

Timbrell Park Off-Leash Dog Trial

Community Engagement Outcomes Report

May 2019



City of
Canada Bay

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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 four parks, including the south-eastern section of Timbrell Park.

The trial at Timbrell Park resulted in different park users presenting conflicting feedback.

The initial consultation attracted 152 submissions, of which 92% of survey respondents owned a dog. The level of support was:

- 86% support a permanent off-leash dog area
- 12% do not support a permanent off-leash dog area
- 2% did not state their position

Objections to the trial were received from three of the sporting bodies who hire the southern section of Timbrell Park, including a petition signed by 130 people.

The Community Engagement Outcomes Report was presented at Council's Meeting on 4 December 2018, in which it was resolved:

- THAT in light of the conflicting views presented by users of Timbrell Park during the trial and consultation period of the alternative Timbrell Park off-leash area, that Council officers re-evaluate the issues raised.
- THAT Council Officers consult further all users of Timbrell Park and determine an appropriate time to hold another 4 months off-leash trial at the designated site
- THAT Council Officer provide results of the consultation and trial at Timbrell Park to the community and Council before the end of this financial year for determination.

The second trial and consultation was undertaken from Tuesday, 18 December 2018 to Monday, 17 April 2019.

This report, [**Timbrell Park Off-Leash Dog Trial Community Engagement Outcomes**](#), outlines the level of support for the proposal.

A summary of the community's feedback is set out below:

- Number of participants: approximately 1600
- Number who provided qualitative feedback: 292
- Number who participated only in a quick poll: 1380
- Submissions from Timbrell Park seasonal hirers: 2
- Submissions from NSW State Authority: 1

Level of Support	Top 3 Reasons Stated From Qualitative Feedback
Qualitative Level of Support: 44% Non-Qualitative (Poll Only) Level of Support: 68%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42% - The park should be available for all community use when not hired by a sporting body • 24% - This is a great initiative • 23% - The park works well for socialising and exercising with our dogs
Qualitative Level of Objection: 51% Non-Qualitative (Poll Only) Level of Objection: 32%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49% - Health and safety other community including sports players due to faeces, urine and holes • 44% - Off-leash dog activity is not compatible with organised sport • 30% - Disruption of dogs to other park users including general community members, people who are scared of dogs and organised sport

Community Engagement Snapshot

Trial and Consultation Period: Tuesday, 18 December 2018 to Wednesday, 17 April 2019

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

- Notification emails distributed to the initial trial participants and to all seasonal hirers of Timbrell Park
- Direct letter notification to approximately 1500 properties within 200 metres of Timbrell Park on 18 December and 5 March
- Banners positioned at Five Dock Library and Five Dock Leisure Centre
- Inclusion in the Inner West Courier on 22 January
- Promotion via Council's website, eNewsletter and social media channels
- Consultation Notification and Compliance signage positioned within Timbrell Park

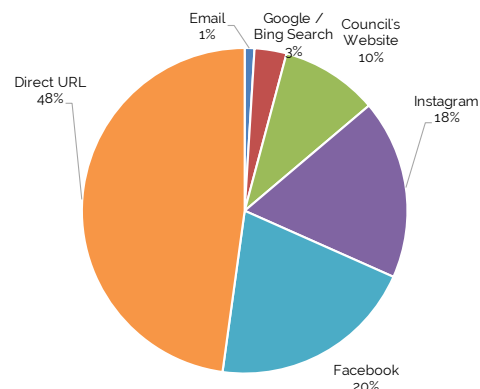


Figure 1: Traffic sources to the online engagement portal

Engagement Opportunities and Activities

24/7 Online Engagement Portal

The portal, canadabay.engagementhub.com.au visitors to view all the relevant documentation, to post ideas and undertake the community survey. Unique visitors: 1,892

Additional channels for community members to share their feedback included:

- Email: parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au
- By post and phone
- Social Media: sharing and commenting

