

Council Order – 12 August 2026 Council meeting

DOGS OFF LEASH AREAS

Order of the Merri-bek City Council

Section 26(2) Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994

Dogs must be under effective control

The owner of any dog must keep the dog in effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash held by the owner and attached to the dog while the dog is in any public place, other than designated off-leash areas.

Designated off-leash areas.

A dog may be exercised off a chain, cord or leash in designated off-leash areas, subject to the following conditions:

- The owner must carry a chain, cord or leash sufficient to bring the dog under effective control if the dog behaves in a manner which threatens any person or animal;
- The owner must remain in effective voice or hand control of the dog so as to be able to promptly bring the dog under effective control by placing the dog on a chain, cord or leash if that becomes necessary; and
- The owner must not allow the dog to worry, attack, rush at or threaten any person or animal.

If a dog is not restrained by means of a chain, cord or leash in a designated off-leash area, the owner must bring the dog under effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash at all times when the dog is within:

- 15 metres of:
 - any playground or children's play equipment;
 - the principal location of an organised sporting or community event or festival;
 - the principal location of an organised public meeting; or
 - a permanent barbecue or picnic area when in use.
- 1 metre of:
 - a shared pathway (and at all times while on the shared pathway).

List of Designated off-leash areas

Name of Park/Reserve	Street	Suburb	Melways Reference
Clifton Park	Victoria St	Brunswick	29 E7
Joyce Reserve	Northumberland Rd	Pascoe Vale	17 A6
McDonald Reserve	Bell St	Coburg	17 K12
DeChene Reserve	Bell St	Coburg	18 A12
Jackson Reserve	Golf Rd	Coburg North	17 K9
Cash Reserve	Livingstone St	Coburg North	18 A8
Sheils Reserve	Duggan St	Brunswick West	29 B5
Holbrook Reserve	Moonee Pde	Brunswick West	29 A8
Egan Reserve	Rennie St	Coburg	30 B3
Jones Park	Albion St	Brunswick East	30 A5
Braddy Reserve	Victoria St	Brunswick West	29 B6
Phillips Reserve	Weigall St	Brunswick East	30 B8
Sumner Park	Alister St	Brunswick East	30 C9
Abrahams Reserve	Clara St	Brunswick East	30 A5
Bowden Reserve	Nicholson St	Coburg	30 A1
Bridges Reserve	Bell St	Coburg	29 J1
Richards Reserve	Charles St	Coburg North	17 F9
Martin Reserve	Epping St	Hadfield	17 E2
Mommson Reserve	North Street	Hadfield	17 C2
Moomba Park Reserve	McBryde St	Fawkner	8 A12
Sewell Reserve	Glenroy Rd	Glenroy	17 A3
Wallace Reserve	Justin Ave	Glenroy	7 A12
Anderson Reserve	Linda St	Coburg	29 G3
Esselemont Reserve	Somerset St	Pascoe Vale Sth	16 J9
Gervase Ave Reserve	Gervase Ave	Glenroy	6 F12
J P Fawkner	Francis St	Oak Park	16 F6
Jacana Valley	Fran St	Glenroy	16 D2
Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve	Pengana Ave	Glenroy	16 D4
A G Gillon Oval	Hope St	Brunswick	29 E6
Gilpin Park*	Albert St	Brunswick	29 E7
Reaburn Reserve	Pearson St	Brunswick	29 E7
Wylie Reserve	South Daly St	Brunswick West	29 C8
Hosken Reserve	Pallett St	Coburg North	17 F8
Raeburn Reserve	Raeburn St	Pascoe Vale	17 C9
Balfe Park	John St	Brunswick	30 A9
Fleming Park*	Victoria St	Brunswick	30 A8
Kirkdale Park	Kirkdale St	Brunswick East	30 B8
Methven Park	Methven St	Brunswick	29 K8
Campbell Reserve	Moreland Rd	Coburg	30 A4
Brearily Reserve	Heliopolis St	Pascoe Vale Sth	17 A11
Dunstan reserve	Peacock St	Brunswick West	29 B4
Fraser Reserve	Hopetoun Ave	Brunswick West	29 A4
Morris Reserve	Wadham St	Pascoe Vale Sth	29 A2
Shore Reserve	Reynard St	Coburg	29 C2
Charles Mutton Reserve	Mutton Rd	Fawkner	17 J5
Parker Reserve	Mathieson St	Coburg North	17 J7
Austin Crescent Reserve	Austin Cres	Pascoe Vale	16 K8
Cole Reserve	Kent Rd	Pascoe Vale	17 B7

Hallam Reserve	Landells Rd	Pascoe Vale	17 D6
Rayner Reserve	Devon Rd	Pascoe Vale	16 J7
Roberts Reserve	Harrison St	Brunswick	30 B6
GE Clarke Reserve*	Kalang Road	Glenroy	N/A
Robinson Reserve*	McPherson St	Coburg	N/A
Lorne Street Reserve*	Lorne St	Fawkner	N/A
Harmony Park*	Gaffney St	Coburg	N/A
Tate Reserve*	Grant St	Coburg	N/A

***Off Leash areas in these parks are designated by the mapped areas and specific restrictions shown in Schedule 1.**

Prohibition

Playgrounds

Dogs are prohibited within the immediate perimeter of any playground at all times.

