

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

COUNCIL MEETING 6 AUGUST 2025



Item 11.1 Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029

Question from Councillor Halliday:

How much does Council spend maintaining dog off-leash parks?

Response: *MO Moran and Eastern Reserve North are the only dedicated dog off-leash parks in Port Phillip, and cost approximately \$8000 each in routine maintenance per year, with a further \$8000 - \$12,000 each in reactive maintenance per year.*

To try and minimise some of these reactive costs, Council recently repurposed some soil from the foreshore to replenish MO Moran, meaning the only expenditure was on spreading the soil.

There are a further 15 designated dog off-leash sites across the municipality, four of which are located on sports fields (Peanut Farm, Lagoon Reserve, JL Murphy and Julier Reserve). While the annual maintenance cost of these sports fields is \$8000-\$10,000, Council does not separately track all dog-related expenses, however, these sites frequently require extra maintenance due to dog use.