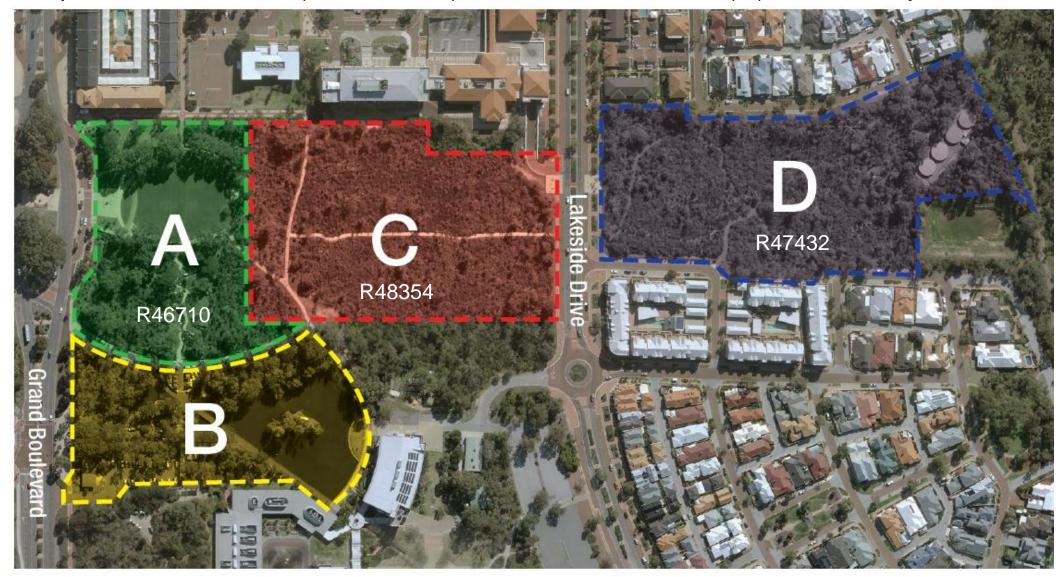
## Map of Central Park (A, B and C) and Lakeside Park (D), Joondalup





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES REPORT

Dog Control Measures — Central and Lakeside Park

INT19/28914 June 2019

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The community was invited to provide feedback from 1 May 2019 to 29 May 2019 on a proposal to change where dogs can be exercised on/off-lead within Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup. Feedback was sought by way of an Online Comment Form to determine the overall level of community support for the proposal.

The City collected 73 valid responses throughout the 28-day advertised engagement period. A total of 39 submissions were received from residents within 400 metres of both parks, and 34 were received from community members who were not directly engaged. This indicates an overall response rate of 4.3%.

Respondents were asked to indicate their support or opposition to proposed changes to dog control measures across 4 different areas of Central and Lakeside Parks:

- Central Park North from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs prohibited.
- Central Park South from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only.
- Central Park Natural Area maintaining dogs prohibited.
- Lakeside Park from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only.

Approximately one-third of respondents indicated that they "support" or "strongly support" Central Park North becoming dogs prohibited. Approximately 60% of respondents indicated that they either "support" or "strongly support" Central Park South becoming on-lead only. Approximately one-third of respondents indicated that they "support" or "strongly support" Central Park Natural Area remaining dogs prohibited. And just under half of respondents indicated that they "support" or "strongly support Lakeside Park becoming on-lead only.

Comments from respondents included: support for dogs being on-lead; opposition to dogs being prohibited; a desire for more dog off-lead areas; concern for anti-social behaviour (especially in Central Park); and requests for more education, signage and enforcement.

### **STAKEHOLDERS**

A total of 914 stakeholders were directly engaged by the City. Stakeholders identified included:

- Residents and ratepayers within a 400 metres radius of Central Park and Lakeside Park = 784
- Community Engagement Network Members residing in the suburb of Joondalup = 128
- Community stakeholders = 2
  - · Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park
  - · Joondalup Farmers' Market

Additional stakeholders, including reserve visitors and interested residents and ratepayers, were also indirectly engaged by the City via the engagement materials described below.

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#### **ENGAGEMENT MATERIALS**

Local residents and ratepayers within a 400 metres radius of Central Park and Lakeside Park were sent information packs through the post on 1 May 2019 containing a cover letter and Frequently Asked Questions document. These stakeholders were directed via the cover letter to the City's website to complete the Online Comment Form.

Community Engagement Network members residing in Joondalup, Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park and the Joondalup Farmers Market were sent emails on 1 May 2019 advising them of the engagement and linking them to the City's website to complete the Online Comment Form.

Cover letter to local residents and ratepayers within a 400 metres radius of Central Park and Lakeside Park, email to community stakeholders, and email to Community Engagement Network members residing in Joondalup (see Appendix 1–3 for full):



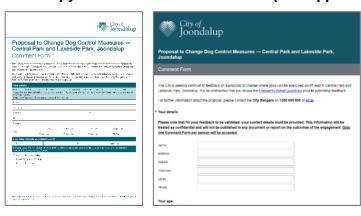




#### Frequently Asked Questions document (see Appendix 4 for full):



#### Hard-copy and Online Comment Form (see Appendix 5–6 for full):



 In addition to directly contacting identified stakeholders via post and email, the City advertised the engagement to other community members via the following means:

- Public notice published in the community newspaper on 2 May 2019, on the City's website on 2 May 2019 and e-mailed to eNewsletter subscribers on 3 May 2019.
- Webpage linked through the "Community Consultation" section of the City's website visible from 1 May 2019 to 29 May 2019.
- Article published in the Joondalup Voice community newspaper insert published on 2 May 2019 in print, available online and emailed to subscribers.
- Signage erected on-site at 12 locations around the perimeters of Central Park and Lakeside Park from 1 May 2019 to 29 May 2019.
- Twitter post published through the City's Twitter account on 10 May 2019.
- Facebook post published through the City's Facebook account on 10 2019.

## Public notice in the community newspaper, online public notice, and Public Notices eNewsletter (see Appendix 7–9 for full):







#### Community consultation webpage on the City's website (see Appendix 10 for full):

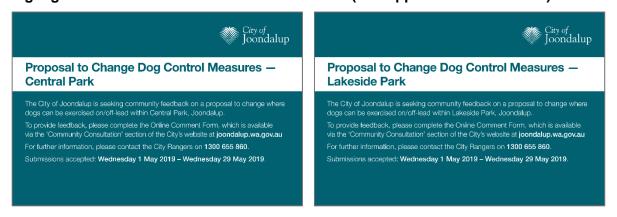


#### Print and online Joondalup Voice articles (see Appendix 11–12 for full):



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#### Signage erected Central Park and Lakeside Park (see Appendix 13-14 for full):



#### Social media posts (see Appendix 15 for full):



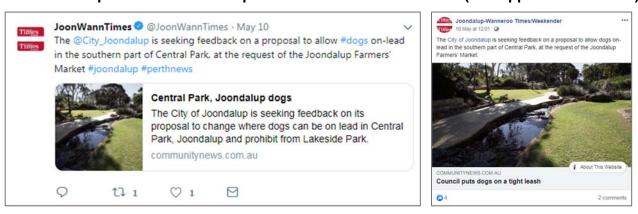
Further to the City's communication, an article about the engagement appeared in the print *Joondalup Weekender* community newspaper on 9 May 2019 and the online *Joondalup Times* on 9 May 2019. The Joondalup–Wanneroo Times/Weekender Facebook and Twitter accounts also posted about the engagement on 10 May 2019.

## Articles in the print *Joondalup Weekender* and online *Joondalup Times* community newspaper (see Appendix 16–17 for full):



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#### Social media posts from Joondalup-Wanneroo Times/Weekender (see Appendix 18 for full):



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#### **RESPONSE RATE**

The City collected a total of 73 valid responses throughout the 28–day advertised engagement period. Responses that were considered valid include all those which contained contact details enabling identification and were submitted within the advertised engagement period. The majority of respondents submitted feedback via the Online Comment Form (71) and 2 respondents submitted feedback via email.

Of the 784 residents and ratepayers within a 400 metres radius of Central Park and Lakeside Park, 39 submitted feedback. Of the 128 Community Engagement Network members, 9 submitted feedback (all of whom were also residents/ratepayers within a 400 metres radius of the parks). No responses were received from the Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park or the Joondalup Farmers' Market. This indicates an overall response rate of 4.3%. An additional 34 community members who were not directly engaged also submitted feedback. This data is shown in the tables below.

Responses received by collection method:	N	%
Hard-copy Comment Form	71	97.3%
Online Comment Form	0	0.0%
Other (emails, letters, etc.)	2	2.7%
Total responses	73	100.0%

	Forms sent	Forms received	Response rate
Responses received by stakeholder type:	N	N*	%
Residents and ratepayers within a 400 metres radius of Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup	784	39	5.0%
Community Engagement Network Members residing in suburb of Joondalup	128	9	7.0%
Community stakeholders	2	0	0.0%
Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park	1	0	0.0%
Joondalup Farmers' Market	1	0	0.0%
Other community members (engaged indirectly)	_	34	_
Total response rate (engaged directly)	914	39	4.3%

<sup>\*</sup>Numbers may not add up to total, as respondents can represent more than 1 stakeholder type.

