

Dog Park Improvements - Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park Consultation



Community Engagement Outcomes Report
September 2019

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Executive Summary

This report, *Dog Park Improvements -Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park Community Engagement Outcomes Report*, outlines the community's feedback on improving the existing off-leash dog areas at Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park during the community engagement period from 1 to 21 July 2019.

Background

Since August 2018, the City of Canada Bay has collaborated with the community on strengthening off-leash dog provision in the City of Canada Bay and to inform the Dogs in Public Places Strategy, which is currently in development.

Prior to the above-mentioned consultation undertaken from 1 -21 July 2019, over 600 community members provided their feedback on off-leash dog provision and off-leash dog area trials undertaken via the engagement programs set out below:

- Five Dock Park Plan of Management – Stakeholder, User Group and Community Consultation (9 August to 7 September 2018)
- Off-Leash Dog Trials at Timbrell Park (south-eastern section), Lower Phoenix Park, King George V Park and Kendall Reserve (24 October to 20 November 2018)
- Timbrell Park Off-Leash Dog Trial Extension (18 December 2018 to 17 April 2019)

Community feedback resulted in an additional three fenced dog-off leash exercise areas being established for our city, in Lower Phoenix Park, King George V Park and Kendall Reserve.

During the four off-leash dog trial consultation process, 186 community members provided quantitative feedback on general provisions in relation to off-leash dog areas:

- 93% of participants agreed that off-leash dog areas provide opportunities to socialise and strengthen community connections
- 90% of participants stated regular maintenance of off-leash dog areas was important to very important
- 85% of participants stated the provision of a drinking fountain with pet bowl was important to very important
- 84% of participants stated the provision of dog litter bags and bins was important to very important
- 79% stated natural shade was important to very important
- 70% stated signage outlining dog owner responsibilities was important to very important
- 70% of participants were concerned with dogs running onto nearby roads
- 69% stated a varied terrain/landscape was important to very important

At the Council meeting on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 the resolution set was to further consult with the community on:

- expanding the existing fenced off-leash dog exercise area at Five Dock Park and installing dog obstacles and agility equipment
- fencing options to the existing off-leash dog exercise area at Timbrell Park and installing dog obstacles and agility equipment

July 2019 Consultation Key Findings

Overall Key Comments

- 23% of participants stated that fenced off-leash dog parks do not work and that dogs just need open space
- 15% of participants stated this improving these off-leash dog areas were a great initiative
- 15% of participants stated that there should be designated areas for small and large dogs
- 13% of participants stated that agility equipment was a waste of money and would not be used

Five Dock Park	Timbrell Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tripling the size of the existing off leash dog area: 40% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 51% stated it would remain unchanged and 9% stated it would decrease • installing lights: 40% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 49% stated it would remain unchanged and 11% stated it would decrease • installing agility and obstacle equipment: 30% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 51% stated it would remain unchanged and 19% stated it would decrease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • installing fencing: 43% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 42% stated it would remain unchanged and 15% stated it would decrease. • installing lights: 42% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 51% stated it would remain unchanged and 8% stated it would decrease • installing agility and obstacle equipment: 34% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 49% stated it would remain unchanged and 17% stated it would decrease. • 62% supported installing 440 metres of linear fencing adjacent to Ramsay Road and Henley Marine Drive

The most valued zones for both parks were:

- open areas for running
- play area - climbing/ jumping/ balancing zone

The most valued equipment / elements for both parks were:

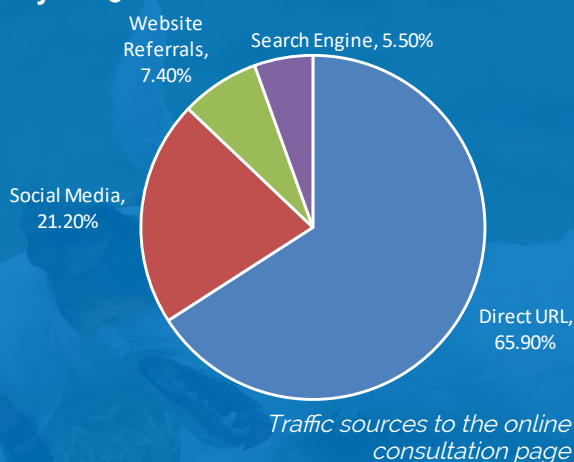
- landscape/vegetarian for sensory exploration
- natural elements such as boulders/rocks/mounds for climbing

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Monday, 1 July to Sunday, 21 July 2019

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

- Notification letters distributed to approximately 4,250 residential properties in Five Dock, Rodd Point and part of Russell Lea
- A0 sized notification signage at Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park (three positioned at each park)
- Council's Website
- Council's social media
- Mayoral Column in the Inner West Courier on Tuesday, 2 July
- Emails to 401 community members who participated in recent consultations in relation to Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



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DAY ENGAGEMENT PERIOD



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UNIQUE VISITORS TO THE
ONLINE CONSULTATION
PAGE



70

STAKEHOLDERS AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS
PARTICIPATED



12

COMMENTS ON FACEBOOK



11

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS



53

SURVEYS COMPLETED

FIVE DOCK PARK

Five Dock Park is a well activated and valuable recreation and community space featuring:

- an active sports field with grandstand including toilets
- an under four year old children's playground
- a district skate park
- a half-sized basketball court
- extensive passive recreation spaces
- covered picnic and barbeque facilities
- existing fenced off-leash dog area
- the former Five Dock Bowling Club
- Five Dock Park Tennis Centre
- Five Dock Baby Health Centre

What the community has told us during previous consultations

Five Dock Plan of Management – Discussion Paper Consultation

Options discussed with the community during the consultation process, included:

- retain the fenced off-leash dog park and enlarge the fenced area to the east to include a larger open grassed area.

