



Strathbogie Shire Council
Dog Off Leash Area Suitability Assessment

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Introduction

A key strategy of the Strathbogie Shire's Council Plan 2017 – 2012 is to:

“Work with the community to implement provision of dogs off leash areas.”

Potential sites were selected by Council and Community engagement was undertaken. During the engagement process further sites were identified. A suitability assessment has been undertaken to assess the suitability of these sites as dog off leash areas.

The assessment involved:

- Site visits to the chosen sites which were identified by Council staff and during the Community consultation process
- An assessment of each site against a range of criteria
- Shortlisting of sites assessed as suitable

The evaluation process included a desktop analysis using aerial spatial data for gathering contextual information on each site, site visits, and photographs.

Study Area

The following potential “Dog Off Leash” areas were selected in Euroa and Nagambie:

No.	Park/ Reserve	Suburb
1	Charles Kemp Park	Euroa
2	Parkland opposite Parker Street	Euroa
3	Euroa Showgrounds	Euroa
4	24A Brock Street	Euroa
5	Parkland near Memorial Oval	Euroa
6	Vacant Land adjacent to Scott Street Overpass	Euroa
7	Buckley Park near Lake Nagambie	Nagambie
8	Vacant Land near Buckley Park	Nagambie
9	Leased Railway Land near Nagambie Railway Station	Nagambie
10	Euroa Kennel Club	Euroa
11	Euroa Pool	Euroa

During the assessment of the above suggested sites, Officers identified the following additional sites for consideration and assessment. :

- Euroa Kennel Club; and
- Euroa Pool

These have been assessed as Sites 10 and 11 in this report.

Assessment Criteria

The assessment criteria to evaluate each option for their suitability as a dog off leash area included the following categories:

- Location
- Space/size
- Site features
- Environmental considerations
- Access and parking
- Adjacent activities
- Existing infrastructure
- Other issues.

Overview

A **good dog park location** should:

- Be easily accessible by road
- Have adequate space for off-street parking
- Have connections to existing pedestrian paths and trails
- Be within walking distance of residential areas
- Have good surveillance from public areas (not an isolated site)
- Have good drainage
- Be a relatively flat site
- Some natural vegetation for shade
- Ideally a larger sized area is preferable. An area between 2,500 -3,000 sq. m. allows more opportunities to create different activity areas (i.e. passive and active spaces) within the park. A larger space will help minimise overcrowding and potential dog-dog conflict, and overuse of ground surfaces.

A **good dog park design** should have the following elements:

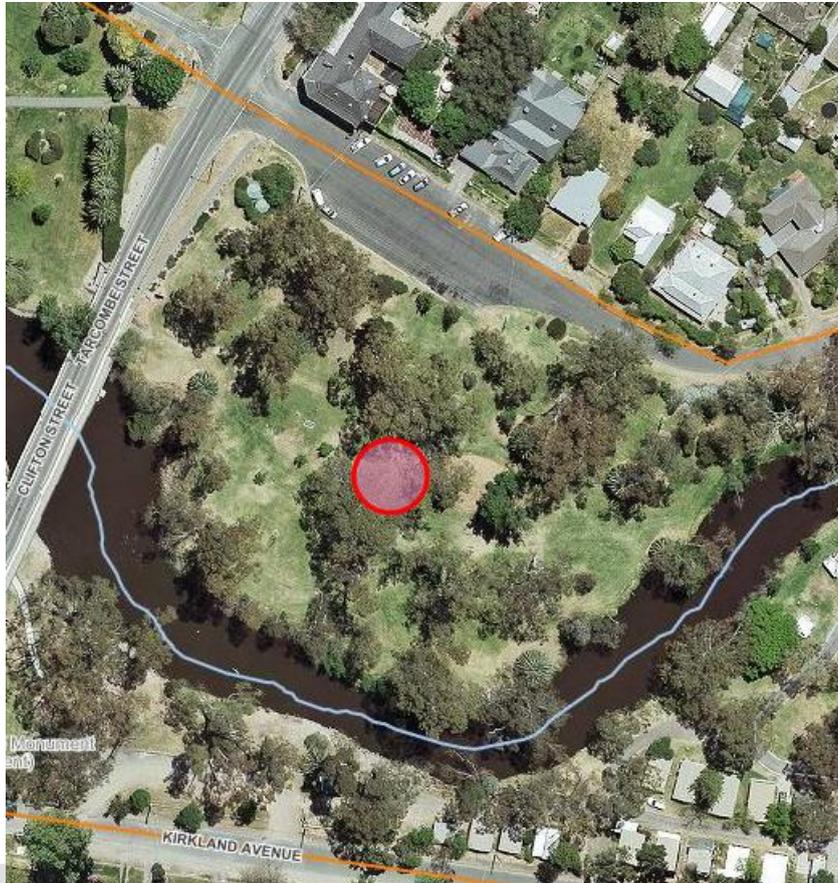
- Variety of ground surfaces (irrigated turf, mulch, sand, concrete)
- Landscaping (vegetation, mounding to break up the space into active/passive spaces)
- Water for drinking fountains and reticulation of turf
- Shade
- Shelter
- Seating
- Bins and bag dispensers
- Signage (directional and park rules).

