



Town of Gawler

Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee Meeting Agenda

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DOGS IN GAWLER STUDY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dogs in Gawler Study has two aims. The first is to identify areas where dogs can be exercised on-leash and off-leash, and areas where dogs are prohibited within the Town of Gawler. The second is to recommend a suitable site for Gawler's first enclosed dog park.

The study has been undertaken to guide the Town of Gawler's directions regarding dogs in public places in response to objectives contained in the Animal Management Plan 2014-2017.

The study has been prepared by Balancing Act Adelaide in collaboration with Aspect Studios and the Town of Gawler's Project Group.

Consulting with key stakeholders including Council staff, elected members and the residents of the Town of Gawler was an essential part of the study.

A community survey was conducted between July and August 2016 inviting dog owners and non-dog owners to share their views and concerns regarding dog off-leash and on-leash areas in the Town of Gawler.

A community session was held in August 2016 at the Sport and Community Centre. There were 250 individual responses from the community survey.

KEY FINDINGS

Benefits of dogs

The benefits that dogs bring to individuals and the wider community are recognised in Council's Animal Management Plan and the survey findings.

Dogs help facilitate social interactions within the community, provide opportunities to socialise with likeminded people and undertake spontaneous educational interactions with adults and children on canine behaviour.

Walking with a dog not only provides exercise for the dog, but also for the owner highlighting the health benefits of having a dog.

Off-leash areas

Council's existing off-leash provisions offer a range of opportunities for dogs and their owners to exercise including ovals, large open spaces, linear paths and natural walking trails.

The distribution of off-leash areas across the Town of Gawler provides dog owners with good accessibility to parks within walking distance of where they live. This range of off-leash opportunities and ease of accessibility are key features that dog owners liked about the existing public spaces with the Town of Gawler.

Providing a variety of off-leash experiences for dogs and their owners is an important consideration in the future planning for dogs in public places.

Accessibility + walkability

Dog walking is a popular recreational activity and as dog owners are some of Gawler's most frequent park users, often using parks at off-peak times, they provide valuable 'eyes and ears' in parks after hours.

The study findings indicate that dog owners like the existing distribution of off-leash areas, as they can walk to them rather than rely on a car for access.

Planning for accessible and evenly distributed off-leash areas is an important consideration for local councils. Dog owners need access to safe and convenient routes to off-leash areas, particularly for those residents who don't have a car.

Dog parks + off-leash

Planning for domestic dogs is becoming more important in urban areas as backyards become smaller and dog walking becomes a popular recreational activity. More pressure is placed on the provision of public places to exercise and socialise dogs.

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It is important to avoid creating a situation where an enclosed dog park is the only option for off-leash exercise.

An enclosed dog park is just one type of off-leash area however dog parks are not suitable for all dogs, particularly those that are aggressive, anxious, fearful and elderly.

Therefore, an enclosed dog park should not be the only option for off-leash exercise.

Conflicts

The survey found that conflict between dog and non-dog owners was rare in the parks of the Town of Gawler. However, while conflict was rare, the issues identified related to the behaviour of both people and dogs – not just dogs.

Conflict is inevitable in public places, with different users competing for the same space, but how we manage conflict in park settings is important.

The needs of all users, including dogs, their owners, and non-dog owners, must be taken into account in developing strategies to effectively manage conflict in public places.

Supporting infrastructure

Supporting infrastructure for dogs and their owners was raised as a key area of concern, particularly the provision of more drinking fountains, supply of poo bags and dispensers, waste bins and increased frequency of waste disposal.

Management + enforcement

Concern was expressed for dog owners to take more responsibility for cleaning up after their dogs, keeping their dog under effective control, and for Council to better educate and enforce the rules of on-leash and off-leash areas.

Community education

As more people are out and about walking with their dogs in public places it's becoming more important than ever to educate the community about good dog etiquette in public places.

A code of conduct on good dog etiquette has been developed as a new dog management provision (Appendix D).

Framework for Dogs in Public Places

An overriding framework has been developed to guide Council's future directions regarding where dogs can be exercised on-leash and off-leash and areas where dogs are prohibited within the Town of Gawler.

The framework comprises of:

- Guiding principles
- Dog management options
- Hierarchy of off-leash opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations have been informed by the community engagement findings and best practice research. The recommendations focus on the following areas:

- Dogs in public places
- Enclosed dog parks.

DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Framework for dogs in public places

1. Adopt the overarching framework for dogs in public places to guide Council's future directions and decision making (Section 7)
2. Recognise that enclosed dog parks are only one option for off-leash exercise and a variety of off-leash experiences, not only enclosed dog parks, should be provided in the Town of Gawler

Off-leash, on-leash + prohibited areas

3. Retain the existing provision for dogs to be on-leash in the public realm (plus this is a requirement under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995)
4. Retain the existing distribution of off-leash parks and reserves so dog owners can walk to local parks from their home
5. Retain the existing provision for dogs to be prohibited in all enclosed children's playgrounds

6. Vary the existing provision for dogs to be prohibited within 3 metres of an unfenced children's playground by increasing the distance to 5 metres
7. Adopt a new provision where dogs are to be on-leash within 5 metres of, and on the designated walkway/bikeway (shared path)
8. Introduce a Code of Conduct for good dog etiquette in public places
9. Adopt a 5-metre on-leash safety zone around outdoor gym equipment, BBQ eating areas, skate park and scooter trail

Communication

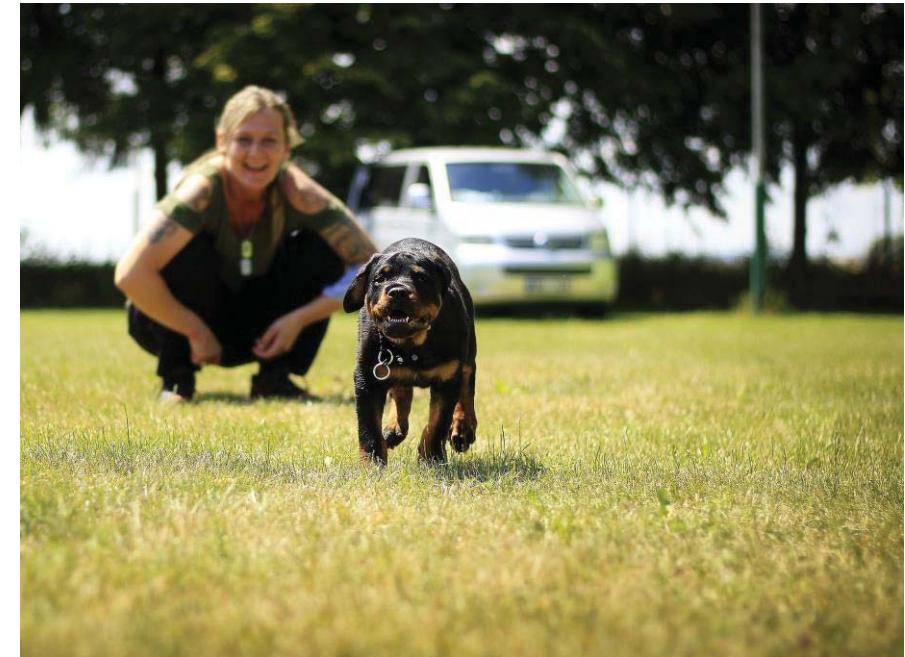
10. Develop clear and easily accessible maps and supporting information for both residents and visitors regarding the provisions for on on-leash, off-leash and dog prohibited areas.
 - *This information could be placed on Council's website, Visitor Information Centre, Elderly Centre, Sport and Community Centre and Council libraries*
11. Develop clear information and signage to communicate the proposed changes to the community

Community education

12. Develop education programs and campaigns to promote the new code of conduct for good dog etiquette in public places

ENCLOSED DOG PARK

13. Endorse Clonlea Reserve (upper) as the location for the Town of Gawler's first enclosed dog park
14. Allocate a budget for the ongoing maintenance of the park
15. Develop clear rules of etiquette for the enclosed dog park. Use positive language and icons to reinforce key messages
16. Consider future enclosed dog parks in areas of need.



INTRODUCTION

The Dogs in Gawler Study examines domestic dogs and their access to public places, and the identification of a suitable site for the Town of Gawler's first enclosed dog park.

Dogs play a significant role in the lives of many Australians, providing physical and mental health benefits, companionship and facilitating social interactions within the community (ACAC, n.d.). The positive benefits that dogs bring to individuals and to the wider community are recognised in Council's existing Animal Management Plan 2014-17.

The study has been undertaken to guide the Town of Gawler's directions and decision-making regarding dogs in public places in response to objectives contained in the Animal Management Plan.

The study has been prepared in consultation with major stakeholders including Council staff, elected members and the residents of Gawler.

In this study the following definitions are used:

- **Public place** is any public open space such as parks, reserves, gardens and trails
- **Public realm** refers to all roads, footpaths, nature strips, parking areas and shopping centres.
- An **off-leash area** is any area where dogs are permitted to be off-leash, and this may include a partially fenced area, but does not include a designated enclosed dog park
- An **enclosed dog park** is a type of off-leash area that has been specifically set aside for dogs and their owners and is fully enclosed or fenced.

Conflict is inevitable in public places, with different users competing for the same space, but how we manage the conflict is important. The needs of all users including dogs, their owners and non-dog owners must be taken into account in developing strategies to effectively manage dogs and people within public places.

Purpose

The purpose of this study was to identify areas where dogs can be exercised on-leash, off-leash and areas where dogs are prohibited within the Town of Gawler.

The other task was to recommend a suitable site for the Town of Gawler's first designated enclosed dog park (Town of Gawler, Dog Park and Off-leash Planning, Tender Document 2016).

Methods

The Dogs in Gawler Study has employed a number of techniques to prepare this report including:

- Desk-top examination of relevant Council plans and strategies
- Mapping of dog registrations by suburbs to establish distribution patterns
- Review of current research on dogs and public open space
- Site visits and assessment of relevant parks, reserves and trails in the Gawler area
- Community consultation including a survey and a community session.

The information gained through the above techniques has informed the conclusions, future directions and recommendations of the study.

1. SETTING THE SCENE

"Two in every three homes in Australia have at least one pet. When you consider that lot sizes are getting smaller and census data shows an increase in apartment living, pets need to be catered for in parks and other public spaces."

(Planning Institute of Australia, 2012: n.p.).

Australia has one of the highest pet ownership rates in the world with 36% of households owning a dog. Companion animals such as dogs play a significant role in the lives of many Australians. They can enrich our lives, provide physical and mental health benefits and companionship, and help facilitate social interactions with people in the community (ACAC, n.d.).



Benefits of Pets

There is extensive research (ACAC, n.d. and PIAS, 2010) that demonstrates the benefits of pet ownership including:

Pets are good for our general health

- People with dogs and cats make fewer visits to the doctor
- People with pets have a lower risk of cardiovascular disease than non-pet owners

Pets are good for an aging population

- Pets can increase the quality of life for elderly people including reduced confusion and increased feelings of interest
- Pets can boost activity levels in older people, helping to improve overall health
- Pets provide companionship for elderly people living alone

Pets are good for children

- Young children with pets are more likely to exercise
- Children or adolescents with pets have shown to have higher self-esteem

Pets are good for the community

- Pets can help people build social bridges in communities
- People with pets are more likely to have conversations with other people.

Pets and higher density living

As block sizes get smaller and dwellings extend closer to fence lines and property boundaries, there is less private outdoor space available for dogs which leads to a greater demand for public open space.

Almost a quarter of Australians live in medium to high-density housing. Between 1991 and 2001 the number of separate houses in Australia increased by 18%, while the number of higher density dwellings increased by 37% (PIAS, 2010: 5).

With this trend is expected to continue, there will be new challenges as we learn to live in smaller spaces and compete for valuable public open space.

One of the issues associated with a decrease in private outdoor space is the increasing importance of well-designed and accessible public open places in which to exercise dogs including off-leash and on-leash areas.

Dogs in public places

Research shows a trend towards casual, unstructured recreational activities with dog walking being in the top 10 preferred options for informal exercise.

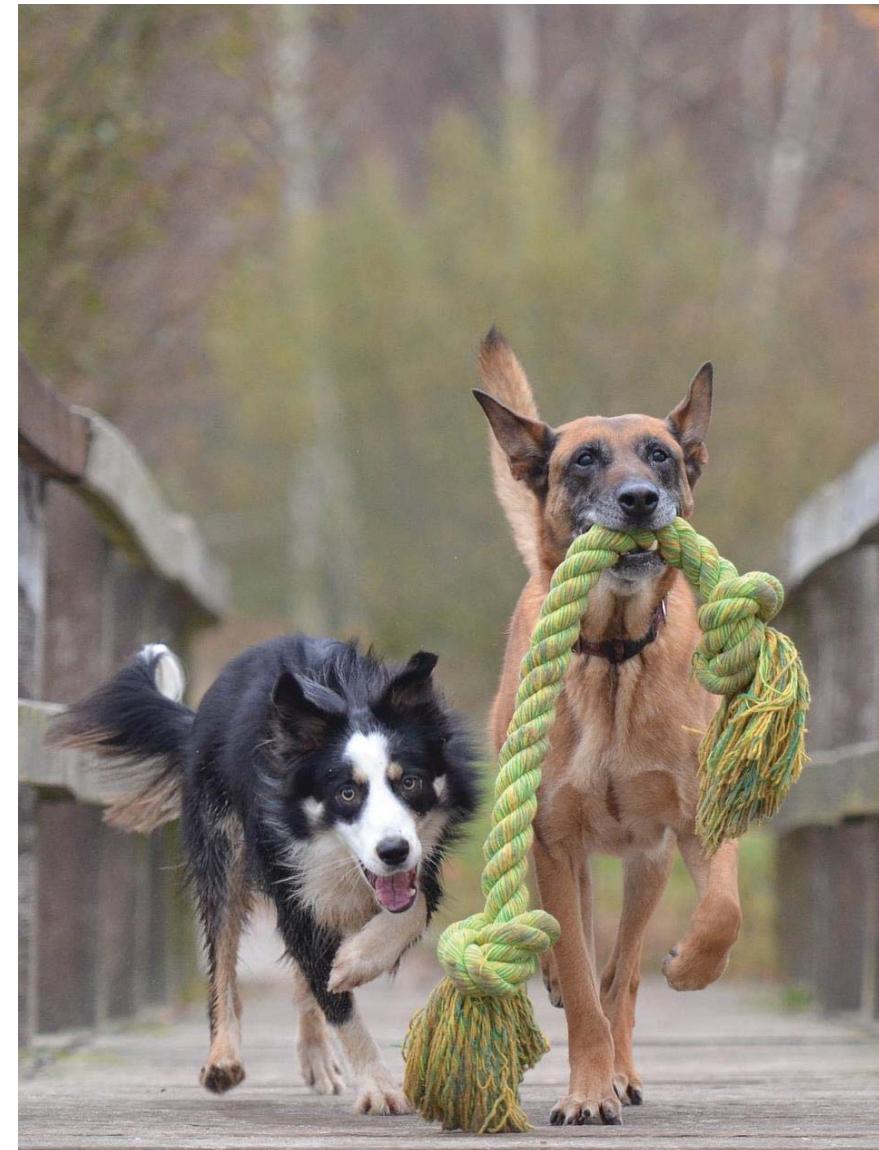
"Adults are moving away from structured sports to casual activities with dog walking being number three of the top 10 activities in Australia."

(One Eighty Degree, n.d.; p. 23)

As more dogs are out with their owners, it is essential that the design of public places considers the needs and social interactions of both people and dogs, including enclosed dog parks.

The design of public places is informed from a human perspective and seldom embraces an appreciation of the interactions between dogs and people, or between dogs and dogs. Designing sites from a human perspective can exacerbate conflict between dogs in the public realm.

Dogs and their owners also need appropriate dog training to cope with a range of settings such as walking down a local street, playing in an enclosed dog park, or visiting a cafe in a public place.



2. OVERVIEW OF THE STUDY AREA

The Town of Gawler is a regional centre located 42 kilometres north of Adelaide, South Australia. It is bounded by the City of Playford in the south, the Light Regional Council and the Barossa Council in the north. Refer to Map 1.

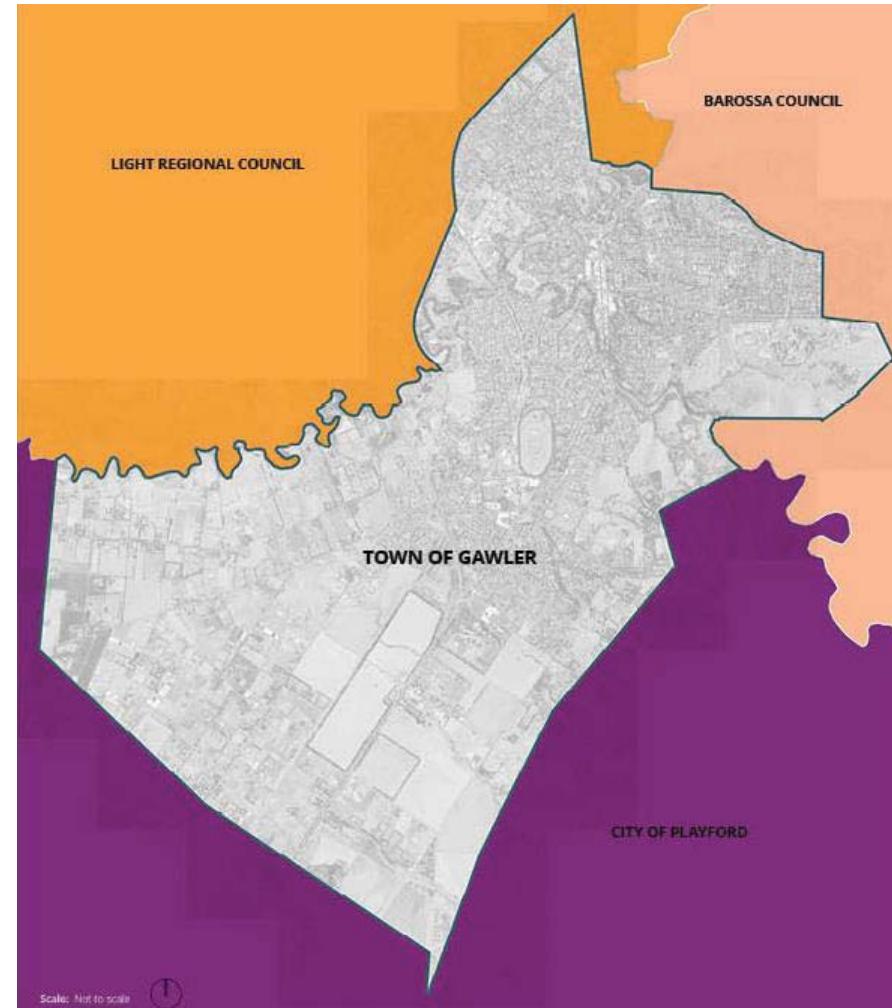
The Town of Gawler has a total land area of 43 square kilometres comprising the suburbs of:

Evanston	Gawler West
Evanston Gardens	Gawler South
Evanston Park	Hillier
Evanston South	Kudla
Gawler	Reid
Gawler East	Uleybury (part)
	Willaston

The Town of Gawler has a resident population of 20,536 (ABS, 2011). The population is projected to increase to 32,858 by 2026 (Town of Gawler, Open Space, Sport & Recreation Plan 2025 Plan, p.2).

The Town of Gawler has a large catchment area extending beyond its boundaries, into the Light Regional, Barossa, and Adelaide Plains Council regions. The population within the catchment area is estimated to be 90,000 people (Town of Gawler, Community Plan) and this is likely to increase as the Town of Gawler and regional population increases in size.

There are over 4000 people living on the immediate boundaries of the Town of Gawler including the suburbs of Hewett, Bluchfelde and Gawler Belt which form part of the Light Regional Council to the North (Town of Gawler, Community Plan).



Map 1 - Study Area, the Town of Gawler

The Town of Gawler has a range of residential typology including peri-urban, older suburbs and new residential subdivisions. The Town of Gawler is experiencing new residential developments within its Council boundary to the east, west, and south including Springwood, Gawler East; Woodvale, Gawler South; and Orleana Waters, Evanston Gardens.

There are also future residential growth areas which are likely to increase demand for the use of public open spaces in the Town of Gawler for a range of activities including on-leash and off-leash areas for dogs and their owners.

The Town of Gawler provides a range of parks and reserves including linear trails along the North Para and South Para Rivers, sporting ovals and multi-purpose parks.

Refer to Map 2 - Reserve Locations.

Dog Population in the Town of Gawler

As of March 2016, the Town of Gawler had 5,450 registered dogs (Town of Gawler, 2016). However, there are likely to be a number of unregistered dogs due to the rural parcels of land and as indicated by the door knock undertaken in 2013. The number of dogs in the Town of Gawler is likely to be considerably greater.

Refer to Map 3 for the distribution of registered dogs within the Town of Gawler.

The suburbs with the highest numbers of registered dogs include:

- Gawler East (1191)
- Evanston Park (1010)
- Willaston (867)
- Gawler South (639)
- Evanston (531) and
- Evanston Gardens (417).

There is a higher population of dogs in the northern area of Gawler, which is likely to lead to a greater demand for off-leash areas in these suburbs.

Refer to Appendix A for a list of dog registrations by suburbs.

