



## Shire of West Arthur Council Policy – Dog Exercise, Prohibited and Rural Leashing Areas

Policy Number	R5.1
Policy Title	Dog Exercise, Prohibited and Rural Leashing Areas
Related Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local Government Act 1995 (WA)</li><li>• Dog Act 1976</li><li>• Disability Discrimination Act 1992</li><li>• Equal opportunity Act 1984</li><li>• Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911</li><li>• Shire of West Arthur Dog Local Law 2000</li></ul>
Strategic Outcome Supported	Outcome 1.1 - The Shire is a safe place to live, strives to reduce risks and is prepared for emergencies. Outcome 1.3 - Physical and Mental Well-Being will be enhanced through a variety of sport and recreational opportunities located through-out the Shire.
Adopted by Council	Adopted 15 June 2021
Review	June 2024
Note	Any changes to Policy require Absolute Majority resolutions

### 1. Objective/Outcomes

The purpose of this policy is to:

- determine Dog Prohibited Areas, Dog Exercise Areas, and Rural Leashing Areas; and
- inform and educate the community relating to dog ownership responsibilities and exercising of dogs.

### 2. Scope

This Policy identifies where dogs are prohibited and where dogs are permitted to exercise either on a leash or off-leash within the Shire of West Arthur local government area. This policy does not apply to registered companion dogs as specified in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Equal Opportunity Act 1984 or

### 3. Definitions

Sporting event: for the purpose of this policy a sporting event is defined as an activity involving physical exertion and skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs and is often undertaken competitively. It is organised by a sporting association or club. Training for these activities falls under the definition of sporting event.

Playground: an area designed and constructed to encourage children's outdoor play etc.

Grassed area: an area of grass maintained by the Shire of West Arthur for use by the community for a range of purposes.

## **4. Policy Statement**

Council in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan, the Shire of West Arthur's Dog Local Law 2000 and applicable legislation:

- supports the designation of public land to create a welcoming, safe environment for exercising and socialising of dogs.
- promotes the regulated use of recreational areas by dogs and their handlers to ensure the community is safe.

### 4.1 Dog Prohibited Areas (Registered Companion Dogs Exempt)

Pursuant to section 31(2B) of the Dog Act 1976 and section 8 of the Dog Act 1976 and section 66J of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984: the following areas are established as dog prohibited areas:

- All public buildings.
- All fenced public playgrounds.
- Darkan and Arthur River Cemeteries

### 4.2 Dog Exercise Areas

Pursuant to section 31(3A) of the Dog Act 1976, the following areas are established as dog exercise areas:

- Darkan Football Oval – when not in use for sporting events.
- Darkan Town Common – Reserve 19034.
- Duranillin Oval - Reserve 18609
- Darkan Old hockey oval and old basketball court precinct accessed from Darkan South Road.

### 4.3 Rural Leashing Areas

Outside of the Shire of West Arthur townsite boundaries pursuant to section 31(3B) of the Dog Act 1976, the following areas are established where a dog must be on a leash at all times:

- Lake Towerrinning including car park, foreshore between the jetties, and grassed area.
- Collie Darkan Rail Trail in those sections where there is no fence between the trail and adjoining farmland
- Arthur River Sports Club – on days when an event is being held
- Arthur River Hall – Reserve 21211
- Arthur River Historical Buildings opposite the Arthur River Hall on Albany Highway
- 6 Mile Cottage Quindanning Darkan Road
- Moodiarrup Hall.

## **5. Legislative and Strategic Context**

- Local Government Act 1995 (WA)
- Dog Act 1976
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Equal opportunity Act 1984
- Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911
- Shire of West Arthur Dog Local Law 2000

## **6. Associated Documents**

Shire of West Arthur Dog Local Law 2000