Individual community comments included:

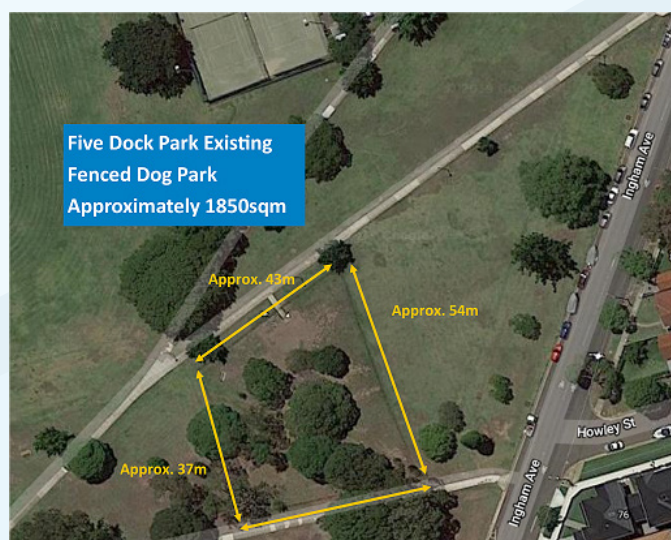
- extend east to/towards Ingham Ave
- enlarge dog park, but as two separated fenced areas for big/small dogs
- dogs need open space to run, not enclosures
- remove, too small, most dogs still using areas outside enclosure anyway
- reduce area
- reinstate former unfenced off-leash dog area near Tigers Five Dock Club
- install lighting to enable dusk/evening use of the fenced dog park.
- install irrigation within the fenced dog park to assist in grass and landscape maintenance.
- poor grass maintenance
- better surfacing, is muddy when wet.
- clarify and provide consistent signage (on-line, published and on-site)
- signpost park as off-leash dog area at entries
- enhance enforcement.

Recent off-leash dog consultations

- 'cage of rage' due to the small restricted area
- 'dirt bowl' resultant from small area being repeatedly utilised without ongoing maintenance
- dogs require breadth of space for exercise

What was consulted on 1 - 21 July 2019

- Triple the size of the existing fenced off-leash dog park from 1,850sqm to approximately 5,600sqm
- Collaborate with the community on obstacles and agility equipment
- Consider the installation of lighting for evening use



Five Dock Park - Key Findings

Visitation to Five Dock Park Off-Leash Dog Area

- Currently 28% of participants who own a dog visit Five Dock Park daily, with 22% visiting a few times a week, 14% weekly, 28% occasionally and 8% never
- If the off-leash dog area was tripled in size, 40% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 51% stated it would remain unchanged and 9% stated it would decrease. Participants have indicated a daily visitation increase from 26% to 38% and a few times a week visitation increase from 23% to 32%.
- If lights were installed, 40% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 49% stated it would remain unchanged and 11% stated it would decrease. Participants have indicated a daily visitation increase from 26% to 36% and a few times a week visitation increase from 23% to 32%.
- If agility and obstacle equipment was installed, 30% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 51% stated it would remain unchanged and 19% stated it would decrease. Participants have indicated a daily visitation increase from 26% to 38% and a few times a week visitation decrease from 23% to 21%.

Activity Zones

The overall three most important zones stated by the community were

- Open areas for running (82% ranked 1st and 2nd in importance and also the highest ranked for owners of dogs of all life stages)
- Play area - climbing/ jumping/ balancing zone (44% ranked 1st and 2nd in importance with 64% of participants who own puppies ranking this 1st and 2nd, compared to 38% of participants who own adult dogs)
- Small dogs/time out zone (32% ranked 1st and 2nd in importance with 75% of participants who own seniors ranking this 1st and 2nd and 38% of participants who own adult dogs ranking this 1st and 2nd). However, overall 48% of participants ranked this 5th and 6th, resulting in the least important zone

46% of participants ranked Rest Zones and Training/Education Zones as 5th and 6th in importance, resulting in the 2nd and 3rd least favourable zones.

Agility and Obstacle Equipment

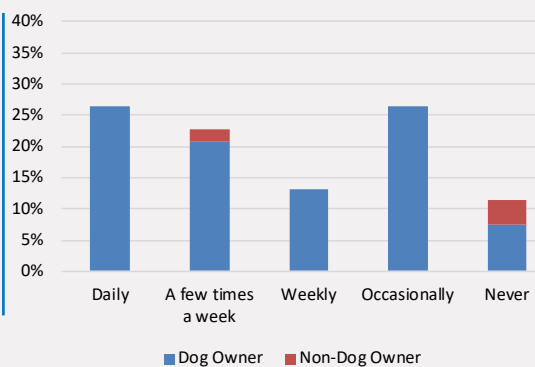
- 73% stated they were likely to very likely to support landscape/vegetation for sensory exploration
- 62% stated they were likely to very likely to support natural elements such as boulders/rocks/mounds for climbing
- 38% stated tyres would not be utilised
- 36% stated stepping paws would not be utilised

Five Dock Park - Survey Results

How often do you utilise Five Dock Park for off-leash dog activity?

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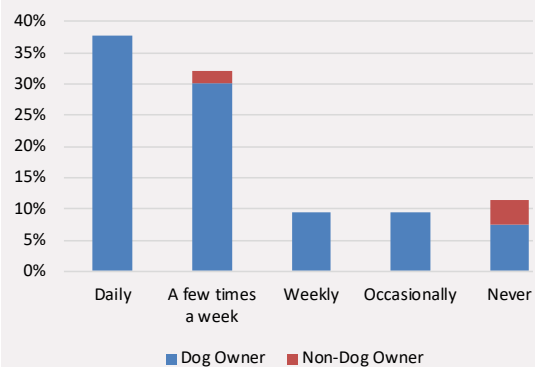
Survey Questions: 1 and 15



How often would you use the off-leash dog area if it was tripled in size?

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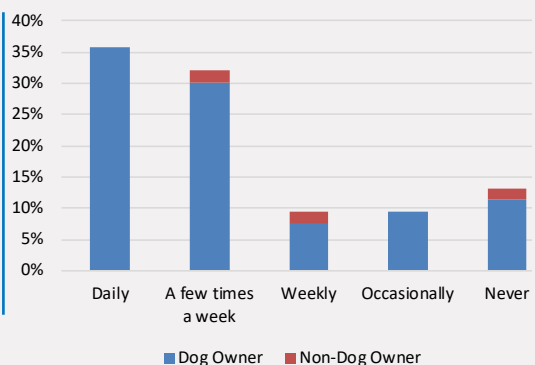
Survey Questions: 2 and 15



How often would you use the off-leash dog area if lights were installed?

