



# OMOKOROA

RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.

A vibrant and diverse association supporting the residents and ratepayers of Omokoroa.

## SURVEY

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL

### DOG PARK FUNDING

WBopDC proposes to construct and maintain dog exercise parks in Te Puke (already constructed), Omokoroa, Katikati and Waihi Beach.

Council estimate of costs for these dog parks are provided in the Survey. Given current inflation, dog parks are likely to cost more to construct and maintain than indicated in these estimates.

We sought your input and comment on this issue, and provide the results herein. We received 259 responses.

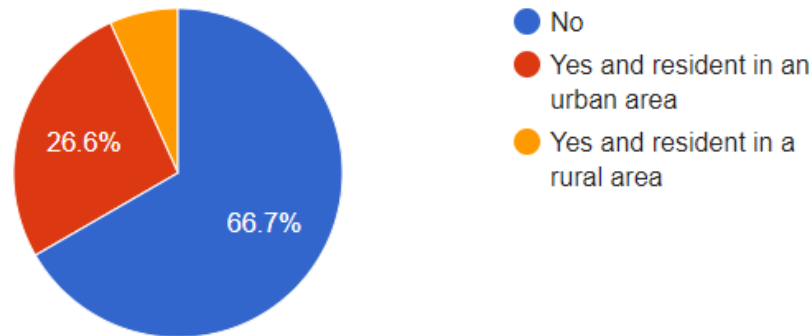
## About this issue

Council intends that the construction of these dog exercise parks will be 20% residential ratepayer funded and that their maintenance will be 100% ratepayer funded. Based on the Council August 2023 estimate of cost for these facilities, ratepayer funding will amount to some \$118,000 for their construction and an ongoing annual maintenance cost of \$31,000. Dog exercise parks benefit urban dog owners and provide no benefit to the non-dog-owning community who are expected to fund 20% of their construction cost and to fully fund their maintenance through rates. Feedback during earlier consultation indicates that these parks may also have a detrimental effect on the general public as they will restrict access to reserves and cause nuisance to adjacent land owners. Council has not consulted with communities about the cost and funding of these facilities; most importantly, it has not considered whether they should be fully funded by urban dog owners through the annual dog license fee, rather than through general rates.

Are you a dog owner?



252 submissions



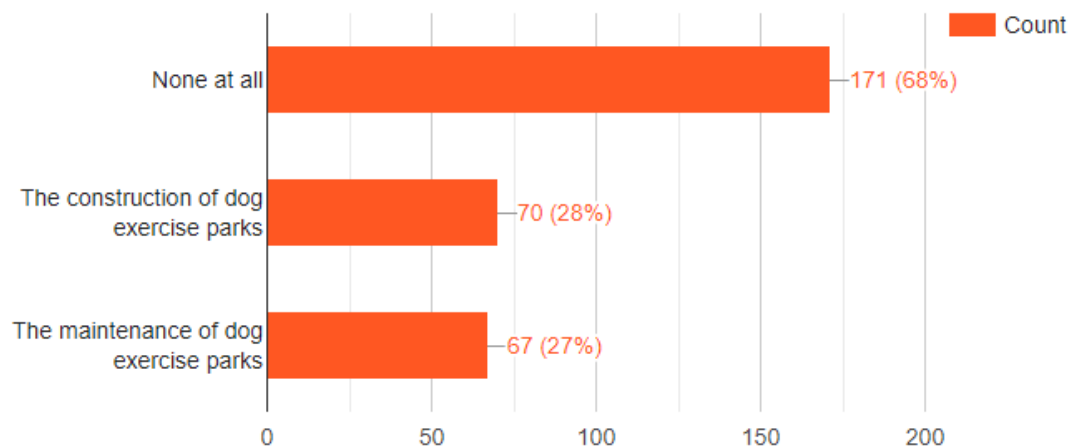
## Funding

Given that only a small sector of the community, namely urban dog owners, will benefit from dog exercise parks.

Should all residential ratepayers be funding the dog parks



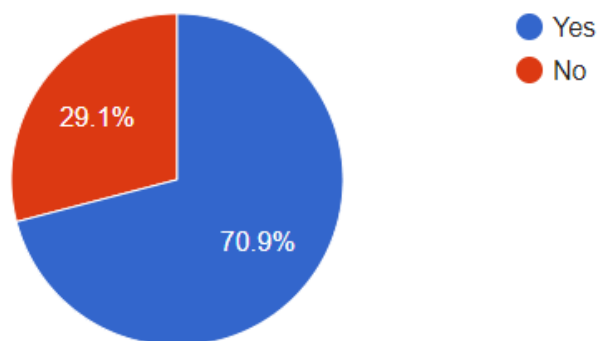
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Where there is a shortfall in the external funding for dog park construction, should the balance of the construction cost be fully funded by urban dog owners through their annual dog licensing fee?



