

DOGS IN OPEN SPACES



YOU SAID...

"Fencing for dog areas is a must. It protects dogs and people. It stops people from riding bikes, skateboards etc in leash-free areas, thereby not stressing dogs, which may lead to non-ideal outcomes for both dogs and people."

"The off-leash facilities around the Lake Macquarie area are amazing! In my opinion, keeping the current off-leash areas open as much as practicably possible is the best option."

"Love the fenced dog park in Speers Point. Would suggest more to be built."

"A big space like Croudace Bay is needed for dogs to run and for people to actually walk their dogs (not just in a small area)"

"Provide more bins for dog droppings."

"Overall work needs to be done on the design of fenced areas. Fencing somewhere like Croudace Bay is not beneficial for the users and would be removing a great community asset."



ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Council has drafted a Dogs in Public Open Space Procedure outlining ways to cater for the city's growing canine population. We asked the community about how often they use dog exercise areas (DEAs), what their priorities are for exercising their pooches, what they'd like to see more of and how far they are prepared to travel to get to a major off-leash park. Council staff will assess feedback before recommending the draft procedure to Council for consideration.



YOUR PRIORITIES

Top spots

1. Off-leash parks
2. Off-leash beaches
3. Speers Point DEA

Top times

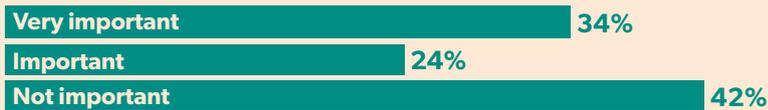
1. Noon-5pm
2. 9am-noon
3. After 5pm

Ideal distance away

1. 5-10km
2. 10-15km
3. Less than 5km

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Segregated areas for small and large dogs



Dog agility equipment



HOW YOU ENGAGED

600 visits to our project webpage

9500 people reached via facebook

150 comments added to our online survey