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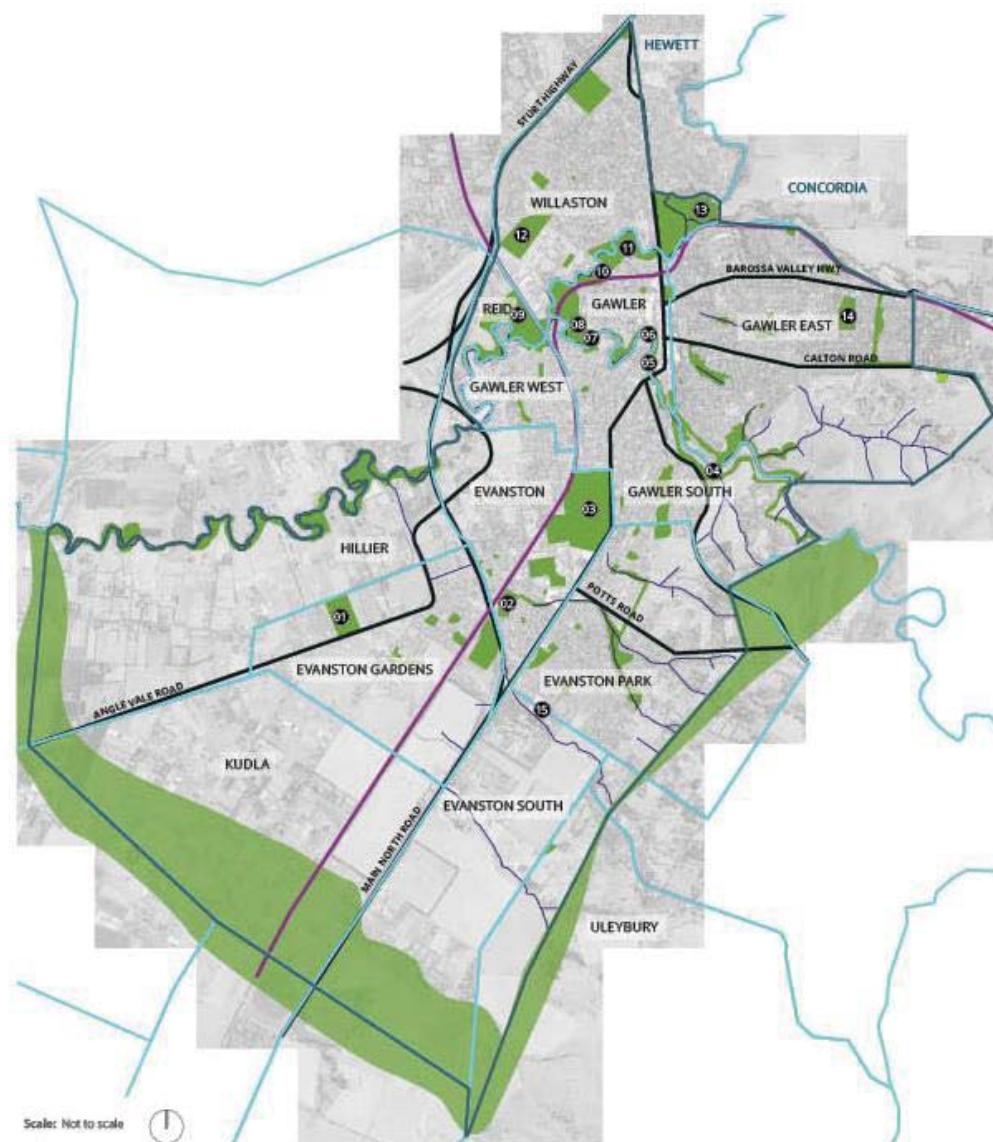
Map 2 – Reserve Locations

Legend

- Town of Gawler
- Suburbs
- Existing Open Space
- Watercourses
- Train

Reserves

- ① Karbeethan Reserve
- ② Eldred Riggs Reserve
- ③ Race Course
- ④ Dead Man's Pass
- ⑤ Apex Park
- ⑥ Goose Island
- ⑦ Gawler Oval
- ⑧ Showgrounds/Princes Park
- ⑨ Reid Reserve
- ⑩ Golf Course
- ⑪ Essex Park
- ⑫ Elliot Gooder Memorial Park/Willaston Oval
- ⑬ Clonlea Reserve
- ⑭ Hemaford Grove Reserve
- ⑮ STARplex



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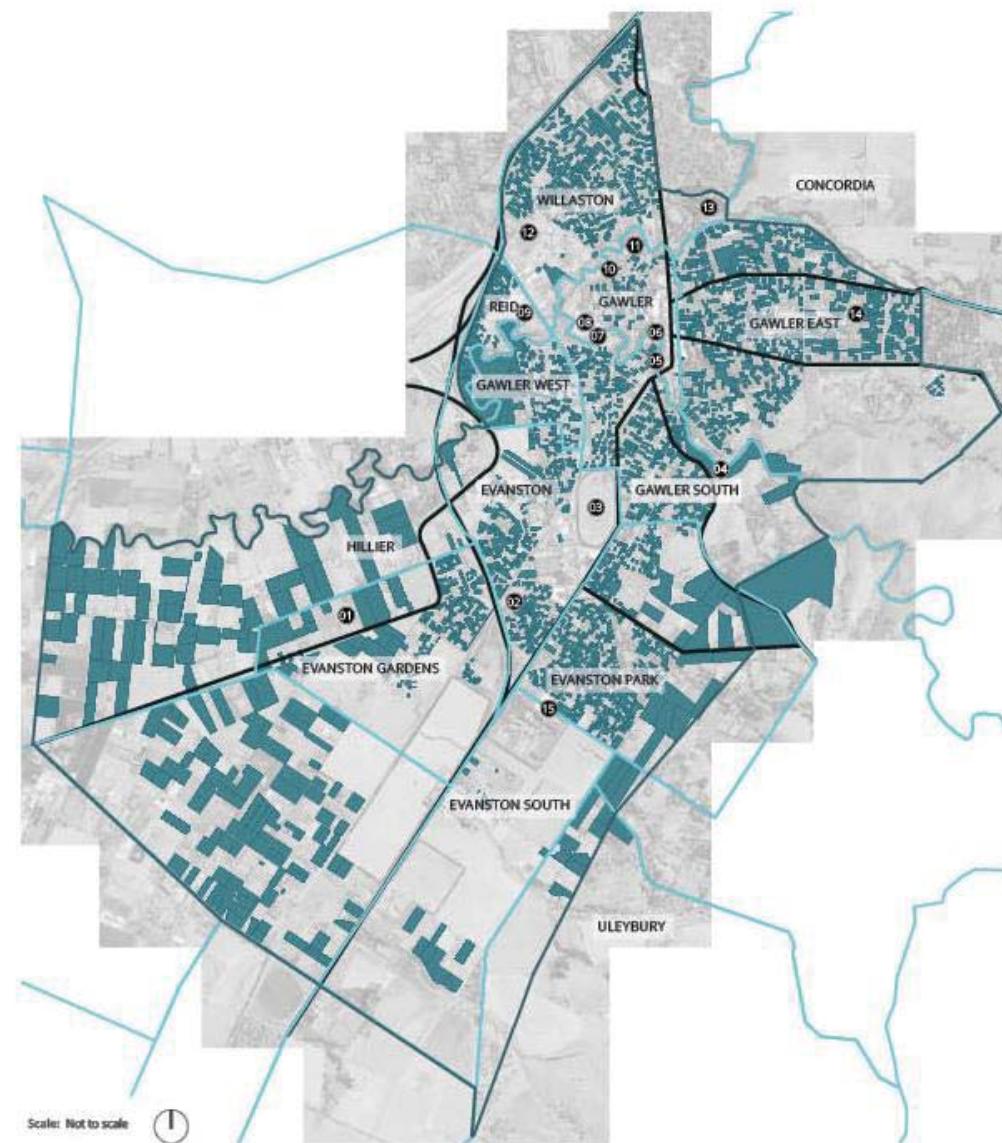
Map 3 – Registered Dogs by Suburb, 2014/15

Legend

- Town of Gawler
- Suburbs
- Home of a registered dog

Reserves

- ① Karbeethan Reserve
- ② Eldred Riggs Reserve
- ③ Race Course
- ④ Dead Man's Pass
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3. RELEVANT PLANS + STRATEGIES

Plans and strategies related to this study include:

- Gawler Community Plan, 2014-2024
- Animal Management Plan, 2014-2017
- Open Space, Sport & Recreation Plan 2025.

Gawler Community Plan 2014 – 2024

The Dogs in Gawler Study supports a number of goals and strategies in the Gawler Community Plan including:

A healthy, active, safe, engaged community

3.1 *Health and social wellbeing services in Gawler to meet the growing regional community needs*

- 3.1.2 Encourage healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing through the development and implementation of regional or local recreational and regional health plans

To respect and nurture the environment

4.3 *Protection of environmentally significant areas for native vegetation for present and future generations*

- 4.3.3 Implement Council's Animal Management Plan to encourage responsible dog ownership in order to reduce nuisance, social and environment harm

Encouraging people to walk their dogs can contribute to Council's goal of encouraging healthy and active lifestyles and community well-being. Besides the physical benefits dogs can bring to people, they can also provide a range of mental health benefits to their owners and the wider community (see section 1).

Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan 2014-2017

The Dog and Cat Management Plan acknowledges that pet ownership can provide positive benefits to human health and well-being of individuals and the wider community.

The Dogs in Gawler Study supports a number of key objectives and strategies in the Animal Management Plan including:

Objective 2.0 - Encourage responsible dog ownership

- 2.8 Investigate the feasibility of the development of a designated dog park, including cost and location and make a recommendation to Council

Objective 3.0 - Protect the community from dog attacks and dangerous dogs

- 3.1 Recommend to Council that all the Town of Gawler parks (as defined by the Act) become areas where dogs must be restrained on a leash and by exception consider some parks where dogs can be off-leash

- 3.2 Investigate the Town of Gawler local government land where and when dogs may be prohibited and make a recommendation to Council

- 3.3 Investigate advisory signage at all areas identified as dog off-leash and dog prohibited areas.

Providing dog off-leash areas is an important part of the park system, as well as the broader open space planning process. Particularly the provision of dog off-leash areas that people can walk to from home, supporting healthy and active communities.

Conflict is inevitable in public places, with different users competing for the same space, but how we manage the conflict is important. The needs of all users including dogs, their owners and non-dog owners must be taken into account in developing strategies to effectively manage dogs and people within public places.

Open Space, Sport & Recreation Plan 2025

The Open Space, Sport & Recreation Plan (Background & Directions Report) identified several issues regarding open space and management of dogs including:

Dog Parks

- Dog parks to be located in regional and district parks
- Inclusion of a fenced area for dogs to be off-leash
- Creation of dog off-leash parks usually leads to Council restricting dogs off-leash in other areas

Supporting Infrastructure

- Land around Gawler South Oval could be re-vamped for local residents' use including a dog walking facility
- Dog walking to include water spots and poo bags

Partnerships

- Council partnerships between privately owned open space, schools and other clubs and groups to use facilities (and site) after hours or on a long lease

Environmental Sensitive Areas

- Keep dogs out of conservation areas in Dead Man's Pass and Clonlea Reserve



4. CURRENT DOG MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS

There are a range of dog management provisions or options for dogs in public places within the Town of Gawler including:

- Dog on-leash areas
- Dog off-leash areas
- Dog prohibited areas (or no dogs at all).

Under the existing provisions, the Town of Gawler has a off-leash default position, which means that dogs are allowed in most parks and reserves off-leash given they are under effective control.

Dog on-leash areas (at all times)

Under this provision dogs must be on leash at all times in public places including in the public realm. Under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, dogs are required to be on-leash on all roads, footpaths, nature strips, parking areas and shopping centres.

When a dog is required to be on a leash, the leash must not exceed 2 metres in length. This is a requirement under the Dog and Cat Management Act, 1995.

However, some dogs such as:

- Dogs declared dangerous by Council
- Prescribed breeds (i.e. American Pit Bull Terrier; Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentina and Presa Canario)
- Greyhounds

must be on-leash at all times in public places including an enclosed dog park.

Dog off-leash areas (at all times)

Under this provision, dogs can be off-leash in all parks, gardens and reserves within the Town of Gawler provided they are under effective control. However, there are some exceptions to this provision i.e. children's playgrounds.

Effective control means a person exercising control of a dog by command [or cue] the dog being in close proximity to the person and the person being able to see the dog at all times (Town of Gawler Dog By-Law, No. 5, 2012, section 1).

Dog prohibited areas (no dogs at all)

Under this provision dogs are prohibited in all enclosed children's playgrounds except accredited Assistance Dogs.

Dogs are also prohibited within 3 metres of all unenclosed children's playground (Town of Gawler Dog By-Law No. 5, 2012, section 8).

Good dog etiquette

There are conditions or standards that a dog owner must follow when taking a dog out in public places including:

Whether it's an off-leash or on-leash area, dog owners must pick up and properly dispose of their pet's faeces (Town of Gawler Dog By-Law No.5).

Dog owners are also required to carry a "suitable receptacle" for picking up their dogs faeces (Town of Gawler Dog By-Law No. 5).

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

An essential element of this study was consulting with key stakeholders including Council staff, elected members and the residents of the Town of Gawler to seek their views on where and how dogs are exercised in the community.

Communities' views were also sought to guide the future planning for dogs in public places in the council area.

The process for stakeholder and community engagement included a community survey and a community session.

Community Survey

The survey was available from 19 July to 9 August 2016 on Council's website, and hard copies were distributed at the Town Hall, Visitor Information Centre, Gawler Public Libraries (i.e. Murray Street and Evanston Gardens) the Gawler Sport and Community Centre and Elderly Centre.

Survey questions were developed to gain a better understanding of the experiences and views of dog and non-dog owners in public parks and reserves within the Town of Gawler.

There were 14 questions in total, with questions 1-9 addressing dog owners and non-dog owners and questions 10 -14 addressing dog owners only.

There were 251 individual responses from the community survey. The data was collected by Council and the Consultant analysed the results and prepared a summary of the findings.

Summary of Findings

The survey findings revealed a large proportion of dog owners amongst the respondents, with the data indicating a high number of dog owners in order of significance living in the following suburbs:

- Gawler East (28%)
- Evanston Park (17%)
- Willaston (16%)
- Gawler South (13%)
- Evanston (10%).

These suburbs are the same suburbs with high numbers of dog registrations in the Town of Gawler (see section 2).

There are 5,450 registered dogs in the Town of Gawler, and of the dog owners responding to the survey this represents 4% of registered dogs.

A summary of key findings is described below.

Survey Questions (Dog owners and non-dog owners)

1. Are you male or female?

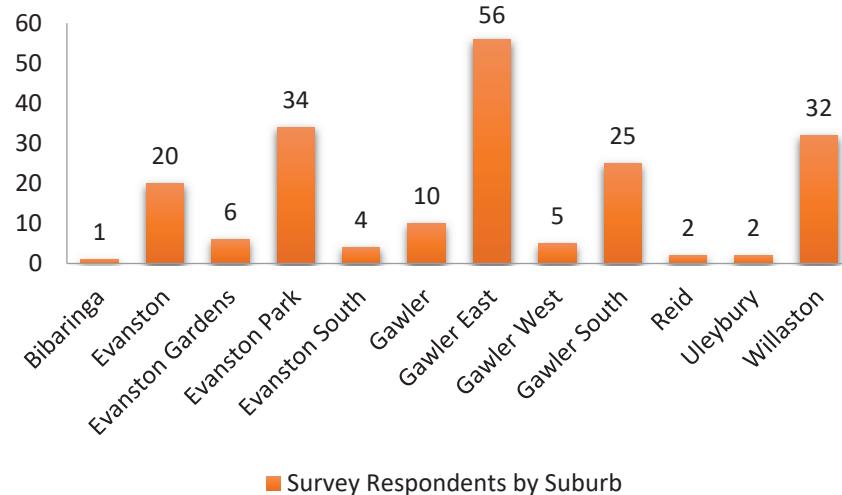
Of the total respondents, 77% were female and 23% were male.

2. What age group are you in?

Nearly two-thirds of respondents (64%) were aged between 18-49 years.

3. What suburb do you live in?

Of the respondents, 28% resided in Gawler East, 17% in Evanston Park, 16% in Willaston, 13% in Gawler South and 10% in Evanston. Respondents also came from the Light Regional Council including Hewett, Bluchfelde and Gawler Belt.



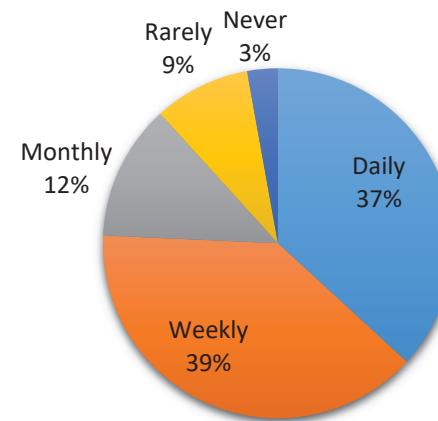
4. Do you have a dog(s)?

Of the respondents, 89% were dog owners and 11% non-dog owners.

5. How often do you use Gawler's public open spaces including parks, gardens, reserves and trails?

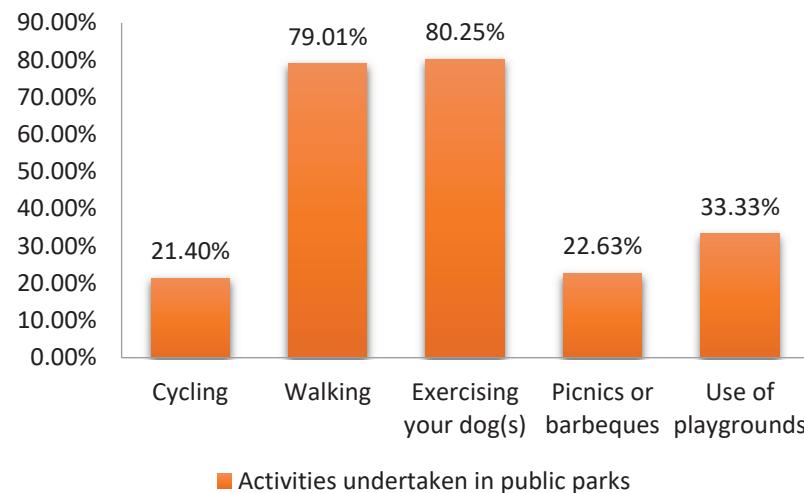
76% of the respondents use Gawler's public open spaces on a regular basis, including 37% daily and 39% weekly.

Frequency of park visits



6. What activities do you undertake in Gawler's public open spaces?

The most popular activities were exercising a dog (80%) followed closely by walking (79%).



7. Are there any specific locations in the Town of Gawler where you are concerned about dogs being off-leash? (Please specify name of reserve, park location or street address)

Of the respondents that answered this question, the key locations of concern included:

- Clonlea Reserve
- Dead Man's Pass.

The respondents also identified other public places as areas of concern including:

Children's play spaces

"Anywhere where there are children... they [dogs] might be friendly or knock a child over without meaning too."

(Respondent)

Roads and footpaths

"Mainly near any roads where they could get away from their owners or possibly be hit by a car."

(Respondent)

Skate park, bike track and public markets

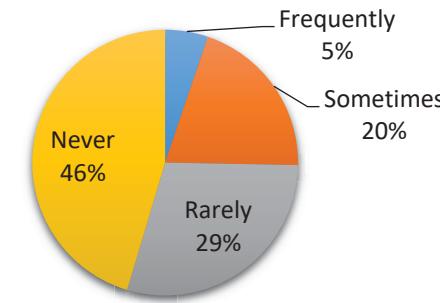
"Lions Sunday Markets where there are lots of people"

(Respondent)

8. Have you experienced any conflicts with off-leash dogs in the Town of Gawler?

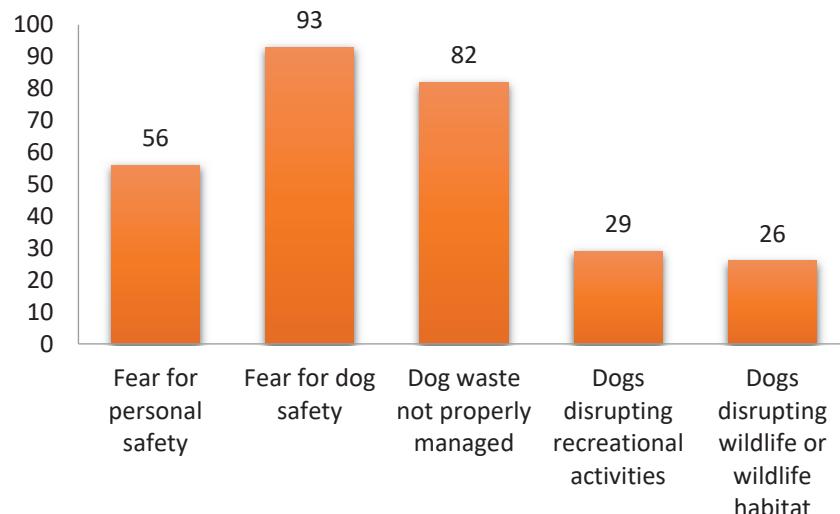
Of the total respondents, including dog owners and non-dog owners, 75% indicated that they had never or rarely experienced any conflict with off-leash dogs.

Frequency of conflicts with off-leash dogs



9. Please describe the nature of conflict with off-leash dogs

Of the respondents that experienced conflict, 93 respondents said it was related to fear for a dog's safety, 82 respondents indicated that dog waste is not properly managed, and 56 respondents stated fear for their own personal safety.