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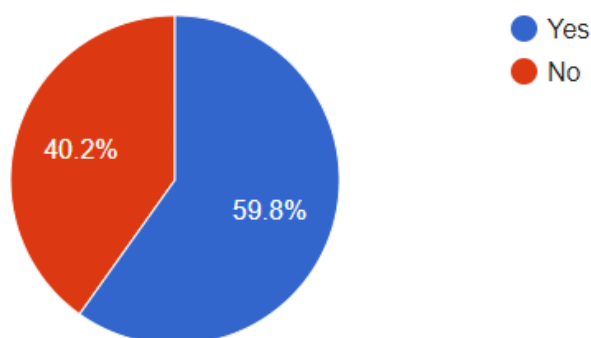
## Community Board Funds

Community Boards are ratepayer-funded and are a potential source of funding that Council may access to fund the construction of dog parks.

Should Community Board funds be excluded as a source of funding for the construction of dog exercise parks?



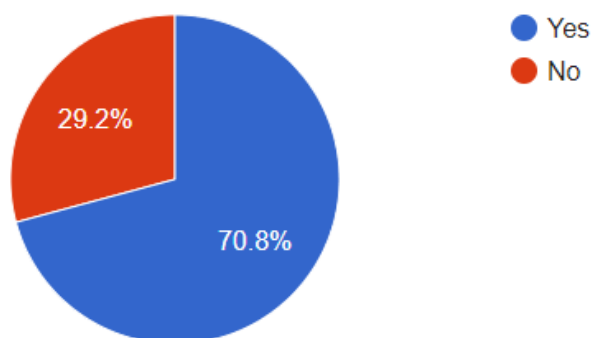
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Should the annual maintenance cost for dog exercise parks be funded from the annual dog licencing fee for dogs registered on urban areas?



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## Other comments

good luck

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Your questions are leading to elicit the response you are looking for.

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Our existing exorbitant rates cover MANY things we do not use - the library is just one, let alone \$1m playgrounds, skateparks, sports fields, cycle ways, walking tracks, etc etc. And don't get me started on the car parks between OBC and Alma being full of mostly island residents! Where's the user pays for that!!

To pick on the dog owners specifically by ORA is pedantic and unnecessary. The dog park will be good for the entire community, good for dogs to be healthy through more exercise and socialisation, and good for owners for some exercise and also socialisation - especially for the older lonely folks! It will also possibly cut down on dog poop along our streets by poor dog owners... which I believe to be a minority! Perhaps ORA time would be better spent targeting our rates on a true user pays basis where we only pay for services actually used. THEN, and only then, would we be in favour of singling out dog owners for 'special treatment through added costs'.

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We don't "own" so why not use the monies collected from my rates for children's parks to build the pet parks?

Community exists for all. Whether people like it or not pets are part of the fabric of our society and in modern communities are accepted as such.

The costs suggested are small when considering the council's overall budget and the money spent on parks, sporting facilities and community halls that are under-utilised.

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I do think the dog parks are a great idea providing the council make it prohibitive for dog owners to let their dogs off the leash anywhere but the dog park.

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No different to other parks and reserves which rates contribute towards - not everyone uses every aspect their rates pays for i.e playgrounds and those that do not have children, or libraries and those who do not use the library.

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Council funds many activities not all rate payers benefit from. I don't play any sport but are included in funding these activities. I think, activities of a broad based nature like dog parks or sport venues should be funded by Council but assisted by specific contributions like dog licenses or fees for using other facilities

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User pays

The licence fee needs to cover the dog control officers who do one heck of a job in the Western Bay. I would not personally use a dedicated dog park but think its just as valid a thing to spend money on as a swimming pool, library, tennis court, etc.

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Dog park is NOT necessary as we already have in Omokoroa open areas where i see lots of dog walkers. A special area for dogs will only cause problems with people and dog excrement.

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The Omokoroa area earmarked for a dog park has no trees or any natural beauty. I would not take my dog to this sort of fenced in area. We send our dog to a doggie daycare once a week which we fund, and the rest of the week we walk him ourselves. I would not be happy to fund a fenced in area to which I wouldn't visit.

