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## **Corinda Dog Off-Leash Upgrade**

New facilities for the Dunlop Park Dog off-leash enclosure are on the way following a successful amendment to the annual City budget.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, welcomed the decision as a win for the local community who had been seeking improvements to the small but popular dog park for some years.

"The popular dog off-leash area, tucked away in the back of Dunlop Park, will undergo a \$40,000 upgrade including a major fence extension to accommodate even more dogs. The improvements will also include new agility equipment and a shade shelter over the picnic table," Councillor Johnston said.

"Despite being requested as a budget priority for the area, this project was not initially supported by the Lord Mayor in the 2010 budget. I lobbied Council to upgrade the facilities as part of the budget review process based on the strong interest and feedback of local residents."

"Dog off-leash facilities are a fabulous way for families with dogs to ensure they can exercise safely, have fun as well as helping their pets to build agility and obedience skills."

"Having safe and practical spaces for dogs to roam off-leash also provides the broader community with confidence when using parklands for sport or informal recreation."

The dog off-leash upgrade follows construction of a new all ages Children's playground at George Scarlett Park on Cliveden Avenue and installation of a new BBQ next to the pool in Dunlop Park. This year, Council plans for Corinda include a major remediation of the Dunlop Park sporting fields, together with an upgrade to the Brown Street Playground opposite Corinda Rail Station.

"Upgrading local parklands was a key election commitment for me so I am delighted to be able to deliver these improvements to popular

community facilities that can be used everyday by Corinda families," Councillor Johnston said.

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