Survey Questions: Dog Owners Only

10. What areas do you currently take your dog off-leash in the Town of Gawler?

(Please specify name of reserve, park location or street address)

The most popular off-leash areas in order of frequency include:

- Dead Man's Pass
- Clonlea Reserve
- Reid Reserve
- Willaston Oval, Pioneer Park
- Princes Park, Gawler South Oval
- Apex Park, Gawler Oval, Karbeethan Reserve.

11. What do you like about these areas?

The key features the dog owners liked about these areas included:

- Large open spaces for dogs to run
- Natural environments
- Within walking distance of home
- Good walking paths & trails
- Spaces away from traffic
- Good sightlines to see other dogs coming
- Good parking
- Friendly community of people and dogs

"We're so lucky with our beautiful spots in Gawler to walk and I'm so appreciative of places that we can run our dogs off lead, provided they are good dogs."

(Respondent)

"Enough space and distance to see so if someone is coming. I have ample time to ensure my dog is under control and if he is having a bad recall day, enough time to get him back on lead before he bothers someone."

(Respondent)

12. What don't you like about these areas?

The key features the dog owners disliked about these areas included:

- Lack of poo bags and waste facilities in parks especially at entry and exit points
- Dog waste not properly discarded
- People not cleaning up after their dog
- Dogs disturbing the wildlife
- Uncontrolled dogs rushing up to other dogs
- Cyclists riding too fast on shared path and not using bell to warn pedestrians of approach
- Lack of maintenance in parks - long grass and snakes

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13. Do you take your dog(s) to designated enclosed dog parks outside of Gawler?

Of the dog owners, 58% indicated they don't visit dog parks outside Gawler, and 42% indicated they have visited dog parks in other Council areas including:

- Stebonheath Dog Park, Andrews Farm, City of Playford
- Jo Gapper Dog Park, Hillbank, City of Playford
- Pooch Park, Blake's Crossing, City of Playford
- Jack Watkins Reserve, Kilburn, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Jenkins Reserve Dog Park, Salisbury Park, City of Salisbury
- Broadview Dog Park, Broadview, City of Prospect
- North Adelaide Dog Park, North Adelaide, City of Adelaide.

14. Where do you think an enclosed dog park should be located in the Town of Gawler? Please identify 3 suitable locations for a dog park (Please specify name of reserve, park location or street address)

The top 3 responses in order of frequency included:

- Clonlea Reserve, Willaston (105 respondents)
- Dead Man's Pass, Gawler South (55 respondents)
- Goose Island, Gawler (12 respondents).

Refer to Appendix B for a list of all suggested sites for an enclosed dog park.

Community Session

The community session was held on Wednesday 17 August 2016 from 6.30pm-8.30pm at the Sport and Community Centre, Gawler. The event was attended by eighteen (18) residents with Council stakeholders also in attendance including:

- Karen Redmond, Mayor
- Henry Inat, CEO
- Jack Darzanos, Team Leader Environment and Regulatory Services
- Linda Weiss, Community Development Officer
- Anthony Charutto, General Inspector
- Debra Bartholomew, General Inspector

The event was facilitated by the consultant.

The participants worked in small groups to discuss the following questions:

- 1) What is currently working well for you regarding dogs in public places?
Explain why it works well.
- 2) What is not working well for you regarding dogs in public places? How might it work better?
- 3) What sites do you think would make a suitable location for a dog park?
Explain why the sites are suitable.

Summary of Findings

The three (3) questions have been summarized and categorised under the following themes.

Q1. What is currently working well for you regarding dogs in public places?

Off-leash areas

- It's good that most of Gawler is off-leash (default position)
- It works well at the moment, providing a variety of dog's off-leash areas including natural settings
- Under the current situation, we have a choice of on-leash and off-leash areas
- We have natural corridors and linear paths/trails to exercise dogs. The natural barriers provide a safe environment away from vehicles

Accessibility + walkability

- Under the existing situation, we can walk to off-leash areas
- Walking to parks is important for accessibility for all users

Benefits of dogs

- There are opportunities where we can make a day of it with family, friends and our pets
- It provides good opportunities for socialising with like-minded people/pet owners

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- It provides spontaneous opportunities to interact with people and children to educate about dogs, and canine knowledge for children (e.g. how to properly approach unfamiliar dogs)

Q2. What is not working well for you regarding dogs in public places? How might it work better?

Conflicts

- Push bikes and their high speed on the shared path is a problem, particularly in Dead Man's Pass

"Different users need to respect each other."

(Respondent)

- Besides dogs and their owners, families with kids on small bikes use the shared path as well

"Interaction with cyclists should be at recreation speed not road speed on the shared path."

"It's a danger, no bell, no warning."

(Respondents)

Supporting Infrastructure

- Provision of more drinking fountains for dogs, poo bags, dispensers and waste bins for disposal
- Increase the frequency of service for replacement of bags and emptying of waste bins

Responsible dog ownership

- Dogs not under effective supervision in a public park particularly dogs rushing up to unfamiliar dogs
- Lack of understanding of relevant laws and provisions for dogs in public places

**Q3. What sites do you think would make a suitable location for a dog park?
Explain why the sites would be suitable.**

The suggested locations included:

- Clonlea Park - near helipad and middle area of park, Willaston
- Goose Island, Gawler
- Elliot Gooder Memorial Park/Willaston Oval, Willaston
- Princes Park - northern, southern end and at end of the sports centre car park, where old skate ramp was located, Gawler
- Karbeethan Reserve, Evanston Gardens
- Reid Reserve, Reid
- Hemaford Grove Reserve, Gawler East

A key issue raised at the community session included:

Off-Leash Policy

There was an expressed concern that the introduction of enclosed dog parks to the Town of Gawler may lead to dog parks being the only option for dogs to exercise off-leash.

"If a dog park is the only option, this will limit choice and reduce accessibility."

(Respondent)

"If the choice is removed then [off-leash areas] will not accessible to non-driver/dog owners."

(Respondent)

Refer to Appendix C for detailed group responses.

6. KEY FINDINGS

After reviewing the relevant Town of Gawler plans and strategies regarding dog management provisions, hearing the community views and examining current research on dogs and public open space, the following key themes have been identified.

Benefits of dogs

The benefits that dogs bring to individuals and the wider community are recognised in Council's Animal Management Plan (see section 3).

Walking with a dog not only provides exercise for the dog, but also for the owner highlighting the health benefits of having a dog.

The survey findings also highlighted the benefits of dogs in:

- facilitating social interaction within the community
- providing opportunities to socialise with likeminded people
- enabling spontaneous educational interactions with adults and children on canine behaviour (e.g. how to correctly meet and greet a dog).

Off-leash areas

Council's existing off-leash position offers a range of opportunities for dogs and their owners to exercise including ovals, large open spaces, linear paths, and natural walking trails.

The distribution of off-leash areas across Gawler provides dog owners with good accessibility to parks within walking distance of where they live.

This range of off-leash opportunities and ease of accessibility are key features that dog owners liked about the existing public spaces with the Town of Gawler.

"There are large open spaces for dogs to run... good walking paths and trails, natural areas and areas with good sightlines to see other dogs coming."

(Respondent)

"Walking to parks is important for accessibility for all users."

(Respondent)

Providing a variety of off-leash experiences for dogs and their owners is an important consideration in the future planning for dogs in public places. It is important to avoid creating a situation where an enclosed dog park is the only option for off-leash exercise.

Accessibility + walkability

The popularity of dog walking is an Australian-wide trend as adults move away from structured sports to casual recreational activities (see section 1).

Dog walking is also a popular recreational activity in Gawler and dog owners are some of Gawler's most frequent park users, particularly at off-peak times they provide valuable 'eyes and ears' in parks after hours.

Dog walking encourages the development of more sustainable communities, along with healthier, active lifestyles. The development of healthy and active communities is highlighted as being important in Councils Community Plan (see section 3).

The study findings pointed out that dog owners like the existing distribution of off-leash areas, because they can walk to them rather than rely on a car for access.

Planning for accessible and evenly distributed off-leash areas is an important consideration for local councils.

Dog owners need access to safe and convenient routes to off-leash areas, particularly for those residents who don't have a car.

"If the choice is removed then [off-leash areas] will not be accessible to non-drivers/dog owners."

(Respondent)

"Restricting access to public places may disadvantage people, particularly the elderly who are less able to travel longer distances to use parks further afield."

(Jackson, p. 16)

Policy Implications

Planning for domestic dogs is becoming more important in urban areas as backyards become smaller and dog walking becomes a popular recreational activity. More pressure is placed on the provision of public places to exercise and socialise dogs.

A common issue raised at the community session focused on the development of enclosed dog parks and the possible implications on Council's broader off-leash policy.

"Are dog parks going to be the only option for dogs to exercise off-leash or will there be a range of opportunities for off-leash?"

(Respondent)

"If dog parks as the only option, this limits choice and reduces accessibility."

(Respondent)

This concern is a key policy issue that needs to be addressed by Council. As mentioned previously, the distribution of off-leash parks should enable dog owners to access parks by walking.

An enclosed dog park is just one type of off-leash area and we need to understand that dog parks are not suitable for all dogs particularly those that are anxious, fearful and elderly.

Therefore, an enclosed dog park should not be the only option for off-leash exercise.

"Need options in off-leash areas" ... A dog park may "potentially remove the choice from owners. What if my dog is not suitable for a dog park?"

(Respondent)

Conflicts

The survey found that dogs and non-dog owners rarely experienced conflict in the parks of Town of Gawler. However, while conflict was rare, the issues identified related to the behaviour of both people and dogs – not just dogs.

People behaviour

- Cyclists' high speed on the shared path was raised as a major concern particularly their lack of warning on approach, and potential risk of collision with other users including children and dogs.

Dog behaviour

- Dogs rushing-up to unfamiliar dogs in a public place was raised as a major issue. Regardless of whether a dog owner believes their dog is 'friendly or sociable' or not, it's important to respect all park users including other dogs. Not all dogs and/or people want to be greeted by unfamiliar dogs.

Conflict is inevitable in public places, with different users competing for the same space, but how we manage conflict in park settings is important. The needs of all users including dogs, their owners, and non-dog owners must be taken into account in developing strategies to effectively manage conflict in public places.

Supporting infrastructure

Supporting infrastructure for dogs and their owners was raised as a key area of concern particularly the provision of more drinking fountains, supply of poo bags and dispensers, waste bins and increased frequency of waste disposal.

"Not enough doggie bags and waste facilities in parks especially at entry and exit points."

(Respondent)

Management + enforcement

Concern was expressed for dog owners to take more responsibility for cleaning up after their dogs, keeping their dog under effective control, and for Council to better educate and enforce the rules of on-leash and off-leash areas.

"As a responsible dog owner, it is my responsibility to look after my dogs and anyone who comes in contact with them. Have been to Dead Man's Pass and enjoyed the experience. Dogs are mostly off-leash but I leash them when people come close for their peace of mind."

(Respondent)

Community education

As more people are out and about walking with their dogs in public places it's becoming more important than ever to educate the community about good dog etiquette in public places. Some suggestions for good dog etiquette included:

- Not allowing dogs to rush up to unfamiliar dogs and people
- Maintaining a reliable recall in public places including enclosed dog parks
- Understanding of current dog law and regulations.

"All should be off-leash, but owners should regularly prove they have their dogs under command, for example, each year the dogs recall and level of training are assessed."

(Respondent)



7. FRAMEWORK FOR DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

An overarching framework has been developed to guide Council's future directions regarding where dogs can be exercised on-leash, off-leash and areas where dogs are prohibited within the Town of Gawler (dogs in public places).

This strategic framework has been developed to minimise ad-hoc decisions on a park-by-park basis.

The framework comprises of:

- Guiding principles
- Dog management options
- Hierarchy of off-leash opportunities.

Guiding Principles

The guiding principles have been informed by the survey findings, council's directions in relevant strategic plans and best practice research regarding dogs and public open space (Jackson, 1995).

The guiding principles include:

- Acknowledging the positive benefits dogs bring to peoples' quality of life and to the wider community
- Recognising dog owners as a substantial group of open space users
- Recognising dogs and their owners as a diverse community group with differing needs
- Respecting the needs of all park users including dogs, their owners and non-dog owners
- Educating community on good dog etiquette in public places
- Recognising the benefits of integrating dogs, their owners with other park users.

Integrating dogs into public open spaces is the preferred model rather than separating dogs and their owners from other park users.

"Separation is warranted in some instances. However, it should not be a philosophy upon which to base an area wide strategy for dogs."

(Jackson 1995, p. 5)

The advantages and disadvantages of integration and separation of dogs in public open spaces are summarised in Table 1.



Table 1 – Advantages & Disadvantages of Separation and Integration

Separation	Integration
Separation can concentrate potential conflicts into specific areas such as enclosed dog parks	Integration promotes the benefits of dogs in public spaces including active and healthy living
Separation is not as cost effective as the integration approach i.e. a single purpose facility	Cost imperatives mean that public facilities need to accommodate multiple users rather than single purpose facilities
Separation limits the number of benefits and range of opportunities for both dogs and their owners Off-leash areas can become unavailable to those without access to a car	A more efficient and equitable distribution of resources where people can walk to a local off-leash park on a daily basis
Separation of dogs may be warranted in some instances, however, this should not be the only option for dogs and their owners	Dogs and their owners can play a role in reducing crime as workers tend to take their dogs out at off-peak hours (i.e. evening, early morning) providing valuable 'eyes & ears' in parks and reserves

(Adapted from Jackson, 1995)

Dog Management Options

There are a range of management options to consider in managing dogs in public places. These options include providing for:

On-leash areas

Under the current provisions dogs must be on-leash in the public realm including roads, footpaths, nature strips, parking areas and shopping centres

Off-leash areas

Under the current provisions dogs can be off-leash in most parks and reserves unless otherwise indicated.

Dog prohibited areas

Under the current provisions dogs are prohibited or banned from enclosed children's playgrounds and prohibited within three metres of an unenclosed children's playground.

The option to ban dogs may be appropriate for specific contexts, but should only be adopted after a comprehensive assessment of the conflicts and alternative management options.

The following questions will need to be addressed when considering this option:

- What are the existing conflicts and how are they being managed?
- Is a ban necessary?
- What is the degree of conflict?
- What are the conflicts e.g. personal or dog safety, detracting from quality of recreation activity, or inappropriate behaviour?
- Are there other ways the conflict can be better managed?
- If a ban is deemed appropriate, how will the displaced dog owners be catered for?

Time-share arrangement

This option could include allowing dogs off-leash between specific times such as: daily, weekly, monthly or seasonal. For example, a reserve, park or oval could be used for a primary specific use such as formal sports games and training, but also have a compatible secondary use such as a dog off-leash exercise area.

Different zones in one park

This could include off-leash and on-leash areas in the one park such as different zones in a large multi-purpose park. However, the delineation between the different zones would need to be very clear to all park users i.e. through the planting of a vegetation barrier, or level change to act as a significant marker.

Combination of options

A combination of options is the preferred approach to managing dogs in public places. This provides a variety of opportunities for dogs and their owners to exercise, and integrates dogs into public open places rather than separating dogs and their owners from other park users. This combination approach builds on the positive benefits of dog ownership in the community.

Combining a range of options also provides a better way to balance the interests of different users while managing the conflict. Research shows that there is considerable scope to reduce conflict and better management problems by aiming for a combination of options (Jackson, 1995).

Table 2 - Examples of dog management options

Off-leash areas	On-leash area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks that are already partially or fully fenced, have natural features that act as a safety barrier such as mounding, change in topography, hedge and mass vegetation Open space that is located at a safe distance from roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas that have a mix of active and passive activities Activities that involve motion such as skate boarding, scooters & cycling Areas near BBQ & picnic areas Areas near outdoor gyms
Time-share arrangements	Prohibited areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport ovals and restrictions apply when sport is being played or practiced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmentally sensitive areas, such as breeding habitats for birds, nesting spots, and wetlands Children's playgrounds

Hierarchy of off-leash opportunities

In the planning for dogs in public open spaces, a hierarchy of parks is needed to cater for daily, regular and occasional use (Jackson, 1995).

Daily use

- Daily use refers to local off-leash parks that are easily or safely accessed by foot

Regular use

- Regular use refers to those larger parks that maybe further away from home, but may have other features such as picnic areas and toilets. A short drive or a longer walk may be required to get to a park for regular use.

Occasional use

- Occasional use refers to 'destination' parks or possibly regional parks such as enclosed dog parks.

8. PROPOSED DIRECTIONS

After consideration of the study findings the following directions are proposed regarding where dogs can be exercised on-leash, off-leash and areas where dogs are prohibited within the Town of Gawler.

The proposed directions focus on the retention of existing provisions with some variations, and the introduction of new dog management provisions.

Retention of existing provisions

The existing provisions to be retained include:

1. Dogs on-leash at all times in the public realm including roads, footpaths, nature strips, parking areas and shopping centres
2. Dogs off-leash in all parks and reserves with a few exceptions including the current dog prohibited areas, and new provisions on the shared path and Code of Conduct - Good Dog Etiquette in Public Places
3. Dogs prohibited in all enclosed children's playground

Variation to existing provisions

The existing provision to be varied to:

4. Dogs prohibited within five metres of an unenclosed children's playground.
This is an increase from three-five metres (current rule).

New Provisions

The new provisions include:

5. Dogs are to be on-leash within five metres of a designated bikeway or shared path (sealed path)

6. Code of Conduct - Good Dog Etiquette in Public Places introduces a five-metre on-leash safety zone around the following specific activities:
 - Outdoor gym equipment
 - BBQ and picnic eating areas
 - Skate park and scooter trail.

A more detailed Code of Conduct is further explored in Appendix D.

Table 3 summarises the existing provisions and proposed changes.

Table 3 - Summary of existing provisions and proposed changes

Public Place	Existing Provision	Proposed Provision (Change or No Change)	Comment
Children's playground - Enclosed	Dogs prohibited except Accredited Assistant Dogs	No change	
Children's Playground - Unenclosed	Dogs prohibited within <u>3 metres</u> of any <u>unenclosed</u> children's playground	Change	Increase 3-metre rule to 5-metre rule
Public realm - roads, footpaths, car parks & shopping centres	On-leash	No change	
Parks & reserves	Off-leash default with few exceptions	No change	
Outdoor gym equipment	Off-leash	Change	Dogs on-leash within 5 metres – <i>Code of Conduct</i>
Wildlife & environments sensitive areas (e.g. wetlands)	Off-leash	No change	No sensitive areas or issues identified through community consultation
Sports ovals & reserves	Off-leash	Change	Dogs on-leash during formal sporting games & training - <i>Code of Conduct</i>
Designated walkway/bikeway (shared path)	Off-leash	Change	Dogs on-leash within 5 metres of, & on the designated shared path at all times
BBQ and picnic areas	Off-leash	Change	Dogs on leash within 5 metres – <i>Code of Conduct</i>
Skate park/scooter park or similar activities with motion	Off-leash	Change	Dogs on leash within 5 metres – <i>Code of Conduct</i>

RECOMMENDATIONS: DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

The recommendations are arranged under the following headings:

- Framework for dogs in public places
- Off-leash, on-leash and prohibited areas
- Communication
- Community education

Framework for dogs in public places

1. Adopt the overarching framework for dogs in public places to guide Council's future directions and decision making
2. Recognise that enclosed dog parks are only one option for off-leash exercise and a variety of off-leash experiences should be provided in the Town of Gawler

Off-leash, on-leash and prohibited areas

3. Retain the existing provision for dogs to be on-leash in the public realm (plus this is a requirement under the Dog and Cat Management Act)
4. Retain the existing distribution of off-leash parks and reserves so dog owners can walk to local parks from their home
5. Retain the existing provision for dogs to be prohibited in all enclosed children's playground
6. Vary the existing provision for dogs to be prohibited within three metres of unfenced children's playground to five metres
7. Adopt a new provision where dogs are to be on-leash within five metres of, and on the designated walkway/bikeway (shared path)
8. Introduce a new Code of Conduct for good dog etiquette in public places in particular the five-metre on-leash safety zone around outdoor gym equipment, BBQ eating areas and skate park/scooter trail.

Communication

9. Develop clear and easily accessible maps and supporting information for both residents and visitors regarding the provisions for on-on-leash, off-leash and dog prohibited areas
 - *Information could be placed on Council's website, Visitor Information Centre, Elderly Centre, Sport and Community Centre and Council libraries*
10. Develop clear information and signage to communicate the proposed changes to the community

Community education

11. Develop education programs and campaigns to promote the new code of conduct for good dog etiquette in public places



9. ENCLOSED DOG PARK

The other task of this study was to consider a suitable location for the Town of Gawler's first enclosed dog park.

Through the community engagement process numerous sites were suggested for an enclosed dog park. The sites ranged from multipurpose parks, undeveloped sites, sporting reserves to new residential estates including Aspire, Orleans Waters and Springwood Estate.

Location

The suggested locations for an enclosed dog park identified in the Town of Gawler Community Survey, 2016 in order of frequency included:

1. Clonlea Reserve, Willaston
2. Goose Island, Gawler South
3. Reid Reserve, Reid
4. Hemaford Grove Reserve, Gawler East.

Refer to Appendix B for a list of all suggested locations.

The four (4) sites have been assessed for their suitability based on the following criteria:

- Location
- Park hierarchy
- Space/ size
- Environmental sensitivity
- Access
- Parking
- Site features
- Adjacent activities
- Existing infrastructure
- Other issues.

The individual site assessments are contained in Appendix E.

