

## Dogs Fouling the Domain

Email from Wayne 26 February

Hello Ross,

I am on the Mapua and Districts Community Association (MDCA) Exec and I have had a number of people approach me about dogs fouling the Mapua Domain. I have been given your name as someone at the TDC who might be able to help. Several questions arise:

1. Are dogs free to run on Council playgrounds?
2. Are there DoggyDo dispensers and bins sited at the Mapua Domain?
3. Does Council monitor reserves to help control this problem?
4. How can the community help control this problem?

I guess the public can challenge dog owners who flout the rules but owners of BIG dogs can be intimidating and owners of little dogs quite precious.

Your advice would be appreciated

Wayne Chisnall

MDCA Exec

This is the reply from TDC with regards to dogs fouling the Domain. The TDC does monitor reserves but it would seem that residents will need to confront offending dog owners with the rules that apply. Taking a photo and sending it to Ross Connochie might help.

Cheers

Wayne

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From: **Ross Connochie** <[Ross.Connochie@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:Ross.Connochie@tasman.govt.nz)>

Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 9:23 AM

Subject: RE: Issue with dogs fouling the Mapua Domain

To: Wayne Chisnall <[wchisnall@gmail.com](mailto:wchisnall@gmail.com)>

Hi Wayne, I have asked Richard Hiltons (Parks & Reserves) to comment his remarks are in red. Always a tricky matter to enforce as we have to catch them in the act and then offer them the opportunity to remedy the situation, only if they refuse that request can we take any punitive action. Some Councils make it compulsory for dog owners to carry a plastic bag at all times, we may give some thought to that in the next Bylaw review.

I will have a chat with Richard to see if signage is adequate.

Cheers, Ross

**Mapua recreation reserve is a sports field - dogs are not allowed on sports fields playgrounds and around picnic tables etc- we do not provide doggie do bag dispensers as dogs should not be in the area**

**Dog Control Bylaw: Dogs are prohibited on all Council Sports fields and complexes, and within 10 meters of playground equipment and picnic tables.**

We require feedback from reserve users and our contractors to determine the level of dog fouling, also we undertake audits of a % of reserves every two months- if a problem has been raised we can undertake an audit

Dog fouling occurs even when dispensers are provided – some dog owners will in large open areas pretend not to see their dog pooping so they don't have to clean up- other dog owners may clean up then throw the full bags into the nearest shrubbery!

**Ross Connochie**

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