

HEALTH SERVICES INFOSHEET

KEEPING OF CHICKENS AND OTHER POULTRY

Keeping poultry in the Town of Bassendean is permitted provided you comply with the following conditions. Please note: “*poultry*” includes, chickens, pea-fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks and other domestic fowls.

Limitation on numbers of poultry

- An owner or occupier of premises may keep up to 20 fowls or 6 ducks.
- No person shall keep geese, turkeys, pea-fowls, or roosters, without permission from the Town of Bassendean.

Conditions of Keeping Poultry

- Poultry is not to be kept closer than 9 metres from any house or building or premises.
- All poultry is to be provided with a properly constructed structure in which the poultry are kept in **at ALL times.**
- The enclosure shall;
 - a) Be a minimum of 1.2 metres to any property boundary.
 - b) Be maintained in a clean condition and free from odours and potential rodent and fly breeding, including the surrounds.
 - c) Have an unobstructed area of at least 20 m².
 - d) Include within it a properly constructed weatherproof roosting area which:
 - i. Allows a minimum of 0.3 m² of floor area per fowl or duck.
 - ii. Has an impervious concrete floor of 50mm minimum thickness, graded to the front to facilitate easy cleaning;
 - iii. Is designed to allow easy access for cleaning;
 - iv. Has the walls and roof constructed of galvanized iron or other approved material.
- The occupier shall clean and disinfect the enclosure, structure and surrounds and trap or bait flies, rodents and other vectors of disease in accordance with any direction of an Environmental Health Officer.
- All waste, including husks, seeds, feathers, dead birds and faecal matter shall be placed in plastic or garbage bags and immediately disposed of into a rubbish receptacle fitted with a lid.

Figure 1 Example of poultry enclosure design

