

Fenced Dog Parks in the North



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Following a council resolution in 2021 to provide two dog parks in the north in Glenroy and Fawkner, Council asked residents in these areas to vote for their preferred location out of three choices for Glenroy and three choices for Fawkner.

This report provides a summary of the Glenroy dog park consultation.

1. Background

Council's Open Space Design and Development unit are conducting two consultation phases with the local community for a new dog park in Glenroy, these being:

- Voting exercise

Council have asked the community in Glenroy in which of the three possible locations would they like their new dog park.

- Draft Concept Plan Consultation

Having determined the location from the voting exercise, Council will develop a draft concept plan for this new dog park.

- Final Concept Plan Consultation

This final concept plan will reflect changes from the draft concept plan, incorporating the community's feedback where possible. This final concept plan will close the consultation process, prior to the team proceeding to detailed design.

Consultation timings:

Voting exercise: 6 November – 9 December 2022

Draft concept plan consultation: December 2022 – January 2023 (dates to be confirmed)

Final concept plan issued: February 2023 (dates to be confirmed).

For the voting exercise, postcards were distributed to households within 1km of each of the three possible locations, inviting them to vote. Letters were also emailed and posted to all registered dog owners in the north of Merri-Bek municipality, providing the same information.

For the draft concept plan consultation, postcards will be distributed to households within 1km of the selected location, advising residents that they can provide feedback on Council's website <https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/fenced-dog-parks-north>. Posters will also be displayed at the selected location, showing the draft concept plan and inviting people's responses.

The final concept plan will be displayed on site following completion of feedback on the draft concept plan. Thereafter the Open Space Design and Development team can proceed to detailed design.

2. Voting Exercise Feedback Findings

Council proposed three possible locations in Glenroy for a new dog park: Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve, Electric Street Reserve and Sewell Reserve.

Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve was the preferred choice from the voting exercise, gaining 195 votes or 43%.

Sewell Reserve was also highly favoured receiving 182 votes or 40%. There were 8 votes for other locations in Glenroy.

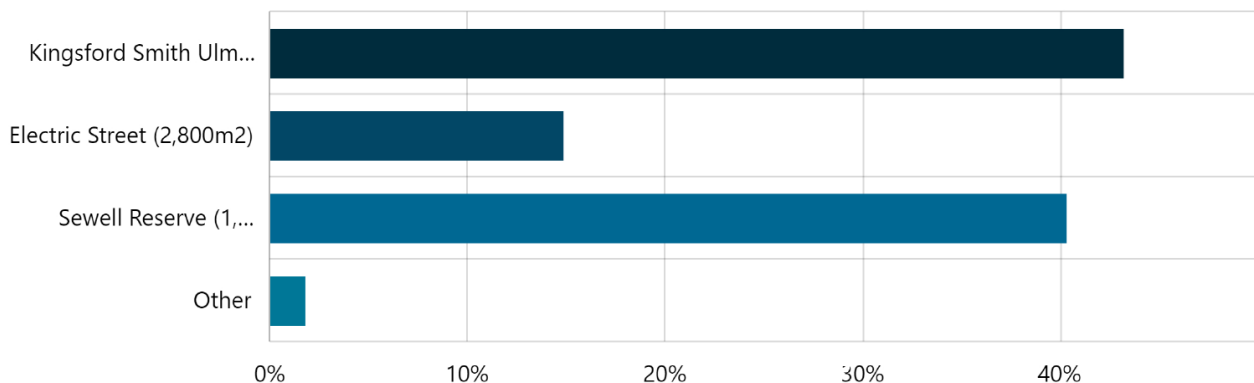


Figure 1: Graph of voting results

In addition to the voting exercise, we also asked additional questions for each of the possible locations, which will help us shape the draft concept plan. Below is a chart showing results for Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve:

