



CITY OF PALMERSTON

Marlow Lagoon Dog Park

Improvements

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'A Place for People'

Following feedback from the community, the City of Palmerston has developed a Concept Plan for potential improvements to the Marlow Lagoon Dog Park.

The Concept Plan was developed after Council received a petition about creating a dedicated small dog area at the park.

The park already has a number of amenities available, including a large common area for all dogs, a dog agility course, a shaded BBQ area, pathways, shade trees, a smaller fenced area to separate dogs, park benches and lake frontage.

Suggested improvement works will ensure the park is designed in line with Council's vision of 'A Place for People', while catering for the needs of their canine companions.

The elements included in the Concept Plan are not fixed and will be refined based on community feedback.

Council would like the community's opinions on each of the elements of the Concept Plan, the importance and priority for each of the proposed improvements, suggestions and any other feedback.

Design

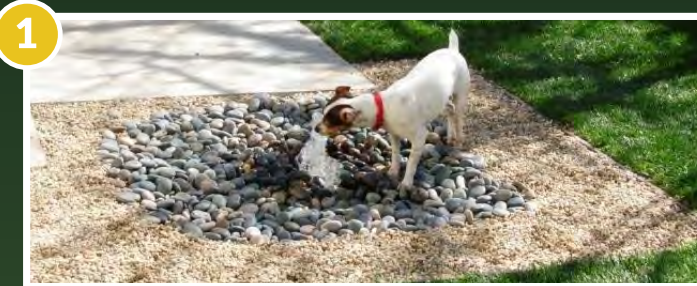
The Concept Plan, designed by open space and animal behaviour specialists LMH Consulting/Paws4Play, includes options for zones and sensory elements to help manage dog behaviours and ensure all users can enjoy the park.

The design takes into consideration safety; separating activity areas and maintaining pedestrian access points. The dog park has been designed to:

- help disperse dog activity across the park
- help distract dogs from a continued focus on play with other dogs
- provide areas where dogs can retreat, or where owners can take elderly or timid dogs
- help distract dogs from activity at the entry/exits
- expose dogs to a range of sensory and educational environments.

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Proposed Concept Plan



Quiet and small dog area

A fully-fenced quiet area for small and other quiet/elderly dogs, which includes an existing shelter, additional trees, space breakers, rock-scape features, small water feature and seating.



Education/agility circuit

Relocating the existing education/agility circuit closer to the entrance but away from the main activity areas to allow for more formal dog training activities, with a small shelter, equipment storage and additional trees and shrubs to help training focus.

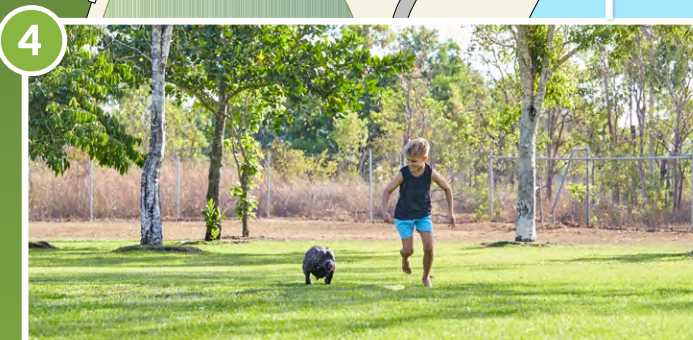


Landscaping and sensory areas

Landscaping to include a sensory area with rock insets to create climbable mounds, a possible digging pit and rock-scape area or dry creek bed, to create as many space breakers to separate dogs as possible.

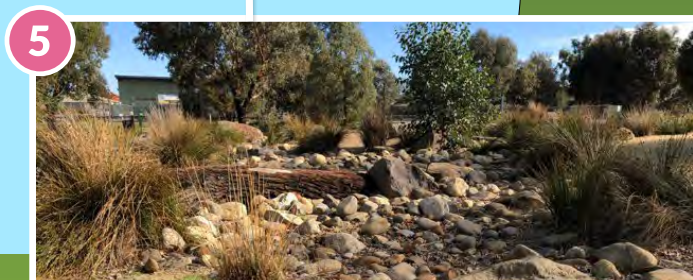


Dry creek bed



Open run area

An open run-about area for ball play with additional trees planted throughout and new seating.



Lake edge improvements

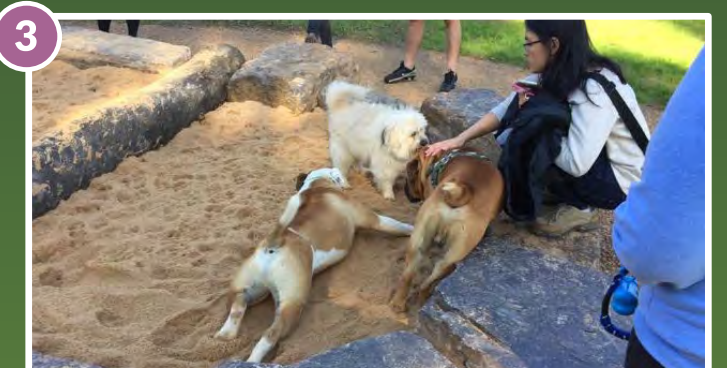
Using flat-topped rocks to stabilise the lake edge and minimise disturbance of the area by dogs entering and exiting the water, and installing a new shelter, seating and drinking fountain for both people and dogs.



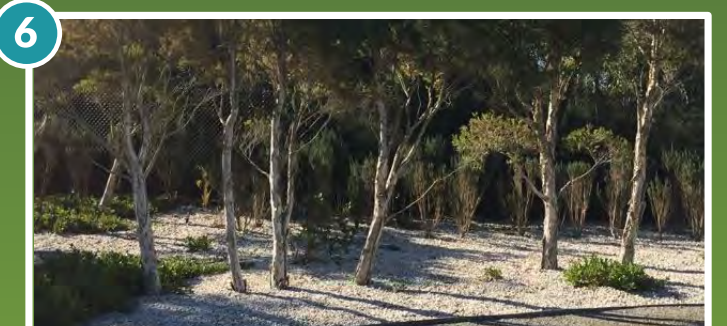
New double gate entry



Sensory area



Dog digging pit



General enhancements

General enhancements to the area by extending current irrigated lawns so there is green grass year-round, more seating and shade trees, a fitness/walking loop pathway, landscaping at the entrance of the park and a new double-gated entry on a concrete pad with signage and bins.

Feedback

You can provide feedback on the Marlow Lagoon Dog Park proposed improvements via:

- online survey **www.palmerston.nt.gov.au**
- an information session at Marlow Lagoon Dog Park:
 - > 9 am – 12 noon on Saturday 18 April 2020
 - > 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm on Sunday 19 April 2020
- email: palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au
- phone: (08) 8935 9922

Consultation

The Marlow Lagoon Dog Park Consultation is open for seven weeks, closing on Friday 24 April 2020.

Following the community consultation, a report on the outcomes of the consultation will be prepared for Council, to be considered by Council in May. The final Concept Plan will be subject to the community consultation outcomes.
