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Proposed New OLAs

Of the 14 new proposed off-leash areas being trialled, the majority of these were broadly supported by on-line survey respondents:

Proposed new Off-Leash Area		Overall Community Sentiment & Recommendations
1. Larpent Reserve, Glen Waverley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Larpent Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 62.5% (10 responses) ○ No – 37.5% (6 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported
2. Highview Park, Glen Waverley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Highview Park? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 76% (13 responses) ○ No - 24% (4 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strongly Supported ▪ <i>Recommend safety fencing along Springvale Road</i>
3. Jordan Reserve, Chadstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Jordan Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 75% (18 responses) ○ No - 25% (6 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strongly Supported
4. Mayfield Park, Mount Waverley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Mayfield Park? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 61% (20 responses) ○ No - 33% (11 responses) ○ Don't Know – 6% (2 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported ▪ <i>Community feedback supports extending the off-leash area to include the under-utilised open space under power lines at Mayfield Park.</i> ▪ <i>Refer to 'Other Recommendation 1' below</i>
5. Brandon Park, Glen Waverley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Brandon Park? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 73% (11 responses) ○ No - 27% (4 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported
6. Jells Reserve East (area west of tennis courts & east of Jells Road aka Sunnybrook Drive Reserve East), Wheelers Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Sunnybrook Drive Reserve East? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 67% (6 responses) ○ No - 33% (3 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported ▪ <i>Consider safety fencing along Jells Road</i>
7. Wellington Reserve, Mulgrave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Wellington Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 36% (12 responses) ○ No - 63% (21 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slightly opposed (strong opposition from sports club) ▪ <i>Recommended Council proceed as proposed as this site remedies a gap in OLA provision</i>

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8. Whitehaven Crescent Reserve, Mulgrave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Whitehaven Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 58% (7 responses) ○ No - 42% (5 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported
9. Fregon Reserve, Clayton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Fregon Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 90% (9 responses) ○ No - 10% (1 response) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strongly Supported ▪ <i>Consider safety fencing along Browns Road</i>
10. Davies Reserve, Oakleigh South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Davies Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 60% (12 responses) ○ No – 40% (8 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported
11. Bowman Street Reserve, Mount Waverley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Bowman Street Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 58% (14 responses) ○ No - 33% (8 responses) ○ Don't Know – 8% (2 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported (subject to Council's decision re Damper Creek Conservation Reserve) ▪ <i>Consider partial safety fencing along boundary</i>
12. Finch Street Reserve, Notting Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at Finch Street Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 80% (8 responses) ○ No - 20% (2 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strongly Supported
13. F E Hunt Reserve, Oakleigh East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area at FE Hunt Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 61% (11 responses) ○ No - 39% (7 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported ▪ <i>Recommend extending off-leash area to include the entire reserve.</i> ▪ <i>Refer to 'Other Recommendation 2' below</i>
14. Off Keylana Boulevard & Legana Street, Mount Waverley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you support the proposed new off-leash area off Keylana Boulevard & Legana Street? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 63% (12 responses) ○ No - 32% (6 responses) ○ Don't Know – 5% (1 response) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supported

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Expansion of existing OLAs

The proposed *expansion* of 4 existing OLAs were supported with the exception of Ashwood/Jingella Reserve:

<i>Proposed expansion of existing Off-Leash Areas</i>	<i>On-line Survey Results</i>	<i>Overall Community Sentiment & Recommendations</i>
1. Ashwood Reserve (<i>Change name to Ashwood/Jingella Reserve</i>) Expanded OLA to include part of Jingella Reserve A grade rugby pitch at Holmesglen Reserve – no dogs Synthetic pitch – no dogs Shared Trail – on-lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Do you support the proposed changes to off-leash areas at Ashwood/Jingella Reserve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 32% (9 responses) ○ No - 68% (19 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Opposed ■ <i>Recommend Council proceed as proposed and consider safety fencing along sections of High Street Road and Gardiners Creek Trail to minimize potential conflicts with dogs</i>
2. Heany Street Reserve, Mount Waverley (<i>Change name to Mount Waverley Linear Reserve inclusive of Heany Street & Beverley Grove</i>) Expanded OLA to include Mount Waverley Linear Reserve North (Beverley Grove Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Do you support the proposed changes to Mount Waverley Linear Reserve (Heany St & Beverley Grove)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 73% (36 responses) ○ No - 27% (13 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Supported ■ <i>Consider safety fencing along High Street Road</i>
3. Pamela-Smyth Street Electricity Easement, Mount Waverley (<i>including 50-56 Smyth Street</i>) Expanded OLA to area east of Smyth Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Do you support the proposed changes to the off-Pamela-Smyth Street Electricity Easement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 73% (16 responses) ○ No - 27% (6 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Supported
4. Janice Road – Ivanhoe Street Electricity Easement, Glen Waverley (<i>Change name to Bristol Avenue to Ivanhoe Street Electricity Easement</i>) Expanded OLA to area east of Janice Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Do you support the proposed changes to the areas Janice Road – Ivanhoe Street Electricity Easement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – 70% (7 responses) ○ No - 30% (3 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Supported