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If you choose to own a dog, it is your responsibility to care for it and exercise register it and clean up after it. Also to remove all waste and keep it under control. Maybe an alternate method would be owner fundes uf thry feel its that important to 'run' your dog and a user pay system on the gate to access the park area..i.e a yearly fee for a key to access the area...

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Our rates are already very high and getting higher. It isn't really fair to push more costs onto people who don't own or cannot afford dogs. Why should we pay for those who have dogs when we cannot afford to have them ourselves or choose not too.

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Community board could make a contribution to maintenance but not fund the complete costs

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The questions were a bit limited re choice. However, in my view there is a case for at least partial funding of such an amenity by the Council. Hopefully a dog park would help to reduce dogs crapping over our other parks and walkways etc. In addition, whilst I agree that we are not all dog owners, there are a lot of people with dogs in Omokoroa - plus, not everyone uses the library, sports facilities, playgrounds, skatepark, walk/cycleways etc that are at least partially funded by Council.

I do agree that the budgeted costs seem somewhat excessive and that much could be done by local volunteer groups, perhaps a 'Friends of the Dog Park' a bit like various other volunteer groups looking after parks etc. under Omokoroa Environmental Managers Inc. There could also be a case for utilising funds from dog licensing and seeking community grant funding, such as TECT and the pokies trusts.

Whilst I agree with some of your points, overall I think that it would be a bit mean spirited not to have any Council support if required - and I agree that other funding and sweat equity options should be explored.

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Don't use valuable green space that children play and enjoy for dog parks. Such as precious reserve.

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Could your same rational be used to children's parks and sports fields where only certain members of the community use? Dog parks make communities more appealing, make a communal place for dog owners to go rather than more popular facilities/parks etc.

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in our rates we fund the overnight free parking and the playing field's, for children the maintenance of the skate park, why should a dog park be any different, if this was about people it would be called discrimination,  
i dont know what this world and Local Authorities, are coming to

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Why should none dog owners pay for a dog park. Why even have a dog park They can be exercised around the underused cycle ways at no cost to anyone

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Your survey is biased towards having dog owners pay for these parks via dog registration fees. In reality very few dog owners will use these facilities I suspect. Therefore there is no argument towards making all dog owners pay for these. It's a bit like the rubbish collection that people also complain about. A very valid comment was made on the Omokoroa Community Facebook page about this. Not everyone uses all council facilities but still pays for them via rates. Dog parks as a community facility should be no different. As an example we personally do not use playgrounds but will still be indirectly paying for them. Perhaps only people who have young children should pay for them?

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Golf, Tennis, Bowling clubs and other sports club have to support themselves and so should dog owners

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No to any dog parks.

Plenty of lovely interesting place to walk dogs here already.

Definitely NOT a dog park in links Avenue Omokoroa , far too close to houses intruding on their privacy. Far better area is Precious reserve if one does go ahead in Omokoroa.

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Those people who have dogs made the choice of having one. Those people that chose not to have a dog should be should be given the choice to decline or contribute a fee.

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Omokoroa definitely does NOT NEED a ratepayer dog park! There are plenty of areas for dogs to play safely. I DO NOT approve of a fenced and special turfed dog area. Imagine the smell for the people living around this area. What a waste of ratepayer money!

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Restricted hours to use the proposed Dog Parks

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The dog parks are an excellent item to have. Just visit other towns to witness. Like other rate payer funded facilities. There are many parks and services I dont use but my rates still go towards them. Cycleways a good example.

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Dog owners pay for yearly registration, so funds from this can be adequately channelled into this facility, as there really is no true indication of what the dog registration fees are used for, other than "administration costs"

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Being a non dog owner Im appauled i have to fund this. Why do we need dog parks? Is it going to be a mass accumulation of dog shit being left there by irresponsible dog owners like we see down at Precious Reserve currently.



If dog owners want this let them pay for it through their dog license not us rate payers we pay astronomical rates as it is!

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We dont have kids si font use playgrounds or skate park for example but have no qualm paying for maintenance of those. I think an inclusive community shoukd provide for all residents. I dont ride a bike but happy to support bike ways etc. It all adds up to a vibrant community and not a stotgy anti-progress one.

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Great initiative!

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The area in Omokoroa for the dog park is totally inappropriate! The value of the surrounding residential properties will diminish markedly! There are kilometres of tracks and reserves for dogs and owners to walk happily. I am a dog owner and totally against the dog park proposal for Omokoroa or anywhere!

