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**From:** noreply=ballina.nsw.gov.au@mg.paperform.co on behalf of Ballina Shire Council <noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 7:20 PM  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Documents on Exhibition - Companion Animals Management Plan

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2021-08-11 19:19:54

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Yes

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No

**Please provide further comments if you wish.**

Currently the park provides a place for children to go and play without having to cross any busy roads. Removal of the play equipment will reduce opportunity for families within walking distance to take their children to a close and safe park.

The addition of a dog park so close to housing will be disruptive with noise and faecal mess and would go against the quiet suburban nature of this area.

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Yes

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

No

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We (my Fiance, Puppy and I) would prefer an off lead dog area in the new sports ground area not next to other houses. We would like dog exercise equipment the same as the Ballina dog park has just been provided with. To stimulate the dogs and help with training them etc. Not just a free for all place for dogs to run off lead. We think this park is too small for a decent dog park and should be upgraded to include and all weather shelter and more play equipment for kids and families living on [REDACTED] Rifle Range Rd too.

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**From:** noreply=ballina.nsw.gov.au@mg.paperform.co on behalf of Ballina Shire Council  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Documents on Exhibition - Companion Animals Management Plan

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Yes

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Yes

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I believe and agree certain locations dogs should not be prohibited for environment reasons such as protection of other wildlife. However the rule that dogs should be 10 Meters from where a child participates in sport is unreasonable dogs should be allowed to accompany a family to watch sports be placed on a leash. I know members of the

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community are pushing for this to be a prohibited area which I and a large number of other communities members disagree. I believe the focus needs to be on owners responsibilities not on prohibiting dogs.

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**Submitted At**

2021-07-06 14:41:36

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Companion Animals Management Plan

**Your Name**

Andrea Michelle Lems

**Phone Number**

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**Your email?**

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**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes.

**Please provide any suggestions for improvement.**

A fantastic idea as there are not enough dog parks/places in the Ballina Shire.

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Yes

**Please provide further comments if you wish.**

The only problem that I can see is the childrens play area being moved. Where is it being moved to, as it should not just be demolished and disadvantage the children living in the area. It should be placed somewhere else so that they are outdoors, and not on their screens instead! Also someone on Council needs to build a park JUST for little dogs. Mixed dog parks are an accident waiting to happen (like The Spit in Ballina near the Sailing Club).

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I agree

**Submission ID**

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**From:** Rob <robweaver01@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 July 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Killarney Park Wollongbar off-leash dog area proposal  
**Categories:** Kellie, EHO/Compliance

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As ratepayers and residents of Hellyar Drive—our street front is directly opposite the entrance to Cornwall Place—we were surprised that we were not informed about this proposal.

Our comments are as follows:

1. It is a small park, regularly used by children and senior citizens. Where would residents, young and old, go instead? The Sporting Fields, an excellent facility, are too far for many people to walk. And too isolated for children to use by themselves. Nor would you want small children crossing busy Rifle Range Road to get to the soon to be completed park abutting Plateau Drive.
2. Killarney Park is closely bordered by houses except along Rifle Range Road. The noise of dogs barking as they run around could prove a major annoyance to residents at the top end of Cornwall place or whose homes back onto the park from Hellyar Drive.
3. There are only four available parking spaces, which means that any vehicles in excess of that number would have to park in Cornwall Place—perhaps overflowing into Hellyar Drive. Is there a plan to increase the number of parking spaces or just have vehicles park in the street?
4. Most local residents with dogs walk them along Hellyar Drive and Elvery Lane—joint exercise for both owners and dogs. I doubt that most would be prepared to give up this joint exercise.
5. If council is looking for an off-leash area, a better place would be the flat area to the right on Elvery Lane as you enter the Sporting Fields from the direction of Ramses Street. We've never seen anyone use that area and it could easily be fenced off. It also has the advantages of being away from houses and there is plenty of parking space available further up the lane.
6. We believe Council should review this proposal for all of the reasons stated above.

Robert & Rosemary Weaver  
6 Hellyar Drive, Wollongbar 2477  
0418 791 039

**From:** Niven John <johnandhelenniven@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021 11:13 AM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Killarney Park Wollongbar

**Categories:** Kellie, EHO/Compliance

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Good morning

I would like to protest most strongly to the proposed off-leash dog exercise area at Killarney Park, Wollongbar.

We live almost adjacent to the park and think it is a wonderful spot for families with children to come and enjoy the facilities in a safe environment. Many times we hear the happy sounds of children enjoying themselves in the outdoors and it seems to be a venue for childrens' parties as well.

Please do not go ahead with this proposal, surely there is somewhere at the nearby largely under utilised sports grounds for the off-leash dog exercise area.

Yours faithfully

Helen Niven  
84 Hellyar Drive  
Wollongbar  
0412153038

**From:** Robert Fagan - Gmail <robertjohnfagan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 July 2021 8:16 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Proposed Off Leash Dog Area - Killarney Park, Wollongbar  
**Categories:** Kellie, EHO/Compliance

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Attention: Joe Sabine  
Team Leader Rangers  
Planning and Environmental Health Division

This email is in reference to your letters of 28 June and 9 July concerning a proposed off leash dog area at Killarney Park, Wollongbar.

My comments on this proposal are as follows:

The play area is used by small children from around Cornwall Place and Helyar Street and it would be a shame to see the Council removing such a facility. This would necessitate them going to the skate park area on the other side of the busy Rifle Range Road.

The park is bordered by houses on two sides and a dog park so close will no doubt be a problem for them with regard to the noise of dogs barking (which they like to do). This could possibly affect the properties values.

The park is relatively small and it is doubtful that there would be adequate room, especial if people brought larger dogs there.

It would be only a few months before the smell of urine and faeces becomes apparent, while most people carry bags there are always some who do not adhere to this practice. I'm sure the Council does not want to be providing Rangers to police this.

With only four car parking spaces, this would be an inadequate number and would lead to Cornwall Place becoming filled with parked cars that may overflow onto Hellyar Drive.

I would think the flat area to the right of Elvery Lane as you approach the Sporting Fields would be the best place for an off leash dog area. It could be fence quite cheaply and given that very few people use the area it would not be an inconvenience to local residents.

I believe the Council should reconsider it's plan based on the above reasons. It should also consider using the Elvery Lane sporting fields area as an alternative as this does not a lot of use at the moment.

