

## Dog Off Leash Area at Eastern End of Karuah Park

### Summary of Responses

For	Against	What do you think about the proposal and why?	Submission Date
23	6		
1		Acceptable proposal in theory. Please however provide 'poop bags' or patrol the park as there is now an increase in feces left in the park. This is not fair and dangerous for children that play sport in the park. Lazy owners are turning the park into a toilet. There has been an increase in feces left since the off leash area was extended.	2019/05/02 15:04:57
	1	Against it. The existing dog off leash area is huge. Your map indicates you are giving this sub-group of residents and their pets the rest of the park?! Essentially, non dog owners are squeezed out of public areas. Especially those of us who don't like and/or are afraid of dogs are forced to tolerate them filling every public space. It's a discriminatory, exclusionary, selfish, insensitive proposal.	2019/04/21 21:46:05
1		Apart from fact that legend is wrong, the proposed change is good, and the extended area is already largely treated as off-leash.	2019/05/16 17:47:07
1		Awesome idea for enclosed off leash area for our loving furry friends, we need more options to choose. Currently I need to drive to an off leash area, this will be close by. I do use both parks currently and they are fantastic.	2019/04/18 11:47:08
	1	Firstly, I think your map has the incorrect areas shaded. From my understanding from the signage at the park, the yellow area is the current off leash area and the hatched area is the proposed off leash area (the majority of Karuah Park). On the assumption this is correct, I am rather opposed to the entire area being dog off leash. Primarily because I believe it will attract lazy dog owners who will let their dogs off leash with no care and sense of responsibility. The circular path around the oval in Turramurra Memorial Park encourages dog owners to walk with their dogs whereas the large open area of Karuah Park, will, I think create a pool of loose dogs which can be quite intimidating to other park users and other dog owners.	2019/05/17 13:12:43

		<p>During the trial I have had direct experience of poor dog management on more than one occasion. Only yesterday, a large dog came bound over (looking friendly enough) and jumped up at my back with the owner calling his name to no effect and then no apology. I didn't ask for one I was happy to walk away with no damage done. However, I can only assume this behaviour was considered acceptable. Had this been my parents walking their dog they could have been knocked over. Personally, I would love more off leash dog walking areas but where the emphasis is to keep both people and dogs on the move. To this point I think the two parks together work well as they are for dog owners.</p>	
1		<p>Great idea for local residents - terrific exercise for pets and their owners. Good community meeting place.</p>	2019/04/27 15:57:45
1		<p>Great idea! Many dogs visit the park and it would be a great way to socialise and meet up with other dog friends without bothering the kids or sports around the park</p>	2019/04/23 12:58:08
1		<p>Great proposal. Fully support the proposal due to safety for young children around the park. I had been bitten by dog at Turramurra Memorial park when I was there for morning walk. Till now, I am still afraid and try to avoid dogs to walk close to me.</p>	2019/05/19 09:22:04
1		<p>I agree that there should be a permanent dog off leash area at Karuah however the proposed area would only be appropriate if it were properly fenced. The current open fencing is inappropriate as there is no effective barrier between the off leash area and the busy Karuah road and Turramurra Avenue. Put a proper fence up with gates and you have a great off leash area</p>	2019/04/22 11:10:49

1		<p>I applaud and appreciate any council action that provides and improves public spaces so that they can be used and enjoyed. The area proposed is already an off leash area and it is hardly used because it is dark, dirty and poorly/not maintained. It is a great idea to "formalise" the existing off-leash area if it leads to the area actually being fenced (including the west side - the foul and filthy ditch of water does not constitute an appropriate or safe boundary), upgraded and properly maintained (especially the tress and their debris) so that it is suitable for public use (there is currently a significant build up of leaf and other debris from the trees and often rotting animal corpses and a lot of dog poo which presumably is because it is very hard for owners to locate and retrieve it from the extensive uncleared leaf litter).</p>	2019/05/08 14:20:21
		<p>However, I strongly suggest that you make it off-leash ONLY after 1pm. Claude Cameron Reserve is basically full of dog poos and large holes, but at least you can spot and avoid them because the floor is grass. A significant contributing factor is SOME professional dog walkers mainly operating in the morning who bring large numbers of animals and do not supervise them or their digging or toileting properly, unlike Golden Jubilee which is not used by professional walkers because it's only off leash after 1pm, which is clean and unspoilt. The "proposed" space at Karuah is small and will be difficult to keep hole free and clean anyway because of the leaves and brown poo-camouflage floor, and it simply will not support the volumes of professional dog walkers and behaviour I have seen regularly at Claude Cameron - it will be full of camouflaged holes and poo for people to trip in and step in. Limiting off-leash to after 1pm will exclude many professional dog walkers, and MOST actual dog owners can and do keep a better watch of their one or two pets and can maintain and enjoy a safe and clean facility.</p>	
1		<p>I believe this is a much needed amenity in our community. However, I am confused about the area that is outlined in the 'plan' the area that is shown as current 'off leash' is certainly not sign posted like that. The proposed area has a sign 'off leash area' just on Turramurra Ave side of the bridge.</p>	2019/05/13 13:16:19