Seasonal Hirers Meeting

Thursday, 28 February 6pm - 7:30pm at City of Canada Bay Council's Civic Centre

Community Listening Post

Tuesday, 19 March 5pm - 6:30pm at Timbrell Park


Engagement Snapshot


120
DAY ENGAGEMENT PERIOD


5,498
ONLINE ENGAGEMENT
PAGE VIEWS


292
COMMUNITY MEMBERS
PROVIDED QUALITATIVE
FEEDBACK


22
EMAIL SUBMISSIONS


249
SURVEYS COMPLETED


10
ATTENDEES AT THE
LISTENING POST


451
DOCUMENTS
DOWNLOADED


1,574
VOTES ON THE QUICK POLL


312
INTERACTIONS ON SOCIAL
MEDIA

Community Engagement Findings

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 consultation period attracted, a high participation rate of approximately 1600 people, through qualitative methods including surveys, email submissions, phone submissions, social media and face-to-face and purely quantitative (and anonymous) though a quick poll. Higher weighting must be placed on the qualitative feedback which is summarised below. The results of the quick poll are tabled on page six.

Number of Qualitative Respondents: 292

	Nearby Resident					Other City of Canada Bay Resident							
	Current Dog Owner / Walker	Dog ownership not stated	Not a dog owner	Active member of a Timbrell Park sports club and a dog owner	Active member of a Timbrell Park sports club and not a dog owner	Current Dog Owner / Walker	Not a dog owner	Active member of a Timbrell Park sports club and a dog owner	Active member of a Timbrell Park sports club and not a dog owner	Dog ownership not stated	Non-CCB Resident	Not Stated	Total Support Level
Support	15%	1%	1%	3%	0%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	10%	5%	44%
Against	2%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	9%	1%	14%	5%	51%
Unsure	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
Not Stated	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
Totals	19%	4%	7%	5%	2%	8%	3%	7%	9%	1%	25%	12%	100%

Key Qualitative Participant Statistics

- of the 106 nearby resident (Five Dock and Rodd Point) respondents, 58.5% support the proposal
- of the remainder 79 City of Canada Bay resident respondents, 19.1% support the proposal
- 84.2% of participants stated their dog ownership status, of which 67.5% of respondents stated they currently owned a dog.
- of the 171 City of Canada Bay residents who stated dog ownership, 64.9% currently own a dog. 66.7% of City of Canada Bay dog owners support the proposal. Note, it is estimated 41% of households within the City of Canada Bay own at least one dog. Resultantly, there was a greater proportion of consultation respondents who are dog owners than what is representative within the City of Canada Bay local government area.
- 35.1% (65 people) of the City of Canada Bay respondents stated they are an active member of a sporting club which hires Timbrell Park. 76.9% of these respondents were against the proposal.

Qualitative Reasons for Support and Objection

The park should be available for all community use when not hired by a sporting body	42%
This is a great initiative	24%
The park works well for socialising and exercising with our dogs	23%
It is the Clubs and their members who leave litter	8%
This area of Timbrell Park has been utilised by the community to socialise and play with their dogs for many years	6%
A fenced in off-leash dog area would not work	5%
An area should be fenced in for off-leash dog activity	3%
Public spaces should always be available for the whole community	3%
The proposed off-leash area is a good distance from a busy road	2%
Should be allowed at all times, but on-leash when organised sport is occurring	1%

Principal thematic comments stated for support of the proposal and the percentage of respondents who cited it

Respondents: 96 people provided additional comment

Survey Questions: 3 and 4

Health and safety other community including sports players due to faeces, urine and holes	49%
Off-leash dog activity is not compatible with organised sport	44%
Disruption of dogs to other park users including general community, people who are scared of dogs and organised sport	30%
Irresponsible dog owners and their dogs result in a community risk	29%
Should be fenced	18%
Damage to the playing field	7%
Too close to a busy road	6%
The park should be available for all community use when not hired by a sporting body	1%
It is the Clubs and their members who leave litter	1%
Should be allowed at all times, but on-leash when organised sport is occurring	1%