Yours sincerely

Rob Fagan

4 Cornwall Place  
Wollongbar 2477

**From:** gwh38330@bigpond.net.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 July 2021 12:34 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] FW: Concept Plan Proposed for Killarney Park  
**Categories:** EHO/Compliance

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**From:** gwh38330@bigpond.net.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 July 2021 9:41 AM  
**To:** 'pehd@ballina.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Concept Plan Proposed for Killarney Park

Dear Joe,

In regard to the concept plan for Killarney Park in Wollongbar, to become a dog-exercise area, I wish to voice my strong objection. The park and its equipment is regularly used by many small children, grandparents and by families in general. It has wonderful, safe access from the local area and should be continued in its present usage. To access the new park (when completed) over the road, would mean that people, especially those with small children, must cross the very busy Rifle Range Road. I am a close-by resident and I have used the park every day and see its constant usage over the 17 years I have lived in the area.

I suggest that instead of taking down very useful play equipment in the existing park and spoiling a currently much needed recreation area, that the dog-off leash area should instead go the Wollongbar Sports fields and be set up on what was to have been the area for the skate park. People who own dogs (as I have done for many years) would find the walk to the sport fields easy and accessible. Such an off-leash area would be much bigger and more appropriate to the run needs of dogs. It would also take it away from a residential area.

I reiterate my strong objections to the current concept plan for Killarney Park.

Regards,

Gerri White (Mrs HG White)  
86 Hellyar Drive  
Wollongbar 2477



## 8.3 Companion Animals Management Plan - Adoption

**From:** Rachael Jenner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 July 2021 10:37 AM  
**To:** Kerri Watts  
**Subject:** PHM: Lyn Rice - Proposed Off leash dog area Wollongbar - 0427 285 314

Hi Kerri,

Today I took a call from Lyn Rice who lives at 3/9 Cornwell Place Wollongbar. Her property adjoins the park and the proposed new footpath would run along her side fence. She raised the following concerns for your consideration;

- Fencing construction – she would prefer a see through fence so they can still enjoy the view of the park from their property
- Concern the proximity of an off leash area will affect her property value
- Dog faeces may not get picked up resulting in a smell
- Having the footpath near her fence may result in a 1 metre strip that does not get maintained very well as they don't whipper snip along her fence line now when mowing the park.

I advised her to put her concerns in writing to Council.

No need to call her back and I will save this email into CM and task it to you.

Regards

P.O. Box 3045  
 3/9 Cornwall Place  
 Wollongbee NSW  
 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Mr James Kelly  
 Planning Division  
 Ballina Shire Council  
 P.O. Box 450  
 Ballina NSW 2478

Re Killarney Park Wollongbee

Dear Mr James,

Today I spoke with Rachel from your department, and outlined my concerns about the proposed off-leash dog exercise area at Killarney Park, which are as follows:

1. Type of fencing
2. Maintenance of area between my boundary & proposed path
3. Dog faeces

Concern number one was addressed by Rachel who said she thinks the fence along the path will be a mesh fence. I hope this is the case, as my husband and I want to see into the park. The path was the narrow one bought the block of land approx 18 years ago. We have enjoyed living here ever since, seeing people cross crossing the path, some with dogs, some with children. The playground has been a big well used one. There are school children and their parents there every day. It seems a backward step to replace it with a dog area, which is a poor substitute for a thriving people area.

Concern number two is about the area between our boundary and the path, this needs to be maintained so as not to be an eyesore. My fear is an eyesore now, because

the grass on the park side of our fence has not been trimmed for months, although the opposite side is always trimmed. When I complained about this a few years ago, it was sprayed so thoroughly it killed some of our lawn as well.

Concern number three regarding dog faeces is a health and odour concern. Dog faeces smell and dog faeces breed blowflies. The park is surrounded on all sides by other houses, as well as ours. It's unhealthy, surely to put a "dog toilet" in the middle of suburbia. People are supposed to pick up their dogs faeces, I know, but why don't! We see this frequently in the park now with dogs on leashes. Imagine the smell and flies when the park can't be mowed because of rain, it's not mowed frequently enough now.

We are the residents who will be most affected by this change, with our dining room the closest to the park, and the closest to smell & blowflies, a walking path a metre from our boundary with a nicely maintained area between, and the ambience of our lovely child & people friendly park gone.

I would like to see you face to face for further discussion.

Open air only

(Mrs) Lynn Price

0427 295314

P.S. Having a park to my friends I was reminded of the main factor from an off-leash dog park. This dog area we got a letter from the council to say our dog's barking was disturbing neighbours. Izzy was only one dog and it was only daytime barking whenever we were out.

But you are aware that the new Sports Ground/Wallaby is being used exclusively as an off-leash dog area? This would be a hell of a better place to have an off-leash area.   
 Wallaby's Council's consultation needs this playground/park left as is. P.V

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**From:** Doug Lipscomb <douglip800@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 August 2021 6:46 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Cc:** Paul Hickey; Councillor David Wright; Councillor Eoin Johnston; Councillor Sharon Parry; Councillor Ben Smith; Councillor Keith Williams; Councillor Sharon Cadwallader; Councillor Stephen McCarthy; Councillor Phil Meehan; Councillor Jeff Johnson; Councillor Nathan Willis  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] RE: Proposed Wollongbar Dog Park  
**Categories:** Maria, EHO/Compliance

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Attn James Kelly

Acting Team Leader Rangers

Planning and Environmental Health Division

Sir,

Please find the enclosed letter from Mrs Lyn Rice from 3/9 Cornwall Place Wollongbar.

They don't have a computer!

She asked me to forward her letter to you via email, because the correspondence she originally posted to you dated 20<sup>th</sup> July has not been responded to!

**I would like to point out three very relevant things I noticed in her correspondence.**

**1. You are calling this park Killarney Park, yet there is no signage anywhere calling it by this name.**

**Correct me if I am wrong, but the new subdivision at back of Tectona Place is being called Killarney Park. All very confusing!!!!!!**

**2. She is so concerned with this matter that she asks for a face to face meeting with you.**

**3. She points out that some years ago council contacted her about a previous dog she had that was sometimes barking.**

**How ironic you now want to stick a dog park right next door to their residence.**

It would be greatly appreciated if you would treat this couple with some respect!

Faithfully

Doug Lipscomb

P.O. Box 3045  
 3/9 Cornwall Plc  
 Wollongbee NSW  
 26.09 July 2021

Mr James Kelly  
 Planning Division  
 Ballina Shire Council  
 P.O. Box 450  
 Ballina NSW 2478

The Kildenny Path Wollongbee

Dear Mr James,

Today I spoke with Rachel from your department, outlined my concerns about the proposed off-leash dog exercise at Kildenny Path, which are as follows.

