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OFF LEASH AREA REVIEW

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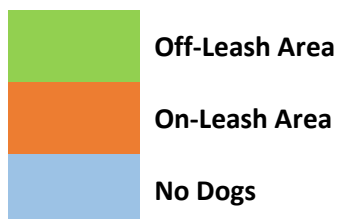
For the purposes of the OLA review, OLA mapping has been based on the 31 gazetted off-leash areas currently identified in Monash. This may vary slightly from the layer published on Council's website and VicMap interactive OLA mapping because:

- The original data set is unreliable and inconsistent.
- Not all OLA geometries correctly align with VicMap cadastral area boundaries¹. For data accuracy and data integrity, it was determined for the purposes of this review that OLAs should not intersect with unrelated properties and/or store incorrect geographic information.
- The OLA map (.pdf) that is published on Monash's website does not offer any detailed descriptions of OLA areas.
- Whilst Council's public interactive map does offer descriptions, these are not always intuitive or easily understood from a geographic point of view and not always consistent with the gazetted off-leash information or reserve name.

Based on the unacceptable quality of the existing OLA dataset layer, the existing OLA dataset was hidden and a new dataset was created to:

- Correctly align with Vicmap cadastre data, thus improve data accuracy
- Borrow datasets from recreation/open space to trace sportsgrounds and specific reserves (e.g. Mulgrave Wetlands) where possible
- Rebuild the attribute table, as descriptions were not easily understood. Geometries in OLA were not always accurate, and incorrect area sizes can affect the integrity of the data.
- Avoid following the geometries in the OLA dataset layer, as this data is not always reliable
- Contain both existing and proposed off-leash areas, which can be then exported as a single spreadsheet for improved and simpler data calculations.

MAP LEGEND:



¹ Cadastral Area Boundary is a line layer belonging to Vicmap Property and consists of data representing Victoria's land parcels and properties and is used extensively in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) by the public and private sectors.

PART A REVIEW OF EXISTING OLAS (SITES 1-31)

1 Gardiners Reserve North BURWOOD

Existing – Gardiners Reserve (west of the creek and other than the area designated as a Prohibited Area)



Proposed – Gardiners Reserve North



Comments

- No Dogs on:
 - o Gardiners Reserve Synthetic (middle) Pitch
 - o Gardiners Reserve South Pitch (A grade NPL turf pitch)
- Dogs on Lead:
 - o East side of creek
 - o 10m either side of a major shared trail
- Major shared trail (Gardiners Creek Trail) to be upgraded – this is a Department of Transport strategic cycling corridor with commuter cyclists. Previous reports of conflicts with dogs & risk of collision injuries.

2 Ashwood Reserve ASHWOOD

Existing – Ashwood Reserve



Proposed – Ashwood/Jingella/Holmesglen Reserve (part)



Comments

- Off-Leash:
 - o Ashwood Reserve North - turf pitch remains off-leash
 - o Jingella Reserve – new off-leash area at Jingella Reserve (central)
- No dogs on:
 - o Ashwood Reserve synthetic pitch no 1. (blue area)
 - o Note: potential for 2nd synthetic hockey pitch at Ashwood Reserve north)
 - o Holmesglen Reserve Sportsground A grade turf pitch (blue area)
- On-Lead:
 - o Gardiners Creek trail (west boundary) – conflict with commuter cyclists – consider low barrier fence along west boundary of Jingella Reserve/Ashwood Reserve North

3 Electra Reserve ASHWOOD

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- Consider erecting signage to advise cyclists this is an OLA
- Dog Obedience Club based here and have a licence for croquet area (OLA)

4 Federal Reserve MOUNT WAVERLEY

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

5 Damper Creek Conservation Reserve MOUNT WAVERLEY

Existing



Proposed



Comments

- Change to on-lead
- Nearby OLAs – Federal reserve and new potential OLA Bowman Street Reserve
- Draft Damper Creek Conservation Reserve - Conservation Management Plan (Practical Ecology Nov 2021 section 6.1, p.23) states: **Public use considerations - Dog walking**
Damper Creek Conservation Reserve was previously a dog-on-lead reserve with a designated dogs-off-lead area in the southern section of the reserve. However, currently there are no restrictions on dogs throughout the reserve. Dogs negatively impact natural bushland areas through the destruction of plantings, supporting weed growth from faeces and acting as weed dispersers (Holderness-Roddam; 2011). They impact native fauna through inducing stress from physical presence and scent and have the potential to attack or kill native fauna. It is recommended that Council consider implementing measures to reduce the impact of dogs within the reserve as the habitat values are likely impacted negatively by the presence of even well-behaved dogs.

