

Northern Grampians Shire Council
COUNCIL ORDER MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 26 OF THE
DOMESTIC ANIMALS ACT 1994

Notice is hereby given that Council, at its meeting on 15 August 2022, resolved to make the following Order pursuant to section 26(2) of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994** which is to come into effect on 5 September 2022.

1. Revocation

All previous Orders made by Council under section 26 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 are revoked

2. Definitions

In this order:

Designated Off-Leash Area - means any area shown in the maps prescribed in Schedule 1 of this order

Organised Public Meeting or Event – means a planned community meeting or event during a nominated period of time, to undertake such an activity under licence, agreement or causal use agreement or Local Law permit with Council

Owner - has the same meaning as in the Domestic Animals Act 1994

Public Place - has the same meaning as the Summary Offences Act 1966, and includes all streets, roads, footways, reserves, lanes, parks, schools, public halls and markets

3. Dogs must be under effective control

- (1) The owner of a dog in a public place must at all times keep the dog under effective control by a leash, chain or cord held by the owner or person in charge connecting the dog to the owner or person in charge of it except where that public place is a designated off-leash area.
- (2) The owner of the dog must ensure that the person in control of the dog in a public place has the physical capabilities of controlling the dog in all circumstances.
- (3) This section does not apply to a person in charge of a dog that is under their effective control while working with livestock.

4. Dogs in Designated Off-Leash Areas

- (1) The areas designated by Council as off-leash areas are prescribed in Schedule 1 and as indicated by signs placed by Council.
- (2) When a dog is in a designated off-leash area, the dog must remain under effective control of the owner at all times.
- (3) The owner of a dog in an off-leash area must:
 - (a) actively supervise the dog and maintain a clear and unobstructed view of the dog at all times; and
 - (b) not allow the dog to worry, harass or otherwise threaten any person or animal, and not allow the dog to rush at or attack any person or animal; and

- (c) carry a leash, chain or cord that is in good condition and is able to be placed on the dog when necessary; and
 - (d) make sure that the dog is wearing an appropriately fitted collar, harness or halter with a current registration tag attached; and
 - (e) immediately place the dog on a leash, chain or cord and remove the dog from an off-leash area if the dog attacks or behaves aggressively toward another person or animal.
- (4) If the dog is off a chain, cord or leash in a designated off-leash area, the dog must be brought under effective control of the owner by means of a chain, cord or leash if the dog is within 20 metres of:
 - (a) an organised sporting event, or practising thereof;
 - (b) children's play equipment area;
 - (c) an organised public meeting or event, including when being prepared for; or
 - (d) a permanent barbeque or picnic area.
- (5) Dogs that are aggressive to people or other dogs, behave in an anti-social manner must be muzzled and are not permitted to be off-leash.
- (6) Dogs declared menacing, dangerous or a restricted breed are not permitted to be off-leash.
- (7) Designated Off-Leash Areas are subject to change as the municipality develops. Accordingly, the Northern Grampians Shire Council Chief Executive Officer has the power to amend, remove or add new sites.

5. Removal of Dog Faeces

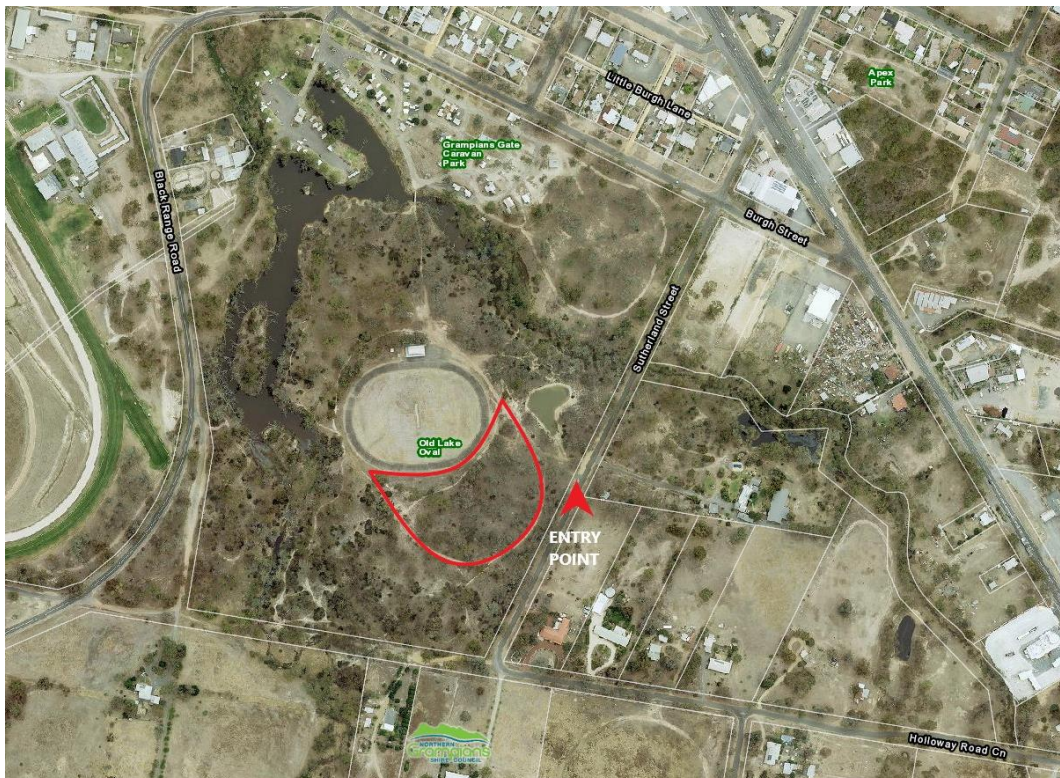
- (1) The owner of a dog in a municipal place must -
 - (a) carry a bag, receptacle or other means of picking up and removing from any public place any of the owner's dog's faeces or person; and
 - (b) immediately collect and dispose of any excrement from that dog into a waste receptacle.

Schedule 1 – Designated Off-Leash Areas

1) King Georges Park, St Arnaud prescribed off-leash area



2) Old Lake Oval, Stawell prescribed off-leash area



3) North Park, Stawell prescribed off-leash area