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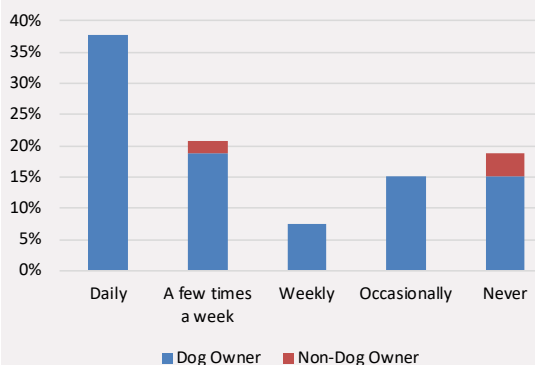
Survey Questions: 3 and 15



How often would you use the off-leash dog area if equipment was provided?

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Survey Questions: 4 and 15

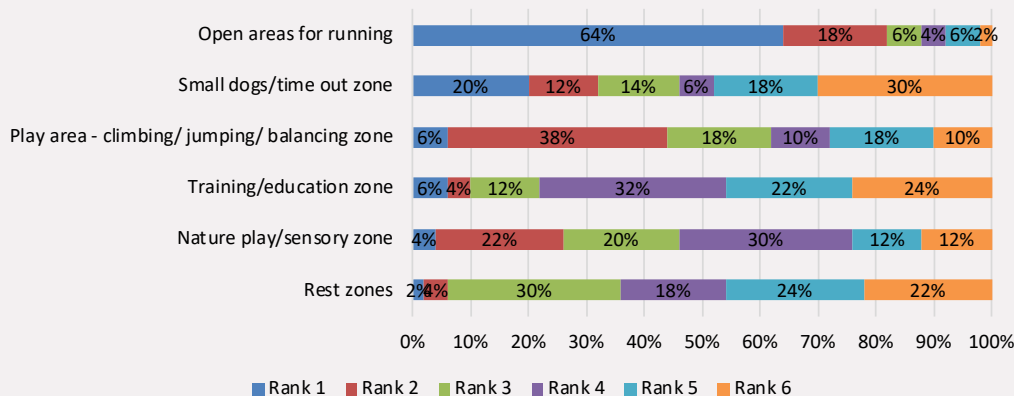


Activity Zones: Please rank in order the activity zones which you would like to see incorporated at Five Dock Park

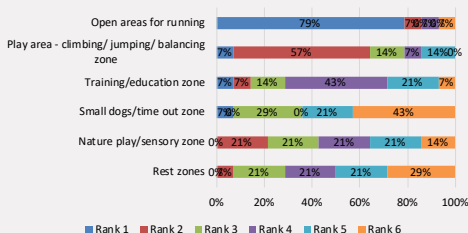
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Survey Questions: 5 and 17

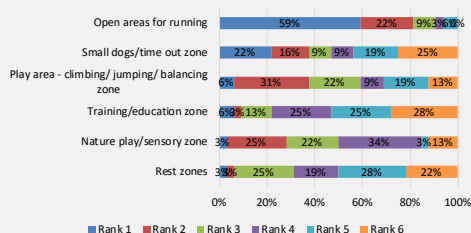
All participants who are dog owners



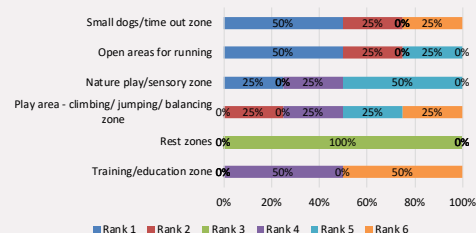
Participants who own puppies (14)



Participants who own adults (32)



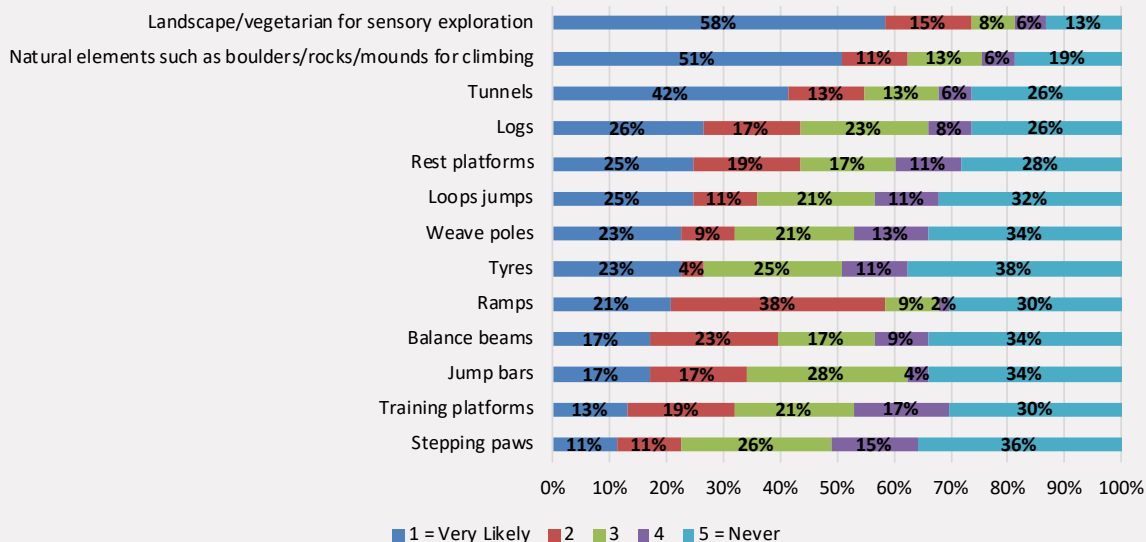
Participants who own seniors (4)



Using a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means very likely and 5 means never, please indicate your preferred obstacle and agility equipment to be installed at Five Dock Park.

Number: 53

Survey Question: 6



Five Dock Park - Additional Comments: Survey Respondents:38 Emails:6 Facebook:3

#	%	#	%	#	%
Fenced off-leash areas do not work;- require large open space	10 21%	Owners will require training for use of agility equipment	3 6%	Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park should be designed differently to one another	1 2%
Improved maintenance of grass	9 19%	Water play for dogs	3 6%	Too much investment in dogs	1 2%
Great initiative	7 15%	Dog bubblers should not be placed near the entry	2 4%	Some small dogs can get through the fencing	1 2%
Separate areas for small and large dogs	7 15%	Community connections – consider seating (including sheltered) for owners	2 4%	Taxis parked on Ingham Avenue are restricting parking for park users	1 2%
Additional human /dog bubbler	5 11%	Dog poo compost	2 4%	Paved areas	1 2%
Agility equipment is useless, expensive and will not be used	5 11%	Improved education for dog owners on etiquette and effective control	2 4%	Low fencing around the whole park so dogs do not run onto the road	1 2%
Lighting required for evening use	4 9%	Enforcement of dogs off-leash in other areas of the park	1 2%	Vegetation such as shrubs and tall grass for exploration	1 2%
Dog poo bags and bins – more and improved maintenance	3 6%	Excited about the agility equipment	1 2%	Weekend coffee cart	1 2%

