

To the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire Council  
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From the Serpentine Jarrahdale Lions Club Inc. 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
P.O. Box 12 Mundijong W.A. 6123  
Off Leash Dog Park in Jarrahdale  
Submission as per enclosed letter.

In addition the club would like to add by way of a summary to the submission that we are highly concerned that by designating the Jarrahdale oval for a permanent " Off leash Dog park " it will have ramifications when it is closed for other uses unless the Shires intention is to close the oval permanently to other users.

However if it is to be a shared use then the Club would like a guarantee, that when it is to host the Jarrahdale Log Chop and Country fair in October 2021 the grounds will be entirely clear of all the excrement left by dogs. Also that the grounds will be in a reasonable state to host the event.

I presume that other users would like the same guarantees.

Regards



Sandra Hawkins

Secretary

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submission as to designated 'Off Leash Dog Exercise Area' Jarrahdale Oval

Our Club has concerns as to designating the Jarrahdale Oval as a 'Dog Exercise Area'. Creating such a status would in principle give precedence to the facility as one comparable to the Dog Park in Byford to the detriment of others wishing to hire the Oval for recreational activities. The Jarrahdale Oval has historically been a sports field and recreational facility for many. It is still hired by groups for activities and social events. Such has included the Men's Shed exposition, outdoor film shows, and the annual Log Chop and SJ Lions Country Fair. With this latter event, our Club, as organisers have had animal management issues and consequently intend to prohibit dogs at the Log Chop due to the proximity of other animals on show and the considerable number of patrons attending. If the Oval is formally designated as intended, we would anticipate further conflict, with some attendees considering it their 'right' to exercise their animal on site, and off leash. There has to be recognition of existing involvement and flexibility as to the status and priority use of this facility.

The Jarrahdale Oval is a significant historical site, a unique facility with purpose built plinth area for e.g. wood cutting demonstrations.

We realise that it is in a semi remote area and currently used for dog exercise by a few locals. Whilst many dog owners act responsibly, the probability of increased use following official recognition and Shire promotion will most likely increase the likelihood of dog excrement being left in the grounds. This will pose a health hazard to others, and especially raises doubts as to the state of site cleanliness whenever groups such as ours wish to hire the facility in future.

It would be sufficient to have signage confirming that dog owners can use the facility providing they act responsibly and comply with hygiene requirements. Officially defining and promoting the site as a Dog Exercise area is likely to cause problems in the longer term.