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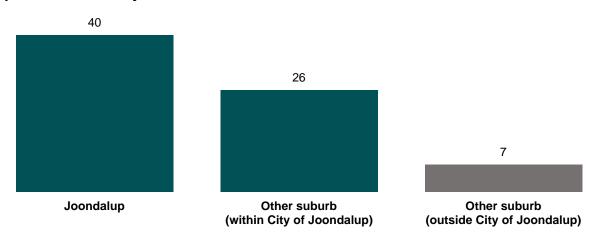
### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

#### Respondent address

Respondents were asked to provide their contact address and the majority of respondents (66) are residents of the City of Joondalup. A total of 40 respondents indicated that they reside in the suburb of Joondalup itself. A further 7 respondents indicated that they reside in suburbs outside of the City of Joondalup. This data is shown in the table and chart below.

Responses received by suburb:	N	%
City of Joondalup	66	90.4%
Joondalup	40	54.8%
Other suburb (within City of Joondalup)	26	35.6%
Other suburb (outside City of Joondalup)	7	9.6%
Total responses	73	100.0%

#### Responses received by suburb:

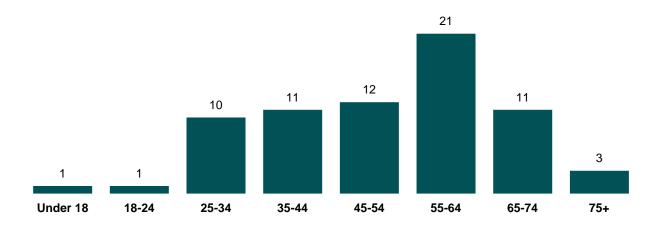


### Respondent age

Respondents were asked to provide their age and just over one-quarter are between the ages of 55–64 years (21). The majority of respondents are 45 years or older (47), and few respondents are under 25 years (2). This data is shown in the table and chart below.

Responses received by age:	N	%
Under 18 years	1	1.4%
18–24 years	1	1.4%
25–34 years	10	13.7%
35–44 years	11	15.1%
45–54 years	12	16.4%
55–64 years	21	28.8%
65–74 years	11	15.1%
75+ years	3	4.1%
No response	3	4.1%
Total responses	73	100.0%

#### Responses received by age:

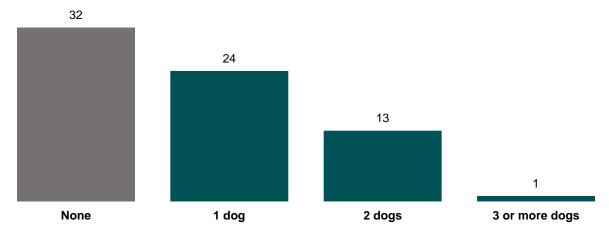


## Respondent dog ownership

Respondents were asked to indicate how many dogs they currently own. Just over half of respondents indicated that they are dog owners, with the majority of these respondents indicating that they own 1 dog (24). A total of 32 respondents indicated that they are not dog owners. This data is shown in the table and chart below.

Responses received by dog ownership:	N	%
None	32	43.8%
1 dog	24	32.9%
2 dogs	13	17.8%
3 or more dogs	1	1.4%
No response	3	4.1%
Total responses	73	100.0%

#### Responses received by dog ownership:



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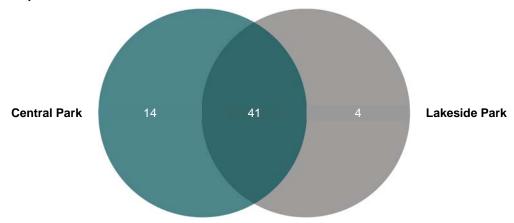
#### Respondent park usage

Respondents were asked to indicate whether they use Central Park or Lakeside Park on a regular basis (ie at least once a month). The majority of respondents indicated that they use either Central Park (55) and/or Lakeside Park (45) on a regular basis. 41 respondents indicated that they use both Central and Lakeside Parks on a regular basis. This data is shown in the table and diagram below.

Do you currently use either of the following Joondalup parks on a regular basis (ie at least once a month)?	N*	%
Central Park, Joondalup	55	75.3%
Lakeside Park, Joondalup	45	61.6%
None of the above	12	16.4%
No response	2	2.7%
Total responses	73	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Numbers may not add up to total, as respondents may use more than 1 park.

## Do you currently use either of the following Joondalup parks on a regular basis (ie at least once a month)?



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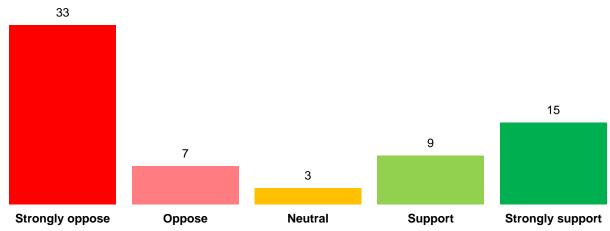
#### **COMMENT FORM QUESTIONS**

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park North from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs prohibited?"

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park North from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs prohibited. They were asked to indicate this on a 5-point scale from "strongly oppose" to "strongly support". Just over half of respondents (40) indicated that they "strongly oppose" or "oppose" Central Park North becoming dogs prohibited, and approximately one-third of respondents indicated that they "support" or "strongly support" the proposal. This data is shown in the tables and charts below.

Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park North from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs prohibited?	N	%
Strongly oppose	33	45.2%
Oppose	7	9.6%
Neutral	3	4.1%
Support	9	12.3%
Strongly support	15	20.5%
No response	6	8.2%
Total responses	73	100.0%

Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park North from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs prohibited?

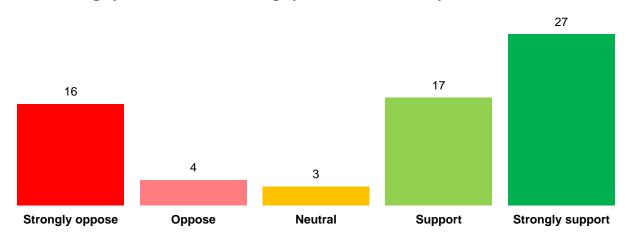


 QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park South from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only?"

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park South from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only. They were asked to indicate this on a 5-point scale from "strongly oppose" to "strongly support". Approximately 60% of respondents indicated that they either "support" (17) or "strongly support" (27) Central Park South becoming on-lead only, and just over one-quarter of respondents indicated that they "oppose" (4) or "strongly oppose" (16) the proposal. This data is shown in the tables and charts below.

Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park South from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only?	N	%
Strongly oppose	16	21.9%
Oppose	4	5.5%
Neutral	3	4.1%
Support	17	23.3%
Strongly support	27	37.0%
No response	6	8.2%
Total responses	73	100.0%

Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park South from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only?

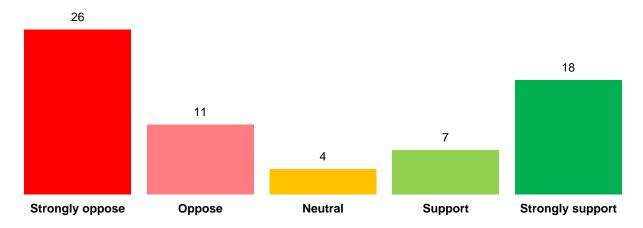


## QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose maintaining the dog control measures at Central Park Natural Area as dogs prohibited?"

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for maintaining the dog control measures at Central Park Natural Area as dogs prohibited. They were asked to indicate this on a 5-point scale from "strongly oppose" to "strongly support". Approximately half of respondents indicated that they "oppose" (11) or "strongly oppose" (26) Central Park Natural Area remaining dogs prohibited, and approximately one-third of respondents indicated that they "support" (7) or "strongly support" (18) the proposal. This data is shown in the tables and charts below.

Do you support or oppose maintaining the dog control measures at Central Park Natural Area as dogs prohibited?	N	%
Strongly oppose	26	36.6%
Oppose	11	15.5%
Neutral	4	5.6%
Support	7	9.9%
Strongly support	18	25.4%
No response	7	7.0%
Total responses	71	100.0%

Do you support or oppose maintaining the dog control measures at Central Park Natural Area as dogs prohibited?



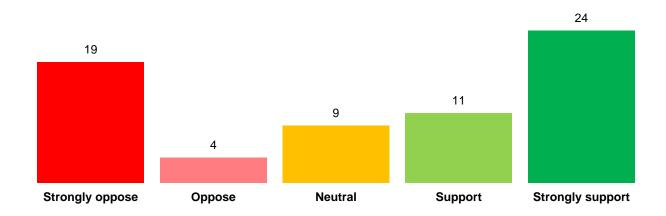
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QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Lakeside Park from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only?"

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the proposal to change the dog control measures at Lakeside Park from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only. They were asked to indicate this on a 5-point scale from "strongly oppose" to "strongly support". Just under half of respondents indicated that they "support" (11) or "strongly support (24) Lakeside Park becoming on-lead only, and just under one-third of respondents indicated that they "oppose" (4) or "strongly oppose" (19) the proposal. This data is shown in the tables and charts below.

Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Lakeside Park from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only?	N	%
Strongly oppose	19	26.0%
Oppose	4	5.5%
Neutral	9	12.3%
Support	11	15.1%
Strongly support	24	32.9%
No response	6	8.2%
Total responses	73	100.0%

Do you support or oppose the proposal to change the dog control measures at Lakeside Park from dogs permitted off-lead to dogs permitted on-lead only?



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#### QUESTION: "Do you have any comments regarding the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup?"

Respondents were asked if they had any comments regarding the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park and Lakeside Park. A total of 55 respondents provided feedback, common themes include the following.

- Support dogs being on-lead.
- Oppose dogs being prohibited.
- · Would like more off-lead areas for dogs.
- Believe more education/signage/enforcement is needed.
- Concern for anti-social behaviour within the parks.

Full comments have been randomised and are provided verbatim at Appendix 19.