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This should be approved by the Community of Rate Payers.

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This is a disgraceful waste of money that should be used for more essential works

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I'm quite shocked that the Council expect all Rate payers to contribute for the cost and maintenance. If you own a dog, you exercise it, you feed it and you want any exercise areas you pay for it through your registration fees.

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As a dog owner of two dogs we would not use these dog parks walking around the block back yard play and hunting is there exercise

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These parks will be used by only a small number of dog owners. Many will not live close enough. Or dont exercise their dog. And are all dogs registered - I think not!

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User pay please

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I.have been a dog owner but in the economic climate, it has to be user pays.

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dog ownership appears to be coming a lesser and lesser scenario as time moves on. Seldom do i see any dogs at Waihi Beach

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Lets make transparent by showing figures for dog owners at Omokoroa, questionnaire is too loose for any realistic data collection.

All ratepayers benefit from dogs adding a dimension to the area, animals are good for stress control, meeting fellow dog walkers and its just a modern way of life.

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More important issues are at stake ,rather than be confronted with extra costs concerning our canine friends,which we don,t possess.What happens to the existing revenue collected from dog licencing fees?

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If you are the owner of a dog it is your responsibility to care, exercise,  
and feed it not involve anybody else to help look after it.

Question?

If I owned a Goat, Lamb, Pet rat even a house trained Pig WHO is responsible to care for it?

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This is long overdue.

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As a ratepayer at Waihi Beach I find it unacceptable to have a ratepayer funded Dog Park particularly  
when there is 10 KM of beach which is available.

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about time these were built.

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This ratepayers association needs to take a step back and think about priorities. Given that there are no  
dog parks in the WBOP district and over 10,000 registered dogs in the region, this is an excellent  
initiative.

How the association could think this is a waste of money is beyond a joke, and frankly a waste of time.  
Ultimately the argument posted on the Omokoroa Community Page (Julia/Julie) is totally flawed and  
should be reposted without one sided comments.

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We all pay rates for things we don't use. E.g. not everyone uses the library, but all ratepayers pay (and  
I'm happy to). Omokoroa has extra wide footpaths to fit golf carts, we don't all have golf carts or like golf  
yet all ratepayers pay for it.

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I'm a dog lover and may get a dog in the future. These dog parks are great but should be funded by dog  
owners only, as they only benefit them, and rates are already high

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We are a community. There are always services that we don't all use. But they are all important for  
overall community well being.

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Dog parks to me have very little benefit overall, dogs can socialize on the streets etc, I guess that the  
idea came from a council that lacks a clear vision and unity

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Before you start looking at dog parks and maintenance of said parks, I think council should be looking at  
the maintenance of trees and verges especially in Omokoroa, absolutely disgraceful for the amount of  
rates we pay and not having tidy community verges etc.

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It's about time this bloody council stopped wasting our money on nice to have things. Should be user  
pays.

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Waihi Beach has a dog friendly section of the beach for dogs off lead. Likewise in Katikati dogs are let  
off the leash on the Bird Walk and Park Rd reserve, with no problems. There's also a dog exercise area

at Plummer's Point. I'm sure there are plenty of other areas in Western Bay, currently free for dog exercise.

There are more urgent needs in the community- upgrading public toilets and footpaths for a start.

I think the Dog parks are unnecessary and strongly object to having my rates used to fund them.

They should not be built so no funding required. Urban dog owners in WBOP have gardens and many outdoor areas to walk dogs so not an essential service. If you want a dog park attach it to freedom camping sites to attract tourist to shop in your area.

designated dog play areas provide a safe and carefully considered place for dog owners to take their dogs - they are an exceptional idea and would be an extremely well-used and valued resource for the local residents.

They would also benefit the wider public by reducing the need for everyone to share other public areas during busy times.

the dog problem is dog owners who refuse to pick up doggydo and dog owners who dont register their dogs. Dog parks are not the answer and have a striking similarity to concentration camps for dogs

There are plenty of great walks for dogs and their owners in Omokoroa - why are we building a dog park ?we don't live in New York City.

It has been proven that dog parks are not good for dogs socially some owners do not manage their dogs when off the lead - council need to go and do some research.

It would be good if council could maintain the existing parks and verges in its region before taking on more work. The area is looking a shambles and the mowing teams seem to be constantly behind even in winter when growth has slowed.

I do not understand why a designated dog park is needed. If one is constructed i assume it will be illegal for dogs to be walked anywhere else.