Principal thematic comments stated for opposition to the proposal and the percentage of respondents who cited it

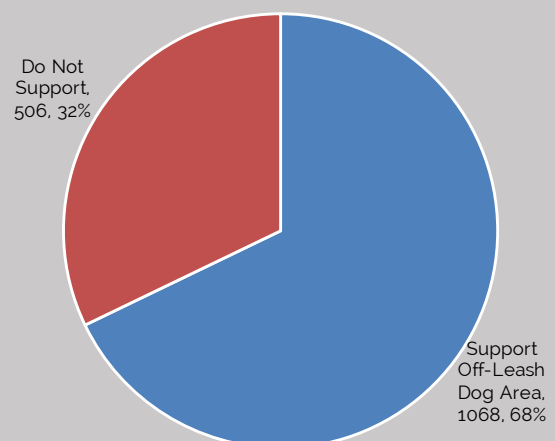
Respondents: 141 people provided additional comment
Survey Questions: 3 and 4

Quick Poll Results

An online poll, enabling community members to quickly vote for or against the proposal without providing their details was included to encourage broader participation.

The quick poll tool records IP addresses and date/time stamps each vote. The tool limits votes to one IP address within a 30 day period. Due to the length of this consultation, all IP address duplicates have been removed, with only one vote per IP address included. However, each device is assigned a unique IP address and therefore individuals may vote on multiple devices they own.

Therefore, the qualitative feedback should be weighted much more than this data.



Initial Consultation – Participants Who Did Not Participate in the Second Consultation

Of the 152 respondents to the initial trial undertaken from 24 October to 20 November 2018, 106 participants did not participate in the trial extension. The summary of these participants is outlined below.

	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 status not stated	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
Great Site	34%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	18%	13%	5%	71%
Good Site	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	1%	1%	17%
Possible Site	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Not Suitable	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	4%	10%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%

Trial Period Observations

During the consultation period, passive observation and faeces counts were undertaken. It was apparent, that dog owners were taking their dogs off the leash outside of the trial area and enabling them to roam also outside of the trial area. A photo of litter discarded was also provided.



Dog faeces count during the trial

Inspection Date	Faeces Count
20/12/18	1
9/01/19	2
23/01/19	2
13/02/19	1
27/02/19	0
12/03/19	2
27/03/19	3
12/04/19	0

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 Assoc.
- Balmain Touch
- Football Club Five Dock
- Five Dock Falcons Baseball
- Balmain Junior Touch
- Rosebank College
- Concord High School

Ongoing casual hirers include: NSW Primary Schools Sports Association on Fridays during school term from 12pm-3pm; and, local schools for cross country and casual cricket matches.

All Timbrell Park seasonal hirers were invited to attend a meeting on 28 February 2019 to discuss the proposal. Representatives from Balmain Junior Touch and Football Club Five Dock attended. Key concerns submitted by the representatives include:

- **Dogs off-leash in general:** roaming throughout the park outside of the trial area; there are community members who are scared of dogs; dogs interfering with training and matches by running onto the field; and, unless the area is fenced off, it will be impossible to contain the dogs within a designated area.
- **Health and Safety:** discarded dog faeces and residue of faeces/urine; urination around goal poles; and, dogs digging holes increasing risk of injury to players.
- **Sound condition of the field:** the seasonal hires pay lease fees to contribute to the maintenance of the fields to ensure they are fit for play. Dog activity will deteriorate the field condition.

Set out below, are the current seasonal bookings of Timbrell Park.

