

# Off-Leash Dog Area Trials

Community Engagement Outcomes Report  
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City of  
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## Executive Summary

In response to dog ownership growth and community requests, the City of Canada Bay undertook community consultation from 24 October to 20 November to inform the development of a City-wide Canine Management Strategy and the trial of off-leash dog areas at the following parks:

- Kendall Reserve, Kendall Street, Cabarita
- Timbrell Park, Henley Marine Drive, Five Dock
- King George V Park, Concord Road, Rhodes
- Lower Phoenix Park, Shoreline Drive, Rhodes

This report, *Off-Leash Dog Area Trials Community Engagement Outcomes*, outlines the level of support and suggestions for the proposed four off-leash dog areas in addition to the community providing comprehensive feedback on the general provision of off-leash dog areas.

A summary of the community's feedback in relation to the four off-leash dog trial areas is set out below:

Park	Level of Support	Top 5 Key improvements suggested by the Community to facilitate off-leash dog activity
<b>Kendall Reserve, Cabarita</b>	<p><b>Number of submissions regarding Kendall Reserve: 107</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 94% support a permanent off-leash dog area</li> <li>• 3% do not support a permanent off-leash dog area</li> <li>• 3% did not state their position</li> </ul>	<p><b>Number of comments regarding Kendall Reserve: 86</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fencing with double gate (60%)</li> <li>2. Drinking fountain with large pet bowl (59%)</li> <li>3. Dog Litter Bins (37%)</li> <li>4. Re-turfed with natural grass (33%)</li> <li>5. Dog Litter Bags (27%)</li> </ol>
<b>King George V Park, Rhodes</b>	<p><b>Number of submissions regarding King George V Park: 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 89% support a permanent off-leash dog area</li> <li>• 11% do not support a permanent off-leash dog area</li> </ul>	<p><b>Number of comments regarding King George V Park: 6</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fencing with double gate (83%)</li> </ol>
<b>Lower Phoenix Park, Rhodes</b>	<p><b>Number of submissions regarding Lower Phoenix Park: 62</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 85% support a permanent off-leash dog area</li> <li>• 15% do not support a permanent off-leash dog area</li> </ul>	<p><b>Number of comments regarding Lower Phoenix Park: 56</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fencing with double gate (73%)</li> <li>2. Drinking fountain with large pet bowl (45%)</li> <li>3. Dog Litter Bags (29%)</li> <li>4. Dog Litter Bins (27%)</li> <li>5. Improved Owner Responsibility and Compliance Signage (14%)</li> </ol>
<b>Timbrell Park, Five Dock</b>	<p><b>Number of submissions regarding Timbrell Park: 152</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 86% support the proposed permanent off-leash dog area</li> <li>• 12% do not support a permanent off-leash dog area</li> <li>• 2% did not state their position</li> </ul> <p><b>Current Sporting Group Hirers</b> Objections to this proposal were received from Inner West Harbour Cricket Association, Iron Cove Cricket Club and Balmain Junior Touch Association (including a petition signed by 130 people)</p>	<p><b>Number of comments regarding Timbrell Park: 131</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dog Litter Bins (42%)</li> <li>2. Fencing (some suggested to separate the sports field from the south-western end of the park) (40%)</li> <li>3. Drinking fountain with large pet bowl (36%)</li> <li>4. Dog Litter Bags (31%)</li> <li>5. Improved Owner Responsibility and Compliance Signage (20%)</li> </ol>

# Community Engagement Snapshot

**Wednesday, 24 October to Tuesday, 20 November 2018**

The community was informed of the opportunity to participate in the engagement period via a variety of channels including:

- Inclusion in the Inner West Courier on 30 October
- A5 Postcard distributed to 8,000 residential and business properties within a 500 metre loci of each of the four parks
- Promotion via Council's website and social media channels
- Signage and flyers located at the Civic Centre, Five Dock Library, Five Dock Leisure Centre and Concord Library
- Emails to current hirers of Timbrell Park
- Notification signage at each of the four parks trialing off-leash dog areas

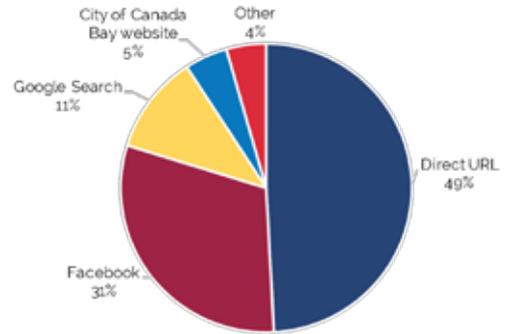


Figure 1: Traffic sources to the online engagement portal

## Engagement Opportunities and Activities

### 24/7 Online Engagement Portal

The portal, [canadabay.engagementhub.com.au](http://canadabay.engagementhub.com.au) visitors to view all the relevant documentation, to post ideas and undertake the community survey. Unique visitors: 588

### Additional channels for community members to share their feedback included:

- Email: [parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au)
- By post and phone
- Social Media: sharing and commenting

### Community Listening Posts

The community was encouraged to meet with Council representatives at five listening posts:

- Sunday, 28 October 3:30-5:30pm at Lower Phoenix Park. Attendees: 20+
- Sunday, 4 November 3:30-5:30pm at Kendall Reserve. Attendees: 50+
- Friday, 9 November 4-6pm at Timbrell Park. Attendees: 20+
- Thursday, 15 November 5-7pm at King George V Park
- Doggy Day Out on Sunday, 18 November 9.30am - 12pm at Five Dock Park

## Engagement Snapshot



**28**

DAY ENGAGEMENT PERIOD



**1,862**

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT PAGE VIEWS



**271**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED



**53**

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS



**201**

SURVEYS COMPLETED



**130+**

ATTENDEES AT THE LISTENING POSTS



**195**

DOCUMENTS DOWNLOADED



**154**

IDEAS WALL VOTES ON FIVE COMMUNITY IDEAS



**1,354**

INTERACTIONS ON FACEBOOK

# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS**

The Four Trial Off-Leash Dog Trial Sites

# Kendall Reserve, Cabarita

Kendall Reserve is a small neighbourhood park featuring a children's playground, picnic facilities and one public bin.

It is a convenient park to approximately 5,500 residents of Cabarita and Breakfast Point.

Currently, there are no permanent off-leash dog areas on the Cabarita, Breakfast Point and Mortlake peninsula. 75% of dwellings in Breakfast Point and Cabarita are either apartments or townhouses / semi-detached with limited access to private outdoor space large enough to exercise a dog.

Over the five years to June 2018, 473 new dogs were micro-chipped on behalf of owners in Cabarita and Breakfast Point.

The five most popular dog breeds in Cabarita and Breakfast Point are:

1. Maltese - 19%
2. Cavoodle - 6%
3. Poodle (Toy) - 6%
4. Pomeranian - 5%
5. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - 5%



## Kendall Reserve, Cabarita - Level of Support

	Nearby Resident - current dog owner / walker	Nearby Resident - current dog owner and not in the future	Nearby Resident - not a dog owner but may be in the future	Nearby Resident - dog owner	Nearby Resident - not a dog owner	Nearby Resident and may have a dog in the future	Other CCB Resident	Non-CCB Resident	Not Stated	Total
Support	64%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	9%	0%	16%	<b>94%</b>
Against	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	<b>3%</b>
Not Stated	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	<b>3%</b>

### Level of support from residents of Breakfast Point, Cabarita and Mortlake:

- 96% of nearby residents who provided their feedback support an off-leash dog area at Kendall Reserve
- 3% of nearby residents do not support the off-leash dog area
- 1% of nearby residents who provided feedback did not state their support

### Level of Support based on dwelling structure:

- 49% of survey respondents who support this proposal live in an apartment or a semi-detached / townhouse

### Level of Support based on household composition:

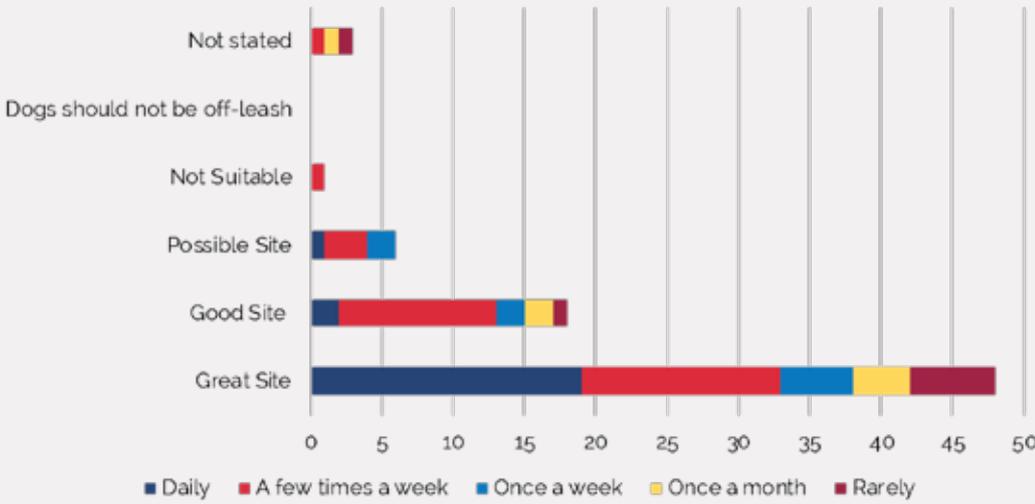
Survey respondents who support the proposal:

- 21% - Lives with a partner and dependent (13 - 18 years of age) children
- 21% - Lives with a partner and young (less than 13 years of age) children
- 21% - Lives with parents / guardian
- 18% - Lives with/without a partner with independent young adults
- 13% - Lives on their own
- 3% - Lives alone with young (less than 13 years of age) children

The 5 most popular dog breeds of survey respondents	
Cavoodle	34%
Labrador	8%
Pug	6%
King Charles Cavalier	6%
West Highland White Terrier	5%

Dog faeces count during the trial	
Start of trial	0
Mid trial	0
End of trial	2

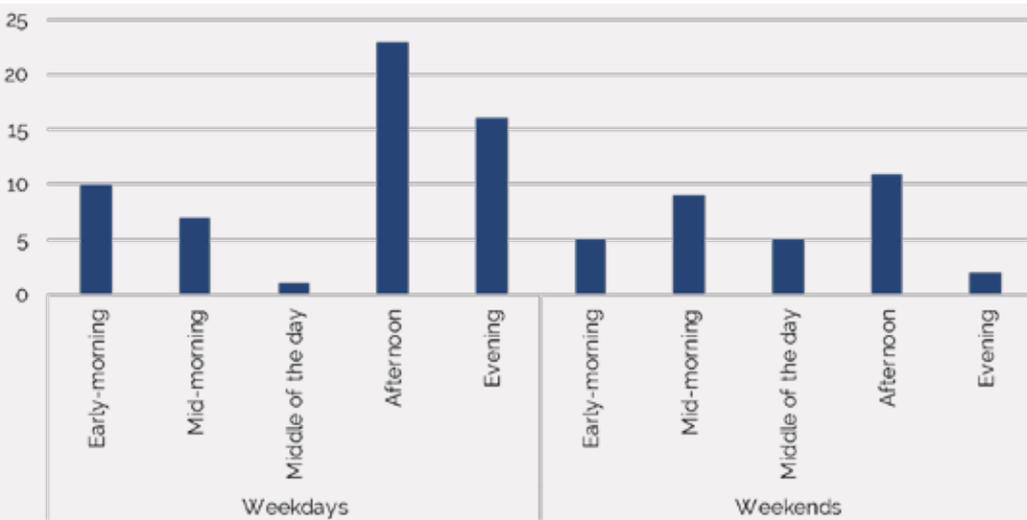
# Kendall Reserve Community Feedback



How well suited is Kendall Reserve to include an off-leash dog park compared to how frequently they visit the park.