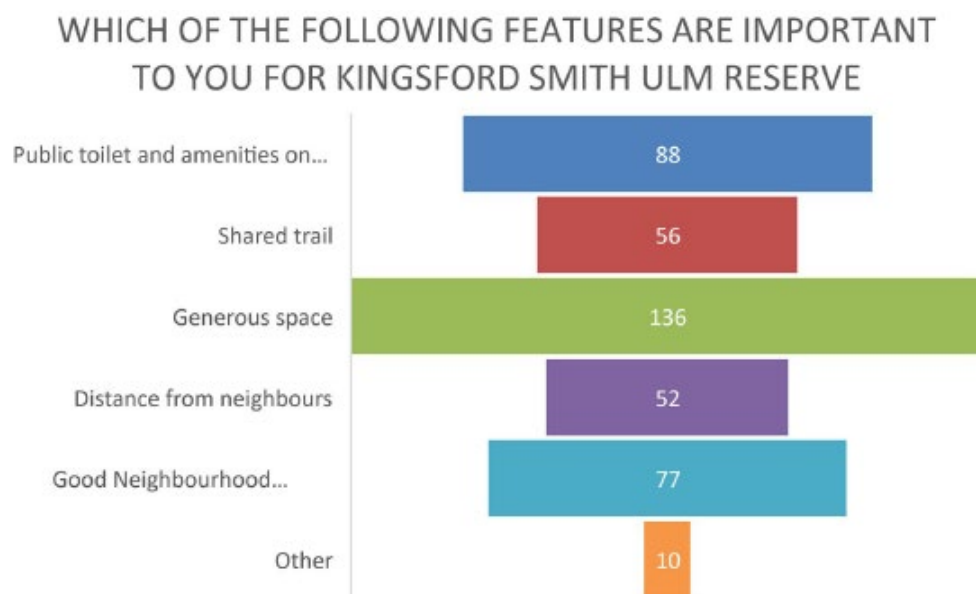


Figure 2: Graph showing importance of given features at Kingsford Smith Ulm

This shows us that having a public toilet and amenities is the most important for this site, followed by having a generous amount of space available for the dog park.

Other requirements that residents provided include the following:

- Include a segregated area for small dogs
- Provide drinking fountains with dog bowls
- Provide shade for humans (and dogs)
- Provide sufficient seating, dog bags and bins
- Include signage showing dog park etiquette
- Consider a segregated area for small or nervous dogs
- Provide a larger space for bigger dogs to run around in

- Consider agility equipment and also land forms (mounds etc) to provide interest
- Provide a double gate entry system to prevent dogs escaping
- Consider safety for women using the dog parks
- Include trees for shade (and interest)
- Keep grass cut low to reduce allergies for dogs (and humans).

3. Draft Concept Plan Consultation Feedback Findings

Consultation feedback from this stage will be included here.

4. Final Concept Plan

A summary of the final concept plan will be added once it has been completed.

5. Next Steps

The Open Space Design and Development team are developing a draft concept plan, using feedback received from the voting exercise stage. Once ready this draft plan will be displayed to the community including alerts by postcard and on posters, inviting review responses.

The final concept plan will then be developed, reflecting feedback on the draft concept plan. Thereafter the Open Space team will produce detailed design and procure materials so can construct with intention of completing works before end June 2023.

6. Further information

Any questions can be directed to Council's Open Space Design & Development Unit via email openspace@moreland.vic.gov.au or by phoning 9240 111.

7. Appendix

Below are all feedback received from the community for each stage of consultation for the Glenroy Dog Park and images of the posters and postcards issued.

7a Voting exercise



Figure 3: Postcards issued to households within 500m of each of the three possible locations.

7b Voting Exercise Consultation Responses

The following are responses to the voting exercise for the Glenroy dog park from 6th November – 9th December 2022:

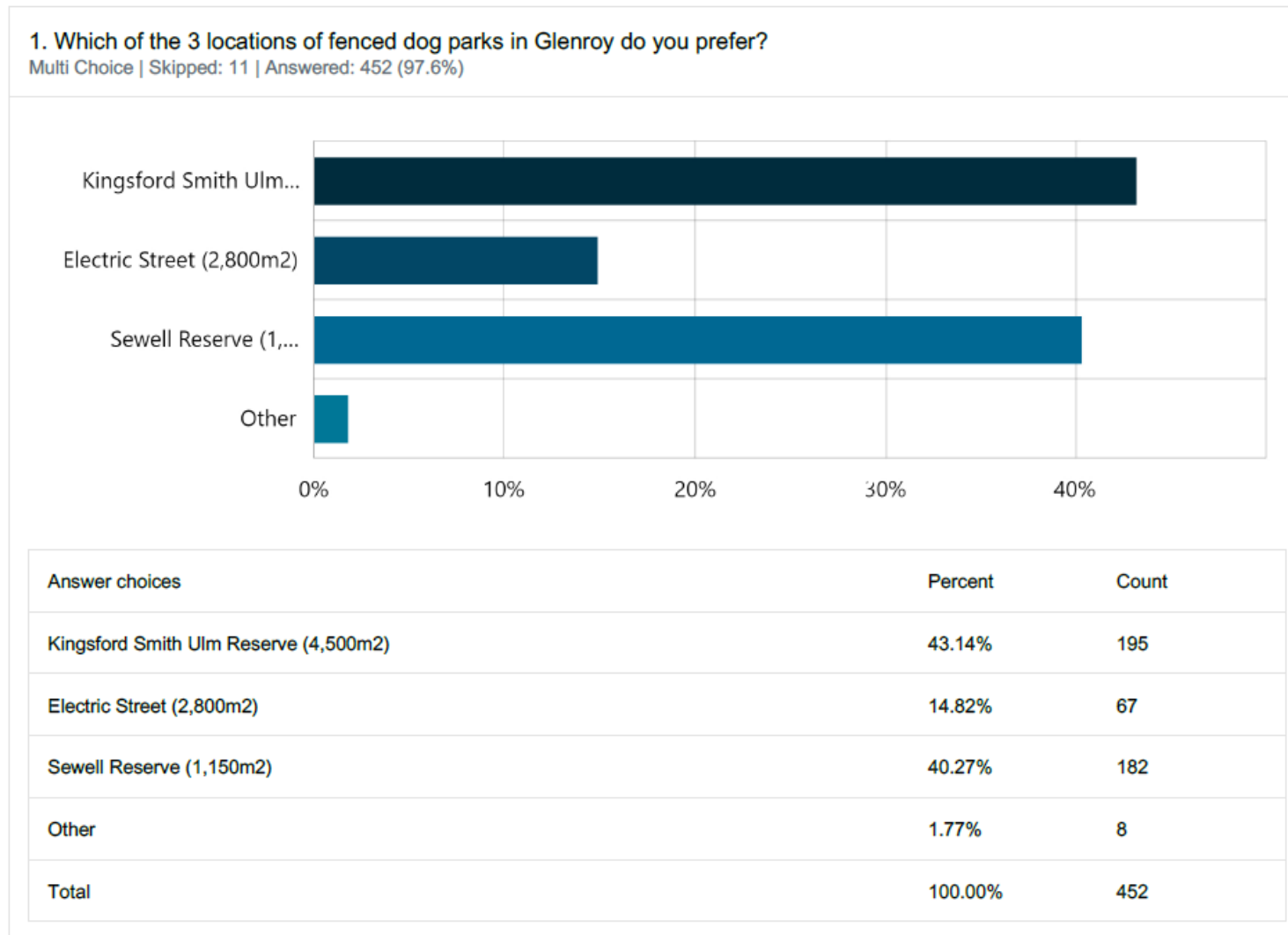


Figure 4: Graph showing votes for each of the three possible locations.

Feedback
It allows the whole family, including our dog, to enjoy a trip to the park with something for everyone to do.
Must have 2 separate parks one for small & one for bigger dogs like in Strathmore. Less problems between the dogs.. More grass would be wonderful also, the area I believe is much safer as it has more people around & houses & cafes to have a coffee in West St.. This area is a WINNER 🏆
Water for dogs
A lot of the community walk their dogs around the golf course block. It would be great to have a dog park as well for the dogs to socialise as well as meeting other dog owners.
This is a perfect location as it has a growing community happening already
Doggy bags and bins. Also drinking taps with a drinking bowl for dogs. Thus location is ideal as it has many people who bring dogs to the oval and play but it becomes a hassle for newer dogs with no fence to teach them in
I think option 3 is the best option out of all 3 proposed. Sewell reserve in my mind checks all of the positives off. While smaller than the others, I think that is wholly offset by all the other positives. I think key to this one is its location in Glenroy (easy to access), additionally, the amount of parking is really good. I think the last thing I'd want to do as a dog owner is impose my animals on residents and the potential noise they could make playing/barking with other dogs. I think options 1 and 2 would be bad for those residents given the proximity the park would have to them. Additionally, both option 1 and 2 are located in very tight residential streets which may make traffic an issue for those streets. I think Sewell is very easy to access with the car and is also close to the great council amenities already in place such as the new community hub in Wheat Sheaf Road. This will really make central Glenroy a destination.
Great community hub in this space and would plenty of foot traffic and dogs already in the area that frequent the football oval so a great suggestion.
Should include some bench seats. Either Kingsford Smith or Sewell Reserve are my preferred options
Parking and Also close to cafes to get coffee while dog plays
Please also consider GE Clark reserve behind the playground in Kalang Rd
The location of the park meets all the boxes. Additionally, it will reduce local traffic and parking on streets such as Loongana Ave (Kingsford Smith) and Electric Street. Furthermore, the dog park won't be located near any residents. I think it will be unfair to place an active dog park right behind housing that the other two options propose. Sewell Reserve has everything that would be needed such as ample parking, passive surveillance and great additional amenity. Makes sense to place the park here.
This dog park appeals to me as I live East of Pascoe Vale road, have a dog and our closest fenced dog park means a tedious drive. I also think it would be a great use of the space available at the reserve, its unlikely that anything else practical could go in this space at the reserve. I also think that day to day use of the sporting grounds would improve as when there is sports happening there is nowhere close to run your dog without traffic.
Good community area already used by many dogs and owners. Convenient
🐾 water for the dogs 🐾 is the most important thing. Thanks
Sewell Rd is my preference