I understand your point but I disagree. When we are part of a ratepaying community we all contribute towards a multitude of amenities, including some that we may never use. In addition, there are other benefits to these amenities that may not be immediately obvious. For example, we travel with our dog a lot, and often make a point of visiting towns with a fenced dog area - where we also buy coffee, go to a café/supermarket etc.

Even when a dog park is provided in Omokoroa, dog owners will still just walk their dogs on the existing paths and walkways near their properties and around the golf course and sea front and not drive to a particular dog park.

My understanding was that dogs are already able to use some of the current parks that the community uses. I might be wrong, not being a dog owner. And perhaps the dog parks allow dogs to be off leash.

(However, I do know from having friends with dogs, that owners still need their dogs on a lead at times as not all dogs are well trained and are threatening to other dogs).I wouldn't be happy about funding something I will never use - I think it's very specialised for a potentially smallish group of people.

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Definitely no funding from ratepayers who don't have a dog

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I am a Dog owner and have no desire to have my dog in an enclosed space with other dogs I may not know.

This is a complete waste of money for Omokoroa.

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I am a ratepayer and responsible dog owner in WBOP who doesn't have any children or grandchildren. So same argument with childrens play grounds sports fields etc. I also do not cycle so don't get me started. Dog owners have nothing in Omokoroa just one poo bag dispenser that's always empty. They should look to Cambridge for inspiration a very dog friendly council.

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There are too many dogs in Omokoroa and too many horrible dog deposits around the grass verges The dog owners do not keep their dogs off the picnic areas and keep to the restricted areas Dog owners should pick up other dogs deposits and not leave it to people who don't have dogs I resent having to pay for dogs when we don't have one

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We do not need a dog park, all owners here walk their dogs responsibly and collect what they drop and dispose of it correctly. i have made this comment on our Facebook page as well. I am sorry to say this council is far too keen to pass things without consulting the community first.

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It could be user pays for construction and all maintenance. But the question is, do we really need a facility like this?

I would support extending vehicle parking near the Omokoroa wharf. It is more important than an animal exercise area at this time. The answer here is reclaiming some more land from the sea.

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Everybody should pay not just dog owners, just like playgrounds and sports fields which they may not use.

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I don't use all the council facilities which have been paid for by council rates (including their on going costs) but accept this cost is part of living in a community. As someone who does not own a dog I do not agree with your stance on the provision of dog parks by council

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Nothing else

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I do not understand why we all of a sudden need dog parks. People have owned dogs for centuries and now we need dog parks? If so they should be funded by dog owners.

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Dog parks keep the general public safer from free roaming dogs. The can be used for dof training, dog events and fund raising. We have paid for a cycle track and maintenance and we don't have bikes.

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I agree that where cheaper options exist eg mens shed or other community groups to construct/plant dog exercise areas, they should be fully utilised  
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Dog owners should pay for the parks and not those who don't have dogs.  
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As a pensioner it is hard enough to survive without having to cover costs of other peoples choice to have a dog. It should be their responsibility as an owner.  
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I fail to see the need for a specific dog exercise area. There are foot paths galore and with poo bags there should be no problem for dogs including fur babies on a lead  
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Surely dog owners need to take responsibility for any costs incurred in owning a dog.  
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I am a dog owner but would not use a park.I find plenty of places to walk in Omokoroa and consider it an expence not needed while times are tough.If we did have one I hope parking would also be provided.  
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My rates are high enough so why should I have to subsidize dog owners. Dog owners need to step up to the plate and pay.

If I had a dog I would not expect non dog owners to subsidize me .

And to add how I wish dog owners would pick up their dog's poop- most do but others choose not to.  
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I pay enough in rates as it is. I don't see why I should pay towards this proposal.  
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Why are we expected to fund dog parks and maintain them when the Council cannot/does not maintain the three walkways from Wills Road to the swimming pool? They are an absolute disgrace, sodden with water with over flow, neglected with high weeds in the stream and along the banks, yet this could be a beautiful stream and now you want rate payers to fund dog parks. Doesn't make sense to me!