TIMBRELL PARK

Timbrell Park is a well activated and valuable recreation and community space featuring:

- multipurpose sports fields with amenity buildings including toilets
- the iconic all abilities Livvi's Play playground
- large passive recreation area
- covered picnic and barbeque facilities
- existing off-leash dog area on the western side
- Livvi's Café with adjacent toilets

What The Community Has Told Us During the Recent Consultations

Timbrell Park's existing off-leash dog area is located at the western side of Livvi's Playground, however many local dog-owners requested Council to explore the possibility of utilising the south-eastern section of Timbrell Park as an off-leash dog area as they believe it more preferable for dog exercise as it is larger and more protected from Henley Marine Drive. This area of the park is well utilised sports ground and therefore presented challenges.

The initial trial and consultation was undertaken from Wednesday, 24 October to Tuesday, 20 November 2018, with an extension to the trial undertaken from 18 December 2018 to 17 April 2019. Over 400 community members provided qualitative feedback during the consultation periods, with strong support for a permanent off-leash dog area at the trial location. During both trials and consultation periods there was a significant level of community interest and this issue evoked a high level of passion. It was recognised that the views expressed by many dog owners and many sporting stakeholders are in stark contrast, and a viable solution whereby both parties can be provided with their preferred outcome at this particular site was not identified.

Two options were presented at the Council Meeting held on 21 May 2019, with option two, 'Improve the existing off-leash dog exercise area at the western end of Timbrell Park as well as the existing fenced off-leash dog area in Five Dock Park' endorsed to be implemented, subject to further community consultation.

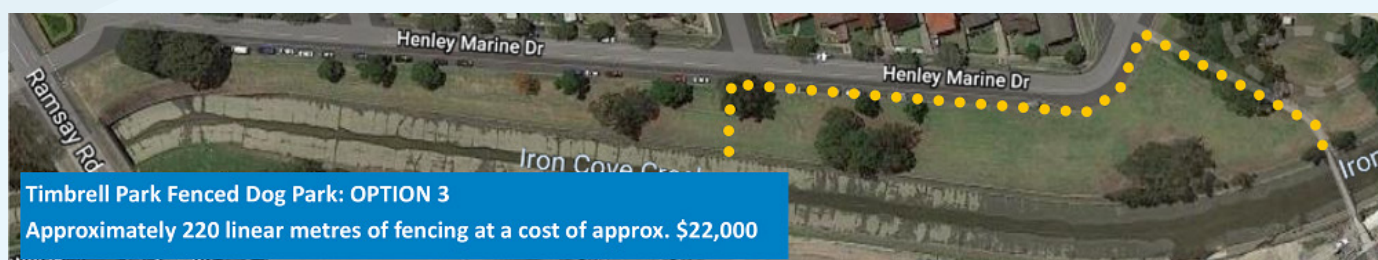
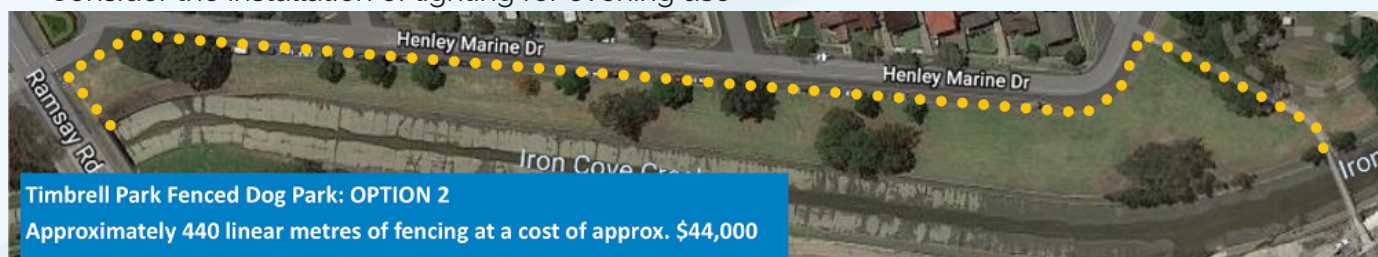
Sydney Water Iron Cove Canal Naturalisation Works

The off-leash dog area at Timbrell Park will be temporary as the channel is in need of repair and the area is part of the future Sydney Water naturalisation project. The naturalisation project will greatly improve waterway health, environmental outcomes and create a more diverse wildlife habitat, by replacing the concrete walls of the channel with natural looking banks comprised of sandstone rocks and diverse native planting.

The design also includes a wetland to improve waterway health and new walking and cycling paths for improved community connections. The project is currently in the final stages of detailed concept design. Construction will start in 2021 at the earliest.

What was consulted on 1 - 21 July 2019

- Seek direction from the community on fencing options including:
 - no fencing
 - installing 440 metres of linear fencing adjacent to Ramsay Road, Henley Marine Drive and the eastern footpath positioned west of Livvi's Café. Estimated cost is \$44,000.
 - installing 220 metres of linear fencing adjacent to Henley Marine Drive and the eastern footpath positioned west of Livvi's Café with the western fence line aligned with New Jersey Road. Estimated cost is \$22,000.
- Collaborate with the community on obstacles and agility equipment
- Consider the installation of lighting for evening use



Timbrell Park - Key Findings

Visitation to Timbrell Park Off-Leash Dog Area

- Currently 22% of participants who own a dog visit Timbrell Park daily, with 20% visiting a few times a week, 14% weekly, 34% occasionally and 10% never
- If the off-leash dog area was fenced, 43% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 42% stated it would remain unchanged and 15% stated it would decrease. Participants have indicated a daily visitation decrease from 21% to 19% and a few times a week visitation increase from 19% to 34%.
- If lights were installed, 42% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 51% stated it would remain unchanged and 8% stated it would decrease. Participants have indicated a daily visitation increase from 21% to 25% and a few times a week visitation increase from 19% to 26%.
- If agility and obstacle equipment was installed, 34% of participants stated that their frequency of visitation would increase, 49% stated it would remain unchanged and 17% stated it would decrease. Participants have indicated a daily visitation increase from 21% to 25% and a few times a week visitation increase from 19% to 21%.

