



City of
Melville

CD22/8142 - Review of Dog Exercise Areas

Deputation

Ms Anne Bradshaw

A close-up photograph of a dog's face, likely a terrier mix, with light brown and grey fur. The dog's eyes are dark and looking directly at the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text "DOG SUBMISSION" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

DOG SUBMISSION

INTRODUCTION

**Rate Payer from Bicton/Attadale Ward
– live in my Ward (Melville Palmyra
since 2000).**

**Registered Nurse (Studied local) –
Public Hospitals 25 years including 10
years Fremantle Hospital – Paediatric,
Aged Care**

**Care a lot about vulnerable
community, balanced Environment,
Mental Health and Pets (Holistic, All
inclusive)**

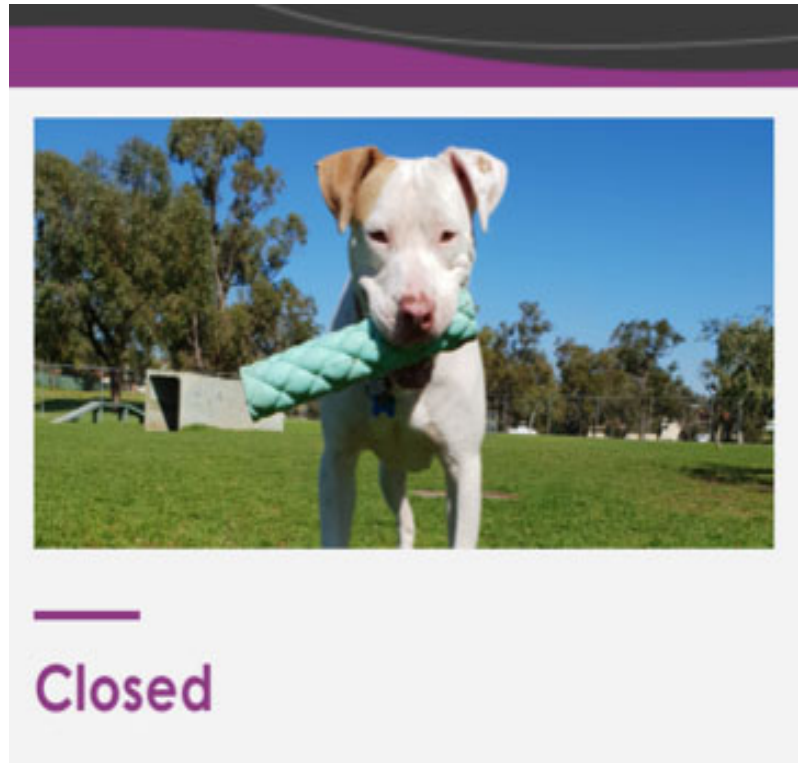
PROCESS

Whilst in my community I talked to Nicole Robins and Glynis Barber having coffee.

Engaged in Melville Talks
Entered a Submission and
awaited outcome in July 2021.

Was not the only one who did a
submission.

Even though it was not on the
agenda for change 14 local Bicton
residents did a Submission.



DOG SUBMISSION

- An area along Blackwall Reach Parade, between the path and Swan River, to change from Prohibited to On-leash only.(not an off leash area as fabricated by other parties)
- A change to the City of Melville Dog Local Law 2005 in relation to the “prohibited area for dogs under the act of section 31(1) of the Dog Act 1976”.
- Area recommended and discussed with Cr Glynis Barber and Cr Nicole Robins, but not subject to, would be at end of Beach Street, along the Blackwall Reach off the path along Blackwall Reach Parade.
- This area proposed would not include Kent Street foreshore or Quarantine Park foreshore. We would request that this be added to the proposals put forward for change.

REASON FOR CHANGE

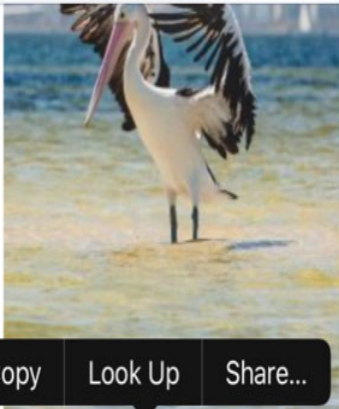


- Families with dogs in Bicton area have no access to their foreshore for dogs to exercise, cool off, socialise and/or have access to the river.

SWAN RIVER TRUST

We are the only suburb on the Swan River Trust area and within Melville City that do not have access for dogs to our own foreshore and Swan River. This appears both discriminatory and not fitting with the values of the Swan River Trust. We do not have access for all our community to enjoy.

