

Dog Exercise, Prohibited & Rural Leashing Areas Policy

Objective

The purpose of this policy is to:

- determine
 - Dog Prohibited Areas
 - Dog Exercise Area
 - Rural Leashing areas
- Inform and educate the community relating to dog ownership responsibilities and exercising of dogs.

Policy Statements

Council in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan, the City of Albany's Dog Local Law 2017 and applicable legislation:

- Supports the designation of public land to create a welcome, safe environment for exercising and socialising of dogs.
- Promotes the regulated use of recreational areas by dogs and their handlers to ensure the community is safe.

A. Dog Prohibited Areas (All dogs, exempt: Registered Companion Dogs)

Pursuant to section 31(2B) of the *Dog Act 1976* and section 8 of the *Dog Act 1976* and section 66J of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*:

Area/Reserve	Location
All Public Buildings	All
All Playgrounds, Basketball Courts & Skate Parks	All
Becker Park (Reserve 32523)	Areas of bushland in the reserve.
Cape Riche Camp Ground	Areas actively managed for purpose of camping at Cape Riche.
Centennial Oval – AFL Stadium	The main AFL Oval associated with the Stadium at the corner of North Rd and Lockyer Avenue.

Area/Reserve	Location
Emu Point Beach/Emu Beach (R22698)	Being the area from the southerly facing beach opposite the corner of Burgess St/Cunningham St to Hunter St/Roe Parade.
Middleton Beach (R14789)	Being the beach between the Ellen Cove Jetty and the southern walk track access from Surfers Beach Car Park to the beach. Including all grassed areas and the beach fore dunes between the beach and Flinders Parade under the control of the City of Albany.
Nanarup Beach (Portion R 45631)	Beach west from the mouth of the Taylor Inlet to the Lagoon.
Stidwell Bridle Trail (Portions of Reserve 13773/R2903)	Parts of the Stidwell Bridle trail designated as horse only trails.

B. Dog Exercise Areas

Pursuant to section 31(3A) of the *Dog Act 1976*, the following areas are established as dog exercise areas:

Area/Reserve	Location
Barnesby Drive Reserve (R35088)	Area west of Barnesby Drive and 10m east of creek between Anuaka Rd and target Rd.
Becker Park (R352523)	Grassed parkland area accessed from Baker St North in Lower King, excluding the bushland.
Bovell Park/Square	Parkland surrounded by Jackson St, Mermaid Ave, Bedwell St and Miller St at Emu Point.
Centennial Park	All green fields and park lands within the Centennial park sporting precinct when not in use for sporting events with the exception of Centennial Oval (AFL Stadium).
Clifton St Park (R25356)	Parkland bounded by Admiral St, Clifton St and Humphreys St in Lockyer exclusive of the playground areas.
Collingwood Park	Grasses oval area outside of times in use for sporting events.

Area/Reserve	Location
Eco Park	Grassed areas of Eco Park at corner of Reidy Drive and Warden Ave in Spencer Park.
Emu Point Marina Beach	Beach area between Hunter St and Swarbrick St near the Emu Point Marina.
Emu Point Western Swimming Beach	Beach area facing west between rock wall and groyne opposite corner of Boongarrie St and Cunningham St.
Foundation Park	Parkland bounded by Mills St, Vancouver St and Parade St exclusive of the playground areas.
Lancaster Rd Drainage Basin	Grassed area bounded by Lancaster Rd, Pegasus Blvd. and Orion Ave exclusive of the playground and lake areas.
Le Grande Drainage Reserve (R36517)	South of Le Grande Ave between Valencia Cl and Salvado Rd.
McGonnell Park (R33006)	Parkland bounded by Bayonet Head Rd, Evans Rd, Purdie Rd and Sinclair St Bayonet Head exclusive of the playground areas.
Middleton Beach – Surfers Beach to Firth St (Emu Point)	Areas of beach north from the Surfers Beach Car Park to rock wall just south of Firth St as signposted.
The Esplanade	Grassed area east of The Esplanade north of Elizabeth St to the boat launching ramp.

C. Rural Leashing Areas

In all areas not described above (Policy Statements A & B), within the City of Albany boundaries (as gazetted) including all tracks/path in natural reserves dogs must be exercised on leads at all times.

Outside of the City of Albany boundaries pursuant to section 31(1) of the *Dog Act 1976*, the following areas are established where a dog must be on a leash at all times;

Area/Reserve	Location
Frenchmans Bay Picnic Area and Beach	Beach area and day use sites at Frenchman Bay from Frenchman Bay Rd to rocky headland opposite St Georges Cres.

Scope

This Policy identifies where dogs are prohibited and where dogs are permitted to exercise either on a leash or off-leash within the City of Albany Local Government Area.

This policy does not apply to registered companion dogs as specified in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Equal Opportunity Act 1984* or persons engaged in the training of companion dogs.

Legislative and Strategic Context

This policy complies with the requirements of the:

- *Dog Act 1976*,
- *Local Government Act 1995*,
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*,
- *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*,
- *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*;
- *Environmental Protection Act 1986*; and
- *City of Albany Dog Local Law 2017*.

Review Position and Date

This policy and procedure is to be reviewed by the document owner every three years.

Definitions

- ***Sporting event*** – for the purpose of this policy a sporting event is defined as an activity involving physical exertion and skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs and is often undertaken competitively. It is organised by a sporting association or club. Training for these activities falls under the definition of sporting event.
- ***Playground*** – an area designed and constructed to encourage children's outdoor play including facilities suitable for the riding of bikes, scooters, skate boards basketball courts etc.
- ***Grassed area*** – an area of grass maintained by the City of Albany for use by the community for a range of purposes.
- ***Bushland*** – areas covered in trees, shrubs or other natural vegetation.

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