## APPENDIX 1 — Cover letter to local residents and ratepayers within a 400 metres radius of Central Park and Lakeside Park



Date: 1 May 2019

Enquiries: City Rangers 1300 655 860 Your Ref:

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John Citizen Address Line 1 Address Line 2

Dear Mr Citizen

## PROPOSAL TO CHANGE DOG CONTROL MEASURES AT CENTRAL PARK AND LAKESIDE PARK, JOONDALUP

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback on a proposal to change where dogs can be exercised on/off-lead within Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup.

In February 2019, Council resolved to advertise its intention to change the designated on/off-lead provisions to:

- Dogs on-lead in the southern portion of Central Park and the entirety of Lakeside Park, Joondalup
- Dogs prohibited in the northern portion of Central Park and Central Park Natural Area.

Please find enclosed a Frequently Asked Questions document including a map of the proposed changes. To provide feedback, please complete the Online Comment Form available via the 'Community Consultation' section of the City's website **joondalup.wa.gov.au** 

For further information, please contact City Rangers on 1300 655 860 or email info@joondalup.wa.gov.au

Submissions accepted: Wednesday 1 May 2019 to Wednesday 29 May 2019

Yours sincerely

**MALCOLM JENKINSON** 

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Manager Rangers, Parking and Community Safet

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## APPENDIX 2 — Email to community stakeholders

Consultation From:

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 9:06 AM

To: Subject:

Community Engagement: Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures - Central Park and

Lakeside Park, Joondalup

#### Dear

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback on a proposal to change where dogs can be exercised on/off-lead within Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup.

In February, Council approved advertising its intention to change the designated on/off-lead provisions to:

- Dogs on-lead in the southern portion of Central Park and the entirety of Lakeside Park
- Dogs prohibited in the northern portion of Central Park and Central Park Natural Area

Feedback can be made using the Online Comment Form. It is recommended that you review the Frequently Asked Questions document prior to submitting feedback. Feedback must be received by Wednesday 29 May 2019.

For more information, please contact City Rangers on 1300 655 860 or via email.

#### City of Joondalup

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## APPENDIX 3 — Email to Community Engagement Network members (Joondalup residents)

From: Consultation

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 9:04 AM

Subject: Community Engagement: Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures - Central Park and

Lakeside Park, Joondalup

Dear Community Engagement Network Members,

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback on a proposal to change where dogs can be exercised on/off-lead within Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup.

In February, Council approved advertising its intention to change the designated on/off-lead provisions to:

- Dogs on-lead in the southern portion of Central Park and the entirety of Lakeside Park
- Dogs prohibited in the northern portion of Central Park and Central Park Natural Area

Feedback can be made using the Online Comment Form. It is recommended that you review the Frequently Asked Questions document prior to submitting feedback. Feedback must be received by Wednesday 29 May 2019.

For more information, please contact City Rangers on 1300 655 860 or via email.

#### **Community Engagement Network**

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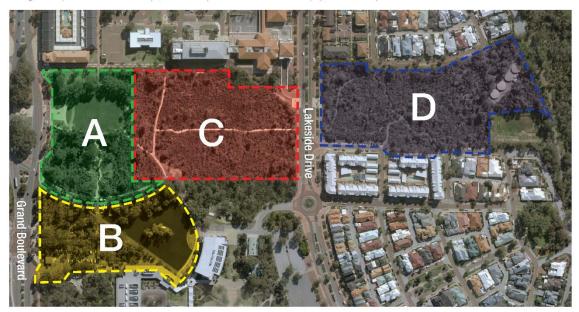
## APPENDIX 4 — Frequently Asked Questions (page 1)



## Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures — Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup

## Frequently Asked Questions

Image: Map of Central Park (A, B and C) and Lakeside Park (D), Joondalup.



#### What is the purpose of the consultation?

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback on a proposal to change where dogs can be exercised on/offlead within Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup.

This consultation follows a petition submitted to the Council by the Joondalup Farmers' Market requesting dogs be allowed into Central Park during the operation of the markets.

At its February 2019 meeting, Council resolved to publish its intention to change the designated on/off-lead provisions at Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup:

- Dogs on-lead in Central Park South (B) and the entirety of Lakeside Park (D)
- Dogs prohibited in Central Park North (A) and Central Park Natural Area (C)

#### Where is Central Park, Joondalup located?

Central Park, Joondalup (shown as A, B and C in the map above) is located in the Joondalup City Centre. It is bounded by Grand Boulevard to the west, private residential and commercial to the north, North Metroplitan TAFE to the south and Lakeside Drive to the east.

#### Where is Lakeside Park, Joondalup located?

Lakeside Park, Joondalup (shown as D in the map above), is located on the eastern side of Lakeside Drive, opposite Central Park Natural Area. It is bordered on the north and south by private residential, and to the east by Neil Hawkins Park and Yellagonga Regional Park.

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#### What are the features of the parks?

- A Central Park North contains the Joondalup War Memorial, a mix of manicured gardens, an artificial stream, designated pathways and natural areas to the east. It is used for recreational 'pick-up' matches and for community events such as Anzac Day commemorations, Australian Day citizenship ceremonies and Joondalup Festival.
- B Central Park South contains a freshwater lake and a grassed area. It is used for informal recreation and is home to the weekly Joondalup Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.
- C Central Park Natural Area contains natural bushland and fauna species, including Carnaby's Black Cockatoos and Forrest Red Tail Cockatoos. It provides an ecological linkage, via Lakeside Park, to Yellagonga Regional Park.
- D Lakeside Park contains natural bushland and fauna species, including Carnaby's Black Cockatoos and Forrest Red Tail Cockatoos. Similar to the Central Park Natural Area, it provides an ecological linkage to Yellagonga Regional Park.

#### What are the current dog control measures?

- A Central Park North is currently designated as a dog exercise area meaning that dogs are able to be exercised off-lead. However, it has been generally accepted that dogs are not permitted in this space and dogs are not currently exercised there.
- B Central Park South is currently designated as a dog exercise area meaning that dogs are able to be exercised off-lead. However, similar to Central Park North (A), it has been generally accepted that dogs are not permitted in this space and dogs are not currently exercised there.
- C Central Park Natural Area is currently designated as a dog prohibited area due to the sensitive bushland contained within.
- **D Lakeside Park** is currently designated as a dog exercise area meaning that dogs are able to be exercised off-lead. This park is known to be currently utilised by the community for exercising dogs.

## What are the proposed changes to dog control measures?

A — Central Park North is proposed to change to a dog prohibited area. This is due to the space being heavily used for recreational 'pick-up' matches and for community events such as Anzac Day commemorations, Australian Day citizenship ceremonies and Joondalup Festival. The City considers that dogs should be prohibited from this space to prevent excess dog excrement impacting on users.

- B Central Park South is proposed to change to a dogs on-lead area. This would allow visitors to walk through and enjoy the Joondalup Farmers' Market on a Saturday morning and also allow dog owners to walk through the southern portion of Central Park to Grand Boulevard.
- C Central Park Natural Area is proposed to remain a dog prohibited area. This is due to the risk of interaction with the high biodiversity values of the flora and fauna contained within the space, including Carnaby's Black Cockatoos and Forrest Red Tail Cockatoos. It is also considered that the presence of dogs within this space would have the potential to introduce diseases such as pathogens to the area.
- D Lakeside Park is proposed to change to a dogs onlead area. This would allow community members to continue exercising their dogs in this space whilst reducing the risk of interaction with the high biodiversity values of the flora and fauna contained within the space, including Carnaby's Black Cockatoos and Forrest Red Tail Cockatoos.

#### Who is being engaged on this proposal?

The City has directly contacted the following stakeholders for feedback:

- Local residents/ratepayers within 400 metres radius of Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup
- Community Engagement Network members residing in Joondalup
- Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park
- Joondalup Farmers' Market

In addition, all information is available on the City's website at **joondalup.wa.gov.au** Anyone interested in the proposal is encouraged to provide feedback.

#### What happens next?

After the close of the consultation period, the City will consider all submissions received and prepare a report for Council on the outcomes of consultation. The outcomes will also be made available via the Community Consultation section of the City's website at joondalup.wa.gov.au

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

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## APPENDIX 5 — Hard-copy Comment Form (page 1)



## Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures — Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup

## Comment Form

The City is seeking community feedback on a proposal to change where dogs can be exercised on/off-lead in Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup. It is recommended that you review the Frequently Asked Questions prior to submitting feedback.