1. Type of fencing
2. Maintenance of area between my boundary & proposed
3. Dog fences

Concern number one was addressed by Rachel who she thinks the fence along the path will be a mesh fence. I hope the case, as my husband and I want to see into the path. The path was the reason we bought the block of land 18 years ago. We have enjoyed living here ever since, see people exercising the path, some with dogs, some with children. The playground has been a very well used one we are local children, and their parents check every day. It is a beachside which to replace it with a dog area, which is a poor substitute for a relaxing people area.

Concern number two is about the area between our boundary and the path, this needs to be maintained so as not to be an eyesore. My own fence is an expense now, there

the grass on the south side of our fence has not been trimmed for months, although the opposite side is all trimmed. When I complained about this a few years ago we sprayed, so thoroughly it killed some of our lawn well.

Concern number three regarding dog faeces is a health order concern. Dog faeces smell and dog faeces blow blowflies. The path is surrounded on all sides by lawns, as well as ours. It's unhealthy, surely to put a "dog toilet" in the middle of suburban. People supposed to pick up their dog's faeces, I know, but I don't! We see this frequently in the path now with it on lawns. Imagine the smell and flies when the path can't be mowed because of rain, it's not mowed frequently now.

We are the residents who will be most affected by this change, with our dining room the closest to a path, and the closest to smell & blowflies, a weathering a metre from our boundary with a poorly maintained area between, and the absence of our lovely child-friendly path gone.

I would like to see you face to face for further discussion.

Yours sincerely  
(Mrs) Lynn Price

0422 295314

P.S. Having spoken to my friends I was reminded of the issue from an off-leash dog park. The dog eyes we get a bit of it, cannot do dog dog, but they were disturbingly unpleasant, only one dog and it was very daytime barking whenever we were there. You are aware that the new Sports Ground/Woollybilly dog and activity area is an off-leash dog area? This would be a

**From:** noreply=ballina.nsw.gov.au@mg.paperform.co on behalf of Ballina Shire Council  
<noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 25 July 2021 10:22 AM  
**To:** sr\_oz@me.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Documents on Exhibition - Companion Animals Management Plan

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**Submitted At**

2021-07-25 10:22:23

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**Your Name**

stephen roberts

**Phone Number**

0409372437

**Your email?**

sr\_oz@me.com

**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes

**Please provide any suggestions for improvement.**

I am providing feedback on the proposed future off-leash dog exercise area identified in the plan at Killarney Park Wollongbar.

This area is unsuitable for so many reasons some of which I mention below:

- it is far too small
- it is too close to residential housing backing on to several house fencelines
- there is insufficient parking in a small cul-de-sac and on Rifle Range Road

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- it involves removing a childrens play area used by local residents who can walk there
- there is a much more suitable area in Wollongbar that has none of these issues

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

Yes

**Please provide further comments if you wish.**

The alternative suggested dog offleash exercise area ,identified in the attachment, is already designated for onleash and could easily be fenced and made available for offleash use with enough room for seating and shade provision making this a first class facility with no local adverse impact.

**Do you need to attach something?**

[wollongbar\\_offleash.png](#)

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I agree

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**From:** robyn hills <robynhills669@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 July 2021 10:38 AM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Killarney Park Wollongbar - proposed off leash dog park  
**Categories:** Kellie, EHO/Compliance

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Subject: Killarney Park - Wollongbar - proposed off leash dog park

Dear Mr Kelly,

I am one of the residents that live in very close proximity to this park and I wish to express my opposition to this community project.

1/ we are already under great stress with the skatepark which is diagonal to our Villa...my own dog barks to protect our property but we keep her under control. When the skatepark opens and with increasing car parking along Ramses road, her barking will increase and we will need to keep more control over her. We are part of a body corporate and maintaining peace is a priority and an off leash dog park thrown into the mix will see her doing her nut barking at all the other dogs, placing even more stress in our lives. My dog will not benefit from this park as she has been attacked in the past and is fearful of other dogs.

2/ the dogs in our street all bark and this will increase

3/ Villa 1 has elderly residents and the proposed new walk way will encroach on their privacy. Their dog will be barking more.

4/ dog bags and bins maybe supplied but people still don't pick up after their dogs.

5/ would prefer the park to remain one as a place for little ones to play and an on lead walk through park as it is now.

6/ we need to cope with increased trucks and traffic, skate park, increased cars parked outside our Villa on Ramses Rd.

7/ Wollongbar Sportsfield is under-utilised and has plenty of space for an off leash area. I do not see why everything has to be placed within the residential area. God knows what the skatepark is going to bring as far as nighttime activity, noise and bad behaviour. It's all too much.

Yours sincerely

Robyn Hills

[1/9 Cornwall Pl, Wollongbar](#)

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**From:** Robyn Gilmore <robyn.gilmore@dpi.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 August 2021 12:01 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Proposed off-leash dog exercise area at Killarney Park, Wollongbar - No thank you

**Categories:** Maria, EHO/Compliance

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Dear Joe

I object to the proposed off-leash dog exercise area for the following reasons:

- I have great pleasure taking my grandchildren to that park each week and as I walk through it daily, many other parents and children use the park.
- I strongly object because of the cost involved in dismantling the play equipment then the cost of fencing the area.
- I have asked many dog owners over the past few weeks what they think of the idea and they just laugh and say it is way too small an area. They take their dogs out to the new sports area or to the area in Gap Road Alstonville.
- There are only 4 car spaces for that park which would be inadequate if it was used by people who drive their animals there. I can see our street crowded with cars coming and going.
- I also object because of the disruption strange dogs will have on all the dogs in our street and surrounding the park. They all bark as dogs pass through our street, so imagine the noise if they dogs stay in the park and play and exercise.
- Not all dog owners pick up after their pooches, especially if they don't see them do their business, so I imagine there will be a smell and fly issue as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion. No one I have talked to has thought it appropriate or a good idea. Please, please listen to the people and leave it as it is.

sincerely

**ROBYN GILMORE  
2/2 CORNWALL AVENUE  
WOLLONGBAR 2477**

## 8.3 Companion Animals Management Plan - Adoption

**From:** Brad Gilmore <happygilly84@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 7 August 2021 2:33 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Proposed off-leash dog exercise area at Killarney Park, Wollongbar

**Categories:** Maria, EHO/Compliance

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Dear Joe,

I strongly object to the proposed off-leash exercise area for the following reasons:

- I have great pleasure taking my grandchildren to that park each week and as I walk through it daily, many other parents and children use the park.
- The cost involved in dismantling the play equipment, in addition to the cost of fencing the area for dogs.
- I have asked many dog owners over the past few weeks what they think of the idea and they just laugh and say it is way too small an area. They take their dogs out to the new sports area in Wollongbar or to the Gap Road Alstonville hockey fields.
- There are only 4 car spaces for that park which would be inadequate if it was used by people who drive their animals there. I can see our street crowded with cars coming and going.
- I also object because of the disruption strange dogs will have on all the dogs in our street and surrounding the park. They all bark as dogs pass through our street, so imagine the noise if their dogs stay in the park and play and exercise.
- Not all dog owners pick up after their pooches, especially if they don't see them do their business, so I imagine there will be a smell and fly issue as well.