From the individual assessments, Clonlea Reserve, upper section is the preferred site for Gawler's first enclosed dog park. The key features that make this park stand out from the others include:

- Off-street parking in Clonlea Reserve
- Potential for street parking bays to be expanded (i.e. Murray Road)
- Good visibility and surveillance into site from Murray Road
- Existing infrastructure within Clonlea Reserve (i.e. water and electricity)
- Co-located with other facilities
- Car and pedestrian access
- Existing mature trees on proposed site for shade
- Adequate size for an enclosed dog park.

However, confirmation will need to be sought regarding the required distance between the proposed enclosed dog park site and the helipad.

Design

The key design elements for an enclosed dog park include:

LAYOUT

Perimeter Fencing

- A 1.7-1.8 metre high chain link fence with 50mm (nominal) aperture and a top and bottom rail
- Chain link fencing type has proven effective in preventing dogs escaping over or through the fence providing it is well maintained and properly installed
- This fence type is sometimes installed with a concrete plinth providing an additional barrier to dogs escaping under the fence, and for ease of maintenance

Exit /entry gates

- Two entry/exit gates per park to minimize congestion of both people and dogs in these high traffic areas
- A separate entrance for maintenance gates suitable for light trucks for each park. The gates should be secure at all times with a Council approved lock

Double Gates

- Double-gates to act as a safety air lock to reduce dogs escaping the park. This area is a high traffic area and concrete has been specified for the ground surface as it can withstand all weather conditions, and can cope with high pedestrian traffic
- The gates are to be fitted with self-closing gates

Pathways (internal and external)

- An internal path is designed to encourage dog owners to walk with their dogs rather than stand in one place. This helps reduce congestion and the concentration of dogs in one particular location, minimising dog-to-dog conflict

Activity zones (park layout)

- Passive and active spaces or zones are designed to give dogs a range of opportunities within each area including active spaces as well as quieter ones where they can interact with their owners and/or play one-on-one with other dogs away from the more active areas

Planting

- Landscaping and plants add to the amenity of the park but it's important to ensure plants are non-toxic and non-irritating to dogs

Ground surfaces

- A combination of ground surfaces are be used to match the activity spaces (i.e. active and passive spaces) within the park (relates to park layout)

ESSENTIAL AMENITIES

- Drinking water fountains including plumbing and drainage
- These are to be located away from the entry/exit gates to minimize congestion around this high traffic area

Shade

- Existing trees to be retained where possible to provide shade to both dogs and their owners
- A shelter could be selected for use to provide shade and shelter from the elements

Seating

- Seats with backs and arm rails to be selected, and could be supplemented with informal seating in the form of rocks

Bins + Bags

- Bins are to be selected for waste management, and doggie bags and dispensers

Signage

- Signage for directions to the enclosed dog park
- Signage for park rules and good etiquette

OPTIONAL ELEMENTS

- Site lighting
- Community notice board
- Dog play equipment such as logs, tunnels, tyres, and tunnels

CONCEPT PLAN

A concept plan and probable costings have been developed for Clonlea Reserve (upper section).

Refer to Attachment for Concept Plan.

CONCLUSIONS + RECOMMENDATIONS

The Dogs in Gawler Study and Councils current Animal Management Plan has highlighted the positive benefits of dogs to an individual's quality of life and to the wider community. These benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

The integration of dogs into public places and with other park users is the preferred approach.

However, the sharing of public spaces is based on respecting all park users – including other people and dogs. It is shown that there is considerable scope to reduce conflict and better management problems by aiming for a combination of management options.

An overarching framework for dogs in public spaces has been developed based on guiding principles which set out a clear direction to inform future decision making. The principles include:

- Acknowledging the positive benefits of dogs to peoples' quality of life and to the wider community
- Recognising dog owners are a substantial group of open space users
- Recognising dogs and their owners are a diverse community group with differing needs
- Respecting the needs of all park users including dogs and their owners and non-dog owners
- Educating community on good public etiquette for and around dogs
- Recognising the benefits of integrating dog owners with other parks users.

The framework sets out a range of management options for the following situations including:

- Off-leash
- On-leash

- Dog prohibited
- Time share arrangements
- Different zones in one park.

It sets out a hierarchy for off-leash areas, including daily, regular and occasional use to ensure dog owners have walking access to a local park. This approach supports Council's agenda for a more sustainable, healthy and active community.

The framework shows that an enclosed dog park is only one option and should not be the only option for off-leash exercise as not all dogs are suitable for a dog park experience.

The recommendations have been informed by the community engagement findings, best practice research and discussion amongst the Project Team. The recommendations focus on the following areas:

- Dogs in Public Places
- Enclosed dog parks.

DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Framework for dogs in public places

1. Adopt the overarching framework for dogs in public places to guide Council's future directions and decision making (see section 7)
2. Recognise that enclosed dog parks are only one option for off-leash exercise and a variety of off-leash experiences, not only enclosed dog parks should be provided in the Town of Gawler

Off-leash, on-leash + prohibited areas

3. Retain the existing provision for dogs to be on-leash in the public realm (plus this is a requirement under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995)
4. Retain the existing distribution of off-leash parks and reserves so dog owners can walk to local parks from their home
5. Retain the existing provision for dogs to be prohibited in all enclosed children's playgrounds
6. Vary the existing provision for dogs to be prohibited within 3 metres of an unfenced children's playground by increasing the distance to 5 metres
7. Adopt a new provision where dogs are to be on-leash within 5 metres of, and on the designated walkway/bikeway (shared path)
8. Introduce a Code of Conduct for good dog etiquette in public places
9. Adopt the 5-metre on-leash safety zone around outdoor gym equipment, BBQ eating areas and skate park and scooter trail

Communication

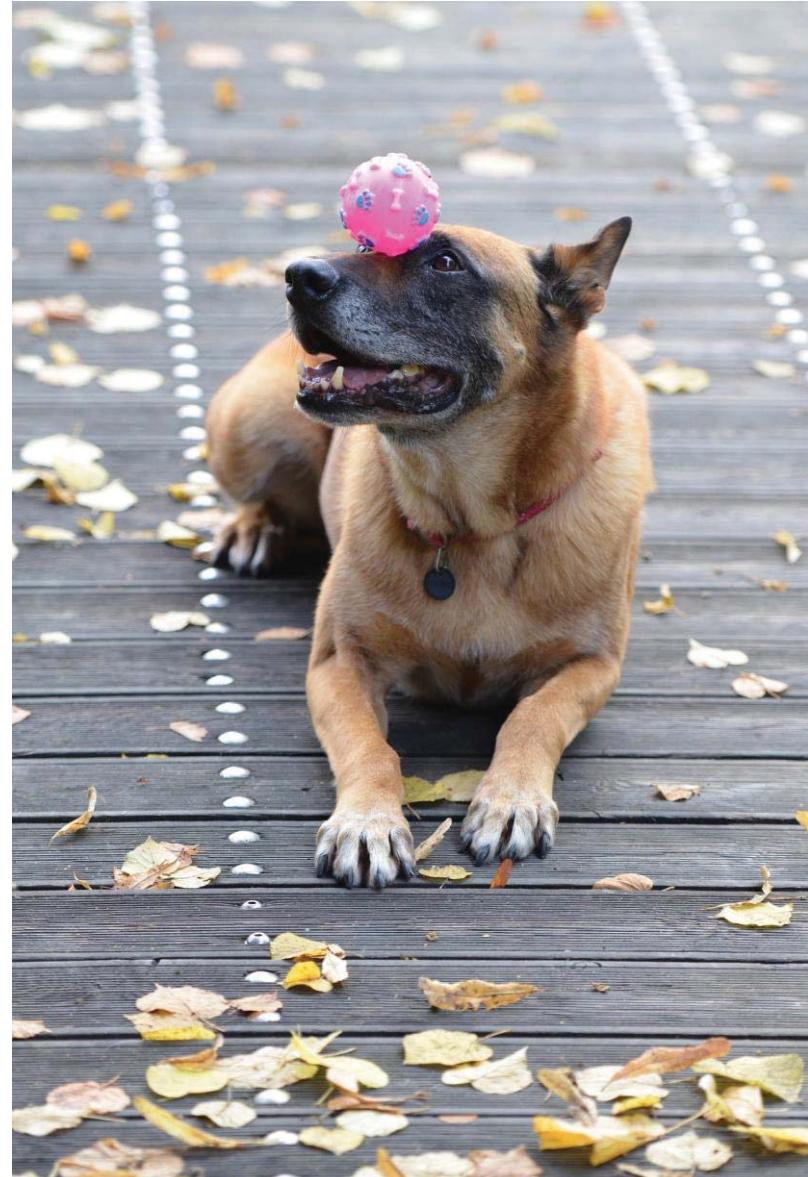
10. Develop clear and easily accessible maps and supporting information for both residents and visitors regarding the provisions for on-leash, off-leash and dog prohibited areas.
 - a. This information could be placed on Council's website, Visitor Information Centre, Elderly Centre, Sport and Community Centre and Council libraries
11. Develop clear information and signage to communicate the proposed changes to the community

Community education

12. Develop education programs and campaigns to promote the new code of conduct for good dog etiquette in public places

ENCLOSED DOG PARK

13. Endorse Clonlea Reserve (upper) as the location for Gawler's first enclosed dog park
14. Allocate a budget for the ongoing maintenance of the park
15. Develop clear rules of etiquette for the enclosed dog park. Use positive language and icons to reinforce key messages
16. Consider future enclosed dog parks in areas of need



RESOURCES

Here are some useful ideas, programs and information that could complement Council's Community Education programs for Dogs in Public Places.

The City of Calgary: Off-leash Ambassador Program

- The City of Calgary (Canada) offers free dog recall training from a certified professional dog trainer to help dog owners keep their dog under control in off-leash areas.
- This program is part of the City's Off-leash Ambassador Program in Community Standards to promote public awareness of responsible dog ownership in off-leash areas.

calgary.ca/CSPS/ABS/Pages/Volunteering/Off-leash.aspx

The Pet Professional Guild: Pet Dog Ambassador Program

- The Pet Professional Guild offers a Pet Dog Ambassador Program to teach dogs and their guardians the skills for real life settings.
- The program is provided in South Australia by various dog trainers, dog training schools and assessors.

petdogambassador.com

The Association of Pet Dog Training: Canine Life and Social Skills (C.L.A.S.S.)

- The Association of Pet Dog Training offers the Canine Life and Social Skills program for dogs and their owners in everyday training skills. The program is offered in Australia by dog trainers.

mydoghasclass.com

Dr Sophia Yin: Dog Park Etiquette: Rules to help dogs get along

- This is a free poster outlining some basic rules to keep your dog out of trouble in an enclosed dog park.
- The poster could be distributed at enclosed dog parks, made available on Council's website, or inserted with dog registration mail outs.

Info.drsophiayin.com/dog-park-etiquette-poster

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APPENDIX A

Registered Dogs by Suburb 2014/15

Suburb	Registered dogs
Evanston	531
Evanston Gardens	417
Evanston Park	1010
Evanston South	26
Gawler	114
Gawler East	1191
Gawler South	639
Gawler West	262
Hillier	91
Kudla	160
Reid	127
Uleybury	15
Willaston	867

NB: Bibaringa with 7 registered dogs has been combined with Evanston Park

Source: *Town of Gawler, 2014/15*

APPENDIX B

Suggested locations for an enclosed dog park

The specific parks and suburbs identified in the community survey are listed in importance of frequency.

Park or Location	Suburb	Park or Location	Suburb
Clonlea Reserve	Willaston	Haines Rd	Willaston
Dead Man's Pass	Gawler South	Apex Park	Gawler
Goose Island	Gawler South	Pioneer Park	Gawler
Evanston	Evanston	Showgrounds	Gawler
Reid Reserve	Reid	Willaston Football Oval	Willaston
Tingara Road	Evanston Park	Parridla Taikondi Park	Gawler South
Hemaford Grove Reserve	Hemaford Grove	Aspire Estate	Springwood
Willaston	Willaston	Orleana Waters	Orleana Waters
Springwood Estate	Gawler East	Henry Chenoweth Reserve	Gawler
Princes Park	Gawler	Krieg Road Reserve	Evanston Park
Karbeethan Reserve	Evanston Gardens	Gawler East Reserve	Gawler East

No additional sites for assessment were identified by the Project Group.

Source: *Town of Gawler Community Survey, 2016*

APPENDIX C

Detailed Group Responses, Community Session

Detailed group conversations on each of the 3 questions have been categorised under key themes.

Q1. What is currently working well for you regarding dogs in public places?

Existing Off-leash provisions

- Good that most of Gawler is off-leash (default position)
- It works well at moment, able to go with dog's off-leash to a variety of areas

Accessibility

- Can walk to off-leash areas
- Walking to parks is important for accessibility for all users

Choices are good

- Provides a choice of on-leash and off-leash areas

Positive benefits

- Opportunities where we can make a day of it with family, friends and our pets
- Provides good opportunities for socialising with like-minded people/pet owners
- Interaction with familiar people and their dogs
- Interaction with people and children, and provides opportunities for education and canine knowledge for children
- Both owners and dogs need to exercise

Natural settings

- Provides natural corridors and linear paths/trails
- Natural and safe
- Ability to run dogs in a natural environment

Q2. What is not working well for you regarding dogs in public places? How might it work better?

Lack of options

- Dog park as only option, limits choice and reduces accessibility
- A dog park should complement what we already have – not take away off-leash areas. Need to continue with the current default position
- Need choices in off-leash areas. Should not be confined to one choice – the enclosed dog park
- There is a risk of future councils using dog enclosures as a reason/excuse to make the existing parks on-leash
- Not having options or choices other than to run dogs in an enclosed dog park. This potentially removes the choice from owners. What if my dog is not suitable for a dog park?
- My greatest concern is that there is an inference that when a dog park is established, then restrictions will be placed on other areas (i.e. Dead Man's Pass)
- An enclosed dog park not to take away from current popular recreational space e.g. Dead Man's Pass
- Keep Gawler off-leash

Accessibility

- Existing distribution of parks across Gawler makes it accessible to more people – who can walk to their local park, rather than drive
- If choice is removed (i.e. one centralised park) then not accessible to non-drivers/dog owners
- Accessibility of parks by walking to be remained

Conflict with other users

- Pushbikes and their high speed on shared path is a problem in Dead Man's Pass.
- Some motorised bikes on shared path

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- Interaction with cyclists, bikes should be at recreation speed not road speed on shared path “thought of by some as a cycling path, but it’s a recreation path”
- It’s about different users respecting each other
- Families and kids on small bikes use the path as well
- Community education for cyclists regarding the high speed & high risk to other users

Time-share

- Time-share arrangement may be applicable with regards to cyclists. But would this work in Gawler?
- Time-share arrangement at Dead Man’s Pass e.g. times in morning and afternoon
- Time-share may be applicable across the area
- Time-share, resource implication

Supporting Infrastructure

- Lack of drinking fountains for dogs
- Dog tidy bins – bags but there are no bins for disposal
- More frequency of service of bag dispensers and bins
- Dog poo and provision of bins at Clonlea Park
- Ensure there is enough poop bags and bins

Inappropriate behaviour (dogs and guardians)

- Dogs not under effective control, they need to be in a public park
- Dog owners [some] do not appear to care about their dogs
- Inappropriate rushing up to other dogs and people
- Dogs need to be under effective control
- Need better dog control
- Dogs not trained

Community education

- Lack of education and common sense
- People being scared and unsure of dogs (e.g. large breeds)
- Educate the cyclist regarding high speed & potential risks on shared path

- Need community education regarding common sense manners in public places

Signage

- Clear signage

Understanding of current dog laws, provisions

- Dog owners do not understand the law, understanding of current policy
- Without regulations people aren’t using common sense at all times
- Resistance to change and lack of understanding regarding regulations

Responsible dog guardianship

- Responsible dog ownership, awareness and recognition
- All dogs to be trained (Dog and Cat Management Board and Council)
- Make dog training accessible to all, council to provide incentives for dog training

Other

- Other people letting you know where aggressive dogs are
- Places where some people visit with their dogs include: Essex, a tranquil spot; Hallam Drive and river; Riverview Drive, Light Corner & walking trail; Reid Reserve
- Dog park proposal means an assumption that something is not working, an assumption that something needs to be done
- It’s not the dogs, it’s the bike rider
- My greatest concern is that there is an inference that when a dog park is established, then restrictions will be placed on other areas (i.e. Dead Man’s Pass)
- I have no objection to the building of a dog park as long as the status quo remains in the parks, as is at the present time

Specific parks & reserves

Dead Man’s Pass

- Works well as an off-leash area
- Provides access to water, open space and off-leash area

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- Safe area because of its natural enclosure away from cars
- Good water spot for dogs
- 30-40 users go to area in morning
- Time share arrangement at Dead Man's pass e.g. morning and afternoon
- Remain as an off-leash area
- New river path, undulating, & prevents good recall, owners can lose sight of dog
- Snakes in area

Clonlea Park

- A good multi-purpose park and potentially good spot for a dog park. It already includes play space, skate park etc.

Q3. What sites do you think would make a suitable location for a dog park?

Explain why the sites would be suitable.

Suitable sites for an enclosed dog park include:

- Clonlea Park, near helipad and middle area of park (identified on a separate map). This is a multi-purpose site has off-street parking. Issue raised regarding parking when gates close at sunset.
- Goose Island, an underutilised space, it's a centralised space
- Elliot Gooder Memorial Park/Willaston Oval
- Princess Park (southern end), at the end of the sports centre car park (where old skate ramp was located). This is a flat space, has natural surveillance and car parking
- Princess Park (northern end)
- Karbeethan Reserve
- Read Reserve
- Hemaford Grove Reserve

Unsuitable sites for an enclosed dog park include:

- Clonlea Park
- Dead Man's Pass

Feedback was also received in relation to **Enclosed Dog Parks**.

Location considerations

- Consider wildlife
- Should be flat
- Well lit
- Car parking, easily accessible and nearby
- Visual (natural surveillance)
- Located in residential area

Design considerations

- Offer a natural enclosure/amphitheatre rather than fencing
- Adequate seating and shelter
- Adequate and accessible parking
- Drainage around perimeter – muddy mess noticed in other dog parks
- Height of tops of levels controlling the gate (4 foot or so is adequate)
- Paint tops of gate openings white so easily seen to locate
- Maintenance of park

Dog behaviour

- Not all dogs are suitable for a dog park
- You see that dogs rush you at the gate
- In a dog park you still need people to supervise their dogs and stay connected at all times
- Need some protocols around dog park behaviour

APPENDIX D

Code of Conduct – Good Dog Etiquette in Public Places

- Keep your dog on-leash at community events
- Keep your dog on-leash when near and passing unfamiliar dogs, and other animals
- Keep your dog on-leash when passing unfamiliar people, in particular children
- Keep your dog close to you so it does not sniff out and flush out nesting birds
- Make sure your dog doesn't disturb any wildlife (i.e., koalas)
- Keep your dog on-leash if you cannot supervise the dog effectively in a public place i.e. if the owner/handler cannot call their dog back to them within 2-3 seconds in a public place. Train your dog to always come back when called – a reliable recall
- Keep your dog on-leash when formal, organised sport is being played or in training
- Don't approach a dog in a public unless you have permission from the owner/handler first
- Supervise children around dogs at all times. Uncontrolled and unsupervised children can be an issue in off-leash areas including enclosed dog parks
- Never let your dog out of sight when on a walk
- Keep your dog on-leash if you can't see what is coming ahead

Source: *Balancing Act Adelaide, 2016*

APPENDIX E

Assessment of Individual Parks

SITE 1 - CLONLEA RESERVE, MURRAY ROAD (UPPER SECTION OF RESERVE, NEAR HELIPAD) WILLASTON

Categories	Assessment
Park Hierarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classified as a District Park in the Town of Gawler Open Space, Sport & Recreation Plan 2025
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed site is part of an existing multipurpose park including a youth precinct comprising of a skate park & scooter trail, children's playground (unfenced), tennis courts, BBQ & picnic areas, toilets, shared path, grassed and bushland areas Located on the upper section of Clonlea Reserve, north of the helipad Site visible from Murray Road (i.e. not an isolated site) Housing on western side of Murray Road Proposed site is approx. 1 km from the Town Centre Proposed site has good flow through for circulation and location of entry/exit gates
Space/size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonable space for a good sized dog park
Environmental Sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant environmental issues identified by Council staff
Access: Car + Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car access to the site is predominately via Murray Road Pedestrians can access the site from the existing shared path within Clonlea Reserve or via footpath on Murray Road An enclosed dog park is likely to increase traffic on Murray Road given 68% of people drive to dog parks in South Australia (University of Adelaide, n.d.)
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-street parking is provided in the lower section of Clonlea Reserve. The park gates are opened at sunrise & closed at sunset, thus dog park visitors outside these times would likely park on Murray Road There are approx. five (5) existing parking bays located on the eastern side of Murray Road. Additional parking bays may need to be considered depending on dog park visitor usage

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Site Features: Character + quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some mature trees on site towards the northern end which provide good shade• Relatively flat site
Adjacent Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The upper section of Clonlea Reserve accommodates a Helipad (southern end) and a shared path (pedestrian and bikes)
Existing Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clonlea Reserve accommodates public toilets and off-street parking (lower section)• Water within the reserve (drinking and bore water)• Electricity on the reserve
Site readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council owned land
Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helicopter flightpath is from east to west as shown in Council's DA (information supplied by Council)• Council may need to clarify with CASA the specific requirements regarding a development near a helipad (i.e. required distance)• Located near the suburb of Hewett

