leash destination, providing high quality experiences for dogs and their owners.

5. Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP)

Greyhound Racing SA is now coordinating the GAP program following the resignation of the GAP Committee. A meeting will be scheduled to establish a committee to ensure the smooth continuation of current GAP projects as well as planned future committee activities.

Greyhound Racing SA will now be the main point of contact for GAP with all correspondence and discussion for this program directed to Mr Tom Hayles, Animal Welfare Officer on 8243 7100 or email thayles@grsa.com.au.

6. DEH Corporate Plan

This brochure has been developed by the Department of Environment and Heritage and is the departments 2007-2010 Corporate Plan over the next three years. The Corporate Plan builds on DEH's successes and achievements of the department. The plan is a well-informed response to the changing global environment and the future needs of our State.

7. Dog Attack Report Forms

A presentation on the new dog incident report form was given to Senior Council Officers at the meeting on Thursday 9 August 2007. The form provides a data registry of dog attacks causing injury to the victim investigated by councils.

The form will be available electronically but the details will be collected at the scene of the incident to ensure officers are collecting all of the information. By using this newly implemented form it will provide consistency of reporting across all councils and will assist Board in developing programs to reduce dog attacks.

8. Royal Show

The Board will have a booth for Good Dog SA (www.gooddogsa.com.au) at the Dog Pavilion at the show. There will be an appearance of the dog mascot along with brochures, postcards, merchandise and a photographer. Good Dog SA lunchtime demonstrations will be run including a dog trainer to teach celebrity dogs. (to be confirmed – will be update before Bulletin goes out).