

**TURRAMURRA MEMORIAL PARK and KARUAH PARK  
Survey Results**

<b>DOGS</b>			
<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>QUOTES BY RESIDENTS</b>
Landscape character you LIKE	General comments regarding dogs	<b>6</b>	"We walk the dog, the path is in good condition." "Being able to walk my dog in lovely, relaxing surroundings." "Area for taking a dog for a walk (we are about to acquire one again)." "Walk the dog." x 2 "Variety of trees (natives) kept clean even with dogs."
Landscape character you LIKE	Support off-leash	<b>5</b>	"Leash-free area for dogs." "Space for my dog to run around & the fact that we are usually the only ones there." "Very friendly atmosphere with walkers in the mornings - I also feel it should be leash-free for dogs around the oval - all owners here are very responsible and enjoy this area." "The path around the oval should be maintained plus the ability to exercise on this stable footing with dogs off leash." "I like the sense of community amongst the regular walkers (with or without dogs)."
Landscape character you DISLIKE	Support off-leash	<b>8</b>	"Dogs should be free." "The park needs to be an off-leash area for walking dogs." "The harassment by the Council Ranger for allowing dogs to run free." "Being harassed by the dog ranger. Keeping dogs on leads as you walk on the path around the oval results in tangles, the dogs do not socialise properly (which increases risks of dog fights) and leads provide a walking hazard - many people, especially the elderly, trip over leads." "I would like one park to be made a dog free area with a properly fenced area." "Freedom for dogs to be off leads. Walking with dogs on leads on the path is very dangerous as leads get tied up." "The offensive attitude displayed to dog owners by the ranger. Dogs should be allowed to run off-leash outside the oval perimeter at certain times subject to a responsible attitude by owners. As a community don't we want to encourage lifestyle (health and fitness). The elderly did enjoy walking their dogs in the park too - not any more! We did have a great community everyone looked out for each other in particular the elderly. Now we avoid it!"
			"The recent patrol by the Council ranger while walking my dog. The ranger hides in the bushes, this is most threatening. The park has become like a ghost town whereas it used to have a large number of people is has now become deserted." "Not being legally allowed to let the dog off the leash."
Facilities like	Support off-leash	<b>2</b>	Dogs entitled to run free x 2 "As a rate payer I would like to be able to use the park to walk my dog off leash around the oval (not inside) as I have for many years, to maintain my health & meet my friends". "Certain days or times of a day for trained dogs to run free."
Facilities DISLIKE	Support off-leash	<b>9</b>	Dogs off leash x 2. "Dogs running without restraint." "DOGS OFF-LEASH. The parks are for all the people." "No, I believe most peoples' needs are met as it is - except to be able to walk dogs off-leash." "Leash free dog zone" "Leash-free area for free running dogs. Half the dog owners still ignore the rules and let dogs run free inside the oval and outside - LARGER NOTICES REQUIRED." "No park ranger monitoring "the Law". "Resident park keeper."
Landscape character you DISLIKE	For TMP to be off-leash during allocated times each day.	<b>1</b>	"We do not understand the Council's present stance as regards dogs-off the leash. We have already written separately to Council on this question. We can see no good reason for not allocating specific times for such activities in both parks eg. 6.30 - 8.30am, 4.30 to 6.30 pm."
Is there anything that prevents you from using the parks	Support off-leash	<b>8</b>	<b>Support off-leash dogs:</b> "I urge Council to allowing the dog-owners to walk their animals at the TMP oval at any time without a leash if they so desire." "Officious rangers threatening dog walkers with fines - the park feels less safe as it is now often deserted as dog walkers have abandoned the parks because of over-zealousness of Council's rangers." "I have walked dogs at this park for more than 20 years - now it is not leash free it is proving a problem for many of us with dogs!" "Council ranger has broken up community that used to frequent park in the mornings." "I specifically request you to inform the Mayor of the following: a very large number of dog owners in this shire & locality are concerned about their increasingly poor public relations with the Council over the dogs on leash in certain parks issue. In all life a sensible compromise is much better than a bad deal. Why not compromise & allow dogs off-leash in TP before 8am & after say 5pm. With the provision for very heavy fines for people not picking up dog faeces ? Please respond to this." "The ranger." "Accessing the park is not a problem and before the ranger came there was always plenty of people with their dogs to hang around with so I felt pretty safe. It's quiet isolated there at the moment. The presence of the ranger constantly watching is a definite put off for going there, I try to go elsewhere but it has meant that my dog hasn't had the social interaction which is particularly important. Dogs need to be regularly socialised with other dogs, this prevents anti-social behaviour and dog fights.
