Maryland Fenced Off-Leash Dog Park
Frequently Asked Questions

Why is a fenced off-leash area being developed?

Open spaces for dogs are a priority in the City of Newcastle Local Government Area, with 44,309 registered dogs across 31,904 households. The community has highlighted a strong desire for fenced facilities.

In 2019, CN adopted the Dogs in Open Space Plan to guide the provision, improvement and management of dog off-leash areas over the next 10 years.

The Plan recommended the development of some strategically located fenced dog parks including investigating the potential to integrate a fenced off-leash area as part of the Maryland Creek realignment design.

For more information go to our [Dogs in Open Space Plan webpage](#).

What improvements are proposed?

Key improvements include:
- two separate fully fenced dog off-leash areas for small and large dogs
- amenities including shelters, seating and bubblers
- formalised carpark with accessible parking
- new trees and landscaping
- existing unfenced dog off-leash area to be retained

When will the upgrades be implemented?

The upgrades will be implemented in stages. Stage 1 works will commence April 2023 and are expected to be completed by mid-2023.

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- one fully fenced dog off leash area for all dogs
- amenities including shelter, bubblers and seating
- new trees and landscaping
- existing unfenced dog off leash area to be retained

Further stages will occur next financial year (subject to budget) and will include a second fenced off-leash dog area. Once the second fenced area is constructed, this will then allow separation of small and large dogs, similar to that at Acacia Avenue Lambton fenced off-leash area.

What works are being carried out as part of the Maryland Creek Rehabilitation Project?

Investigations are currently being carried out on revegetation of the creek line including the planting of native grasses and mid story plantings.