

ATTACHMENTS

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COMMITTEE MEETING**

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF SURVEY

Rushy Point Q1 - Do you agree to allowing dogs to be exercised off leash on the eastern side of Rushy Point Reserve only, south of the existing bollards (please refer to the Figure 3)?

- 45 responses received.
- 29 (64.4%) yes to exercising dogs off the leash on the eastern side of Rushy Point. Main themes in comments include:
 - Only if there is responsible dog ownership – cleaning up poo, dogs comes when called,
 - Well sign posted and rules enforced.
 - Support use of this area – close for the elderly, physical and social wellbeing
 - As long as there is a clear boundary between the areas
 - Protect the environment – no digging in the banks
 - Good compromise between dog-walking and bird-watching community.
- 16 (35.6%) no to exercising dogs off leash on the eastern side of Rushy Point.
 - Current rules are good.
 - Need to protect the environment. Dogs dig in the fringing vegetation and chase the birds. Birds won't nest there.
 - People not in control of their dogs.
 - So many dogs there already.
 - Dogs should be on leash when off private property.

Rushy Point Q2 - Do you agree to adding a Dog Prohibited Area along the northern foreshore of Rushy Point Reserve around to the bollards on the eastern side, to protect migratory birds (please refer to Figure 3)?

- 41 responses received.
- 33 (80.5%) yes to adding a Dog Prohibited Area along the northern foreshore of Rushy Point around to the bollards on the eastern side, to protect migratory birds.
 - Very necessary to protect the birds. Shorebirds are protected under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Aust)*.
 - Must have enforcement of the rules.
 - Plenty of other areas to exercise dogs.
 - Good balance
- 8 (19.5%) no to the Dog Prohibited Area.
 - Dogs don't harm birds.
 - Dogs on leash should be allowed.
 - People need to control their dogs.

Binalup / Middleton Beach Q1 - Do you agree to allow dogs on leashes only on the grassed area north of the Surf Club and south of the playground?

- 80 responses received for this question.
- 27 (33.8%) people said "yes" to dog only being allowed north of surf club
- Good to share / inclusive as long as under control / appreciate adjustment. Main themes of comments received include:
 - No views from this site
 - Need good signs
 - Need to enforce the rules

REPORT ITEM DIS300 REFERS

- Uncontrolled dogs approaching other people, in particular elderly and young children
- Dog poo is an issue and more poo bags are needed
- 53 (66.2%) people said “no” to only having dogs in the proposed leashed grass area. Main themes of comments received include:
 - No comments received against this question (despite there being an option)
 - Relevant comments in the yes comments indicate that some people:
 - support dogs being permitted on a leash on all grassed areas;
 - don't want dogs on grass areas at all; and
 - others think the proposal is a good compromise.

Binalup / Middleton Beach Q2 - Do you agree to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed areas and on the beach (with dogs on a leash allowed on constructed paths)?

- 70 responses to this question
- 27 (38.6 %) people said “yes” to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed areas. Main themes of comments received include:
 - New grassed areas are currently beautiful, serene and clean
 - Should be able to enjoy this area without dogs sniffing at peoples crutch
 - People should be able to picnic without dogs running up and eating their food
 - Some people are afraid of dogs, don't like them or are allergic
 - Enforce the rules and clear signage about rules and penalties
 - People do not pick up their dog poo
 - Dogs are noisy and like to bark even on a leash
 - There are alternative areas such as Eyres Park and other beaches
 - Not necessary to take dogs everywhere
 - A good compromise for people with dogs who want to picnic
- 43 (61.4%) people said “no” to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed areas. Main themes of comments received include:
 - To avoid confusion allow dogs on all grass
 - Only on leash and if people pick up poo
 - Provision of dog poo bags and watering facilities
 - Unless there are concerns for wildlife
 - Only if well behaved and not bothering anyone
 - Parkrun starts and finishes on the grass near the pirate ship
 - Albany does not have anywhere that is dog friendly (*indicates that they are not familiar with the current Policy*)
 - Three people suggested the need for an additional area south of the lifesaving club – so people can watch their children swim and provides for start and finish of the Albany Park Run

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FOR EACH QUESTION

Rushy Point Question 1 - Do you agree to allowing dogs to be exercised off leash on the eastern side of Rushy Point Reserve only, south of the existing bollards (please refer to the Figure 3)?	
Yes Yes if owners are responsible and can have recall of there dogs when needed	
Yes We live in Little Grove and exercise our dog in the off lease area most days, along with other locals and their dogs.	
Yes Very popular area for members of the community to meet and excercise their well behaved dogs.	
Yes very few birds seem to congregate here. They stay up the end of the Point in the reeds.	
Yes This will be a wonderful area to be able to allow dogs to freely run and play with others, under supervision. Any chance of a rubbish bin being put near picnic table / entrance to walkway to bird hide.?	
Yes This is a popular dog exercise area frequented by mostly elderly dog owners and their dogs. We use the area regularly and have not witnessed any uncontrolled dogs or uncollected dog droppings.	
Yes There are not enough spots close to elderly to walk dogs	
Yes The more off leash dog excersise areas close to town the better	
Yes Provided there is a clear separation of the off leash area and the dog prohibited area.	
Yes provided there is a buffer zone of 100m between the area used by shorebirds and the area to be used by dogs to avoid the disturbance of roosting birds. Allowing dogs to come as close as the bollards may not provide a sufficient buffer.	
Yes Provided that the boundary for the prohibited area is well signed and actually enforced or the change is redundant.	
Yes Please enforce dog waste clean-up. A bin with bags attached would be great.	
Yes Please consider extending the off-lead dog exercise area southwards (low tide permitting as this affects beach availability) towards Chipana Drive. In the last year the CoA painted a number of 'Bag it, Bin it' signs on footpaths in the Little Grove area and, while it is ultimately a dog owners responsibility, there are very few (none other than at the Princess Royal Sailing Club?) poo bag dispensers in the area. Providing some in key locations may encourage dog owners to clean up.	
Yes Please consider amendments at gull rock beach to bring back dog access - these changes have been devastating as someone who has walked dogs on this beach since childhood and has a strong connection to this special place.	
Yes Owners need to understand the complex interactions of flora and fauna	

45 responses
29 Yes (64.4%)
16 No (35.6%)