This Comment Form can also be completed electronically via the 'Community Consultation' section of the City's website at **joondalup.wa.gov.au** For more information about the proposal, please contact City Rangers on **1300 655 860** or via email **info@joondalup.wa.gov.au** 

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☐ Lakeside Park,	Joondalup			

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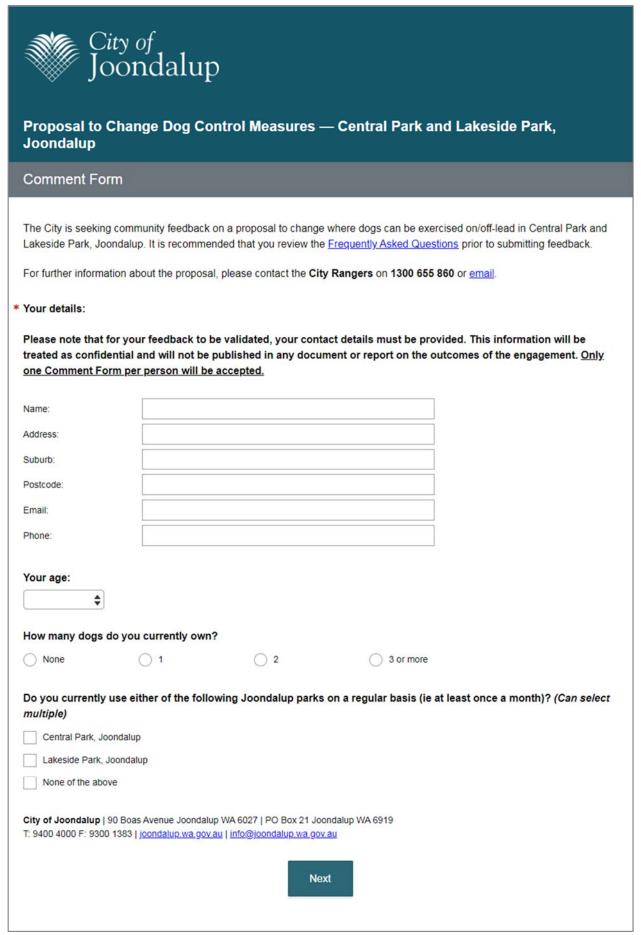
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## APPENDIX 6 — Online Comment Form (page 1)



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Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures — Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup

#### Comment Form

Proposal to change where dogs can be exercised at Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup:

The map below highlights the sections of Central Park (A, B and C) and Lakeside Park (D) that relate to the proposal to change where dogs can be exercised:

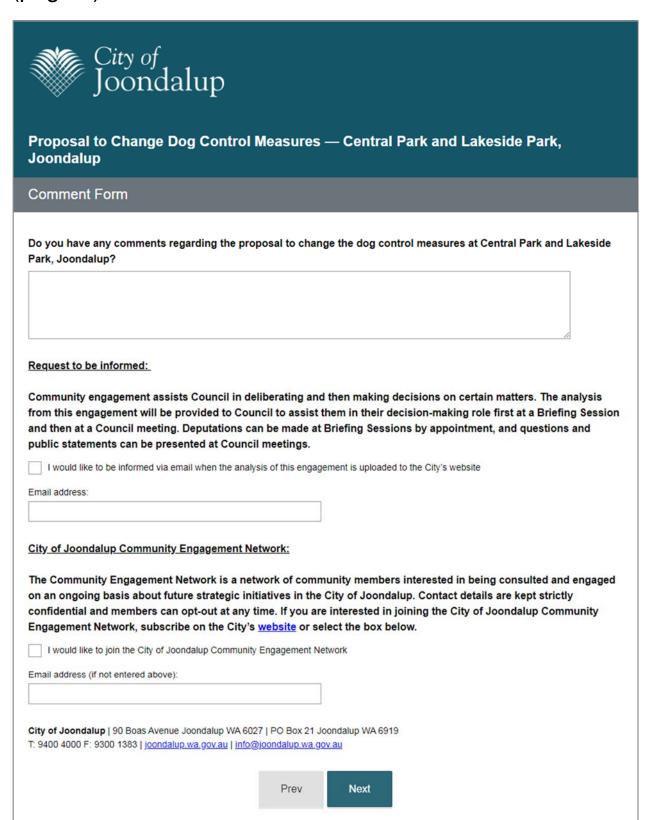


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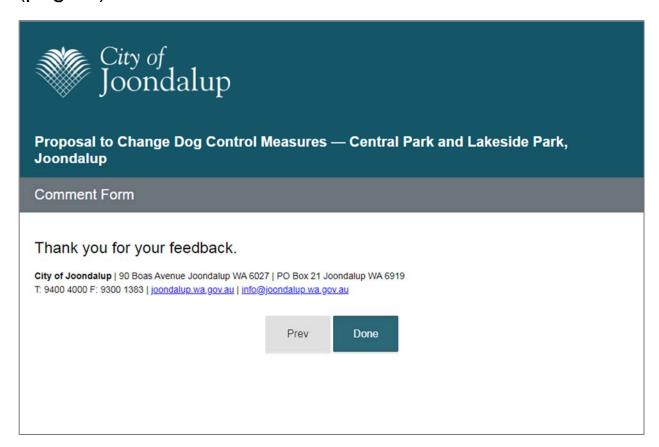
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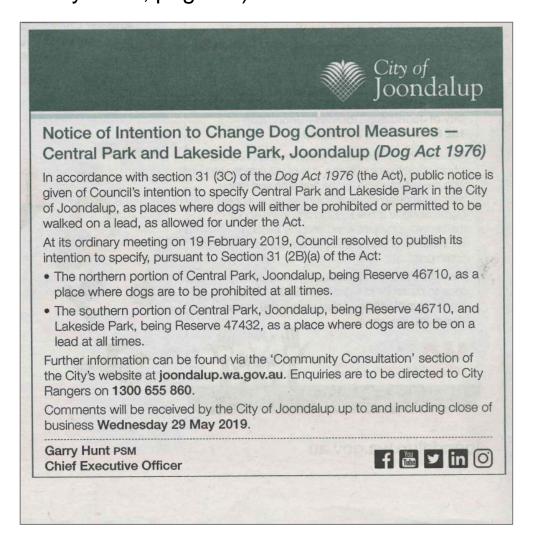
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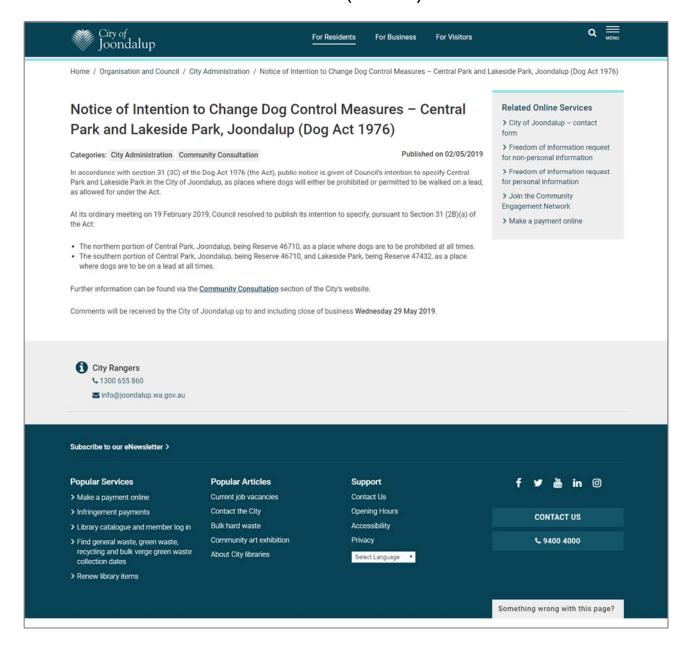
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### APPENDIX 9 — Public notice (eNewsletter)



Public Notice Alerts

3 May 2019

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#### Pesticide Use Notification 4 to 10 May 2019

The City is conducting its annual herbicide spraying program to control weed infestation within its parks/reserves, natural areas (bushland), streetscapes, road reserves, along kerbs and footpaths.

Works will be conducted by City officers and appointed contractors. Vehicle-mounted signage and site signage (where practicable) will be in place while works are in progress.

Spraying will be undertaken weather and operational resources permitting between 4 to 10 May 2019.

To view the full schedule visit the City's website.

## Notice of Intention to Change Dog Control Measures – Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup (Dog Act 1976)

In accordance with section 31 (3C) of the Dog Act 1976 (the Act), public notice is given of Council's intention to specify Central Park and Lakeside Park in the City of Joondalup, as places where dogs will either be prohibited or permitted to be walked on a lead, as allowed for under the Act.

At its ordinary meeting on 19 February 2019, Council resolved to publish its intention to specify, pursuant to Section 31 (2B)(a) of the Act:

The northern portion of Central Park, Joondalup, being Reserve 46710, as a place where dogs are to be prohibited at all times.

The southern portion of Central Park, Joondalup, being Reserve 46710, and Lakeside Park, being Reserve 47432, as a place where dogs are to be on a lead at all times.

Further information can be found via the Community Consultation section of the <u>City's</u> website.

Comments will be received by the City of Joondalup up to and including close of business Wednesday 29 May 2019.

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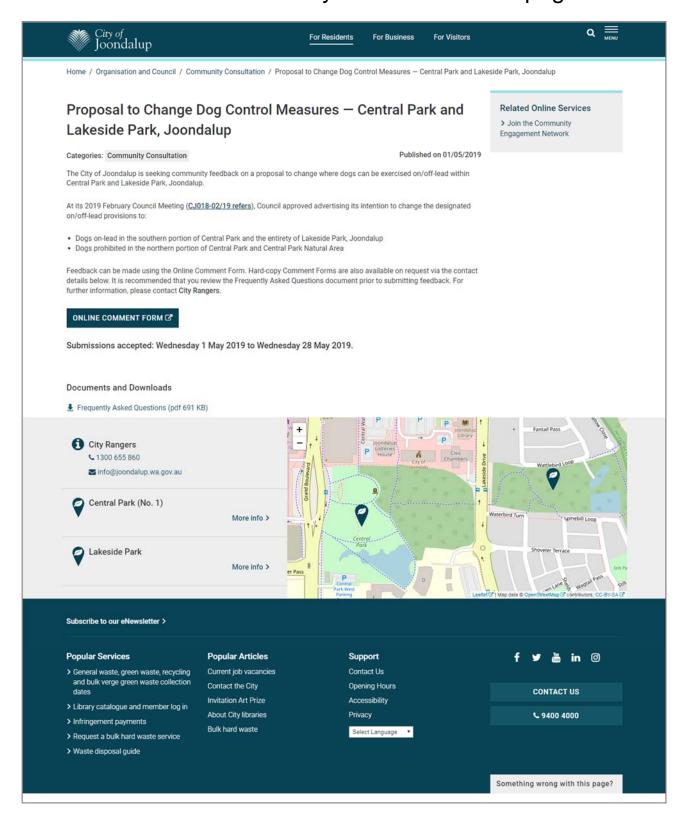






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### APPENDIX 12 — Joondalup Voice article (online)



### Mayor's Column - Hon. Albert Jacob JP



### Observation towers to help beachgoers safe

The City has contributed \$24,000 funding towards recentlyinstalled lifesaving observation towers at Sorrento and Mullaloo beaches, which will greatly enhance surf lifesavers' surveillance capabilities.

