

EMU BEACH WEST DOG		4 PROPOSED MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES BY COUNCIL						KEY THEMES							
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1	03/04/2020		1				Reason we swim at Area 14 is that the ropes at the swimming lanes at the channel are covered in sharp spawning mussels which invariably slice into my hands when swimming and hitting the ropes. Not being a particularly good swimmer and in my mid seventies it is difficult to swim straight for a decent length. This length of sand is too short to have unleashed dogs scampering about to get their exercise and perform natural body functions			1	1				
2	04/04/2020		1				It is far too small an area for dogs (who should be leashed but aren't) to run free and stay within this location. Having dogs not under control is a safety hazard in as you can't get away from them. Many complaints have been made regarding dog faeces being left on the ground.	1			1				
3	04/04/2020		1				This beach is far too small for dogs and swimmers to co-exist. Should an injury occur the consequences could be severe It is difficult to insist dog owners clean up after their dogs without receiving abuse. There are more than sufficient areas to exercise dogs	1			1		1		
4	05/04/2020		1				It is a small area, not really suitable for exercising dogs on where more vulnerable members of the community are swimming and playing. There is a large area of beach from Surfers Beach to Firth Street where dog owners can enjoy	1					1		
5	05/04/2020		1				Emu Point is a small space that should be just for people. possible hazards caused by dogs and bikes. We do not want to have our towels polluted. There are already good amounts of space set aside for dogs.	1	1				1		
6	05/04/2020		1				The beach is to small for dogs to run off the lead, as many owners are unable to control there dog once it is free and excited.	1							
7	06/04/2020		1				It is the safest swimming beach in Albany for children and the elderly. It is bounded by a small amount of vegetation housing native lizards and bandicoots. It is frequented by seabirds such as oyster catchers and molly hawks.	1				1			
8	06/04/2020	1				1	I seem to be the only person who actively picks up other people's rubbish in this area. I can't see why dogs can't continue to use this small beach area and people who don't like being around dogs can just simply use the beach on the other side of the groin. Some beaches have a time share arrangement to keep everyone happy. Can this be a consideration?					1		1	
9	07/04/2020	1					With a small 14 year old dog, Emu Beach Dog Exercise Area, with its calm water, is a safe & central place for us to have a swim.	1							
10	07/04/2020		1				Dogs will often jump up at people and many older persons who have balance issues could be knocked over quite easily. Dogs will urinate and defecate on the beach and on persons belongings. Again the irresponsible owners will not pick up the faeces.	1	1		1				
11	08/04/2020		1				No dogs. I do not wish to go through all of the reasons for that request as I have addressed that with you previously. It is a failed experiment.								1
12	08/04/2020		1				This small swimming beach is a very confined area. It is popular with people of all ages and can get very busy. It is a very suitable beach for this purpose. It is very unsuitable as a dog exercise area.			1					
13	08/04/2020		1				Too small for dual purpose and dogs need a decent sized area to run.	1							
14	08/04/2020		1				Dogs jumping up on older people or running around older peoples feet is hazardous. Dogs will urinate and defecate on the sand. do not pick up the faeces. There is more than enough beach close to town for dog exercise where dogs can be let off their lead.	1	1		1		1		
15	08/04/2020		1				Small section of beach totally unsuitable to be shared with dogs. Many dog owners do not abide by the councils policy of "Quote "Don't let your dog approach other people if they appear uncomfortable. The current allocation of approximately 80% of Middleton Beach and Emu point as "dog beaches" is far to high.	1					1		
16	08/04/2020		1				To now have dogs on it spoils the enjoyment of it to the point of our exclusion from using the beach because of their presence. There are so many other designated "dog beaches" available in the vicinity.						1		
17	08/04/2020		1				Unsuitable as a dog exercise area, popular all year swimming beach. Dog owners are well provided with exercise areas.						1		
18	08/04/2020		1				There is no need to allow dogs into this small pristine space when there are ample alternative areas for dog owners to take their dogs. Many people do not like dogs or are afraid of them. People should be able to go to pristine beaches and feel safe from dog attacks and or dog refuse.	1			1		1		
19	08/04/2020		1				Not keeping their dogs under control and by not picking up after their animals. Letting their dogs run wild & peeing on people's towels etc.	1	1						
20	09/04/2020		1				The mess of dogs is one thing, the danger to children, older citizens sitting quietly on the beach is something else. Middleton Beach's already designated areas are quite sufficient for dogs and horses.	1			1		1		
21	09/04/2020		1				Dog owners not picking up and removing the dog's faeces and not preventing them from urination on other beach goer's belongings. Dogs being off-leash and not under the owners control.	1	1		1				
22	09/04/2020		1				Dogs are not always controlled or cleaned up after; there are several alternatives close by.	1			1		1		