62% of participants supported installing 440m linear fencing

Activity Zones

- Open areas for running (84% ranked 1st and 2nd in importance and also the highest ranked by owners of dogs of all life stages)
- Play area - climbing/ jumping/ balancing zone (40% ranked 1st and 2nd in importance and also the second highest ranked by owners of dogs of all life stages)
- Training/Education Zones (58% ranked 5th and 6th in importance, resulting in the least favourable zone)

Agility and Obstacle Equipment

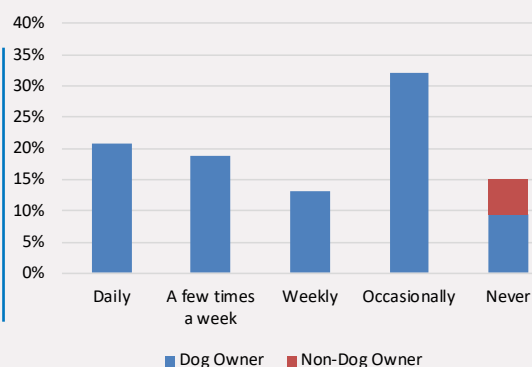
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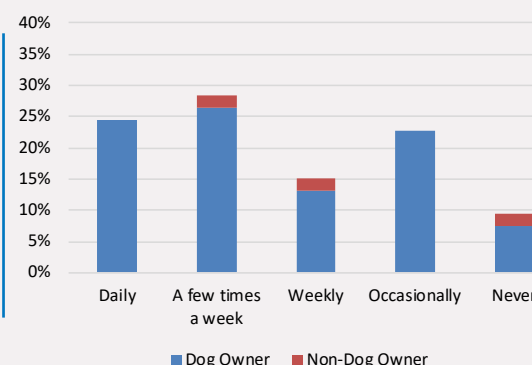
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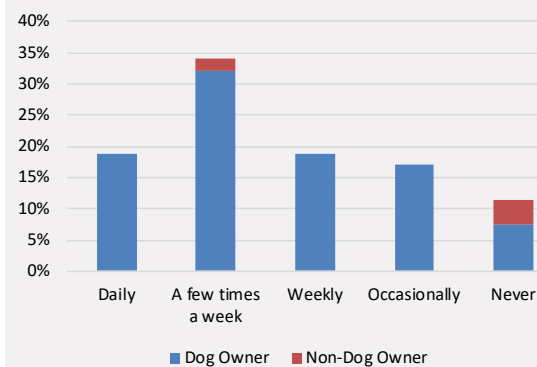
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How often would you use the existing off-leash dog area if it was fenced?

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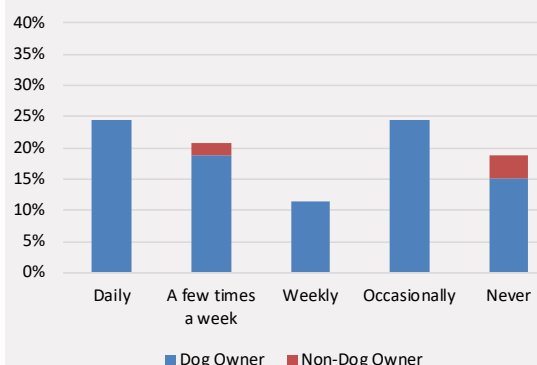
Survey Questions: 2 and 15



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Survey Questions: 4 and 15



Please select your preferred fencing option

Number: 53

Survey Questions: 8 and 17

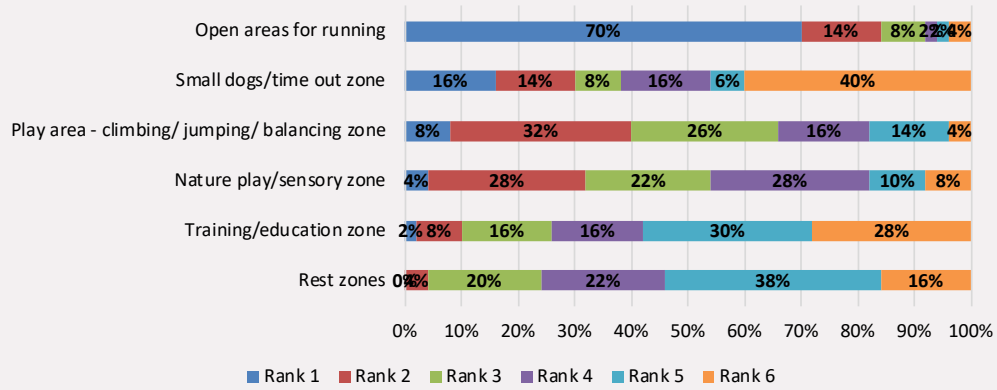
	No fencing	Installing 440 metres of linear fencing	Installing 220 metres of linear fencing
Puppy	2	10	2
Adult	7	19	6
Senior	1	3	0
Non-Dog Owner	1	1	1
Total Count	11	33	9
Percentage	21%	62%	17%

Activity Zones: Please rank in order the activity zones which you would like to see incorporated at Timbrell Park

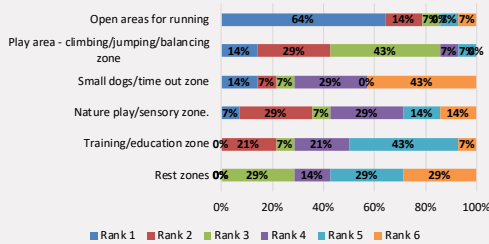
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Survey Questions: 9 and 17