Summer Season							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6am			Personal Trainer Booking		Personal Trainer Booking		
7am							
8am							
9am							
10am	Personal Trainer Booking		Personal Trainer Booking		Personal Trainer Booking		
11am							
12pm							
1pm		Local School Booking		Local School Booking		Local Sporting Body Booking	Local Sporting Body Booking
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm				Local Sporting Body Booking			
6pm	Local Sporting Body Booking	Local Sporting Body Booking	Local Sporting Body Booking				
7pm							
8pm							
9pm							
10pm							

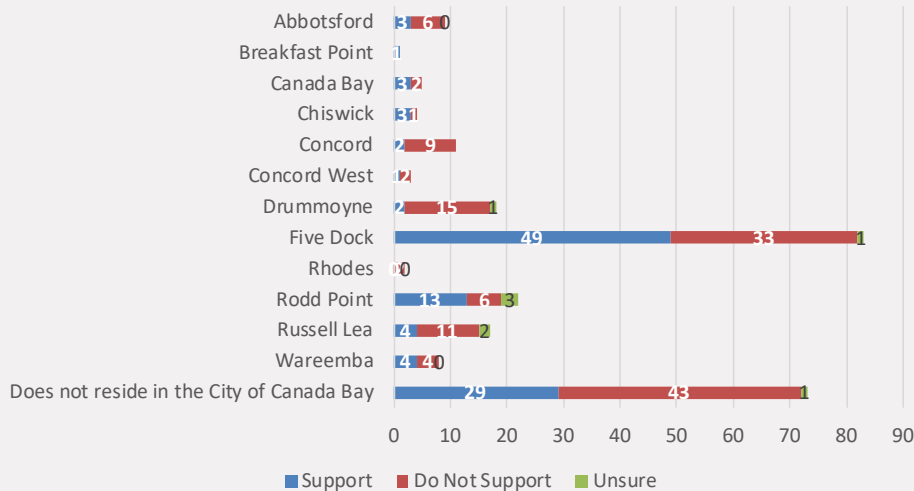
Winter Season							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6am			Personal Trainer Booking		Personal Trainer Booking		
7am							
8am							
9am							
10am	Personal Trainer Booking		Personal Trainer Booking		Personal Trainer Booking		
11am							
12pm							
1pm		Local School Booking		Local School Booking		Local Sporting Body Booking	Local Sporting Body Booking
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm		Local Sporting Body Booking	Local Sporting Body Booking	Local Sporting Body Booking			
7pm							
8pm	Personal Trainer						
9pm							
10pm							

Sydney Water Submission

Sydney Water provided a written submission on 12 April 2019, stating that they have recently carried out condition assessment on their stormwater assets, in which Iron Cove Creek has deteriorated considerably. Over the past few years, Sydney Water in collaboration with stakeholders and the community have worked on a naturalisation design which will have great social, ecological and amenity value. Sydney Water stated that due to the space constraints next to the channel, it would not be possible to naturalise the channel and have an open space area for an off leash dog area.

If an off-leash dog area was to proceed adjacent to the channel, it is likely Sydney Water would need to revert to a like-for-like concrete solution. Sydney Water undertook community consultation in 2017, of which 93% of respondents were supportive of the naturalisation.