The two towers, which cost about \$80,000 each, will play a vital role in keeping our local beaches safer and accessible.

Locally designed and manufactured, the modular towers provide lifesavers with the ability to better see a range of hazards such as rips, marine life and swimmers in distress; and to respond in a timely manner.

The City appreciates greatly the work of our surf lifesaving clubs and volunteers who patrol our beaches, allowing our residents and visitors to safely enjoy the pristine coastline that we are lucky enough to have in our City.

### City to get first fenced dog park

The City will soon get its first dedicated fenced dog exercise area at Elcar Park, Joondalup.

Fenced dog exercise areas are becoming more popular throughout the Perth metropolitan area; specific areas where dogs can socialise in a more controlled and safer environment.

An idea first raised by North Ward Councillor Kerry Hollywood via a Notice of Motion, Joondalup Council gave the green light for the project to proceed at its April meeting with \$150,000 listed in the City's 2018/19 Budget for construction costs.

The remainder of Elcar Park outside of the proposed dog exercise will be designated 'dogs on leash'.

Construction is expected to be completed by June.

### Streetscape enhancement for City Centre

The City has started upgrades along Joondalup Drive as a part of its City Centre Streetscape Renewal Plan.

The works include the addition of new garden beds at intersections between Shenton Avenue and Hodges Drive, mulching and the installation of an upgraded irrigation system.

All existing large trees will be retained and protected during the construction works. Work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

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### Arnisdale Road resurfacing and parking upgrade

Joondalup is one of the first local governments in Perth to use a product that incorporates recycled waste materials into a road surface as part of minor civil works in Duncraig over the next two months.

Reconophalt will be used to resurface a section of Arnisdale Road, between Glengarry Drive and Merrick Way.

The materials, which had all been previously destined for landfill and repurposed specifically for this project, include waste toner from approximately 4,950 printer cartridges; 217,105 single use plastic shopping bags; scrap rubber from 157 tyres; and more than 27 tonnes of recycled asphalt.

Reconophalt has been widely trialled in Victoria and across other local government areas in the eastern states.

As well as road resurfacing, the project will involve construction of additional on-street parking bays, drainage upgrades and concrete kerb and crossover works.

### Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures



Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures — Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback on a proposal to change where dogs can be exercised on/off-lead within Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup.

Feedback can be made via the 'Community Consultation' section of the City's website.

For further information, contact City Rangers on 1300 655 860 or email.

Submissions accepted: Wednesday 1 May 2019 – Wednesday 29 May 2019.

Read more online

### Joondalup Volunteer Resource Centre



Joondalup Volunteer Resource Centre Step into Volunteering Information Session

Thursday 23 May 2019, 10.30am – 11.30am Meeting Room 3 (Level One) City of Joondalup Libraries – Joondalup 102 Boas Avenue, Joondalup

The Step into Volunteering program is an informal introduction to volunteering. It is of value to those who are volunteering for the first time and those who are seeking different volunteer experiences.

Come along to a free session and learn about the benefits of volunteering and the exciting volunteering opportunities that are out there in your community.

For further information, including more 2019 session dates, or to register call 9400 4734, email or visit the City's website.

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### The Artbank Roadshow



#### Supporting unrepresented artists!

Artbank Curators will be reviewing the work of unrepresented artists for potential acquisition on 8 May 2019 at Joondalup Art Gallery.

Read more online

### Parking of vehicles on verges



Caravans, boats, trailers and commercial vehicles with a weight of 2.5 tonnes, may only be parked on a verge for the purpose of loading or unloading between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm for no longer than three consecutive hours.

The overnight parking/housing of some commercial vehicles on private residential property may not be permitted.

For further information on commercial vehicle parking in residential areas please contact City Rangers on 1300 655 860.

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### **Council Meeting Dates**



### **Briefing Session**

Tuesday 14 May 2019, 6.30pm

#### Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 May 2019, 7.00pm

City of Joondalup Council Chamber Boas Avenue, Joondalup

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# APPENDIX 13 — Signage erected on-site at both parks



# Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures — Central Park

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To provide feedback, please complete the Online Comment Form, which is available via the 'Community Consultation' section of the City's website at joondalup.wa.gov.au

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Submissions accepted: Wednesday 1 May 2019 - Wednesday 29 May 2019.



# Proposal to Change Dog Control Measures — Lakeside Park

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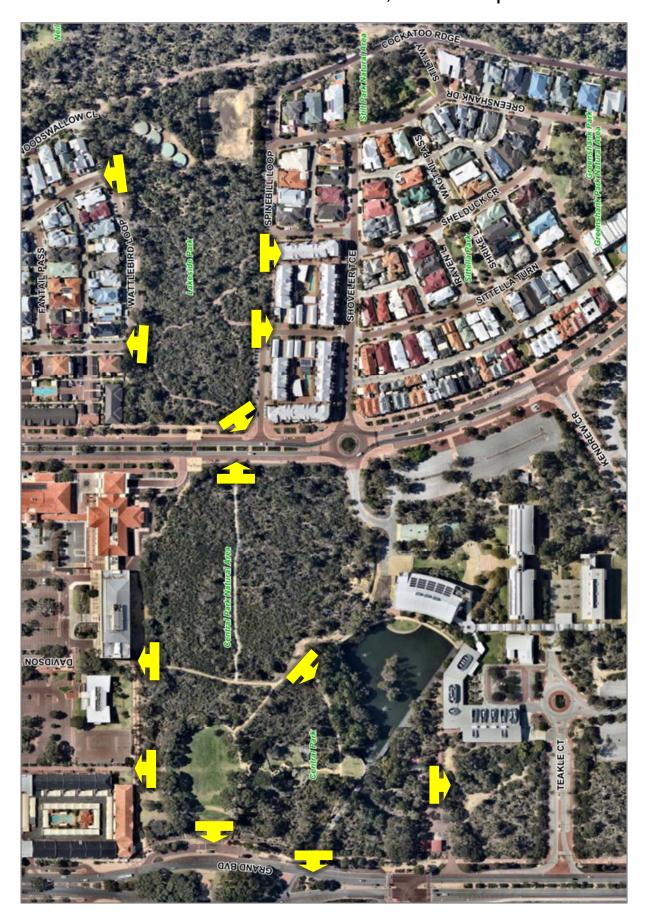
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# APPENDIX 14 — Map showing locations of signage erected at Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup



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# APPENDIX 15 — Twitter and Facebook posts





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# APPENDIX 16 — Community Newspaper article (print) (Joondalup Weekender, 9 May 2019, page 19)

Council puts dogs on a tight leash

www.communitynews.com.au

**Tyler Brown** 

May 9, 2019

DOGS could soon be prohibited or required to be on a lead in parts of Central Park in Joondalup.

The City of Joondalup is seeking feedback on its proposal to prohibit dogs in the northern part of Central Park, which contains the war memorial, and require them to be on-lead in the southern part, which hosts the weekly Joondalup Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.

The City is also proposing to require dogs be onlead in all of Lakeside Park in Joondalup and continue the current prohibition of dogs in the Central Park natural area.

Though dogs are currently able to be exercised off-lead in the north and south of Central Park, a February council document said this was "an oversight and it has always been considered that Central Park was dog prohibited".

The proposal for the southern part of Central Park follows a petition submitted to the council by the Joondalup Farmers' Market requesting dogs be allowed into the park during the markets.

Lakeside Park, which currently allows dogs offlead, has been included in the proposal to help protect the high biodiversity values of the flora and fauna contained within the space, including Carnaby's black cockatoos and forrest redtail cockatoos.

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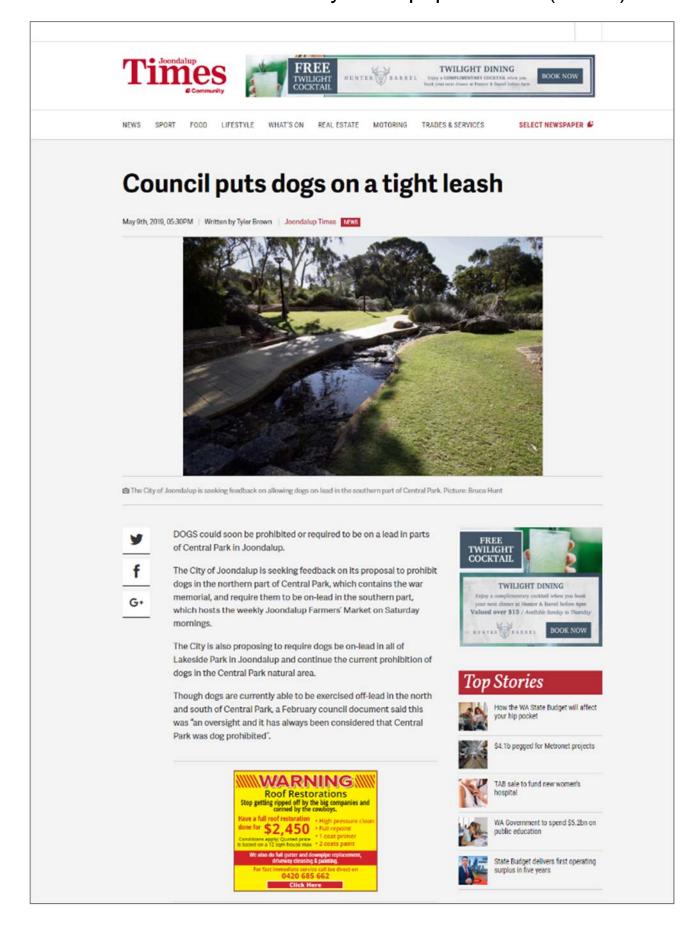
Submissions can be made until May 28 at www.joondalup.wa.gov.au or call City rangers on 1300 655 860 for a hard copy.