Respondents: 76

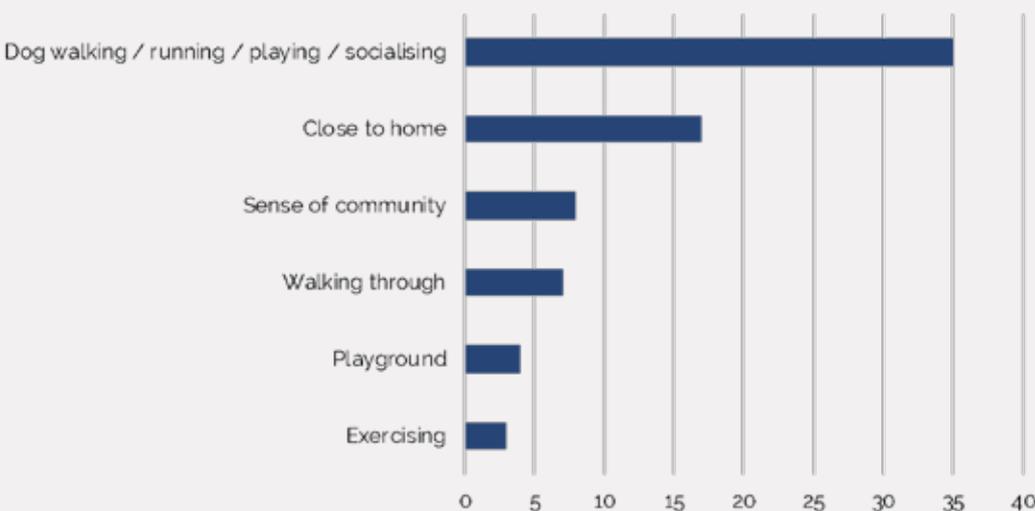
Survey Questions: 1 and 3



If there was an off-leash dog area, when would the community most likely visit Kendall Reserve.

Respondents: 89

Survey Question: 5



What are the main reasons that residents visit Kendall Reserve.

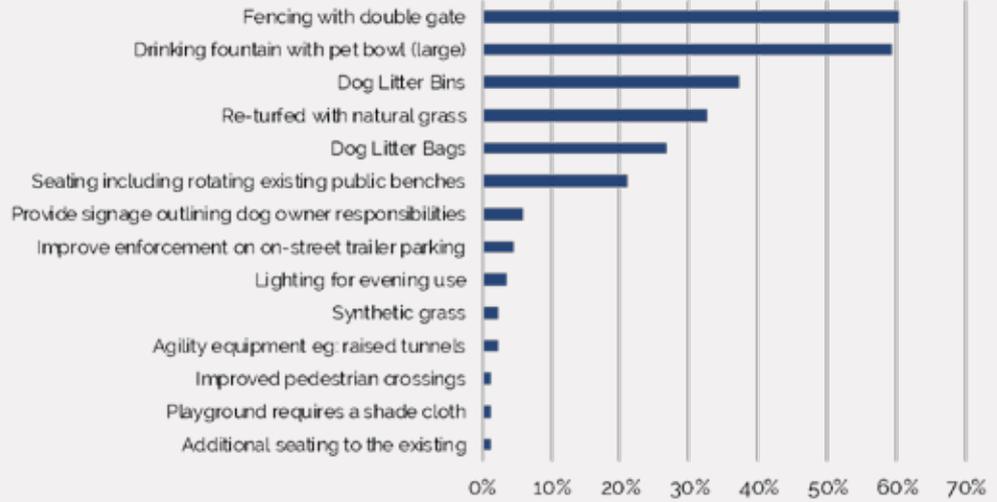
Respondents: 64

Survey Question: 2

Provisions suggested to enhance off-leash dog activity at Kendall Reserve

Respondents: 68 via and 18 via email or Facebook

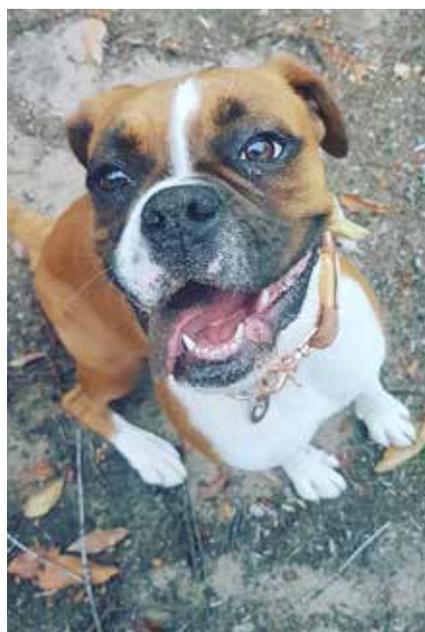
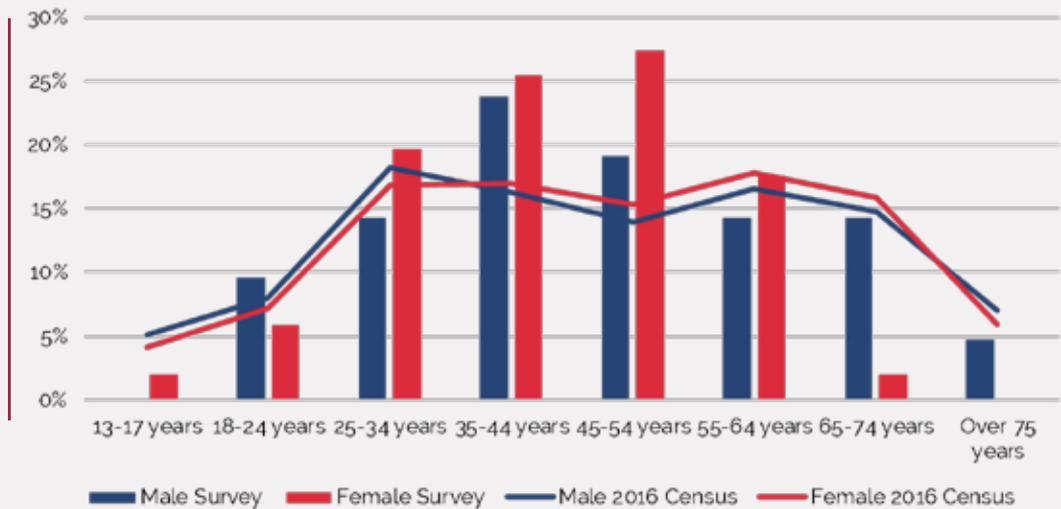
Survey Question: 4



Breakfast Point and Cabarita survey respondents plotted against 2016 ABS Census

Respondents: 76

Survey Questions: 11, 12 and 13



# King George V Park, Rhodes

King George V Park is a medium sized neighbourhood park, located on the eastern side of Concord Road, featuring two park benches.

The nearest existing off-leash dog area is at McIlwaine Park, which is restricted to before 9am and after 5pm.

Residential dwellings in Rhodes predominately do not have access to a backyard: 94.6% of dwellings are apartments with another 1.7% townhouses/semi-detached, so good access to community open space for both people and their dogs is essential. The eastern side of Rhodes is currently predominantly separate houses.

Over the five years to June 2018, 939 new dogs were micro-chipped on behalf of owners in Rhodes.

The five most popular dog breeds in Rhodes are:

1. Maltese - 14%
2. Poodle (Toy) - 13%
3. Bichon Frise - 7%
4. Pomeranian - 6%
5. Shih Tzu - 4%



## King George V Park, Rhodes - Level of Support

	Nearby Resident - current dog owner / walker	Nearby Resident - current dog owner and not in the future	Nearby Resident - not a dog owner but may be in the future	Nearby Resident - dog owner	Nearby Resident - not a dog owner	Nearby Resident and may have a dog in the future	Other CCB Resident	Non-CCB Resident	Not Stated	Total
Support	89%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	89%
Against	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%
Not Stated	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

There was a very low response (9 people) to the suitability of King George V Park, resulting in statistically unreliable data. Many respondents did provide feedback, however they mistook this park for King George Park, Rozelle. Therefore, data was applied from only respondents who clearly identified the correct park. The only community recommendation was to install secure fencing with a double gate.

### Level of support from Rhodes and Concord West residents:

- 86% of nearby residents who provided their feedback support an off-leash dog area at King George V Park
- 14% of nearby residents do not support the off-leash dog area

### Level of Support based on dwelling structure:

- 50% of survey respondents who support this proposal live in an apartment or a semi-detached / townhouse

**The 4 most popular dog breeds of survey respondents**

Labrador	3
Fox terrier	2
Spoodle	1
Chihuahua	1

**Dog faeces count during the trial**

Start of trial	0
Mid trial	4
End of trial	1

## Lower Phoenix Park, Rhodes

Lower Phoenix Park is a well sized neighbourhood park located nearby to The Connection. The park is positioned between 8-12 story apartment buildings.

To the east of and above Lower Phoenix Park is Upper Phoenix Park which features a playground and bbq facilities.

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### Lower Phoenix Park, Rhodes - Level of Support

	Nearby Resident - current dog owner / walker	Nearby Resident - current dog owner and not in the future	Nearby Resident - not a dog owner but may be in the future	Nearby Resident - dog owner	Nearby Resident - not a dog owner	Nearby Resident and may have a dog in the future	Other CCB Resident	Non-CCB Resident	Not Stated	Total
Support	23%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	48%	11%	0%	85%
Against	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	0%	3%	2%	2%	15%
Not Stated	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

#### Level of support from residents of Rhodes:

- 68% of nearby residents who provided their feedback support an off-leash dog area at Lower Phoenix Park
- 32% of nearby residents do not support an off-leash dog area

The reasons for objection from the six Rhodes residents who do not support an off-leash dog area includes:

- Dogs running onto roads
- Dogs running into adjacent apartment buildings
- Dogs approaching residents walking along the pathways
- Noise
- Owners not complying with their responsibilities
- Shared use of the park required

The use of Upper Phoenix Park as an off-leash dog area, when it is not, requires attention.

