

# Friends of Manningham Dogs and Cats Inc.

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## Committee Update April 2010

### Ruffey Lake Park News

**The off lead status of this park is currently under review due to a motion passed by the Ruffey Lake Park Advisory Committee.** The behaviour of some dog owners is cause for concern. Some are not picking up or adequately controlling their dog or having their dog off-lead in on lead areas. This is putting off lead access at risk for all. I would urge you all to ensure that you obey the park rules. Can I also encourage you to encourage other owners to do likewise.

We are also urgently trying to build our membership base. The larger our membership voice the stronger our voice. FOR ISSUES SUCH AS THE OFF LEAD STATUS OF RUFFEY LAKE PARK, WE NEED A STRONG VOICE FROM RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS. Please spread the word about FOMDAC to others. Join on-line at [www.fomdac.org.au](http://www.fomdac.org.au)

### **Opportunity for Submissions:**

100 Acres:

Manningham Council has prepared a draft management plan for community consultation. This can be viewed at

<http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/council/consultation/the100acresreservedraftmanagementplan.html?s=607979722> or local libraries.

FOMDAC has prepared a submission requesting that the perimeter track be made dogs off lead apart from in the area that has ecological significance. Submissions are due by May 7<sup>th</sup> and we would appreciate your support.

Koonung Creek Linear Plan

<http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/council/consultation/koonungcreeklinearparkmanagementplan.html?s=607979722>

Submissions for this are due on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Of interest is that the plan does not include any dog poo bins and there are no restrictions for cyclists.

Zerbes Reserve Management Plan

<http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/council/consultation/koonungcreeklinearparkmanagementplan.html?s=607979722> Submissions are due May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Curious about the logo at the top of the page?**

It means your membership is due. This is our only source of income. Payment can be made by cheque or on-line at Bank details are as follows: ACCOUNT NAME: Friends of Manningham Dogs and Cats Inc. BSB 633-000 ACCOUNT NUMBER 131675647, Bendigo Bank Jackson Court, Doncaster East. PLEASE USE YOUR FULL NAME AS THE REFERENCE.

An apology-problems with some entries in our data base may mean that some of you have received multiple emails from us and others none! We believe that this has been rectified. IF THIS WAS POSTED TO YOU AND YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE LET US KNOW.