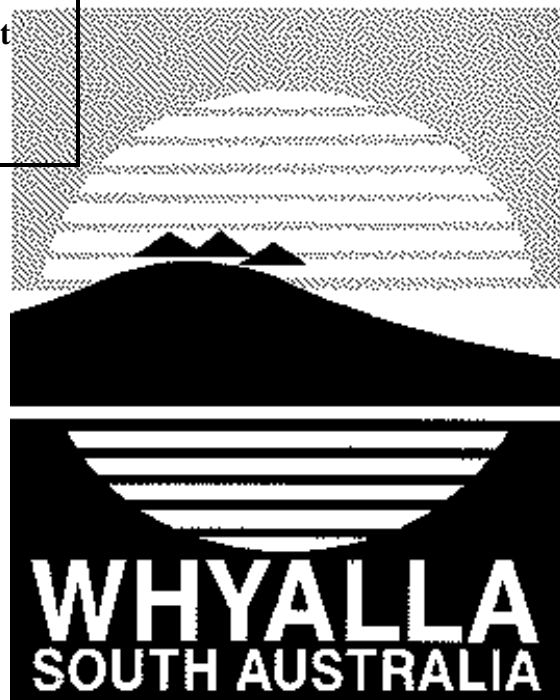


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Compliance – dogs

Dog registrations have seen steady growth since fees were set at a maximum of \$40 in 2004, with a significant increase in microchipping due to Council's annual discounted microchipping day and publicity campaign.

The number of de-sexed dogs almost doubled although no clear reason could be identified other than the influence of an annual national campaign for "desexing month."

The number of dogs impounded, generally unregistered, and returned to owners has been relatively static during the past four years.

Reported attacks had been reasonably static at between 36 to 39, but in 2008/2009 dropped to 25, the severity of which ranged from snapping to hospitalisation. However, the overall number of dogs impounded, returned and involved in attacks has also remained relatively static during the past six years.

Annual averages comprise:

- *640 dogs impounded.*
- *330 dogs returned to owners.*
- *36 dog attacks.*

Although registration numbers have remained relatively consistent, income from these fees has almost doubled.

In 2002/2003, a total of \$63,061 income was raised, compared to \$126,376 in 2008/2009. The high increase resulted from the State Government doubling fees in 2004/2005 in an endeavour to reduce costs on local government.

Many residents and dog owners are often unaware that local government acts on behalf of the State under the Dog and Cat Management Board, which sets all fees including those of expiation notices.

Overall, Council's compliance officers believe there is reasonably good compliance with the number of dogs registered and a relatively low percentage of them causing problems.

TRENDS OF PAST FOUR YEARS

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total registered	4642	5309	5343	5418
Microchipped	506	1,162	1,489	1,944
Obedience trained	56	49	49	47
Desexed	3,098	1,886	1,694	3,142
Impounded	673	634	653	646
Returned	349	345	353	351
Attacks reported	39	38	36	25
Expiations issued	848	611	841	357

Compliance – general

PARKING EXPIATIONS:

Council's compliance officers administer parking controls pursuant to the Australian Road Rules, Road Traffic Act and Private Parking Areas Acts across the city generally, at