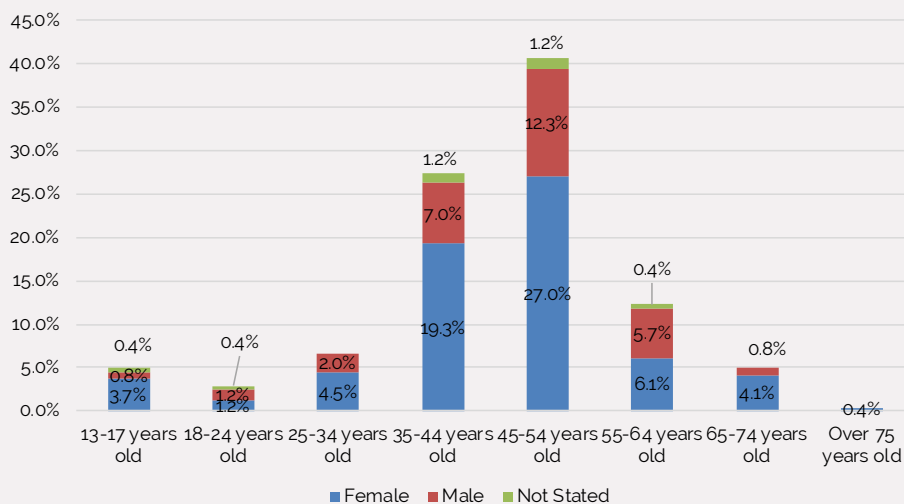
Participant Analysis



Level of Support
by Suburb of
Residence

Respondents:256

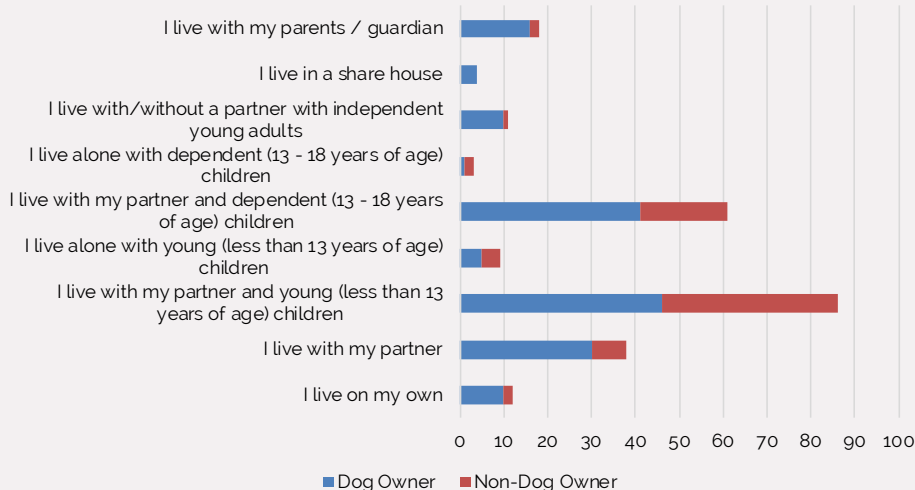
Survey Questions:
3 and 7 and Emails
received



