

Owner taken to Court for Dog Attack

A Nyora man attended Korumburra Court on the 8 February 2018 to plead guilty to three charges after a dog attack that occurred January. The three charges were: owning two dogs that had attacked a neighbour's dog; owning dogs that wandered from his property; and failing to register his dogs.

The man was fined a total of \$2,500 and ordered to pay compensation and prosecution costs of \$1,022.

The Court was told that on 2 January 2018 the neighbour was woken by noises from her yard. Accompanied by her husband they witnessed their 8-year-old Labrador being attacked by two medium sized dogs.

Police and Local Laws were notified, whereupon the two medium sized dogs were seized. During his interview with Officers the accused admitted his yard had inadequate fencing.

The Labrador sustained multiple puncture wounds around the neck, which required treatment over three visits.

The accused told the Court that he spent \$3000 to have a new fence installed to confine his dogs.

Council's Manager of Regulatory Services, Jamie Thorley said, "It's far safer for pet owners to confine their animals before they escape and create problems for the community.

"Wandering dogs can attack other animals, be attacked or pose a risk to themselves and the community.

"All pet owners are reminded to ensure their pets are registered with Council so we can work to reunite them with their owners if they are found wandering" said Mr. Thorley.

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