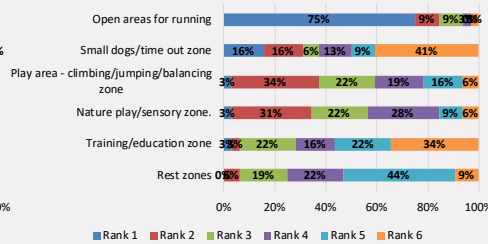
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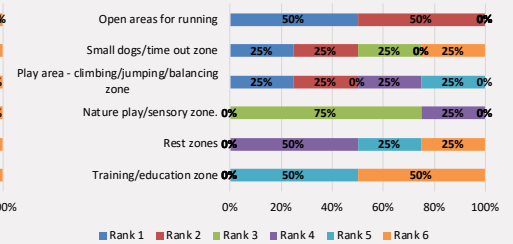
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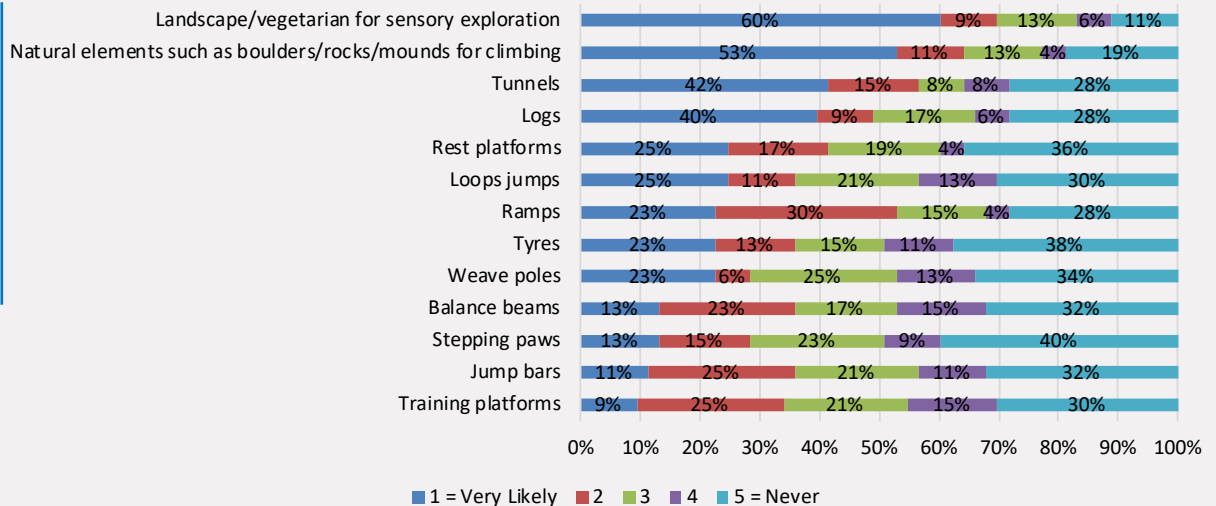
Participants who own seniors (4)



Using a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means very likely and 5 means never, please indicate your preferred obstacle and agility equipment to be installed at Timbrell Park.

Number: 53

Survey Question: 10



Timbrell Park - Additional Comments: Survey Respondents:31 Emails:5 Facebook:3

#	%	#	%	#	%
Fenced off-leash areas do not work; require large open space	9 23%	Fencing solution to ensure small dogs cannot get through gaps and balls cannot go onto the road or into the canal	3 8%	Unsafe location and too close to the playground	2 5%
Waste of money as temporary	7 18%	Dog poo bags and bins required	3 8%	Human /dog bubbler required	1 3%
Off-leash dog activity should be allowed when there are no sporting groups using oval	7 18%	Different dog park experiences eg: naturalistic sensory at Timbrell Park and agility equipment/play area at Five Dock Park	3 8%	Fencing could be low in height as just required as a physical deterrent	1 3%
Great Initiative	6 15%	Water play / sand pit for dogs	2 5%	Too much investment in dogs	1 3%
Agility equipment is useless, expensive and will not be used	5 13%	Community connections – consider seating (including sheltered) for owners	2 5%	If agility equipment, training for owners will be require	1 3%
Fencing is essential	5 13%	Dog poo compost	2 5%	Improved dog owner signage	1 3%
Separate areas for small and large dogs	3 8%	Enforcement of dogs off-leash in other areas of the park	2 5%	Instead invest in playground renewals and off-leash dog area at Pelican Reserve	1 3%

PARTICIPANT ANALYSIS

Demographic information was only collected through the online survey.

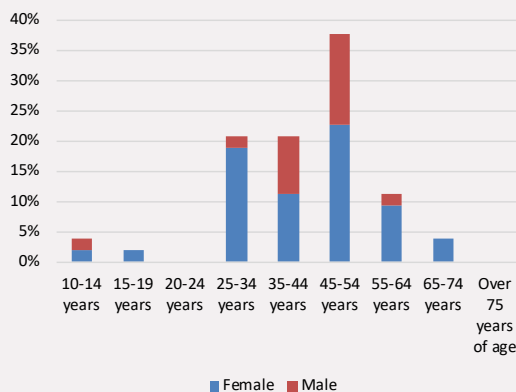
Key Data:

- Only 6% of the 401 community members who participated in the previous consultations in relation to Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park, participated in this consultation.
- 92.5% of participants are residents of the City of Canada Bay
- 68.9% of participants are female with a median age bracket of 45-54 years
- 94.3% of participants own a dog with on average 1.2 dogs per household
- 64% of survey respondents own an adult dog, with 28% owning puppies and 8% owning seniors

Gender and age brackets of survey respondents

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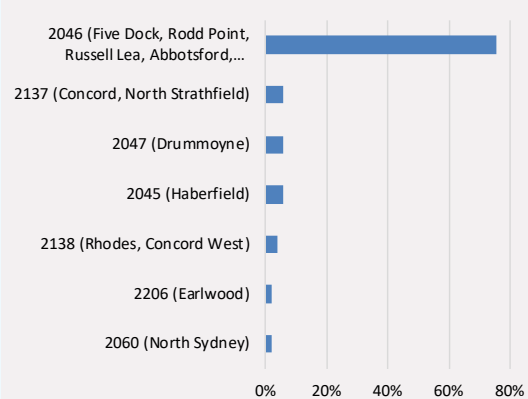
Survey Questions: 12 and 13



Residential postcode of survey respondents

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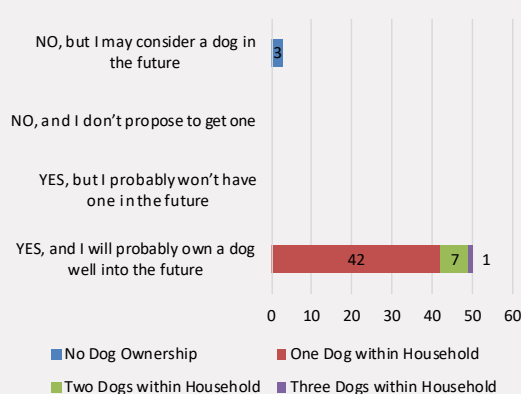
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Dog ownership of survey respondents

