

A Secure Fenced Dog Park for Picton

We believe that Dog parks provide a place for socialisation for dogs and humans alike. Positive and regular socialisation of dogs with people and other dogs is a vital tool for training a well-adjusted dog, and can prevent feelings of threat which can lead to aggressive behaviour. A secure fenced dog park allows dog owners to exercise their dogs off leash in a safe and secure environment.

Secure Fenced Dog Parks also provide safety and security for people who don't own a dog. A park or green space that incorporates a Secure Fenced Dog Park allows people without dogs to enjoy the environs of the park while dogs and their owners can enjoy the freedom and security that a Secure Fenced Dog Park offers.

MDC has 3 main reserves identified as "off leash dog exercise areas" – Auckland Street Reserve, Beach Road Reserve and Memorial Park, plus a number of other smaller areas and walking tracks that are also identified as off lead areas.

We have identified 2 reserves where we believe a secure fenced dog park will benefit the users of the current off leash dog exercise areas.

Auckland Street Reserve – this is already a well used area by locals and visitors alike, it is easily accessible from Wairau Road, has good off-street parking, toilet facilities and clearly identified as a dog exercise area with access to water and a doggy doo station. We believe that part of this off leash area could be easily fenced in a way as not to inhibit current users but also provide the safe and secure environment of a secure fenced dog park.

Beach Road Reserve – this is a wonderful flat open area also currently identified as a MDC "off leash dog exercise area". This area is well used by Picton/Waikawa dog owners and many holiday makers who have holiday homes, boats and holiday in the motels and holiday parks of Waikawa. It has access to water and a doggy doo station. We believe with thoughtful planning and consultation with the community, this area could be developed into a beautiful secure fenced dog park.

Public Consultation

As part of our submission for a secure fenced dog park in Picton, we have also undertaken a public survey within the community to gauge the needs of the community. The results of this survey will be shared with Marlborough District Council.

We have support from the following

Picton Business Group
Picton Smart & Connected
Waikawa Residents & Ratepayers Association
Renwick Smart & Connected Dog Park Working Group
Christine Mackenzie – Picton Vet Clinic
SnowDogs Marlborough NZ
Blenheim Canine Training Club

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the LTP and have a say in the development of our town.

Picton Dog Park Group Members:

Helen Neighbour-Cone, Picton Resident & Business Owner & PBG Secretary/Committee Member – owner of 2 dogs
Colin & Michelle Smith, Picton Residents & Business Owners, Members & Committee Members of Blenheim Canine Training Club – owners of 3 dogs
Garth & Melissa Haylock, Spring Creek Residents & Coordinators of SnowDogs Marlborough NZ – owners of 1 dog
Michelle Campbell, Picton Resident & Manager of Marina Cove Retirement Village – owner of 1 dog