Creeks & Waterways

Dogs are prohibited within any Creeks & Waterways at all times.

Review

Council may, by order of resolution:

- Remove a reserve or part of a reserve; and /or
- Add a reserve or part of a reserve

to the list of designated off-leash areas.

Definitions

- “chain, cord or leash” means a chain, cord or leash which effectively restrains the dog;
- “designated off-leash area” means a park or reserve or other place which has been designated by an order of Council under Section 26 of the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994, as contained in the list above;
- “owner” has the same meaning as in the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994;
- “public place” has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Summary Offences Act 1966;
- “shared path” has the same meaning as in Road Rule 242 of the Road Rules – Victoria

SCHEDULE 1 – Zoned Dog Off Leash Areas and Specific Restrictions

Gilpin Park - Albert St, Brunswick



On-leash



Off-leash



Off-leash
(Timed Restrictions)



Prohibited

Fleming Park - Albert St, Brunswick East



On-leash



Off-leash



Off-leash
(Timed Restrictions)



Prohibited

Harmony Park - Gaffney St, Coburg



On-leash



Off-leash



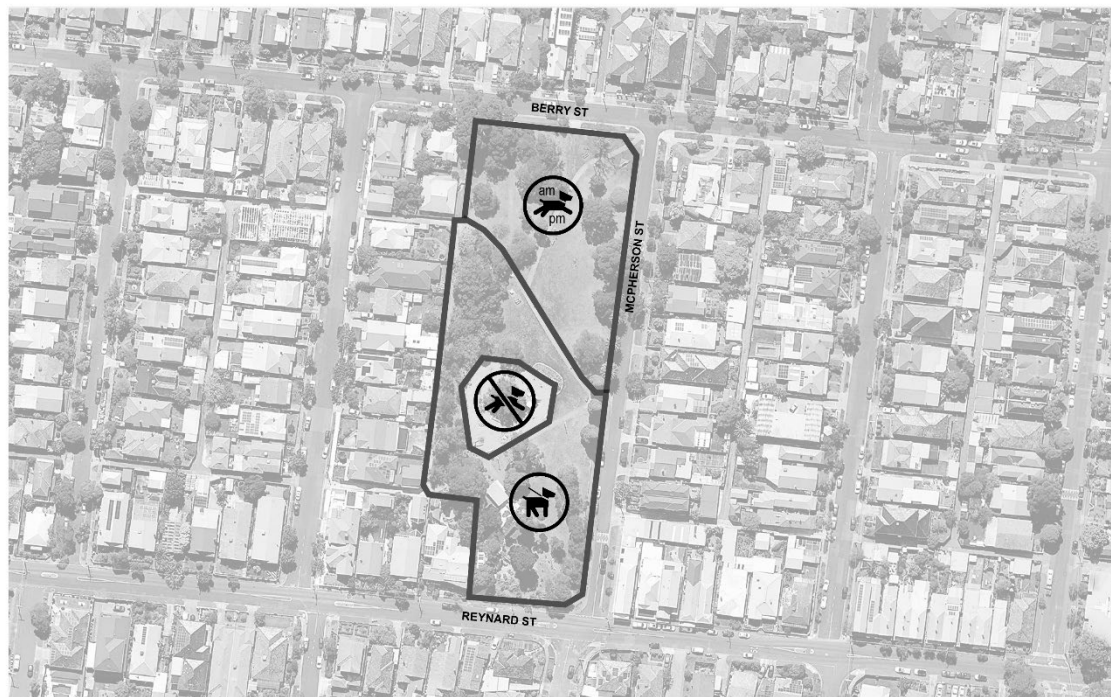
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Prohibited

Robinson Reserve – McPherson St, Coburg

Additional Restrictions: the designated Off Leash Area only operates before 9:00am and after 5:00pm. This area is On Leash at all other times.



On-leash



Off-leash



Off-leash
(Timed Restrictions)



Prohibited

Tate Reserve - Grant St, Coburg



On-leash



Off-leash



Off-leash
(Timed Restrictions)



Prohibited

Lorne Street Reserve - Lorne St, Fawkner



On-leash



Off-leash



Off-leash
(Timed Restrictions)



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GE Clarke Reserve – Kalang Rd, Glenroy



On-leash



Off-leash



Off-leash
(Timed Restrictions)



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