

## Domestic Animal Management Plan

### Frequently asked questions

Under Section 68A of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (the Act), every Council in Victoria is required to produce a Domestic Animal Management Plan (plan) which will be renewed every four years. The current DAMP was adopted by Council in 2017.

The plan is required to outline the services, programs and policies the Council has established to address the administration of the Act and the management of dogs and cats in their community.

#### What is a Domestic Animal Management Plan?

Our Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) outlines the key issues, objectives, and priorities for how cats and dogs will be managed in our Shire. The plan covers issues such as:

- The importance of pets to Shire residents
- Concerns about animal-related matters (nuisance animals, dog attacks, dangerous dogs and restricted breeds)
- Ideas and resources to help locals manage and care for their pets
- Dogs in parks and reserves
- How well information provided by Council about pets and animal management addresses the needs of residents

#### What does a DAMP do?

The plan provides information on the daily operation of the Council, the current programs Council has in place and the policies the Council has adopted for the following standards of animal management to:

- Promote and encourage the responsible ownership of dogs and cats
- Ensure that people comply with this Act, the regulations and any related legislation
- Minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals
- Address any over-population and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats
- Encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats

- Minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance
- Effectively identify all dangerous dogs, menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs in that district and to ensure that those dogs are kept in compliance with the Act and the Regulations.

#### Why do we need a DAMP?

A DAMP provides information on the daily operation of the Council, the current programs Council has in place and the policies the Council has adopted for the following standards of animal management to:

- Promote responsible pet ownership and the welfare of dogs and cats in the community
- Protect the community and the environment from nuisance dogs and cats
- Identify a method to evaluate whether the animal management services provided by them are adequate
- Outline the training programs for their Authorised Officers to ensure these Officers are capable in administering and enforcing the provisions of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (the Act).

#### Why are you reviewing the current DAMP?

Under Section 68A of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (the Act), every Council in Victoria is required to produce a Domestic Animal Management Plan which will be renewed every four years. The current DAMP was adopted by Council in 2017, so is due for review.

#### How can I have my say?

We are now seeking your input as we complete our four-year review of our Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP). You can have your say by:

- Visiting [www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au) and filling in a survey or submission form.
- Writing to us at PO Box 177, Euroa VIC 3666.