

Summary of Feedback – Dogs in Public Places

No	Summary of Comments
1	Agrees with the terms in the public notice.
2	Relocate the southern boundary of the northern dog beach to the beach ramp opposite Grant Street.
3	Harvey Field & Cottesloe Oval should not be a dog exercise areas – too much excrement left behind.
4	<p>Northern dog beach should be returned to a dog free beach, there are large dog beaches north of Swanbourne and south of Cottesloe.</p> <p>Also: Many dogs off leads on the dual use path in the early morning. Dogs off leads come off the beach and run into the road. Dog excrement often left in the dunes. There is friction between kite surfers and dog owners on the northern dog beach.</p>
5	<p>No need for 2 dog beaches in Cottesloe, there are large dog beaches north of Swanbourne and south of Cottesloe.</p> <p>Also: Rangers should be rostered on early mornings when many dogs are off their leads – dangerous for users of the dual use path. When dogs are off their leads many owners do not pick up their dog's excrement as they don't see them do it.</p>
6	<p>The northern dog beach should be subject to restricted hours - there are large dog beaches north of Swanbourne and south of Cottesloe.</p> <p>Number of dogs on the northern beach not ecologically sustainable, too much excrement on the beach.</p> <p>Parking is an issue. People park in Margaret Street and walk down to the beach with dogs off the lead.</p>
7	The northern dog beach should not be 24 hour access.

Siobhan French

From: Joan Sharpe
Sent: Monday, 11 August 2014 10:13 AM
Subject: Dogs in public places

I have read the Public notice - Dogs in public places and agree with the terms

Regards
Joan Sharpe

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TOWN OF COTTESLOE
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DEAR SIR,

RE DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

I CAN'T SEE ANY REASON TO CHANGE THE CURRENT DOG EXERCISE AREAS

THE TWO SUGGESTIONS I WISH TO MAKE ARE :

1) NORTHERN DOG BEACH

REMOVE THE RESTRICTION DURING 1 NOV TO 31 MAR DURING THAT TIME DOGS ARE BANNED. IT ISN'T A POPULAR BEACH DUE TO :

A) LACK OF STREET PARKING

B) AMOUNT OF ROCKS THAT APPEAR DURING DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE YEAR.

C) THE BEACH FORMATION - USUALLY A QUICK DROP OFF FROM THE BEACH WHICH CAUSED A DUMPING FORMATION.

D) A BAD WASH OFF THE REEF

2) THE LOCATION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY IS UNUSUAL.

A) RELOCATE THE BOUNDARY SOUTH ^{TO} THE BEACH RAMP OPPOSITE GRANT ST

B) THE SECTION OF THE BEACH NORTH OF THE RAMP IS USUALLY ALL ROCK AND NOT GOOD FOR SWIMMING.

C) AS IT IS NOW THAT SECTION FROM THE EXISTING BOUNDARY

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TO THE NEXT RAMP IS LOST BECAUSE OF THE ROCK
FORMATION ALLOWING WATER TO WASH UP CUTTING THE AREA OFF.

THANKING THE COUNCIL FOR THIS OPPUNITY TO MAKE
SUGGESTIONS

YOURS FAITHFULLY,



P.S. GOLDTHORPE

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Duncan Cameron

Cottesloe, 6011

Carl Askew
Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 606 Cottesloe WA 6911



17 September 2014

Community Comment – Dogs in Public Places
Prohibition of Dog Exercise – Harvey Field / Cottesloe Oval

Dear Carl,

As a regular user of the playing fields for personnel (human) exercise I would like the areas removed from the list of gazetted “unleashed” dog exercise areas.

Dog excrement is very often left on the playing fields or immediate surrounds used for exercise. The dog owners regularly do not remove their own dog’s excrement or that of other dogs when it is observed. I have registered several complaints with the ranger and no amount of signage appears to change the outcome.

I have stepped in or put my hand in excrement whilst performing exercise. My son has put his face in excrement whilst playing footy with his brother. Members of our training/ sporting group often exercise in the dark in the morning or evening when the excrement cannot be seen by our group nor the dog owners.

The field are used by many sporting clubs, personal training groups, and individuals involved in personal exercise. The playing fields are for human exercise as a priority.

Dogs are brought to the area as I believe the owners enjoy the views and allow the dogs to deposit their daily excrement rather than in their own backyards. No doubt some owners who simply don’t care spoil it for the others. There appears no cohesion within the dog community or code of conduct to clean up the mess.

There are areas along the railway or beach that may be better suited rather than these playing fields.

I am available to attend a meeting to discuss this matter and offer other references as required.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of Duncan Cameron.

Duncan Cameron

Step Into Life Fitness Member

Siobhan French

From: Sally Nelson
Sent: Sunday, 21 September 2014 12:25 PM
Subject: Dogs in public places

Dear Mr Askew

As a resident that lives opposite the Dog Beach I would like to give some feedback of my ongoing observations.