Additional features for an enclosed area would be:

- Perimeter fencing
- Multiple entry/exit points
- Double gating system (safety airlock)
- Maintenance gates
- Internal circulation path

Site 1: Charles Kemp Park

Tarcombe Street, Euroa



CHARLES KEMP PARK, EUROA

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible or isolated position • Surrounding land uses • Visibility into site • Co-location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park is located Off Foy Street, Euroa • Good size for a dog off leash area • Located in Crown parkland and borders residential properties and commercial premises (Seven Creeks Hotel & Euroa Caravan Park) • Accessible via footpath on Burtons Bridge or Apex Track (from under bridge). • Location in centre of town • Good connectivity • Parking available • Security – not well lit at night. • Close to essential services. • Show and Shine is held annually in this location. Parkrun is held weekly in this location. • Fence would compromise visual aesthetics. • Flood risk • Good visibility into the site from Foy Street • Easily Accessible
<p>Space/size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs • Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good size for a dog off leash area • Creek provides physical barrier between proposed area and Euroa Caravan Park (South side)
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes) • Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade) • Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively flat site • Established mature trees on site providing natural shade • Drainage issues
<p>Environmental Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & wetlands) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council

Access & Parking:

- *Vehicle & pedestrian access*
- *On-street & off-street parking*

- Access off main road and easy to find
- Car access to the park on Foy Street is via Tarcombe Street (main road) and Euroa-Strathbogie Road (main road).
- Pedestrian access to the park via Apex Walking Track and paved footpath
- There is no off-street parking, potential park visitors are likely to park in Foy Street and surrounding residential streets.
- Additional cars and parking in surrounding streets is likely to impact on the local amenity of the area.

Adjacent Activities /uses:

- *Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park*

- This area is used weekly on Saturday mornings by the Euroa Park Run
- The Euroa Caravan Park is immediately adjacent on the other side of the creek.
- Council does receive occasional requests for wedding events at this location due to the pleasant aspect and proximity to Seven Creeks Hotel.

Existing Infrastructure:

- *Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water*

- Existing water supply (i.e. tap)

Other issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

- Approval for dog off leash use may be required from DELWP

Advantages

- Access via main roads and easy to find
- Good sized park
- Relatively flat land and established trees for shade
- Existing water supply

Disadvantages

- No off-street parking and dog owners are likely to compete with parking for Seven Creeks Hotel
- Park abuts residential properties and commercial businesses that also attract visitors to the Township, especially during peak holiday periods and weekends.
- Potential for increased traffic and parking on surrounding residential streets
- Council has received strong objection from Euroa Caravan Park operator