As a rate payer I appreciate the opportunity to share my opinion. Of all my neighbours I have spoken to none have thought it was a good idea or an appropriate use of space and council resources.

Please listen to the community members of the surrounding dwellings and leave it as it is.

Sincerely,  
Robyn Gilmore  
2/2 Cornwall Place  
Wollongbar NSW 2477

**From:** noreply=ballina.nsw.gov.au@mg.paperform.co on behalf of Ballina Shire Council <noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 8 August 2021 3:34 PM  
**To:** mbagallaway@gmail.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Documents on Exhibition - Companion Animals Management Plan

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## Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

**Submitted At**

2021-08-08 15:33:31

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**Your Name**

Merilyn Galloway

**Phone Number**

0414857441

**Your email?**

mbagallaway@gmail.com

**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes

**Please provide any suggestions for improvement.**

As one of the objectives of Council's policy is 'To provide opportunities for dog and cat owners that assist them to maximize their enjoyment of their pets without affecting the comfort of others.' I am respectfully asking Council to ban dogs at junior sporting events. The presence of dogs can be very, psychologically, distressing for some children and it seems, incredibly wrong that they should not be able to play a game without the spectators bringing dogs and affecting their comfort.

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

Yes

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<noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 8 August 2021 1:42 PM  
**To:** hughmonk@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Documents on Exhibition - Companion Animals Management Plan

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**Submitted At**

2021-08-08 13:41:51

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**Your Name**

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**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

No

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As a dog lover the overall plan is very much a dog focus as a major part of the community.

As a parent of a child with a disability and phobia of dogs there is no open green space in central Ballina where we can go to enjoy quality family time as the fear of dogs keep as

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prisoners to our yard. Also my child plays junior sport in two sporting codes, as there is always dogs present in close proximity to the fields/courts she becomes very anxious and cannot focus on the game which is not fair to her or her team mates and has caused her injury, this is an activity she should be able to enjoy free from fear. As dogs are unpredictable and often dog owners are preoccupied with the game, they are often free to wander as they please or they are just let off their leads. We do regularly seek out areas where dogs are prohibited, but every time we do some always shows up with a dog and when we approach them and politely tell them this a dog prohibited area, we get abused. I do recognise that dogs are a major part of the community and they have many attributes to the health and well being of there owners but as a parent of a child with a phobia of dogs we feel isolated and not included and able to participate in the community. So we are asking for dogs to be banned from junior sport and that there is one green space in central Ballina that is a dog free zone.

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Yes

**Please provide any suggestions for improvement.**

A document that affects so many people in the community should have been advertised widely

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

No

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To the Ballina Shire Councillors,

I ask that you prohibit dogs at all sports grounds when junior sport is playing or training. The benefits of both sport, and dog ownership have been well researched and there are many positives. What is not widely known or understood is the phobia some people have of dogs.

My daughter has a phobia of dogs. It is a very difficult phobia to live with and to be in the community with. A phobia of dogs can be devastating, limiting contact with dog-owning friends and relatives, and stopping normal activities. Dogs can be found in almost any public space, making a fear of dogs particularly distressing and debilitating.

Trust is a huge part of being able to live with a phobia. Trust that people will not take their dog to dog prohibited areas. Trust that the person walking past will keep the dog on the left side of the footpath as they walk past, trust that the person will not take their dog off the lead, trust that the child running around with their dog will not drop the lead and allow the dog to run, trust that sport can be played outdoors without fear.

We have broken our daughters trust many times as inevitably the above trusts are always broken. We have been to dog prohibited areas many times over the years to have to leave because someone has brought their dog. As children we are taught to respect people's personal space yet because dogs like to sniff, many dog owners allow their dog to lead the way into people's personal space without regard for the person therefore making it difficult to walk or ride on any of the beautiful walking tracks the council have provided.

Sport is one outdoor activity my daughter should be able to feel calm, protected and have fun! Unfortunately, this is not the case. People come with their dogs and will let them off the lead to socialise with another dog, an adult does not have effective control as the child is running around with the dog on a lead. Some people come and sit with their dog on a lead to watch the game, yes seemingly harmless but when they are only sitting 2 meters from the court and you need to run right past with an extreme fear of dogs, you won't. Adults are very predictable around sport; they are there to watch the game and maybe chat amongst themselves. Dogs are not predictable at a sporting field, they are not watching the game, they are watching other dogs, birds, movement, anything that catches their eye, they do not see lines drawn on the ground as a boundary to not cross. They can also very quickly escape the hands of a preoccupied owner.

Sporting clubs have many times over the years asked members and spectators to not bring their dogs, but it creates a mixed message when the council signs clearly show it is an on leash dog area.



All the open sporting fields, reserves and parks in central Ballina allow dogs. Yet you can participate in senior league, swimming squad, water polo, tennis, bowls, croquet without dogs. There is not always a sign saying dogs prohibited but society understands because these are fenced areas dogs are prohibited.

There is not one green space or river access in central Ballina that prohibits dogs. We are dog lovers, and my daughter loves dogs from afar. She has a picture of every dog she knows on her door. She wants to be able to enjoy dogs as everyone else does. We have sought professional help for many years and continue to keep working on her phobia.

This is not "we hate dogs", this is a please community be understanding and inclusive.

Dogs are prohibited within 10 meters of children's playgrounds yet there are no signs to tell people this.

We ask that council provide some clear guidelines for the community around sporting fields and dogs being prohibited during games & training.

Kids sport should be inclusive!

You can play a game of netball without a dog but you can't play a game without kids.

I welcome contact regarding this topic and our situation

Kind regards,  
Naomi Monk  
Ballina NSW

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**From:** Scott and Kylie Bullow <bullow1@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 8 August 2021 1:51 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff; Councillor David Wright; Councillor Eoin Johnston; Councillor Ben Smith; Councillor Sharon Parry  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Re: Proposed repurposing of Killarney Park at Wollongbar to an off leash dog exercise Park.  
**Attachments:** IMG\_2965.jpg  
**Categories:** Maria, EHO/Compliance

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To: The Mayor, Councillors and the Planning and Environmental Health Division.

