

3. PROHIBITED DOG AREA (SCARBOROUGH PARK) DISPENSATION

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The Council has received a letter from Mrs Denny Richardson of 4 Head Street, Sumner. Mrs Richardson is requesting dispensation for her Corgi dog called 'Sam' to be allowed access through the prohibited area of Scarborough Park, Sumner for the purpose of her gaining access onto the Scarborough promenade to exercise her dog.

The Christchurch City Dog Control Bylaw 1997 prohibits dogs from entering or remaining upon any part of a prohibited dog area except as authorised by the Council by resolution made under this clause.

The Scarborough park area is one of the prohibited dog areas.

Mrs Richardson takes her twelve year old arthritic dog Sam, for his daily walk along the Sumner/Scarborough promenade. For Sam to successfully achieve this they must negotiate the climb over the sea wall steps at Head Street or make the longer walk of approximately 500 metres around the perimeter of the prohibited area of Scarborough Park to get to the promenade.

The Team Leader Animal Control has investigated with the Council's parks staff the option of having an access walkway cut through the sea wall at Head Street to assist people like Mrs Richardson. This option had been previously considered by the Hagley/Ferrymead board and rejected.

Mrs Richardson would like a dispensation which will enable her to walk along the sea wall in an easterly direction from Head Street to Heberden Avenue, then along the sea side of the promenade and back once she has completed her walk.

The Council may grant dispensation in accordance with clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990. Clause 16 is set out in the preceding report relating to dispensation in Cathedral Square.

- Recommendation:**
1. That in accordance with clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990 Mrs Richardson be granted a dispensation for the life time of her Corgi dog, 'Sam', to enter the Prohibited area of Scarborough Park for the purpose of gaining access to the Scarborough promenade.
 2. That Mrs Richardson keep her dog 'Sam' under control by means of a leash at all times and that she removes all dog faeces deposited forthwith to ensure the area is kept clean.
 3. That the dispensation apply only when Mrs Richardson is with her dog 'Sam'.
 4. That the dispensation cease immediately should the Team Leader Animal Control have any concerns as to its continuation.