



Keeping Poultry

Don't be a nuisance - be a good neighbour!

Conditions for keeping poultry

Poultry are permitted to be kept on residential premises in the Gosford City Council area, provided that the following conditions are complied with.

- Poultry must be kept under such conditions that they do not create a nuisance and are not dangerous or injurious to health.
- Poultry yards must at all times be kept clean and free from offensive odours.
- Fowls must not be kept within 4.5 metres of a dwelling, public hall, school, or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food.
- The floors of poultry houses must be paved with concrete or mineral asphalt underneath the roosts or perches, unless the poultry house is either:
 - a) not located within 15.2 metres of a dwelling, public hall or school; or
 - b) situated on clean sand.
- Poultry yards must be enclosed in order to prevent the escape of poultry.
- Other poultry e.g. ducks, geese etc., are not to be kept within thirty (30) metres of a dwelling, public hall, school, or premises used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food.

Other recommendations for keeping poultry

- Council does not recommend the keeping of roosters, as they are likely to produce offensive noise.
- It is recommended that poultry yards are located at least one (1) metre from any boundary fencing.

For further information, please contact Council's Environmental Health Officers on 4325 8222 during business hours.