			If you look at psychology relating to dogs, being off leads is key to getting dogs to socialise properly." "Give back the parks to the residents. Give he rangers a proper job or get rid of them. I have lived in my current house since 1979 and never have we felt so harassed as we do now. I assure you we are not alone. They have destroyed the social contact that has been part and parcel of the parks." "I feel totally safe in the park. The only actor to prevent access to the park is the dog ranger & the \$220.00 fine. I have been to the park once or twice only in the last 6 months."
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT FOR DOGS BEING OFF-LEASH AT THE PARK</b>		<b>- 33</b>	

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Landscape character dislike	Objections to dogs	<b>4</b>	"I don't have any objections to people walking dogs however there needs to be more signs and tougher penalties for people who don't 'scoop their poop.'" "TMP is a real family park and it is disgusting stepping in dog poo left by people (which happens to park users frequently)." "The park attracts many sports people, walkers, joggers, elderly and families with young children and dog owners need to respect this and be held accountable." "The park should certainly be multipurpose but it can't be all things to all people either. If the main purpose of the park is sport, recreation and relaxation, then dog use needs to be permissible but limited as does bike riding around the walking track."
Landscape character you like	Objections to off-leash	<b>2</b>	"Dogs must be kept on lead." "The open space, the large(ish) size and the relative lack of dogs".
Landscape character you DISLIKE	Objections to off-leash	<b>16</b>	"Dogs droppings." x 5. "Antisocial dogs & some owners." "Dogs on the park." "The dogs off-leads and the fouling of the park by ignorant dog owners." "That dogs must be put 'on leash' when exercising or walking around the oval." "Dog mess, dogs off-leashes." "Dogs NOT on leash & uncollected waste. Dog droppings & human rubbish in unemptied garbage bags." "Concern about dogs not on leads and not being adequately controlled, particularly for safety and dogs in children's' playground area including sand pit." "Lack of signs stating dogs must be leashed in TMP" "Dog excreta left on lawn area." "The leash free dogs. I will be devastated if this park becomes a leash-free area and will have to return to walking the streets. The proposed leash free hours mean that one will be walking in the middle of the day if one wants to avoid the dogs." "NO LEASH FREE."
Facilities like	Objections to dogs/owners	<b>2</b>	"Safety brochure for humans threatened by DOGS. Authorized dog and owner socialising training in KP. Certificate of Training completion as pre-requisite to issuing dog licence - shown on demand". "A clean shaded play area for the children - swings, slide, climbing frame etc. DOG FREE, therefore DOG POO FREE and a cycle/scooter track."
Facilities DISLIKE	Objection to off-leash	<b>8</b>	"Dogs forbidden" x 2. "Under no conditions must dogs be allowed inside the oval, for obvious reasons. There is a push for dogs to be allowed off-leash outside the oval. This would be a disaster. It is a busy park with people of all ages. We do not want the park overrun with dogs off leashes. Apart from the increased likelihood of excrement everywhere, the danger to children, elderly people and traffic on Eastern Road and Karuah Road make it essential that dogs be kept on leashes. I have been visiting this park for over 12 years and I have seen countless numbers of out-of-control dogs attacking each other and anyone in their way, with dog owners seemingly unable to control them. To allow these same dog owners to let their dogs run free would be a disaster waiting to happen." "Yes. Anything that may attract more dogs." "Unleashed dogs - except in enclosed, supervised areas" "We do NOT LIKE UNLEASHED" DOGS." "People with dogs don't seem to use the dog off-lead area near Karuah, they tend to let their dogs off on main path around TMP. Many get onto the oval & many owners do NOT clean up their mess. We think dogs should ONLY be allowed in "dog off-lead" area." "Restrict pet dogs access to creek as they currently destroy native flora and scare away native fauna." "NO MORE LEASH-FREE DOG AREA. Just secure the one we have."
Is there anything that prevents you from using the parks	Objection to dogs off-leash	<b>14</b>	<b>Object to off-leash dogs:</b> "When both ovals are booked, there is no place to go to enjoy the park due to dogs off the leash." "Many dogs run off-lead in TP at times when Rangers are not on duty such as weekends & early evening. Free running dogs make many activities hazardous. We are dog lovers and own 2 dogs but find the selfish actions of thoughtless owners prevent maximum park use." "Dogs (larger ones) have been a safety issue. Since the Ranger has enforced the dogs on leashes policy, the park is cleaner, safer and a more pleasant place to visit. Despite a very loud minority of dog owners, the council and rangers are to be commended." "Dogs off-leash, park is used by young children & elderly people." "Dogs off-leash, park is used by young children & elderly people which should be encouraged." "No ! Only when pooch needs a run off-leash."