<p>Rushy Point Question 1 - Do you agree to allowing dogs to be exercised off leash on the eastern side of Rushy Point Reserve only, south of the existing bollards (please refer to the Figure 3)?</p>
<p>Yes I would be pleased with this as this small area still allows the bird sanctuary plenty of space whilst allowing residents to enjoy their dogs off leash.</p>
<p>Yes i have never walked my dogs in this area so its hard to say what would really affect dog walkers. however if people have been allowed to have dogs there off lead before i think this should continue</p>
<p>Yes I have lived at Little grove for 73 yrs. I walked this beach a lot. I am not walking it now, but it is a great plan.</p>
<p>Yes I do not own a dog but often walk with the dog group and fin this a very pleasurable time for myselfthe dogs and owners.</p>
<p>Yes I am really optimistic that we have reached an excellent compromise between dog walkers and the bird-watching community.</p>
<p>Yes I am Ms Kim Stanton, Secretary of the South Coast Progress Assoc. and for many months we have consulted with the local dog 'walkers' re no off leash area in Little Grove, (except the CoA Oval Reserve behind our Hall). That oval is too far for most elderly people to walk to daily. Most dog walkers use this proposed beach area anyway, keeping their dogs leashed. At a gathering of these residents in early December 2021 at the beach site with myself and Tony Harrison President of SCPA, we all agreed this was a good option to put to the CoA . Reserves lady Sandra Maciejewski who also attended this Meeting agreed she would put it in draft for the Councillor's decision now that the Dog Policy was being reviewed.</p>
<p>Yes Great idea - love it.</p>
<p>Yes Dogs don't go there to kill birds. It's the cats that are allowed to roam freely that do that.</p>
<p>Yes dog owners shall have dog leashes about their person should extra control be required.</p>
<p>Yes An excellent amendment to support local dog walkers. I'm aware of some groups of elderly citizens who regularly frequent this spot to maintain their dogs and their own physical and social wellbeing. Having the space protected for them to use and allow their dogs to play would be a great addition to the Albany cultural space.</p>
<p>Yes Albany does not have anywhere in town or surrounding areas that is dog friendly</p>
<p>Yes A quiet foreshore area, much needed and easily accessible to the local dog walking community.</p>
<p>Yes</p>
<p>Yes</p>
<p>No This is an important bird area. Dogs and birds do not mix well</p>

<p>Rushy Point Question 1 - Do you agree to allowing dogs to be exercised off leash on the eastern side of Rushy Point Reserve only, south of the existing bollards (please refer to the Figure 3)?</p>
<p>No The existing rules are good, and should be reinforced by better signage highlighting the biodiversity and environmental fragility of Rushy Point. At least one dog, whose owner currently allows it to run free on the beach, regularly digs holes which are undermining the marginal vegetation and causing significant erosion. With the best will in the world, dog owners can't necessarily prevent their pets from pursuing wading birds into the area that is still to be protected. The terrible destruction of the Rushy Point wildflower site, which supported five different species of Stylidium alone, for the sake of a housing development, must not be compounded by further incursions into what was once a fabulous little wilderness.</p>
<p>No Some people already let their dogs off the lead on the beach. We were approached by a very large dog whose owner was not in control of it.</p>
<p>No So many dogs off leashes now there.</p>
<p>No Should be on leash. Too many dogs are not controlled off leash.</p>
<p>No Once dogs are off leash most owners dont supervise their dogs and they end up disturbing, injuring or killing wildlife.</p>
<p>No It's important to provide off leash dog areas for more freedom of natural movement and choice for dogs under responsible handler care. This is a great area to allow this activity. I would like to see it extended as per following question.</p>
<p>No If this area is a bird sanctuary and you are allowing dogs off leash to roam indiscriminately then you might as well forget about it being a bird sanctuary, especially for ground nesting species like hooded plovers and pied oyster catchers. Research shows reduced nesting success in areas where these birds nesting sights have been disturbed.</p>
<p>No Fyi I am not a resident of Little Grove</p>
<p>No Dogs should be on leash.</p>
<p>No Dogs should be on leash.</p>
<p>No Dogs should be on a leash when off their private property.</p>
<p>No Dogs should be banned from everywhere at Rushy Point. It is an important area for migratory waders.</p>
<p>No Dogs should always be kept on leash in public. People do not take enough responsibility for their dogs. They think just because their dog is friendly it should be able to roam freely</p>
<p>No Dogs off leash are not supervised or under control and wildlife is often injured or killed.</p>
<p>No Dogs should be prohibited from the area to let the birds feed and rest peacefully</p>

Rushy Point Question 2 - Do you agree to adding a Dog Prohibited Area along the northern foreshore of Rushy Point Reserve around to the bollards on the eastern side, to protect migratory birds (please refer to Figure 3)?	
Yes You need to have a ranger present to enforce the prohibited area and issue fines. Dog owners already blatantly ignore other prohibited areas in national parks and the rangers don't even fine them.	
Yes You cannot rely on dog owners to exercise control over them, especially off leash. I see this happen frequently enough to know this.	
Yes Yes protect the bird habitat	
Yes Whatever protection it is possible to offer to increasingly endangered birds which travel the length of the globe to come here should be eagerly embraced by everyone. The existing signs tell visitors what wading birds can be seen there, but they are not informative about the terrible threats to their habitats, and how crucial places like Rushy Point are to some of the most amazing species on the planet.	
Yes We have not seen anyone take their dogs into this area	
Yes Very necessary. Not many places left where shore birds can feed and feel safe	
Yes There is no need for dogs to be in this area and the environmental impacts on wildlife are too great.	
Yes There are plenty of other areas to exercise dogs and the birds need a safe place	
Yes Needs to be balance between preserving the environment and off leash areas.	
Yes Most local dog walkers do keep their dogs leashed in this area to protect local and migratory birds. However in holiday time, visitors often let their dogs "wander" and June Morrison the Australian bird recorder who visits daily there, has reported many occasions when dogs have run after shore-birds and stopped them feeding and resting.	
Yes migratory shorebirds are protected under the EPBC Act.	
Yes Migratory birds are protected under federal and state legislation. Some of the migratory birds using the Rushy Point area are listed as critically endangered.	
Yes if that is the reason, then yes I agree	
Yes if as mentioned in article this is a bird watching precinct then i think the dogs would be quite a nuisance here thus agree to making it a prohibited area, however..... there seems to be limited places for dogs to be off a lead i think the shire needs to look at this and build an area suitable for dogs that does not affect other groups. ie a fenced area for dogs only.	
Yes i would like to see COA make conservation an absolute priority. Protection of migratory birds is of far greater importance than dog access to these important habitat areas. Migratory birds are increasing under threat and I would like to see COA increase protection of these birds.	

