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MEDIA RELEASE

Cat Trapping Resumes in Wildlife Protection Areas

Warringah Council is asking cat owners to keep their cats in at night and away from bushland reserves designated as 'Wildlife Protection Areas' at all times.

Cats are known to hunt and kill native animals such as small birds, frogs, lizards, snakes and mammals, including local threatened species such as the Southern Brown Bandicoot and Eastern Pygmy Possum.

"During recent wildlife monitoring programs in Warringah's bushland reserves, several cats were seen hunting within areas declared as Wildlife Protection Areas," said David Ryan, Warringah Council's Environmental Operations Manager.

"Warringah Council is encouraging responsible cat ownership, which includes keeping your cat inside at night and away from Wildlife Protection Areas at all times.

"Cats that are allowed to roam at night not only kill wildlife, but are more likely to be killed by cars, dogs or fighting with other cats," added Mr Ryan.

To help protect our wildlife from predation by cats, Warringah Council will resume trapping between 24 March and 30 May in the following Wildlife Protection Areas:

- Manly Dam, Allambie Heights, Manly Vale
- Allenby Park, Allambie Heights
- Red Hill, Beacon Hill
- Jamieson Park, Wheeler Heights

For more information on responsible cat ownership see [Protect Your Cat and Protect our Wildlife](#) brochure at warringah.nsw.gov.au.

Wildlife Protection Areas

Warringah Council has 18 reserves designated as Wildlife Protection Areas. These bushland reserves have been identified to support populations of vulnerable native wildlife. The declaration of Wildlife Protection Areas is in accordance with the Companion Animals Act 1998.

Wildlife Protection Areas allow councils to ban access by domestic animals. Dogs must be on a leash at all times and cats are not allowed at any time. Dogs are not allowed at all in some high conservation areas such as Dee Why Lagoon and Long Reef rock platform.