Age and Gender

Respondents:244

Survey Questions:
5 and 6



Dog ownership
by household
composition

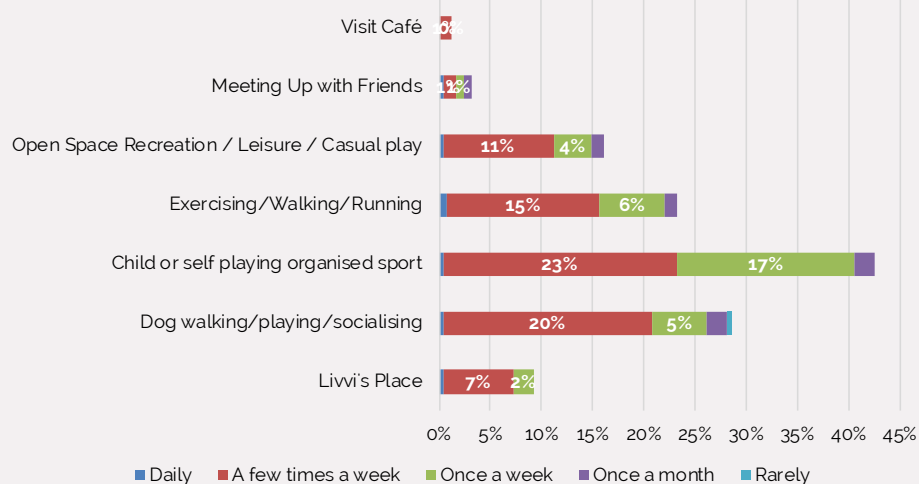
Respondents:242

Survey Questions:
8 and 10

Frequency of Visitation and Main Reasons

Respondents: 249

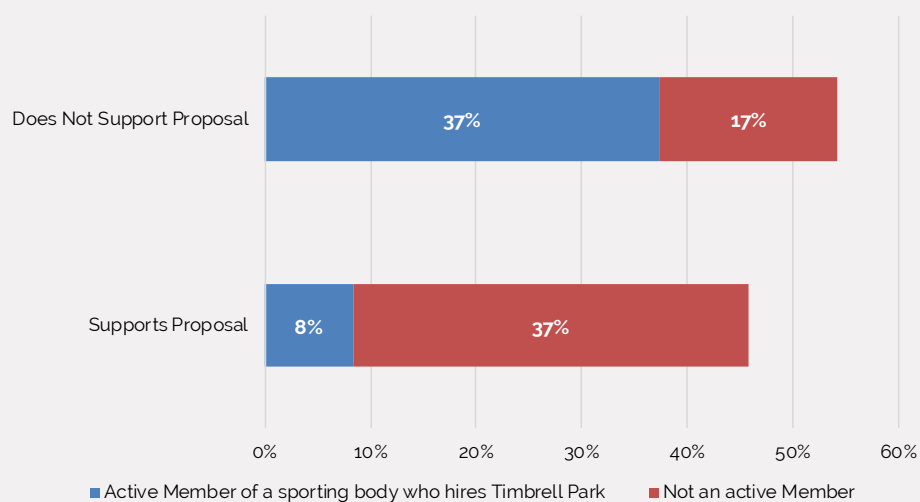
Survey Questions: 1 and 2



Membership of a sporting body who hires Timbrell Park and Level of Support

Respondents: 238

Survey Questions: 3 and 9



APPENDICES

- I - Existing Off-Leash Dog Areas
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KEY

- Designated unrestricted off-leash area
- Designated off-leash area before 9am and after 5pm only

Appendix II: Community Survey Questions

Q1. How regularly do you visit Timbrell Park?

- ☐ Daily
 ☐ A few times a week
 ☐ Once a week
☐ Once a month
 ☐ Rarely
 ☐ Never

Q2. If you do visit Timbrell Park, what are the main reasons why?

Q3. How well-suited do you believe the south-eastern section of Timbrell Park is for including an off-leash dog area?

- ☐ Well suited
 ☐ Not suitable
 ☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any further comments?

ABOUT YOU

Q5. Please indicate your gender.

- ☐ Male
 ☐ Female
 ☐ I would rather not specify

Q6. Please provide your age bracket.

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

Q7. Please advise which suburb you live in

Q8. 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

Q9. Are you an active member of a sporting body which hires Timbrell Park?

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ No

Q10. 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

Appendix III: Communications Collateral

Community Notification Letter - 18 December 2018

Distributed to approximately 1500 properties within 200 metres of Timbrell Park.



18 December 2018

The Resident
FIVE DOCK NSW 2046

Off leash dog area trial and consultation – Timbrell Park

Dear Resident,

From 24 October to 20 November 2018, we trialled a new off-leash dog area on the south-eastern section of Timbrell Park. Community consultation was undertaken as part of the trial.

The consultation attracted 152 submissions, of which 92% were dog owners.

Results of the consultation indicated:

- 86% support a permanent off-leash dog area
- 12% do not support a permanent off-leash dog area
- 2% did not state their position.

Objections to the trial were received from three of the sporting bodies who hire the southern section of Timbrell Park, including a petition signed by 130 people.

A report detailing the outcomes of the community consultation was presented at the council meeting held on 4 December 2018. Following consideration of the different views expressed by the community, Council resolved to extend the trial to enable staff to explore the issues raised and identify potential solutions that are agreeable to all interested stakeholders.

The new trial on the south-eastern section of Timbrell Park will be undertaken from 18 December 2018 to 17 April 2019. During this period, a range of community engagement activities will be held which will be promoted:

On our new website www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au and

The dedicated engagement site www.canadabay.engagementhub.com.au

You are also able to share your feedback with us via:

Email parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

Phone 0468 323 343

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Council's Parks Planner, Mr Robert Marshall on 9911 6329.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Wolfe".