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Read more: River Protection Strategy

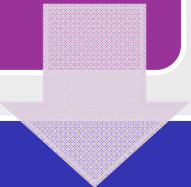
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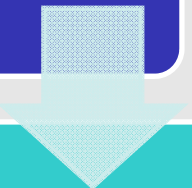
Development Control Area and River

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Within Melville over 70% of foreshore access is on the Canning River side of Melville Council Area (see above Melville Dog Areas). We have a similar dog per capita ratio as any other suburb in Melville and yet we are required to either travel by car to other suburbs or visit other Councils to enjoy what we have on our doorstep.



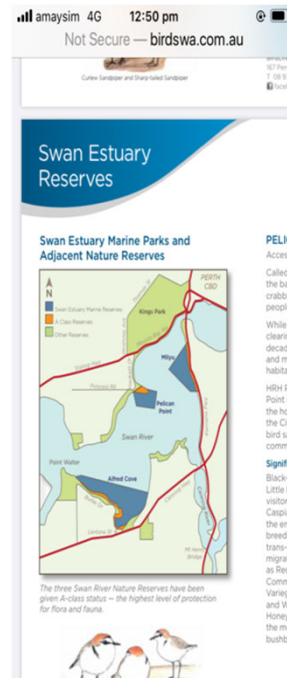
I was informed that restrictions were introduced in 2005 to prohibit dogs in areas where other activities or events occur or to protect the reserve and/or areas of native habitat for wildlife. Therefore, a rationale is given as to why we feel this area should be changed from Prohibited to On-Leash.



This area is not impacted by other protected areas in Melville for example:

1. Native Habitat for Wildlife:

Unlike the Off-Leash dog area of Attadale, we are neither an A Class Reserve nor even part of the Swan River Marine Reserves. Therefore, according to experts, no seen threat to protected wildlife.



Internationally protected waders visit these three areas every summer, coming from as far afield as Asia, Mongolia and Siberia. The birds move between the intertidal flats of the three areas of the marine park according to where feeding and roosting sites are available. Most migratory birds are seen from August to the following March. Pelicans, ibis, egrets and other birds also reside in the estuary.

2. Native flora

Blackwall Reach Parade is also not part of the Perth Region Plant Biodiversity Project or part of the Blackwall Reach Reserve. Therefore, according to experts, not considered a greater threat to local flora than any other Swan River foreshore area where dogs are allowed Off and On-Leash.



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BLACKWALL REACH RESERVE

Blackwall Reach Reserve, and Point Walter Bushland both comprise parts of Point Walter Reserve gazetted for recreation. It is approximately 20 hectares in size. The reserve is vested in the City of Melville. Blackwall Reach Reserve is bounded by Honour Avenue along its eastern boundary fairway, and the Swan River along its western boundary. It is a [Bush Forever](#) site.

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WHAT WAS PROPOSED

- So therefore, as outlined below, these are the main reasons for considering a change/add to the Local Law up for submission:
 1. Adequate grass area for exercise On-Leash without interfering with other activities – no playground, BBQ or jetty.
 2. Good safe level access for all locals. No steps off path and installation of new Beach Street path installed in 2021 creates safe access from Suburb.
 3. Cost effective as already set up with dog disposal bins with bags at present and new path down Beach Street to river from Suburb. Just require new signage to be changed.



- 4. Allows an area midway between family areas of Quarantine Park and Kent Street for families to stop and dogs to play On-Leash and dogs to safely access the beach to cool off on hot days.

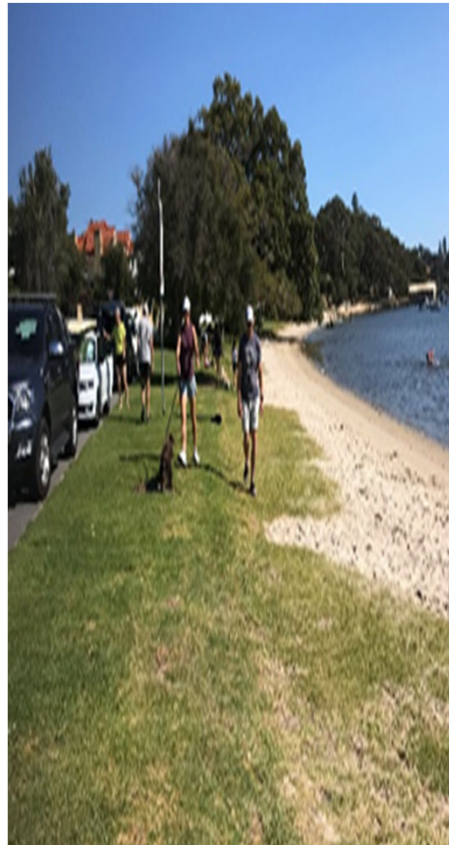
- 5. Another major issue of safety should be considered is that this would allow an area for public to take dogs to socialize off the busy path away from cyclists and pedestrians.