I walk these three walk ways very early every morning and it makes me furious to see the state of them and yet the Council mows Diggleman Park and the park down behind Robert Harris cafe over to the Uretara River and around the music stand whether it needs it or not !! Why the preferential treatment? I think you should get your priorities straight before you think about dog parks and all the fancy add on. Don't get me wrong I love dogs but this is a rort.  
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Why should all ratepayers have to pay for this unnecessary "nice to have" luxury facility? We already have to pay for a number of services and facilities we don't use (cycle ways). Is the council going to fund toy library facilities, bike pump tracks, and venues for every single popular hobby represented in the community? Are you going to build a dedicated surfing and kayaking venue locally for the few that would use that? We are surrounded by perfectly good beaches and bush and reserves. It's ridiculous and unfair and a poor use of rates which are already exorbitant. CUT SPENDING!! REDUCE RATES!!  
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I do not agree with Precious Reserve being used for this purpose. It needs to be an area away from the sea and preferably a piece of land that is not suitable for any other use.

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Dogs are being pushed out of other areas, so there needs to be an area that they can be freely exercised in. There are many benefits to society in people having dogs - impact on physical and mental health which reduce costs to the rate payers in other areas. If I don't have children do I refuse to pay for education? If I don't drive should I not pay for roads? Is that the kind of society we want?  
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This, like other amenities, will benefit the entire community and attract visitors,  
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Living on the edge of the Hamurana reserve we see a large number of dogs passing who appear to be well exercised by responsible dog owners. There are more than enough community areas already available within walking distance in Omokoroa. ABSOLUTLEY NO TO HAVING EVEN OF MORE OF OUR FINANCSES SQUANDERED ON DOG EXERCISE PARKS.  
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I am a dog owner & walk with him for 2 hours every day  
The dog license tax is a cost I am forced to bear by statute  
Which makes all dog owners an easy target to extract funds from  
It only benefits council & is of no benefit to me or my dog  
I do not want to pay for dog park(s) I won't use  
I don't have young children either & don't want to pay for playgrounds  
I don't cycle & have no wish to pay for cycle ways  
I do acknowledge that many dog owners may find dog parks very useful  
The only correct option is for all costs to be funded by rates  
If that's a problem  
Then statute an annual fee on cat owners with similar requirements  
They will get nothing from it just like dog owners  
However, council will have a new source of funding with which to continue doing good work in the community.  
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First and foremost, this poorly constructed survey is not designed for meaningful data capture and is misleading.

It is underpinned by the premise that the construction and maintenance of infrastructure that benefits dog owners should be borne by those it benefits.

This premise fails to consider that various aspects of our infrastructure and services delivery only ever applies to certain parts of the population.

I for instance don't use the library. Haven't used it in the past 10 years and don't intend to use it in the future. Does it imply that I shouldn't contribute to its cost? Similarly I don't ever use swimming pools, cycleways or gas BBQs.  
However, as a ratepayer I help fund these substantial investments and their ongoing maintenance. Because they benefit the community as a whole!

It is disingenuous to single out infrastructure that is designed to benefit dogs.

Taking this thought process to its logical conclusion would lead to a pure "User Pays" system whereby, say, library users fund libraries, swimming pool users fund swimming pools, and the like. Perhaps handicapped people should also fund accessible ramps etc.

Frankly, I find the premise embarrassingly offensive.

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We are very annoyed to find that more costs are being foisted upon us especially with no consultation. We are in our 80s and fortunate that our local dog owners are great and we do not have any problems. However there still irresponsible owners who are not and when enjoying the walks in the Western Bay area have been intimidated by dogs on the loose, or even with their owners, doing their business indiscriminately and although bags and deposit stations are provide in places are just ignored, and do not feel we should be subsidizing their responsibilities.

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We estimate that an increase of less than \$10 in the annual dog license would cover the maintenance costs, so this should definitely be borne by dog owners.

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Raise dog registration fee \$10 a year and maintenance taken care of. Construction though is a civic amenity which should be funded generally.

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Not every dog owner will use these parks and it is a community facility that could have its purpose changed by council. Should be community/vouncil funded

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Other communities report dog parks as smelly and utilized by owners of ill disciplined dogs.

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There will be dog owners from other areas using the dog parks, which is similar to people using the skatepark. Who paid for the skatepark and did it come out of rates?

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I am very aware as i see it every day dog owners walking their dog's in my street, when i am out i see the same in many streets. This is good on iccasions i converse with these dog walkers so why build a special area for this activity. Would it then mean dogs are banned from the streets? I doubt it. For this facility i say users must pay.

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Dog exercise areas do benefit the whole community, even non-dog owners

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We are not dog owners but my view is that dog parks should be treated the same way as playgrounds. Would you charge families only for the construction and maintenance of playgrounds? Same could be said for libraries - should it only be book readers who are charged for the maintaining of libraries. These are public amenities and all ratepayers should be paying for recreational assets within our Communities

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It would be interesting to look at the Te Puke one to see how much patronage it gets. The other parks will end up the same.