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Proposed OLA reduction/removal

The proposed *reduction/removal* of 4 existing OLAs raised mixed community sentiment:

Proposed reduction/removal of an existing Off-Leash Area	On-line Survey Results	Overall Community Sentiment & Recommendations
1. Jack Edwards Reserve, Oakleigh (<i>Change name to Jack Edwards Reserve South</i>) Reduced OLA A grade NPL pitch – no dogs Synthetic pitch – no dogs	■ Do you support the proposed changes to the off-leash area at Jack Edwards Reserve? ○ Yes – 7% (3 responses) ○ No – 93% (38 responses)	■ Very strong support from sports club (Oakleigh Cannons FC) ■ Strong opposition from dog walkers ■ Refer to ‘hot-spot 1’ below
2. Gardiners Reserve, Burwood (<i>part</i>) Reduced OLA A grade NPL pitch – no dogs Synthetic pitch – no dogs Shared Trail (Gardiners Creek Trail)– on-lead	■ Do you support the proposed changes to the off-leash area at Gardiners Reserve? ○ Yes – 36% (35 responses) ○ No - 64% (62 responses)	■ Very strong support from sports club (Eastern Lions FC) ■ Strong opposition from dog walkers ■ Consider full fencing of northern pitch ■ Refer to ‘hot-spot 2’ below
3. Mulgrave Reserve, Wheelers Hill (<i>Change name to Mulgrave Reserve West</i>) Reduced OLA Mulgrave Wetlands – no dogs Major Shared Trail (Dandenong Creek Trail) – on-lead within 10m either side Main turf wicket oval – no dogs	■ Do you support the proposed changes to the off-leash area at Mulgrave Reserve? ○ Yes – 36% (5 responses) ○ No - 64% (9 responses)	■ Slightly opposed but recommended Council proceed as proposed
4. Caloola Reserve, Oakleigh Reduced OLA - Minor change but still predominately OLA Major Shared Trail (Scotchmans Creek Trail) – dogs on-lead 10m either side	■ Do you support the proposed changes to the off-leash area at Caloola Reserve? ○ Yes – 50% (12 responses) ○ No - 50% (12 responses)	■ Even split but recommended Council proceed as proposed
5. Damper Creek Conservation Reserve, Mount Waverley Remove OLA status Conservation reserve - on-leash	■ Do you support the proposed changes to the off-leash area at Damper Creek Conservation Reserve? ○ Yes – 18% (32 responses) ○ No - 82% (143 responses)	■ Some support from conservationists ■ Strong opposition from dog walkers ■ <i>Consider fencing any OLAs within reserve</i> ■ Refer to ‘hot-spot 3’ below

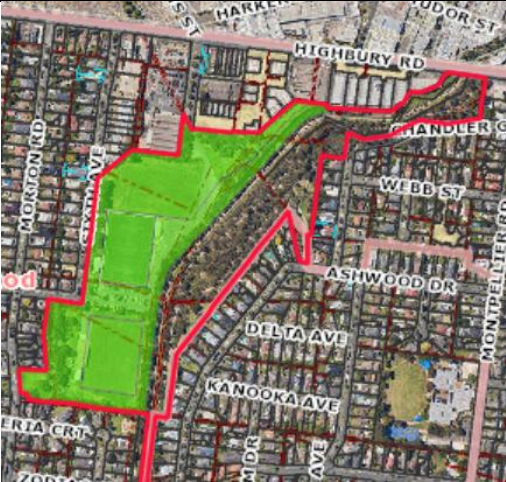






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HOT-SPOT 1 - JACK EDWARDS RESERVE

Existing	Proposed	Final Recommendation*
		
<p>Existing 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.</p> <p>*Final Recommendation: It is acknowledged that there is significant opposition from dog walkers to this recommendation. This is in part because there is less public open space and less dog off-leash areas in Oakleigh. However dog access to the main turf pitch is not supported due to the high standard of premier-level sport being played on this ground e.g. Oakleigh Cannons FC recently reached the semi-final of the 2022 Australia Cup (versus MacCarthur FC, A-League team) and the venue has been selected as a training venue for an international team as part of the 2024 Women's Football World Cup. Council has also recently committed \$8.2m to the redevelopment of the main pavilion and grandstand at Jack Edwards Reserve.</p> <p>Additional Recommendation: If Council decided to develop an exclusive fenced off-leash area for dogs in Monash, the Oakleigh Ward should be prioritised.</p>		

