



Aerial context map



Adjoining context map

## Emerson Place Reserve – Dog Park

Knox City Council currently has one fully-fenced dog park, located in Knoxfield which was established in 2010. As a result of a number of requests from the community, Council initiated a project to investigate and identify sites for future dog park areas across Knox.

Following initial community consultation in 2018, Council resolved to commit future funding to the design and delivery of three additional dog parks in Knox at Wantirna Reserve in Wantirna, Llewellyn Reserve in Wantirna South and Emerson Place Reserve in Rowville.

In 2019, Council commenced detailed site analysis and scoping of the dog park sites.

In early 2020, Council applied for and was successful in receiving \$275K State Grant Funding from Dept. Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) for delivery of the dog park at Emerson Place Reserve, Rowville. A draft concept plan has been prepared – refer attached.

### What's has been included in the design (following community feedback)

- A fenced off dog park area
- Fencing to be low to the ground to restrict small dogs getting out and any wildlife getting in
- A separate fenced area for smaller and or timid dogs
- Double gate access
- Drinking fountain for dogs and people
- A small shelter and additional trees
- Signage on acceptable dog/owner behaviour and signs regarding dog body language
- Bins for waste
- Additional car parking area
- Retain existing parkland facilities at the reserve.

Dog parks attract community activity, interaction, and opportunities to establish local community networks and friendships based on a common interest. For many dog owners, their pet dog is a source of companionship, motivation to exercise and provides an opportunity to meet and engage with people.

### Proposed timing:

Draft design and feedback: Aug-Sept 2020

Detailed design and tender: Sept-Oct 2020

Construction: late 2020 – early 2021

### Contact us:

If you think we have missed anything that would benefit the dog park design or [provide additional comments, please visit the website at [knox.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](https://knox.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) by 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



## 1 Fencing

The proposed fenced off-leash area at Emerson Place Reserve will cover a large space incorporating a number of sensory and activity environments/spaces separated by landscape elements allowing dog owners to retreat to different parts of the enclosure. Boundary fencing is proposed to be minimum 1200mm high with a sensory buffer of vegetation to distract dogs from nearby activities and people traversing through the park.

## 2 Entry/Exit Points

There are three double gate entry points. Three entry/exit points will reduce congestion and provide an alternative entry/exit point. There is also a vehicular/maintenance access point via Braeburn Pde.

## 3 Landscape Elements

Landscape features such as rock climbers, rock and vegetation clusters, mature trees with mulch provide ideal landscape and sensory buffer distracting the dogs from nearby parkland activities. Rock clusters and a sandpit are centrally located to disperse activity across the site.

## 4 DDA Access

A formal, concrete pathway is proposed to ensure ease of access for people who have restricted mobility. The path will allow access to:

- Seating
- Water outlets
- Entry/exit to 'Quiet Dog Enclosure'
- Access through the simulated dry creek bed walk

## 5 Quiet Dog Enclosure

The 'Quiet Dog' enclosure will provide alternative elements that cater for quieter or smaller dogs and can also give owners more of an opportunity to restrain their dogs before exiting the off-leash area. This area could also be used to undertake obedience training and confidence development.

## 6 Sheltered Area

A sheltered area will not only provide a retreat from the elements but also encourages social engagement between dog owners.

## 7 Signage & Bin Location

Bins and signage regarding fenced off-leash area rules are to be located at key entry/access points

## 8 Seating

A total of six park benches are proposed within the main enclosure, two of which are located under the picnic shelter. There is also a park bench located within the 'Quiet Dog Enclosure'.

## 9 Drinking Fountain

Two drinking fountains are proposed to be installed. One at the southern entrance, within the 'Quiet Dog' enclosure and one located towards the Braeburn Pde entrance/exit. The overflow will drain into the dry creek bed. A third drinking fountain is proposed by the northern entrance neighbouring the existing basketball half court.

## 10 Dry Creek Bed

The dry creek bed will provide a sensory experience with different textures to that of the general surface material (granitic sand/toppings). The dry creek bed will comprise of small and medium size pebbles with large rocks dispersed in-between.

## 11 Sculptural Art

As a method of trademarking Emerson Place Reserve as one of a series of off-leash zones a series of sculptural art will be installed at each of the selected off-leash zone locations.

## 12 Car Parking

Council has made provisions to improve the car parking arrangements to compliment the construction of the off-leash park.

## Proposed Timing

■ **Draft Design & Feedback**  
August 2020 - September 2020

■ **Detailed Design & Tender**  
October 2020 - November 2020

■ **Construction**  
Late 2020 - Early 2021

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