A report will then be presented to the council to consider the consultation results.

If approved, another report will be presented to the council two years after the changes are made to assess the behaviour of dogs in Central Park.

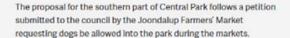
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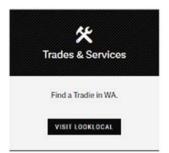


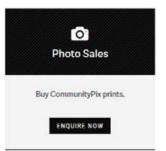


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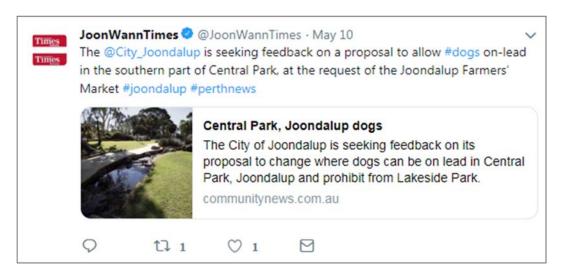
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# APPENDIX 18 — Twitter and Facebook posts (Joondalup–Wanneroo Times/Weekender)





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### APPENDIX 19 — Verbatim responses

QUESTION: "Do you have any comments regarding the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup?"

Note: Words that may identify respondents or contain offensive language have been removed and replaced with square brackets, ie [- - -]. Minor alterations have been to spelling/grammar to enhance readability.

# Verbatim responses\* — Do you have any comments regarding the proposal to change the dog control measures at Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup? (N = 55):

I have a [---] dog who I exercise [---] times a week in the early morning in Areas [---]. I allow her to be off-lead because she is well-behaved, and we very rarely meet any other dog walkers. She ignores the ducks and all she wants to do is shuffle through the leaves and explore the various "smells". I'm [---] and will be very disappointed if I'm not allowed to exercise [---] in Central Park. We keep to the paths around the lake, past the stream and behind the Council offices and Library. It's a 20-minute walk which is just enough for an [---] dog and [---]. I never see any dog excrement (I always carry bags) so can't understand why this proposal has come about.

Fewer dog areas, they're loud, a nuisance and threatening. Plus, owners don't always pick up after their dogs and many dog owners break the existing dog rules.

We were there this morning. We saw no uncontrolled dogs, no dog droppings. What we did see was numerous places where disgusting humans had been. Litter, graffiti, vandalism. Maybe ban the humans?

Dogs need off-lead areas to play and socialise so that they can learn how to behave appropriately. If you take this away, then you will have a majority of dogs who are unsociable aggressive and poorly behaved. This is how incidents occur. Dogs and owners need large off-leash areas to maintain physical and mental health, as well as the opportunity to train manners, good behaviour and social skills. With the increasing pet ownership seen in our communities this is a much-needed community service.

I fully support dogs being on-lead. As long as there are these requirements, I believe that there also needs to be enforcement/education to ensure that all owners are obeying the requirements. I have owned a dog in the past and there is nothing worse than being harassed by dogs which are not kept under control.

I believe the proposed changes are rational and fair to every member of the community and the environment.

People do not take responsibility of their dogs. If you allowed dogs off the lead, then dogs and dog poo will be everywhere. We have a person that walks their dog past our property and doesn't pick up after their dog.

Most make sense with the farmers market. However, I do oppose dogs off-leads in Lakeside Park D. I am a keen [- - -], animal lover, Joondalup resident and someone who cares deeply about people and the environment. I often find bags of 'dog poo' loose in the parks, and poo that has not been picked up by owners (especially Yellagonga which I realise is under DPAW) and also have been intimidated by dogs off-leads — but worse, the dogs are uncontrolled and chase birds and wildlife. Lakeside Park D is an amazing place to see nature and birds and should not be deemed less important than Central Park Natural Area C!

Dog owners in this area walk them on-leads, and I see no reason for the prohibiting of dogs from the area is necessary. I also find it surprising that you state that A and B are currently dog exercise areas, yet you have provided no signage to indicate this to dog owners, and that your website indicates these are currently dog prohibited areas. Before any changes are made can you please provide me with evidence to justify the changes.

All dogs should be on-lead at all times, selection of the dog should be considered when getting one for its exercise requirements and, if you cannot run or walk with you dog, you should consider if that pet is a good choice for you.

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As a resident, I am sick of dogs running at you off-lead. Just because the owner knows they will not attack does not mean that you do. Plus, they scare small children all the time. I also support the dogs prohibited areas — especially at busy times. There is no need to bring your dog to events like the Joondalup Festival.

Having been a dog owner and handler for over [- - -] years and also having worked at [- - -] in the [- - -] for a time prior to moving to Australia, both myself and my wife understand that living within a city it is not practical for dogs to be 'off-lead' unless properly supervised. Sadly, many dog owners are seriously lacking in understanding proper dog control. My wife and I moved from [- - -] to [- - -] in [- - -], we have a reserve behind us and a park in front of us. We now live a few paces from [- - -] which is shared with schools. When we moved we found dog walking a pleasure there, our dogs were easily exercised with no issues; however, as our community has grown today we can no longer have our dogs off-leash in the park. This is due to the lack of inconsiderate dog owners who do not possess an understanding of dogs and have no consideration for others. I am referring to not just large dog control but also small dog control. Many owners will simply approach the park often with their dogs off-leash running full pelt across the park, clearly out of control. They will pull up in their cars into the car park, open their doors and allow an overexcited dog to jump from the vehicle, out of control, and straight into the park, annoying everyone there. We have two large rescue dogs that have both been attacked there. Should a responsible dog owner approach with a dog on its leash, and in proper control, then there is not any issue. It is impossible during daylight hours for us to walk in Santiago Park as there are too many dogs off-leash; therefore, my [- - -] and I drive into Joondalup every Saturday and Sunday to walk the beautiful parkland and we have never had an issue there. 99% of owners keep their dogs on the leash. We have stopped and spoken to other owners (responsible dog owners) and over the years have agreed that they partake a walk there because they too have a similar situation to ourselves. Please do not ban dogs from the parks, enforce on-leash walking only and perhaps review a few extra 'doggy bins for waste disposal'. The only issues we have in these areas are homeless, drunken people and broken glass. Thank you.

I think, with the native animals in the area, all areas should be dogs on-lead areas. There are several off-lead areas at the Dog Beach and Whiteman Park so, for the safety of the native animals and pets, all dogs should be on-lead at all times.

Whilst I think it is fair to make areas on-lead only, depending on the type of space being discussed, unless damage (to the natural habitats of wildlife or from owners not looking after their dogs), specifically by dogs is being caused, I don't see why dogs should be banned from any area.

More off-lead areas should be given to ratepayers with dogs. A bigger one like Whiteman Park would be awesome.

I wish to object to the new prohibitions proposed to the presence of dogs in Central Park. These will serious erode the liveability attraction of the high density housing in the vicinity, as they are the in the greatest need of nearby dog exercise facilities. Please advise how I start a petition to stop this erosion in Joondalup residents' freedoms.

I have walked in Central Park and surrounds for the past [- - -] years or more. I have never observed any damage or dog faeces left by canines. Central Park has now become a dangerous place after dusk with groups of dark skinned and white people, drinking alcohol, taking drugs, exhibiting aggressive behaviour (I have even had a young girl, pull her pants down and defecate in front of me). The park is strewn with smashed bottles, beer cans, wine casks and food containers. There are often condoms and evidence of drug paraphernalia. I have taken pictures of all this and reported to the City of Joondalup. Instead of showing concern about our animal species contaminating our beautiful Park, more attention should be given to the human "species" that desecrate these areas!!

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I have lived at this address since [- - -]. During that extended period, I have regularly utilised all the areas in question. I can honestly say I have never seen any situations, nor seen any evidence, where I would feel the need to ban dogs. I can understand that the grassed area in Section A is utilised in a different way and could be banned for dogs (though I also firmly believe that ducks are the major contributor to faeces in this, and other areas, rather than dogs). However, the well-formed paths that exist throughout the sections in question are a welcome respite from roads, with ever-increasing traffic, and link the areas within the City for pleasant walks. The amount of rubbish that humans themselves contribute, particularly on the northern end of the artificial stream in Section A, is far worse than anything I have ever seen that could be attributed to a dog. I have found the vast majority of owners are responsible and clean up after their pets. The formed paths in Section D, when measured via my GPS, measure just over 300 metres, a very meagre distance and the least appealing of any of the areas for walking with your pet. To make our City inviting to everyone, I believe that dogs on-leads only, and only on formed paths is a better way to progress forward. Also, having greater access to rubbish bins, specifically for dog waste, along with bags, would assist.

The onus needs to be on the owners to pick up the poo. I often exercise in Mirror Park in Ocean Reef and the oval is full of dog poo as the dogs run free and the owners don't pick up the poo. They can't be bothered walking into the middle of the oval. Maybe a trial if is covered in poo, dogs need to go back on the lead.

