

## Climate-Resilient Conservation of Urban Western Ringtail Possum Populations



### Dog Rebates 2025 – Guidelines

South Coast Natural Resource Management are offering a rebate for dog owners to upgrade or install fencing to either keep dogs in a particular part of the property or raise the height of existing fencing to 1.8m. This will reduce stress to wildlife and can minimize the risk of dog attacks on wildlife, in particular the critically endangered western ringtail possum. Eligible dog owners need to register for the rebate (through South Coast NRM) and have the enclosure installed by **14<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

Rebates are valued up to \$550 (incl. GST) each. There are 20 rebates available. Please check with Renae [renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au) to confirm there are still rebates available and register your interest before commencing.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Rebate participants must be residents in the City of Albany in one of the following suburbs:
  - Albany
  - Bayonet Head
  - Big Grove
  - Centennial Park
  - Collingwood Heights
  - Collingwood Park
  - Cuthbert
  - Emu Point
  - Frenchman Bay
  - Gledhow
  - Goode Beach
  - Kalgan
  - King River
  - Lange
  - Little Grove
  - Lockyer
  - Lower King
  - Marbelup+
  - McKail
  - Middleton Beach
  - Millbrook
  - Milpara





- Mira Mar
  - Mount Clarence
  - Mount Elphinstone
  - Mount Melville
  - Orana
  - Port Albany
  - Robinson
  - Seppings
  - Spencer Park
  - Torndirrup
  - Walmsley
  - Warrenup
  - Willyung
  - Yakamia
2. The rebate is available to participants seeking to
    - a. Extend, modify, or replace existing fencing, raising the height to at least 1.8m and make it safer for possums (e.g. adding solid panels or grip-friendly surfaces),
    - b. Creating a dog-free section of your garden where possums can move, by containing dogs to part of the yard with a fence or enclosure, or,
    - c. Creating an outdoor enclosure that contains dogs at night.
  3. The intention of the rebate is to incentivise fencing installments/upgrades to limit dog and wildlife interactions. Receipts and enclosure design plans need to show that you are installing /upgrading a fence which meets criteria 2.
  4. Rebate participants have the option to install the fencing as a do it yourself (DIY) project or to engage the installation services of a contractor.
  5. The rebate is available to current dog owners.
  6. Fence rollers and angled fence brackets mechanisms will not be supported by this rebate (although they can be effective in containing your dog). These interfere with possums and wildlife as they attempt to safely traverse fence lines.
  7. South Coast NRM reserves the right to deny the request for a rebate and will notify eligible recipients before commencement if they are successful in obtaining the rebate

#### **Claiming the rebate**

1. Register your interest before commencing with Renae [renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au) to confirm there are still rebates available.





2. The rebate will be paid to eligible participants by way of reimbursement. There will be one payment of up to \$550 (incl GST) on completion of the following;
  - meeting eligibility requirements, **plus before photo** of the area and rough fence design (design can be communicated in writing or by a rough sketch).
  - Completed installation by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
  - Completion of "Dog Fence Rebate Completion Form" including receipt for materials showing a minimum value of \$550.
  - The maximum rebate amount to claim is \$550.00 (incl GST). Eligible participants will receive payment via EFT to their nominated bank account. The rebate cannot be given in the form of cash or cheques.
3. Participants need to claim the rebate by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
4. \*\*Receipts must be dated on or after 1st April 2025 are eligible. Unfortunately, we are not offering the rebate retrospectively to existing dog fence upgrades.
5. Evidence of the complete fence installation must be provided to South Coast NRM to claim the rebate up to a maximum value of \$550.00. **A photo of the completed fence must be provided.** For DIYers a copy of the final receipt for materials/installation will also be required. Upon successful completion of the form, dog owners will receive the rebate up to a maximum value of \$550.00. If the final receipt is under the value of \$550.00, the reimbursed amount will be adjusted accordingly.
6. The rebate is only available to a limited number of participants, register your interest early to avoid disappointment.
7. Claim forms and evidence are to be emailed to Renae [renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au)

**Note:** South Coast NRM is not responsible for any costs or liabilities arising from providing the rebate for installing the dog fencing.