I have chosen Sewell Reserve for many reasons.
Closest to me
it'd be such a slay
I have previously recommended this site to the council. Having a designated off lead area at Sewell reserve will reduce conflict between dogs and sporting events. It's also a great location for a range of family activities at the one site.
Kids can also play at the basketball courts or playground.
More dog parks need to be set up so that all residents of Merri-bek can access them easily.
Kingsford Smith Ulm is a beautiful space for families but it does get crowded when people drive to the park, not much parking making it congested in our side streets. There are currently many irresponsible dog owners that frequent this park, with many attacks reported. I fear what a dog park may bring and fear for the safety of the many kids and families that use the park. I certainly won't be taking my dog there for fear of an attack. Hence the reason I've chosen another local park as the preferred option, with more open public space, I'll feel safer taking my dog to Sewell Reserve.
Close to sports park for kids to play as well. Netball and basketball courts.
Sewell Reserve...or even better Kalang Rd Glenroy Reserve doesn't get used for anything.. that would be the best.
Some drinking water access / pet water bowls and litter bags / bins
It's in the middle of the three suburbs plus easy access and parking
Local and in the ideal spot next to the footy oval skate park and golf course. Great vibe and safe off the road
Good location walking distance to shops
Location is good. Thank you for considering a dog park in Glenroy.
While smaller this is the superior site.
Glenroy is so big ... it actually should have two, on each side of Pascoe Vale Rd to provide for its community.
Poo bag station and drinking fountain
I live at 85 Loongana Ave, Glenroy VIC 3046 backs onto Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve and the designed park is along our back fences. The noise is a big concern for me if you chose that option. Poor maintenance is also a big concern as things don't get maintained very well in our area I would much prefer it to be at I would much prefer it to be Sewell Reserve.
Option 2 is too close to the railway and ringroad. It is not pleasant to bring dogs there
Tap & water bowl, good fencing & gates, sufficient bins
It would be nice to have a dog park that is in the centre of Glenroy and not all the way down the west side of Glenroy, I'm in Hadfield so I definitely wouldn't use it if it's that far away.
Water tap/bowl with good drainage around. Some other dog parks get muddy puddles due to lack of drainage. A good amount of seating/benches for owners. Secure fencing all around. Dog poo bags at the gates (so that it gives dog owners no excuse to pick up after their pets). Good lighting at night/after dark. (My current dog park has no lighting, very inconvenient for those who can only take their pets out in the evening/after sunset)