#### Level of Support based on dwelling structure

- 53% of survey respondents who support this proposal live in an apartment or a semi-detached / townhouse

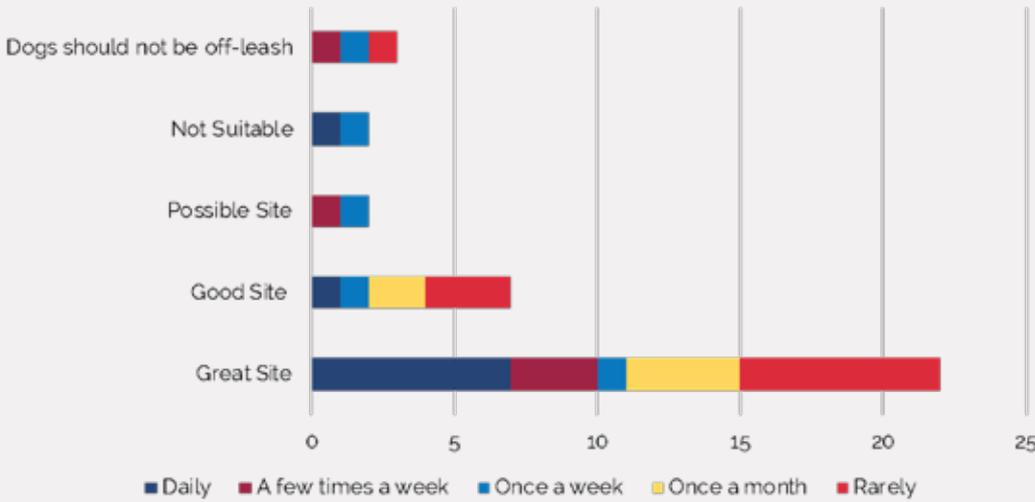
#### The 5 most popular dog breeds of survey respondents

Pug	15%
Labrador	11%
Spoodle	9%
Cavoodle	7%
Moodle (Maltese/Poodle)	4%

#### Dog faeces count during the trial

Start of trial	16
Mid trial	17
End of trial	25

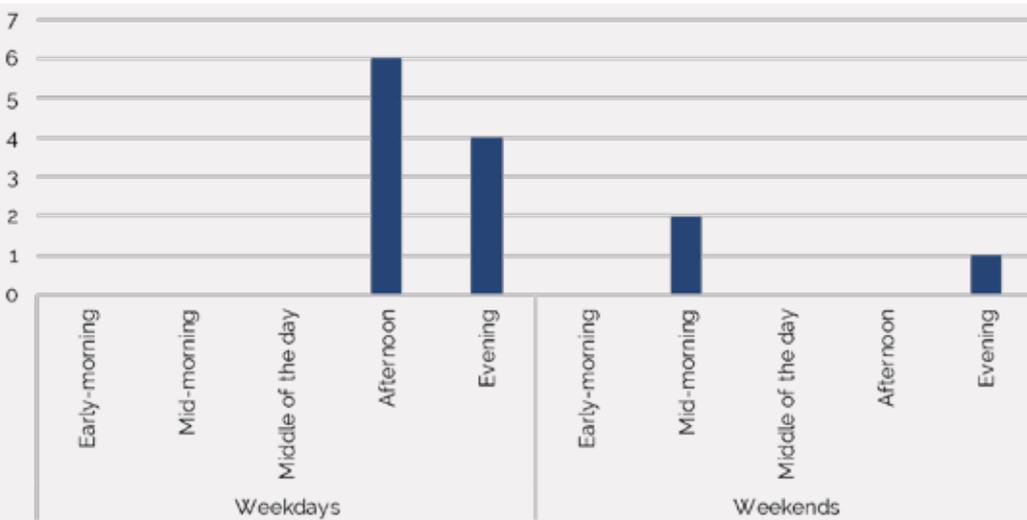
## Lower Phoenix Park Community Feedback



How well suited is Lower Phoenix Park to include an off-leash dog park compared to how frequently they visit the park.

Respondents: 36

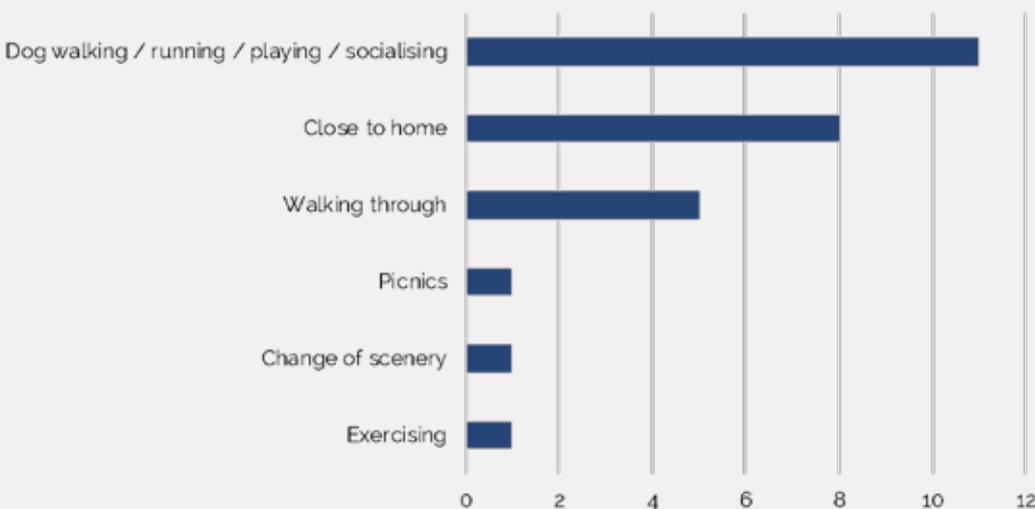
Survey Questions: 1 and 3



If there was an off-leash dog area, when would the community most likely visit Lower Phoenix Park

Respondents: 13

Survey Question: 5



What are the main reasons that residents visit Lower Phoenix Park.

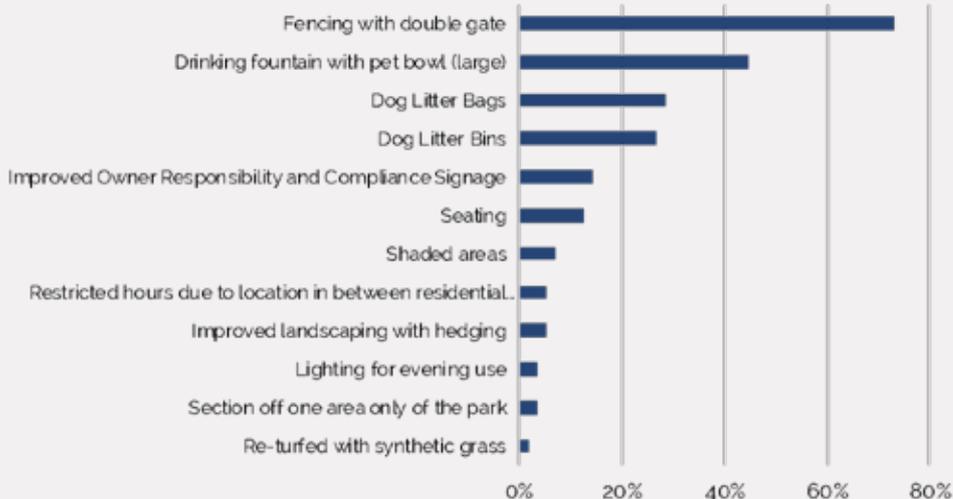
Respondents: 27

Survey Question: 2

Provisions suggested to enhance off-leash dog activity at Lower Phoenix Park

Respondents: 57

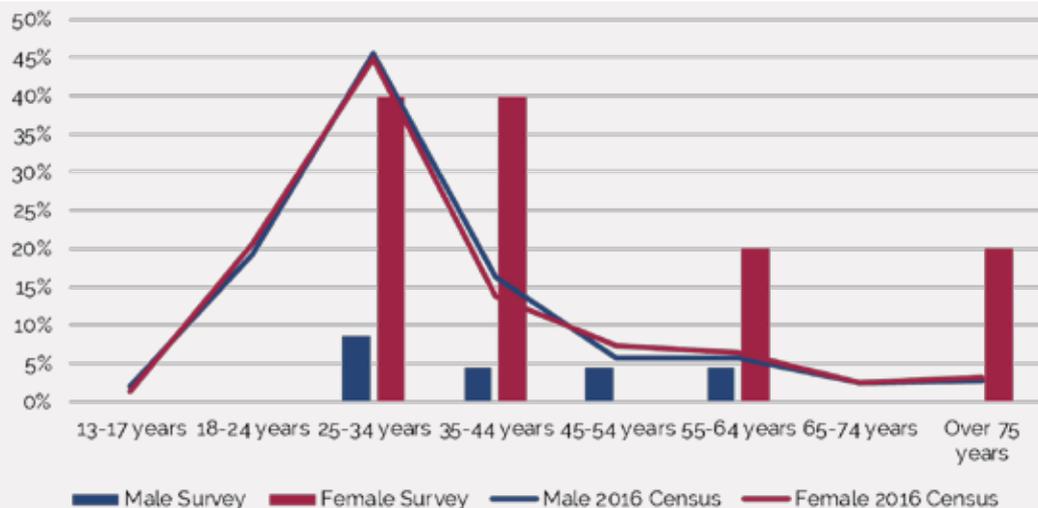
Survey Question: 4



Rhodes survey respondents plotted against 2016 ABS Census

Respondents: 11 (SNR)

Survey Questions: 11, 12 and 13



# Timbrell Park, Five Dock

There are five existing off-leash dog areas located in Five Dock: Charles Heath Reserve; Halliday Park; Five Dock Park; Storey Park; and, Timbrell Park (west of the playground).

Community members have informed Council that using the eastern side (sport fields) of the park would be more preferable for dog exercise as it is larger and more protected from Henley Marine Drive.

The trial location is a well utilised active sports field potentially resulting in a challenge of managing and enforcing off-leash dog activity.