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Employ the user pays process.

I don't own a dog, I don't use dog parks.

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For the cost to community and rate payers I do not think need an exclusive dog park as there are lots areas available for dogs to walk  
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Dog owners need to be responsible for the privilege of owning a dog  
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Why have these areas? There are plenty of open spaces to exercise dogs/  
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firstly who suggested we needed a dog park, we were told there was funding for a dog park where was funding coming from and who was going to fund it, the community needs to know this before anything like this starts, anyone can put a fence round and a few jumps and charge the earth, in Te Puke we have show grounds which could of been used  
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User pays. Add it to the dog registration fees.  
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Suggestion that dog owners solely pay for exercise parks is outrageous, everybody pays for things they don't use, tennis courts, sports grounds and the list goes on & on, this is "punishment for owning a dog".  
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As a dog owner I do not want to have a dog park and would prefer the area left as is.  
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Our esteemed Mayor, will probably once again say this is the right thing to do, not the popular one, another undemocratic decision will be made. Just get fed up with all this nonsense.  
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I own two dogs and am resident in a rural area close to Waihi Beach. I find the whole idea of a dog park being built in Waihi Beach ludicrous given there is an almost 4km stretch of the beach which is designated a dog walking area and there are multiple areas around the township where you can walk dogs on and off lead. Council need to start looking at areas where we actually need some action, like sorting out flooding issues.  
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We have a dog but are not in favour of dog parks. They can be very dangerous places for dogs and many irresponsible dog owners. We don't want a dog park in Ōmokoroa nor do we want to pay for a dog park via our rates or our licence fees. Strongly against this.  
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Please keep dogs from toileting on playgrounds and sportsfields  
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Tired of working my life around dog owner needs.  
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If you are NOT a Dog owner, then you should not have pay additional cost on our Rates bill.  
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We have plenty of walkways , open spaces where dog owners can exercise with their dogs - under control. In deciding to own a dog in urban areas the owner needs to consider how and where they are going to exercise them - if they haven't got their own suitable area available to them - at no cost to the ratepayer - then don't own a dog!! I've had dogs all my life - on farms where they belong!!



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There has been prior consultation that you may have dismissed as irrelevant to you, because you are not a dog owner. Everyone would benefit when dogs were exercised in an appropriate area away from non-dog lovers.  
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I consider facilities for dog exercises to be a good idea. However as a dog owner i see no need for anything other than bins for their poo, a tap for water and possibly a few benches(seats) for the owners.  
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Dont really see the need if it excludes other users from their enjoyment of a park. Parks are for all  
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A few dog parks are good for many reasons.

Don't have to be elaborate, expect dog owners to pick up after dogs as they do now.

Maintenance would be mowing as is done now  
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This proposed plan needs to be thought through..if you must build put it away from reserves, waterways and built up areas or area that will be built. Maybe council could source or lease private land to use funded 100% via dog registration  
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The survey on the location of dog-walking parks does not give the option to select 'neither - no dog-walking park'. This is shonky and disingenuous.  
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Dog parks provide an area where public are not around dogs moaning  
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Great initiative for dog owners  
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I dont use the library but still pay for it...happy for council to take that money and allocate it to a dog park that i would use?  
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Cost the project and call for volunteers to set up a fundraising group. Benefit to the community both in cost-savings to uninvolved ratepayers and in the community engagement of fundraising activities.  
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I prefer that the dog park goes to the Precious reserve area as the Links view area not suitable and should not be put so close to residential housing.. Links view park is perfect as it is with some additional native plantings to get rid of all the weedy stuff, including moth plant.  
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More consultantion is required on the location of the Dog park. The Plummers Point location is far more fit for purpose than either of the locations proposed in central Omokoroa residential area.  
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There are many services paid for by ratepayer money which are not used by all of the ratepayers. For example playgrounds, libraries, parks. As a responsible dog owner of a registered dog, I think this is a great use of some of both my rates and dog registration costs.  
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Dog parks need to be in a low maintenance area with good parking and a long way away from houses.

