

Summary of Evidence

Recreation Ground Oval Off-Leash Dog Exercise Trial

Purpose

This attachment provides a summary of evidence received during the Recreation Ground Oval off-leash dog exercise trial. The information has been collated to assist Council in assessing compliance with the trial conditions and to identify recurring themes arising during the review period.

Summary of Reported Incidents

Date	Time	Description
4 Oct 2025	Approx. 4:25pm	Report received of two off-leash dogs near the kiosk/hill area outside permitted off-leash hours. One dog reportedly approached a person walking a dog on-leash.
4 Dec 2025	5:41pm, 5:41pm, 6:18pm	Photographic evidence of dogs on the oval outside the permitted morning off-leash period.
18 Dec 2025	11:45am	Photographic evidence of a dog on the oval outside permitted offleash hours.
20 Dec 2025	1:10pm	Photographic evidence showing dog activity while organised cricket activity was reportedly occurring and orange/red flags were displayed.
23 Feb 2026	2:14pm	Photographic evidence of dog activity outside permitted off-leash hours.
7 Mar 2026	6:12pm, 6:46pm, 6:54pm	Multiple observations of dog activity outside approved hours.
11 Mar 2026	4:51pm	Photographic evidence of dog activity outside approved hours.
14 Mar 2026	6:25pm	Photographic evidence of dog activity outside approved hours.
17 Mar 2026	3:26pm	Dog observed within the barricaded cricket pitch area.
21 Mar 2026	4:55pm	Photographic evidence of dog activity outside approved hours.
7 Apr 2026	4:50pm	Photographic evidence of dog activity outside approved hours.

13 Apr 2026	4:40pm	Photographic evidence of dog activity outside approved hours. Attachment notes identify the same owner and dog as a previously recorded example.
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Observed Themes

The reported incidents indicate four primary compliance concerns:

- Dogs being exercised off-leash outside the approved 5:30am to 10:00am period.
- Dogs accessing the protected cricket pitch preparation area.
- Isolated instances of dogs approaching other reserve users while off-leash.
- Occasional dog activity occurring during organised sporting use.

Officer Comment

The incident information represents isolated observations and reports received during the trial period rather than a comprehensive compliance record. Nevertheless, the material demonstrates recurring non-compliance with trial conditions and supports concerns raised by sporting user groups regarding effective control of dogs and adherence to approved access times.