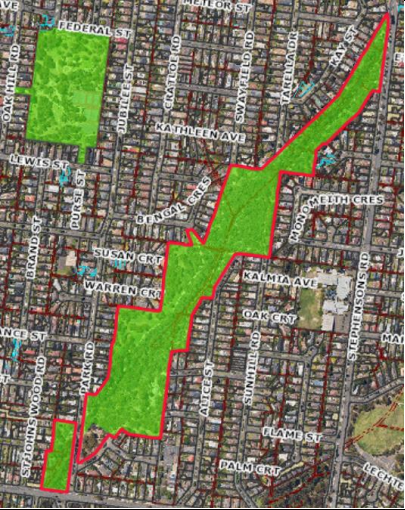
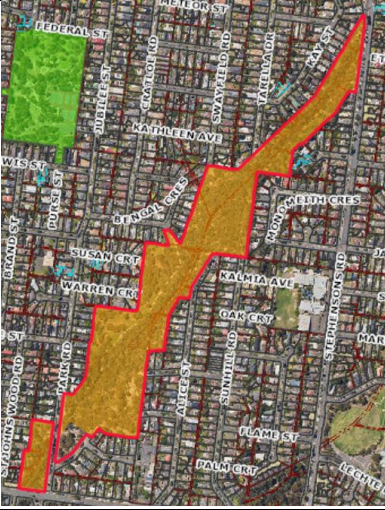
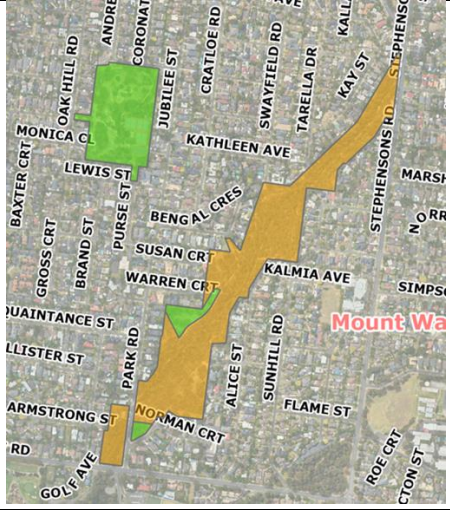
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HOT-SPOT 2 - GARDINERS RESERVE

Existing	Proposed	Final Recommendation*
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<p>Note: Gardiners Reserve (current restrictions) The synthetic (middle) pitch is a dog-free zone.</p> <p>*Final Recommendation - Extend the fencing around the northern pitch to provide dog walkers with a SHARED FULLY fenced space similar to that of the southern (premier) pitch. Return the open space surrounding the southern (NPL) & synthetic (middle) pitches at Gardiners Reserve to off-leash (except on game days).</p> <p>Note: QR code to be installed detailing pitch 3 bookings.</p>		

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HOT-SPOT 3 - DAMPER CREEK CONSERVATION RESERVE

Existing	Proposed	Final Recommendation*
		
<p>*Final Recommendation</p> <p>1. Retain a part of the reserve as off-leash as per the draft Damper Creek Conservation Reserve Conservation Management Plan (2021, p.23) which identifies: <i>“Designated dog-off-leash areas could be implemented at the ... boundary of the reserve, the grassed area adjacent to Bengal Crescent and the previously designated area adjacent to Park Road, to reduce the impact to ecological values within the reserve.”</i> 2. Consider fencing of any OLAs</p> <p>AND Bowman Street Reserve to become a dog off-leash area to help off-set the reduction of the off-leash area in Damper Creek Conservation Reserve and consider partial fencing of this reserve.</p> <p>ALTERNATE OPTION - If council determines not to proceed with officers recommendation and returned all of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve to off-leash, it is recommended that Council consider amending the planning scheme to re-zone conservation parks with a conservation overlay, a where conditions around dog use are to be reconsidered (subject to community consultation) as part of the Planning Scheme amendment.</p> <p>If site remains an OLA it is recommended Council provide an increased enforcement and education presence to break the impactful behavioural cycle and educate on responsible animal control.</p>		

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

1. MAYFIELD RESERVE (CURRENTLY ON-LEAD)

Proposed	Final Recommendation*
	
<p>*Final recommendation: Community feedback supports extending the off-leash area to include the under-utilised open space under power lines at Mayfield Park.</p>	

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

2. F E HUNT RESERVE (CURRENTLY ON-LEAD)

