

# Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

## Community Consultation

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of its existing parks.

The City has prepared criteria to assess which of its existing parks could potentially accommodate a fenced dog exercise area. Should the proposal be supported, the City has identified five potential parks for consideration and is seeking feedback to determine whether any of the five proposed locations are feasible.

The results of this engagement will be analysed and presented to Council for a final decision on which site may be selected. Other factors, such as topography, potential conflicts with existing user groups and park-specific costs, may also be considered in addition to community feedback.

If approved by Council, it is anticipated that construction of the fenced dog exercise area will commence at the selected site in mid-2019. The City will inform residents living in close proximity to the selected site prior to any works commencing.

### Criteria

The City conducted research with a number of external organisations, as well as other local governments in Perth, to identify criteria for selecting a park that may be appropriate for a fenced dog exercise area.

Size	Minimum of 3,500 square metres not currently used for organised sport
Buffer	Minimum of 30 metres offset buffer to nearby residences
Toilet facility	Existing toilet facility preferred
Car park	Existing car park preferred
Shading	Existing natural shade preferred
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland preferred
Irrigation	Existing irrigation preferred

The City has also taken into consideration the distribution of dog-friendly facilities across the City of Joondalup. In particular, parks that are in close proximity to the Whitfords Dog Beach have been excluded, as a broad distribution of off-lead dog exercise areas across the City is preferred.

### How to have your say

To provide feedback on the proposal, please complete a Comment Form either online via the Community Consultation section of the City's website [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au) or contact the City for a hard-copy Comment Form.

The community engagement period is open between **Monday 26 November 2018** and **Monday 17 December 2018**.

### Further information

For further information on the project, please contact the City's Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team on **9400 4255** or email [info@joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@joondalup.wa.gov.au)

# Which parks are being considered?

## Bramston Park, Burns Beach



Bramston Park is located between Bramston Vista, Mattingleys Approach and Burns Beach Road in Burns Beach.

### Criteria

Size	4,000 square metres available
Buffer	At least 40 metres to nearby residences
Toilet facility	On-site
Car park	95 bays on-site
Shading	No natural shading
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland
Irrigation	Existing irrigation

## Chichester Park, Woodvale



Chichester Park is located between Chichester Drive, Landor Gardens, Standish Way, Henty Loop and Trappers Drive in Woodvale.

### Criteria

Size	7,400 square metres available
Buffer	At least 50 metres to nearby residences
Toilet facility	On-site
Car park	62 bays on-site
Shading	Good natural shading
Bushland	Contains small natural bushland area
Irrigation	Existing irrigation

## Elcar Park, Joondalup



Elcar Park is located between Elcar Lane, Winton Road and Ascari Lane in Joondalup.

### Criteria

Size	10,000 square metres available
Buffer	No nearby residences
Toilet facility	None
Car park	6 bays on-site
Shading	Some natural shading
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland
Irrigation	Existing irrigation

## Emerald Park, Edgewater



Emerald Park is located between Emerald Way, Wedgewood Drive, Joondalup Drive and Harvest Loop in Edgewater.

### Criteria

Size	3,500 square metres available
Buffer	At least 35 metres to nearby residences
Toilet facility	On-site
Car park	80 bays on-site
Shading	Good natural shading
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland
Irrigation	No existing irrigation

## Melene Park, Duncraig



Melene Park is located between Melene Road, Ludwig Place, Glengarry Drive and Hannah Court in Duncraig.

### Criteria

Size	3,500 square metres available
Buffer	At least 30 metres to nearby residences
Toilet facility	On-site
Car park	30 bays on-site
Shading	Good natural shading
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland
Irrigation	Existing irrigation

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **If supported, would the City consider any other parks?**

The City has identified five potential parks as being the most suitable for a fenced dog exercise area based on several criteria. If community members wish to nominate a different park for consideration, this can be done by way of the Comment Form.

## **If approved, how would this project be funded?**

Funding has been allocated in the 2018/19 Capital Works Budget to progress the installation of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's parks.

## **Does the City intend to remove any trees or vegetation as part of the proposal?**

The City does not intend to remove any trees or vegetation as part of the proposal. However, the design would be finalised once the preferred park is identified and existing trees and vegetation would be assessed to identify any potential structural or safety hazards at that time.

## **Would I still be able to use the selected park for sporting and recreation activities?**

Yes. As public open space, the area would continue to be accessible to the local community. Organised sporting activities could still continue in booked spaces, and informal recreation activities could be undertaken around the perimeter of the park, and in any space that is not booked.

During the construction phase, the designated area of the park where the facility is being constructed would be fenced-off until construction is completed. The remainder of the park would remain available for use throughout the construction period.

## **Would I still be able to walk my dog off-lead outside of the fenced dog exercise area?**

No, the selected park would become an on-lead park, with a fenced off-lead dog exercise area. You would still be able to walk your dog outside of the exercise area, provided it is leashed.

## **How would the City deal with the additional waste a dog exercise area may generate?**

Additional bins and disposal bags would be provided at the entry/exit points of the fenced dog exercise area. The City of Joondalup would be responsible for managing and maintaining the facility on an ongoing basis, and dog owners would be expected to pick up after their animals. Signage outlining the rules and etiquette of the park would be placed at the entrance of the fenced dog exercise area. The City would monitor and respond to any concerns or maintenance issues that may arise.

## **How would the City deal with potential conflict between off-lead dogs in a fenced dog exercise area?**

Signage outlining the rules and etiquette of the park would be placed at the entrance, including the phone number for City of Joondalup Rangers. It is the responsibility of dog owners to maintain control over their dogs and prevent aggressive behaviour towards other dogs or people.

## **How would the City deal with potential noise issues a dog exercise area could generate?**

The City has proposed the five parks identified based on criteria that includes a minimum of 30 metres buffer from adjacent residences. Further, usage of the facility would be limited to daylight hours only.

## **How would the City deal with the additional parking requirements a dog exercise area could generate?**

The City has proposed the five parks identified based on criteria that includes existing car parking. It is not anticipated that additional parking would be required.

## **Who is being engaged on this project?**

The City has directly contacted the following stakeholders for feedback:

- Local residents/ratepayers within 350 metres radii of the proposed parks;
- Community Engagement Network Members;
- Existing user groups of the proposed parks;
- Schools with shared-use agreements covering the proposed parks; and
- Resident/ratepayers' associations.

In addition, all information is available on the City's website. Anyone interested in the proposal is encouraged to provide feedback.

## **What happens next?**

After the close of the engagement period, the City will consider all submissions received and prepare a report for Council on the outcomes of engagement. The outcomes will also be made available via the Community Consultation section of the City's website [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au)

If you would like to be informed via email when the outcomes of the engagement are presented to Council, please tick the relevant box on the Comment Form and ensure you provide your email address.