I am not sure if the questions asked are understood. I am in favour of off-lead parks/or part of park being off-lead.

I always have to be careful about duck excrement walking in these areas. I have never seen dog excrement. Frequently I have to wash my shoes after a walk because of the duck faeces.

All dogs should be kept on-leash in all public parks. The amount of times my small child has been jumped on or knocked over by uncontrolled dogs in the City's parks is a joke. Also, the number of dog fights I witness at the City's parks is scary. Dogs should only be off-leash in designated dog parks. Even in parks where dogs are prohibited, locals walk their dogs off-leash, showing no respect to the no dogs signage. It is only a matter of time before a child gets seriously injured in a CoJ park by a dog.

Just make all four areas as dogs prohibited and be done with it. Saves on confusion, reduces spend on signage, and — let's be totally honest — the Council has always been useless at enforcing any rules in the CBD parks anyway. I don't see these changes having any positive benefit or impact when they're not backed up with proper enforcement.

[- - -] have walked dogs on-leads around Central Park for [- - -] years. We have yet to experience problems of any sort with other dogs: that is, we have had no safety concerns and no dog excrement or litter of any sort. The only safety issues have been from alcohol drinkers in late afternoon/evening, usually within view of security cameras. I understand there have been incidents of violence, but nobody will give me information, so I guess it will have to await a death or particularly brutal rape before the blame game starts. The only excrement was left by a young white girl who left a group of dark-skinned drinkers, pulled down her pants and had a [- - -] 25 metres from the war memorial, in plain sight of passers-by. I assume she did, for that was her expressed intention, although I did direct her to the toilets. I did not stay for the show. Closing this area means people who park near Dome will have to detour to reach the TAFE area, which is crazy. As an [- - -] I like to see the memorial. It seems the needs of a handful of stallholders are taken into account (and that is fair enough) but not the many dog lovers. If drunks, petty criminals, drug dealers and plain-sight crappers are allowed, why on earth would well-behaved dogs be banned. I would like to address the Council or any other relevant body about this. I presume the analysis referred to below will be published before a decision is made — I believe that is how democracy is meant to work.

I believe all dogs in public areas should always be on-lead, not only for the protection of the people utilising these areas, but for the protection of the dogs as well.

Whilst I have a dog, I enjoy these parks with my [- - -] year old and I prefer to be able to enjoy them without worrying about dogs approaching us or leaving a mess behind.

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Perhaps you should worry less about the sensible dog owners with well-behaved dogs and more about the gangs of drug and alcohol fuelled youths who frequent the park. I have no fear of walking through the park thinking I might get attacked by a dog, but I do avoid it when I am alone because of the youths. If you live in the City, unless you drive all the way to the end of Lakeside Drive, there is nowhere to exercise your dog that isn't roadside.

We use areas A and B along with friends [- - -] day. We have never in over [- - -] years seen an unruly dog off a lead. Owners in Joondalup are very good and mostly very considerate. All the students (It is a drawcard for international students to see life and not sterility in Joondalup, which is what they do many times express they experience) and a number of the staff in the area love seeing our [- - -] and other small dogs having a frolic. Central Park is the only place nearby they can have a supervised run off their leads. We also never, if ever, see unattended dog waste. So seriously, we walk here [- - -] day, so we would know. I seriously think the Council needs to guard against over-policing life in the City. When we arrived it was a sterile City. This is slowly changing. However, this measure helps return it to a sterile condition. There have been no incidents ever when we have been out. So, this really is nanny government by the Council. My [- - -] has been unwell and in fact has gathered many elderly people out of their homes (some whom are isolated) to play with and walk with well-supervised dogs. Council restrictions such as these just suffocate the City. What the Council should be doing is putting a stop to the on-going crowd of young people drinking, swearing and leaving broken glass, bottles and wine casks across the TAFE and Central Park. They are intimidating and still cause fear and concern in the area. It is they who need fines, restrictions etc., not the small lap dogs of Joondalup City. Please join the Councils who celebrate our inner-city majority small pets and mainly retired people. They need to enjoy the City and their pets. This just brings sterility and unnecessary rules to what needs to become a community, not just when special events are on quarterly. Please do not impose these sterile restrictions on us when there is in fact no problem. Instead, work on ways to make the City more pet friendly. Mental health outcomes for the good of the community will follow. Regards [- - -]

My view is that dogs (and cats) should not be allowed as pets in urban areas at all (with the exception of assistance animals for people in genuine need). Working dogs on farms and for law enforcement/quarantine etc. are fine and should be restricted to the farm/authority property only. I have several dogs around my house and, when one starts barking, they all start! Plus, their excrement is not always collected by owners. Dogs should not be permitted in Central and Lakeside Parks at all; on-lead or off-lead.

I support the changes specifically for Central Park, there are other dog exercising areas near to use instead.

The few dogs I encounter on my regular walks in these areas have always been with responsible owners. There are very few areas where owners can walk their dogs. I am far more concerned about the many youths who congregate, while drinking alcohol in some parts of those areas. Often after school week days and weekends.

Every year there are more and more restrictions on people being able to exercise their dogs off-lead in an area convenient to them. Dogs need to be able to exercise off-lead. These restrictions should be stopped, or even reversed.

Dogs should not be permitted off-lead in public areas. I was appalled to find out that they are allowed to run loose in most parks. I feel this poses a significant risk to public safety. I support all dogs on-lead in all areas, always. There have been too many attacks on people and other dogs.

Off-lead parks are essential to dogs as that is where they learn their social behaviours. There are not that many off-lead parks that dogs can go to and, given how many people own dogs in Perth, the currently off-lead park in Joondalup has been one of the perks for some of my friends to decide to move to Joondalup Central from other suburbs/cities. There are growing numbers of dog lovers and the awareness for training and owner's responsibility on their dogs' behaviour has been amplified rapidly over the years. People are getting more aware of having their dogs under effective control, so I don't think the change is necessary, in fact it will only do harm to the City of Joondalup.

My concern is the when people do not clean up after their dog's waste. The Council has ample areas supplying disposable bags, but some owners still refuse to give consideration to other park users. There are certain breeds of dogs who should always be muzzled for public safety.

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Duck excrement is a problem, dog excrement is not.

Dear [- - -]

Thank you for your recent letter proposing to change dog control measures at Central Park. I appreciate the opportunity you have given for some community feedback.

I have spent the last [---] months unable to work at my regular job due to a debilitating [---]. During my long road to recovery my greatest daily pleasure has been walking my sweet [---] dog [---] 'on a leash' through Central Park areas A, B and C. On occasion, when there has been no one in area 'A', I have allowed [---] off the lead for a short 10–15 minute game of fetching the ball. At all times, I am supervising him, can clearly see him, he can see me and, as soon as anyone else enters the area, I call [---] back to me and pop the lead back on. I absolutely love and appreciate this time of recreation during my recovery. The green, grassed, open area is far away from the road to ensure my dog is safe. I would not consider throwing a ball or letting [---] off the lead in area D where I cannot clearly see him in the bush, and where he cannot have a good run, not to mention the hazards of snakes, kangaroos and the like. As a Joondalup resident who loves my neighbourhood, community and [---] walks in Central Park, I would be so broken hearted to not be permitted to walk in area A from area B. Already we, as responsible dog owners, are limited by where we can let our dogs off the lead for a good run and game of fetch.

I for one would be so very grateful you if you would please reconsider. I adore Central Park and I am unsure if there is a valid reason why this discussion has been raised at all. Has there been a dog attack, or people not picking up poo or such like? Mostly when I arrive, the green area is empty, what a waste!

Warm regards

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If you need to have your dog off-lead, then go to the dog beaches. There is enough space there to exercise your dog. My concern is children can easily be confronted and frightened, or even attacked, by large dogs. It is about time the Council addressed the question of compulsory muzzles on dogs when in a public place. Also, more enforcement of the rules about dog's excrement, there are too many people who couldn't care less. So no to the proposals. Regards

I see no reason to ban dogs totally from areas A and C. As a dog owner/walker who uses these areas regularly I have never seen an incident occur that would warrant these proposals. Dogs on-lead in areas A and B makes sense. I would like to see this enforced in some way. I would also like to see more signs in the Joondalup City area and surrounding bush and parks saying where dogs can and can't be exercised whether on or off the lead.

Dogs should not be allowed off-lead in these areas. Dogs should be allowed in these areas as long as they are on-lead.

Dog owners should be responsible for removing their dog's excrements. In my opinion, the reinforcement of this responsibility should be the first option before deciding on banning dog access to the park. I currently do not have a dog; however, I would love if the City where I live would think about the importance of providing a dog exercise area. I think at least one place in the park (in my opinion an open area such as the Central Park North A) allocated for that purpose would help dog owners to keep their loved pets healthy, especially older residents who in other cases will have to travel to other parks with their dog. Joondalup does not have a lot of parks but allowing dogs off-lead somewhere in the park is important.

There are not enough areas in Joondalup to exercise dogs off-lead.

We love to explore Central Park with our [- - -] children and would love for it to be a dog-free zone so that we can all relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings without having to be mindful of dogs or dog poo in the area.

Hi. I live [- - -] Central Park and every day watch people use the park for dogs and children and sometimes sports/playing and exercise. It is also used by a group for anti-social drinking and noise. The more people use the park for sport and exercise activities, the less there is anti-social elements at the park, so I strongly support continuing to be able to watch people play with and exercise their dogs. During the [- - -] months at the unit, I have not seen a dog problem with barking aggressive dogs, but that does not mean such events have not occurred.