It's very close to amenities and doctors and doctors
Shaded area is important, most people will bring their dogs out in nicer weather which will inevitably mean sunny / bright or clear days where UV is high.
We would prefer the Sewell Reserve option , it would benefit the current family friendly ammenities and also hopefully restrict the amount of loose dogs on the actual playing oval . We take our family onto the oval and we are always hindered by loose dogs and droppings . By having this area for dogs it would also provide an area for those that also use the playing oval with no respect for others .
Good grass is important for any dog park! As dirt can easily become muddy, and dogs can get very dirty and this may deter people bringing their dogs to the park!
This seems a more central location even if the space available is smaller.
Fenced in dog parks with separate areas for small and large dogs. The two gate entry to ensure that dogs do not escape. Away from play equipment to ensure children do not get too close to fencing and facilities to dispose of dog refuse. More green spaces with off leash for dogs are needed around the Hadfield area.
Sewell Reserve offers good shade, is in a relatively built up area and has a community feel to it. Areas with no or little natural shade are inappropriate, as dogs get easily overheated when playing and the sandy ground becomes boiling hot in summer (I won't take my dog to Alf Pearce Reserve in Strathmore anymore because the ground gets so hot it strips her paw pads). Also, dog parks can get very creepy when you're a woman. I would be less inclined to attend the other two locations because they feel very isolated.
I think this is a great spot for the dog park for multiple reasons. A number of people walk their dog around the Golf Course (Glenroy Road, Cardinal, Pascoe St & West St), this dog park would be on that route and allow for people to take their dogs to this section. Given it is close to already established sporting facilities, families can enjoy these facilities together, while bringing their dog along to enjoy the fenced off area. The footy oval itself is a great area, however when footy training is on, it is unusable for dog walkers. This would allow people to still use this park with their dogs. It may even encourage more local support for the footy team.
Centrally located to service the hadfield area.
Would help to keep dogs and sports people separated and help to keep dog droppings off the ground. Also less arguments with people re dogs of leash during training times
Sewell Reserve makes complete sense as a dog park. For starters, it will take dogs off the football field leaving the field clean of dog faeces which will improve hygiene and safety for children and players using the field, as it will encourage people to use the dog park located adjacent to the field. Sewell Reserve also makes sense given its central access being located on Glenroy Road and very good parking capacity. Its location means that it is under very good passive surveillance when compared to the other options. Council's preferred option of Kingsford Smith doesnt make a lot of sense. It is located next door to residents, its more difficult to get to given the narrow roads that lead to it and lack of parking capacity. Furthermore, Kingsford Smith is a lot more quieter and doesnt really have the safety aspect that Sewell Reserve offers. All in all, I believe Sewell Reserve gives the possible outcome. While I acknowledge its smaller when compared to the other options, the benefits of locating the park here far outweigh that smaller size. Its location should be the preferred option. Having it located nearby to Council Library on Wheatsheaf Rd will really make this central part of Glenroy the leisure centre for the suburb in my view. Will mean that families can bring the dog, the kids can use the skatepark/basketball fields etc.

This fenced in dog park would almost complete the fantastic hub that has become that area. It makes me smile when I drive past and see so many different people until using that area!
A good space there already for this next to the Glenroy football club. It could even extend a bit further to the big grass space in front of the netball courts or a 1/3 of that space also?
I think Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve would be the wrong choice. Not located on a main road, behind peoples houses and accessibility isnt good. It is a very suburban location which have houses backing right onto the park. Whereas Sewell ticks all the boxes and wont be a hinderance to people who live there. Additionally, good accesability being on Glenroy Rd and ample parking. Additionally, a multitude of facilities for families to enjoy ie. Dog park as well as basketball courts etc. It would make Sewell Reserve the go to place for families in Glenroy.
Behind the wil wil rook pre-school and adjacent to the Glenroy special school would be my preference due to size and area already fenced off. Shaded because of existing trees. 2nd option would be Sewell reserve, although small, i don't particularity want a dog park next to the highway
the others are too far away
Kalang Rd, Glenroy GE Clarke Reserve would be a better option for a fenced dog park. It already has an existing playground and water fountain. Many locals already meet here with their dogs and a more formal space would be of great benefit to families to include the playground with the safety of a fenced off dog area. With the addition of a toilet block and some shade this would be the perfect location that can service Glenroy and Oak Park.
As long as it's accessible and have heaps of space for big dogs to run around. Needs to have doggy poo bags and bins all around.
Shared trail is around and massive space for walking around. There is also car packing next to it and a park near by, which is convenient from walking distance. Thank you very much !
Gervase Ave reserve!!!
High fences 1.8m with gate so it is secure. Water fountain and poop bag dispenser. This location already has carparking with the station so close and the walking track adjacent.
First one is not even on a flat. Second is near the highway. Third is too small.
Sewell Reserve is closest to me
Option 3
I prefer Option 2, It is away from playgrounds and children areas. It does not interfere with birds habitat and is easy to access.
This area needs something like this, the other site in Glenroy is already well developed with things for people. It is the perfect place right near the creek and with the re development of the reserve will have great amenities

7c Draft Concept Plan Consultation

Draft concept plan posters and postcards will be displayed here once ready.

7d Draft Concept Plan Consultation Response

Draft concept plan feedback will be displayed here once draft concept plan consultation stage has closed.

7e Final Concept Plan

An image of the final concept plan will be added here when the final concept plan has been developed.