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## NEW TRIAL DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS

Pet owners will have the chance to exercise their dogs in 16 off-leash trial sites across the City when the Council begins a six-month test period commencing 27 October.

Areas have been marked, signage erected and bins and plastic bag dispensers put in place in the following parks:

- Waterloo Park, Vimiera Road, Marsfield
- Carara Reserve, Goodwin Street, Ryde
- Kotara Park, Abuklea Road, Marsfield
- ELS Hall Park, Kent Road, North Ryde
- North Ryde Common, Twin Road, North Ryde
- Denistone Park, Terry Road, Denistone
- Olympic Park, Potts Street, Ryde
- Cudal Reserve, Henry Street, Ryde
- Putney Park, Pellisier Road, Putney

The Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, said: “A full community education program is about to be rolled out to fully inform residents living around the trial area of Council’s plans.”

The Mayor was also quick to dispel any suggestion that the marked areas in the parks should be confused with possible construction sites associated with the M2 Upgrade. “Residents can be assured that Council has a rigorous process in place of assessing any works that would alienate public land and make it inaccessible for residents’ use or threaten local flora and fauna.”

Preliminary enquiries were made to Council by the M2 contractor Leightons regarding work sites, however no formal application has been lodged or agreement entered into between the Council and the construction authority.

Seven sportsgrounds will also be trialled as dog off-leash areas when organised sport is not occurring:

- Peel Park, Morrison Road, Gladesville
- Santa Rose Park, Quarry Road, North Ryde
- Forrester Park, Vimiera Road, Eastwood
- Brush Farm Park, Lawson Street, Eastwood
- Fontenoy Park, Fontenoy Road, Macquarie Park
- Darvall Park, Chatham Road, Denistone
- Pidding Park, Cressy Road, Ryde

For maps of all park locations, rules for off-leash areas, further information on the trial or to let the Council know your views on the off-leash trial, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/offleashtrial](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/offleashtrial).

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