			"Yes. The number of dogs let loose which Council seems to ignore. In spite of the availability of bins, dog owners still allow their dogs to defecate where people, play and leave behind." "Against dogs at parks at all because I am regularly threatened by dogs both ON and OFF leash." "Dogs should be on a lead. "A VERY BAD IDEA to have oval leash free. It is often too dangerous to take the dog & kids together because other dogs are not properly restrained." "Trouble with dogs jumping on me when walking in the oval (not all dog owners believe in "no dog" sign.)" "Restriction re dogs." "Leashed and unleashed dogs are unpredictable: some using both parks our threatening, aggressive & disobedient - apparently untrained. I would not take my dog (if I owned one) to these parks and risk fights and injury. I have been threatened by unleashed dogs several times - including last weekend - all entirely unprovoked." "In the past the unleashed dogs. Recently this was addressed by Council, but for fear about the outcome of the lobbying 1500."
<b>TOTAL OBJECTION TO DOGS BEING OFF-LEASH AT THE PARK</b>			<b>- 42</b>

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Landscape character you DISLIKE	Fence existing off-leash area at Karuah	6	"Lack of fencing around Karuah park. Is difficult to keep dogs within that area and off the road." "Make Karuah into a more appealing area for dog owners, for example Westleigh Park has an excellent area for dogs and owners. This may prevent the dog 'mess' that is still found at TP." "The leash free area at Karuah could be fenced in securely to make it a proper leash-free area where dogs can run safely without fear of the passing cars." "No fence on leash-free area of dog park at Karuah, very dangerous for my young, big, enthusiastic dog." "Off leash dog area is not enclosed therefore I don't often go to that area. In fact I rarely see dogs there I'm sure that there would be fewer dogs off leash in TMP if this section of Karuah Park was made safer for dogs." "Need a fenced dog area so that the dogs can run free without the possibility of running onto the road and being injured or causing injury to someone driving, etc. Great place for fenced dog area would be corner of Karuah Road and Turramurra Avenue. This area is quite shady and not used as much by people."
Facilities like	Fence existing off-leash area at Karuah	2	"The off-leash area of Karuah Park (near Turramurra Ave) fenced off properly so dogs could be let off leash her in a restricted area." "We would like the off-leash area to have a mesh fence so we could safely run our dogs there. We have to drive to Kintore/Westbrook St dog park instead of a 2 minute walk to Karuah Area."
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT TO FENCE EXISTING DOG OFF-LEASH AREA AT KARUAH</b>			<b>- 8</b>
Landscape character you DISLIKE	Fence dog off-leash area, but not existing location at Karuah	5	"Lack of a safe i.e.. fenced off-each dog area. The current area is unsuitable due to busy road and dogs disappearing down the gully." "I'd like a fully fenced leash free area for dogs not the existing shady unfenced area fronting Turramurra Avenue." "KP is not at all useful as a place to walk dogs." "I like to see dogs running lose and enjoying themselves" "Unfortunately the area assigned for dogs to run without a leash is out of the way and there is no barrier to stop dogs running onto the road. A more user friendly area would be nice to have."
Facilities DISLIKE	Support fenced off-leash area - new location	1	The off-leash dog area adjacent to Karuah Park is an absolute joke. Very dangerous in high winds and generally strewn with fallen branches and rotting liquidambar seed pods it is completely unsuited for this activity though it is all that is provided.
<b>FENCE DOG OFF-LEASH AREA,BUT NOT EXISTING AT KARUAH</b>			<b>- 6</b>
Landscape character you DISLIKE	Provide fenced off-leash area	3	"A fenced off area for dogs." "It is stupid having an unfenced dog off-lead area on two busy roads." "It would be good to have a dog off the leash area as well."
Facilities like	Fence an off-leash area	8	"Fully fenced leash free area for dogs providing sunshine and shade and seats." " Large FENCED/fun dog area." "Fully fenced off-leash dog area with dog bag facilities." "A leash-free dog area." "Off-leash dog walking allowed in Turramurra park - present off-leash area adjacent to KP is not practical or desirable - it is not even fenced - so it is actually unsafe." "Dog off-leash area." "Dog section (to let them off the leash)." "The dog park needs to be fenced for safety of dogs (re: traffic & safety of children playing nearby (dogs are always fascinated by young children's boisterous games: I have dog + young kids, so I know)." "A fenced area to have dogs off the leash at Karuah Park - Turramurra Avenue side." "Make Turramurra Oval off-leash & not Karuah Park."
<b>SUMMARY</b>			
TOTAL <b>SUPPORT</b> FOR DOGS BEING <b>OFF-LEASH</b> AT THE PARK			<b>33</b>
TOTAL <b>OBJECTION</b> TO DOGS BEING <b>OFF-LEASH</b> AT THE PARK			<b>42</b>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT FOR FENCED OFF-LEASH AREA AT KARUAH PARK</b>			<b>8</b>
TOTAL <b>SUPPORT</b> FOR <b>RELOCATED FENCED OFF-LEASH AREA</b>			<b>6</b>
FENCE A DOG OFF-LEASH AREA (location not specified)			<b>11</b>