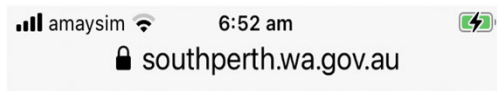
- 6. Lastly, mental health is an issue we are a lot more aware in 2021 in our community., This has become more apparent during COVID. The river is more than ever a place people can go for a walk with their pets. We all know adoption of pets has increased significantly in our city. A place for our children and the elderly who may not have a car, can access their foreshore and river locally and

EXAMPLE

One of many great examples around the Swan River with similar access as Blackwall Reach is Freshwater Bay in Mosman Park. Here all-inclusive healthy family activities occur with dogs.



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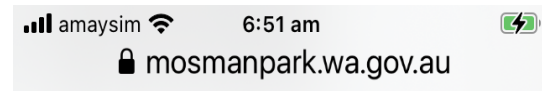


Dog Exercise Areas

Dogs are welcome at many different parks in the City of South Perth. Regular exercise helps dogs relieve boredom and may also reduce unwanted behaviour such as excessive barking.

The City of South Perth has plenty of designated dog exercise areas where your dog may roam off leash. Please keep the following in mind:

- Ensure that your dog is under supervision and effective control to prevent conflict with other dogs and people



(08) 9383 6600



TOWN OF MOSMAN PARK



Exercising with your dog is a fun and healthy way to stay fit and enjoy the leafy surrounds of our Town.

When using our parks and reserves, please take care to protect the native flora and fauna, as well as be careful around other people and children.

