

Dog Barking Diary

If you do choose to involve council, on receipt of your initial complaint you will need to provide Central Coast Council with the address of the barking dog.

Council will then write to the dog owner to inform them of the barking issues and provide them with information to help rectify the problem.

Before council can determine the appropriate action, the level of the nuisance must be determined and documented.

To facilitate this process you will be required to compile a **Barking Dog Diary for a period of 14 days**.

Once the diary has been completed you should return it to council:

**Attn: Ranger Services
Gosford Office
Central Coast Council
49 Mann Street Gosford NSW 2250**

This diary will then be assessed and considered to determine the level of disturbance.

If the extent and degree of barking is deemed to be a nuisance, council will conduct further investigations. The Diary must be completed over 14 consecutive days.

Each day must be completed, if you are not at home on any given day it should be noted on the diary.

Every page must be signed and dated by yourself and your signature witnessed by another person.

Each recorded day must include the following:

- The location of the barking dog;
- A description of the barking dog;
- The day and date;
- The start and stop times of the barking; and
- A record of the times you were not at home.

A sample of the 14 day barking diary is available on the next page of this document.