	1	<p>I consider the proposed area ( if that is the portion at the corner of Karuah St and Turramurra Ave) which is currently sign posted as an "off leash " area, to be unsuitable for the following reasons; It is NOT fenced on 2 sides. It has direct access to a stagnant creek with steep sides. Often home to rats. Due to the extensive tree canopy blocking sun light, it is cold and dark. The canopy prevents any grass growth and the numerous trees restrict any area for exercise such as ball throwing and running. The ground is dangerously uneven and covered in fallen branches and leaf litter. This is a tripping hazard for older less able residents and young families with toddlers and strollers. This more secluded spot is cold and unwelcoming, bottles and syringes and other unwelcome litter are frequently found there.</p>	2019/05/16 14:54:57
		<p>When compared to the large adjacent, sun filled and grassy Karuah Park( currently leash free on the council site but not sign posted) and the beautiful Memorial Park - this rarely used and uninviting space does not afford any incentives for use. Its seclusion and separation from other common areas restricts social interaction across generations and an inclusive community feeling of well being. Well behavior dogs, leashed ( when appropriate) are the owners responsibility and should be able to interact with the wider community at designated area and times. This proposed area does not afford the facilities or safety available in other local "off leash " areas in Ku-ring-gai, eg Claude Cameron Grove or Golden Jubilee Fields. The installation of specific "off leash " times on more suitable sights should be seriously considered and adopted.</p>	
1		<p>I support this proposal. It is time to put this ambiguous area to a designated space. Currently dogs, leashed and off leashed, are in both Karuah and Turramurra Memorial Parks. More so in the latter. It is highly inappropriate for dogs to be off leashed in Turramurra Memorial Park because this park has other amenities like kids playground, flying fox, picnic spots, exercise patch, tennis courts, table tennis tables, oval and basketball court. General public and many kids play here.</p>	2019/05/19 00:13:27

1		I think it's great to have an offleash area, but I prefer the current size of the area. My dog likes walking around the oval (and I have him happily on lead when there are events around). Also the other side of the creek (smaller area) isn't large enough for him to run around and can get crowded when there are a number of dogs around. He like to run around in the oval area, the larger area is more appropriate and to ensure the happiness and safety of both owners and dogs. As a bonus I get more exercise walking around the Karuah Oval.	2019/04/29 22:15:43
1		I think it's a brilliant idea. Turramurra has abundant amount of dog owners and the current dog park is just not suffice enough. The expansion and proposed dog park will enable the community to become involved more with their beloved pets and it also enhance ADLs. This as a result will not only encourage healthier lifestyles for pets as they roam freely in the dog park to exercise but also inhibits sedentary lifestyle among the community.	2019/04/18 11:38:42
1		I think it's a great idea. Dog parks are great at community building.	2019/04/27 15:56:22
1		I think the proposal is terrific. I have a dog and he loves this off-leash area. It's a 'sniff' park, rather than a 'run' park and I've seen many dogs enjoying the area. More please.	2019/04/20 11:56:38
		I think there is a lot of confusion about off leash areas around Turramurra oval and Karuah park as the rules seem to change intermittently. Currently, dogs are walked off leash around Turramurra oval and Karuah Park during any time of the day. Turramurra oval off leash used to be relegated to particular times of the day. Is this still the case? This current proposal map seems to me to be inaccurate, further confusing the issue. The current off leash area is actually the small, yellow coloured area and I think you are proposing extending it to the whole big park which is labelled 'current off leash area' in the key. So now people are using all of Karuah park as off leash area thinking it is the current area. So now dogs are walked off leash on both ovals, which is very limiting for park users. I don't mind there being ONE off leash area over these two parks, but because both ovals have been said to be off leash at various points, people build up expectations and behaviour that is hard to change.	2019/05/13 18:30:36

