

# BIRD FRIENDLY BEACHES HAVE DOGS ON LEASHES



Threatened migratory shorebirds like the Bar-tailed Godwits feed in this area between August and May. Each year, they fly from the Arctic Circle where they breed, to feed on the mudflats of our local foreshore. Their ability to make the long flight back home relies on them feeding sufficiently during their time here.

## What threats do migratory shorebirds face?

In the City of Canada Bay, the Bar-tailed Godwits depend on our local foreshore for survival. They no longer have undisturbed mudflats to feed on and their numbers are declining. They are sensitive to disturbance and fearful of dogs. If you own a dog, you can help protect these birds from the brink of extinction.



## "MY DOG IS PLAYFUL AND WILL NOT HARM THE BIRDS!"

The problem is not dogs killing birds, it is dogs chasing or disturbing birds when they need to forage. Migratory shorebirds need to feed sufficiently to rebuild their strength for the 11,000km flight back to the Arctic summer. If they don't get enough food or rest, they are unlikely to survive their journey.

## HOW CAN DOG OWNERS HELP PROTECT MIGRATORY SHOREBIRDS?



**Obey leash laws** – keep your dogs on a leash especially when walking along the foreshore and never allow your dog(s) to chase birds.

**Go around large flocks of birds** – whether they are feeding or resting, these birds need plenty of space. If birds run or fly away, you are too close.

**Clean up after your dog** – being a responsible pet owner by picking up your dog poo reduces the chance of harmful bacteria from impacting other dogs, wildlife and the water quality of Parramatta River.

**Take the lead** – practice the recommendations above and help educate other dog owners about how to share the foreshore with migratory shorebirds.

**SMALL CHANGES IN YOUR BEHAVIOUR CAN HAVE A  
HUGE POSITIVE IMPACT ON SHOREBIRD SURVIVAL.**

# DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH PARKS IN THE CITY OF CANADA BAY

## Unrestricted off-leash areas:

### Abbotsford:

- Battersea Park (Concord end of the park) Battersea Street

### Cabarita:

- Kendall Reserve - Kendall Street (fenced area)

### Canada Bay:

- Cintra Park - Lyons Road West

### Chiswick:

- Lysaght Park (on Five Dock Bay) Byrne Avenue

### Concord:

- Henley Park, Flavelle Street
- Majors Bay Reserve Nullawarra Avenue

### Drummoyne:

- Drummoyne Park (above Drummoyne Oval) Bayswater Street
- St Georges Crescent Reserve (opposite Sailing Club) St Georges Crescent

### Five Dock:

- Five Dock Park (fenced area near Five Dock Skatepark) Ingham Avenue
- Timbrell Park (western end, beyond the children's play area), Henley Marine Drive
- Storey Park (beside RSL Bowling Club) McKinnon Avenue (off Lyons Road)

### North Strathfield:

- Powells Creek Reserve - Conway Avenue

### Rhodes:

- King George V Park - Concord Road (fenced area)

## Off-leash areas before 9am and after 5pm

### Drummoyne:

- Brett Park - (the flat area) Sisters Crescent
- Queen Victoria Street Reserve - Queen Victoria Street
- Taplin Park - (western end near Thompson St) End of Thompson Street

### Five Dock:

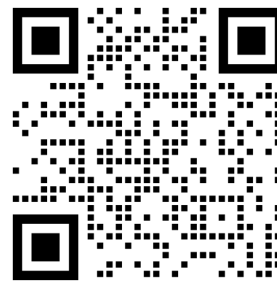
- Halliday Park - (on Hen & Chicken Bay) Udall Avenue

### Rhodes:

- McIlwaine Park - Concord Rd (northern end of park)
- Mill Park - Shoreline Drive (north of the outdoor fitness station).

## Off-leash area between 6am–10pm

- Phoenix Park - Shoreline Drive (fenced area), Rhodes



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## OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

### Place all your rubbish in the bin

All types of litter can be devastating to birds in many ways. Remember to place all your rubbish in the bin and pick up any litter especially in areas where birds feed.

### Join a community clean up group

Help clean up our foreshore and parks by joining a community clean up group through Council's Love Your Place program. Visit [bit.ly/loveyourplace](http://bit.ly/loveyourplace) for more information.

### Migratory Shorebird Program by Birdlife Australia

Support Birdlife Australia by participating in bird count events, volunteering and donating to help protect birds in Australia.