Over the five years to June 2018, Five Dock recorded 758 new dogs micro-chipped

The five most popular dog breeds in Rhodes are:

1. Maltese - 11%
2. Jack Russell Terrier - 6%
3. Labrador Retriever - 5%
4. Bull Terrier (Staffordshire) - 4%
5. Pomeranian - 4%



## Timbrell Park, Five Dock - Level of Support

	Nearby Resident - current dog owner / walker	Nearby Resident - current dog owner and not in the future	Nearby Resident - not a dog owner but may be in the future	Nearby Resident - dog owner	Nearby Resident - not a dog owner	Nearby Resident and may have a dog in the future	Other CCB Resident	Non-CCB Resident	Not Stated	Total
Support	47%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	15%	16%	5%	<b>86%</b>
Against	2%	1%	0%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	<b>12%</b>
Not Stated	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	<b>2%</b>

### Level of support from residents of Five Dock and Rodd Point residents:

- 82% of nearby residents who provided their feedback support a new off-leash dog area at Timbrell Park
- 18% of nearby residents do not support a new off-leash dog area

The reasons for objection from the community members and sporting bodies who do not support an off-leash dog area includes:

- Incompatible shared space with organised sport
- Dogs running onto roads
- Predominantly a sports field utilised for organised sport and families playing informal ball games with children

### Level of Support based on membership of a local sporting body (not necessarily one which trains/plays at Timbrell Park):

- 23% of survey respondents who support this proposal are a member of a sporting body that trains and/or plays within the City of Canada Bay
- 25% of survey respondents who oppose this proposal are a member of a sporting body that trains and/or plays within the City of Canada Bay

### The 5 most popular dog breeds of survey respondents

Cavoodle	16%
Kelpie	9%
Border Collie	7%
Labrador	7%
Pug	5%

### Dog faeces count during the trial

Start of trial	3
Mid trial	2
End of trial	1

## Timbrell Park, Five Dock - Considerations

### Active Sports Field

The eastern side of Timbrell Park is predominantly a well utilised sports fields accommodating over 5000 stakeholders annually.

Current seasonal hirers of Timbrell Park include:

- Inner West Harbour Cricket Association
- Balmain Touch
- Balmain Junior Touch
- Five Dock Falcons Baseball
- Football Club Five Dock
- Rosebank College
- Concord High School

The clubs that seasonally hire Timbrell Park have repeatedly complained to Council about discarded dog faeces on the fields. Dogs on sportsgrounds are particularly an issue for contact sports such as football, rugby and AFL. Overuse of the sports field may also result in deterioration of the playing surface for training and matches. Training and games for touch football and soccer teams are undertaken at Timbrell Park with a large percentage of junior players.

Objections to this proposal were received from Inner West Harbour Cricket Association, Iron Cove Cricket Club and Balmain Junior Touch Association (including a petition signed by 130 people).

Additionally, Balmain Junior Touch Association have received funding to construct an amenity building at Timbrell Park.

Set out below, are the current seasonal bookings of Timbrell Park. Clause 14.1.C of the Animal Companions Act 1998 in relation to sports fields and dog activity.

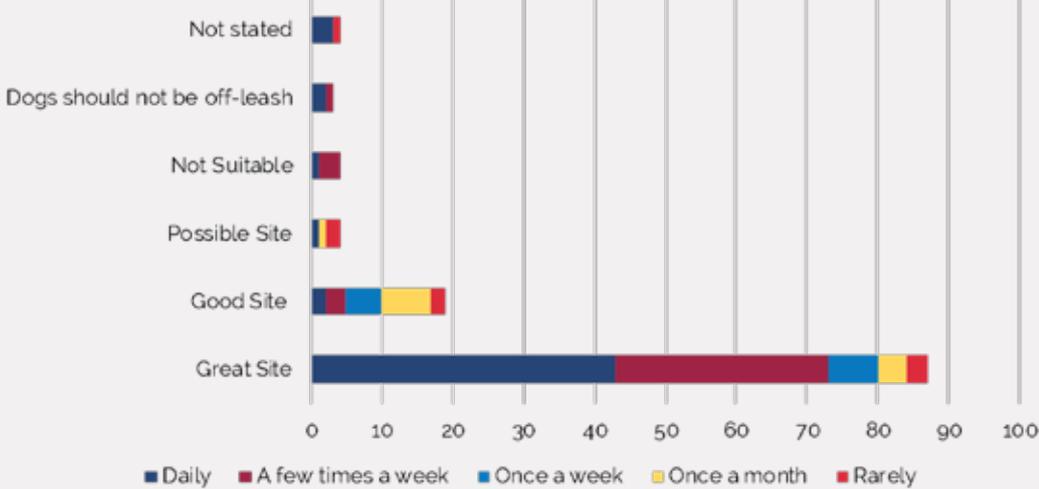
Summer Season							
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Winter Season							
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### Community Petition

On the 8 August 2018, prior to community consultation, an online petition (<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/off-leash-dog-exercise-area-at-timbrell-park>) in support of an off-leash dog area at the eastern side of the park was commenced. 249 people (including people located overseas) supported the petition with 91 providing comments.

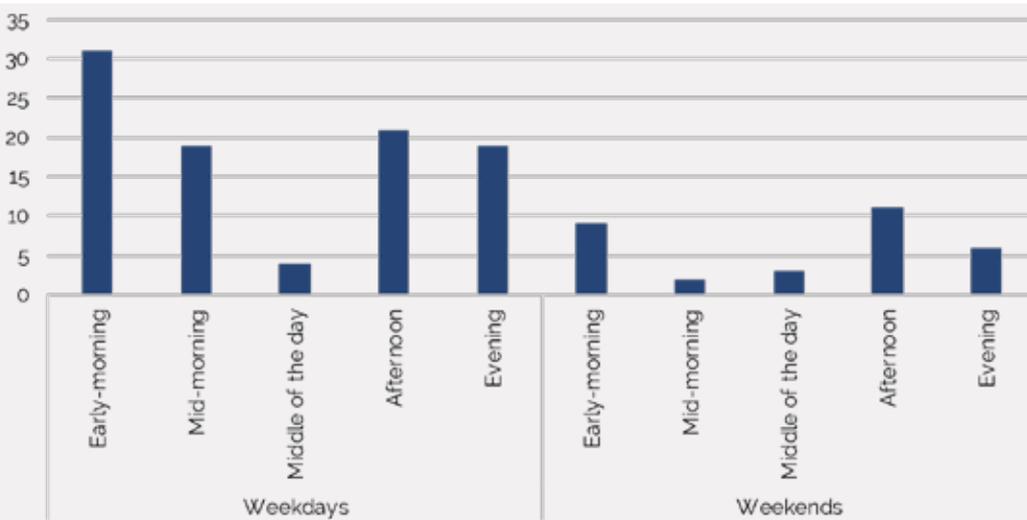
# Timbrell Park Community Feedback



How well suited is Timbrell Park to include an off-leash dog park compared to how frequently they visit the park.

Respondents: 121

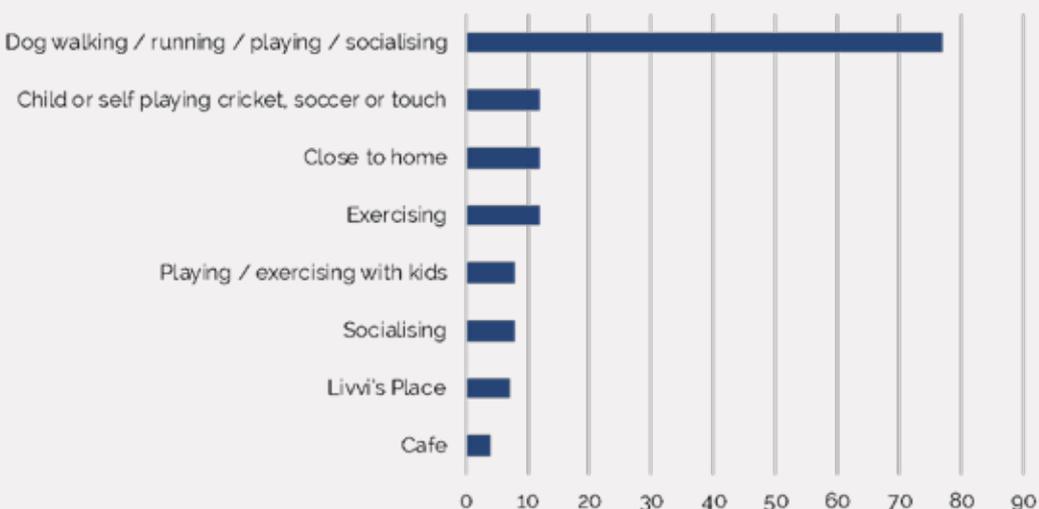
Survey Questions: 1 and 3



If there was an off-leash dog area, when would the community most likely visit Timbrell Park

Respondents: 125

Survey Question: 5



What are the main reasons that residents visit Timbrell Park.