41 responses
33 Yes (80.5%)
8 No (19.5%)

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<p>Yes I also recommend talking to the kite surfers who come within 100 metres of this area and scare the birds with the noise of there sails. I have witnessed some riders with in 50 metres of the shore and watched startled frightened birds take off.</p>
<p>Yes However, if your aim is to preserve the natural values the federally declared threatened subtropical saltmarsh represent, allowing dogs into any part of the threatened area should not occur. The importance of the saltmarsh to both migratory and indigent bird species should supercede the wishes of the minority of the community that dog owners comprise. Having said that, an actual impact of restricting dogs from any area will only be realised if City Rangers do their jobs to the full extent of their authority under the Dog Act and relevant Local Laws. You can have all the laws and Council declarations and policies in existence but there will be no real effect if you do not enforce the same. This is not an area in which the City of Albany performs well. The Rangers act more as a dog return service for wandering dog. As a further example, despite the requirement for dogs to be on lead on the ovals near ALAC, only a few hundred metres from the main Council offices and despite clear signage, the sight of dogs off lead is a daily occurrence.</p>
<p>Yes Good compromise to offer complete protection of shorebirds North of bollards</p>
<p>Yes Fyi I am not a resident of Little Grove</p>
<p>Yes dog prohibition signage is one thing, policing it is another as I have seen on many occasions dogs (on and off leash) is this area.</p>
<p>Yes Conservation of wildlife is so essential. So many migratory birds are endangered as their feeding and nesting habitat is impacted. Numerous times I have seen dogs chasing shore birds preventing them from feeding and nesting. Increasingly migratory birds are negatively impacted by dogs as people with 4 WD's access more and more beaches. Please COA promote conservation and protect Rushy Point Reserve.</p>
<p>Yes Birds need protection but this needs to be well sign posted</p>
<p>Yes Bird sanctuaries should be maintained, allowing the off leash area to the eastern side is sufficient. The bird habitat area should be protected and the areas signed to show this obviously.</p>
<p>Yes as above</p>
<p>Yes As above</p>
<p>Yes Additional signage and bollards further into low-tide line to prevent vehicles entering (it does happen).</p>
<p>Yes A respected area and effective compromise.</p>
<p>Yes</p>
<p>Yes</p>
<p>Yes</p>

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Yes
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No Your detail on the map and wording of questions are misleading and narrow
No Would need more info about the importance of these birds on the ecosystem
<p>No unless it is well documented that dogs have caused problems to the migratory birds in this area in the past, I do not agree with prohibiting dogs in this area.</p> <p>I do agree that a sign reminding dog handlers of their responsibilities to care for and keep all wildlife safe by teaching appropriate skills to their dog such as a recall, or people walking there dog on a long line if their dog is likely to chase birds. Possibly, a qr code with contact names of local qualified positive reinforcement dog trainers could be included to encourage people to learn seek help to learn appropriate skills with their dogs if needed. Not all dogs disturb or chase birds.</p>
No Owners need to be in control of their dogs. If they are known to attack or chase birds then simply don't take them there. Majority of dogs are well behaved with their owners
No On leash dogs should be allowed
No If dogs on leads that should be ok
No Dogs don't cause harm to the birds. It's the uncontrolled cats that do.
No Albany does not have anywhere in town or surrounding areas that is dog friendly

Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 1- Do you agree to allow dogs on leashes only on the grassed area north of the Surf Club and south of the playground?	
Yes You need ton place large signs to keep dogs on leads and also a sign stating there will be a fine for owners who don't pick up their dog poop. The biggest issue is dogs crapping all over the grass and being left there for people exercising and kids to step in. It's disgusting. There is already an issue with dog poo on the grass along the paths through Binalup leading up to the boardwalk	
Yes Yes, but you need to enforce restrictions. The "educational" approach clearly does not work because people are not obeying the current laws. Neither are the current laws adequately enforced.	
Yes Yes please that would be good do that my dog can be a part of our family activities	
Yes Unfortunately, there is no view of the water from this position due to the foredune, however, I appreciate the adjustment.	
Yes This would be a fantastic amendment and I look forward to a favourable outcome.	
Yes There needs to be more dog waste disposal bags available in all areas Inc the north end of lake Seppings	
Yes So many owners need to exercise their minds and dogs	
Yes Please provide sufficient dog poo bags. With the proposed hotel it would be reasonable to not have dogs at the newly established amenity surf club to ellen cove	
Yes On leash on grassed areas is a great idea.	
Yes It's important to let dogs and family enjoy the area	
Yes If you want to picnic it's nice to have your dog	
Yes Great idea. Have often wanted to picnic with my dog at Mids but can't.	
Yes Great idea to become inclusive, and forward thinking with the developments that are taking place. It has been a long time coming and I feel would increase the number of families that would utilise public facilities. I hope in the upgrades there would also be picnic areas/BBQs added.	
Yes Feels fair to share if they are on-lead	
Yes Fabulous idea so we can picnic with our dog	
Yes Dogs should be allowed on leash at this area. My family and I picnic down there regularly since the new upgrades and we always have to leave our dog behind. It would make sense to be allowed dogs at this park of the beach	

80 responses
22 yes (33.8%)
58 no (66.2%)

<p align="center">Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 1- Do you agree to allow dogs on leashes only on the grassed area north of the Surf Club and south of the playground?</p>
<p>Yes Compostable doggy poo bags must be available as well as bins to put them in otherwise there will be a mess. It would be nice to be able to take your dog on picnics with you.</p>
<p>Yes But only if there is ongoing supervision of this as dog owners often take further liberties and have their dogs of lead. And only of there are clear signs that dogs are not to be taken on to the dog prohibited beach area.</p>
<p>Yes Albany does not have anywhere in town or surrounding areas that is dog friendly</p>
<p>Yes A good compromise for people with dogs who want to picnic. Clear signs needed to show dogs can't access beach at that point.</p>
<p>Yes There is an issue with off-leash dogs chasing after and jumping up on strangers, and in particular the elderly and small children. In these situations owners are most often unaware that they should restrain their dog when approaching others.</p> <p>When ever I approach dog owners to make them aware that their dogs have caused me or my family to be harassed, they are usually surprised to hear that their dogs have caused fear, terror or discomfort to others, despite witnessing these events first hand. Currently, most dog owners believe it is within the rules to let their dogs be out of control when they are being exercised in off-leash areas. In face, dog owners should seek agreement with beach walkers unknown to them before they allow their dogs to approach. Currently, this is hardly ever the case.</p> <p>Dog owners regularly and routinely allow their dogs to run up to strangers and children etc without any concern, since there is little education around this aspect of dog owner etiquette. This is a problem particularly on beaches that are far from the centre of town. On isolated beaches, folks have the mistaken idea they can allow their dogs to run up to others who are also using the beach.</p> <p>This is a problem I rarely witness in city areas where everyone is more aware and such behaviour by dog owners would not be tollerated. This is most likely because of the limited space available and the fact that there is more policing. Dogs donâ€™t run so wild in city areas. Down here in the country it seems there is a 'free-for-all' approach to dog control, particularly at out of the way beaches, but also at popular spots such as middleton. On a number of occasions, I have contacted officials who have been sympathetic to the cause, but repeatedly state that since its not possible to police all the beaches 24/7, we can't do much about this issue. In my opinion, if there was a considered and consistent approach to public education we could gradually re-educate the dog owning public about their responsibilities.</p> <p>Middleton beach is also a problem in this regard. Its not possible for the non-dog-walking public to enjoy a walk from the surf club to Emu point without being hassled by out of control dogs. I have personally long ago given up walking between Middleton and Emu Point, although this is a fabulous walk close to town that I would love to do on a regular basis. It is a similar problem at Middleton for people walking their small dogs and whoâ€™s dogs are regularly attacked by larger out of control dogs. It seems very unfair to me that this popular beach, close to town, is not an option for so many beach walkers because of the out-of-control dog problem. This problem is only going to get worse as the population increases and dog numbers increase. I and my family have been harassed by out of control dogs on numerous occasions on Middleton Beach, Mutton Bird Beach and Gull Rock Beach, also the grassed area of the dog exercise section of Emu Point beach.</p>

Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 1- Do you agree to allow dogs on leashes only on the grassed area north of the Surf Club and south of the playground?	
<p>Our small children have been knocked from their feet and put in danger of being attacked by dogs that have been fighting amongst themselves and/or running out of control. I would like to suggest that a steering committee be established for the purpose of developing a marketing & public education program targeting control of dogs, specifically when they are off-leash, for this region. Such a group would comprise individual concerned members of the public, City of Albany officials and representatives from groups such as the Nursing Mothers Association, Over 55's groups, Aged care groups and dog owners. I would like there to be acknowledgement from the City that the lack of owner control of dogs off-leash in designated exercise areas is a particular problem that is widespread and which needs close attention. Over the past 5 years and more</p> <p>I have collected ideas & solutions from members of the public and I would like the opportunity to share these ideas in an appropriate setting to assist with the process of changing our local dog culture. If we could develop solutions for this particular issue, Albany could become the poster town for the nation. I am sure there are many many rural coastal towns that struggle with these exact same dog related issues. Kind regards, Jo Sharp 0401086862 jo_sharp@me.com</p>	
Yes Allows families to be able to picnic together with their dogs, under control.	
Yes I think you should take out the word 'only' - it makes this a bit difficult to answer. I think they should be allowed anywhere on the grass IF they are on a leash, IF the owner cleans up after them, IF the dog is behaving and not aggressive. If I answer YES - do you read it that I think dogs should be limited to ONLY this area?	This is a no
Yes Dogs on leash should be allowed on all the grasses areas to sit with their families.	This is a no
Yes Dogs allowed on all those areas, leashed only.	This is a no
Yes Yes to leashed walks in all areas; and save confusion altogether. I take kids to the park and the dog joins us, and we walk to the park at the other end with bikes and scooters in tow - we won't use the space at all if the dog can't come	This is a no
Yes But it should also be allowed on grassed area up till tiered seating. Dogs should be allowed on all grassed areas	This is a no
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Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 1- Do you agree to allow dogs on leashes only on the grassed area north of the Surf Club and south of the playground?

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Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 2 - Do you agree to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed area and on the beach (with dogs on a leash allowed on constructed paths)?	
Yes Yes, the reality is that not all dog owners are responsible, and those that are cant always control the actions of an animal. Just last week my wife had a dog run up off leash to where they sitting at emu point and started eating the food they had out, and it was a dog that had broken from the owners leash and come up onto the grass - dont really want the safety and amenity ruined south of the surf club by having more about.	
Yes Too many dog owners do not pick up after their dogs, let them off the leash when they should be on the leash and there is no-one (rangers) to police who is doing the wrong thing with their dogs. If I want to go and have a quiet walk or sit on the beach, I shouldn't have to worry about dogs jumping on me or me stepping in their poop. Unless you have enforcement in the area, the laws are useless.	
Yes 'To allow dogs on the grass/beach so they can picnic with their families'. Not everyone likes to picnic or go to the beach with other peoples dogs and keeping dogs on a leash only works if the dog owners cooperative, read the rules and dogs are well trained. Dogs on leashes still bark and upset the surrounding areas.	
Yes This needs to be well policed as there are dogs always off lead and on the grass throughout this area.	
Yes These forms are biased and totally invalid in the questions they are asking, I ask you to review the questions.	
Yes The new grassed area and walking paths at Middleton Beach are beautiful and clean. I OBJECT TO DOGS WHETHER ON A LEAD OR NOT BEING ON THIS GRASS, walking paths or the beach area where the upgrades are- it is very uncomfortable to have dogs sniffing at peoples crutch when people are enjoying the serenity of the beach and grassed areas. Worse still is the dog excreta left lying around by irresponsible dog owners. It is also terrifying for older people walking along the beautiful new walking paths to have dogs approach at speed. The "dogs are prohibited" signs are not BIG enough, already this morning we came across a dog on a lead on the new grassed area - people ignore signs.	
Yes The city of Albany could really benefit from an enclosed dog excercise area.	
Yes The area is fabulous (apart from the sand being blown in-needs regular maintenance). Think keeping dogs off all grass areas is wise as long as people have alternatives.	

70 responses
27 Yes (38.6%)
43 No (61.4%)

<p>Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 2 - Do you agree to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed area and on the beach (with dogs on a leash allowed on constructed paths)?</p>
<p>Yes Please never ever allow dogs to be taken onto the beach between Ellen Cove and Surfers Beach. This area should be a safe area for people to enjoy without being harassed or injured by dogs. Even now people take dogs onto this dog prohibited beach often off leash and under no control. It is also very unhygienic to have dogs at this main swimming beach. Recently people even took their dog in swimming in the shark protected area and I have also seen people go swimming at Ellen Cove leaving their dogs running around harassing other beach users. Not to mention people not cleaning up their dogs poop. I have even seen one lady whose dog pooped at the waters edge at the shark protected area who then kicked the poop into the water!! There were swimmers nearby. Also this beach can be a conservation area if no dogs are allowed with birds such as Oyster Catchers and red capped plovers. The impact of dog owners being given more and more freedoms is having a lot of negative effects on many people in the community especially older people or the many people who have suffered dog attacks.</p>
<p>Yes Please never allow dogs on the beach at Middleton. I need to do beach walking to recover from injury and ongoing therapy without the harassment of dogs. And please enforce the law for this no dog zone as nowadays 100% of the time I try and walk on this beach there are dogs off leash and not under any form of control. Please have signs to say penalties apply to enforce this no dog zone. Also regularly report on social media infringements of this no dog zone so that this acts as a deterrent. Mosman Park and Bunbury have signs at their no dog zone beaches saying \$200 penalties apply and this is very effective. Also this area of Middleton Beach is sadly no longer a feeding and nesting area of the Red Capped Plover and other shore birds due to the impact of dogs continually taken unlawfully into this no dog zone.</p>
<p>Yes People have alternatives off Aires park and the dog beach surfers beach, plus other available beaches</p>
<p>Yes No dogs at midds - on lead only on constructed paths only.. There is already mess over lawns - people don't want to deal with other peoples dogs. Changing this rule will just add to confusion- leave it no dogs</p>
<p>Yes Mainly because some people don't pick up after their dogs. It is also very annoying with sooo many dogs everywhere yapping etc.</p>
<p>Yes Let people walk through but no dogs on grassed area</p>
<p>Yes It's a good balance the way it is now, this is a safe area for families and kids without the worries of unruly dogs/owners and doggie do's. We have a great beach to walk on with our dogs</p>
<p>Yes would like to also allow dogs on the new grassed area west of the surf club. There are a lot of families that have dogs who would also like to enjoy that area.</p>

Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 2 - Do you agree to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed area and on the beach (with dogs on a leash allowed on constructed paths)?