Over 50% of people walking dogs on the dual use path in the early morning -5.30 am onwards do not have dogs on leads.

Dog faeces in the dunes - apparently there is no need to pick up if it is in the dunes, it doesn't matter because people don't walk there. This was an excuse given to me when I asked someone to clean up after their dog.

Dogs off leads coming up from the beach and running onto the road. Last summer at least two dogs were hit causing distress to both the owner and the driver.

Friction between the kite surfers and dogs using the northern dog beach. I watched one day a dog run onto a sail and rip it. When the kite surfer approached the owner his reply was "

This is a dog beach, you shouldn't be on it - an attitude shared by many dog owners.

I would like to see the northern dog beach returned to a dog free beach so that everyone can enjoy it given there is a large dog beach north of Swanbourne with ample off road parking and another large dog beach in south Cottesloe.

Yours sincerely

Sally Nelson

Sent from my iPad

Siobhan French

From: Paul Nelson
Sent: Sunday, 21 September 2014 12:52 PM
Subject: Dogs in public places

Dear Mr Askew

There is no need for the Town of Cottesloe to be providing 2 dog beaches within the suburb.

There is a large dog beach north of Swanbourne main beach available to dog owners as well as the southern dog beach - south Cottesloe.

The northern dog beach can not cope with the increased number of dog owners using this relatively small area of beach when there is a dog beach 200 metres north of the main Swanbourne beach that goes all the way to South City Beach.

I would like to see rangers rostered on to cover early mornings when a large proportion of dog owners insist on walking dogs off lead because they know there are no rangers around.

It can make it dangerous for cyclists and other pedestrians using the "dual use" path when dogs are running off lead. When dogs are off lead many owners are not picking up after their dogs because they don't see them defecating.

Our grass areas should be there for everyone to use without the worry of sitting/ treading in dog faeces not being picked up by the dog owners.

Yours sincerely

Paul Nelson

Siobhan French

From: Donna Fuller
Sent: Monday, 22 September 2014 3:13 PM
Subject: RE: ATTENTION CARL ASKEW - COMMUNITY COMMENT

ATTENTION CARL ASKEW
RE: COMMUNITY COMMENT - DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

(Please note, that my original proposal submitted, was based on the incorrect public notice and I was invited to resubmit. This proposal supercedes my proposal of 18 August)

I am writing to advise that I do not endorse the Council's Dogs In Public Places proposal, in regard to the Northern Dog beach operating 24 hours per day on a permanent basis.

The Northern Dog Beach had its hours reduced some years ago in recognition of the difficulty of sustaining the number of dogs visiting the beach, versus the beach's ability to cope. The number of dogs on the beach has increased yearly and in its present state, is not ecologically sustainable with the amount of faeces on and around the beach. Any notion of opening the beach for longer hours will only make this worse.

In addition, with the number of owners converging on this small beach, parking has become an issue, with visitors to the beach now regularly parking their cars in Margaret Street and gaining access to the beach via Vera View. I often have owners letting their dogs run free from Margaret Street to the beach, with the necessity for us to keep our gate closed to stop dogs rushing in to 'visit' my children in the front yard.

Of concern to me as a ratepayer is the issue of Cottesloe Council and ratepayers currently providing and funding the upkeep of not one, but two dog beaches within its jurisdiction. One is located at the Town's Southern Boundary, and one at the Northern Boundary.

Vera View dog beach at the Northern Boundary, is immediately adjacent to a dog beach facilitated by the Town of Nedlands, resulting in two dog beaches, side-by-side, being run by different Councils.

The Swanbourne Nedlands Dog beach, situated immediately adjacent to Vera View provides dogs and visitors with over 1.5km of beach, with unrestricted hours. The Swanbourne/Nedlands Dog Beach also provides a large car parking area for their dog beach patrons with the adjacent oval available for considerable amounts of overflow parking, in addition to providing showers, changerooms, café, lawn areas etc. The only facility Vera View dog beach can provide for its visitors, is an open beach shower/water tap. With the ban on construction of facilities on the Western side of Marine Parade, this can never be alleviated.

Please consider reverting to restricted hours at this beach.

Kind regards.

Donna Fuller

Cottesloe

Siobhan French

From: Donna Fuller
Sent: Monday, 22 September 2014 3:15 PM
Subject: RE: ATTENTION CARL ASKEW - COMMUNITY COMMENT

ATTENTION CARL ASKEW
RE: COMMUNITY COMMENT - DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

I do not endorse the Council's plan for unrestricted hours at Vera View Northern Dog Beach. This beach is small in size and now that there is a 24hr dog beach adjacent to it at Swanbourne, there is no need to have this small beach under the pressure of 24hr per day dog access over summer. I have been a resident of Cottesloe for 53 years.

Kind regards.

Craig Fuller

Cottesloe WA 6011