



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Tongues wagging about dog park opening**

Mayor Kris Hanna will officially open the Reserve Street Reserve dog park in Trott Park at a free community event on Sunday, 4 September.

“Tongues are wagging about the imminent opening of the first dedicated dog park in Marion. It will be canine heaven,” Mr Hanna said.

“I call on all dogs reading this article to bring their owners to the opening of this fabulous park. Dogs can run off the leash.”

The 10,000 sq m off-leash area is surrounded by a 1.8m fence with three airlock gates. It includes a turfed area, two drinking fountains and dog bowls, benches and is landscaped.

Mayor Hanna said: “Size does matter. Council voted to double the size to about 10,000 sq m in October last year after community consultation.”

Work began in April this year and cost \$226,000 to construct. Council provided \$126,000 while the State Government invested \$100,000.

Local resident Michelle Anderson said she was excited at the prospect of letting her two Labradors off the leash.

“I can’t wait to take my dogs for a run in the park because they will get more exercise than if I take them for a long walk,” Ms Anderson said.

“Backyards are getting smaller, so it’s important to have a place where dogs can run around.”

Mr Hanna said the community event will run from 11.30am to 2pm. Activities include:

- Come ‘n’ try dog training session.
- Dress up your dog in a pooch and owner photo booth.
- A free barbecue run by the Lions Club of Hallett Cove
- Staff from the Hallett Cove Vet will share their knowledge on maintaining your dog’s health while City of Marion staff will provide information about dog management.
- Local dog groomers will provide tips on grooming.

Reserve Street Reserve includes a playground, barbecue and kick-about area which is separated by the fence around the dog park.

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