6 Tally Ho Reserve MOUNT WAVERLEY

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

7 Glen Waverley North Reserve GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- Existing shared path along Chesterville Road frontage – consider erecting signage to advise cyclists this is an OLA.

8 Capital Reserve GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

9 Batesford Reserve CHADSTONE

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

10 Mount Waverley Linear Reserve (Heany Street & Beverley Grove)

MOUNT WAVERLEY

Existing - Heany Street Reserve (or Mount Waverley Linear Reserve South)



Proposed - Mount Waverley Linear Reserve (Heany Street & Beverley Grove Reserves)



Comments

- Increase OLA to include north reserve (Beverley Grove)
- Not a major shared trail
- Consider erecting signage to advise cyclists this is an OLA
- Does not include open space little triangle in between Heany Street & Beverley Grove Reserves

11 Mount Waverley Reserve MOUNT WAVERLEY

Existing




Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- B grade sportsground with turf centre wicket (seasonally taped-off by Horticulture team in cricket season)

12 Bogong Reserve GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing

Proposed
No change to existing off-leash area at this point in time.
Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A Conservation Management Plan is being undertaken for this reserve. As per Damper Creek Reserve Conservation Management Plan, it is possible that the report for Bogong Reserve will make some recommendations regarding the future off-leash status of this reserve.- If OLA status removed, this would result in an OLA gap area

13 Hinkler Reserve GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- Potential part or all FOLA e.g. south of Hinkler Road
- Horticulture Services to consider fencing central area of sensitivity to project flora & fauna

15 Pamela-Smyth Street Electricity Easement MOUNT WAVERLEY

Existing



Proposed



Comments

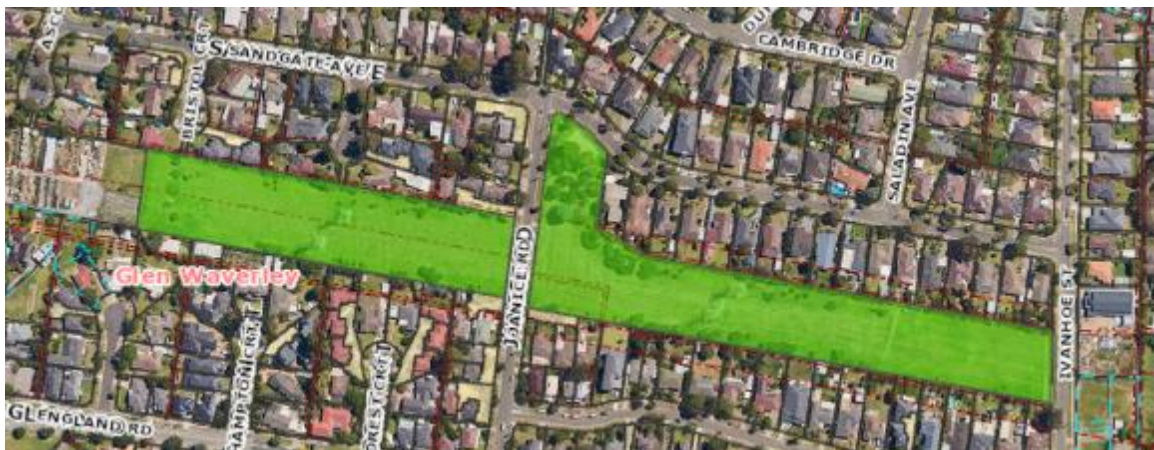
- Consider erecting signage to advise cyclists this is an OLA
- Increase OLA area to include reserve on both sides of Smyth Street

16 Janice Road – Ivanhoe Street Reserve Electricity Easement GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing – Janice Road to Ivanhoe Street



Proposed – Bristol Court to Ivanhoe Street



Comments

- Expand OLA area west of Janice Road

17 Whites Lane Retarding Basin GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- Major shared trail - Scotchman Creek Shared Trail (east of tennis courts) – dog on lead

17 Hertford Crescent Reserve WHEELERS HILL

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

Existing**Proposed****Proposed**

Sportsground remains off-leash.