Number: 53

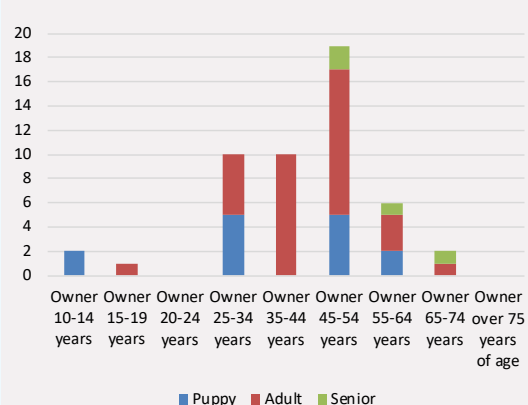
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Dog ownership by owners age and dog life stage

Number: 50

Survey Questions: 13 and 17



APPENDICES

**I- Community Survey Questions
II - Communications Collateral**

Appendix I: Community Survey Questions

1. How often do you utilise the following parks for off-leash dog activity?

	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	Occasionally	Never
Five Dock Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timbrell Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How often would you visit the following parks if the off-leash dog area at Timbrell Park was fenced and off-leash dog fenced area Five Dock Park was tripled in size?

	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	Occasionally	Never
Five Dock Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timbrell Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. How often would you visit the following parks if dog agility equipment was installed?

	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	Occasionally	Never
Five Dock Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timbrell Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. How often would you visit the following parks if lights were installed?

	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	Occasionally	Never
Five Dock Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timbrell Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FIVE DOCK PARK

5. Activity Zones: Please rank in order the activity zones which you would like to see incorporated at Five Dock Park

- Open areas for running
- Training/education zone
- Play area - climbing/ jumping/ balancing zone
- Rest zones
- Small dogs/time out zone
- Nature play/sensory zone

6. Using a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means very likely and 5 means never, please indicate your preferred obstacle and agility equipment to be installed at Five Dock Park.

	1	2	3	4	5
Tyres					
Logs					
Tunnels					
Loop jumps					
Ramps					
Jump bars					
Balance beams					
Landscaping/vegetation for sensory exploration					
Natural elements such as boulders/rocks/mounds for climbing					
Training platforms					
Rest platforms					
Weave poles					
Stepping paws					

7. Please provide any further suggestions or comments in relation to the expanded off-leash dog area at Five Dock Park.

TIMBRELL PARK

The off-leash dog area at Timbrell Park will be temporary as the channel is in need of repair and the area is part of the future Sydney Water naturalisation project. The naturalisation project will greatly improve waterway health, environmental outcomes and create a more diverse wildlife habitat, by replacing the concrete walls of the channel with natural looking banks comprised of sandstone rocks and diverse native planting.

The design also includes a wetland to improve waterway health and new walking and cycling paths for improved community connections.

The project is currently in the final stages of detailed concept design. Construction will start in 2021 at the earliest.

8. Fencing Options: Please select your preferred fencing option.

1. No fencing
2. Installing 440 metres of linear fencing adjacent to Ramsay Road, Henley Marine Drive and the eastern footpath positioned west of Livvi's Café. Estimated cost is \$44,000.
3. Installing 220 metres of linear fencing adjacent to Henley Marine Drive and the eastern footpath positioned west of Livvi's Café with the western fence line aligned with New Jersey Road. Estimated cost is \$22,000.

9. Activity Zones: Please rank in order the activity zones which you would like to see incorporated at Timbrell Park

- Open areas for running
- Training/education zone
- Play area - climbing/ jumping/ balancing zone
- Rest zones
- Small dogs/time out zone
- Nature play/sensory zone

10. Using a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means very likely and 5 means never, please indicate your preferred obstacle and agility equipment to be installed at Timbrell Park.

	1	2	3	4	5
Tyres					
Logs					
Tunnels					
Loop jumps					
Ramps					
Jump bars					
Balance beams					
Landscaping/vegetation for sensory exploration					
Natural elements such as boulders/rocks/mounds for climbing					
Training platforms					
Rest platforms					
Weave poles					
Stepping paws					

11. Please provide any further suggestions or comments in relation to the expanded off-leash dog area at Timbrell Park.

ABOUT YOU

12. Please indicate your gender.

- ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ I would rather not specify

13. 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 +

14. Please advise your residential postcode

15. 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

16. How many dogs do you own?

17. What life stage is your dog? (if applicable)

- ☐ Puppy ☐ Adult
☐ Senior ☐ I do not own a dog

Appendix II: Communications Collateral

Community Notification Letter

Distributed from 27 - 29 June to approximately 4,250 residential properties in Five Dock, Rodd Point and part of Russell Lea



27 June 2019

The Resident
Five Dock NSW 2046

Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park – Dog Park Improvements Consultation 1- 21 July 2019

Dear resident,

Over the past nine months we have collaborated with community members on strengthening off-leash dog provision in the City of Canada Bay and to inform the Dogs in Public Places Strategy, which is currently in development.

During this period, over 600 community members have provided their feedback on off-leash dog provision and trials were undertaken via the engagement programs set out below:

- **Five Dock Park Plan of Management** – Stakeholder, user group and community consultation (9 August to 7 September 2018)
- **Off-leash dog trials** at Timbrell Park (south-eastern section), Lower Phoenix Park, King George V Park and Kendall Reserve (24 October to 20 November 2018)
- **Timbrell Park off-leash dog trial extension** (18 December 2018 to 17 April 2019)

Community feedback has resulted in an additional three fenced dog off-leash exercise areas being established in Lower Phoenix Park and King George V Park in Rhodes, and Kendall Reserve in Cabarita.

At the Council meeting on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 Council discussed the outcomes of the Timbrell Park off-leash dog trial extension, and the following resolutions were made:

1. THAT the existing fenced off-leash dog exercise area at Five Dock Park be expanded and that dog obstacles and agility equipment be provided.
2. THAT the existing off-leash dog exercise area at Timbrell Park have fencing installed and dog obstacles and agility equipment provided.
3. THAT Council ensure the Dogs in Public Places Strategy currently being developed incorporates consideration of managing mixed-use public open space to accommodate off-leash dog areas at specific times.

4. THAT Council consult further in relation to items 1 and 2 above.
5. THAT Council consult with Sydney Water in relation to stormwater canal naturalisation works.
6. THAT Council expedite the policy for managing dogs in public spaces to ensure consistency across the Local Government Area.
7. THAT Council explore further off-leash dog opportunities within the Timbrell Park vicinity.
8. THAT prior to any further works in Timbrell Park and Five Dock Park being undertaken, consultation be conducted with users of the parks.