SITE 2 - CLONLEA RESERVE – MURRAY ROAD (BOTTOM SECTION, NEAR FORD) WILLASTON

Categories	Assessment
Park Hierarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classified as a District Park in the Town of Gawler Open Space, Sport & Recreation Plan 2025
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed site is part of an existing multi-purpose park including skate park, children's playground, tennis court, BBQ & picnic areas. Located in the bottom section of Clonlea Reserve Site not visible from Murray Road and located at back of park Access to the proposed site is via the road near BBQ, picnic area & children's playground areas
Space/size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller space than Clonlea Reserve (upper section) with limited flow through for pedestrian circulation and this limits the location and number of the entry/exit points to a dog park
Environmental Sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No information provided by Council staff
Access: Car + Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles can access the proposed site from within Clonlea Reserve (off-street parking) Proposed site could clutter the near-by internal road with visitors getting in and out of cars with dogs Pedestrians can access the proposed site from the designated shared path within Clonlea Reserve
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-street parking is provided in Clonlea Reserve. The park gates are opened at sunrise & closed at sunset.
Site Features: Character + quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undeveloped site with undulating land No existing trees for shade
Adjacent Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clonlea Reserve is a multi-use park containing: BBQ area, eating area, children's play space, skate park, junior scooter trail and tennis courts on the lower section of the Reserve
Existing Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clonlea Reserve contains public toilets (located near the car park), off street parking, water & electricity infrastructure & a designated shared path (cyclists & pedestrian)
Site readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council owned land

Other Issues

SITE 3 - HEMAFORD GROVE RESERVE, HEMAFORD GROVE, GAWLER EAST

Categories	Assessment
Park Hierarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classified as a neighbourhood park in the Town of Gawler Open Space, Sport & Recreational Plan 2025
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unused site, an old sportsground Located on Hemaford Grove Highly visible from local streets
Space/size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large space for an enclosed dog park
Environmental Sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No information provided by Council staff
Access: Car + Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to the site is via Hemaford Grove or Paringa St
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No existing off-street parking Parking would need to be accommodated on local streets. Wide verge (eastern side) of Hemaford Grove that could potentially accommodate parking
Site Features: Character + quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature trees along perimeter of site Relatively flat land
Adjacent Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surrounded by residential housing Eastern boundary of site backs onto homes Unfenced children's playground and picnic tables at northern end of reserve
Existing Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water infrastructure on site
Site readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council owned land
Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to new residential development of Springwood

SITE 4 - GOOSE ISLAND, EIGHTH STREET, GAWLER SOUTH

Categories	Assessment
Park Hierarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classified as Regional Park in the Open Space, Sport & Recreational Plan 2025
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central area of Gawler
Space/size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large area for an enclosed dog park
Environmental Sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No information provided by Council staff
Access: Car + Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car access via local cul-de-sac or pedestrian access via bridge
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car access via Eight Street, a local street ending in a cul-de-sac Parking on nearby main road (i.e. Whitelaw Tce.) and this is a busy road for dog owners to get dogs in and out of the car
Site Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undeveloped site Walkway through site
Character + quality	
Adjacent Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential and commercial
Existing Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity on site
Site readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council owned land
Other Issues	

SITE 5 - REID RESERVE, CHIGNELL CIRCUIT, REID

Categories	Assessment
Park Hierarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classified as a Regional Park in the Open Space, Sport & Recreational Plan 2025
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open site Isolated site
Space/size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large area for an enclosed dog park
Environmental Sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No information provided by Council staff
Access: Car + pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car access by local road, Chignell Circuit Pedestrian access
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No off-street parking Potential parking issues in local streets if no designated off-street parking is available 68% of people drive to a dog park (University of Adelaide n.d.) therefore parking is an important element for consideration in developing a dog park
Site Features: Character + quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undeveloped site
Adjacent Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open space
Existing Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No existing infrastructure on site
Site readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council owned land
Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified as a potential dog park site in Open Space, Sport & Recreational Plan. Not a good site at this stage due to the isolated nature of the site, and parking issues

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**Notes**

Adelaide Road and Fifth Street Playground – Dogs Prohibited
(Except an accredited assistance Dog - On leash)

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Apex Park South of Bridge - Off Leash

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Apex Park – Timed Shared Use

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Notes

Bacton Street Playground – Off Leash except for playground

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Barossa Valley Highway to Calton Road – Off leash

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Bentley Road – Off-Leash

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Brigalo Street Reserve – Off Leash except within 3m of playground

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**Notes**

Cheek Avenue and Berrett Road – Off Leash

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Notes

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Coleman Parade and Sheriff Street – Off Leash

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Notes

Coleman Pde and Withers Cct – Off Leash except for playground

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**Notes**

Coleman Parade and Potts Road – Off Leash
and Field Court

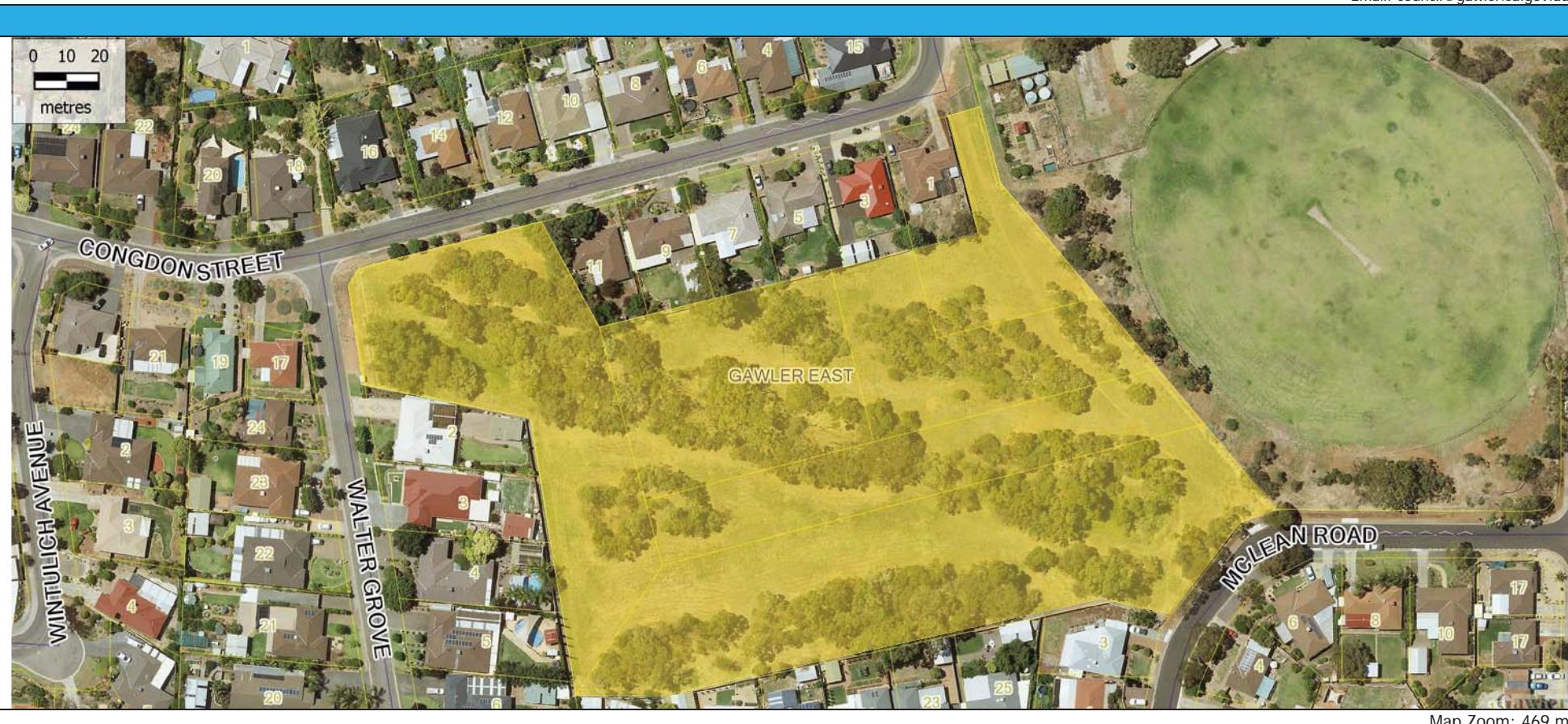
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Notes

Conqdon Street and McLean Road Reserve – Timed shared use

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Dawson Road reserve – Off-leash

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Notes

Dead Man's Pass – Timed shared use

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**Notes**

Elliot Goodger Memorial Park – Willaston Oval – On Leash
Dog Obedience Club Oval – Off leash

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Notes

Essex Park and Linear Reserve Walking and Cycling Trails – Timed shared use

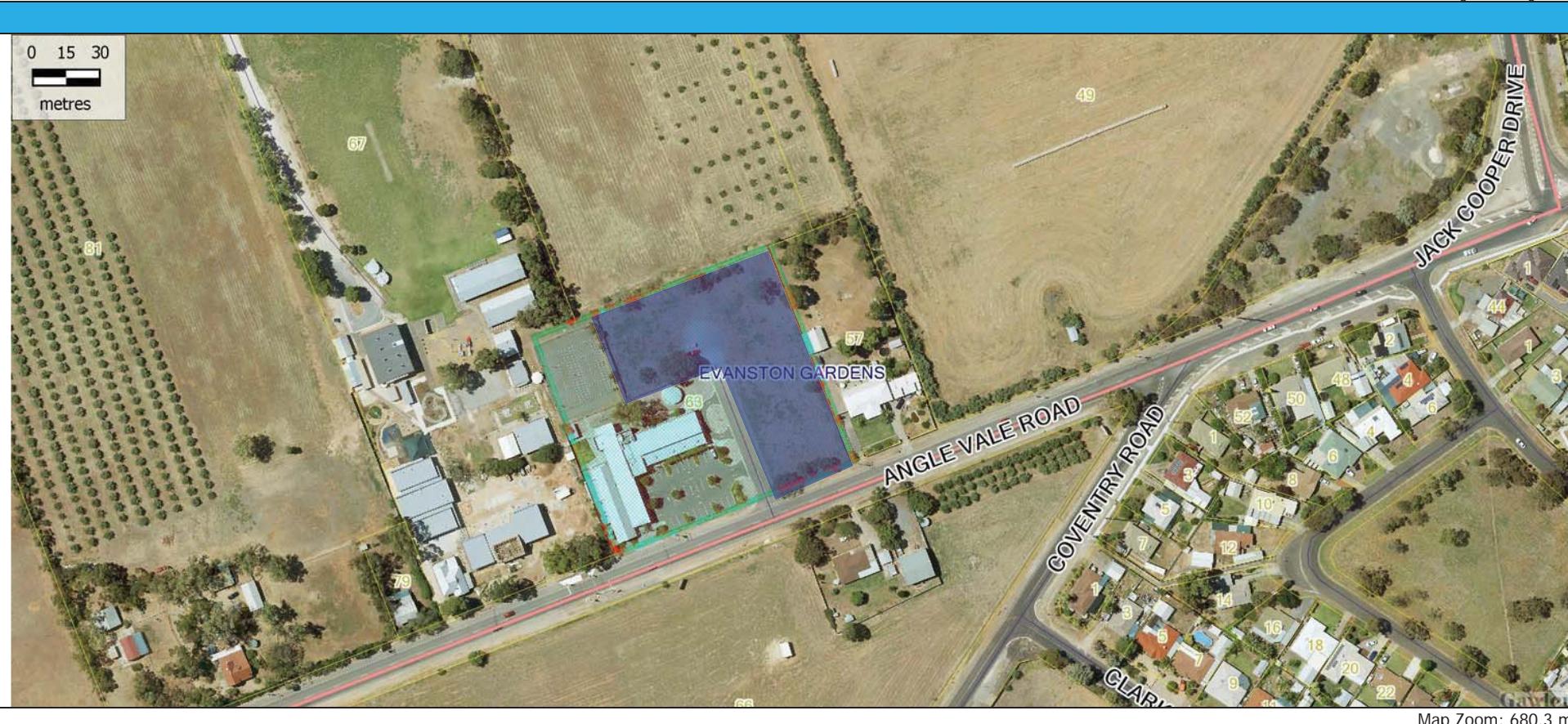
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Evanston Gardens Community Centre – Adjacent Land – Off-Leash

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Gawler South – On Leash

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Gleeson Grove and Greening Drive – Off Leash

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Goose Island – Off Leash

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**Notes**

Gosford Street and Para Para Close – Timed shared use

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Notes

Haines Road Reserve – Timed shared use

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Hemaford Grove – Off Leash
No dogs permitted in Playground.

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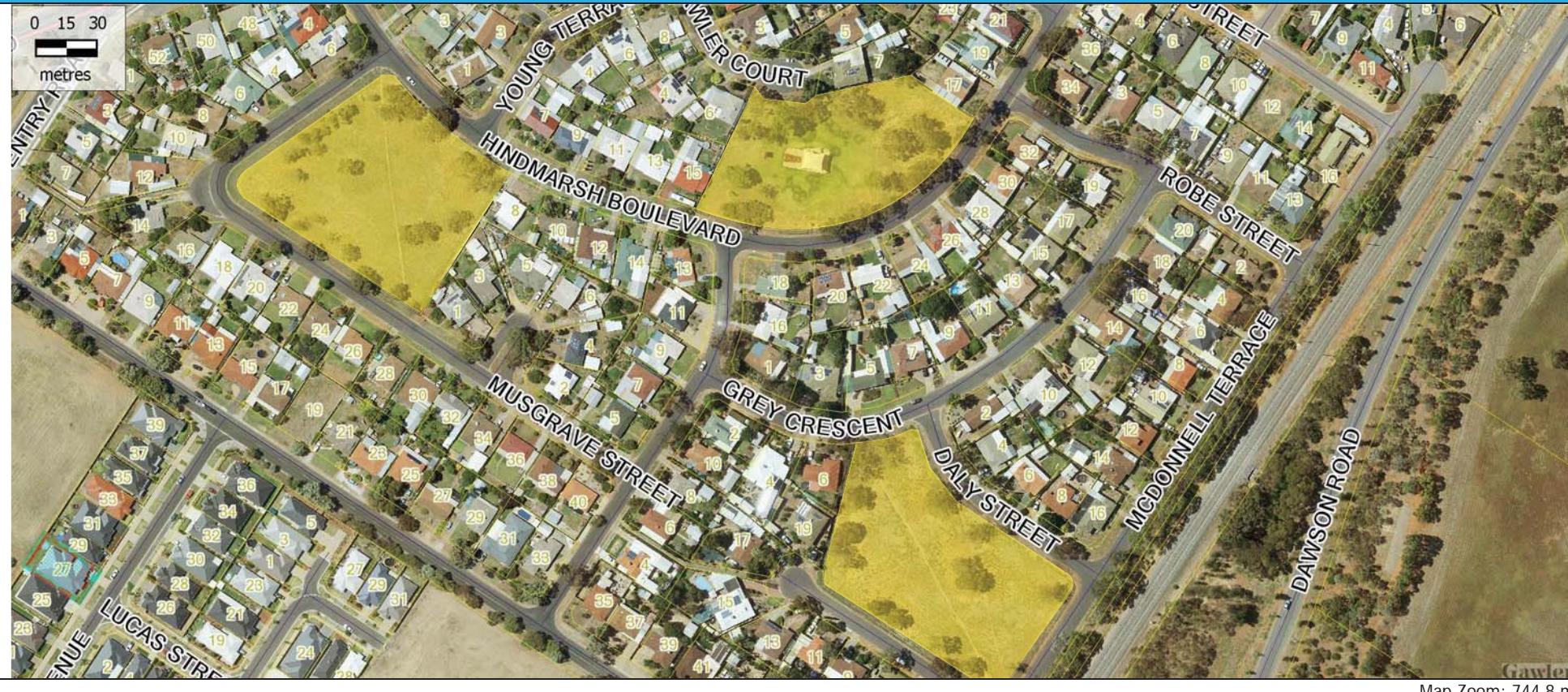
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Notes

Hindmarsh Boulevard and Daly Street – Timed shared use

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Karbeethan Reserve – Timed shared use

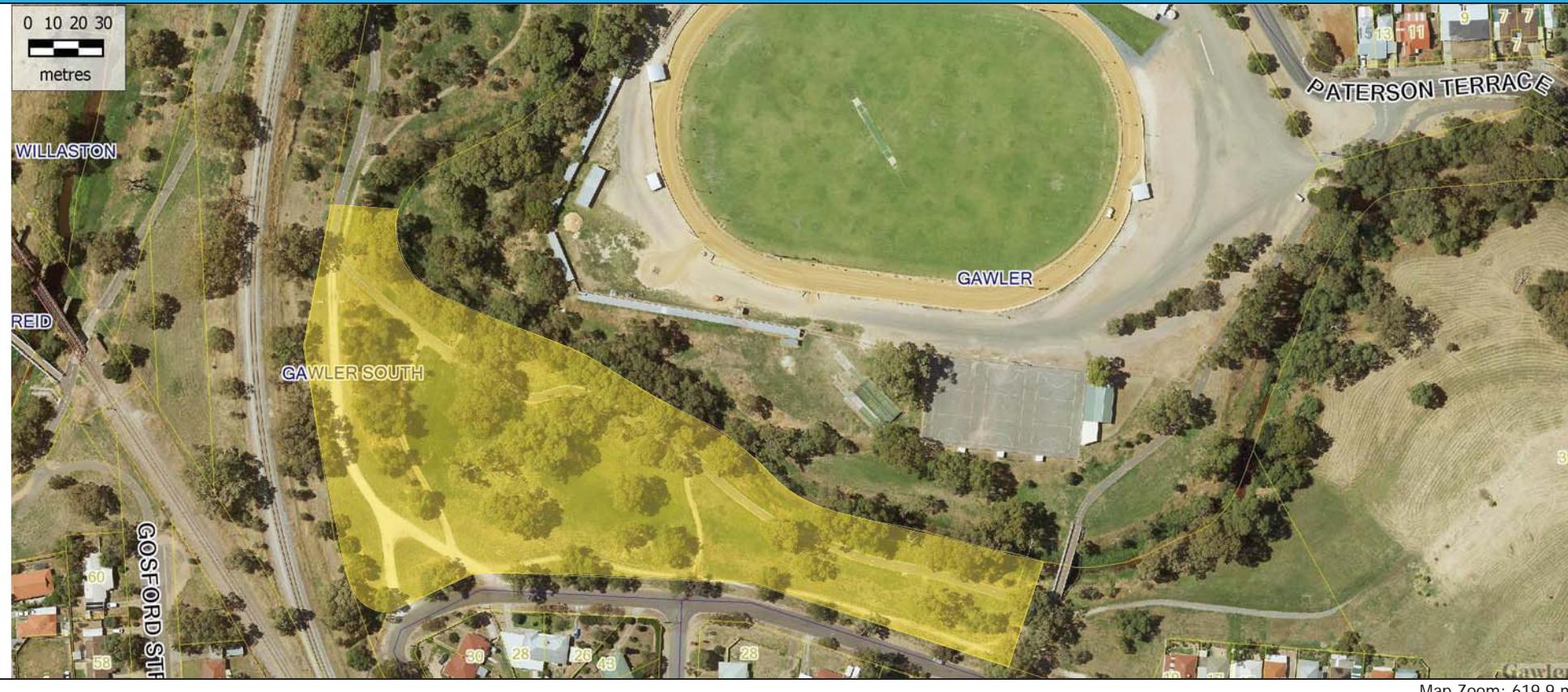
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Lawrence Avenue Reserve – Timed shared use

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Main North Road – Off Leash

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Pioneer Park – Timed shared use

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Powell Drive Reserve – Off Leash

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Notes

Redbanks Road Playground – On leash

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Reid Reserve – On and Off Leash areas as designated

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Seymour Ave – Orleans Waters – On leash

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Showgrounds / Princes Park – Off-leash unless being used for organised sport or recreation.