Comments

- Dogs on lead along adjacent Scotchmans Creek Trail (major shared trail)

20 Scotchmans Run Reserve OAKLEIGH

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

21 Argyle Reserve HUGHESDALE

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

22 Jack Edwards Reserve South OAKLEIGH

Existing - Jack Edwards Reserve (other than the areas designated as a Prohibited Area)



Jack Edwards Reserve (current restrictions)

The area bound by parts of Parkside Ave and Edward Street, Oakleigh (Does not include Prohibited Areas) i.e. turf pitch at Jack Edwards Reserve when the pitch is being used for scheduled training or during a game that is not a National Premier League Victoria game; (c) the synthetic pitch at Jack Edwards Reserve; and (d) the area surrounding the synthetic pitch (designated by the low level fence) when the pitch is being used for scheduled games or training.

Proposed – Jack Edwards Reserve South



Comments

- No Dogs on:
 - a. Jack Edwards Reserve Senior Pitch (west) A Grade premier turf NPL pitch (blue area)
 - b. Jack Edwards Reserve Junior Pitch (east) – Synthetic pitch (blue area)
- Reduced OLA – limited to the triangular open space areas south of pitches i.e. Jack Edwards Reserve South

23 Princes Highway Reserve OAKLEIGH EAST

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area.

Comments

- B grade sportsground with synthetic centre wicket.

Existing**Proposed**

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

25 Lum Reserve WHEELERS HILL

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- Consider erecting signage to advise cyclists this is an OLA
- Note: central bushland area is environmentally sensitive and includes a bush kinder – Horticulture Services to consider fencing this area to protect it.

26 Columbia Park Reserve WHEELERS HILL

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

27 Freeway Reserve MULGRAVE

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change
- Shared path designation (according to Monash Walking/cycling map) along existing path on west side of reserve.
- Consider erecting signage to advise cyclists this is an OLA.

28 Mulgrave Reserve (West) WHEELERS HILL

Existing – Mulgrave Reserve



Proposed - Mulgrave Reserve West Oval



Comments

- No dogs:
 - o Mulgrave Reserve Wetlands (triangular blue area)
 - o Leased areas in SW corner (commercial mini-golf & pitch'n'putt)
- Off-leash area:
 - o west (& middle) junior ovals
- On lead:
 - o Main (east) oval - turf wicket
 - o Major shared trail (Dandenong Creek) – must be on lead within 10m either side
- Horticulture Services to consider fencing sensitive area (native orchids) adjacent to main entry

Existing



Proposed

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change

30 Gladeswood Reserve MULGRAVE

Existing



Proposed

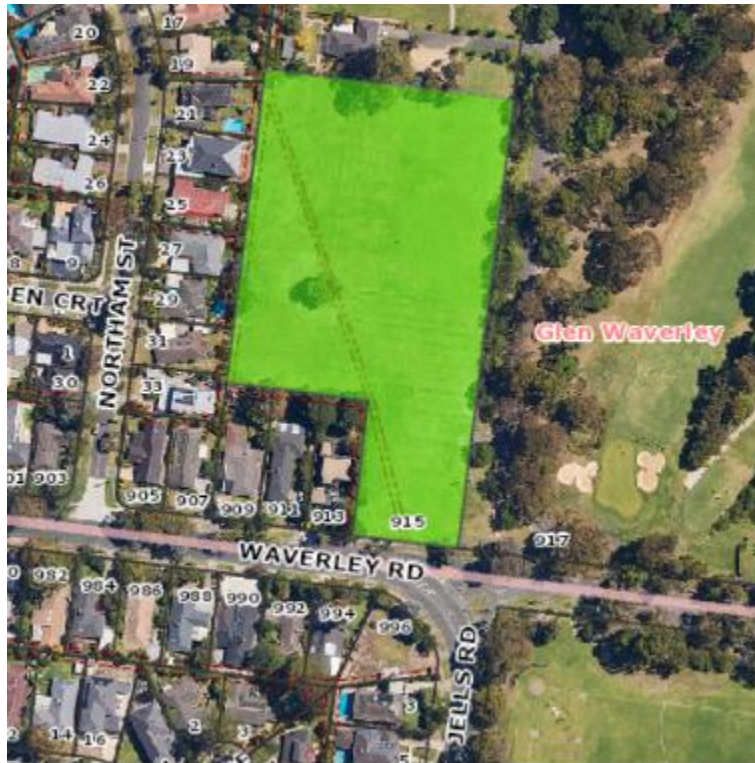
No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- No change
- Shared path designation (according to Monash Walking/cycling map) for paths at north end of reserve.
- Consider erecting signage to advise cyclists this is an OLA.

