Dog Exercise Area Policy

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OBJECTIVES

To provide dog owners with access to public open space to exercise their dogs off a leash.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council will provide open space sites for the exercising of dogs off leads. These sites will include.

Disposal Bins - Council will provide waste disposal bins in all dog exercise areas and may supply faeces disposal bags. Where no bins or bags are available, dog owners are required to provide and use their own disposal bags, and to remove the used bags from the park.

Water supply – Where a water supply is currently available in a dog exercise area, Council will provide a watering basin near taps.

Seating and shade - On the perimeter of dog exercise areas, Council will provide bench seating which will be positioned, where possible, to obtain benefit from shade trees on the reserves.

Landscaping – In locations with close proximity to cycleways and pathways, Council will consider the provision of landscaped divides in the form of low screen plantings and hedges, or low-level mesh fencing.

2. Council rangers will enforce the provisions of the Companion Animals Act in the dog exercise areas.
3. Council will install and maintain signage identifying dog exercise areas and prohibited areas within parks and reserves.
4. Council will publish a list of dog exercise areas and maps on its website.