

Be Penguin Aware

Little Penguins - Big Future



SECTION B

EDUCATION RESOURCES

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4.0 FACT SHEETS

The fact sheets aim to provide specific information about how to minimise threats to the Little Penguins at Manly:

Below is a list of fact sheets available:

TOPIC: CONSERVATION STATUS OF MANLY'S LITTLE PENGUINS

- Endangered: Manly's population of Little Penguins
- The Little Penguin Recovery Plan – Actions for Little Penguin Conservation

TOPIC: LITTLE PENGUIN GENERAL INFORMATION, LIFESTYLE & LIFECYCLE

- Things to know about Manly's Little Penguins/ Little Penguin Lifestyle
- Little Penguin Lifecycle
- Little Penguins – Frequently Asked Questions

TOPIC: THREATS TO LITTLE PENGUINS

- Habitat Loss
- Introduced Predators: Dogs, Cats & Foxes
- Human Disturbance
- 'Penguin Aware' Response Directory

You can photocopy the fact sheets provided in this folder or contact Council for additional copies.

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ENDANGERED: MANLY'S POPULATION OF LITTLE PENGUINS

The situation

- A recent survey conducted by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service during the 2000/01 breeding season estimates the population at a minimum of 74 breeding pairs of Little Penguins.
- One of the reasons the NSW Scientific Committee listed the Little Penguin population as endangered was because it was believed that the population was as low as 35 penguins!
- The decline in Little Penguin numbers is mainly due to loss of suitable habitat, predation by dogs, cats and foxes and human disturbance.
- The Little Penguin colony at Manly is the last remaining mainland colony in New South Wales!

Management objective

- To minimise loss of Little Penguins from human-related impacts on the penguins and their habitat.

Management response

- Manly Council, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Recovery Team are implementing actions from the Little Penguin Recovery Plan (see fact sheet 'The Little Penguin Recovery Plan- Actions for Little Penguin Conservation' for more information about this response).
- Manly Council are identifying and designating Wildlife Protection Areas in consultation with the community, under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*. Dogs and cats will be prohibited in these areas.
- Manly Council is coordinating the 'Little Penguin Aware' Community Education and Awareness Project, which aims to educate the community about how to minimise their impacts on the Little Penguins and their habitat.



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Penguins

Manly is very fortunate to be home to the last remaining mainland breeding colony within NSW. We host around 60 breeding pairs each year. The Penguins biggest threats include

- People
- Pollution
- Pets
- Disturbance

To protect our penguin population there are restrictions in place relating to boat users and pet owners.

Dog Restrictions

Dog's restrictions are as follows;

Not Permitted	Permitted Off a Leash (Dog exercise areas)
On any beach or swimming enclosure	Seaforth Oval
Manly Peace Park	Tania Park
Councils Reserves / Manly Oval	North Harbour Reserve
Spring Cove	LM Graham Reserve
Federation Point	Manly Cemetery
Any National Park	Manly Lagoon Park

Contact

- Rangers for a dog off the leash 9976 1633 (7am-7pm)
- NP&WS for a sick, injured or dead Penguin 9960 6266 (BH)
- Taronga Zoo Wildlife Clinic 9969 2777
- Sydney Metro Wildlife Service 9413 4300 (24 hours)
sick or injured native animal
- WIRES for a sick or injured native animals 8977 3333 (6am-9.30pm)
- NSW Maritime 131 256 (8.30am-4.30pm)

Federation Point Signage / Dog Restrictions

Federation Point Wildlife Protection Area

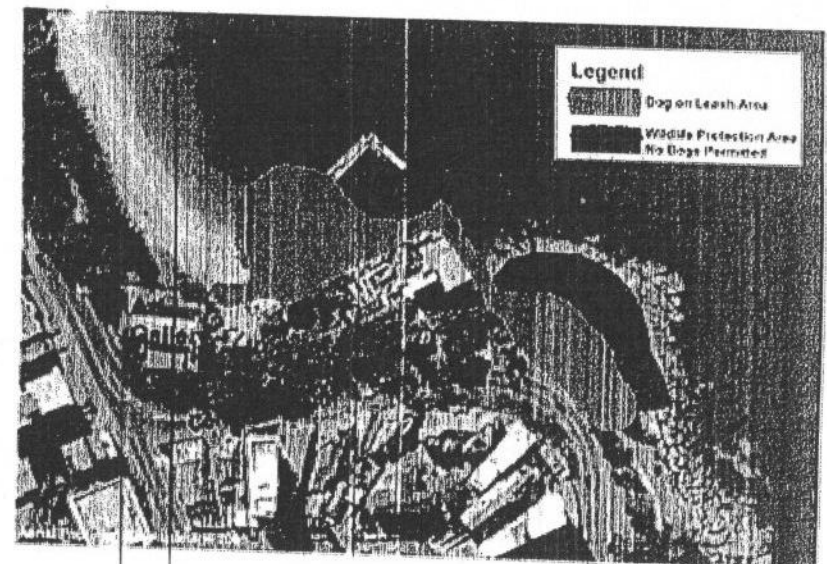
To protect Manly's unique wildlife:



Dogs must remain on leash in the area identified on the map below



No dogs are permitted in the Wildlife Protection Area at Federation Point.



Companion Animals Act 1998 -- Penalty as Prescribed