Further to correspondence I have received in relation to the repurposing of Killarney Park to an off leash dog exercise area:

***I strongly object to this proposal*** as do dozens of concerned citizens who I have spoken with in the park, most of whom were unaware of councils plans to repurpose the park and remove the play area.

Killarney Park has been very popular with families and children for many years due to its location, ease of access for local residents and it's safety, particularly for smaller children; with residents, home owners and concerned citizens voicing their concerns regarding the loss of amenity for their family and friends if the proposed changes are approved.

The proposed perimeter fencing as indicated on the plan I feel would be a blight on the landscape, and the park used by a few dog owners.

The noise of dogs socialising and the stench of animal droppings within the park and allocated bins would most certainly be a concern for those residents living close to or walking past the proposed dog park.

Parents have indicated reluctance to allow their children to visit other parks within the area, due to the busy roads they would be required to navigate on foot, bikes and scooters.

I understand a small covered junior play area in the new skate park has been proposed, however with continued development in the area, we now also have hundreds of additional families who now call Wollongbar home.

I would however ask the council to investigate the feasibility of an area within the Wollongbar Sports playing fields (refer attached photo). The area within the photo, as with most off lead areas does not have residential housing around its perimeter, so noise and objectionable smells should not be an issue. Furthermore the access road would enable waste materials to be easily collected by council waste collectors as well as the site having adequate parking facilities available for people wishing to use the facilities.

As a dog owner myself, I'm not against the principle of off leash areas, however I don't believe the cost benefit of this proposal at Killarney Park has merit. We have a fabulous, well frequented child friendly play space at Killarney Park, which should be maintained for the benefit of local residents and families.

I look forward to a response from Ballina Shire Council representatives regarding my concerns, before I consider pursuing other options including legal pathways.

Thanks you for your time,

Regards Scott Bullow

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**From:** Kris Whitney VK2KWW <vk2mrn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 August 2021 6:44 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] proposed Dog Park - Killarney Park Wollongbar

**Categories:** Maria, EHO/Compliance

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Dear Sir/Madam

We the residents of 82 Hellyar Drive Wollongbar are DEEPLY against the conversion of a good local childrens suburban park into a dog only park for the following reasons.

- Dog manure will not be collected by Council staff before mowing (we presume) and the cloud of dust which flows out of the park during mowing is already of great concern to the residents. Therefore my property will constantly be showered by dog manure dust!. Please ensure the manure is collected by staff/contractor before mowing is conducted, and preferably once per week.
- Dog poo collection points will become smelly and attract flies.
- Our Colourbond fence borders this park and from the proposed plan there is no dog fence inbound, and therefore separating our property from the dog run area. This will lead to balls and other dog toys striking our fence with nuisance noise and damage to our fence will detract from our quality of life and peace at home. Please ensure a visual/noise barrier is buffering the park where it abuts other properties. The dogs of the park may push open our fence, causing dangerous situations.
- Dogs in the park will disturb our dogs and all dogs around the area. This will detract from our quality of life due to incessant noise & heightened anxiety of dogs living in the area.
- We own two large dogs which will constantly be stimulated to bark due to the proximity and lack of separating visual/sound suppression barrier. Please ensure a suitable barrier is included in your final plans.
- The inevitable removal of the current children's play area will negatively affect those families with small children around the park area. Yes, the new park being built will supersede this park, it is still a loss to those families who are close to the park.
- We believe there must be better areas not adjacent to residential backyards and more suitable for dog broad open dog leash free parks. What we believe by that is that the proposed park is too close to suburban residents and will be disruptive for all those living in the immediate vicinity. Why not use the land available at the Wollongbar sports complex area as a dog leash free area. This borders no residential area and people are already using this as an open area dog park.
- Why did you not include a dog leash free park area in the new Wollongbar District Park being developed as we speak?
- As this park is NEVER treated for bindis and other lawn pests it is covered in bindis and weeds. We can see no reason why a dog would wish to use this park for three months of the year.
- We bought our house in this area because it was a peaceful and safe area where we could live with our two rescue dogs.
- The proposed park will cause our dogs and us a great deal of stress and anxiety!!!

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**Kris Whitney**  
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VK2KWW

**From:** doreenfarmer@bigpond.com  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 August 2021 9:19 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Re: Dog park

**Categories:** Maria, EHO/Compliance

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**From:** Doreen Farmer on behalf of Doreen Farmer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, Aug 9th 2021 9-15 pm  
**To:** pdhg@ballina.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Dog park

My husband and I are very much against an off lead dog park .There are a lot of elderly people living around this area and certainly do not want a dog park & poop bins  
We bought here because of the quite area .There are lots of little toddlers use this park and all they need is a couple of little swings that would be great. Also it's much to small for a dog park and we do need a toddlers play park. Lots of the blocks are very small and haven't got a decent back yard to put swings and play things .The dog park needs to be out of town a bit.

Ken & Doreen Farmer

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**Your Name**

Tania Daniels

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Yes

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Yes

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on Council's Policy relating to Companion Animals. I cannot see anything in the current policy, and would like Council to consider implementing a standard procedure when deceased companion animals come into their care to ensure all possible and reasonable steps are taken to identify and notify the owners before 'disposal' of the body so that owners may be offered the opportunity to

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conduct their own farewell. I suggest that, at a minimum, animals have their collars checked for identification and be scanned for a microchip, no matter what time of day (weekday, weekend, public holiday or after business hours) the animal comes under Council's care. As a pet owner, if my pet was hit by a car or met some other fate and was collected by Council, I would like to know. I understand it may be difficult to administer, however I strongly feel that pets have invaluable enriched our lives and owners form a strong bond with their companion animal. It only seems fair that a grieving owner is contacted, if they are able to be identified, and be given the opportunity to farewell their beloved family member.

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I agree

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Yes

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

No

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My sister is scared of dogs and it is hard to watch her try and enjoy playing sport when there are dogs that are distracting her and making her worried to the point where she doesn't want to play.

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Sport is supposed to be fun, not spent on the edge the whole time.

Many people will say "It's ok, my dog is friendly. It won't hurt you", but this doesn't help because the thing about phobias is that they can't be rationalised and that fear bypasses rational thinking and goes straight to the amygdala, the part of the brain that processes fear. So even though they are trying to help it won't do anything and she will still be scared.