Yes|i own two labs and am constantly walking them at middleton beach however, i strongly believe the grassed area is for children and people to sit and enjoy the outdoors. unfortunatley people with dogs DO NOT collect their droppings. This is not fair on families. even with guideleins saying no dogs dogs are still running loose in this area giving them more leeway will just exasperate the problem. even if people did pick up after their dogs there is always a small residue still on the ground. not fun for a family or group sitting or walking barefoot. again its sad to say but even if you say dogs on a lead most ignore this and let them run free a hazard with young children in the area. id love my dogs to be allowed to walk on the grass and be with the rest of the family but too many people will abuse this. so i have to say i dont support dogs on grassed areas, pathways only. or perhaps dogs just on grassed area between caravan park and surf building. having said this it would be great if there was a dog exercise area for dogs. they need to run and be free but not at the expense of children

Yes|i love my dogs, but it is not necessary to take them everywhere. Areas that are used by people for picnics shouldn't have dogs invading their food. Since allow dogs on the beach at the boat pen end of at emu point has created horrible experiences with off lead dogs snatching food straight out of my toddler's hands and people not picking up their dog poop. My kids love this beach as the water is shallow and calm but dogs have ruined it. I see the same happening to Middleton beach.

Yes|i agree if the prohibited area is that shown and surrounded by a red line in the diagram above, I assume this doesn't include the current area where we are allowed to exercise our dogs off leash??

Yes|Dogs exercise area should be between Griffith st and emu point where people don't really use the beach!!! Definitely no dogs should be allowed on grass or beach at Middleton beach!! Who wants to be at a 5 star hotel and have dogs poo in front of the hotel! People will not pick up after their dogs! After spending all that money to beautify the area, now you are going to ruin it!!! a what a joke!!!

Yes|Definitely no dogs on the beach and on other grassed areas. Dog owners will ignore this though. They already do. You need to put up large signs to enforce they're not allowed and issue fines. Tired of being overrun and harassed by stupid dogs and irresponsible owners in this area already. 3 Anchors area is terrible for it

Yes|Could we have dog access to Middleton only on the northern path at Surfers End? To have the Southern track free of dog faeces and stinking of urine would be great. Two accesses for dogs aren't needed.

Yes|Again, yes, but again you need to enforce restrictions. The "educational" approach clearly does not work because people are not obeying the current laws. Neither are the current laws adequately enforced.

Yes|Again lack of control of dogs off leash will mean that those wishing to enjoy the area will be annoyed by them. Unless the owner decides to pick up after them there is the problem of excreta as well. Children use the areas too and could be affected by the dogs running and frightening them.

Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 2 - Do you agree to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed area and on the beach (with dogs on a leash allowed on constructed paths)?	
Yes A sensible solution.	
Yes A lot of Owners have no responsibility for their dogs, we worry about walking at Midds now with our baby as all sorts of dogs run up to us (when we are still on midds side of beach not dog beach side) with owners either not having a care in the world what their dog is doing or they are attempting to recall their dog with no success. Midds is a great place to go and relax on the grassed areas and and new benches without having irresponsible owners letting their dogs wander whether that be on long leads or not on leads at all and bugging people that have food. Dogs shouldn't be allowed everywhere as some people are afraid of dogs, don't like them or are allergic. They already have a section of the beach, leave it at that.	
No I appreciate people want to take their dogs with them but For my family grandchildren are frightened of dogs due to a dog jumping on them , we have to be extremely careful where we go 86	This is a yes
Yes No dogs permitted on beach area. Grass and paths is ok for on leash only and litter to be disposed of appropriately!	This is a no
No Unless there are concerns for wildlife e.g. migratory birds etc I think dogs should be allowed everywhere. Yes on a leash and controlled but we should be able to walk around all areas with freedom. Put the responsibility back on the owners to control their dogs and clean up after them.	
No To avoid confusion among dog owners I feel it would be easier to adopt the same rule for all of the grassed areas, however I understand the reasons for keeping the beach as an exclusion zone for dogs.	
No They should be aloud on the beach from surfers to the sand bags.	
No They should be allowed oh a leash if behaved and not bothering others	
No Please consider additional grassed areas south of the surf club where dogs on a leash could be allowed	
No PLe swallow dogs on leaches on all grassed areas of Middleton Beach/ Binalup. Agree to prohibiting dogs on the beach .	
No Personally I think leashed dogs should be allowed wherever the handler can go. Dogs leave less pollution than humans. Majority of decent dog owners know to clean up after their dogs.	
No On a leash they should be allowed on beach and grassed areas	
No Mt Clarence parkrun takes place every Saturday morning and allows dogs under control on a short lead. The finish area is on the grass southeast of the pirate ship playground, near the toilet block. It would be great if dogs on leads were allowed in this area.	
No If they on leash I cant see why they can not be on the grass. I support not on that section of the beach though. This should have been 2 seperate questions	