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Notes

Sixteenth Street and Rice Ave – Off Leash

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Notes

Sunnyside Drive – Off Leash except if sport is being conducted on oval

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ATTACHMENT 3

"Your Voice Gawler" Submissions

Consultation	
Name	Content
Jasmine Szczurko	<p>I agree with the majority of these areas - however I believe that Dead Mans Pass should remain as an 'under effective control area' as the persons that take their dogs there are very respectful and responsible. I don't believe that dogs being off leash in this area cause significant damage to the landscapes. I would however suggest some more bins in this area and signage during snake season. A timed/push activate tap to be used for dogs to drink from, as the area is fine when there is water flowing, but during the summer months there is no drinking water for animals. The inclusion of these taps and drinking facilities would also be of benefit to any wild animals in the area.</p> <p>I note that the park off of Braeview Circuit is not even listed on your maps/information. I would hope that this area will remain an off leash area as that's what it will certainly continue to be used for. Again it would be nice to have a bin installed in this area and perhaps a timed/push activate tap to be used for dogs to drink from.</p>
Yvonne McGrath	<p>I would not attended a fully enclosed dog park for they are dangerous because people feel they can let their dogs in there and they can do what they want. There are people who don't watch their dogs they sit around talking ect and the dog can do what it likes. Also got to say upset about Clonlea Park being on leash I understand around the play ground but the other circuit we normally do I feel should be off leash.</p>
Donna King	<p>I have lived in other areas where there were times dogs could be off a leash 7pm-8am</p> <p>You are giving us hardly any places our dogs can walk off a leash</p> <p>No wonder dogs are more aggressive now</p> <p>My dogs are important to me and I will be looking to move to an area that respects dog owners and gives us some freedom not controls every move</p>
Craig Taylor	<p>I live in Hewett and take my dogs to Clonlea reserve a few times a week, they are large dogs that use a large area to run around ie throwing them a frizbee, balls etc and also love jumping into the river to cool off. all these activity's cant happen if they cant be off leash. it will be very disappointing to see this change happen as on any given day you will see dogs off leash having fun with there owners.</p> <p>Regards Craig</p>
DeAnne Ahrns	<p>I dont agree with on off leash policy. As a dog owner and I walked my 2 dogs everyday. But cannot go down to dead mans pass which we love but my dogs get so scared when another dog approach them off a leash.. In all the cases my dogs have tried to run away. No owner really knows how there dog will react when another dog scares them. I just want to enjoy my walk and know my dogs will be safe.</p>
phil marsden	<p>As we reside in Seventh St., we use Dead Man's Pass as an area to walk our dogs on a daily basis. We have been utilising this are since 1989 with very few incidents that we have been involved with or witnessed. The overwhelming majority of people who walk their dogs in this area are both responsible, considerate and mindful of non dog walkers who also use this area. All regular dog walkers know their dogs well and as evidenced by the act of daily walks, they regard the health and well being of their dogs highly. Any problems I and fellow regular walkers have witnessed are generally on weekends where the "once a weekers", who may not know their dog as intimately, decide to let them off leash and don't have proper control of a dog which is quite often not socialised. These dogs that cause trouble are more often than not never sighted again which may indicate that they are visitors to the area or local owners that have made a single attempt to walk their dog, been unsuccessful and not bothered again.</p> <p>In light of this, I would suggest that dogs are allowed off leash during the week but on leash on weekends. This would make sense from the point of view of families, who are most likely to use this area for picnics/social get togethers etc, on a weekend. Another suggestion would be to allow dogs off leash at certain times ie before 9am and after 6am with the times being fluid as the seasons dictate. This would seem to be a good compromise if the weekday/weekend proposal is not possible.</p>

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Richard Milner	<p>I believe it is important to allow dogs freedom to socialise off leash in an open environment otherwise the numbers of dangerous dogs will increase. Accordingly restricting off leash areas to a few small areas is not a good idea.</p> <p>Please leave many off leash areas.</p>
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Howard Davies	<p>The proposal and its lack of openness is bureaucratic and undemocratic. As elected representatives, the council should reconsider what elected local council representation means and endeavour to learn what people concerned with the issue really desire.</p> <p>I would like rate paying dog owners and non-owners within the Gawler Council precinct asked their opinion about blanket and compulsory leashing of dogs, as well as the flagged proposal to have a dog fence area. I wonder if our dog registration fee is proposed to fund such a construction, or all ratepayers? What do dog owners get for their annual registration fees? Is it vindictive leash rules that require financed policing? If a dog is microchipped and resides at a residence why the compulsion to pay a registration fee at all?</p> <p>Asking ratepayers their opinion about leashing dogs is not very hard. Such questions can be put in the same envelopes as the rates notices. Then every rate has a chance to consider an opinion and give it.</p> <p>People I observe walking dogs without leashes do so predominantly before 7am. They belong to a social network of happy and healthy community. They patrol the parks as it were by looking out for each other and reporting untoward activity like dumping, vandalism and itinerant camping.</p> <p>The obscurity and difficulty managing this "have your say" box on the council website is surreptitious and closeted. It is a parody of democratic process. It is designed to frustrate and fatigue attention and submitting. If this is an example of local government we are better of dealing directly with bureaucrats because a say, even if unsuccessful is more direct.</p>
Chris Tuckwell	<p>Re: Dog On/Off leash areas in particular the area of Clonlea Reserve that is enclosed on the West and North by the North Para River, on the South by Mcghan Crescent and on the East by the Clonlea Reserve Eastern boundary.</p> <p>The area described appears to be highlighted by a red dot (on leash) although there is a blue dot (off leash) on the norther boundary of the area described.</p> <p>The area I have described is used by many to allow their dogs to run freely without a leash in an area used predominantly by people exercising their dogs. Few people use the area for walking or running and those who do are used to seeing the dogs run free and are unaffected by them.</p> <p>Personally I have been walking my dog(s) in the area for almost 30 years. I 'walk' my dog almost every week day morning between 6 and 7 am and regularly meet other dog owners who do the same. The area described is the only local area that allows dogs to run unrestricted in a naturally wooded area but confined area, while socialising with other dogs.</p> <p>There are many other areas in the district that allow people to walk, run and ride. The Gawler bike/walking tracks that extend through very picturesque ares of the north para river and Gawler township are examples.</p> <p>I implore the council to designate the area of Clonlea Reserve I have described above an 'Off Leash' area for dogs in the interests of community harmony and support, to allay community concerns and meet community aspirations.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>

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Dick Milner	I must protest the virtual elimination pof off leash ares for dogs in Gawler. It is essential for the psychological well being of a dog that it be allowed to socialise with its peers in a free environment, which is not possible in the enclosed environment of a dog park or on the leash. Your proposed plan will lead to many potentially aggressive dogs in the local area. My Labradors love to swim and you are also proposing to disallow them this pleasure.
Rick Drever	We write in relation to the issue of dog walking in Dead Man's Pass on and off leash. On behalf of my partner Sally, and many of our "doggie walking " friends we request that the present status quo position remains at DM'SP and that dogs can be walked throughout DM'SP of the leash. Over the years there have been very few incidences of trouble being caused by unleashed dogs. The major danger to users of DM'SP come from irresponsible bike riders travelling too fast and without bells to warn walkers of the presence, in this shared area. A change to the present policy would result in many older local residents no longer using the area to receive valuable healthy exercise and important social interaction with each other. There is no good or sound reason for changing the existing policy and if the policy were to be altered to leash on dog walking in DM'sP only, it would be virtually impossible to control and police. Leave the dog walking policy in DM'sP alone.
Jo Letchford	I think Dead Man's Pass is a great place to have our dogs off leash! I have not encountered any irresponsible owners or aggressive dogs here. It would be a real shame to have to have my dog on the lead here. He loves to run across the feild and play in the creek when it's flowing.
Lindsay Jackson	Whilst I believe that some areas need to be Leash on areas, there are some areas that I believe that should not have a Leash on restriction. Dead Man's Pass is one such area - it should remain an area where Leash off is is permitted. My family have used Dead Man's Pass for many years as a area where we (along with many other dog owners) have allowed our dogs to be off leash. I have never seen or heard of situations where this has caused an issue. My observation is that people who walk their dogs in Dead Man's Pass are responsible dog owners, and if there is a need to have their dogs on a leash, then they will do that. Dead Man's Pass is a wonderful semi natural environment where dog owners should continue to retain the choice of allowing their dogs to be Leash off if they wish.
Philip Hoogenhout	I believe that all public parks should be off leash areas for dogs at all times. I have been living in the Gawler area for 18 years and have always walked my dog off lead and have never had any issues with my dog or other dogs we have come into contact with.
Kerry Walker	I would like to make two comments regarding Clonlea Park and Dead Man's Pass. I regularly walk my dog in the 'back' part of Clonlea Park. In all the years I have been walking there would have been less than half a dozen times when I have met someone without a dog. Even with the dog park located close by I don't understand why the area across the ford should not be an off leash area. I also regularly walk my dog at Dead Man's Pass and I wonder where the people of Gawler South will be able to easily exercise their dogs off lead if all of DMP is on lead. I think that a good compromise for the large popular dog walking areas like Clonlea Park and DMP would be to have something like the beach suburbs do and have a time allowable for off lead (ie up to 10am and after 8pm). This works for beaches like Semaphore where the public usage would be far, far greater than any public area in Gawler. Kerry Walker
Shane Hennessy	I think that further consideration should be given to shared times across more of the parks. For example, I can understand a policy which said that a park would need to be on-leash from 9am until 6pm as an example and would be considered as a shared area otherwise, except when community events are being held. The blanket 24/7 ban on dogs off lead for all of the areas close to the Gawler CBD does not allow for the age of many dog owners in that area. I recommend that consideration be given to shared arrangements for Apex Park, Pioneer Park and Princess Park at a minimum. However, in my opinion, unless there has been direct evidence of either dog attacks

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	or dogs running into traffic from a particular park, all parks should be either off lead or shared time.
Margaret Graham	<p>Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to what may become a new rule in how where and when we can walk our pet dogs. I appreciate that you do have to follow legislation however I do believe that there is room for negotiations in a positive manner. I am not sure if the council members have ever been to a dog park you see it is not all about walking our pets it's about the friendships that are created amongst the owners. It's good news is shared where a death of a pet is felt by one and all where a home/ hospital visit is arranged when some one take ill. So please don't take this away from us we are responsible owners. I invite you to visit us one morning between the hours of 0630 and 0900 hrs ie in the summer later in the winter or between 4pm & 6pm Perhaps you would consider aloting some time for dogs to be of lead. It would then allow cyclists to ride as fast as they like once we are of the park that is DMP. Please consider our suggestions as people are very angry with the council and its members . Yours sincerely Maggie Graham</p>
Cathy Stijve	<p>I live in Gawler East and use Dead Man's Pass as my local dog. I have used this park as for on leash and off leash activities. I would be really disappointing to not be able to walk my dogs off leash when I want to. My dogs love to run and go swimming in the water ways. I am asking for there to be a choice as most people are responsible dog owners and handle their dogs appropriately. Dogs are instinctive creatures and should be able to respond to this even when it doesn't suit the owner. I wish we had greater animal rights so our animals were protected from cruel selfish people. I wish jail terms were used on people who think killing animals is OK. I hope Dead Man's Pass will continue to be a place where dogs are off leash and under effective control. I hope the people who are making decisions own dogs and have a mutual relationship with their dogs not just reacting to a few incidents which have marred this particular park.</p> <p>Kind regards Cathy Stijve</p>
Pat Wake	<p>I have been walk8ng my dogs at Dead mans pass for the past 8 years and have only ever had one incident where another dog approached a friends dog with aggression. The owner quickly put his dog on a lead. I think the walkers, bike riders and dog walkers share this area without Any issues. We are very sensible and if another person has their dog on a leash when you are approaching we all just put our dogs on leads as we pass or acknowledge our dogs are friendly and we leave them off the leads. I think it would be very unfortunate if council decided to make Dead mans pass an on leash park.</p> <p>Maybe the councillors need to come and walk the area on a Sunday morning and enjoy the friendships that dogs and dog owners have made</p> <p>Thankyou Pat</p>
Wendy Mansfield	<p>I feel that the off leash parks are very few and far between. A lot of the parks and reserves listed for off leash are not much more than small tracks and spaces. Example, Dawson rd reserve is unwalkable for man and beast during the summer as the whole area is a heaving mass of ants. It is not a walk, more a sprint.</p> <p>The area behind the Gawler Motel is more like a patch of ground surrounding a collection of needles bottles and other unrecognisable detritus. These two examples being named as reserves etc are laughable!</p> <p>I feel the Council are being grossly unfair to the dog owners of Gawler. Most of us are very careful of our dogs behaviour and should not be penalised for the few dog owners who snub their collective noses at respect and thought for others.</p>

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Caitlin Hennessy	I'm disappointed by council's proposal to introduce on-leash and off-leash restrictions to public parks. I request thorough explanation as to why this is proposed and evidence to support council's decisions. I appreciate that the council is consulting the community about this. My major concern is that proposed off-leash areas are too far away for many residents to walk. Dogs are often distressed by car rides and it benefits traffic/environment/parking to discourage driving. I strongly suggest that council consider parks be signposted instead so dogs can be exercised off-leash between certain times. City of Prospect allows for dogs to be exercised off-leash between the times of 5-8AM and 5-9PM. A similar arrangement would be a better solution for Gawler. Designating the majority of public parks as on-leash is disheartening because it is not in the spirit of a country town. I think current laws to keep dogs "under effective control" are sufficient.
Frank Chessell	I think that to better utilise the open space is a progressive idea. Are the proposed areas going to be treated for noxious weed? The reserve space on Powell Drive as an example has lots of Bindii weed and caltrop on it . This will cause injury and discomfort to dogs walking on that area unless treated.
Andy Sears	Why do we have to have on /off leash areas. I cannot remember the last time there was a dog attack on any human being. There are not enough areas to let your dog off to exercise in the first instance. Sure there will have been to odd scuffle between dogs but at the end of the day surly this can be sorted out between the owners. Dogs in general are better behaved off the lead and 95% of owners know their dogs behaviour and act accordingly. This will only rub people up the wrong way and promote controvicy between dog walkers/owners and non dog owners.
Lisa Sears	I do not agree to on leash dog parks. Dogs should be allowed to run free and it is the owners responsibility to keep the dog under control and be socialised. Being a responsible dog owner I enjoy walking my dog and letting him roam free. Walking at a regular time I meet other dog owners and the dogs enjoy running around together, or going off on their own to explore. If I meet a new dog or walk where there are children I will put my dog on a lead so they can meet. I would say this is true of all dog owners I have met. Walking the dog on the lead is no fun for him or for me. Dogs tend to act differently when they are on a lead. I do not like the designated dog parks as these tend to have dogs running around in twos or threes which can cause the 'pack mentality' personally I feel these enclosed spaces do not offer dogs the freedom to run or space to 'do their own thing' without being pestered by others. For those of us with larger dogs that require a good long run these parks do not give them the room to get rid of their excess energy and if anything I can see this creating more issues with aggressive dogs as they are not able to expend this energy in a healthy way by running free. I do hope Gawler Council listen to the responsible dog owners. In all the years I have walked my dog at Dead Mans Pass I can honestly say I personally have not encountered any issues with other dogs because I think for the majority we all respect each other and our dogs. Please do not take this pleasure away from us. Kind regards, Lisa.
Tom Mann	I regularly walk in Dead Man's Pass Reserve and enjoy seeing the dogs have a sense of freedom with the large open spaces. As a non-dog owner I hope this reserve can remain as an unleashed option for dog lovers. Of course, where occasionally the dog hasn't been trained then the dog should be leashed. A notice could go up to cover this possibility with guidelines to all users. In this way, it sets responsibility on all those who use the park, dog walkers, non-dog walkers (keep to the left) and cyclists who should slow down sensibly when necessary and ring their bells.
Gwendolyn Morton	I have walked Dead Mans Pass with my dogs off leash for over 25 years. During that time I have never witnessed a dog attack. It is a wonderful area where people and dogs socialise. As a morning and sometimes evening. I meet as many as 10-15 dogs , all happy and friendly. Young children with parents asking if they can pat a dog, give so much pleasure to all concerned. The only problem is since bikes were allowed some rude, aggressive people yell at us to get off the bike track!!! my understanding is that it is a shared path. Not happy about a dog park they cost a lot of money too expensive and they do not work e.g Elizabeth, closed. Regards Gwen Morton

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Margaret Ogden	<p>I regularly walk my dogs in Clonlea, & am very concerned about the proposed on lead regulations. While I can accept limitations in the main park area, say between 10am & 6 pm, I can see absolutely no reason why dogs should be restricted in the back area which is used mainly by dog walkers. On the whole dogs on leads are more inclined to be aggressive than those given freedom to socialise.</p>
Breanna Bitmead	<p>As an everyday dog walker in Gawler. I do not agree with this on & off leash rule. Especially in parks. Maybe consider an after hours rule instead; like beaches.</p>
Anna Whitford	<p>I have arrived at the consultation page to make a submission to learn that there is something called the 'Dog's in Gawler Report' but this could not be located on the site. A link to the new legislation or a summary of the changes would also have been useful to ensure when people make a submission they have as much information as possible. For example, what are the identified issues with dogs in Gawler? Are there real problems with dogs off leash? Is there an increase in serious incidents of dog-related violence? Or is it a big push by the anti-risk lobby who would like to regulate life to the point of absurdity?</p> <p>I was able to source the legislative changes to see that it is now mandatory to have a dog on a leash on a footpath and on a 'shared path' but no detail as to what this means, i.e. how far from the actual, physical path would the dog need to be before the leash could be removed, so again this additional information can only enhance a consultation.</p> <p>I have 3 points to make regarding the proposed on/off-leash areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clonlea park is a much loved and much used park and a mecca for dog lovers and non-dog lovers alike. Putting the dog park there should not be used as an excuse to make the park entirely on-lease at all times. Most dogs need more exercise than can be provided in a dog park area, especially if it is divided into 2 areas, as currently proposed. I do appreciate that at peak times in the park there could be issues with young children and dogs however if there are genuine concerns, can I suggest a period of 10-4pm on Saturday & Sunday where dogs are required to be on-lead would manage the peak times. My own use of the park either side of these times on both weekends and weekdays reflects very few children and lots of dog owners and few, if any problems. We often take our dogs to Semaphore beach where the on-lead rules change throughout the year based on daylight saving and the on-lead times of the day changes and this makes the beach experience good for all users. 2. Dog walking is how hundreds of thousands of Australians maintain their own fitness and having a wide variety of areas and places where this can occur is vital to help maintain the fitness of society and of the dog population. Any decision to regulate dogs must be considered only when the alternative is truly a risk and where unintended consequences have been considered, such as people walking less due to boredom with the areas available for off-leash walking. The dogs will not benefit from this either of course and obese animals are already a problem. 3. As life becomes more and more regulated (and I think few people would argue with that) and local councils have fewer resources with which to do their work, it can be tempting to favour black and white solutions to problems that deserve careful, intelligent consideration. This leads to the imposition of unnecessary blanket bans because the effort to provide a more nuanced solution or to provide a range of options for the use of an area at different times of the day/week seems just too hard.

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	<p>In conclusion, I would urge the council in the strongest possible terms to avoid using the introduction of a dog park at Clonlea as a sneaky way to impose a restrictive on-leash policy, not only in the wider Clonlea park area but in other areas where it is currently legal to have a dog off leash. A dog park is not the solution to multi-user areas that are as ideal for dogs to enjoy as Clonlea Park.</p>
m crohn	<p>hi I think there are good reasons to have a range of both onleash and offleash areas, but huge amounts of education (and possible penalties for noncompliance) need to happen regarding owners' responsibilities in both types of areas. many people do not seem to be aware of their responsibility to have their dog under effective control when it is off leash. having your dog in an offleash area does not give an invitation to harass other dogs. if you have your dog offleash you need to be able to recall it immediately, every time. you need to do this whenever another person asks you to. you should not argue with that person that your dog is friendly, that dogs should be allowed to socialise, or in any other way question another person's judgement about their own dog.</p> <p>if offleash areas are established, then the onleash areas need to be 'policed' so they are actually onleash. people need to know that they can walk their dogs, ride bikes or walk with children safely without having dogs interact with them.</p>
sue McRae	<p>I believe that making all of the Dead Man's Pass Reserve area (by default) an on the lead area will be a tragedy for the many dogs and their owners. It is a wonderful space, which currently is enjoyed by many, and the fact that dogs are allowed to walk freely is one of the reasons for its attraction.</p>
Dave MacPhail	<p>At Gawler Animal Hospital, we have many clients who regularly walk their dogs in our wonderful parks, particularly Dead Manâ€™s Pass and Clonlea Park. The feedback we receive from these clients is that they derive an enormous benefit from seeing their dogs run free in an open, safe environment.</p> <p>As veterinarians, we also see the benefits to dogs from regular access to off-leash exercise. If exposed from an early age, dogs develop far greater social skills and are much less likely to fight as a result. They thoroughly enjoy the freedom and derive fitness benefits from strenuous exercise. Off-leash exercise provides significant mental stimulation, resulting in reduced stress levels, less destructive behaviour and less barking when pets are left alone during the work day.</p> <p>I respect the fact that there are some owners whoâ€™d rather not have their dogs mix with others but, on the whole, most people we speak to love to see their dogs running around, stretching their legs and socializing freely with other dogs. Those people who frequent the likes of Dead Manâ€™s Pass and Clonlea Park would attest to the fact that dog-walking is also a great way for the owners to get out and socialize. All in all, there are huge benefits for the community.</p> <p>As Gawler residents, we have always been very lucky to have plenty of spaces where we can take our dogs for a walk in a relaxed environment and with dogs allowed to run off-leash. From reading the details on your webpage, it would appear that council intends to change the nature of our parks. From my point of view, those changes are very much for the worse and contrary to the wishes of the community.</p> <p>As you are aware, this issue was discussed in community consultation some time ago and the response was heavily weighted in favour of those who supported the status quo. In other words, very few people wanted to lose our off-leash dog areas. Judging by the maps on your website, however, it would seem that council intends to change the vast majority of our parks into designated on-leash areas, including Dead Mans Pass and Clonlea Park.</p> <p>It disturbs me that you are proposing to replace the current off-leash areas with Dog Parks. For example, the proposed dog park in Clonlea Park comprises of two separate areas (one for large dogs and one for small), each measuring approximately 30 x 40 metres. This is simply far too small to be of benefit to dogs, whatever their size. From our point of view as vets, dogs are more likely to fight in a restricted dog park than in a larger area where they feel less threatened. There is also a higher likelihood of passing on any transmissible disease where dogs are confined to a</p>

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	<p>small, fenced-off zone.</p> <p>When I spoke to Mr Jack Darzanos yesterday, it was mentioned that most other councils have far less space than Gawler for dog-walking. To me, that seems like a fantastic advert for our town. Actually, I met a family just yesterday who had driven up from Adelaide to allow their two dogs to run free at Dead Manâ€™s Pass. The implication from council, however, seems to be that the example set by city councils should be an incentive for us to â€œdown-sizeâ€ our dog-friendly areas. Iâ€™m afraid I donâ€™t follow that logic and see this as a backward step for our dog-owning population.</p> <p>I would strongly urge council to respect the wishes of the community and leave dog-owners with access to off-leash exercise. This would apply particularly to Dead Manâ€™s Pass and Clonlea Park. I have set up a petition with our clients, at Gawler Animal Hospital, and intend to collect as many signatures as possible to demonstrate how strongly people feel about this issue.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely Dr Dave MacPhail Gawler Animal Hospital 76 Adelaide Rd, Gawler South</p>
Sallyann Vivian	I do not believe that there should be designated on and off leash areas in our parks. I walk my dog on a leash around roads for safety near cars and he loves nothing more than getting to a park and being let off to run and sniff and interact with his surroundings. Dogs need social interaction and mental stimulation and with residential block sizes getting smaller and smaller around Gawler, free run parks are more important than ever. Confine dogs to small areas and that is where you will get problems, and diseases.
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Veronica Clayton	I am concerned regarding the impact that restricting exercising of dogs may have on the health of dogs and their neighbours. House blocks are becoming smaller and dogs need a good run around to shake off the cobwebs! I envisage an increase in complaints regarding barking dogs if the restrictions go ahead. Just visit the park along sunnybrook drive Evanston park in the mornings and after work and you can see what an asset it is to let the dogs go for a run! Itâ€™s unlikely that people will bundle their dogs into the car and head to clonlea Park before work. If this proposal goes ahead I hope council have enough funds to employ more compliance officers to deal with complaints about barking dogs and dogs being allowed to go off leash in on leash areas.
Sarah Raab	I am horrified that the Gawler council is considering to significantly minimising the off leash areas for dogs. The dog parks that are available within the Gawler community are horrible. There is one in Gawler East that is a tiny fenced area with no shade, no proper grass, no water and no where for the people to sit, converse and watch their dogs play. I am very dissapointed that this is even being considered as I was proud that the Gawler area is able to let dogs off and on the leash in a large amount of areas. If a person does not feel that they are comfortable letting their dog off in an off leash area then they will not, but they should not be restricted. Their are plenty of areas for children and families within the Gawler community. DO NOT TAKE AWAY FROM THOSE WITHOUT CHILDREN. DO NOT LIMIT PEOPLE WITH DOGS AS IT WILL START TO ALIENATE THE COMMUNITY. People will continue to have their dogs off leash if they are comfortable regardless of what council say.