23	09/04/2020		1.00				It is such a small beach, 80 metres, that is very popular with families, the elderly and the disabled. In fact all ages swim there.dog poop has not been picked up. There are already many kilometres of beaches available for those who wish to exercise their dogs all around Albany.			1	1		1		
24	10/04/2020		1				Can hardly be considered as a suitable exercise beach for dogs, without danger and injury to the elderly on a quiet walk, small children, those fishing etc.	1					1		
25	11/04/2020		1				There is ample coastline that allows dogs to be off the lead further along Middleton ; how easily disease is spread. I would think it is in the City's best interest to be increasing the health and safety guidelines; lifting their leg anywhere and on lots of occasions leaving their faeces behind for some poor unfortunate to step in or roll on.		1		1		1		
26	11/04/2020		1				It is the safest swimming beach in Albany for children and the elderly. It is bounded by a small amount of vegetation housing native lizards and bandicoots. It is frequented by shorebirds such as oyster catchers and mollymawks.	1				1			
27	11/04/2020		1				Reluctant to clean up after them thus creating a health situation in the community. I have been attacked and bitten by an unrestrained dog in the street.	1	1						
28	11/04/2020		1				Dog owners not being responsible and cleaning up after their dogs. There are ample areas in the Emu Point and Albany area to exercise their dogs.					1	1		
29	11/04/2020		1				Endangers all in the surrounding areas from bites, falls, fear and vehicle mishaps due to roaming dogs. DON'T picking up their poo as required, causing a health hazard and the awful embarrassment if one treads in it while walking or wishing to have a swim. There are many other areas.	1	1		1		1		
30	11/04/2020		1				There is ample area to exercise dogs without this pristine section of beach.			1			1		

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31	12/04/2020		1				Seniors could feel safe without the noise of small children. Now we have to share it with dog urine. There is not room for dogs. Some dog owners can't be trusted to clean up after their dogs. Council had kindly given the dog owners a very long length of beach for their use.		1		1		1		
32	12/04/2020	1					I enjoy walking and swimming with my dog. It is more protected and accessible.	1		1					
33	12/04/2020		1				No dogs be allowed. Walking in dog pee is unacceptable and unhealthy. Some pick up their dog poo, but others don't. Some dogs have been seen acting aggressively which is intimidating and potentially dangerous. Present corona virus, media comments that have been made, this is an apt comment in regard to futility of educating dog owners.	1	1		1				
34	13/04/2020		1				Avoid dog droppings, who did a wee. Give us our little area which for people who have had hip and knee replacements it is easy to walk down to the beach and into the sea and the sea is calmer in that small area. Plenty of areas they can take their dogs.	1	1		1		1		
35	13/04/2020		1				Doggy poo bag; there is plenty of other areas people can take their dogs.				1		1		
36	13/04/2020		1				Beach is much too small for both dogs and families. had to avoid three different piles of dog poo. plenty of beaches close by. Large dogs running the shore line from one side of the beach to the other chasing seagulls no control. Two big dogs running through the fenced off rehabilitation area.				1	1	1		
37	13/04/2020	1					I have always wanted to swim with my dog and now I can, safely. uniquely suitable for people to swim with their dogs, safe experience for elder or family swimming. I do not want my dog to chase wildlife on beach #13.	1		1		1			
38	13/04/2020		1				The area is too small for this activity to occur harmoniously with people.	1							
39	13/04/2020		1				It is a safe, small, sheltered beach where I feel safe in the water. Not enough room for dogs to have a good run now you have to watch for dogs excretions etc, not pleasant. There is already a dog beach on the other side of Emu Point.	1		1	1		1		
40	13/04/2020		1				Dogs and owners running around can be a bit intimidating and a safety issue for some people. I believe that the present area / areas already allocated on Middleton Beach are second to none.	1					1		
41	13/04/2020		1				The introduction of dogs poses a threat to the children's safety and concerns regarding the dog excrement left behind. There are many other areas dogs can exercise.	1			1		1		
42	13/04/2020		1				The area available at this beach is far too small for exercising dogs and the potential for conflict with other beach users would be high.	1							
43	13/04/2020		1				I also worry about the safety of people; I also fear for a child or an adult to one day be bitten by the roaming dogs. From a health factor... are not picking up after their four legged friends defecate on the beach.	1	1		1				
44	13/04/2020		1				Incompatibility between dogs, small children and the more senior adults using the beaches. not of sufficient length to safely allow dogs to run along its length without endangering children, adults and frail seniors. Middleton/Emu Beach is a prime example, where there is considerable length and space. Dogs had defecated on the beach. The area surrounding the beach is environmentally sensitive with sensitive flora and fauna, once again incompatible with dogs.	1			1	1	1		
45	13/04/2020		1				Source of ongoing conflict. Ample area for dog exercising.	1					1		
46	13/04/2020	1					There are many fabulous swimming areas within very close proximity. It provides a safe swimming beach where children and their favourite "siblings" can swim.	1						1	