At Shaws Bay there is a sign showing 'Grass area - on leash' 'Sand & Water - No Dogs'  
Why is there not a sign at sporting grounds showing 'No Dogs During Organised Sport'  
'Dogs on leash all other times'

Lillyana

15 years

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No

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

No

**Please provide further comments if you wish.**

I want dogs to go away from Netball and touch football. I am scared of dogs.

I don't want to play when dogs are near the court.

I got hit in the face and was very hurt with a ball because I was watching the dogs.

It is sad when people don't want to understand my fear of dogs.

My team help me and look after me. They all stopped playing during the game until the dog moved away.

I might not play touch football this year because there are so many dogs at the fields.

A dog jumped up on my friend and ate her sausage roll that she was putting in her mouth!

PLEASE NO DOGS AT SPORT

from

Keely Monk

13 years old

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Helen Vaughan

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Yes

**Please provide any suggestions for improvement.**

Prohibited places for dogs - Sports Grounds when sporting activities are on.

Although this policy addresses the positives for animal companionship, of which there are many, it also needs to identify that many people in our community are also not comfortable with dogs.

We firstly need to understand that being uncomfortable around dogs isn't a small problem. Dogs are a big part of our culture. In fact, they are the most common pet, however, 60 % of Australian homes don't have dogs [1]. Many people don't feel comfortable expressing that they don't feel comfortable around dogs. Specific phobia affects over 9% of the population [2] with cynophobia (a fear of dogs) being a common type. It is believed that 1 in 20 people in the general community have a fear of dogs [3]. Specific phobias are even more common in people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). In a study of lifetime prevalence, Leyfer et al. (2006) [4] found that about half of children and young people with ASD were found to meet criteria for a specific phobia. Dog phobias represent a significant part of those specific phobias and because so many dogs are kept as pets, dogs are often encountered taking part in everyday activities, particularly leisure activities in the community. As a result, dogs being present in places would be a significant barrier for many children and young people with ASD and may impede their access to the wider community [5].

The problem with dogs at sport is choice. When people exercise or socialise their dogs in parks for example, a person who feels uncomfortable or a family with a child who is frightened can choose to move away from the dog. At sport there is no choice to move, as the game is happening on that court or field, at that time. You must choose to not participate in order to move away from the dog. It shouldn't be a requirement of children choosing to participate in sport that they are comfortable with dogs. But this is how it currently is. Many children cannot access sport because there are so many dogs present.

If you were swimming in the ocean and there was a shark in the water with you, how far away would the shark need to be to stop looking at it or looking for it? For a child with a dog phobia, they need to know where all the dogs are, they keep looking for them. It's not enough to just move a bit away from the court, there is no distance that feels safe. They must keep checking, just as you would for the shark in the ocean. If the child is looking at the dog, they are not looking at the game and therefore are at great risk of being injured. It is distressing for all of our team having a teammate distressed and fearful on the court. No one believes that she should have to be removed from the court because she is afraid and distracted. It should be the right of all children to feel safe on the court.

Many dog owners believe they have a right to be there. When asked to move further away from the court they get cranky and so many argue about it and some even refuse. On one occasion a parent with a dog sitting just over a meter from the sideline was asked to move

back because a child on the court has a dog phobia, they flatly refused and said "I've come to watch the game and you can't make me". He would have been able to move back onto a grassed area and still have had an unobstructed view of the court.

The ACT have a great policy. People are not permitted to take a dog onto a field or playing area where authorised sport or training is being played or conducted on that field or area. This still allows people and dogs to use the area for exercise and recreation outside of times the space is being used for sport. When sport such as soccer or netball are on it is not the only opportunity a dog owner has to exercise their pet, but that is the only time a child has to participate in that sport. Having dogs at sport excludes some children's participation. It particularly impacts children with ASD who already have enough barriers to accessing sport.

We notice a massive difference in our player with a dog phobia this year. Last year she was an asset to the team. Due to her ASD, she may play the game a little differently but 9 times out of 10 she was free and ready to get the ball. Last year because of COVID restrictions, (only one parent in attendance, distance from court, leave straight after the game) there were no dogs at netball. This year there are always a number of dogs around the courts and Keely spends most of her time on court looking at them. She has been injured a number of times when she was distracted, looking at or for dogs.

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No

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I have attached a photo of me with my dogs. I love dogs, but I'm also aware that many people don't.

It would also be nice if there was a park with a play ground that was restricted to dogs so that families with children who are afraid of dogs could go without stress. 10 meters is too close for a child who is afraid.

**Do you need to attach something?**

[dog photo.jpg](#)

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Yes

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

No

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I have read carefully and considered the Policy – Companion Animals Management Plan (Review)

In keeping with the objectives of the policy

- To provide opportunities for dog and cat owners that assist them to maximize their enjoyment of their pets without affecting the comfort of others.
- To ensure that the activities of owners and their pets do not adversely affect the rest of the community or the environment.

Please prohibit dogs at all sports grounds when junior sport is playing or training. Please declare one park in Central Ballina dog prohibited.

Dogs being present at children's sporting games and training stop children with a dog phobia to be able to participate in and enjoy sports. The benefits of children playing sports are enormous, I would say sport is fundamental for a healthy child in today's society; this is well documented. But what is not widely known within the community is some children and adults have a dog phobia also known as Cynophobia.

Most people that have a fear (spiders, snakes, heights) do not have to face it on a daily basis but those who have Cynophobia (a fear of dogs) are often challenged every day and discriminated against by the wider community and those close to them. People find it hard to believe that someone can have such a fear of "man's best friend", this it is extremely isolating for those involved.

Dog phobias are common in individuals with autism; supporting someone with a dog phobia can be very lonely and devastating. For many children and their families, anxiety can rule their lives as they try to avoid the situations which can trigger their child's fears or phobia. This is incredibly isolating and the child and family find it very hard to access and enjoy their community.

Cynophobia makes something enjoyable like going for a simple walk in the beautiful parks or paths in our community a stressful and anxiety driven exercise.

The government, work places and schools to name a few are increasing their understanding and offering support of mental health; a phobia of dogs is a mental health issue, for the individual and those on the front line.

The council has provided amazing opportunities for dogs and their families to access the community; off leash dog beaches, agility dog parks and on leash access to every park, river & reserve in central Ballina. We are dog lovers and love that dogs have so many opportunities for their wellbeing and happiness.

I ask that you prohibit dogs at all sports grounds when junior sport is playing or training. Children can only participate in their chosen sport at the set time and day and it is imperative that all children get to play freely and without fear, this is a fundamental human

right.

Regards,  
Rebecca Lulham

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- To ensure that the activities of owners and their pets do not adversely affect the rest of the community or the environment.

