

MEDIA RELEASE
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Poison Baits at Pearl Beach

In recent days an extremely shameful activity has been undertaken at Pearl Beach putting residents, visitors, local wildlife and domestic animals in danger!

Pearl Beach, situated between Brisbane Water National Park and Broken Bay is home to a small and caring community who enjoy the natural and cultural inheritance. They and visitors are often seen walking along the beach front many with their dogs savouring the environmental surroundings.

However, a few days ago the tranquil existence was shattered when a gorgeous local dog, Minnie took a bait near the Amenities Block. Minnie spent the next few days at a local Veterinary Hospital on a drip and in a death threatening situation. Fortunately she is slowly recovering and home with her owner.

This serious situation has upset many residents and Pearl Beach Progress Association president, Katrina Stafford quickly gathered a group of concerned locals who inspected the length of the beach as well as other near by locations. Katrina reports on their findings as follows:

- a group of about 25 local residents came together to clean up the beach & other surrounding parkland
- grave concerns for domestic animals & wildlife
- residents are reporting dead wildlife including birds, snake, rats
- baits have been found over the last week in several areas
- at least an additional dozen baits found today
- reported to police & local council rangers
- one dog who was rushed to the vet where they were treated for several days - vet bill exceeds \$5000
- Baits range from blue pellets of ratsak wrapped in food to red 'brick' style rat baits (often used on commercial/industrial premises) that have been chopped up & scattered on the grass & beach area.
- many residents particularly older ones live by themselves & their dogs are far more than 'just Pets'
- a large number of baits found near a grassed area where many people sit & catch up with friends & neighbours with their dogs by their sides.

The community have agreed to set up a 'Go Fund Me' page to raise money to help cover Minnie's vet's bills. We invite the locals, visitors and friends to donate with access via -

<https://gofund.me/c4479fb5>

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Variety of photos attached

