

# DANGEROUS-DOG COMPLAINT

A bull-terrier was on the loose among the drinkers by the water in Prince Edward Park, during an afternoon party near the Woronora Lifesaving Club on Saturday, 20 January.

Bull-terriers are a declared dangerous breed under special legislation, requiring them to be muzzled and on a lead at all times when in public. Bred as a fighting dog, they have a fearsome reputation and a volatile temperament, especially around other dogs (see below).

Other dogs and children filled the park, which is popular with families for weekend barbecues.

Woronora has been the scene of high-profile dog attacks recently.

The bull-terrier is among the most common breeds involved in attacks.

The Woronora walker was cautious as he passed the dog among a crowd of drinkers on the jetty outside the Lifesaving Club. He had been attacked by dogs previously while walking, particularly in the area around the car park near the footbridge, and he carries a stout walking stick.

When the walker rang Sutherland Police to complain, a Senior Constable 'Holmes'\* got a detailed description, but needed to learn more.

"How do you know he was not desexed?", he asked.

"Because I could see his b...s hanging down," the walker replied, after brief pause.

The local copper quickly promised the walker that he would look into it. Of the two of them, one is unlikely to make detective any time soon. (\*Holmes is not his real name.)

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