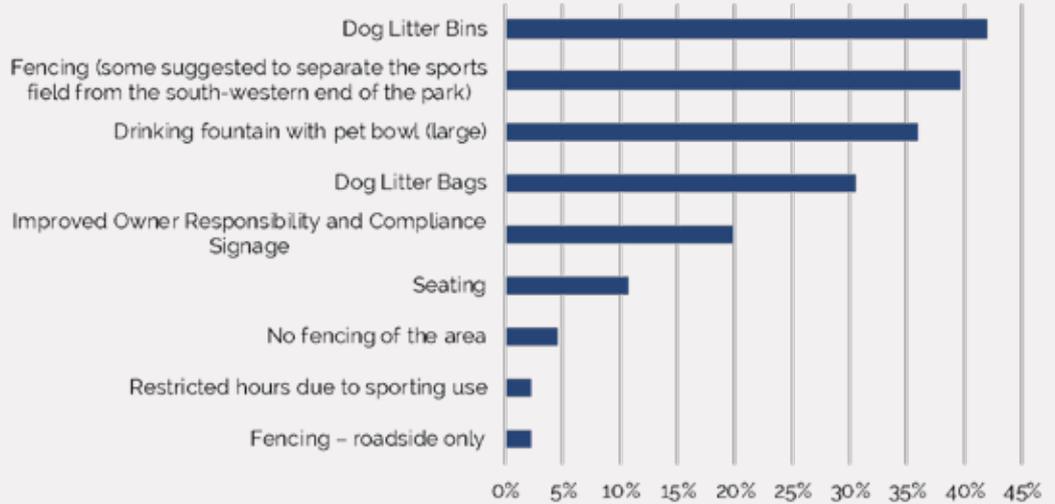
Respondents: 114

Survey Question: 2

Provisions suggested to enhance off-leash dog activity at Timbrell Park

Respondents: 131

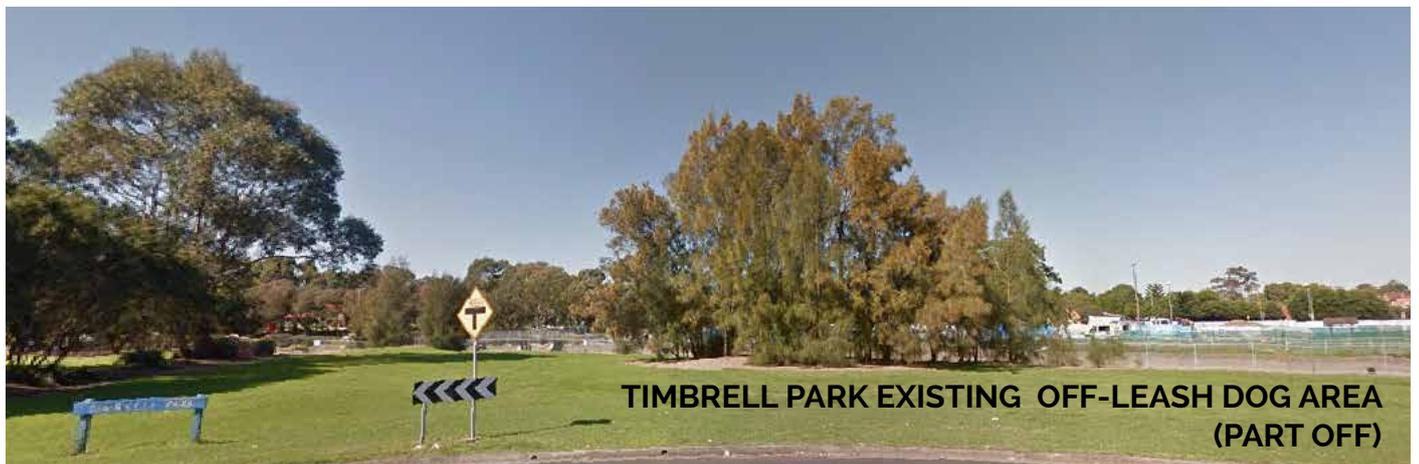
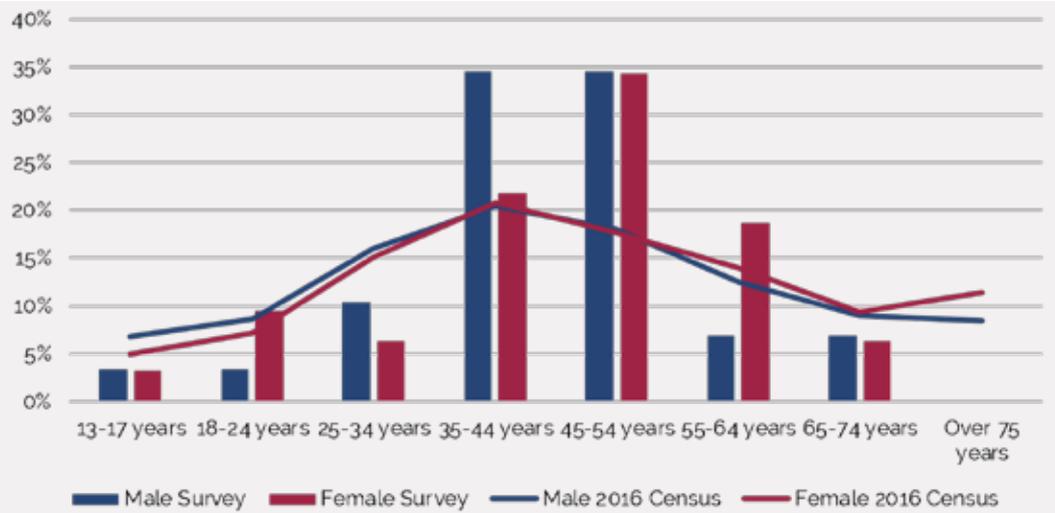
Survey Question: 4



Five Dock survey respondents plotted against 2016 ABS Census

Respondents: 61

Survey Questions: 11, 12 and 13



# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS**

Off-Leash Dog Provision

## Off-Leash Dog Provision to inform the Canine Management Strategy

To assist Council in developing a Canine Management Strategy, the community provided feedback on a variety of off-leash dog area elements.

### The most popular three suggested parks to undertake future off-leash dog trials are:

1. Five Dock Park (outside of the existing fenced off-leash dog area) - 15% of survey respondents
2. Cabarita Park (a section of the park) - 9% of survey respondents
3. Rodd Park (fencing on perimeter of car park) - 9% of survey respondents

### The three biggest concerns about dogs being off-leash are:

1. Dogs running out onto nearby roads - 70% of survey respondents
2. Owners not picking up their dogs' droppings - 53% of survey respondents
3. Young children being left unattended - 53% of survey respondents

### The following statements attracted strong sentiment from survey respondents. Dogs should:

- be allowed near and on sports fields when not in use by a hirer - 87% of survey respondents agreed with this statement
- be allowed in picnic and BBQ areas as long as they are on a leash - 83% of survey respondents agreed with this statement
- be allowed to the boundary of a fenced playground, but not in it, as long as they are on a leash - 78% of survey respondents agreed with this statement
- not be allowed near or on sports fields at anytime - 84% of survey respondents disagreed with this statement
- not be allowed in picnic and BBQ areas - 68% of survey respondents disagreed with this statement

### The most important elements which contribute to a successful off-leash dog area were:

1. Is regularly maintained - 80% of survey respondents
2. Provides opportunities to socialise and strengthen community connections - 73% of survey respondents
3. Provide dog litter bags and bins - 66% of survey respondents
4. Includes a drinking fountain with pet bowl - 66% of survey respondents
5. Located within walking distance (for example, 5 minutes from home) - 62% of survey respondents



## Online Ideas Wall

The online ideas walls provided an opportunity for community members to suggest ideas with other members voting for and against those ideas.

### Off leash dog area when sport not booked

Everyone gets to use the park. It will be multi purpose thereby encouraging social contact and community engagement with everyone using the park. This is really important in a very busy and often isolating city.

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### Secure the off leash dog parks with fences

Ensure dogs cannot run out on the roads Ensure dogs cannot chase after people walking on nearby paths. Creates a safe environment for our dogs to play in together.

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### Free tennis balls for owners and their dogs to play with

This would let owners and their dogs have something to play with when they get to the park instead of perhaps just using sticks lying around.

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### All day dog friendly swimming areas

Not fair our dogs suffer from the heat when we would like to take them with us though they are only allowed early morning and late evening. Our dogs enjoy the warm weather too! 24hrs!

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### Entire park off-leash during agreed set times

By having the parks as off lead during set times with designated on-lead areas within immediate vicinity of kids play areas. It would ensure the public facilities are used equally across all potential users rather than favouring one group of users over another.

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# Off-Leash Dog Provision Community Feedback

Five Dock Park (outside of existing fenced area)	Abbotsford Foreshore	Quarantine Park
All parks and reserves	Park closer to Liberty Grove	Massey Park
Breakfast Point Oval (owned and managed by Breakfast Point Community Association)	Cintra Park (grass netball courts)	Goddard Park
Rodd Park	Halliday Park (existing restricted dog park)	Edwards Park
Cabarita Park	Yaralla Estate (NSW Government owned)	Campbell Park
Foreshore Park, Rhodes	Taplin Park (existing restricted dog park)	Battersea Park
Henry Lawson Park	St Luke's Park	Majors Bay Reserve

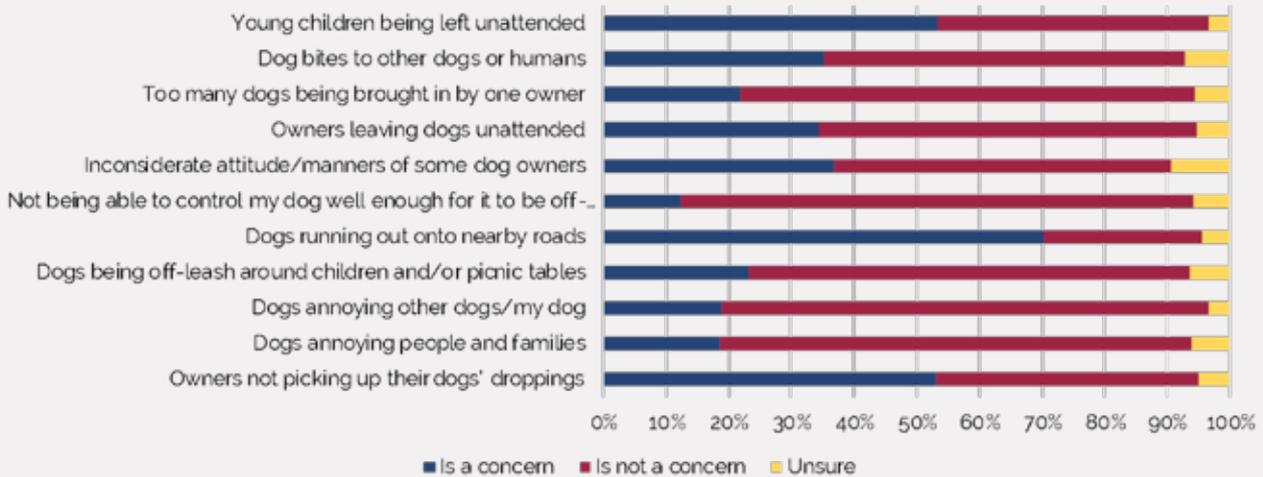
Other parks and reserves community members suggested Council should consider undertaking trials at

Respondents: 66

Survey Question: 8

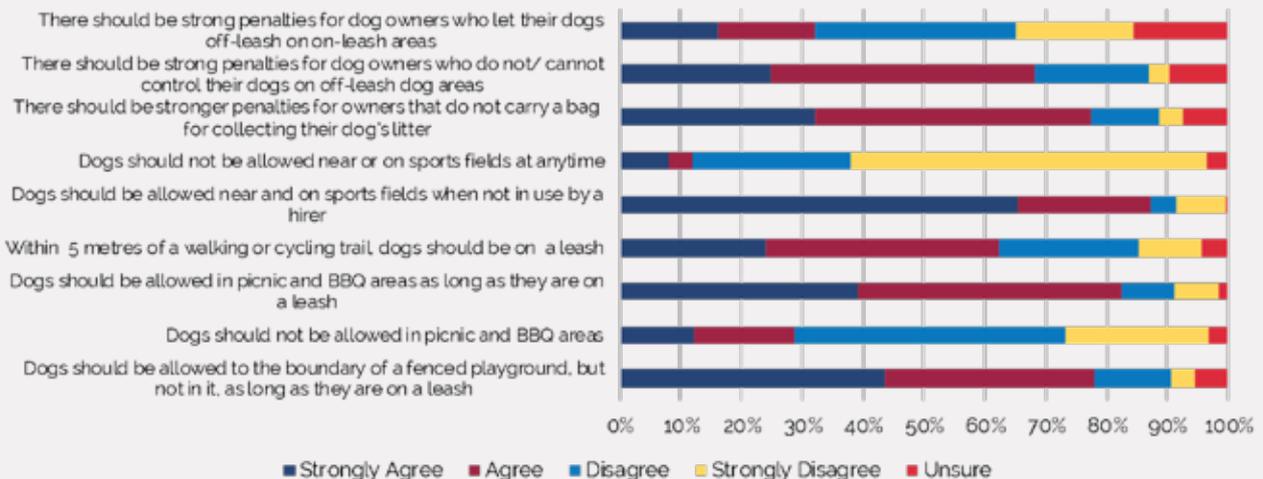
## Community concerns with off-leash dog areas