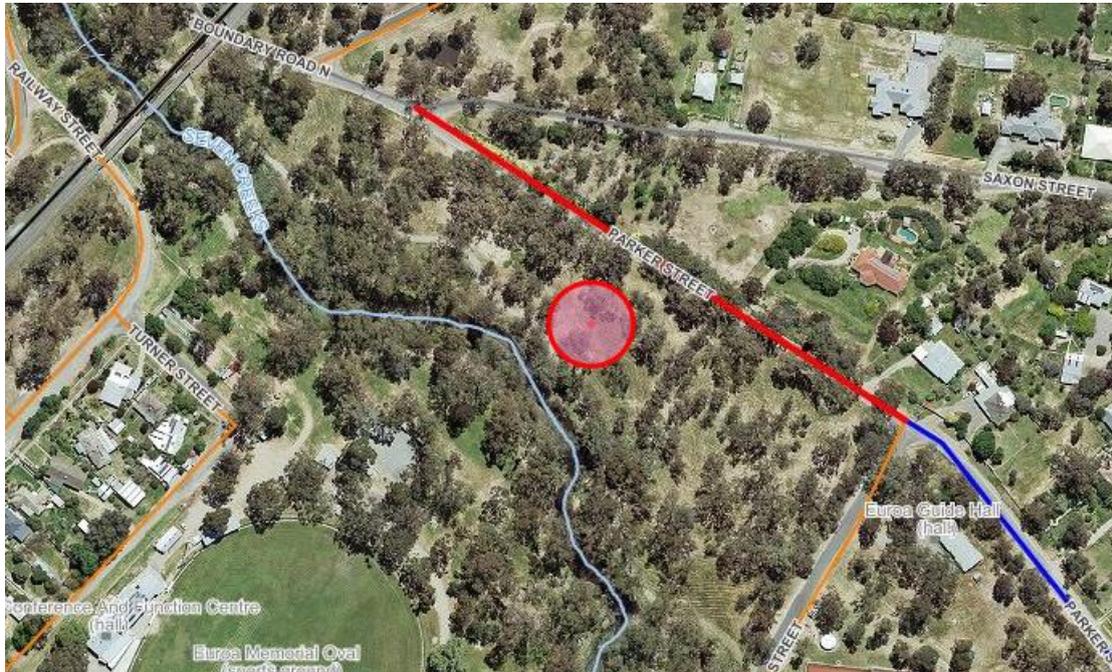
Summary:

Recommendation:

This site is not recommended for further investigation

Site 2: Parkland Opposite Parker Street

Parker Street, Euroa



Parkland opposite Parker Street, Euroa

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible or isolated site • Surrounding land uses • Visibility into site • Co-location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkland is located on Parker Street, Euroa • Accessible via Apex Track or Tarcombe Street footpath. • Parking available. • Close to sporting precinct (near upcoming pedestrian footbridge linking two precincts). • Nil lighting. • Lots of shade. • Trees would need to be monitored. • Located in semi-residential area • Not easy to find • Inappropriate location for a dog park (hard to access)
<p>Size/space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs • Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable size for a dog off leash area • There is sufficient room to provide (vegetation?) buffers between adjacent walking track and nearby residences.
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes) • Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade) • Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat site • Existing mature shade trees (bushland in character) • Soil and drainage issue
<p>Environmental Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & wetlands) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle & pedestrian access • On-street & off-street parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy access and on-street parking only – no kerb and channel • Additional cars and parking in surrounding streets is likely to impact on the local amenity of the area
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apex walking track adjacent to area • Track utilised by Euroa Park Run on Saturday mornings

Existing Infrastructure:

- No existing Infrastructure
- No perimeter fencing

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

- Approval for dog off leash use may be required from DELWP

Summary:

Advantages:

- Easily accessed by Apex walking track or vehicle
- Car parking available
- Close to sporting precinct
- Lots of shade
- Plenty of space for a dog area to provide buffers between existing residences and Apex walking track
- Not close to existing residences
- Flat site

Disadvantages

- Not easy to find
- No off-street parking
- Additional traffic may impact on local amenity
- Potential impact on Park Run activity
- Would require expenditure to provide water, perimeter fencing etc

Recommendation:

Site is recommended for further investigation

Site 3: Euroa Showgrounds

Frost Street, Euroa



Euroa Showgrounds, Euroa

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location or isolated position • surrounding land uses • Visibility into site • Co-location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located on land bordered by Frost Street, Charles Street, and Boundary Road North • Not a central location, but a destination in its own right, abutting industrial area of Euroa • Varying degrees of visibility due to existing buildings on site • Primary use as Euroa Showgrounds, also used by Men's Shed, Poultry Auctions, and Special Events • Accessible via Apex Track (across road at Butter Factory Bridge) or from Railway Street (under railway line). • Close to Memorial Oval precinct and entry/exit from Shepparton. • No direct path to the Showgrounds. Plenty of parking available. • Currently opens two mornings a week (Tuesday and Friday, 9-12.30pm for the Euroa Men's Shed) as well as for monthly poultry auctions, and the annual Euroa Show weekend and Rodeo. • Precinct is fenced and secure but how often would the gates be open to the public to use?
<p>Space/size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs • Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate size depending on area approved for use by the Showgrounds Committee • Adequate existing buffers to residential areas (industrial area and creek).
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes) • Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade) • Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat site • Existing established trees • Soil and drainage issues
<p>Environmental Considerations: <i>Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & wetlands)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle & pedestrian access • On-street & Off-street parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing vehicle access on all sides • Pedestrian access via local footpath network • Off street parking available subject to permission from Euroa Showgrounds Committee.
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with Euroa Showgrounds Committee and scheduled activities is pivotal to any progress with this option.
<p>Existing Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visible existing infrastructure on site

Existing Infrastructure:

- Fencing, water and toilets

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement site readiness*

- None identified

Summary:

Advantages:

- Easily accessible
- Not a central location, but a destination in its own right, abutting industrial area of Euroa
- Pedestrian access via local footpath network
- Off Street Parking available (subject to Euroa Showgrounds Committee of Management)

Disadvantages:

- Subject to agreement with Euroa Showgrounds
- Limited Shade
- Limited accessibility – Showgrounds usually locked when not in use. May negotiate the installation of a pedestrian gate or similar.

Recommendation:

Site is ***recommended*** for further investigation

Site 4: 24A Brock Street, Euroa

Brock Street, Euroa



24A Brock Street, Euroa

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location or isolated position</i> • <i>Surrounding land uses</i> • <i>Visibility into site</i> • <i>Co-location</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed dog off leash area land owned by Council is located at the rear of the Old Youth Club Hall, which now owned privately. • Accessible via Brock Street and then onto Blackwood Lane. No footpaths direct to location. • Close to residential properties. Quiet part of town. • Close to railway line. • No lighting but ample parking space. • Needs complete landscaping. • Other option could be the old fenced netball courts OR the land directly behind the Euroa Pool, or within the pool complex. Even during pool season, this grassed area doesn't get used. • Not a central location but easily found • Site has good visibility from Blackwood Lane
<p>Space/size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs</i> • <i>Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a large site for a dog park • There are no existing buffers between this area and residences.
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes)</i> • <i>Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade)</i> • <i>Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat land • Undeveloped site apart from some old concrete paving • Established mature trees on site providing natural shade • Part of flood overlay – permission for fencing would require CMA approval
<p>Environmental Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & habitats)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vehicle & pedestrian access</i> • <i>On-street & off-street parking</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car access with on street parking • Potential to provide off street parking subject to planning approval
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park</i> 	

Existing Infrastructure:

- *Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water*

- Existing water supply on site

Other issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

- None identified

Advantages

- Site has good visibility from Blackwood Lane
- Car access with on street parking
- Not a central location but easily found
- Flat land
- Undeveloped site apart from some old concrete paving
- Established mature trees on site providing natural shade
- Existing water supply on site

Summary:

Disadvantages

- Small site for a dog park
- Needs landscaping.
- Close to residential properties but a quiet part of town
- No footpaths direct to location

Recommendation:

Site is recommended for further investigation

Site 5:

Parkland near Memorial Oval

Turner Street, Euroa



Parkland near Memorial Oval

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location or isolated position</i> • <i>surrounding land uses</i> • <i>Visibility into site</i> • <i>Co-location</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible via Apex Track. • Picturesque setting. • Nil lighting. • Parking available. • Location is the same as upcoming exercise stations but big enough for both. • Issue of fencing and close proximity to football oval. Gates into complex closed during every home game. • Lots of shade. • Flood risk
<p>Space/Size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs</i> • <i>Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable good size for a dog park
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes)</i> • <i>Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade)</i> • <i>Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat site • Shade trees • Soil & Drainage issues
<p>Environmental Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & wetlands)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vehicle & pedestrian access</i> • <i>On-street & off-street parking</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle access via Memorial park gates and parking available
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Existing Infrastructure:

- *Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water*

- Electricity on site (park lighting present)
- Existing water supply

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

- Established park

Advantages

- Established park
- Picturesque setting
- Parking available/vehicle access exists via Memorial Park gates
- Location is same as proposed exercise stations but is large enough to accommodate both uses
- Shade trees exist
- Flat site
- Existing water supply
- Reasonable space for a dog park

Summary:

Disadvantages

- Co-location with other park activities – football, netball and cricket
- Area prone to flooding

Recommendation:

Site is recommended for further investigation

Site 6: Vacant Land adjacent to Scott Street Overpass

Elliot Street, Euroa



Land Adjacent to Scott Street Overpass, Euroa

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location or isolated position</i> • <i>surrounding land uses</i> • <i>Visibility into site</i> • <i>Co-location</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible via underpass footpath. • Close to exit/entry from Shepparton. • Close to overpass and train line/station. • Fencing needed.
<p>Space/Size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs</i> • <i>Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small area, nil lighting.
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes)</i> • <i>Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade)</i> • <i>Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively flat site • Some trees providing natural shade
<p>Environmental Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & habitats, wetlands)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vehicle & pedestrian access</i> <i>On-street & off-street parking area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No off street parking available

Existing Infrastructure:

- *Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water (bore, potable)*

- There is no visible water infrastructure on site

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

Summary:

Advantages

- Easy to access
- Good visibility into site from the main road
- Shade trees exist

Disadvantages

- No space for a dog park unless something else is demolished
- Abuts residential properties
- No off-street parking and people would have to park on main road to get dogs in/out of car on busy road
- Fencing may be required

Recommendation:

Site is **not recommended** for further investigation

Site 7: Buckley Park near Lake Nagambie

Blayney Lane, Nagambie



Buckley Park near Lake Nagambie, Nagambie

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location or isolated position</i> • <i>surrounding land uses</i> • <i>Visibility into site</i> • <i>Co-location</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to find and accessible both by car and pedestrian path • Located with other facilities including picnic area and children's play area
<p>Space/Size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs</i> • <i>Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a large area for a dog park
<p>Site Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes)</i> • <i>Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade)</i> • <i>Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively flat site • Established mature trees on site providing good natural shade • Soil and drainage issues • Council has indicated that this site can get boggy at times in wet weather.
<p>Environmental Considerations: <i>Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & habitats)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vehicle & pedestrian access</i> • <i>On-street & off-street parking</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off street parking available in Buckley Park parking area
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this site is found suitable for a dog park, there will have to be a buffer between the shelter/eating areas and oval • This site has been identified for a potential Water Play space
<p>Existing Infrastructure: <i>Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity infrastructure on site • Public toilets located in park • Existing water supply

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

- None

Advantages

- Located in a well-known destination
- Easy to find
- Doesn't border any residential properties
- Existing water supply
- Relatively flat site with established trees for shade
- Some off-street parking

Disadvantages

- Area small for a dog park
- District Park with shared facilities
- Close proximity to picnic area and children's playground is undesirable

Summary:

Recommendation:

Site is **not recommended** for further investigation

SITE 8: Vacant Land near Buckley Park

Glencairn Lane, Nagambie



Vacant Land near Buckley Park, Nagambie

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location or isolated position</i> • <i>surrounding land uses</i> • <i>Visibility into site</i> • <i>Co-location</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested site is • Privately owner – part of the Elloura development • Not suitable
<p>Space/Size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs</i> • <i>Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas)</i> 	
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes)</i> • <i>Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade)</i> • <i>Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic)</i> 	
<p>Environmental Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & habitats, wetlands)</i> 	
<p>Access & Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vehicle & pedestrian access</i> <i>On-street & off-street parking</i> 	
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park</i> 	
<p>Existing Infrastructure:</p>	

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

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Advantages

Disadvantage

- Land not available to Council

Summary:

Recommendation:

Site is not recommended for further investigation

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SITE 9: Leased Railway Land near Nagambie Railway Station

Nash Street, Nagambie



Leased Railway Land near Nagambie Railway Station

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location or isolated position</i> • <i>surrounding land uses</i> • <i>Visibility into site</i> • <i>Co-location</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location is away from recreational areas of Nagambie • Good visibility on site • Site of old BMX Track • Not a central location
<p>Space/Size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs</i> • <i>Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good size for dog off leash area • Residential area to the North and West – potential to provide buffers
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes)</i> • <i>Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade)</i> • <i>Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat land • Existing vegetation
<p>Environmental Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & habitats, wetlands)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vehicle & pedestrian access</i> <i>On-street & off-street parking</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car access from Nash Street – on street parking • The increase in park visitors to the area is likely to increase traffic and parking on local streets.
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No adjacent activities identified
<p>Existing Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No existing infrastructure

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

- Leased from VicTrack

Advantages

- Good size
- Good visibility
- Flat site
- Existing shade vegetation
- Underutilised land that originally provided recreation for the Community
- On street parking from Nash Street

Disadvantage

- No off-street parking
- Likely to increase in traffic and parking on local road - amenity issue
- No existing infrastructure
- May be required in the future for development of parking for Nagambie Railway Station

Summary:

Recommendation:

Site is recommended for further investigation

SITE 10: Euroa Kennel Club

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location or isolated position • surrounding land uses • Visibility into site • Co-location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located on land bordered by Frost Street, Charles Street, and Boundary Road North • Not a central location, but a destination in its own right, abutting industrial area of Euroa and the Showgrounds • Varying degrees of visibility due to existing buildings on site • Primary use as Euroa Kennel Club • Accessible via Apex Track (across road at Butter Factory Bridge) or from Railway Street (under railway line). • Close to Memorial Oval precinct and entry/exit from Shepparton. • Direct path to the Showgrounds. Plenty of parking available in Showgrounds. • Precinct has some fencing and secure but may require additional fencing to separate from the Showgrounds (negotiation)
<p>Space/size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs • Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate size depending on area approved for use by the Showgrounds Committee • Adequate existing buffers to residential areas (industrial area and creek).
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes) • Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade) • Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat site • Minimal soil and drainage issues
<p>Environmental Considerations: <i>Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & wetlands)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle & pedestrian access • On-street & Off-street parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing vehicle access on all sides • Pedestrian access via local footpath network • Off street parking available subject to permission from Euroa Showgrounds Committee.
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children's playground, skate park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with Euroa Showgrounds Committee and scheduled activities is pivotal to any progress with this option.
<p>Existing Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing infrastructure on site includes Kennel Club clubrooms

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

- To be investigated

Summary:

Advantages:

- Easily accessible
- Not a central location, but a destination in its own right, abutting industrial area of Euroa
- Pedestrian access via local footpath network
- Off Street Parking available (subject to Euroa Showgrounds Committee of Management)

Disadvantages:

- Subject to agreement with Euroa Showgrounds and Euroa Kennel Club
- Limited Shade
- Limited accessibility – Showgrounds usually locked when not in use. May negotiate the installation of a pedestrian gate or similar.
- Boundary fencing would be required to separate off from Showgrounds and a path would also be required to access this area.