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We often walk our dogs here and I never see any dog poo. I don't understand why you're even thinking about doing this. I've never seen any aggressive dogs; why on earth would you take away a place of beauty which we enjoy and hardly anyone else uses? Not happy at all.

It's disappointing, but many people do not pick up their dog's poop. Perhaps the signage for this can be increased and/or improved please.

Dogs off-lead in any park or public place are a danger to people, especially the elderly and children, or people with osteoporosis. Too many dogs now walking the streets and messing up the verges, and their owners do not pick up after them.

### Dear [- - -]

Background/what you are proposing.

I refer to your letter of 1 May 2019 with attached Frequently Asked Questions ('FAQ') asking for submissions on the proposed changes to the dog control measures at Central Park and Lakeside Park, Joondalup — your reference: 108040.

The referenced proposed changes by number can basically be set out in table form as follows: Change No — Area — Current law — Proposed law.

- 1 Central Park South (B) and Lakeside Park (D) Dogs are permitted with or without a lead Dogs must have a lead
- 2 Central Park North (A) Dogs are permitted with or without a lead Dogs are prohibited 3 Central Park Natural Area (C) Dogs are prohibited No change

I would like to note that I found it very difficult from examining your letter and FAQ to actually understand what you were proposing to do/change. This makes the process of providing meaningful feedback about these changes difficult to begin with.

My feedback for each proposed change as outlined above is as follows:

Change No — Area — Current law — Proposed law — My feedback

- 1 Central Park South (B) and Lakeside Park (D) Dogs are permitted with or without a lead Dogs must have a lead I agree, but only if changes 2 and 3 are the same for consistency and many other reasons.
- 2 Central Park North (A) Dogs are permitted with or without a lead Dogs are prohibited This should be changed to instead: dogs must have a lead.
- 3 Central Park Natural Area (C) Dogs are prohibited No change This should be changed to instead: dogs must have a lead.

I further observe that, overall, what you are proposing to do is to tighten dog laws to discourage dogs all together in parks close to the Council buildings without any supporting evidence why this needs to be done. You are also creating inconsistencies in dog laws in areas that are very close to one another; that is fraught with confusion for people who own dogs. Many councils and shires are actually instead encouraging dogs into areas under their control. Examples are Victoria Park, Stirling, Cockburn, Margaret River, Nannup, York; the list continues. Further comments to support my feedback

Further comments about statements made in the FAQ to support the feedback I have provided above are as follows:

FAQ statements — My comments on the FAQ statements

A Central Park North...it has generally been accepted that dogs are not permitted in this space and dogs are not currently exercised there. — Accepted by whom? Why? Anecdotally this is completely incorrect, and dogs are frequently walked in this area, but most often on a lead as it is close to a busy road.

B Central Park South...similar to Central Park North (A), it has been generally accepted that dogs are not permitted in this space and dogs are not currently exercised there. — As above. C Central Park Natural Area is currently designated as a dog prohibited area due to the sensitive bushland contained within. — There is a concrete path that insects in the middle of this bushland that is able to accommodate an owner and a dog on a lead without any contact with the bushland. There is no evidence on any conservation websites I have looked at that concludes dogs threaten and or destroy native bushland.

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[continued] A Central Park North is proposed to change to a dog prohibited area. This is due to the space being heavily used for recreational 'pick-up' matches and for community events such as Anzac Day commemorations, Australia Day citizenship ceremonies and Joondalup Festival. The City considers that dogs should be prohibited from this space to prevent excess excrement impacting on users. — Anecdotally this area is the place where antisocial behaviour is repeatedly carried out by human visitors. They drink alcohol, litter, contaminate the running water in the brook and throw bottles and bricks into the bushes and at a bee hives and ducks. Members of Parliament have previously raised the issue of this antisocial behaviour in Hansard Parliamentary readings, but not dogs, ever. I note there are no proposed laws in your letter to address this antisocial behaviour. Have you consulted with people involved in the Anzac Day ceremonies to see if they are more concerned about dogs or antisocial human visitors who deface the war memorial and surrounding areas? Again, this issue has been raised in Parliament, but not dogs, ever. With respect to Australia Day citizenship ceremonies. dogs are culturally accepted in this country, so I assume if people are being naturalised; [- - -]; they have chosen to accept this is the Australian way and they are part of the Australian household that visits parks. So why is this mentioned? There are faeces from other native animals on the lawn. I don't believe you have supplied dog litter bags in this park for owners to pick up the dog poo and there are no signs instructing down owners to pick up the dog poo. You have CCTV footage in this park to fine repeat offenders that don't pick up their dog's poo. How can you be concerned with excess dog excrement when there currently is none according to your own statement made (as I have outlined above): 'A – Central Park North...dogs are not currently exercised there' so how can they poo in this area at present? Anecdotally, the majority of dog owners pick up their dog's poo in the supplied plastic bags. You can propose to fine people for not picking up the dog's poo instead of prohibiting dogs all together. This is what the majority of other tolerant and contemporary Councils do. Dogs have the potential by their nature to encourage more families to the area that would help encourage are more social environment. B Central Park South is proposed to change to a dogs on-lead area. This would allow visitors to walk through and enjoy the Joondalup Farmers' Market on a Saturday morning and also allow dog owners to walk through the southern portion of Central Park to Grand Boulevard. — Would permitting dogs on a lead into Central Park North (A) not also allow dog owners to enjoy the Joondalup Festival? It hasn't been explained why you are allowing inconsistencies in areas where similar commercial activity is conducted that dog owners would attend. C Central Park Natural Area is proposed to remain a dog prohibited area. This is due to the risk of interaction with the high biodiversity values of the flora and fauna contained within the space, including Carnaby's Black Cockatoos and Forrest Red Tail Cockatoos. It is also considered that the presence of dogs within this space would have the potential to introduce pathogens to the area. — There is no difference in the bushland located in Central Park Natural Area (C) and Lakeside Park (D), it is only that one area is further from the Council building. There are clearly delineated concrete pathways in these areas that are able to accommodate an owner and a dog on a lead without any contact with the bushland. There is no evidence on any conservation websites I have looked at that concludes dogs threaten and or destroy native bushland and or native birds; there is clear evidence cats do and also land clearing by Councils. Dogs have the potential by their nature whether on or off a lead to protect native species from cats as they will chase them away and or deter them. Dogs pose no more of a risk of introducing pathogens into a space than human beings and cats do who are permitted freely under your current laws to enter in an out of these areas.

D Lakeside Park is proposed to change to a dogs on-lead area. This would allow community members to continue exercising their dogs in this space whilst reducing the risk of interaction with the high biodiversity values of the flora and fauna contained within the space, including Carnaby's Black Cockatoos and Forrest Red Tail Cockatoos. — There is no difference in the bushland located in Central Park Natural Area (C) and Lakeside Park (D); it is only that one area is further from the Council building. There are clearly delineated concrete pathways in these areas that are able to accommodate an owner and a dog on a lead without any contact with the bushland. You will be creating inconsistent laws between closely neighbouring areas that have the same bushland.

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I oppose any measures to restrict dogs from open space in the City. I believe the City needs to work on education and enforcement for dog ownership, not exclusion, since the problem owners ignore rules prohibiting dogs anyway. Dogs have always had a significant role in wartime and their role in rehabilitating veterans with PTSD is immense. I believe allowing them at war memorial events would enhance those events, not take away from them. Look at the UK, dogs are able to go to far more places, and it results in much higher public transport use. Responsible dog owners are your greatest allies in controlling dogs and ensuring responsible dog ownership. But responsible dog owners are excluded from most of the spaces where we are needed the most! The damage done to wildlife from dogs is overstated: cats are a far bigger problem, along with herbicide use and habitat loss. You have all the legislation you need to control dogs — or rather their owners — use it!

A — I agree dogs should not be permitted on the grassed area but allowed to walk with owners on the surrounding pathways. I have not noticed an excretion problem, and in any event, owners should pick it up. B — Agree with the changes. Dogs regularly pass through this area rather than being off-lead to play there. C and D — Agree that dogs should be allowed to pass through these areas. There is some confusion with the term 'Exercise Area', to my mind it means where dogs are allowed to play off-lead (catching balls for example) rather than simply walking through with their owners. Neil Hawkins Park — Whilst not part of this consultation, I wish to make this comment. When walking dogs along paths in Yellagonga National Park one comes to signs prohibiting dogs at Neil Hawkins Park. May I suggest the signs be changed to "No Dogs on Park" to allow them to walk around it, rather than having to turn back. Please contact me if you wish to discuss this one. My home phone is [- - -].

Leashing dogs is preferred over prohibiting. Dogs are family; however, the only true way to have total control of your dog is on a leash which is held by a physically competent adult.

There are so many native animals living in these areas! Dogs should be prohibited throughout the majority, with the exception of on-lead through walk-through areas.

There needs to be adequate and appropriate space within the City for off-lead dog exercise, à la the dog park at Charles Reilly Reserve (City of Stirling) or the Whiteman Park dog park.

Provided dogs can be under effective control, they should be allowed off-lead. Not sure why there is a need for dogs prohibited in any of these areas.

Please ensure we have an area where dogs can walk and chase balls off the lead!!

I believe that dogs should be "on-lead" wherever they are permitted. However, policing of the same is also important. A case in point is Yellagonga Park where there are clear signs on the path "Dogs on-lead" — however, this is frequently ignored by irresponsible dog owners. I am a dog lover and often dog-sit, however I find it annoying and intimidating to be approached by free roaming dogs when I have my dog on a lead.

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