Respondents: 30-179 Survey Question: 6



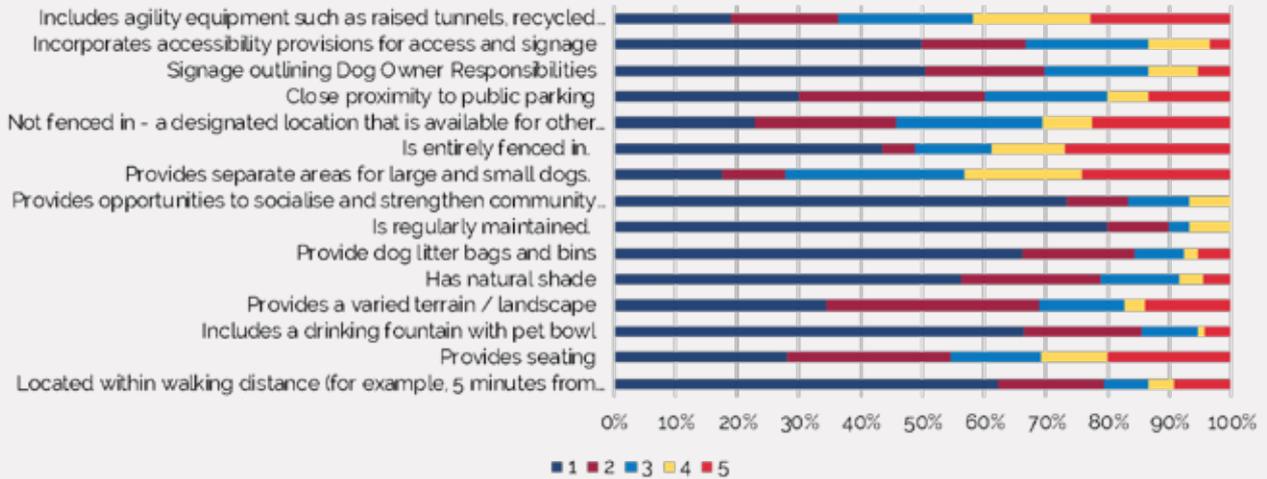
## Community sentiment on the following statements

Respondents: 174-188 Survey Question: 9



### Community ranking on elements which contribute to a successful off-leash dog area (Scale from 1= very important to 5= not important)

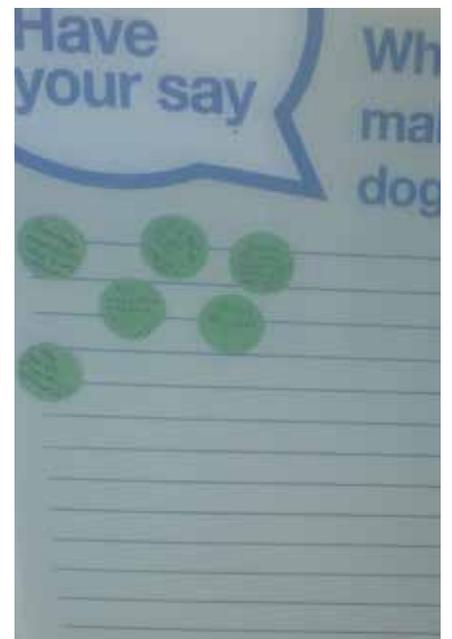
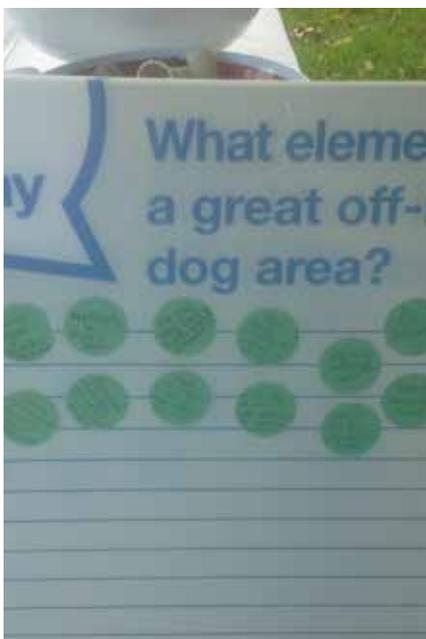
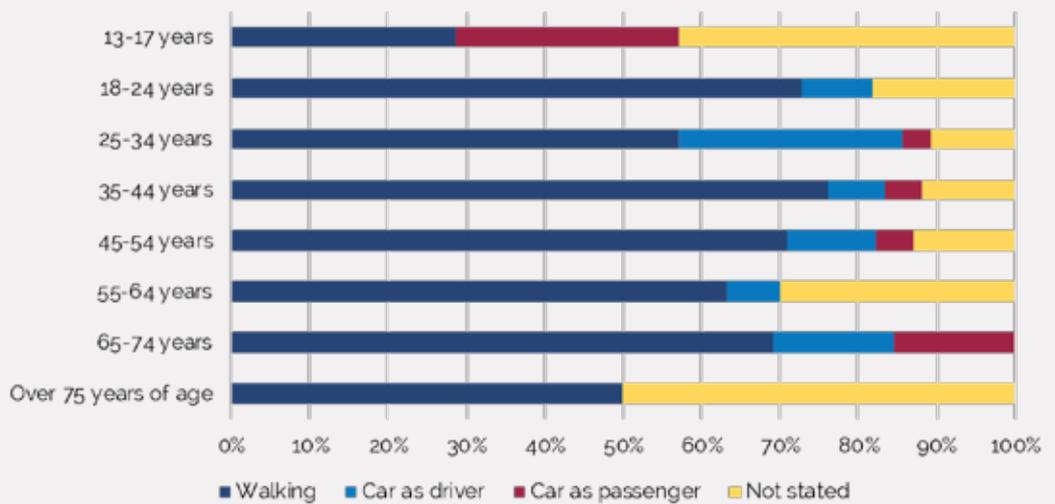
Respondents: 30-186 Survey Question: 10



What modes of transport would most likely be used by different age groups to access an off-leash dog area

Respondents: 195

Survey Questions: 12 and 20



# **APPENDICES**

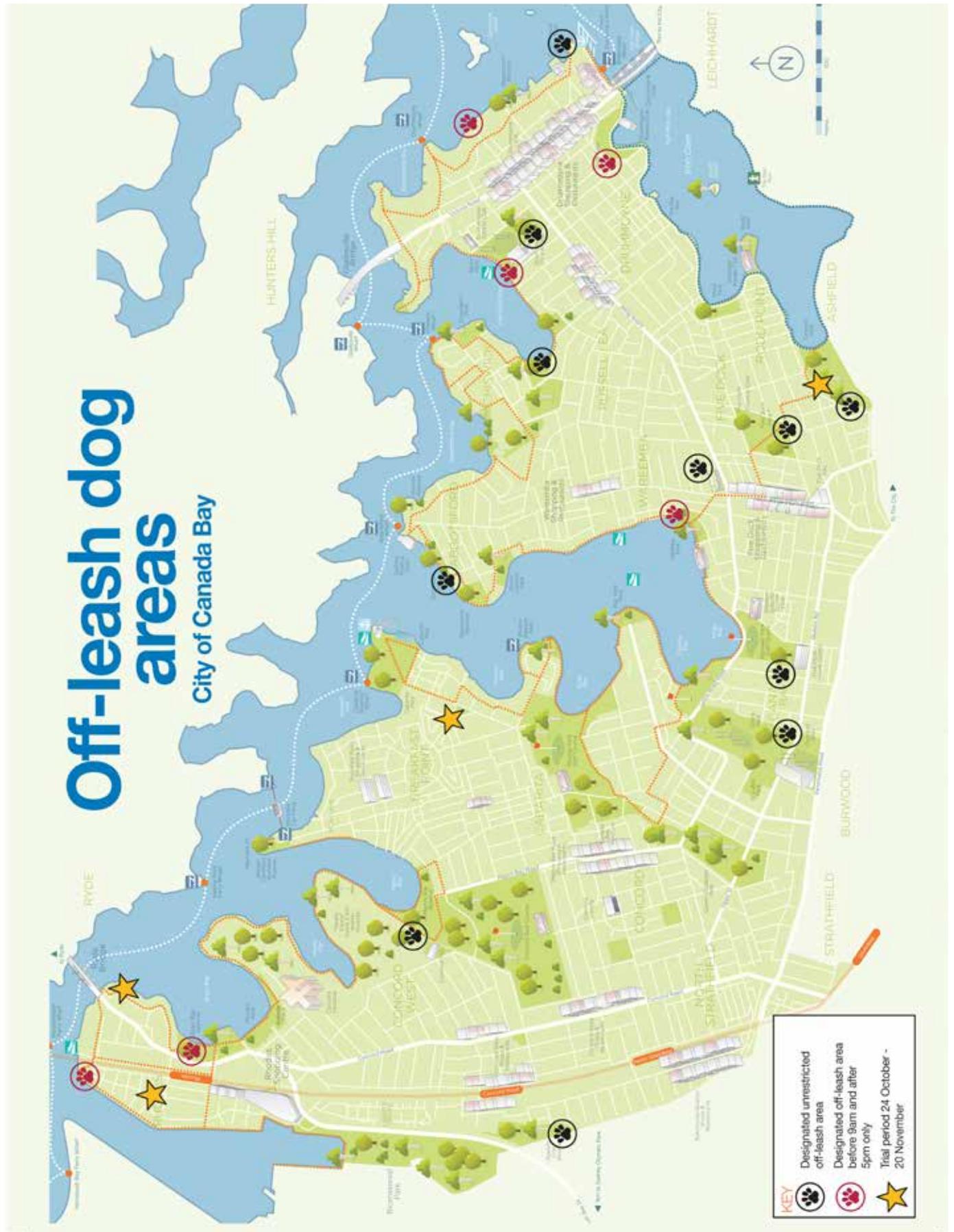
I - Existing and Trial Off-Leash Dog Areas

II - Participant Analysis

III - Community Survey Questions

IV - Communications Collateral

# Appendix I: Existing and Trial Off-Leash Dog Areas



## Appendix II: Community Engagement - Participant Analysis

During the 28 day community engagement period, 271 community members and stakeholders provided their input via a range of channels:

Online Submission via survey	169 participants
Online votes on community ideas	154 votes by 37 participants on 5 ideas
Comments made on Facebook	19 participants
Emails received	53 participants
Four Listening Posts attracted over 130 people (King George V Park listening post cancelled due to inclement weather)	33 hard copy surveys completed



### Participation - Demographics

Demographic information was only collected through the online and hard copy surveys. Place of residence was also collected from emails received.

