

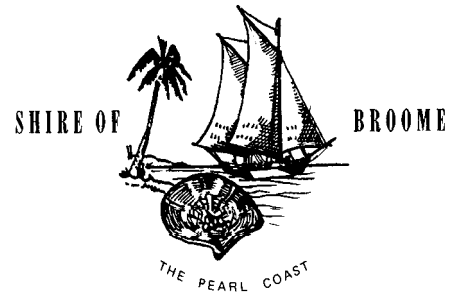
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Public Assist Rangers

A local woman has been given infringements worth \$650 following her refusal to leash her dog, while in a prohibited area, and obstructing Shire Rangers on 22 June.

With her rottweiler cross breed dog unleashed in the prohibited area of Cable Beach and the woman allegedly threatening to set the dog upon camels , a crowd gathered as the woman refused to give her name to Shire Rangers and continued to walk away.

Senior Ranger Brett Lappan said while police attended the incident, members of the public also gave assistance and helped pursue the offender.

“Even though the offender covered a lot of ground quickly, bystanders were quick to help,” said Mr Lappan.

“Investigations have revealed the offenders name and she has been issued with appropriate fines totalling \$650. Unfortunately this woman has made things a lot worse for herself by obstructing the rangers from doing their duty. Her fines would probably have been a lot less if she had just stopped and talked to the rangers in the first instance,” he said.

“A big thank you to members of the public who helped out. We appreciate your support. The beach is for everyone to enjoy, which is why there are areas for people to walk their dogs and areas that are dog free zones, “ said Mr Lappan.

All dogs must be on a leash at all times unless they are in a designated dog exercise area. These areas are clearly signposted. While in these areas the dog must be kept under effective control at all times.

The dog exercise areas are located south of the surf club and one kilometre north of the vehicle access ramp at Cable Beach.

Dogs are prohibited on Cable Beach from the surf club to one kilometre north of the rocks, Cable Beach Reserve and Town Beach.

Shire ovals and recreation grounds are not dog exercise areas and dogs in these areas must be kept on a leash at all times.

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