

## Why Dogs Bark, How to Reduce Barking, and legal Steps for Dealing With The Noise

This sheet explains why dogs bark, how to reduce barking, and legal steps for dealing with the noise.

### Why do dogs bark?

Dogs bark for many reasons, from feeling playful to feeling scared. Dogs may bark too much when they are:

- chained up or kept in space that's too small
- reacting to people or other dogs
- getting little or no exercise
- sick, hungry, thirsty, on the wrong diet or generally neglected
- kept in circumstances that are unsuitable for their breed
- abused
- untrained
- lonely

Dogs should not have to endure bad conditions. If you suspect a dog is being mistreated, contact the RSPCA or local police.

### What dogs need

A dog that is well cared for will usually not bark too much.

Dogs need:

- enough space to move freely. Don't leave a dog on a fixed chain for long periods. If you must use a chain, use a running chain (one that slides along a wire)
- a place of their own – a kennel or indoor area. By law, a dog must have adequate shelter (from sun, wind and rain)
- regular exercise that is enough for their breed and size
- something to keep them from being bored. Give them toys to play with or a puzzle to solve (such as a puzzle feeder).

### Other ways to reduce barking noise

If a well-cared-for dog barks too much:

- keep the dog where it doesn't see children and animals. Seeing them may make it bark
- take the dog to a qualified animal trainer to change its bad habits
- put noise insulation in or around the kennel
- take the dog to a vet, as it may be sick.

The RSPCA have good information about caring for dogs. The NSW Department of Primary Industries has information about caring for dogs in boarding kennels.

### Talk with the dog's owner

If a neighbour's dog is barking, first try to solve the problem by talking with its owner. Your neighbour may not have realised their dog is bothering you. Often they will be happy to help.

### What the council can do

If you complain to your council about a noisy dog, it can investigate. It may:

- collect evidence, such as written statements, from neighbours
- ask you to keep a diary, to record when you hear the noise
- visit the property where the dog is kept.

Your council may need complaints from many people before it can start investigating.

If the council finds your complaint is reasonable it can issue a nuisance order to the dog's owner. This declares the dog to be a nuisance.

## Know Your Council

### Mayor

Cr Carol Oataway

### Deputy Mayor

Cr Lionel Garner

### Councillors

Geoff Chapman

Darren Clarke

Jenny Dwyer

Peter Handford

Paul Porter

Martyn Quinn

## EVENTS

### September

7-8 Dunera Day

7 Golden Rivers

Grand Final

7 Hay Show 150 years

21 Hay Speed Shears

### October

4 Art Exhibition night at the Spot - Sophie Le Couteur Art

5-6 Festival of the Blades - Shear Outback

5 Booligal Sheep Races

### November

8-11 Rust N Dust Rally

14-17 Rainbow on the Plains

23 Hay Races

29 Art Exhibition Night at the Spot - Belle Kidd Art.



## Save the date

### 2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday,  
14 September

Voting is compulsory

Visit [elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24](https://elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24)  
or call 1300 135 736



## Links for Women

Links for Women is a program of Linking Communities Network Ltd and operates the women's crisis accommodation service for women with or without dependent children experiencing domestic and family violence. We also specialise in assistance, advocacy and referrals for the following:

- Domestic and Family Violence education and support
- Housing and Homelessness
- Case Management and Planning
- Budgeting and Financial Referrals
- AVO's and Legal Referrals
- Safety Planning

### Referrals

Please head to our website for any referrals

02 6964 3381

[www.lcn.org.au](https://www.lcn.org.au)

# Hay Shire Snippets

## HAY GLOW

*a community gathering*

**Saturday October 12**

**5pm - 9pm**

**@ Hay Park - Pond Area**

**LIVE MUSIC with Emma Black  
Markets**

**Lantern workshops  
Family Fun & Food**

TO BOOK A FREE MARKET STALL, CONTACT THE VISITOR CENTRE  
02 6993 4045 - [visithay@hay.nsw.com.au](mailto:visithay@hay.nsw.com.au)



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## DUNERA DAY 2024

**SATURDAY Sept 7th  
Sunday Sept 8th**

**ARRIVAL RE-ENACTMENT  
@ RAILWAY STATION 8.45AM**

**MORNING TEA 9.00AM**

**DUNERA MASS CHOR 12.30PM  
TICKETED EVENT @ HWMH**

**MORNING TEA @ BISHOP'S LODGE  
10AM SUNDAY 8TH**

Enjoy the museum when you visit.



## Hay Hospital OPEN DAY

**ALL WELCOME**

**MONDAY 14th October 2024  
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
MORNING TEA PROVIDED**



Proudly hosted by LHAC in  
conjunction with health service staff  
and management

### ABOUT

We are so proud of our hospital refurbishment — we want you to see it too! Come along to the Open Day to see first hand the results of the recent capital works program. You will also have the chance to explore the range of community based services on offer.

### What's happening at the Hay Library?

**Rhyme Time:** Children's reading and activities are held every Tuesday commencing at 10.30am for 0-5 years old.  
**Knitting & Scrabble Groups:** Are held each Wednesday at 10am. Come and enjoy some knitting and scrabble with good company and a cuppa.

**Movie at the Hay Library!** Thursday the 29th of August at 2:00pm



### Approved Development Applications

#### MAY – JULY 2024

2024-9	26698 Sturt Hwy, Hay	3 x Meteorological Masts	Approved
2024-13	436 Orson St, Hay	Patio	Approved
2024-29	2 Miller St, Hay	Shed	Approved
2024-30	65 Old Bairds Ln, Hay	Dwelling	Approved
2024-31	105 Lachlan St, Hay	Recreation Facility (indoor)	Approved
2024-34	363 Lang St, Hay	Dwelling	Approved
2024-35	55 Water St, Hay	Demolish Carport & Erect Shed	Approved
2024-36	439 Moama St, Hay	Carport	Approved
2024-38	393 Macauley St, Hay	Convert shed to dwelling	Approved

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