

Be Penguin Aware

Little Penguins - Big Future



In The Water

Threat:

- Noise and light from human activity on the water in Sydney Harbour may scare Little Penguins away from feeding habitat.

You can help:

- Observe marine regulations such as the 100 metre wide 4 knot zone around foreshores.
- Be aware of restrictions relating to anchoring. Moor at least 50 metres away from the shore.
- Proceed with care throughout the Harbour, where Little Penguins forage.
- When moored, limit the amount of light and noise from your boat, especially after dark.

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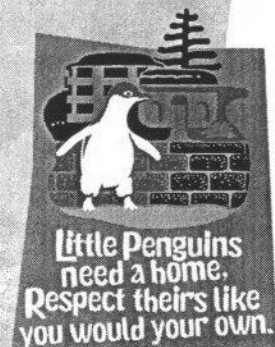
- Mooring close to shore and pollution damages seagrass beds, which may be habitat for penguin food.

You can help:

- Be aware of restrictions relating to anchoring. Moor at least 50 metres away from the shore.
- Use fixed moorings where possible and avoid mooring on seagrass beds.
- Use a non-polluting defoulant to clean your boat
- Tune your boat to prevent oil leaks.

'PENGUIN AWARE' RESPONSE DIRECTORY

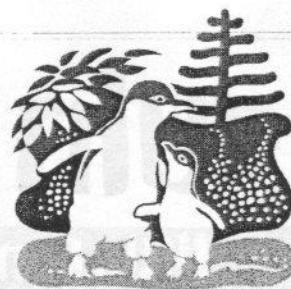
- To report an uncontrolled dog or cat:
Contact during business hours:
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Rangers 9976 1633
Animal Control Officer 0418 629 023
- To report an injured, sick or dead penguin:
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NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service Rangers 9977 6732
Taronga Zoo Wildlife Clinic 9978 4785
Contact after hours:
NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service 8977 3333
- To report irresponsible behaviour on the water:
Contact:
Boating Access Line 9563 8555



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Threats to Manly's Little Penguins

INTRODUCED PREDATORS: DOGS, CATS & FOXES

Dogs

Dogs are great companions but they are also predators. Domestic dog attacks were the main reason for the extinction of the mainland colony at Eden, NSW. Manly is now the last remaining mainland colony of Little Penguins in NSW.

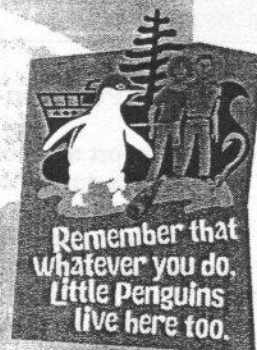
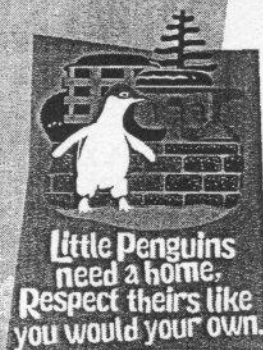
As many as eight penguins at once have been killed by a single dog on the foreshore at Manly, more than once. Dogs have been known to take penguins from shallow burrows and can dig their way in or uproot vegetation to access the nest.

Threat:

- Uncontrolled dogs on the foreshore at Manly have attacked and killed Little Penguins returning home or in their burrows.
- The presence of dogs on the foreshore may delay Little Penguins' return home, leaving their chicks unprotected and unfed.
- Penguins have been killed at Manly by dogs coming ashore from moored boats.
- Stress from contact with dogs can make penguins very sick and can even result in death.

You can help:

- Do not walk your dog in a National Park. Dogs are prohibited from all National Parks in NSW.
- Be aware of Council's 'dog-free' areas and Wildlife Protection Areas. Contact Manly Council for a copy of the brochure 'Your Dog and the law' which lists dog regulations and to find out the location of off-leash exercise areas.
- Register your dog. All dogs over 6 months old must be registered. Contact Manly Council for a copy of the brochure 'Chip-In'-Your Rights and Responsibilities under the Companion Animals Act 1998.
- De-sex your dog. This helps reduce the number of stray dogs.
- Train your dog not to bark, to reduce noise near the foreshore.
- Keep your dog on your boat. Don't let it swim near or access the foreshore.



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Cats & Foxes

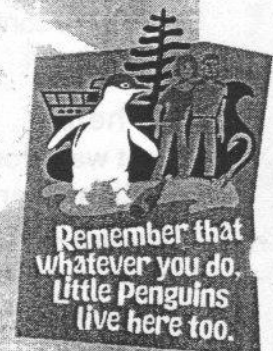
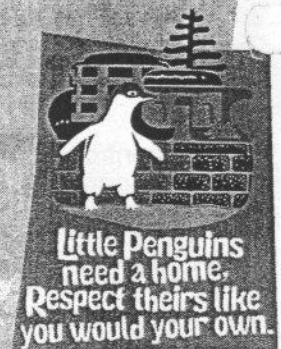
Even well fed cats hunt, stalking up to one kilometre from home. Foxes also kill Little Penguins.

Threat:

- Cats disturb Little Penguins and their chicks in their nests
- Food left outside for your pet provides food for foxes and stray cats

You can help:

- Keep your cat inside - day & night.
- Ensure your cat is registered and has a collar with address tag and two bells
- Desex your cat to prevent unwanted kittens and help reduce the number of strays.
- Feed your pet indoors.



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