47	13/04/2020		1				Dog poo not picked up; peeing on the weed etc. all over the place, where people sit and it smells; accessible to older people without a long trek; people suing the Council or dog owners for damage or injury.	1	1	1	1				
48	14/04/2020		1				Swim every morning at around 6am. Leave faeces on the sand and urinate on peoples belongings left on the beach. There is a huge area of beach between Emu Point and Middleton Beach.		1	1	1		1		
49	14/04/2020	1					Is the only safe beach to swim and walk onto. There is a woman with MS who does likewise with her dog.	1	1						
50	14/04/2020		1				There is adequate area on both sides. Health issues come into this equation along with safety not picking up their dogs poo or worse still their dog roaming and peeing on bathers gear.	1	1		1		1		
51	14/04/2020		1				Dog beach zoning has negatively impacted on the safety and cleanliness of the area. Risk of a dog bite is very likely due to the populated environment, dogs will defecate when and where they need to go. Dog poo or urine on their towels or other items. The Middleton Beach dog exercise area is very adequate. The City of Albany has a duty of care for hygiene and safety.	1	1		1		1		
52	14/04/2020		1				Elderly people use this beach there is a potential hazard of being knocked over by a dog.	1							
53	14/04/2020	1					The only beach accessible for many elderly and less abled beach users. The "beach users" including both pet owners and their pets.	1							
54	14/04/2020		1				Small children and people who are more frail also like to swim at these beaches and could be knocked over by excited dogs shame to see big dogs digging or chasing sea birds or lizards in the revegetated area .	1				1			
55	15/04/2020		1				Dogs have been allocated large areas, existing allocated dog exercise areas; without the hassle of the uncontrolled dogs, the defecation issues, ongoing problems when attempts are made to mix dogs and people.	1			1		1		
56	15/04/2020	1					Beach is quite accessible for older dog owners, regularly swim there and have never had any issue with dogs being on the beach.			1				1	
57	15/04/2020		1				More than usual instances of dog excreta on the beaches. Off-leash and uncontrolled dogs . Dogs off-leash are especially a problem on this beach. Ample off-leash dog exercise areas in Emu Point.	1			1		1		
58	15/04/2020	1					Albany has so many beaches, all beautiful, and many are not dog-friendly. Dogs should be allowed at this small beach.							1	
59	15/04/2020		1				Sufficient other areas to exercise dogs; safety an issue with children; health issues with dogs urinating and defecating.	1	1		1		1		
60	16/04/2020		1				Little kids or elderly people there, dogs can be dangerous; a dog would be an absolute nuisance running around.	1							
61	16/04/2020		1				Dogs are roaming the beach threatening the beach goers; elderly and children may be knocked over or attacked . Dogs defecate on the beach near beach goers.	1			1				
62	16/04/2020		1				Often there is dog faeces on the beach , towels are urinated on, and swimmers are forced to swim with dogs.	1	1		1				
63	16/04/2020		1				Haven for the not-so young; I am confronted by dog faeces on the beach, yapping running dogs, and being afraid that I will be attacked or knocked over.	1			1				

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64	16/04/2020		1				Room for dogs as well? Not safely. Children encountering dog poo. And how about the urine? Dogs running and barking around them there is more than 3 kilometres of beach at the other end of the rocks.	1	1		1		1		
65	16/04/2020		1				Dogs that are out of control and impact on the elderly and young children. Designated places near the marina that are much more suitable for dogs to run and exercise.	1					1		
66	16/04/2020		1				I am very nervous of the unleashed dogs in particular.	1							
67	16/04/2020		1				dogs are just as happy on their area at Middleton Beach and Emu Point; there are enough places for dogs						1		
68	17/04/2020		1				In this confined area unleashed dogs are often a hindrance. Dog poo and and filled poobags are a hazard.	1			1				
69	17/04/2020		1				Unleashed, urinating and defecating dogs in public places and owners allow their dogs to foul the environment. I feel threatened by the larger, uncontrolled dogs. On my daily walks, I observe fresh dog droppings.	1	1		1				
70	17/04/2020		1				Dog owners taking no contol of their dogs. I saw dog poop on beach; 80% of Middleton Beach is a dog beach. I have twice reported to CoA of dog attacks on myself. Without dogs there native shore birds frequent this beach such as Pied Oyster Catches and Herons.	1			1	1	1		
71	17/04/2020		1				A far more suitable area for dog walking on a leash; It is not as good a beach for weaker swimmers, learners, or those with any physical disability. Inevitably dogs are urinating and defecating on the same surfaces.		1	1	1		1		
72	17/04/2020		1				Unsuitable for dogs, dog faeces and belongings polluted by dogs. Enough exercise areas elsewhere.	1	1		1				
73	02/04/2020		1				This tiny beach is definitely not suitable to be shared with dogs; controlling their pets or picking up the poo. Plenty of areas set aside in Albany for this purpose.	1			1		1		
74	06/04/2020 07/04/2020		1				I had to move my belongings recently to avoid dog poop. There is more than enough area for dogs between Middleton Beach and Emu Point for dog recreation. Older residents like myself who use this beach regularly are subjected to dogs bounding up to us and potentially knocking us over. Having had a knee replacement this is matter than concerns me.Small children play on this beach and innocently dig sand where dogs have urinated which is highly unsanitary.	1	1		1		1		
TOTAL		9	65			1		55	24	11	39	9	38	4	1