#### Place of Residence

88% of the 239 participants who provided their place of residence were residents of the City of Canada Bay, with 34% of these participants residing in Breakfast Point and Cabarita and 29% in Five Dock. Of the survey respondents who own dogs, 62% live in a separate house, 20% live in a semi-detached / townhouse and 18% live in an apartment.

#### Gender and Age Bracket

Females represented 66% of all survey respondents. The mean age bracket for male and female respondents was 45-54 years old. The City of Canada Bay respondents by gender and age bracket did not reflect the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics census data. The largest over-representation, based on the 2016 Census data, was females and males aged between 45-54 years old, 99% and 104% respectively. The largest under-representation was females and males aged over 75 years old, -89% and -79% respectively.

#### Dog Ownership

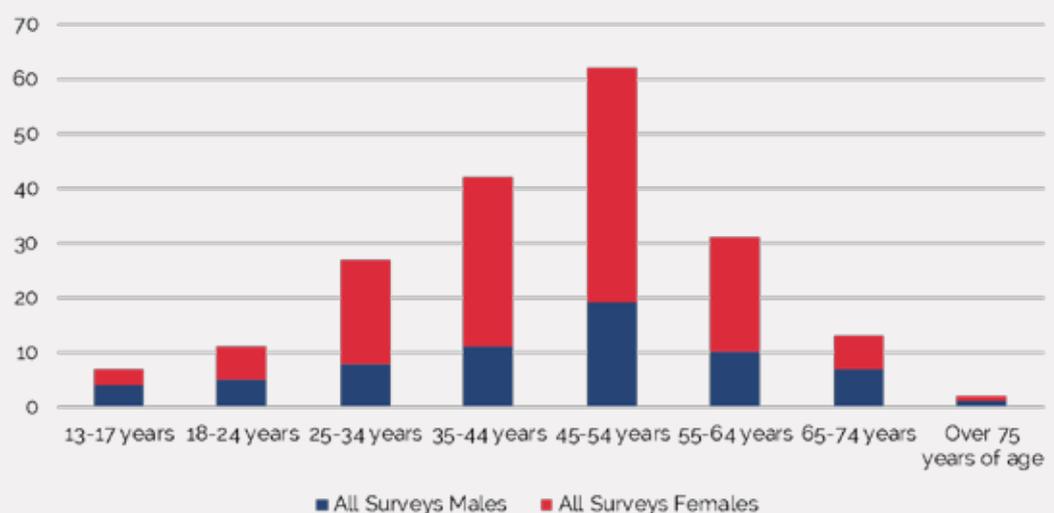
Only 5% of survey respondents stated they did not own a dog. Of the survey respondents who own a dog, 66% are adult dogs with the top five breeds set out below:

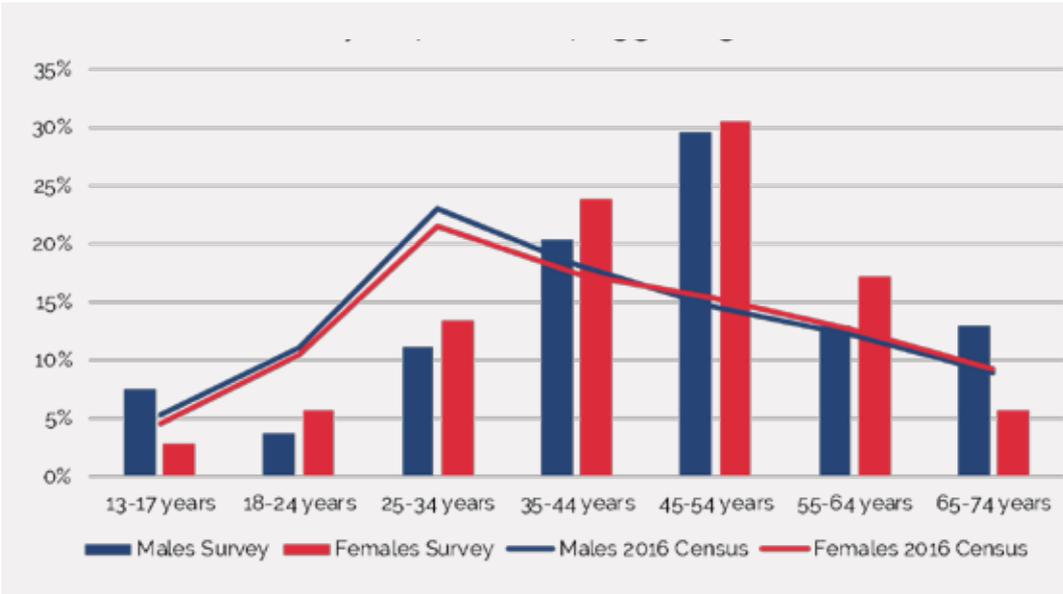
1. Cavoodle-16%
2. Labrador-8%
3. Kelpie-7%
4. Border Collie-5%
5. Pug-5%

Gender and age bracket of survey respondents

Respondents: 195

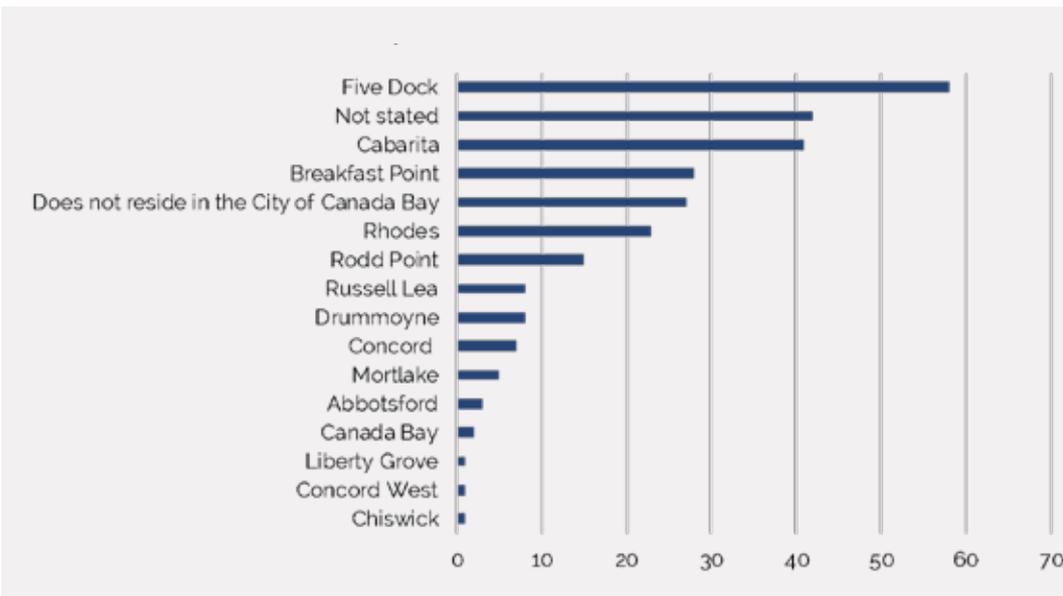
Survey Question: 11 and 12





Gender and age bracket of City of Canada Bay resident survey respondents plotted against the 2016 ABS Census

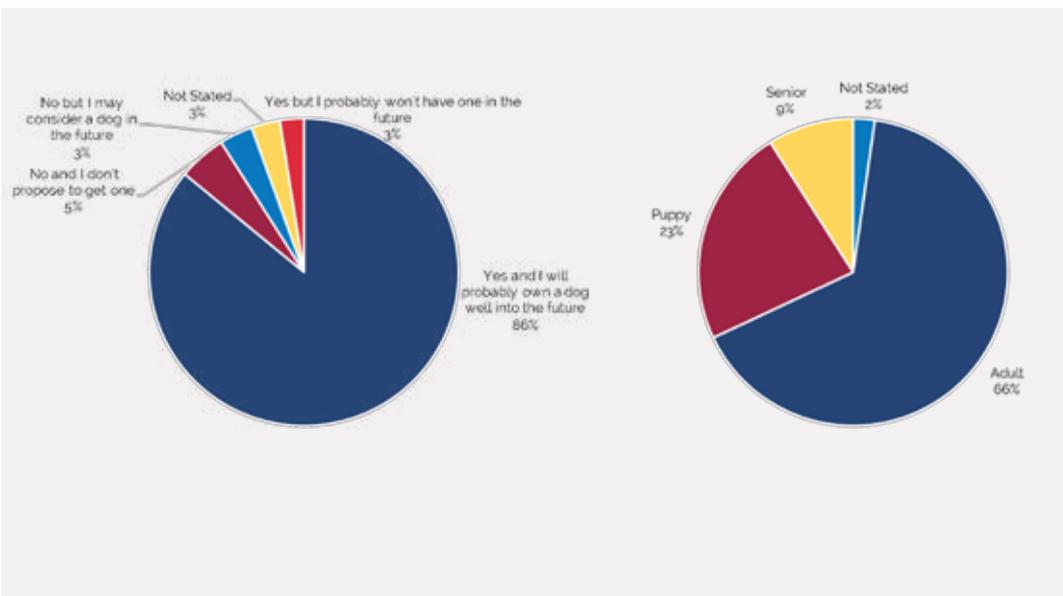
Respondents: 159  
Survey Questions: 11, 12 and 13



Residential suburb of survey respondents

Respondents: 271

Survey Question: 13



Survey respondents who own a dog

Respondents: 38

Survey Questions: 17 and 18

## Appendix III: Community Survey Questions

### YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

**Name**

**Email /  
Phone**

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with what's happening in City of Canada Bay via our regular eNewsletter?

### THE FOUR TRIAL AREAS

In this section, please only refer to the parks you would be likely to visit.