Russell Wolfe
Manager Parks and Recreation

Pull Up Banners

Positioned at Five Dock Leisure Centre and Five Dock Library

Have your say
Extended trial period:
18 Dec 2018 to 17 Apr 2019

Off-leash dog area trial 🐾

Timbrell Park

Henley Marine Drive
Five Dock

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas invites you to take part in our off-leash dog area trial.

The City of Canada Bay recently undertook off-leash dog area trials at four parks from Wednesday, 24 October to Tuesday, 20 November. At Council's 4 December meeting it was resolved to extend the trial at Timbrell Park (south-eastern section) for an additional four months.

Share your opinions on the suitability of the south-eastern section of Timbrell Park as an off-leash dog area from Tuesday, 18 December 2018 to Wednesday, 17 April 2019, via:

- Online 24/7 canadabay.engagementhub.com.au
- Email parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au




 City of Canada Bay
canadabay.engagementhub.com.au

Inner West Courier - 22 January 2019



CITY OF CANADA BAY

WEEKLY UPDATE

Help shape the character of our area!

Last year in the largest community engagement project Council has ever conducted, you told us your priorities for the future.

This year, we'll capture your vision through a new local planning statement. The statement will guide future town planning, including the 2020 Local Environment Plan, which will control how land is zoned, the height of buildings, protection of trees and more.

This is an exciting opportunity to shape the future of our area so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more information on how you can get involved.

We're extending our off-leash trial

Do you take your dog for walks around Five Dock? Make sure to visit Timbrell Park and let us know what you think about the off-leash dog area currently on trial. After listening to community feedback, we've extended the trial until 17 April 2019. Have your say by visiting bit.ly/timbrellpark or emailing parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au.




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DECEMBER 2018 – MARCH 2019

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Revel in Rhodes this year

Our Revel in Rhodes program is full of amazing events and activities to keep you entertained this summer.

To discover the whole program, visit:
bit.ly/SummerRevel2019

Council meetings

The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, 19 February 2019 at 6pm at the Canada Bay Civic Centre, 1A Marlborough Street, Drummoyne. Council meetings

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Digital exhibition launched at The Connection

Aimed at bringing together local communities, the *While You Are Here...Virtual Traces of Rhodes* exhibition is a creative collaboration between The Learning Space and the Rhodes Multicultural Community Association (RMCA). Augmented Reality has been used to capture how members of the local community have adapted the spaces around The Connection at Rhodes and transformed them into social and cultural landscapes where dance, music and song are exchanged.

I encourage our community to visit and interact with this exhibition, which brings together technology, performance, community and the City of Canada Bay in new and exciting ways. The exhibition is open until 11 February.

WBBL at Drummoyne Oval



Site Notification and Compliance Signage

Have your say

Extended trial period:
18 Dec 2018 to 17 Apr 2019



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Further information

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or phone 9911 6555.



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Have your say

Timbrell Park is a highly utilised active sports field which is hired by sports clubs, schools and personal trainers. The schedule to the right outlines when the sports fields are booked over the summer season. Please do not use the trial area during any of the times set out in the timetable or when you see any organised sports activity. There is an existing off-leash dog area located at the western side of Livi's Playground.

Timbrell Park Off-leash dog area trial

Extended trial dates: 18 Dec 2018 to 17 Apr 2019

During the trial, please ensure you keep your dog under effective control and remove your dog's waste.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8am							
9am							
10am							
11am							
12pm							
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm							
8pm							
9pm							
10pm							

Further information

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Timbrell Park Off-leash dog area trial



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

An extended trial period now runs from 18 December 2018 to 17 April 2019.

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.

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.

Further information

www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au
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or phone 9911 6555.



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Reminder Community Notification Letter - 5 March 2019

Distributed to approximately 1500 properties within 200 metres of Timbrell Park.



5 March 2019

The Resident
FIVE DOCK NSW 2046

Off leash dog area trial and consultation – Timbrell Park

Dear Resident,

On 18 December 2018, I wrote to inform you of Council's resolution to extend the off-leash dog area trial on the south-eastern section of Timbrell Park. So far over 230 people have had their say during the second trial period regarding a permanent off-leash dog area at this location.