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Bridgette McAskill	<p>Against.</p> <p>Leave areas free and open for all community members inc dogs,</p> <p>Dog parks (areas) are breeding pits for diseases,</p> <p>More council money shouldn't be spent on maintain these areas when there is not a lack of space in Gawler,</p> <p>These public areas are some of the best, we do not need to become metro,</p> <p>New laws have cyclists paths, footpaths and roads, let the pets keep their open areas.</p>
Karen Hartley	<p>Whilst I am not opposed to the addition of dog parks, it does raise some concern for where I am allowed to let my dog enjoy an off leash run especially when the current parks that I enjoy will now be changed to On Leash areas.</p> <p>I have always walked my Kelpie X off leash in parks etc for 14 years it has never been an issue. My dog is well behaved, obedience trained, and under control at all times.</p> <p>I wont use dog parks because my dog is timid and dislikes the attention of other dogs. I believe that dog parks can lead to dog aggression, having a 'pack' of dogs in an enclosed area can lead to dominance and unsocial behavior not to mention timid dogs disliking unwanted attention causing them to turn to aggression as a means of defense. I would be interested to see the statistics of dog attacks once the park is up and running. Unfortunately a small enclosure is also not ample enough room to exercise some dogs such as working dogs and other active dogs.</p> <p>My opinions aside, I have noted the nearest Off Leash area to my property is Hemaford Grove and Barossa Valley Highway to Calton Road (where the electricity pylons run through) I regularly walk past these parks or rather scrub land. I do not walk my dog in these ares because the land is covered in Bindii, Caltrop, long grass and grass seeds, making it impossible for me to walk in these areas let alone my dog. These areas are not maintained and are more waste areas of scrub land than parks to enjoy.</p> <p>Unfortunately if the council prohibits dogs off leash except in dog parks then I will be travelling out of Gawler to use the parks and areas of other councils. Of course if the council proposes to upgrade and maintain these off leash areas so that they are pleasurable and enjoyable then I would be more than happy but it feels like I have been pushed out of the parks and designated to an unattractive, weed filled dust bowl.</p>
Sean Carlin	<p>Dear Gawler Council</p> <p>I am writing to strongly disagree with your proposal to make a number of areas on leash for our dogs. I currently take my dogs to the park at Greenways street and I see from your map that is an on leash area. My dogs have always been registered, desexed, vaccinated and trained. I am a responsible dog owner who takes into account people at the park, for example if there are young families present I will put my dogs on the lead, if other unknown dogs are present I will put my dogs on the lead. However, each morning between 6:45am and 7:30am the same people walk their dogs we have them off the lead and not once has there been an issue. I used to take my dogs to Dead mans pass every Saturday morning and once again I never experienced a problem. The dog owners community in these areas are always friendly and always responsible. I also ride my bike on the tracks around the river area and up to the Barossa. I know when around Gawler I need to be mindful about families, people walking and running and dogs. It is not hard to use your common sense. Maybe instead of worrying about dogs on leads you should be looking at all of the personal trainers who take up vast areas of our council parks so that they can make a profit. At Greenways Rd there is a group that let their children run around unsupervised, look down their nose when we walk our dogs and leave rubbish behind on a regular basis. I like many other dog owners actually clean up after our dogs and routinely put other peoples rubbish in the bin. Stop treating dog owners and dogs like second rate citizens and allowing bike riders to have all of the benefits our our parks. As stated earlier I have never seen an issue with a dog but I have seen aggressive and abusive bike riders tearing through Dead mans pass with no regard for any other park user. A small dog park is not the answer to this problem it will create more issues than it solves. I wonder how many actual complaints you have received about dogs in the areas you outline compared to how many residents you have with registered</p>

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	<p>dogs?</p> <p>I will personally not be voting for any councilor that supports this proposal.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Sean Carlin</p>
Alisa Spooner	<p>Gawler has a perfect opportunity to be more than just another council. To maintain off-leash areas for dogs, as one of many recreational activities enjoyed by residents and visitors.</p> <p>Gawler has town and country qualities, which should be retained and developed.</p> <p>We have bike paths, a bike hub, focus on safely linking the Jack Bobridge Track to the town Stuart O'Grady Way rather than impinging on other recreational activities.</p> <p>Keep our dog parks free!</p> <p>Recreation Equality</p>
Lisa Santini	<p>I have never come across an aggressive dog. Every dog owner that walks dogs are usually happy for them to run free and socialise if they are not friendly it is made obvious by them being on lead. Why cage them they get so excited like little kids to play with other dogs freely, why ruin that for responsible pet dog owners.....</p>
Noel Elliott	<p>Firstly, the period of consultation on this subject should be extended, and re-gazetted in print so that all people affected can have an input. Gawler has a difficult and scattered geography, which makes it difficult to have effective centralised facilities. I live 2 or 3 minutes walk from the "parks" on Coleman Parade. If I had to go to Clonlea I would have to drive almost the full length of gawler, adding to traffic congestion and other issues. Apart from Withers Circuit these parks including the creek on the north side of the vines (infested with Caltrop and unusable), these parks, as are most of them little used by the public other than dog walkers, these should be off leash areas. Dead Mans Pass has worked extremely well since the last meeting we had with council, some years ago, so there is no need to change that area. In fact there is a large triangular area which is never used, which could be adapted for a southern dog park for people who would like to use one. It would be more productive to change the current signs to ones which would hopefully engender respect ie; If your off leash dog is likely to interfere with other park users, please keep it leashed. There is an unbelievable opportunity here for Gawler council to cater to the ever growing number of dog owners in the community. If we can provide facilities which cannot be obtained in other councils areas, then dog owners will be attracted to our area. I will post some more on this in the near future, but please extend the consultation period to obtain as many positive submissions as possible.</p>
Helen Hughes	<p>Hi there, I have just found out that you intend to designate most of the parks and green spaces as on leash areas. May I ask if you actually have a dog, have spent serious time in these areas, seen the happiness dogs and owners experience for a short stress free time? I think, perhaps not that much.</p> <p>I have been walking 3 dogs in the Clonlea and Dead Mans Pass areas for over 2 years and am horrified to hear I may not be allowed to continue for much longer.</p> <p>2 of the dogs I walk are friends who does not have the ability to walk them herself, I love to let them off for a short run to stretch their paws. To say my puppy and 2 friends dogs will only be able to go for a free run in a small enclosed space, full of other cooped up dogs is ludicrous! What were you thinking ignoring the majority and pushing this through your decision panel.</p> <p>I moved here from the UK, I work with dogs daily, enjoy walking my dogs and refute your plans that would see me have to use the car to find somewhere, nicer - outside of gawler with better rules for open spaces.</p> <p>If this gets passed, I would seriously have to reconsider my opinion of how nice it is to live in Gawler. The hotels have improved, shopping is good, transport is excellent, town in general is nice but this would cast a negative glow on all that you have done to improve the vicinity in the 6 years I have lived here.</p>

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	<p>Please reconsider, give the person who created the map a new job and start again. It's beginning to smell as bad as the local council district I lived in in the UK and they only tried to build a high rise tower block on a beauty spot at the foot of the Victorian pier.</p> <p>Wake up and listen to the local populous, change these plans. It's bad enough the use of town funds and grants are being spent on redeveloping historic buildings but this is just too much!</p>
Helen Hughes	<p>Hi there, I have just found out that you intend to designate most of the parks and green spaces as on leash areas. May I ask if you actually have a dog, have spent serious time in these areas, seen the happiness dogs and owners experience for a short stress free time? I think, perhaps not that much.</p> <p>I have been walking 3 dogs in the Clonlea and Dead Mans Pass areas for over 2 years and am horrified to hear I may not be allowed to continue for much longer.</p> <p>2 of the dogs I walk are friends who does not have the ability to walk them herself, I love to let them off for a short run to stretch their paws. To say my puppy and 2 friends dogs will only be able to go for a free run in a small enclosed space, full of other cooped up dogs is ludicrous! What were you thinking ignoring the majority and pushing this through your decision panel.</p> <p>I moved here from the UK, I work with dogs daily, enjoy walking my dogs and refute your plans that would see me have to use the car to find somewhere, nicer - outside of gawler with better rules for open spaces.</p> <p>If this gets passed, I would seriously have to reconsider my opinion of how nice it is to live in Gawler. The hotels have improved, shopping is good, transport is excellent, town in general is nice but this would cast a negative glow on all that you have done to improve the vicinity in the 6 years I have lived her.</p> <p>Please reconsider, give the person who created the map a new job and start again. It's beginning to smell as bad as the local council district I lived in in the UK and they only tried to build a high rise tower block on a beauty spot at the foot of the Victorian pier.</p> <p>Wake up and listen to the local populous, change these plans. It's bad enough the use of town funds and grants are being spent on redeveloping historic buildings but this is just too much!</p>
Gina Stephens	<p>I disagree with making Dead Mans Pass and Clonlea leash only. My dog needs space to run and the leash free designated space is too small and does not allow my dog to play with larger dogs (mine's a min schnauzer). Dogs need this interaction and exercise space to be physically and mentally healthy. There is no larger space for this interaction near us. Please, do not change this. I cycle every weekend through both these spaces and have never had a bad experience with dogs. I am happy for you to keep the magpies on leashes though.</p>

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Ashley Pyman	<p>I cannot believe on the offering of a dog park and taking away the freedom of the parks in and around Gawler. I have a dog that one day with training will be able to enjoy walks off leash, he is a young dog that is earning freedom and trust and good socialisation.</p> <p>Dog Parks are not the answer in the country setting that is Gawler. Dog Parks increase attacks, transmission of diseases and conflict between owners. We live in Gawler not North Adelaide.</p> <p>Anecdotally I firmly believe the majority of people I come across don't want a dog park, even if I am walking on leash, dogs that are off leash are great off leash and this shouldn't be taken away.</p> <p>This is a great attraction of the country feel of Gawler.</p> <p>I do not support it.</p> <p>Please do not implement this, I see no reason for it and haven't heard one person complaining in the time I've been in Gawler.</p> <p>If you feel the need to change something for the better, do something about the staid and boring Gawler Fringe, which is the same cover bands every year.</p> <p>Come on Gawler Council we pay a premium in rates to live here, do something the community actually wants, which is to leave the parks as they are.</p> <p>Ashley Pyman</p>
Jackson Larrett	<p>While some of the new proposed off leash areas are great the proposal to make clonlea and deadmans pass on leash only would let down not only the dogs that have grown up being able to do zoomies through the long grass in winter and having a swim in the creek after a good rain but would also be a massive let down to the good majority of owners who have spent the time in training their dogs to be well behaved of lead. For the owners who are opposed to off leash areas I find it very selfish as there are many great walking trails through out gawler for on lead walking activities so please don't take away what limited areas us off leash walkers have.</p>
Ben Mclean	<p>The council needs to leave the areas as they are. Over legislation of our town is a waste of taxpayers money and quite frankly I've had a gutful of money being wasted on inane rubbish like this that only serves the purpose of keeping some paper pushing bureaucrat to be able to justify their position. The old adage applies "if it's not broken, don't try and fix it".</p> <p>My fully trained Dalmatian loves to run around and swim in the water at clonlea. Are you going to make the proposed disease breeding arena accessible to the water? How many extra council officers will it take to patrol all these on leash areas? I'm guessing you'll pay their wages with fines they will have to hand out?</p>
Elise Kataovich	<p>Having off leash time is extremely important to a majority of dogs, keeping Deadmans mans past as well as Clonea Park as off leash time should be like beachside suburbs between certain times. It can be done, yes you want to create a dog park but that can lead to other issues when there's 20 dogs in having a run ie more chances of dog fights, more probability of infectious diseases. Implementing off lead time and on is not that hard, give it a go.</p>
Peter Witwer	<p>I believe that the restriction of many of the current off-lead areas within Gawler to be on lead only is a great mistake. Whilst the fenced off dog area for Clonlea Park looks good it doesn't allow large flat open spaces which are useful in training. I am a local Gawler east resident living 2 streets away from Dead-mans pass and would not have known about this possible change if i hadn't bumped into someone who knew about it.</p> <p>I dont have a dog, but I love walking through our park areas and seeing people and dogs enjoy the area, everyone is very careful with their dogs and the dogs are under control even when not on a lead. My wife and I walk through the park most nights and have never seen an issue with dogs been off lead. Changing Dead-mans pass to on lead-only will increase the amount of traffic on the road by forcing locals to put their dog in the car and drive to the nearest off-lead area. The proposal by Gawler council</p>

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	<p>lacks detail, there are no markings on maps to show how large the off lead areas will be, making it extremely hard to say if those areas will be adequate considering the loss of areas in places like Clonlea and Dead-mans pass.</p>
Morgan Smith	<p>I don't support changes to on and off leash areas. I think they should stay as they are for now. When the legislative changes that are due to come in to effect on July 1st are known then will be the time to make decisions about changes. I would only support those changes necessary for legal compliance.</p> <p>I walk my dog on a lead everyday around Gawler and I have only had two bad experiences with other dogs. One was when two dogs came out of their front yard to greet us and the other was when a dog pulled the lead out of its owner's hand and came over uninvited. Neither of these incidences would have been avoided by more on leash areas. Finally, big dogs in particular benefit from being able to run free and I think that many dogs will get less exercise if their owners have to put them in a car and drive to an off leash area. We need areas all over Gawler where dogs can run off leash.</p>
Marc Webb	<p>I do not support the over restrictive changes to off leash dog exercise areas within the council area. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible people who maintain more than effective control of their pets while providing them with adequate exercise (and space to do so).</p> <p>While I fully support the idea of a specific dog park where I'm sure a large portion of the community will take their pets for socialisation and play, these parks do not afford the same level of exercise and freedom that other dogs (and their owners) require.</p> <p>As a pet owner and dog trainer, I would like to see Gawler council retain the status quo and allow off leash play and exercise for dogs across the district, something that has set this town apart from city council areas.</p> <p>There is no need to change this. Responsible pet owners will continue to be responsible and ensure that off leash exercise is appropriate, controlled and courteous. Irresponsible pet owners are found to ignore your changes to the rules. The change is not required and not supported.</p> <p>As a rate payer and resident, I respectfully request these changes be scrapped.</p>
Zane Phelps	<p>My thoughts regarding the "dog on an off leash areas" is that the council had better start pulling there heads from there rectums and start listening to the residents. This is becoming ridiculous, if it ain't broken don't fix it.</p>
Courtenay Wilson	<p>As a resident of the Willaston area and owner of a large breed dog which I have spent considerable time and effort training I am opposed to the proposed changes. I am able to safely and effectively walk my dog off lead and at times take them to the Willaston oval, a fully fenced and often unoccupied area, for a run without any issues. I believe mandating on leash areas is not necessary. People should be responsible dog owners and only allow their dogs off lead if they have been appropriately trained.</p>
Shellie Whild	<p>As someone who doesn't have a car I'm concerned about the decision to make Dead Man's Pass an on-leash area. I am limited to the places I can walk my dog and we enjoy the freedom of being able to roam at will at the Pass. I understand that not everyone likes dogs so I am very careful to always keep my dog in sight and put him back on the lead if children or cyclists approach. It seems very limiting to me that, for the sake of one dog park, so many of Gawler's parks/reserves must be made into leash-only areas. My question is - could there be a time limit to these changes? Perhaps having an "off-leash and free to roam" time in the morning and/or later in the day? Keep a particular time when dogs must be leashed - maybe from 10:30am - which would leave the earlier time for people who would like to walk and let their dogs chase balls untethered. We are not the city and as you want people to consider Gawler "the best of town and country" I really think confining too many areas to on-leash only is a backwards step. Thank you for giving me the chance to express my concerns.</p>

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Coral Ward	<p>I visit Gawler often as my elderly mother lives there and I also lived there for many years. I am appalled at your proposal to limit the dog off lead areas to only a few, in comparison to the on lead areas. Being at Gawler East, I have walked with dogs off lead at Clonlea Park for decades. So many people walk there with their dogs at all times of the day. I cannot understand why you are suggesting that the area over the ford should be an on lead area. It is not my role to educate the Council on the value of having dogs exercised off lead. However if you wish to find out, there are hundreds of articles about responsible pet ownership, the value of pets and how to keep dogs (and their owners) happy, contented and well behaved. The strategies include regular off lead walking. I have NEVER in the 30 years I have been walking my dogs, come across a situation where dogs were totally out of control, vicious or dangerous. There have been the occasional scuffle. Dogs off lead are not a problem. Generally dogs on leads all of the time get very little exercise, they are more prone to be aggressive and bark at people and other dogs as they feel trapped on the leads. A few dogs need to be on leads and this is where responsible ownership occurs. The Cat and Dog Management Act does not encourage Councils to start restricting walking areas for dogs. It talks about responsibility of owners, microchipping, desexing and other issues. But not about the need to have dogs restricted. Quite the opposite, it is my belief that Gawler does not have a problem with dogs off lead as a general observation. In addition dog parks are NOT the answer. If an owner wants themselves and their dogs to have exercise, which most dog owners do, they are not going to get it with a 200 mtr or so walk up and down a dog park. Dog parks are known to cause problems with a large number of dogs often confined to a small area. I would appreciate if you can bring some common sense to this. Be aware that you are potentially going to cause so many problems by reducing the areas for dogs off lease and having far too many dogs on lease areas. There are many areas of Gawler that should remain dogs off lead, not only Clonlea, e.g. Dead Man's Pass and many others, but I have focussed on Clonlea as I have walked there for years without any mishaps. I do not understand the obsession with having dogs on lead, it is unhealthy and rather than bring any widespread benefit to the community, it is likely to bring much harm and sadness to so many people, including those without dogs who like to see them and their owners. Finally, the aged population of Gawler are better off with their well behaved dogs off lead, giving them the freedom to move that the owners cannot match nor often give them in small backyards. Thank you</p>
Carol Dowden	<p>Why change something when it is working fine. Responsible owners do the right thing. Have certain hours for dog owners to walk their dog off leash in areas that the public walk, just like the beaches !</p> <p>Their is a perfect oval that is in Gawler East area off Phillips Ave that is perfect to make into a dog Park, it is used for nothing else except grow cow throp and three corner jacks ! Would be perfect , since Springwood is growing !!</p>
Rhiann Webb	<p>I walk my dogs around my neighbourhood, Orleans Waters, very early in the mornings. They are under strict control and often under better control off leash than some dogs we encounter on leash.</p> <p>My dogs get better exercise, more social interactions being off leash. I always carry a leash in case other dogs on or off leash cause issues. My dogs have road awareness and wait for command to cross roads. When on lead, in other council areas my dogs heel and scout without pulling.</p> <p>Off leash laws encourage better training and behavior of dogs than on leash restrictions.</p> <p>I can use my local parks for ball throwing and swimming. On leash rules will restrict this type of exercise for my dogs which is better exercise for my dogs health as well as a great environment already provided by the council.</p> <p>Restricting on leash laws will punish myself and my well behaved dogs for the minority of dog owners which do not train their dogs on lead.</p> <p>My husband and I selected the Gawler council area in build our home and establish our family specifically for the services already offered, including the off leash rules in the council area.</p> <p>Changing this law will be punishing excellent pet owners like myself who are rate payers in this council area.</p>
Sharon Floyd	I would prefer that this proposal is not implemented due to the restrictions placed on dog owners.

