

Dogs, People and Parks Community Feedback Survey

Mildura Rural City Council is reviewing its policy on the requirement for dogs to be on-leash in all parks and reserves in built up/residential areas. Currently dogs must be leashed in all areas, other than the trial off-leash area at Rio Vista Park.

Two surveys are currently open:

1. The Council Off-Leash Policy Survey (this survey), which seeks feedback on issues such as whether dogs should be allowed off-leash in some parks, or areas within some parks; the best parks to consider for dog off-leash activities, and rules and regulations that need to be considered.

2. Rio Vista Trial Off-Leash Area - Community Feedback Survey, which seeks feedback on the trial dog park. There is a link to this survey on Council's website at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay.

If you need any information on the project then please contact Scott Umback, Manager Leisure & Cultural Services on (03) 5018 8100 or email scott.umback@mildura.vic.gov.au.

If you encounter technical problems associated with the survey please contact Lesley on 0418 982 070.

PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT

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Which of the following districts best describes where you live?

Mildura

Irymple

Nichols Point

Merbein

Red Cliffs

Nangiloc/Colignan

Werrimul

Cullulleraine

Ouyen

Walpeup

Underbol

Murrayville

Koorlong

Cardross

Other, please specify

2. How old are you?

Under 12

19-30

51-70

13-18

31-50

Older than 70

3. What best describes the type of household you live in?

I live on my own

I live with my partner

I live with my partner and our children

I live alone with my children/child

I live in a share house

I live with my parents/grandparents/guardian etc.

Other (please specify)

4. Do you own a dog?

YES, and I will probably own a dog well into the future

YES, but I probably won't have one in the future

NO, and I don't propose to get one

NO, but I may consider a dog in the future

Any comments?

5. Is it appropriate to let DOGS OFF LEASH IN PARKS or RESERVES in built up or residential areas?

YES, they should be allowed off leash in MOST parks

YES, but only in SOME parks

YES, but only in DEFINED AREAS of SOME PARKS

NO, dogs should always be on a lead when they are in parks or reserves

Any other comments?

8. What other reserves or parks should we consider incorporating a dog off-leash area?

9. This question is about dogs being off-leash in urban or built up areas only. It is not about rural areas. In built up or urban areas how much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Dogs should be allowed to the boundary of a playground, but not in it, as long as they are on a leash	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Dogs should not be allowed any closer than 25 metres of a playground unless they are on a leash	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Dogs should not be allowed in picnic and BBQ areas	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Dogs should be allowed in picnic and BBQ areas as long as they are on a leash	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Dogs should not be allowed in picnic areas even if they are on a leash	<input type="checkbox"/>				
For safety reasons, dogs should be on a short leash within at least 5 metres of a walking or cycling trail	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Dogs should be on a leash near schools, kindergartens and popular routes to schools	<input type="checkbox"/>				
There should be stronger penalties for owners that do not carry a bag for collecting their dog's litter (currently \$318)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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There should be strong penalties for dog owners who let their dogs off-leash on on-leash areas be stronger penalties for owners who do not/cannot control their dogs	<input type="checkbox"/>				
There should be strong penalties for dog owners who let their dogs off-leash on on-leash areas	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Do you have any other comments?

10. We are interested in understanding the role that pets play in the lives of residents. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not relevant to me/I don't have a pet
It is important to me to have an animal in my life	<input type="checkbox"/>				
My pet/s give me a strong reason for living	<input type="checkbox"/>				
My pet/s give me great comfort in times of need	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Pets teach my children about compassion	<input type="checkbox"/>				
My pet/s gives me protection or ease of mind	<input type="checkbox"/>				
My/our pet/s are an important part of the family	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I exercise more because I have a pet	<input type="checkbox"/>				
My family exercises more because we have a pet	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I/we talk to more people because I/we have a pet	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Other reasons you have a pet?

11. Are the following statements true or false?

	True	Not true	Not relevant to me/Not sure
I understand that dogs can generally be off leash in parks and bushland outside residential areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that dogs have to be on leash in all parks/reserves within residential areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know what the residential boundary is in the areas I walk my dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have walked my dog off-leash in parks/reserves when it is quiet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I observe dogs off-leash in parks/reserves that are in residential areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I think it should be ok for people to walk dogs off-leash in some residential parks/reserves when the park is not being used for other activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other comments you would like to make?

12. COMMENTS

Please feel free to:

- tell us any other matters we should consider as part of council's dog off-leash policy
- provide us with any other comments you would like us to consider as part of the project

13. Please tell us if you are interested in:

- Being informed about project updates and information
- Being on a database to be notified of any events, or matters relevant to pet owners etc.
- Being invited to participate in other recreation, arts and culture, sport, and open space service planning and research projects

14. If you ticked one of the options in the above, please provide your contact details below.

Name	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>
Postal address	<input type="text"/>
Contact No.	<input type="text"/>

Please consider completing the Review of the trial Rio Vista off-leash area feedback survey, which you can find at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay.

Thank you for your interest in this project.