

Hello there to my neighbours in Northfields Road, Stratheden,

Some of you I know well, some I have not even met, some are my friends and others I do not even know but that's ok as I would like now to introduce myself to you.

As you may or may not be aware at number 15 I volunteer for organisations such as WIRES (Wildlife information rescue & education services), ARRG (Animal rights & rescue group) and AWL (Animal Welfare League) as well as running a small business - pet minding at my home. I have also rescued retired chickens and most recently cows from the unwanted offspring of the diverse farming industry via TTCCH (Till the Cows Come Home). I have last October, retired from full time work after 38+ years in NSW Health to follow my passion working with the above animal services full time.

The reason for writing this to you is to advise that for me to be a volunteer and also continue my present work I am wanting to increase the size of my facilities. I am currently in the process of working with a consulting firm/town planner/draftsman etc. to put forward a submission for approval with Richmond Valley Council to allow me to extend my pet services by building a new cattery; this would enable me to board up to a maximum of 12 cats on site (housed in only 4 rooms though, up to 3 cats from 1 family in each) and also increase my dog boarding facility to enable me to house up to a maximum of 12 dogs on site (This is a **maximum** amount as dogs are to be housed in only 6 purpose built rooms and to share they must be from the same family). At present both my pet minding service & fostering of animals utilises 4-5 rooms on site, so I am looking to expand by another 5-6 animal rooms only.

I don't need you to do anything following the receipt of this courtesy letter as it is just that; a 'heads up' that this is my planned proposal and that one day in the not-too-distant future hopefully Council will be writing to you to see if you have any objections with my proposed expansion. For your further knowledge though before the application can proceed both my consultants and engineers are conducting certain required testing such as traffic access, noise assessment, waste & environmental management as well as other regulations that Council need justified before I can begin to move forward. So please rest assured that all aspects of the business are being looked into correctly.

Feel welcome to get in touch with me to find out more if you would like to prior to the completion of my Development Application and Council subsequently getting in contact with yourself with all information.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and hopefully without objection we can work together to ensure a smooth transition from my current home/work environment to enable me to care for more animals on site, housing both fostered victims i.e., the recent flooding and also paying clients.

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