<p>Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 2 - Do you agree to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed area and on the beach (with dogs on a leash allowed on constructed paths)?</p>
<p>No If dogs are on a lead it would be nice to be able to sit after a walk and relax on the grass, where the boardwalk path ends. This is a safe area for families to swim and dogs are controlled. Dog walking is one of the most popular recreation activities in Australia stopping for a coffee and watching the kids play on the playground works well with the connection to the boardwalk.</p>
<p>No If children are swimming it isn't possible to supervise them from this area, there needs to be space on the grass on the southern side of the surf club up to the other playground outside 3 Anchors but keep dogs out of actual Ellen Cove area.</p>
<p>No I would like to see dogs on leash being allowed on the grass anywhere from the Ellen Cove end of the board walk and including the area stated above. Maybe rangers could do regular patrols and warn/fine dog owners who are not using a leash or not picking up poop.</p>
<p>No I would like to see at least one other designated on lead dog grassed space in this area besides above mentioned area, Ellen Cove area, between cafe and board walk for example would seem an appropriate area to me. Provision could also be made for dogs and handlers to access the dog exercise beach from along the beach as well as pathway past Big 4 Caravan Park. I suggest signs that remind people about caring for others and ensure that everyone, other dogs included, feel safe in the environment by adhering to social etiquette with dogs. A useful sign would provide information about what good skills with dogs in a busy social environment are. Possibly, a qr code with contact names of local, qualified, positive reinforcement dog trainers could be included to encourage people to learn seek help to learn appropriate skills with their dogs if needed.</p>
<p>No I think they should be allowed to be on leash in all the grassed areas. Understood that there needs to be an area of beach for people who don't like dogs, but I don't see how the dogs can't be on a leash in the whole grassed and paved area. Why limit it to the paths? Makes no sense.</p>
<p>No I think they should be allowed anywhere on the grass IF they are on a leash, IF the owner cleans up after them, IF the dog is behaving and not aggressive.</p>
<p>No I think there are far too many restrictions currently, Middleton beach has been an eyesore for many many years, there has been no public health incentives/ decent community facilities since I was a child and no real inticement for families to visit the area.</p> <p>I visited Albany recently and was extremely impressed with the upgrades to the area, it has been modernised to the appropriate times and equal to other LGAs of similar sized populations.</p> <p>I think with forward thinking comes planning for the future, emu point remains an area that dogs are prohibited, Middleton beach should open up for inclusiveness and allow for dogs, especially with the expansions that will continue to grow in that area. Many holiday makers look to travel with animals, wouldn't it be great if big 4 was then able to offer pet friendly accomodation.</p>
<p>No I think of dogs are on leash then it shouldn't be an issue</p>
<p>No I think leashed Dogs should be allowed on the grassed areas also, but not on the beach.</p>

<p align="center">Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 2 - Do you agree to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed area and on the beach (with dogs on a leash allowed on constructed paths)?</p>
<p>No I think dogs should be allowed on all parts of the beach and grass as long as they are in control and there is adequate facility of poo bags etc</p>
<p>No I think dogs should be allowed on all grassed areas, leashed. And on the beach from the surf club towards emu point. Not on the beach in front to the netted swimming area.</p>
<p>No I agree to NOT let them on the beach/sand in that area, but should be allowed on leash and controlled on all the lawned areas.</p>
<p>No I agree no dogs on the beach at all. I would like to see an area assigned for dogs on leash on a small flat grassed area between start of board walk & Three Anchors .</p> <p>As the family pet this should allow for lease control by responsible owners and family to be able to safely watch their children swim within the shark net area. People having dog free picnics are often less responsible than dog owners. Rubbish is left and cigarette butts</p>
<p>No I agree in general but would like to see an area for dogs on leashes in the grassed area between the toilet blocks and the Ellen Cove pathway.</p>
<p>No Figures are hard to interpret as they do not match but if it means MORE prohibited area for dogs then I disagree</p>
<p>No Dogs should be allowed On leash on all grassed areas at this site but not allowed on beach.</p>
<p>No Dogs should be allowed on leash at all areas of Binalup / Middleton Beach. It shouldn't be an off leash area but dogs should be allowed to be there if they are on leash. There should also be more dog watering facilities and dog bags available.</p>
<p>No Dogs should be allowed on leash at all areas of Binalup / Middleton Beach. It shouldn't be an off leash area but dogs should be allowed to be there if they are on leash. There should also be more dog watering facilities and dog bags available.</p>
<p>No Dogs should be allowed on all grassed areas and all paths on a leash</p>
<p>No Dogs should be allowed on all beaches and grassed areas and on paths on a lead. They should not be prohibited. Including the grassed area from playground to boardwalk where you can sit and picnic.</p> <p>I am a Middleton Beach resident and would like to walk my dog on a lead to dog beach from the boardwalk, where I can then let her off. Thankyou.</p>
<p>No Dogs should be allowed but always on a leash.</p>
<p>No Dogs on leashes should be allowed to join their families for picnics on all the lawn areas at Binalup / Middleton Beach. I fully support dogs being only allowed on leash but don't support them being only allowed on the constructed paths.</p>
<p>They should be allowed on leash on the grass areas too.</p>

<p align="center">Binalup / Middleton Beach Question 2 - Do you agree to prohibiting dogs on all other grassed area and on the beach (with dogs on a leash allowed on constructed paths)?</p>
<p>No Dogs on leash should be allowed on all the grasses areas to sit with their families. Albany needs a fenced area dog park as provided by many other local governments need n various suburbs including Baldivis Treeby Parmelia Hammond Park South lake Inglewood Dianella Rockingham Byford Harri</p>
<p>No Dogs on leash should be allowed on all the grasses areas to sit with their families.</p>
<p>No Dogs on leash should be allowed on all areas</p>
<p>No Dogs on leads should not be prohibited from any grassed areas at Binalup / Middleton Beach. Albany already has far too few places for people to go with their dogs on leads.</p>
<p>Dog ownership is growing exponentially across Australia and Albany doesn't want to become known as anti dog.</p>
<p>No Dogs leashed allowed on all grassed ares and the beach at Binalup/Middleton Beach around the surf club.</p>
<p>No Dogs are apart of the family and should be aloud in public areas. The fault lands on the owners to make sure they clean up after them and not take aggressive dogs. On leash in public areas I agree to but not prohibiting them from being able to go in areas because some people are not dog lovers.</p>
<p>No Albany needs more areas where dogs can be allowed to walk off leash. Have a look at Melville City.</p>
<p>They allow dogs off leash in most parks and ovals. I spend some time in Winthrop and can let my dogs off leash in a choice of 5 parks/ovals within walking distance of my unit. Albany is extremely dog unfriendly.</p>
<p>No Albany does not have anywhere in town or surrounding areas that is dog friendly</p>
<p>No Agree in principle but suggest modify the northern (beach) end of the existing dog prohibited area to permit dogs on leash to be taken directly to the beach from the grassed area north of the Surf Club and south of the playground ie the area proposed in this amendment. From this access point dogs on leash northwards, not southwards.</p>
<p>No A lot of the space is a thoroughfare when you have a dog, it's confusing to have mixed rules.</p>
<p>And people who do the wrong thing will do so either way so rules won't apply to bad people, it'll just punish the respectful dog owners</p>

Dog Exercise, Prohibited & Rural Leashing Areas Policy

Objective

The purpose of this policy is to:

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

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 & Strategic Context

This policy complies with the requirements of the:

- *Dog Act 1976; and*
- *City of Albany Dog Local Law 2017.*

This policy relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Community Strategic Plan 2032:

- **Pillars:**
 - **People:** A diverse and inclusive community.
 - **Planet:** Sustainable management of natural areas; balancing conservation with responsible access and enjoyment.
- **Outcomes:**
 - Provide facilities and services to meet the needs of families and young children
 - Provide sustainable protection, adaption and enhancement of the coastline, rivers, floodplains, wetlands and estuaries.