Please prohibit dogs at all sports grounds when junior sport is playing or training  
Having a family member with a severe dog phobia (Cynophobia) has made me a better dog owner! I am aware of what space my dog is in, keep her on a close lead and not let her invade others personal space.

As a family, we love our dog dearly but are very aware that others do not feel this way too. Unfortunately not many dog owners are like this; dog owners at times can be blinded by their love for their dogs and unknowingly make others feel incredibly uncomfortable and often physical unwell with fear.

It is for this reason I ask that you prohibit dogs at all sports grounds when junior sport is playing or training. All children should be able to train and play sports without fear of dogs being close by. It is imperative that all children be able to access sports within the community in safety and without anxiety. It is not enough to simply know where the dog is when you have a dog phobia; I ask, would you walk the Savanna if you knew there was a tiger nearby?! This is how a child with Cynophobia feels when trying to play sports with dogs on the sidelines. Please free children with dog phobias and gift them the game of sports by prohibiting dogs at all sports grounds when junior sport is playing or training.

Regards,  
Dwayne Smith

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I agree

**Submission ID**

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## 8.3 Companion Animals Management Plan - Adoption

**From:** Doug Lipscomb <douglip800@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 11:22 AM  
**To:** pdhg@ballina.nse.gov.au  
**Cc:** Councillor David Wright; Paul Hickey; Councillor Eoin Johnston; Councillor Sharon Parry; Councillor Ben Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Attention James Kelly  
**Attachments:** Council notice 1.jpg

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Attention James Kelly  
Planning and Environmental Health Division  
Ballina Council

[pdhg@ballina.nse.gov.au](mailto:pdhg@ballina.nse.gov.au)

It was brought to my attention whilst I was out exercising yesterday, that Ballina Council is thinking of removing our beautiful children's play area in Cornwall Place Wollongbar, and replacing it with a dog park.

I was shocked to see a council notification that said feedback should be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> July, yet as a resident of Hellyar Drive, I was never advised of this retrograde step. It seems that Ballina Council often uses "the cone of silence" to promote their own agenda!

I feel obligated to advise that I am totally against removal of this precious community asset.

Most of my grandchildren have played at this park over many years, and I now have a new generation who are looking forward to it as "their" play area!

If I actually get a response to this objection, with the premise that there will be another park sited in the old drive in site next to the skate park, I would point out that David Wright said in a newspaper interview way back in 2013 that Rifle Range Road was too busy for a skate park. I know he flip flopped on this statement, but I believe he was right then, and he is right now. One of the few things I will agree with him on! So I would not let any of my grandchildren anywhere near that busy road!

I would also agree with people who have homes adjoining this proposed dog park, that the tranquillity they at present enjoy would be spoilt by yapping dogs and the smell of dog faeces!

There are so many other more suitable sites in the area!

I find it most disturbing that Wollongbar residents are treated differently to Alstonville residents.

Alstonville residents were asked if they wanted a skate park, Wollongbar residents were not!

Alstonville residents don't have a dog park sited amongst their homes, but council obviously thinks it is ok in Wollongbar!

The drainage from the sports fields down to Pearces Creek Road has had hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to rectify a botched design (Alstonville side), whilst the deeply eroded drainage on the Wollongbar side has not been addressed!

I am totally against converting Cornwall Place Park into a dog park!

Doug Lipscomb

Concerned ratepayer

**From:** noreply=ballina.nsw.gov.au@mg.paperform.co on behalf of Ballina Shire Council <noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 10:37 PM  
**To:** zenonk84@gmail.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Documents on Exhibition - Companion Animals Management Plan

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## Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

**Submitted At**

2021-08-11 22:37:07

**Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.**

Companion Animals Management Plan

**Your Name**

Zenon kowalczyk

**Your email?**

zenonk84@gmail.com

**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

Yes

**Please provide further comments if you wish.**

This is a better use of the space and may encourage dog owners to refrain from allowing dogs off leash on the main sport/play park areas which has been a problem.

**I agree to Ballina Shire Council collecting my Name, Email, and Phone Number**

I agree

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 9:21 PM  
**To:** margarethanson13@gmail.com  
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## Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

**Submitted At**

2021-08-11 21:20:36

**Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.**

Companion Animals Management Plan

**Your Name**

Margaret Hanson

**Phone Number**

0478779638

**Your email?**

margarethanson13@gmail.com

**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

No

**Please provide any suggestions for improvement.**

I have only just become aware (9pm) of this proposal from a post of the Alstonville & Wollongbar Community web page. I have had to quickly scan the document to provide feedback before the deadline of tonight at, I guess, 11.59 pm, 11.8.21

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

Yes

**Please provide further comments if you wish.**

Wollongbar is growing extensively with many new blocks for new builds coming available. We do definitely need a safe, off the leash, dog walk area with lots of dog waste bins and bags provided. There are far too many irresponsible owners not bothering to pick up their dog's waste. So not only do we need a designated dog walk area, but we also need dog waste bins and bags available in other areas throughout the village, in particular the pavement leading from Bolwarra Circuit to Sneath's Road. It is disgusting the amount of dog waste on there. I am a dog owner and feel so sorry for the grass cutting contractors. Thank you for considering providing such a facility and for making space for comments.

**I agree to Ballina Shire Council collecting my Name, Email, and Phone Number**

I agree

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 8:38 PM  
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## Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

**Submitted At**

2021-08-11 20:38:28

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Companion Animals Management Plan

**Your Name**

Mary Birch

**Phone Number**

0467163991

**Your email?**

marybirch1250@gmail.com

**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes

**Please provide any suggestions for improvement.**

While I beleive it is a good thing to have an off leash area for dogs to run, this park is way too small to give a dog a decent run and excercise! It is top close to houses which will already be impacted by the skate park noise, surely they shouldn't have to put up with barking dogs and faeces on the other side of their fence. Also consider the cul-de-sac traffic, especially if that is the only entry. Why not investigate a larger area - fence a section at Wollongbar Sports fields? Not a really acceptable use for this park. Couldn't the land there be developed for single or two bedroom units to help alleviate the housing crisis in our shire?

