

CGP026 – Dog Prohibited Areas, Dog Exercise Areas, and Rural Leashing Areas

1. Intention

The intention of this policy is to specify:

- Dog Prohibited Areas;
- Dog Exercise areas; and
- Rural Leashing Areas;

within the Shire of Waroona in accordance with section 31 of the *Dog Act 1976* and inform and educate the community relating to dog ownership responsibilities when exercising dogs.

2. Scope

This policy outlines the dog prohibited areas, dog exercise areas and rural leashing areas within the Shire of Waroona boundaries.

This policy does not apply to registered assistance dogs as specified in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Equal Opportunity Act 1984* or persons engaged in the training of assistance dogs.

3. Statement

In accordance with section 31 of the *Dog Act 1976*, the Shire of Waroona has specified, by absolute majority as defined in the *Local Government Act 1995* section 1.4, that the following areas are classified as Dog Prohibited Areas, Dog Exercise Areas, and Rural Leashing Areas within the Shire of Waroona boundaries.

3.1 Dog Prohibited Areas

A person liable for the control of a dog other than a registered assistance dog accompanied by a visually impaired person or a person engaged in the training of assistance dogs, shall prevent that dog entering or being in or upon any of the following specified areas.

Area / Reserve	Location
All Public Buildings	
Drakesbrook Weir - Weir Road, Waroona	Weir Road, Waroona. All grassed and adjoining beach and swimming areas, including the sand foreshore, as indicated in Image 1 .



Image 1. Drakesbrook Weir, Weir Road.

3.2 Dog Exercise Areas

For the purposes of sections 31 and 32 of the *Dog Act 1976*, the Shire of Waroona dog exercise areas shall be those areas specified below and no such area shall constitute a dog exercise area when a Council authorised activity, function or sporting event is being conducted on it. During this time the below areas become a dog on leash area.

For the purposes of this policy a sporting event is defined as an authorised activity involving a sport that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often undertaken competitively and is organised by a registered sporting association. Team Training for one of these activities falls under the definition of a sporting event.

Area / Reserve	Location
Waroona Town Oval (R8746)	Being the main grassed oval area within Reserve 8746, bounded by Miller Street, Parnell Street and South Western Highway. Refer to image 2 .
Kings Park, Waroona	Being that area bounded by Kings Place, King Street and Mill Street. Refer to image 3 .
Hill Street Recreation ovals, Waroona (R37233)	Lot 91 Hill Street Grassed and oval areas excluding the playground area. Refer to image 4 .
Pitt Street Recreation Reserve, Hamel (R27714)	Grassed area between Cullinga Street and Pitt Street. Refer to image 5 .

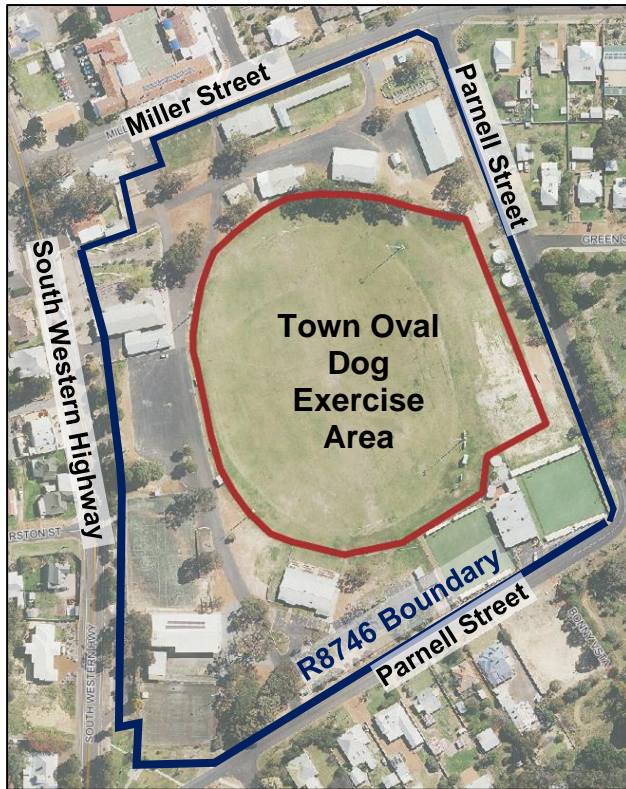


Image 2. Waroona Town Oval (R8746)



Image 3. Kings Park, Waroona



Image 4. Hill Street Recreation ovals, Waroona (R37233)



Image 5. Pitt Street Recreation Reserve, Hamel (R27714)

3.3 Rural Leashing areas

All reserves, including road reserves, under the care, control or management of the Shire of Waroona, excluding specified Dog Exercise Areas or a Dog Prohibited Areas, are classified as Rural Leashing Areas.

All dogs must be kept on a leash and under control at all times when in Rural Leashing Areas.

Apart from being a legal requirement, Rural Leashing promotes responsible dog ownership to ensure the comfort, safety and health of the whole community.

For clarity, all parts of the water body in the Drakesbrook weir are part of the Rural Leashing Area.

4. Legislative and Strategic Context

The *Dog Act 1976*, the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the associated subsidiary legislation provide the broad framework within which this policy operates.

5. Review

This policy is to be reviewed in accordance with the policy review timetable.

6. Associated Documents

- *Shire of Waroona Dog Local Law 2023*
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992;*
- *Equal Opportunity Act 1984;*

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