31 Glen Waverley Sports Hub South GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing – Golf Course Reserve (part) Waverley Road (i.e. Corner Waverley & Jells Rd adj. GW Golf Course)



Proposed – Glen Waverley Sports Hub South

No change to existing off-leash area

Comments

- Reduced OLA site south of Halcyon Centre new Monash Tennis Centre at Glen Waverley Sports Hub (previously known as corner Waverley & Jells Rd adj. GW Golf Course)

PART B PROPOSED NEW OLAS (SITES 32-45)

32 Larpent Reserve GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing
On-leash area
Proposed

Comments
- Proposed new off-leash area

33 Highview Park GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing
On-leash area
Proposed

Comments
- Proposed new off-leash area

34 Jordan Reserve CHADSTONE

Existing
On-leash area
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposed new off-leash area

35 Mayfield Park MOUNT WAVERLEY

Existing
On-leash area
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed new off-leash area - Synthetic centre wicket

36 Brandon Park GLEN WAVERLEY

Existing
On-leash area
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed new off-leash area - Synthetic centre wicket

37 Sunnybrook Drive Reserve & Jells Road Reserve East WHEELERS HILL

Existing
On-leash area
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposed new off-leash area OLA - east of tennis courts & west of Jells Road Reserve- Note – Major shared trail – Scotchmans Creek Trail to the south boundary (10m clearance of trail – dogs on lead)- Consider installation of signage along major trail to advise cyclists that it is an OLA

38 Wellington Reserve MULGRAVE

Existing
On-leash area
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposed new off-leash area- Synthetic centre wicket

39 Whitehaven Crescent Reserve MULGRAVE

Existing
On-leash reserve
Proposed

40 Fregon Reserve Oval CLAYTON

Existing
On-leash reserve
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed new off-leash area OLA (sportsground only) - Potential fencing required along Browns Road to protect shared trail on path along west side of Browns Rd (strategic cycling route)

41 Davies Reserve OAKLEIGH SOUTH

Existing
On-leash reserve
Proposed


Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed new off-leash area OLA - Turf athletics track & active recreation hub - B grade turf football pitch inside track

42 Bowman Street Reserve MOUNT WAVERLEY


Existing
On-leash reserve
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed new off-leash area OLA - To help off-set loss of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve as an OLA

43 Finch Street Reserve NOTTINGHILL

Existing
On-leash reserve
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposed new off-leash area OLA- Addresses OLA gap area in Nottingham- Dogs to be on-leash with 20m of an occupied playspace

44 F E Hunt Reserve (1a Highland Avenue) OAKLEIGH EAST

Existing
On-leash reserve
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 6,360m² of this reserve (1a Highland Avenue) is proposed as new off-leash area OLA - Addresses OLA gap area in Oakleigh East

45 Off Keylana Boulevard and Legana Street MOUNT WAVERLEY

Existing
On-leash reserve
Proposed

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed new off-leash area OLA within red lines - Primary function as an accessway/trail - Dogs on-lead 10m either side of a major shared trail - Consider erecting signage to advise trail users that this is an OLA - Some of this open space (east end) is zoned general residential (GRZ2) and the site is dissected by Melbourne Water Corporation easement zoned Public Use Utility Zone (PUZ1) - Addresses OLA gap area in in Mount Waverley