

SFID MEDIA STATEMENT. Easter 2023

This recent incident regarding a young girl's unfortunate encounter with a dingo at Waddy Beach is a timely reminder to all who visit K'gari, especially over the Easter holidays.

The holiday season is always a concern when it comes to dingo/visitor interactions and Easter coincides with the dingo breeding season when young animals are out and about which heightens the possibility of an incident occurring. Each year we remind people to obey the rules, stay vigilant and stay away from the wildlife.

Information regarding dingo safety is available in brochures, video's, online and signage.

FAMILIES with children preferably stay in fenced areas..

KEEP children within arms reach at all times.

DON'T harass the animals i.e. throw sand, sticks or chase them.

DON'T encourage or feed the dingoes or any wildlife.

DON'T get out of your vehicle, observe from a distance.

We hope that tourists respect the land, the culture and the wildlife, it is this unique environment that makes K'gari such a special place to visit. Consider it a privilege if you are fortunate to see a dingo but always give them their space.

We expect extra ranger patrols over the holidays, volunteer community rangers would also be an asset at this time of year. We encourage those who visit to report anyone acting inappropriately.

Phone 07 4127 9150 or email dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au as soon as possible.

Protecting the natural integrity and native wildlife of K'gari is everyone's responsibility.

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