		I live near the parks and always walk my dog on a lead. He is not friendly to other dogs approaching him, so I walk at times least likely to have off leash dogs, but invariably we encounter some when and where we shouldn't. I would like to be able to enjoy walking my dog in at least ONE of the parks at any time of the day. I don't think that's unreasonable. I think council needs to choose which areas of which park are best suited to off leash and please, please, provide adequate signage and police the other areas so that owners are aware where dogs need to be leashed, so that all of us are able to enjoy the beautiful parks paces on our doorstep.	
	1	I'm very confused by this proposal as the map is not my understanding of what the current position is. I would like the whole of Karuah oval/park to be off leash except when being used by organised sport such as the soccer/cricket on the weekends. The small wooded area which is currently marked as off leash is too small, full of trees and fallen branches and full of mosquitoes, its not a pleasant space to spend any time in. The open area of Karuah oval is very underused during the week and should be available to dogs and their owners to enjoy.	2019/05/03 14:05:43
1		It would be fabulous to have an off leash dog park in the area. The current area isn't fenced so I wouldn't feel comfortable letting my dog off lead in fear she would run onto the road. It is also a very dark area with lots of leaf debris and no grass. Is there another area the council could consider perhaps near the cricket practice area. An enclosed area with sunshine and grass would be perfect.	2019/04/21 18:14:28
1		It would be good to have a fenced area	2019/05/14 17:09:59
	1	Karuah Park is used for small-sided football and cricket on weekends, and for sports training on weekday afternoons. How is that use conducive to "an exclusive leash-free area for dogs". Answer - it's not!	2019/04/23 13:58:39
1		My family and I would be fully in support of Karuah being off leash area. Of course subject to patrons picking up after their dogs. You might think of installing bag dispensers as at Jubilee.	2019/04/29 21:12:02
1		The area is definitely needed	2019/05/08 07:42:31

1		The proposal to make this area a fenced, designated off leash area is a good one. Currently that area is unsafe for dogs to use off leash due to the high volume, and speed of traffic that access that corner. The area currently is not suitable also due to the large amount of debris that falls from the trees above, causing stick injuries to dogs and their owners whilst walking.	2019/04/23 12:24:35
1		This is a very useful and needed extension to the off leash area in Turramurra Park. I hope it is permanent	2019/05/14 09:21:25
1		Unless you intend to properly fence and gate the off-leash area, nothing will change, people will continue to use the larger area of the park for off-leash activity. Turramurra Avenue has become quite a busy street and people will not risk harm to their dogs with the possibility that they get spooked and run onto the road, the main part of the park, although not fenced, removes them somewhat from the risk of cars. We used to live at Killara and used the fully fenced Bert Oldfield Park off-leash area, during the approved times. This is a much safer and appropriate arrangement and it would make much better sense to initiate a similar arrangement on the fully fenced and gated oval in Memorial Park. I can assure you, unless you properly fence this "proposed" area of Karuah, dog owners will continue to ignore it and use the main part of the park.	2019/04/23 10:01:45
1		Very confused, as the signs are clear that the area marked as proposed off leash area is already an off leash area, however dog owners dont use and use the main oval. It needs to be clear that dog owners can not have their dogs off leash on Karuah oval. We have young children who play on this oval and its scary at times when a large dog comes running towards them, chasing a ball the owner threw.	2019/05/11 07:51:15
	1	We were devastated when the Memorial Park Oval off-leash times were removed across the road, having enjoyed it for years. Having a safe area where we can allow our dogs to run free as well as have a power walk ourselves for general health and well being is very welcome. The current off-leash area at Karuah is too small, not safe nor fenced.	2019/05/13 10:35:12