Recommendation:

Site is recommended for further investigation

Site 11: Euroa Pool

Assessment Categories	Notes
<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location or isolated position • surrounding land uses • Visibility into site • Co-location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location is currently part of the Euroa Pool facility • Good visibility on site • Central location
<p>Space/Size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available space to avoid site degradation by overuse & overcrowding of dogs • Ability to provide buffers between adjacent activities & uses (e.g. residential areas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good size for dog off leash area • Residential area to the North and West – potential to provide buffers
<p>Site Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topography that may add/detract to dog park (i.e. steep slopes) • Vegetation (i.e. existing trees for shade) • Soil & drainage conditions (i.e. soils that are poorly drained or potentially toxic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat land • Existing vegetation • Site is fenced although additional fencing required to separate from pool
<p>Environmental Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impact on sensitive areas (e.g. wildlife areas & habitats, wetlands) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant environmental issues identified by Council
<p>Access & Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle & pedestrian access On-street & off-street parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car access from Bury Street – off street parking • The increase in visitors to the area is likely to increase traffic and parking on local streets during non- pool season
<p>Adjacent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation or distance from other park users/amenities such as BBQ area, picnic area, children’s playground, skate park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euroa Pool is directly adjacent
<p>Existing Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public toilets, fencing, electricity, water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes water, BBQ, electricity

Other Issues:

- *Encumbrances, lease agreement, site readiness*

- None identified

Advantages

- Good size
- Good visibility
- Flat site
- Existing shade vegetation
- Underutilised land that currently provides recreation area for pool users for the Community
- Established precreation facility
- Picturesque setting
- Off street parking available in Euroa Pool car park and vehicle access exists via Bury Street
- Existing water supply and BBQ facilities
- Reasonable space for a dog park
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Summary:

Disadvantage

- Likely to increase in traffic and parking on local street during non-pool season - amenity issue
- Potential for user conflict during pool season
- May be required in the future for extension / development to pool facility
- Will require consultation with Pools Advisory Group
- Co-location with other recreation activities

Recommendation:

*Site is **recommended** for further investigation*

CONCLUSIONS

The selected sites for this assessment varied from small land parcels in quiet residential neighbourhoods to larger spaces located with other uses in central locations with some off-street parking.

The assessment identified seven (7) sites to be more suitable for an enclosed dog park. These sites are not without their issues, but are worthy of further examination by Council via community consultation.

The seven (7) sites in no particular order of preference are:

1. Parkland Opposite Parker Street, Euroa
2. Euroa Showgrounds
3. 24A Brock Street, Euroa
4. Parkland near Memorial Oval, Euroa
5. Leased Railway Land near Nagambie Railway Station
6. Euroa Kennel Club
7. Euroa Pool

The remaining sites including Charles Kemp Park, Euroa; Vacant Land adjacent to Scott Street Overpass, Euroa; Buckley Park near Lake Nagambie, Nagambie and Vacant Land near Buckley Park, Nagambie were found to be unsuitable for a dog off leash area. However, these sites may be worth enhancing overtime to become safe, informal off-leash exercise areas with supporting infrastructure.

In summary, the advantages and disadvantages of the seven (7) preferred sites are summarised below:

1. Parkland Opposite Parker Street, Euroa

Advantages:

- Easily accessed by Apex walking track or vehicle
- Car parking available
- Close to sporting precinct
- Lots of shade
- Plenty of space for a dog area to provide buffers between existing residences and Apex walking track
- Not close to existing residences
- Flat site

Disadvantages

- Not easy to find
- No off-street parking
- Additional traffic may impact on local amenity
- Potential impact on Park Run activity

If the Parkland Opposite Parker Street in Euroa is selected for further consultation for the purposes of a dog off leash area, Council would need to consider the following issues:

- Improved directional signage
- Additional off-street parking
- Potential conflict between dog park users and weekly Park Run activities

2. Euroa Showgrounds, Euroa

Advantages:

- Easily accessible
- Not a central location, but a destination in its own right, abutting industrial area of Euroa
- Pedestrian access via local footpath network
- Off Street Parking available (subject to Euroa Showgrounds Committee of Management)

Disadvantages:

- Subject to agreement with Euroa Showgrounds
- Limited Shade
- Limited accessibility – Showgrounds usually locked when not in use

If the Euroa Showgrounds or the adjacent area is selected for further consultation for the purposes of a dog off leash area, Council would need to consider the following issues:

- Seek to enter into an agreement with the Euroa Showgrounds Committee of Management
- Improved directional signage

3. 24A Brock Street, Euroa

Advantages

- Site has good visibility from Blackwood Lane
- Car access with on street parking
- Not a central location but easily found
- Flat land
- Undeveloped site apart from some old concrete paving
- Established mature trees on site providing natural shade
- Existing water supply on site

Disadvantages

- Small site for a dog park
- Needs landscaping.
- Close to residential properties but a quiet part of town
- No footpaths direct to location

If 24A Brock Street in Euroa is selected for further consultation for the purposes of a dog off leash area, Council would need to consider the following issues:

- Improved directional signage
- Drainage issues
- Provision of shade etc

4. Parkland near Memorial Oval, Euroa

Advantages

- Established park
- Picturesque setting
- Parking available/vehicle access exists via Memorial Park gates
- Location is same as proposed exercise stations but is large enough to accommodate both uses
- Shade trees exist
- Flat site
- Existing water supply
- Reasonable space for a dog park

Disadvantages

- Co-location with other park activities – football, netball and cricket
- Area prone to flooding

If the Parkland near the Memorial Oval in Euroa is selected for further consultation for the purposes of a dog off leash area, Council would need to consider the following issue:

- Potential conflict between dog use and organised sporting activities on training and match days

5. Leased Railway Land near Nagambie Railway Station

Advantages

- Good size
- Good visibility
- Flat site
- Existing shade vegetation
- Underutilised land that originally provided recreation for the Community
- On street parking from Nash Street

Disadvantages

- No off-street parking
- Likely to increase in traffic and parking on local road - amenity issue
- No existing infrastructure
- May be required in the future for development of parking for Nagambie Railway Station

If the leased railway land near the Nagambie Railway Station is selected for further consultation for the purposes of a dog off leash area, Council would need to consider the following issues:

- Adequate buffer between residential property and proposed dog off leash area
- Potential increased traffic and parking on surrounding residential streets
- Future plans for the area

6. Euroa Kennel Club, Euroa

Advantages:

- Easily accessible
- Not a central location, but a destination in its own right, abutting industrial area of Euroa
- Pedestrian access via local footpath network
- Off Street Parking available (subject to Euroa Showgrounds Committee of Management)

Disadvantages:

- Subject to agreement with Euroa Showgrounds and Euroa Kennel Club
- Limited Shade
- Limited accessibility – Showgrounds usually locked when not in use. May negotiate the installation of a pedestrian gate or similar.
- Boundary fencing would be required to separate off from Showgrounds and a path would also be required to access this area.

If the area adjacent to the Euroa Kennel Club is selected for further consultation for the purposes of a dog off leash area, Council would need to consider the following issues:

- Seek to enter into an agreement with the Euroa Showgrounds Committee of Management and Euroa Kennel Club
- Improved directional signage
- Improved facilities and infrastructure including boundary fence and pedestrian access

7. Euroa Pool, Euroa

Advantages:

- Good size, reasonable space for a dog park
- Good visibility
- Pedestrian access, easily accessible and a destination point
- Flat site with existing shade vegetation
- Underutilised land that currently provides recreation area for pool users Community
- Established recreation facility
- Picturesque setting
- Vehicle access and off street parking available in Euroa Pool car park
- Existing water supply and BBQ facilities

Disadvantages:

- Likely to increase in traffic on local street during non-pool season
- Potential for user conflict during pool season
- May be required in the future for extension / development to pool facility
- Will require consultation with Pools Advisory Group
- Co-location with other recreation activities

If the Euroa Pool is selected for further consultation for the purposes of a dog off leash area, Council would need to consider the following issues:

- Enter into discussions with the Pool Advisory Committee
- Future plans for the Euroa pool
- Improved directional signage