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**Have your say about an off-leash dog area in Euroa and Nagambie**

Do you have a dog you'd like to be able to let off for a run at an off-leash park?

The good news is Strathbogie Shire Council is investigating locations and requirements for the implementation of an off-leash dog area in Euroa and Nagambie.

Council is calling on the community to provide their ideas and opinions on locations they think would be appropriate for this type of activity.

An off-leash dog area is a designated area where dogs can exercise and play off the leash under the supervision of their owners.

They can be hugely valuable, providing physical and mental health benefits to the community derived through physical exercise, social interaction and pet kinship.

Residents of the Strathbogie Shire can provide their input in the following ways:

1. Provide a written suggestion to Council Offices at 109A Binney Street, Euroa or 317 High Street, Nagambie
2. Send an email with your feedback to [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au)
3. Jump online and get involved in the community discussion on Council's forum at [www.oursay.org/strathbogie](http://www.oursay.org/strathbogie)

Council is taking suggestions until 5pm Thursday, 31 January, 2019 and all feedback will be considered, along with associated requirements, to inform decision making.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council has provided several months for community engagement to give plenty of time for people to have their say.

"Having a dedicated off-leash dog area in the Strathbogie Shire was something that initially came out of our Let's Talk- We're Listening campaign with our community, which is why it became a priority in our Council Plan," Mayor McClaren explained.

"This is a very community- driven project so we wanted to provide ample opportunity for people to provide their ideas and thoughts on suitable locations and considerations."

"There will be a number of other factors that will have to be considered, including environmental, regulatory, safety and management, but we will be looking at all options put forward by our community," Cr McClaren said.

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