Associated Documents

Associated documents that have a bearing on this policy, include:

- *Local Government Act 1995;*
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992;*
- *Equal Opportunity Act 1984;*
- *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911; and*
- *Environmental Protection Act 1986.*

Review Position and Date

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

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

- **Bushland** means areas covered in trees, shrubs or other natural vegetation.
- **Path** means a paved access way made of either concrete, paving or bitumen for the purpose of pedestrian and bike use.
- **Playground** means 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.
- **Sporting events** are 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.
- **Trail** means an unpaved access way through parks and bushland areas for the purpose of pedestrian and bike use.

Policy Statements

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

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

REPORT ITEM DIS300 REFERS

Policy Statements:

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: the following areas are established as dog prohibited areas.

Note: This excludes any paths and trails within these areas where dogs are allowed on a leash as per section C.

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	The whole of Reserve R1010 and R33850.
Centennial Oval – Retravision Stadium	The main sporting oval associated with Retravision Stadium at the corner of North Rd and Lockyer Avenue.
Emu Point Beach, and Emu Beach West (R22698)	Being the area from the southerly facing beach opposite the corner of Burgess St/Cunningham St to Hunter St/Roe Parade. Beach area facing west between rock wall and groyne opposite corner of Boongarrie St and Cunningham St.
Middleton Beach (R14789)	Being the beach area between the Ellen Cove Jetty and the southern walk track access from Surfers Beach Car Park to the beach. Includes grassed areas between Ellen Cove and the Surf Life Saving Club excluding all paths.
Rushy Point (35754)	Being the foreshore area extending from the boundary of Vacant Crown land in the west to the existing bollards along the eastern side of Rushy Point.

B: Dog Exercise Areas

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

Area/Reserve	Location
Barnesby Drive Reserve (R35088)	Area west of Barnesby Dve and 10m east of creek between Anuaka Rd and Target Rd.
Becker Park (R352523)	Park accessed from Baker St North in Lower King, excluding the bushland.
Bovell Park/Square	Park surrounded by Jackson St, Mermaid Ave, Bedwell St and Miller St at Emu Point.
Centennial Park Central Precinct	All grassed areas between Lockyer Avenue and Sanford Rd when not in use for events.
Clifton St Park (R25356)	Park bounded by Admiral St, Clifton St and Humphreys St in Lockyer exclusive of the playground areas.
Collingwood Park	Areas surrounding but not including the main grassed oval area. Exclusive of when the area is in use for sporting events.
Eco Park	Park at corner of Reidy Drive and Warden Ave in Spencer Park, exclusive of bushland areas.
Emu Point Marina Beach	Beach area only between Hunter St and Swarbrick St adjacent to the Emu Point Marina.

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Area/Reserve	Location
Foundation Park	Park bounded by Mills St, Vancouver St and Parade St, exclusive of the playground area.
Lancaster Rd Drainage Basin	Park 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)	Park 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)	Beach area only, 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.

D: Rural Leashing Areas

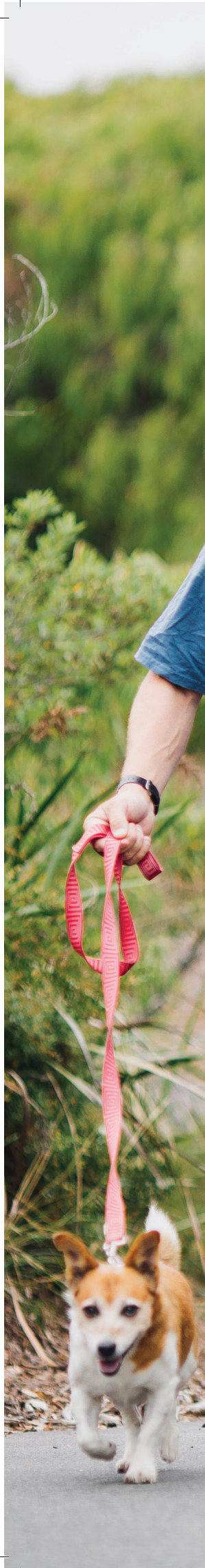
In all areas not described above (Policy Statements A & B), within the City of Albany boundaries (as gazetted) including all trails/paths in bushland reserves dogs must be exercised on leash and under control at all times.

In rural areas 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 the boat launching area at the eastern end of the access road.
Nanarup Beach (Portion R 45631)	Beach west of the Taylor Inlet to the Lagoon.

REPORT ITEM DIS300 REFERS

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✓ DOG EXERCISE AREAS

In a Dog Exercise Area, you may exercise your dog off leash, but they must still be under control.

Remember some people, particularly small children and the elderly, can find encounters with dogs intimidating. Please be considerate of others. Don't let your dog approach other people, unless you are confident the other person is comfortable with that happening. If in doubt, keep your dog on a leash. A leash must be a maximum of 2m in length.

✓ RURAL LEASHING AREAS

Rural Leashing areas can be specified for public areas outside a townsite. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

✗ DOG PROHIBITED AREAS

Dogs are not permitted in Dog Prohibited Areas, even on a leash.

In addition, dogs are not permitted in playgrounds, basketball courts, skate parks or public buildings, with the exception of registered companion dogs.

CONTROL YOUR DOG:

- Do not let your dog run up to other people if you do not know they are comfortable with dogs.
- Do not let your dog dig in sand dunes, vegetation or chase birds.
- Do not let your dog run up to people sitting down or disturb other peoples items such as towels or picnics.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

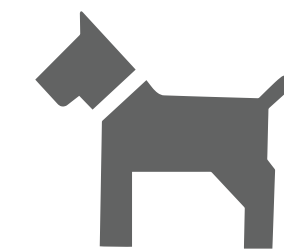
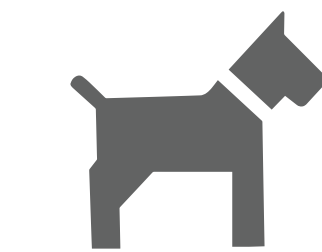
It is an offence (fines are applicable) if you do not clean up after your dog in any public place.

- Free poo bags are available at some high use locations. However, please bring your own bags just in case there are none available.
- Tying a bag or two to your lead ensures you are always able to clean up responsibly after your dog.
- Place used bags in the bin, and do not leave them on the ground as plastic is not good for the environment and it is regarded as littering.