We will be holding an in-park listening post at the trial site on **Tuesday, 19 March 5–6:30pm**. Community members are invited to attend to share their views in person. This is another opportunity to have your say, in addition to the below methods:

Online survey and quick poll at canadabay.engagementhub.com.au

Email parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

Phone 0468 323 343

Information about the off-leash dog area trial is being promoted:

On our website www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au and

The dedicated engagement site canadabay.engagementhub.com.au

The current trial concludes on 17 April 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Council's Parks Planner, Mr Robert Marshall on 9911 6329.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R Wolfe".

Russell Wolfe
Manager Parks and Recreation

Social Media Posts

City of Canada Bay
December 18, 2018 · 🌐

Paws for a moment!
We're extending our off-leash dog trial at Timbrell Park until 17 April 2019.
We'd love community members with and without canine companions to check out the trial site and tell us what you think.... [See More](#)

Have your say
Extended trial period:
18 Dec 2018 to 17 Apr 2019

Timbrell Park
Off-leash dog area trial

**EXTENDED
UNTIL
APRIL 2019**







👍❤️ 27 14 Comments 3 Shares

City of Canada Bay
January 18 · 🌐

Had a ruff week? 🐾
Take your pooch to Timbrell Park in Five Dock! We're currently trialing an off-leash area and we want your feedback. Let us know what you think by visiting bit.ly/timbrellpark


Off-leash dog trial
TIMBRELL PARK





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Do you take your dog for walks around Five Dock? Make sure to visit Timbrell Park and let us know what you think about the off-leash dog area currently on trial.
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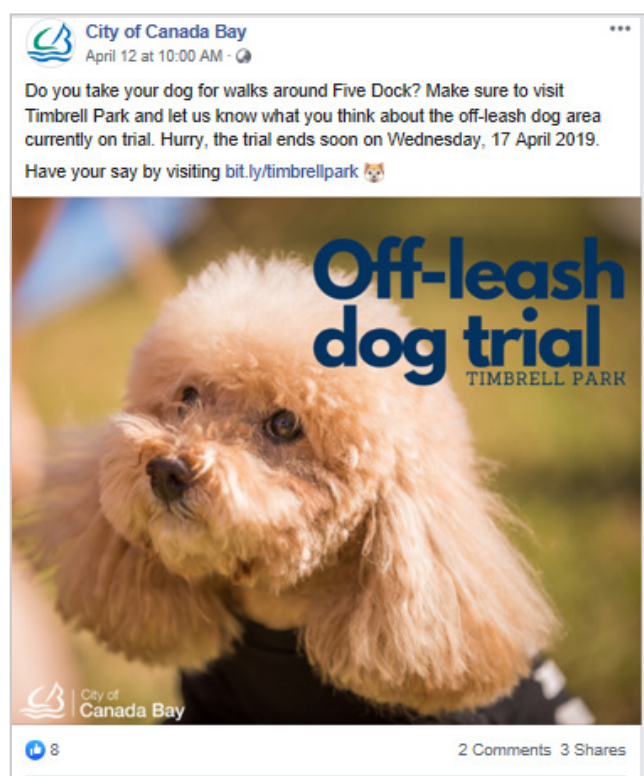
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Appendix IV: Initial Consultation Findings

TRIAL AND CONSULTATION PERIOD: WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER TO TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2018

Number of submissions regarding Timbrell Park: 152

- 86% support the proposed permanent off-leash dog area
- 12% do not support a permanent off-leash dog area
- 2% did not state their position

Current Sporting Group Hirers

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)

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.

Initial Trial- 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 status not stated	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%	86%
Against	2%	1%	0%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%
Not Stated	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%

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

Dog faeces count during the trial

Start of trial	3
Mid trial	2
End of trial	1

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 three biggest concerns about dogs being off-leash are (across the four trial sites):

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 (across the four trial sites). 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