**REASON
FOR
ALLOWING
TRIAL**

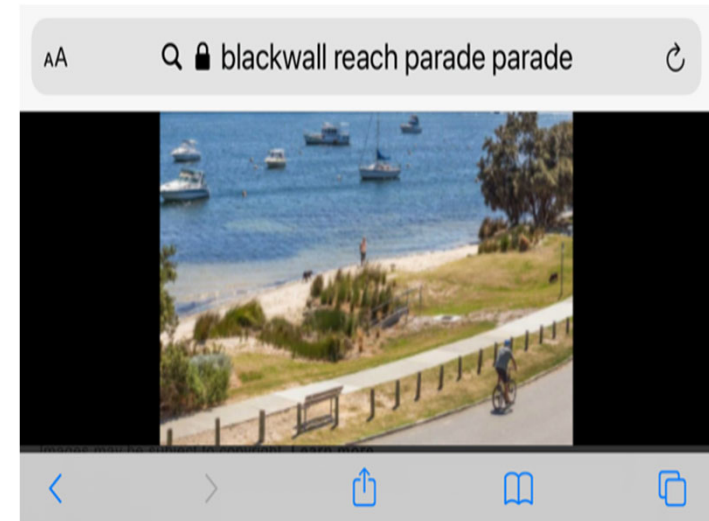
**Recognised this
was not a Reserve**

Hard to Police

Trial agreed upon

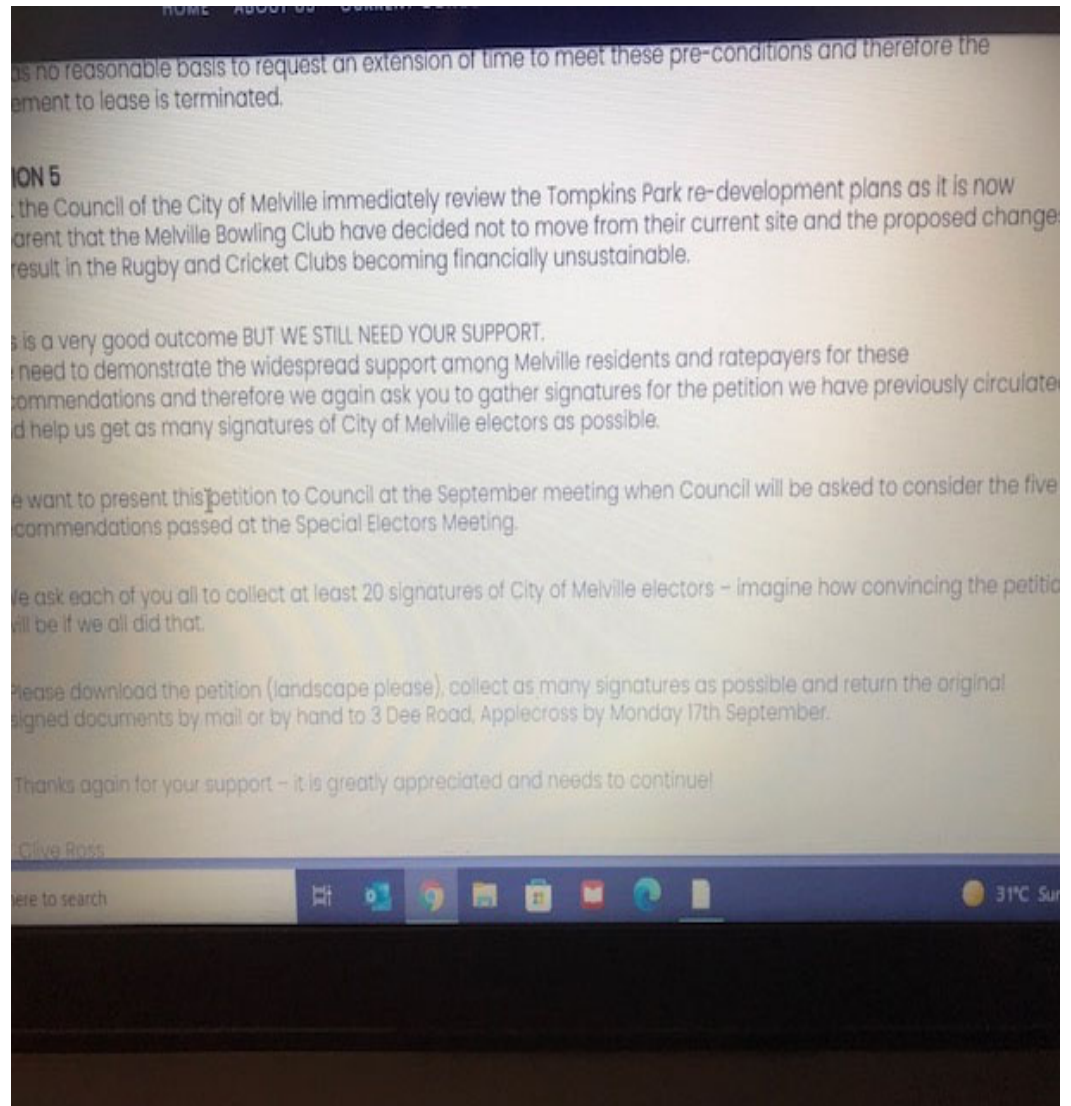
FOLLOW UP

- Meeting at Beach Street with Glynis and Peter
- 10 short minutes 3 dogs off leash were in the water at 5pm.
- Need “Buy In” of your community. **Park Bench returned** not 7 signs of what not to do and what to watch out for.
- I proposed Beach Street, Peter proposed area by Quarantine Park



Melville Talk Engagement

- Again, did submission as per Melville Talks for preferred area 1 or 2.
- No signatures as “not requested”
- Like Bike Park, need to Buy in community via Melville Talks (common sense solutions).
- Informed would be rejected.



CONCLUSION

- I did Council Submission all above board, no hidden agenda.
- Response - Peter Neasham (Bicton Environmental Action Group) SERCUL recommended area close to Polo Club when Glynis and I met him, against my suggestion as too close to families and BBQ areas and dangerous around parking.
- Reason people who were keen on a dog area said **unanimously** Area 2 on Beech street – spread out dogs off path, grass area, safer, less family attractions (Quarantine Park and Kent Street Jetty). Easy to walk to and access.
- Why do Bicton Residents have to go out of our neighbourhood with all our so called marine/bird killing, pooping machines. Not good Carbon footprint and stress from Bicton to other over crowded areas.
- Health issues – Nurse and nothing wrong, see kids swimming with dogs in East Fremantle and Attadale all the time. Encourage kids to be social with dogs, less anxiety.

CONCLUSION

- Kills wildlife - ON-LEASH, cyclist last week killed a Swan, that is life in the City (protected areas).
- Don't built so many houses near the foreshore along Blackwall Reach if it is so precious to wildlife and too busy. Don't buy close if don't like busy public visiting.
- BLACKWEALL REACH PARADE IS NOT A RESERVE – It is a family area with houses containing your community and its pets and needs a common sense approach.
- Will let people know outcome, who voted, petition, BE TRANSPARENT
- LASTLY PLEASE READ RESPONSES AND CONSIDER ON-LEASH



QUESTIONS

THANK YOU