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Lindsay Jackson	<p>The document which list the number and types of signs indicates that Dead Man's Pass is both a Leash on and Leash off area on a time share basis.</p> <p>What does this mean?</p> <p>I can't find any information that explains what this means, and for example what times and what areas of Dead Man's Pass does this apply to?</p>
Caitlin Hennessy	<p>Why has council proposed that parks be entirely on-leash or off-leash, rather than shared sites with time restrictions (for example, on-leash 9AM-6PM and off-leash all other times)? Why not allow dogs to be exercised off-leash at certain times, as is the case in Prospect? Why is the closest off-leash area so far away for residents in central Gawler, who generally have smaller properties and thus are in greater need of off-leash areas?</p>
Caitlin Hennessy	<p>What is the driving motivation for specific on-leash and off-leash areas? Has there been an increase in dog attacks occurring in public parks? How reliable is the data that has been collected? Isn't it more likely for dog attacks to occur on private properties? Has council considered that public sites may be over-represented in dog attack data since victims might not want to admit to being bitten at private residences, at risk of getting friends in trouble or incriminating themselves in illegal activity?</p>
Mary McFadden	<p>On page 4 of The Bunyip published 21 Feb 2018 . Ms Redman - Mayor is quoted as stating</p> <p>"" There has been new legislation to the Dog and Cat Management Act which enforces dogs to be on-leash on footpaths and shared paths..." Please could you refer me to the relevant legislation.</p>
Mary McFadden	<p>Please could you provide me with the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many dogs were registered with Gawler Town Council (FY 2016-2017)? 2. How many ratepayers were living in the Gawler Town Council area (FY2016-2017)? 3. How many dog attacks were reported to Gawler Town Council (FY2016-2017)? 4. Of the dog attacks reported to Gawler Town Council (FY2016-2017) How many occurred in council regulated parks and reserves? 5. Of the dog attacks reported to Gawler Town Council (FY2016-2017) that occurred in council regulated parks and reserves, How many involved dogs on leash and How many involved dogs off leash? 6. Of the dog attacks reported to Gawler Town Council (FY2016-2017) that occurred in council regulated parks and reserves and involved dogs on leash and off leash, what were the impacts of the attacks, eg what injuries, to whom ? <p>Thank you</p>
sue McRae	<p>Where an area is not specifically identified as an on lead area, will the existing signs remain that indicate a dog may be off the leash if under effective control?</p>
Noel Elliott	<p>In making my submission on off leash areas I would like to know why an area such as Goose Island would not be an off leash area? I occasionally walk through there and the only dog I have seen is mine! This would make an ideal area (to the west of the pathway) for a central off-leash area, as due to it being flood prone, it is unsuitable for any permanent structure, but could be used as a park and on/off leash area.</p> <p>Please note I missed the box for submitting my submission to the website, so please publish it.</p>
Jill Talbot	<p>Why is Dead Mans Pass designated on leash?</p>
David Cash	<p>Will there be times that dogs will be allowed to be off leash in the leashed areas such as the same as the metropolitan coast line where dogs have to be back on their leash after 10 o'clock . I walk our dog early in the morning and late in the evening in one of these proposed leashed areas and majority of the people I see are walking Dogs.</p>

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 Tue 20/02/2018 10:36 AM
Jean Gallacher <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>
Dogs on leash

To Council (E-mail)
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Dear Sir/Madam
I have just found out about having to put all dogs on leads.
I find this very unfair and discriminating against us dog walkers.
Why can't there be a compromise?
Maybe from 6am to 8.30 am dogs are allowed off leads, then 4pm to 6pm dogs off leads.
There is a lot of dog walkers at dead mans pass with tiny dogs to large dogs all off lead for years And no violence people who have dogs that are abit anxious are kept on leads.
Why do we have to be punished for a few and I mean a very few of dogs that have attacked?
And I would like two add that I only found this piece of action by accident so why have you hushed it all up?

Jeanne gallacher
And a very friendly dog called tash (which is a border collie)

Jean Gallacher No Items 

 Tue 20/02/2018 10:43 AM
Jean Gallacher <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>
Dog park

To Council (E-mail)
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Dear Sir/Madam
Just a quick note just to say not at all interested in your dog park, Dog parks cause more trouble they tried one at Playford gone now wonder why?
Why can't things stay the same at all parks maybe dogs off leads from 6am to 8.30 am And then again 4pm to 6.00 pm or doesn't that suit your bike riders?

Jeanne Gallacher
And a very friendly dog called Tash (border collie)

Jean Gallacher No Items 

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Tue 20/02/2018 07:01 PM
Paul Straight <[REDACTED]>
Off lead dogs

To Council (E-mail)

We removed extra line breaks from this message.

Dear Sirs

I have just heard second hand that there is a proposal to have all dogs in Dead Mans Pass on a lead. If this is so council are doing a great job to hide this proposal, as I can find nothing on this on your web site.

If this is the case I would like to make the following points- 1/ we do not currently have a dog, but occasionally doggy sit our daughter's dog who lives in Prospect, where there are a number of places where her dog can be walked off lead. Or even a trip to the beach where 100s of dogs walk off lead.

2/ we used to have dogs and have always walked them on and off lead in dead mans pass. Yes occasionally there will be an aggressive dog that will attempt to attack our dogs, strangely they were always on a lead!

3/ the biggest user group by far of this area are the doggy walkers, they are on the whole a very responsible group of people. Many are very elderly or disabled, most of these do not have dogs on leads, their dogs walk along side, or even climb on and off mobility scooters 4/ is it the plan of the council to take away the social interaction that is so important to these local rate payers 5/ as a cyclist as well as a doggy walker, I also use the track for cycling. Many of the cyclists who use the track are down right dangerous, speeding at over 40 kilometres an hour, yes 40! I have a computer on my bike that shows speed, I am nearly 71 and respect other users, slowing to pass dogs and walkers, always ringing my bell. Sadly I think bikes should be banned from the park

At the moment I believe we have usage right, the majority interact really well. Sadly there is a small minority from all sides who always find something to complain about, we should not be dictated to by the non social fringe

Paul Straight

Sent from my iPhone

Paul Straight No Items



Tue 20/02/2018 08:00 PM
Carol Straight <[REDACTED]>
Dogs on leads at Dead Man's Pass, Gawler

To Council (E-mail)

To whom it may concern.

I would appreciate it if this could be forwarded to the appropriate person or people.

I believe it has been proposed to introduce 'all dogs on leads' at all times in Dead Man's Pass. As a previous dog owner and someone who often walks her daughter's Labrador down at Dead Man's Pass, I am appalled at this sudden decision - yet another reason to move from Gawler! What is happening to this rural town? So many wrong decisions!

As far as this latest announcement goes, I walk every day in Dead Man's Pass plus round Gawler and only twice have I seen problems with any dogs and on both occasions both dogs were on leads!!! - one in the centre of Gawler and one where the young owners had no idea how to handle their dog. Whether the dogs are on or off leads, (plus whether cyclists are courteous riders or not) depends entirely on how responsible people themselves are. Putting dogs on leads all the time is ridiculous and needs far more thought. It is a statement that is far too general and definitely unfair!

1) Some dogs love the freedom of jumping in and out of the creek - one of the pleasures of visiting Dead Man's Pass when there is water in the creek.

2) Many residents only have smallish gardens and Dead Man's Pass is the perfect place to allow dogs to run for balls etc.

3) There is a fabulous social interaction between a lot of the dogs who walk regularly and those there. There are no dogs that I know of who are off lead who misbehave. The majority of doggy walkers are responsible, sensible owners who make the right decisions as to whether their dog can be trusted to be off lead. There are one or two anti-social dogs but most owners are responsible enough to recognise this and walk their dogs on lead.

4) I appreciate families use the park as well but this tends to be late morning or during the afternoon and I think dog owners are generally very responsible where young children are concerned. I often go down to Grange and if you feel ALL dogs need to be leashed, I would suggest you introduce something similar to Grange which is far busier than Dead Man's Pass but there, dogs can be off lead until 10:00 a.m. and then leads have to be used after this time. At least this would give options and it is then up to each individual as to when they use the park. At Dead Man's Pass, I think you could allow 'dogs off lead' after say, 4 pm as well. For those who walk very early, yes as early as 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. even, it is totally ridiculous to impose such restrictions on an area where everyone treats the park and its' users with respect and thoughtfulness.

It might be better if more thought was given to the state of Dead Man's Pass - not enough rubbish bins or seating, young plants not given enough water to grow properly, not enough rules for cyclists using the paths (using bells should be a must) and the creek is so overgrown that it is quite unsightly. At the moment I keep my daughter's Labrador on the lead - not because I am concerned she would misbehave but because of snakes in areas that are overgrown and not looked after properly.

I sincerely hope the suggestion of 'dogs on leads' will be discussed carefully and modified with a more balanced view. As it stands, it is a very poor decision and totally unnecessary.

Yours faithfully,
Carol Straight (Mrs)

Sent from my iPad



Carol Straight No Items

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Thu 01/03/2018 10:14 AM
John Brown <[REDACTED]>
Clonlea Reserve Dog Park

To Council (E-mail)

I have recently become aware of the proposed dog park and obtained the information brochure from your office this morning and noticed close of public comment 28/02/18 so hope these comments can be included. As a local Gawler East resident for almost 3 years who walks daily via local parks and areas and cycles same on average 4 to 5 times a week i am quite familiar with navigating these areas and the habits of a lot of dog owners and how they control or don't control them when i come across them.

In 3 years i have had several awkward and dangerous moments with unleashed dogs and sometimes leashed dogs particularly when using designated cycle paths / walkways in Clonlea Park, cycle path around the Para River and Dead Mans Pass.

I have one firm conviction effective dog control doesn't work and there are many dog owners who come into this category where their unleashed dogs are allowed to wander and meander across the pathways while either they don't bother making any commands or are distracted and not aware they are posing a risk to others.

Sadly i have no doubt these dog owners number as many maybe more than the responsible dog owners who keep their dogs on leash, under control and to the right side of the path.

In a recent conversation with a local resident i made the point sadly it is those who don't maintain effective control of their dogs who create situations and need to better police the day to day activities to maintain others safety.

More certainly a designated Dog Park will eliminate some of these problems but as to the extent it is difficult to ascertain how many will actually obey the unleashed / leashed areas.

I would like to point out that the biggest problem i encounter is people walking their dogs on a leash while wearing headphones their dogs sense movement or hear something while the people in control are completely oblivious to it along with those people with headphones who walk or run these paths even without a dog.

Interesting beachside councils have many signs encouraging cyclists to ring their bell when passing others, a habit i use all of the time there are some regulars who very much appreciate it but there is nothing more frustrating than having done so to find out the person doesn't hear the bell because of the headphones and when they straddle lanes it is very annoying.

Could Gawler Council set a precedent and have headphones banned from designated walkways / cycle paths i the interest of others safety.

Kind Regards
John Brown
3/3 Bella Street
Gawler East.

John Brown No Items

Thu 01/03/2018 06:51 PM
Daniel Tanti <[REDACTED]>
ATTN: Jack Darzanos – Team Leader Environment & Regulatory Services - Dog On & Off Leash Areas

To Council (E-mail)

ATTN: Jack Darzanos – Team Leader Environment & Regulatory Services

Good evening Jack,

Please see below for comments and questions regarding the Dog On & Off Leash Areas

Your Overview description states that the geographic aerial map shows all parks within the Town of Gawler and furthermore states that it identifies proposed on & off leash areas. However, this conveniently isn't the case as Dead Man Pass has no labelling to distinguish if it is either an on or off leash zoned area (attached picture). The pdf titled Dead Man Pass states that it is entirely on leash. Yet your document titled "On and off leash areas and signs required October 2017" states that Dead Man's Pass is both on & off leash as a Timed Shared use. Which is it? What are the proposed period for this time share? How are we meant to make subjective submissions to this council proposal if the provided information is misleading or not available?



Off leash areas total 12 in general Gawler Township of which 4 are on primary school premises and a further two of these (trinity college) are bound by a 2m high security fence of which gates are only open during school hours. Is it at all obvious to the council and their employees that it isn't acceptable for a male or any person to be alone within the premises of a primary school either during or after school hours.

Q) "Off leash unless recreational activity is being undertaken" – What is the council definition of recreational activity?

Expectations of return communication
Written response & clarification of my queries within 5 business days (Friday 9th of March 2018)

- Submission & tabling of my concerns/questions into final proposal report presented to council
- Feedback of report presented to council

Regards Daniel Tanti

Daniel Tanti No Items

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

It is unfortunate with a great deal of anger and disgust that I am writing this letter regarding the behaviour of the Gawler Mayor and elected council members, with regard to the public consultation period, and disclosure of, the proposed new dog control laws in the Gawler council area.

Firstly the "Your Say" section of the council website is almost impossible to find, so difficult that when a council employee was asked how to access it, even they didn't know and had to consult with other staff members (all of whom I must say are always courteous, friendly and helpful).

Now that I have been shown how to access Your Say, I will be able post my comments more readily. For the information of others who wish to post (practical) comments, the site button is at the bottom of the Home page, scroll down and click through until featured are reached.) I also find the request when opening an "account" to provide age and gender information, disquieting, considering the "inclusive" society we allegedly have today.

I believe the public consultation has also to be gazetted in the local print media, which was apparently "missed" by council, according to the Mayor, with no apology or action taken to redress this situation, by means of re-posting and re-starting the process period.

These attitudes display complete disregard and disrespect for the ratepayers of the Gawler council area, by both Mayor and elected members of council.

The proposed laws in question target the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in our community. These laws seek to confine the off leash activities of dog owners to primarily, the proposed new "dog Park" within the boundaries of Clonlea Park, thus confining any practical access to residents north of the CBD.

We are constantly being told of the real benefits of owning a dog, yet the Gawler council wants to move in the opposite direction. These laws will greatly affect the most vulnerable sectors of our "egalitarian" society, being the aged (a growing population), the infirm (those who may have difficulty moving around, and the financially disadvantaged (also a growth sector). All of these groups will be disadvantaged by the proposed new laws, and for various reasons are mostly being denied the right to at least, proper public consultation.

This is not the only side to this story, as dog owners must be responsible to other ratepayers by having well behaved, or correctly secured dogs, and importantly must clean up after their companions, there is still a lot of work to be done here.

I will be posting suggestions on the website (if I can find it again) which I believe will be beneficial to all concerned with this regrettable episode, and I urge all others who will be impacted by the above to do the same.

Your Sincerely,
Noel Elliott,
Evanston Park 2/3/2018

Fri 02/03/2018 01:45 PM

Trena Day <s[REDACTED]n>
Off leash dog walking

To Council (E-mail)

To whom it may concern,
I have been a resident of Gawler for 40 years, and have had a few dogs in that time. I have always enjoyed taking my dogs for a walk off leash in the lovely parks that we have.
I think reducing that space to a small fenced off area in Clonlea park won't suffice. The Gawler population has grown so much since I moved here in the 70's and I suspect the dog population as well. I feel a little designated dog park will become overcrowded and disease carrying.
Kind regards,
Trena.
Sent from my iPad

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Wed 14/03/2018 01:30 PM
Brian Thom <[REDACTED]>
suggested dog runs

To: Jack Darzanos

Cc: Henry Inat

1 You replied to this message on 14/03/2018 06:30 PM.

Hi Jack,

Some 18 months or so ago I wrote to Council with 2 suggestions as to where there can be a fenced area where dogs could be left to exercise off the lead in safety.

Looking at the map accompanying the current Council invitation for receipt of such submissions, my suggestions were:

1. Map coordinate E9 - **between** the railway line running from Gawler Central to Gawler and the railway line from Gawler out to places to the SW, there is a triangle of land [fenced on the eastern and the western sides] - some c200 yards each side which creates a triangle having an unfenced base of c200 yards. This fenced base would be constructed parallel to the existing walkway which runs from the rear of Princes Park to Reid Reserve. If fenced across that base c200 yards, it would easily and inexpensively create a secure triangle of land of an acre or even more.
2. Map coordinate F7 - between the Gawler Acquatic Centre and Gawler Tennis Courts to the east and the old Petanque Club area to the west is an adjacent fenced both sides area which is never used. If properly fenced on the southern and northern side it would make for a large block for dogs to freely run within.

Since making this suggestion I have had no communication as to any subsequent assessment by Council of such possibilities.

I would appreciate it if these suggestions could be part of the mix of Council's deliberations into the matter of areas where dogs can run free, and would appreciate a reply.

Regards

Brian Thom

17 Daly Street, Gawler East SA 5118

bthom@bigpond.com



Tue 13/03/2018 05:47 PM
noel elliot <[REDACTED]>
Re: dog laws

To: Jack Darzanos

1 Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

Hi Jack,

thanks for your response. I'm not in the habit of complaining in print, but this one is a passionate one for me. Also, if done properly instead of just doing the minimum, this could be an earner for locals. At the moment the whole hillside is a weed infested unusable eyesore and if the council got together with dog clubs and people such as trees for life, I'm sure it could be turned into an attractive park area, not just for dog people. With pop-up cafes and a small charge for out of town users, it could be a very popular site to bring in outside clubs and visitors. Salisbury council was going to do that some years ago, but instead built a crappy fenced in dirt area. Next year the Border Collie club wants 1000 dogs at its meet(500 this year).

Dogs are becoming more popular for diverse reasons and several local businesses make an income from them. Gawler has very little to attract them, so really good parks, including competition areas ie: agility set ups and off leash areas would be a big attraction. I hope we can all work towards an equitable and excellent outcome for all.

Cheers, Noel.

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Subject: Concept plan--Dog Park. Proposed on/off leash areas
Date: 16 March 2018 4:12 pm
To: Chief Executive Officer , Gawler Council



Dear Sir

I am disappointed the Council has suggested major changes to the by-laws regarding dog walking in the Council area without consultation with the community. It has also ignored previous decisions where support for off-leash areas was very strong. The Council website shows the intention to make changes, but gives no reasons for doing so, which is a difficulty when trying to assess the value of the concept plan.

The Dog Park has been long expected and should provide an amenity which will be appreciated by many dog owners. However these parks do create problems with irresponsible owners who do not keep control of their dogs. They do not replace open spaces where larger and active dogs can have the exercise and training they need. All dogs need to be responsive to commands and return to their owners, this cannot be done on leash.

On/off leash areas

This seems to be a misleading statement. It suggests they are shared facilities. However the map does not show if any of the 13 off leash areas are dog parks or how they are shared. Clonlea, the most used park, is all on leash apart from the dog park. In fact there are no off leash areas close to the centre of Gawler.

It is stated that the report should provide a range of areas and environs to effectively socialise and exercise dogs. This obviously has not happened as there are many less places where dogs can exercise and socialise freely.

I find it difficult to understand why Gawler finds it necessary to have one of the most restrictive plans in South Australia. I have been a resident of Gawler for over 30 years. For most of that time I have owned a dog and have walked in Clonlea Park daily. I have seen very few problems in that time.. Probably less than the acts of vandalism at the skate park in a much shorter period. I have benefited mentally and physically from the exercise and opportunity to make friends and socialise with other dog owners. It is a shame that other elderly residents may not have this opportunity.

yours sincerely

Margaret Hunt

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Gawler East

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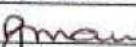
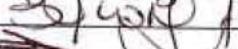
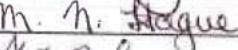
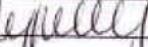
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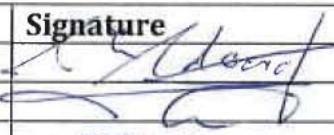
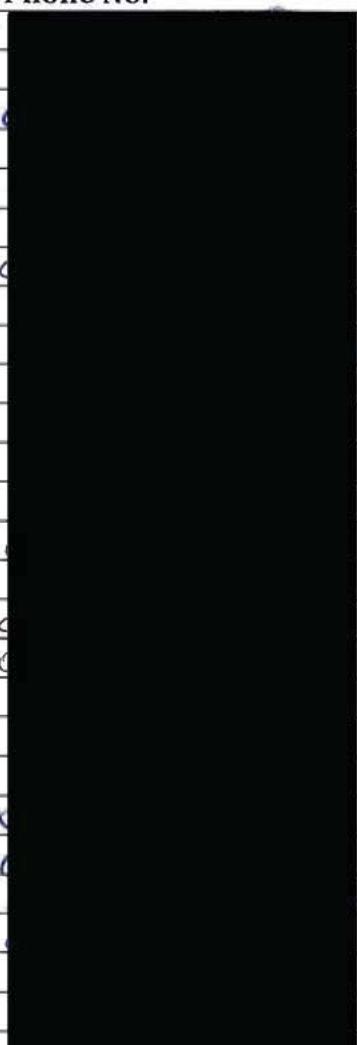
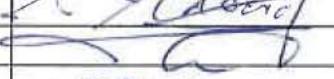
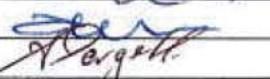
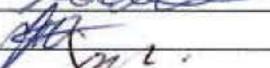
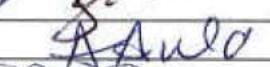
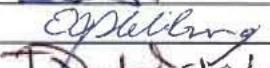
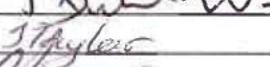
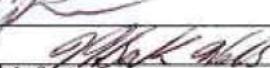
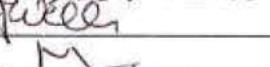
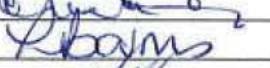
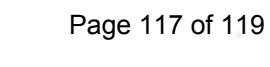
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PENALTIES APPLY

