Have your say

Dogs, Parks and People in Hume



Help shape our Dogs in Open Space Plan

Council has prepared a draft Dogs in Open Space Plan. The Plan looks at:

- Where dogs can be on-leash or off-leash
- Future off leash areas
- Where dogs are not allowed to be
- Ways to increase responsible dog ownership and behaviour

The aim is to:

- Help dogs exercise safely
- Make parks work for everyone
- Protect the environment

Why is a new plan needed?

The current Dogs in Open Space Plan was adopted in 2018 and most actions have now been completed. Since then Hume's population has grown and the number of dogs in Hume has increased.

Did you know?

- Hume has almost 17,000 registered dogs
- Council provides 42 off-leash dog areas
- Council provides 6 fenced dog parks
- Hume has more off-leash dog areas than many other councils

How was the draft plan developed?

Council has reviewed feedback from more than 2,300 community members collected over 11 years and other research to develop the draft plan. All this information has been developed into reports which are available at **participate.hume.vic.gov.au/dogs-open-space-plan**

What is proposed in the draft plan?

More off-leash areas

The draft plan proposes 29 new off-leash areas for dogs. Council aims to provide:

- An off-leash area within 1.5 km walking distance of most homes
- A fenced dog park within a 10-minute drive where possible.

This may include:

- Using some sports ovals as off-leash areas
- Planning new off-leash areas in growth areas

The draft plan also proposes that dogs are not allowed within 10 metres of waterways, except when walking on a sealed path with a leash.

Existing rules that would remain the same:

- Dogs must be on-leash unless signs say otherwise
- Dogs must be on-leash within 50 metres of a playground
- Dogs must be on-leash within 10 metres of a path

Supporting responsible dog ownership

Council has heard that people want more education and information about responsible dog ownership. Council will continue to support this through:

- Clear rules
- Good park design
- Education and information
- Enforcement where needed

Have your say

Community feedback is important and will help shape the final plan. You can provide feedback from 22 July to 23 August by:

- Completing the online feedback form
- Making a written submission
- Attending a community drop-in session

For more information visit the Participate Hume website or scan the QR code below.

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