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

No

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I agree

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 8:18 PM  
**To:** danielle.sleigh@live.com.au  
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## Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

**Submitted At**

2021-08-11 20:17:37

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Companion Animals Management Plan

**Your Name**

Danielle

**Phone Number**

0423522602

**Your email?**

danielle.sleigh@live.com.au

**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

Yes

**I agree to Ballina Shire Council collecting my Name, Email, and Phone Number**

I agree

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**From:** noreply=ballina.nsw.gov.au@mg.paperform.co on behalf of Ballina Shire Council <noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 August 2021 7:34 AM  
**To:** liznick.keane@gmail.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Documents on Exhibition - Companion Animals Management Plan

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## Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

**Submitted At**

2021-08-12 07:34:17

**Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.**

Companion Animals Management Plan

**Your Name**

Liz keane

**Phone Number**

0400224799

**Your email?**

liznick.keane@gmail.com

**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes

**Please provide any suggestions for improvement.**

1. Usage of gap rd, Alstonville leash free area would increase significantly if back boundary fence was repaired to stop dogs straying into long grass/brush, due to rabbits, wallabies etc roaming ( whilst most dogs can be u der effective control at this leash free, a darting rabbit can prove too tempting for some....). A better fenced area would be a safer area to train dogs to be off leash without being able to exit the area into the quarry area at rear of area. A fully fenced area, with gate would be the safest and most preferred option. It's a great community resource, which could be improved with not a lot of effort or expense.

2 new leash free at Wollongbar- great to s option. Please ensure there is a gate at entrance, so it can be fully fenced, and safer for all.

Thank you

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

Yes

**Please provide further comments if you wish.**

As per above



**From:** noreply=ballina.nsw.gov.au@mg.paperform.co on behalf of Ballina Shire Council <noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 August 2021 8:09 AM  
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## Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

**Submitted At**

2021-08-12 08:09:04

**Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.**

Companion Animals Management Plan

**Your Name**

Chrissie Hughes

**Phone Number**

0420415565

**Your email?**

chrissieball@hotmail.com

**Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?**

Yes

**Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?**

Yes

**I agree to Ballina Shire Council collecting my Name, Email, and Phone Number**

I agree

**Submission ID**

**From:** Brian & Robin Delaney <robinandbriandelaney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 13 August 2021 3:51 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Cc:** Councillor David Wright; Paul Hickey; Councillor Eoin Johnston; Councillor Sharon Parry; Councillor Ben Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Concept Plan, Proposed Off-leash dog exercise area in Wollongbar

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Attention: Mr James Kelly,  
Acting Team Leader Rangers  
Planning and Environmental Health Division

Dear Mr. Kelly,

I hope in light of the apparent lack of consultation you will accept this letter as a late submission regarding this proposal.

This week a Wollongbar resident and member of the Wollongbar Progress Association emailed me as secretary of the Wollongbar Progress Association, asking if our organisation knew anything about the creation of a new dog park.

Attached to the email was a letter from you "To the Resident" about a "Proposed off-leash dog exercise area at Killarney Park, Wollongbar" and an aerial photo of a park labelled CONCEPT PLAN ONLY. I was not aware of this plan and didn't know the location of Killarney Park.

I have been aware of a new development which I believe is called Killarney Park Estate with its entrance off Plateau Drive.

Looking at the aerial photo, it would appear that the park in question is at the end of Cornwall Place which runs north off Hellyar Avenue in what used to be called Avalon Estate.

I would like to pose a few questions:

\* Is the park at the end of Cornwall Place the park which is under consideration? What is the name of this park? There are no signs indicating the name.

\* Who in this area of Ballina Shire was consulted about the need for this dog park?  
A young father of 3 children and 2 dogs living in Avalon Estate was unaware of the proposal. When asked today about an off-leash option, he offered the opinion that he would prefer to use a park which could be located in the Sports Fields. He was against changing the status of the park where his children were playing at the time.

\* Who benefits from a small off-leash dog space in a park such as this, other than the dog who is being allowed to run free for a while? Are there enough dog owners requesting this amenity?

\* Who is responsible for the cleanup of an off-leash dog park?

\* When it is so hard to squeeze a piece of land out of the developers for use as a park for the local residents, why would you give it away, to the dogs, so to speak, especially when there appears to be plenty of land going unused at the moment in the Sports Fields along Elvery Lane.

A drive up to the Sports Fields today revealed a number of people letting their dogs off leash. A large fenced area could be created there with sufficient parking nearby. There are only about 4 car spaces adjacent to the Cornwall site.

My other comments are:

\* I don't think the council should be removing equipment or amenities in parks already established for the families on that side of Rifle Range Road.

\* If the Cornwall Place Park were to be used for off-leash dogs, wouldn't you need exercise equipment for the dog owners for their own workout and/or a sheltered place to sit, as well as play equipment for the children who own the dogs! A notation on the aerial photo indicated that the play equipment would be removed.

\* Regardless of the District Park being developed in the area, the fact remains that it is located across the busy Rifle Range Road. Families with small children in the Avalon South estate should have the Cornwall Place Park retained with it's easy safe access. Importantly, older primary school aged children can continue to enjoy accessing this little community park independently without the worry of crossing a main road to get to a playground.

\* I would like to suggest that this park be enhanced by a shelter with a picnic table and benches and importantly a child safety fence along the Rifle Range Road boundary. The area to the west of the trees is a perfect sized area for children to run around or play a game of cricket, soccer or the like.

For the physical and mental wellbeing of our residents I believe there is a great need to reserve as much green park and playground space as possible in a residential area with tightly spaced homes. A request for the preservation of a grove of trees in the "Killarney Park Estate" off Plateau Drive was I believe turned down by the developer. When you consider the increased asking price for those lots, that appears to me to be aesthetically and environmentally irresponsible.

Yours sincerely,  
Robin Delaney,  
37 Smiths Lane,  
Wollongbar.

## 8.3 Companion Animals Management Plan - Adoption

**From:** Ballina Shire Council  
**Sent:** Friday, 13 August 2021 1:42 PM  
**To:** Planning and Environmental Health Support Staff  
**Subject:** FW: Off leash areas for dogs in wollongbar

**Categories:** Maria, EHO/Compliance

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**From:** Paul Attard <workerb18@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 13 August 2021 12:21 PM  
**To:** Ballina Shire Council <BallinaShireCouncil@ballina.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Off leash areas for dogs in wollongbar

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To Rachael Jenner,

Hi Rachael, sorry this is a bit late but i only just seen a post on the local Facebook page regarding the above topic. I just like to say we would be in favour of such a facility within the Wollongbar area.

The post mentioned Kilarney Park the existing park located between Cornwall Place and Rifle Range road.

It is well known that dogs having access to such an area helps immensely in there well being and behaviour.

The councils idea of removing the existing children's play gym due to the close proximity of the new Skate Park and revising Kilarney Park as a dedicated fenced off leash area for dogs is a win win for the community.. congratulations to the council for its forward thinking..

We are very keen to this this idea progress to a community asset for all to utilise.

regards,

Paul & Jacki Attard,  
Rubiton Street,  
Wollongbar..