#### Q1. How regularly do you visit any of these parks?

	Daily	A few times a week	Once a week	Once a month	Rarely	Never
Kendall Reserve						
King George V Park						
Lower Phoenix Park						
Timbrell Park						

#### Q2. If you do visit these parks what are the main reasons why?

	Reason
Kendall Reserve	
King George V Park	
Lower Phoenix Park	
Timbrell Park	

#### Q3. How well suited do you think these parks are for including an off-leash dog area?

	Great site	Good site	Possible site	Not suitable	I do not know the park well enough	Dogs should not be off-leash
Kendall Reserve						
King George V Park						
Lower Phoenix Park						
Timbrell Park						

**Q4. What facilities would be required to make these parks appropriate for off-leash dog activity whilst enabling all community members to enjoy them?**

**Q5. If these parks were to include an off-leash dog area, when would you be most likely to visit them?**

	Weekdays					Weekends				
	Early AM	Mid AM	Midday	Early PM	PM	Early AM	Mid AM	Midday	Early PM	PM
Kendall Reserve										
King George V Park										
Lower Phoenix Park										
Timbrell Park										

**ABOUT OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS**

**Q.6 What concerns might you have about dogs being off-leash in parks?**

	Is a concern	Is not a concern	Unsure
Owners not picking up their dogs’ droppings			
Dogs annoying people and families			
Dogs annoying other dogs/my dog			
Dogs being off-leash around children and/or picnic tables			
Dogs running out onto nearby roads			
Not being able to control my dog well enough for it to be off-leash			
Inconsiderate attitude/manners of some dog owners			
Owners leaving dogs unattended			
Too many dogs being brought in by one owner			
Dog bites to other dogs or humans			
Young children being left unattended			

**Q7. Do you have any other concerns?**

**Q8. What other parks/reserves should Council consider undertaking an off-leash dog trial at?**

**Q.9. How much do you agree with the following statements?**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
Dogs should be allowed to the boundary of a fenced playground, but not in it, as long as they are on a leash					
Dogs should not be allowed in picnic and BBQ areas					
Dogs should be allowed in picnic and BBQ areas as long as they are on a leash					
Within 5 metres of a walking or cycling trail, dogs should be on a leash					
Dogs should be allowed near and on sports fields when not in use by a hirer					
Dogs should not be allowed near or on sports fields at anytime					
There should be stronger penalties for owners that do not carry a bag for collecting their dog's litter					
There should be strong penalties for dog owners who do not/ cannot control their dogs on off-leash dog areas					
There should be strong penalties for dog owners who let their dogs off-leash on on-leash areas					

**Q10. Using a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means very important and 5 means not very important, rate the following criteria for a successful off-leash dog area.**

	1	2	3	4	5
Located within walking distance (for example, 5 minutes from home).					
Provides seating					
Includes a drinking fountain with pet bowl					
Provides a varied terrain / landscape					
Has natural shade					
Provide dog litter bags and bins					
Is regularly maintained.					
Provides opportunities to socialise and strengthen community connections.					
Provides separate areas for large and small dogs.					
Is entirely fenced in.					
Not fenced in - a designated location that is available for other uses					
Close proximity to public parking					
Signage outlining Dog Owner Responsibilities					
Incorporates accessibility provisions for access and signage					
Includes agility equipment such as raised tunnels, recycled tyres, bar jumps, resting platforms and/ slalom					

## ABOUT YOU

**Q11. Please indicate your gender.**

- Male
  Female
  I would rather not specify

**Q12. Please provide your age bracket.**

- Under 13 years old
  25 - 34 years old
  55 - 64 years old  
 13 - 17 years old
  35 - 44 years old
  65 - 74 years old  
 18 - 24 years old
  45 - 54 years old
  75 years old +

If under 13 years of age, please provide your year of birth:

**Q13. Please advise which suburb you live in**

**Q14. What type of dwelling structure do you live in?**

- Separate House
  Semi-detached / Townhouse  
 Apartment
  Other

**Q15. What best describes the type of household you live in?**

- I live on my own
  I live with my partner  
 I live with my partner and young (less than 13 years of age) children
  I live alone with young (less than 13 years of age) children  
 I live with my partner and dependent (13 - 18 years of age) children
  I live alone with dependent (13 - 18 years of age) children  
 I live with/without a partner with independent young adults
  I live in a share house  
 I live with my parents / guardian

**Q16. I am currently an active or playing member of:**

- A sporting body within the City of Canada Bay
  A sporting body outside of the City of Canada Bay
  None

**Q17. Do you own a dog?**

- YES, and I will probably own a dog well into the future
  YES, but I probably won't have one in the future  
 NO, and I don't propose to get one
  NO, but I may consider a dog in the future

**Q18. If you do own a dog, what is its life stage?**

- Puppy
  Adult  
 Senior
  I do not own a dog

**Q19. If you do own a dog, what is its breed?**

**Q20. Please rank in order (from #1=most likely to #3=least likely) the modes of transport you would use to access an off-leash dog area**

- Car as a driver
  Car as a passenger
  Walking

**Q21. Do you have any further suggestions?**

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# Appendix IV: Communications Collateral

## A5 Postcard

Distributed to 8,000 properties within 500 metre loci of Kendall Reserve, King George V Park, Lower Phoenix Park and Timbrell Park. Additionally distributed via City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Five Dock Leisure Centre, Five Dock Library, Concord Library and at Listening Posts.

### Have your say

24 Oct – 20 Nov

# Off-leash dog area trials

- Kendall Reserve**  
Kendall Street Cabarita
- Timbrell Park**  
Henley Marine Drive Five Dock
- King George V Park**  
Concord Road Rhodes
- Lower Phoenix Park**  
Shoreline Drive Rhodes

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- In-park listening posts
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  - Sunday, 4 November 3:30-5:30pm at Kendall Reserve
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  - Thursday, 15 November 5-7pm at King George V Park
- Doggy Day Out on Sunday, 18 November at Five Dock Park
- Email [parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au)

### Fun Facts

- Most popular dog breed in the City of Canada Bay is Maltese
- Most popular gender of dogs is male at 56%
- Number of Rhodes dogs micro-chipped in the past five years is 939

## Inner West Courier

Tuesday, 30 October 2018



# CITY OF CANADA BAY

WEEKLY UPDATE

### Let your pooch loose in the bay

The City of Canada Bay is trialing off-leash dog areas in four of our parks until Tuesday, 20 November 2018.

We encourage dog owners to visit trial areas in Kendall Reserve in Cabarita and Timbrell Park in Five Dock, as well as King George V Park and Lower Phoenix Park, Rhodes, and tell us what you think.

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### Keep NSW Beautiful Awards

Recently the City of Canada Bay attended the Keep NSW Beautiful Awards. Our team was awarded the Renewable Energy Award and the Habitat and Wildlife Conservation Award – a fantastic result that reflects the City of Canada Bay's ongoing commitment to creating a greener, more sustainable city.

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



### Calling on the NSW Government to keep our River free from contamination

I have recently been alerted to ongoing instances of sewage overflowing from Sydney Water facilities into our tributaries and into the Parramatta River.

Amongst the most recent instances, sewage overflow was reported in Concord West. I'm fed up with the State Government for consistently turning a blind eye to Sydney Water's ageing

## Pull Up Banners

Positioned at City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Five Dock Leisure Centre, Five Dock Library and Concord Library.

**Have your say**  
24 Oct – 20 Nov

# Off-leash dog area trials

**Kendall Reserve**  
Kendall Street  
Cabarita

**Timbrell Park**  
Henley Marine Drive  
Five Dock

**King George V Park**  
Concord Road  
Rhodes

**Lower Phoenix Park**  
Shoreline Drive  
Rhodes

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## Listening Post Signage

Positioned on the pagoda at the listening posts.

**Off-leash dog area trials**  
Happening now

**We encourage dog owners to take advantage of the trial and for all community members to provide feedback.**

Post and vote on ideas on the boards below

Online 24/7 at [canadabay.engagementhub.com.au](http://canadabay.engagementhub.com.au)

Complete a survey

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## Site Notification Signage - 5000m x 900m Mesh Banners

Positioned at Kendall Reserve, King George V Park, Lower Phoenix Park and Timbrell Park.

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Happening now

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## Site Notification and Compliance Signage - Kendall Reserve

**Have your say**  
24 Oct – 20 Nov

### Engagement Opportunities

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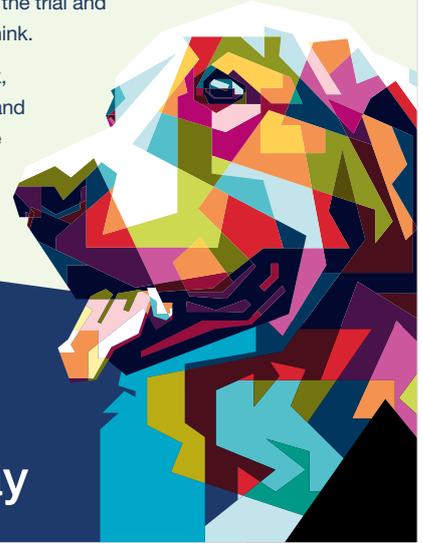
**Community Listening Post**  
Sunday, 4 November 3.30 – 5.30pm  
Kendall Reserve

# Kendall Reserve Off-Leash Dog Trial

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## Kendall Reserve off-leash dog trial



Declared dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs are not permitted in this area. Penalties apply under the Local Government Act 1993 and Companion Animals Act 1998.

A section of this park is being trialled as an off-leash area for dogs.

The period runs from Wednesday, 24 October to Tuesday, 20 November.

Dogs are allowed to be off-leash in the designated area highlighted in red.

Dispose of dog poo: bag it and bin it.

### Further information

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## Site Notification and Compliance Signage - King George V Park

**Have your say**  
24 Oct – 20 Nov

### Engagement Opportunities

**Online 24/7**  
[canadabay.engagementhub.com.au](http://canadabay.engagementhub.com.au)

**Community Listening Post**  
Thursday, 15 November 5-7pm  
King George V Park

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## King George V Park off-leash dog trial



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## Site Notification and Compliance Signage - Lower Phoenix Park

**Have your say**  
24 Oct – 20 Nov

### Engagement Opportunities

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**Community Listening Post**  
Sunday, 28 October 3.30 - 5.30pm  
Lower Phoenix Park

# Lower Phoenix Park Off-Leash Dog Trial

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## Lower Phoenix Park off-leash dog trial



Declared dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs are not permitted in this area. Penalties apply under the Local Government Act 1993 and Companion Animals Act 1996.

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## Site Notification and Compliance Signage - Timbrell Park

**Have your say**  
24 Oct – 20 Nov

### Engagement opportunities

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[canadabay.engagementhub.com.au](http://canadabay.engagementhub.com.au)

**Community listening post**  
Friday, 9 November 4-6pm  
Timbrell Park

# Timbrell Park off-leash dog trial

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# Timbrell Park off-leash dog trial



A section of this park is being trialled as an off-leash area for dogs.

The period runs from Wednesday, 24 October to Tuesday, 20 November.

Dogs are allowed to be off-leash in the designated area highlighted in red, only at times when no sport is scheduled.

Dispose of dog poo: bag it and bin it.

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### Further information

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**Have your say**

## Off-leash dog trial area

24 Oct – 20 Nov

### Timbrell Park

Henley Marine Drive, Five Dock



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## Social Media Posts

 **City of Canada Bay**  
October 31 at 8:05 AM · 🌐

Let your pooch loose in the Bay!  
We are currently trialling four off-leash dog areas throughout the City of Canada Bay and need your help.  
Visit one of the trial areas in Kendall Reserve, Lower Phoenix Park, King George V Park and Timbrell Park with your favourite canine companion and let us know what you think.... See More

**Have your say**  
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# Off-leash dog area trials

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Have you seen our trial off-leash dog areas around the City of Canada Bay?  
Whether or not you have a canine companion, we'd love to hear what you think of them!  
Jump online to have your say before 20 November: [bit.ly/offleashdogtrial](http://bit.ly/offleashdogtrial)

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