



## **Animals on Rail Reserve Policy**

### **Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Reserve Committee of Management (Inc)**

#### **Purpose and scope**

The Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Reserve was gazetted in April 2000 for Public Purposes (Recreation and Conservation), under Section 4 of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978. The Committee of Management has a responsibility to ensure that these dual purposes are accomplished.

In addition, the Committee of Management has responsibilities to ensure the safety of all users of the Rail Reserve and endeavours to be a good neighbour by reducing nuisance impacts by users on adjoining properties.

This policy outlines animal management (non-fauna) on the Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Reserve (The Redgum Track).

#### **Policy**

1. Horses are not permitted on the Rail Reserve.
2. Stock are not permitted on the Rail Reserve. However, where occupational crossings exist or where farms are bisected by the Rail Reserve, farmers may move stock across the Rail Reserve. It is expected that, gates will allow for non-impeded passage of Rail Reserve users excepting when stock are being moved across the Rail Reserve.
3. Dogs on leashes are permitted to be on the Rail Reserve with a responsible owner. Dog owners are required to remove any dog faeces. Dog owners must be considerate of adjoining landholders and take care that dogs do not harass adjoining livestock or wildlife.
4. Users are encouraged to report any wandering stock within the Reserve to Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Reserve Committee Incorporated ([enquiry@redgumtrack.net.au](mailto:enquiry@redgumtrack.net.au)). Users are encouraged to report non-compliance of the required dog owner behaviour to Southern Grampians Shire Council Local Laws Department ([www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au)).
5. Where it is deemed that occupational crossings are required, the Committee of Management will work with adjoining landholders to develop safe occupational crossings as necessary.

#### **Policy agreement date**

This policy was agreed by the Committee of Management on 22 June 2022