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As a ratepayer, I pay for a library I don't use, a swimming pool I don't use, children's playgrounds I don't use and all these cycleways I don't use! As a ratepayer WE ALL pay for things we don't use so why should we pay for a dog park that provides some specific play areas for dogs? It seems that more and more places are "no dog zones" and continues to limit further safe and fun places for our pets.  
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We pay for so many pointless Things with our rates and you're whingeing about two dollars per resident per year for a dog park get over yourselves  
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Omokoroa has a severe shortage of green space where kids can play. Why is the Council looking to build such a facility? How many people will take their dogs to a dog park when there is insufficient parking at either proposed site? Huharua Park is already a designated dog exercise area. There are already enough dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs. Those people won't suddenly change at a park. I'm opposed to the park at either specified location. We have too few green areas to start fencing them off for one specific group.  
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A dog park is not required in Omokoroa. We have ample walkways and a dog park at Plummers Point. The only thing that is required is more dog poo bins.  
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As the community keeps growing, make sure there are more free open spaces /reserves in each subdivision for all to enjoy . Kids, dogs, people.  
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Not all council facilities are used by everyone, but they are available to everyone, we have good facilities for community in Western Bay and a dog park is a good addition to the community.  
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why do we need a dog park .Spend money on more playgrounds for children  
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Was the community ever asked if they needed/wanted a dog park? If so, where , when, evidence of response please. There is ample, natural space for responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs in Omokoroa without fencing off valuable green areas that will infringe on home boundaries, community play areas or wide open spaces of natural beauty ( fast disappearing)  
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Having been a dog owner I regard it as my responsibility to exercise my pet and myself at the same time. Not put them in a pen and sit in my car or even come back later to collect. There is an abundance of walk ways around Omokoroa to use not a glorified cage that people who do not have or want dogs have to pay for, more so in these times of horrendous cost of living that's not reflected in majority of people's income  
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Omokoroa has a vast number of places to walk and exercise dogs already. Why take away green space that are for people for sole dog use? Omokoroa doesn't need this specifically and there are far more important things our growing town needs that the money could be better spent on.  
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I don't think that a dog park should be next door to residential area or an area which becomes a bog in the winter as does the Precious Reserve. The parking is non existent for any increased traffic.

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I do not believe that this proposed dog park is something that is of critical importance to Omokoroa. I feel that there is a better use of financial resources before this proposal is instigated.

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I am not a dog owner and never will be. I think it should be user pays.

Having the dog park at Links View Drive is not acceptable especially with Bethlehem College's planned primary school in close proximity - in Kayelene Place bordering onto the reserve. My concerns are young children passing through who fear dogs, especially when not on a lead, stepping in dog excrement and the possibility of dog attacks on small children.

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There are km of walkways to exercise dogs, wasting money on parks for dogs when there are so many more important issues at stake

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If someone owns a dog and doesn't have a child, they still pay for construction and upkeep of children's play areas. Why shouldn't this go the other way also?

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I don't use playgrounds or the Omokoroa skate park but my rates help pay and maintain them so bring on the dog parks!!!

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Off leash dog parks add to the community just as playgrounds, libraries and other facilities do, whether you use them directly or not.

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If people own dogs buy property thats suit, there are enough paths etc to walk dog's, our dog can walk off lead but we chose to walk her on lead, and she has good section to run free, so much money for a dog park

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I don't get all the hate for a dog park, even if I didn't have a dog I would have no issue with this. Just like I dont use the skate park or the playground at the domain, I don't mind rates going towards idea for the community to enjoy.  
A fenced area for dogs to safely play off leash is a good thing for socializing dogs.

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Why do we need dog parks waste of money look at the rest of the parks and reserve that don't get looked after by the local council now .

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The rate payers struggle enough .

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No dog park should be set up in an existing urban area. This is not fair to people who have built houses then find a dog park going in as a neighbour

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All areas are different and have different needs. I feel as a dog owner, we already have a variety of beautiful places in and around Omokoroa to exercise and socialize our dogs.

I would not take our dog to a caged dog area for this reason.

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There are already ample areas in Omokoroa to walk dogs, why is a fenced dog exercise area needed???

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Council should survey all affected residents, not just dog owners, regarding the possibility of constructing an enclosed dog exercise area.

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There are plenty of walkways and parks available. ie. Plummers Point. to walk and exercise dogs.

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We don't need a dog park we can walk freely !! Enclosing dogs causes fights kennel cough etc

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I am a dog owner in Omokoroa but I would not wish to have a dog park bordering my property nor in the beautiful area of the Precious Reserve. There are beautiful walks for dogs in Omokoroa and I am more than happy to carry on using these rather than a designated dog park. Not all dogs are sociable animals and can definitely get into vicious fights. Plus dog owners are not always courteous in picking up dog poo and therefore a dog area can become an unwelcome area. Save councils money and build better roading.

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