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7	Becker Park (R352523)	Grassed parkland area accessed from Baker St North in Lower King, excluding the bushland.
8	Bovell Park/ Square	Parkland surrounded by Jackson St, Mermaid Ave, Bedwell St and Miller St at Emu Point.
9	Centennial Park	All green fields and parklands within the Centennial park central sporting precinct between Lockyer Avenue and Sanford Rd when not in use for sporting events.
10	Clifton St Park (R25356)	Parkland bounded by Admiral St, Clifton St and Humphreys St in Lockyer exclusive of the playground areas.
11	Collingwood Park	Areas surrounding but not including the grassed oval area. Not including times when the area is in use for sporting events.
12	Eco Park	Grassed areas of Eco Park at corner of Reidy Drive and Warden Ave in Spencer Park.
13	Emu Point Marina Beach	Beach area between Hunter St and Swarbrick St near the Emu Point Marina.
14	Amended/ Removed	As per Council Resolution DIS208 at OCM 28/04/2020
15	Foundation Park	Parkland bounded by Mills St, Vancouver St and Parade St exclusive of the playground areas.
16	Lancaster Rd Drainage Basin	Grassed area bounded by Lancaster Rd, Pegasus Blvd and Orion Ave exclusive of the playground and lake areas.
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20	The Esplanade	Grassed area east of The Esplanade north of Elizabeth St to the boat launching ramp.

RURAL LEASHING AREAS

21	Frenchman Bay Picnic Area and Beach	Beach area and day use sites at Frenchman Bay from Frenchman Bay Rd to the boat launching area at the end of the access road.
22	Nanarup Beach (Portion R45631)	Beach west from the mouth of the Taylor Inlet to the Lagoon.

DOG PROHIBITED AREAS

23	Rushy Point	Being the foreshore area extending from the boundary of Vacant Crown land in the west to the existing bollards along the eastern side of Rushy Point.
1	Becker Park (R32523)	Areas of bushland in the reserve.
2	Cape Riche (R1010, R33850)	Areas actively managed for purpose of camping at Cape Riche.
3	Centennial Oval – AFL Stadium	The main AFL Oval associated with the Stadium at the corner of North Rd and Lockyer Avenue.
4	Emu Point Beach/ Emu Beach West (R22698)	Being the area from the southerly facing beach opposite the corner of Burgess St/Cunningham St to Hunter St/Roe Parade. Beach area facing west between rock wall and groyne opposite corner of Boongarrie St and Cunningham St.
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TOWN AREAS

Unless otherwise identified as Dog Prohibited Areas or Dog Exercise Areas, all other areas including on paths (even within Dog Prohibited Areas), trails and in parks, dogs must be on a leash at all times. A leash must be a maximum of 2m in length.

RURAL AREAS

Dogs can be exercised off leash unless identified as a Rural Leashing Area or Prohibited Area. All dogs must be under control at all times.

Clearing in Council Controlled Land Policy (Including Environmental Code of Conduct Guidelines)

Objective

To ensure that all vegetation cleared by the City of Albany is carried out in accordance with statutory legislation.

Scope

The management of road reserves, gravel pits and other Council controlled land.

Policy Statement

The City of Albany is committed to minimise the environmental impacts that could be caused by works carried out on Council controlled land.

The City of Albany is committed to sustainably managing Albany's municipal assets and delivering excellent community services.

Legislative and Strategic Context

State Legislation states that all vegetation clearing by Local Government has to conform to State regulations.

The document has been reviewed and endorsed by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The City has produced and the Council has endorsed the "Environmental Code of Conduct – Guidelines for Works on Council Controlled Land".

This guideline incorporate all processes, procedures and operational requirements to further enhance the State regulations.

Legislation:

This policy and associated guideline conforms to the:

- Environmental Protection Act 1986;
- Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004;
- Environmental Protection (Environmentally Sensitive Area) Notice 2005.

The Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) defines the City's role and responsibility in managing activities on City of Albany managed land.

Under the power conferred by the Act and under all other powers enabling it, the City administers this responsibility through the following local laws and policy:

- City of Albany Local Government Property Local Law 2011;
- City of Albany Activities on Thoroughfares and Public Place and Trading Local Law 2011; and
- Council Policy & Guideline: Regulator Compliance.

Strategic Context:

This policy remains current, noting the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan 2032:

- **Theme:** Planet: We are leaders in sustainability with a shared commitment to climate action and protecting our beautiful, natural environment.
- **Outcome:** Sustainable management of natural areas; balancing conservation with responsible access and enjoyment.
- **Objectives:**
 - Conserve and enhance the region's natural reserves.
 - Provide sustainable protection, adaption and enhancement of the coastline, rivers, floodplains, wetland and estuaries.

Review Position and Date

This policy was originally adopted on 19/12/2006. This policy and the associated guidelines must be reviewed every three years by the document owner.

Associated Documents

Other documents that have a bearing on this policy and that may be useful reference material for users of this policy, follow:

- Environmental Code of Conduct – Guidelines for Works on Council Controlled Land
- *Environmental Protection Act 1986*
- *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*

Definitions

Key terms and acronyms used in the policy, and their definitions:

- **Vegetation Clearing:** Any clearing of vegetation including trees, remnant vegetation and small flora.

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Environmental Land Management Policy

Objective

To ensure that all vegetation cleared by the City of Albany is carried out in accordance with the law and is carried out after all reasonable attempts to mitigate adverse impacts have been exhausted.

Scope

The management of road reserves, gravel pits and other Council controlled land.

Policy Statements

A: The City of Albany is committed to minimise the environmental impacts that could be caused by works carried out on Council controlled land.

B: To minimise environmental impacts on City managed land, City Officers who conduct works or engage others to conduct works on the City's behalf are responsible for ensuring:

- work, activities or undertakings comply with the City approved Environmental Land Management Guidelines, also referred to as a Code of Responsible Land Management (the Code);
- best practice flora and fauna management processes are implemented where possible;
- facilitate and/ or deliver appropriate training to improve staff and contractor knowledge and therefore understanding of best practice environmental protection operating procedures;
- works are actively monitored to ensure compliance in accordance with this Code; and
- breaches of the Code are reported, investigated and action is taken in accordance with the law, guided by the Council's adopted Regulatory Compliance Policy position and associated guidelines.

Legislative and Strategic Context

Clearing native vegetation is an offence, unless done under a clearing permit or the clearing is for an exempt purpose.

Local governments are responsible for ensuring their operations are compliant with the law.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) administers the clearing provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act).

City Officers are responsible for the drafting and implementation of Environmental Land Management Guidelines, enabling this policy position.

This guideline incorporate all processes, procedures and operational requirements to further enhance the State regulations.

Legislation:

This policy and associated guideline conforms to the:

- Environmental Protection Act 1986;
- Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004;
- Environmental Protection (Environmentally Sensitive Area) Notice 2005.

The Local Government Act 1995 (the Act), defines the City's role and responsibility in managing land clearing activities on City of Albany managed land, through the making and adopting of local laws.

Under the powers conferred by the Act and under all other powers enabling it, the City administers this responsibility through the following local laws:

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Strategic Context:

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This policy also relates to the following strategic goals prescribed in the City of Albany's Natural Reserves Strategy:

- **Goal 1.1:** To preserve and increase the ecological values of our natural reserves.
- **Goal 3.1:** To provide recreational facilities that minimise impact on the natural environment.

Review Position and Date

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