Resolutions 1 and 2 present an opportunity for our community to collaborate with Council to achieve improvements at both of these off-leash dog parks.

We encourage all residents to share their ideas regarding fencing, dog obstacles and agility equipment at these locations from Monday, 1 July to Sunday, 21 July by completing a short online survey at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au or by emailing parksupgrade@canadabay.nsw.gov.au.

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

Kind regards,



Russell Wolfe
Manager Parks and Recreation

Park Notification Signage

Six A0 sized notification signs installed at Five Dock Park and Timbrell Park from 30 June 2019 to 24 July 2019.



FIVE DOCK PARK AND TIMBRELL PARK

Dog Park Improvements

Collaborate with us 1 - 21 July 2019

The City of Canada Bay is committed to strengthening the off-leash dog facilities provided to our community members and their canine companions. At the City of Canada Bay Council meeting on 21 May 2019, it was resolved to:

- Expand the existing fenced off-leash dog exercise area at Five Dock Park and install dog obstacles and agility equipment
- Fence the existing off-leash dog exercise area at Timbrell Park and install dog obstacles and agility equipment.

This presents an opportunity for our community to collaborate with Council to achieve improvements at both of these off-leash dog parks.

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WEEKLY UPDATE 2/7/2019



Our performance

PROJECT: Our annual accessibility works program including bus stop upgrades is now complete for the 2018-19 financial year.

BUDGETED: \$100,000

SPENT TO DATE: \$103,000

For a full budget breakdown of our \$22.8 million capital works program, visit Council's website and search 'Our performance'.



Ride into the future with us

Wheels are in motion for a brand new bike plan for the entire City of Canada Bay.

The plan will identify the delivery of cycling infrastructure to meet current and future needs of bike riders. Share your feedback online and join our bike steering group by 12 July.

To help us make our City a wheely great place to cycle visit: bit.ly/newbikeplan.



Dog park improvements

The City of Canada Bay is enhancing the off-leash dog areas at Timbrell Park and Five Dock Park and we want your feedback. We're planning to:

- Fence the existing off-leash area and install obstacles and agility equipment at Timbrell Park
- Expand the existing fenced off-leash area and install obstacles and agility equipment at Five Dock Park.

Visit collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au to share your ideas and help us create the best play areas for our furry friends. Submissions close on 21 July 2019.

Council meetings

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23 July at 6pm at the Canada Bay Civic Centre, 1A Marlborough Street, Drummoyne. Council meetings are streamed live to our Facebook page and agendas are available in our libraries, Civic Centre or on our website.

Join our Buschare team!

Our Bushcare volunteer program is about so much more than just planting and cleaning up our beautiful area. Do you have an interest in native flora or fauna that you'd like to pursue? Or are you looking for a way to stay active and exercise outside of a traditional gym? Then our Bushcare program is perfect for you! Visit bit.ly/bushcarecb to find out more about how you can be part of our wonderful program.

Development determinations

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979. In accordance with Section 4.59 of the Act and Clause 124 of the Regulation - 2000, the following development determinations are publicly notified.

DA2018/0391	17 Napier Street, North Strathfield	DET	Approved
	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a new two storey attached dual occupancy with basement parking and strata subdivision.		
DA2018/0407	15 Tenterfield Street, North Strathfield		Approved
	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a new two storey attached dual occupancy with strata subdivision.		
DA2019/0067	21 Jones Street, Concord		Approved
	Demolition of existing garage, alterations and additions to existing dwelling and construction of a new garage with attached storage and entertainment area.		
DA2019/0079	Suite 1/42 Shoreline Drive, Rhodes		Approved
	Change of use from restaurant to an apartment.		
DA2019/0084	19 Walton Crescent, Abbotsford		Approved
	Demolition of existing rear steps and construction of new steps, privacy screens and balustrades.		
DA2019/0085	56 Day Street, Drummoyne		Approved
	New driveway crossing and uncovered hardstand parking.		
DA2019/0088	80 Concord Road, North Strathfield		Approved
	First floor addition to existing dwelling.		
DA2019/0094	158 Concord Road, North Strathfield		Approved
	Heritage restoration works including underpinning to four dwellings.		
DA2019/0130	26 Regatta Road, Canada Bay		Approved
	Fit-out of existing rear laundry/bathroom addition including internal and external linings, fixtures and joinery. New decking with privacy screen and roof cover to rear of dwelling. New free-standing carport and paving.		
DA2019/0138	23 Bowman Street, Drummoyne		Approved
	Alterations and additions to existing attached dual occupancy.		
DA2019/0156	81 Formosa Street, Drummoyne.		Approved
	Tree pruning.		
DA2019/0161	9 Myall Street, Concord West		Approved
	Alterations and additions to existing garage.		

Copies of the Determination Notices can be viewed at Council's Administration Centre, 1A Marlborough Street, Drummoyne, during office hours.

Peter Gainsford,
General Manager
Civic Centre
Drummoyne 2047

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Love Your Place

Our shared open spaces are the heart and soul of our City. To ensure we continue to care for our environment, I encourage residents and community members to join our Love Your Place program.

The clean-up program is specifically designed for community groups, residents, local businesses and schools to partner with the City of Canada Bay and help take care of our many parks, open spaces, streets, foreshore and playgrounds.

To find out more and join the program, visit our website or phone 9911 6555.



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas with Bushcare volunteer Regula Scheidegger.

Join our climate change challenge

To ensure we continue to respond to local environmental issues like energy consumption and climate change, I am proud to announce that we are building a new Environmental Strategy.

Over the next few months we'll be announcing a range of new environmental initiatives. We would also like to know what environmental issues matter to you and how you think we're doing so far.

Let us know via bit.ly/envirostrategy and join our climate change challenge today.

Angelo Tsirekas

MAYOR ANGELO TSIREKAS



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Do you like to visit our wonderful dog parks? We're enhancing the off-leash dog areas at Timbrell Park and Five Dock Park and we want your feedback!


Visit bit.ly/dogparkupgrade to read about the plans and help us create the best play areas for our furry friends. Submissions close on 21 July 2019 🐾

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Gary Conaty CBC lack of planning and design of parks. I put my dog in the car and drive over the bridge



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Evan John would you consider a bio big for dog waste like bayside council?
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Gary Conaty A dog park for both dogs and people properly planned

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