
8 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION: DOG OFF LEASH AREA - PIDDING PARK

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REPORT SUMMARY

This report responds to a Council resolution from the July 2022 Council meeting, where it was resolved:

- (a) *That Council undertake a consultation process as soon as possible to relocate the dog off leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing natural area.*
- (b) *That a new design be developed to include dog exercise equipment, seating, shade, fencing, drinking water and waste disposal bags and bins in the consultation process.*
- (c) *That the report be presented to Council in September 2022 on the outcomes of the consultation and include the funding implications.*

Pidding Park contains an existing designated “dog off-leash area when not in use for organised sporting activities booked by Council”. The sports fields have shared community use for organised sport, unstructured recreation, and passive use. Principal users of the park include local sporting clubs (such as soccer and cricket), local schools for school sport, dog owners, commercial dog walkers/minders and local residents.

Staff prepared a draft concept plan (figure 6 within the body of this report) proposing the relocation of dog off-leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park. This was in the area between the sports fields and the existing Natural Area; and included design elements as specified in the relevant Council resolution. The draft concept plan would enable this area to be a dedicated dog off leash area at all times.

Council conducted a community consultation (7 – 27 September 2022) to obtain community feedback on the draft concept plan. A Consultation Report - **ATTACHMENT 1** - was prepared and further details on consultation are outlined in the body of this report. 117 people provided submissions and key consultation findings were:

- 51% - Against the proposal
- 34% - Support the proposal
- 11% - Support the proposal with changes
- 3% - No preference/Unsure/Unspecified.

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With consideration to the community feedback (51% against the proposed relocation), triple bottom line return on investment (financial, social and environmental), accessibility and crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles, it is recommended that the dog off-leash area is retained on the sports field with some minor park upgrades and an expansion of the designated dog off-leash area to spread the use over a larger space. Having this larger dedicated area will assist in addressing some of the issues raised during the consultation process. Furthermore, many of the concerns expressed by the community can be mitigated by way of community education, increased Ranger patrols, limiting the number of Council issued permits to professional dog walkers and improved signage.

Implementation of this recommendation is subject to Council's adoption and funding availability for the proposed upgrades as outlined in this report. No budget is available for this project and funding for the implementation will need to be considered in future budget allocations and project bids in Council's annual business planning cycle.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council notes the feedback received during the community consultation and retains the Dog Off-Leash Area at Pidding Park in the existing identified area on the sports fields
- (b) That Council expand the designated Dog Off-Leash Area to include the senior and junior sport fields in compliance with the *Companion Animal Act 1998*. The off leash area will remain an off-leash area when not in use for organized sporting activities booked by Council.
- (c) That funding to implement the recommended changes to the off leash area at Pidding Park as detailed within the body of this report, be considered for inclusion in future iterations of Council's Four Year Delivery Plan.
- (d) That Council write to thank all participants who participated in the community consultation and inform them of this resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Pidding Park – Consultation Report on Draft Concept Plan for Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area (October 2022)

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Local Context

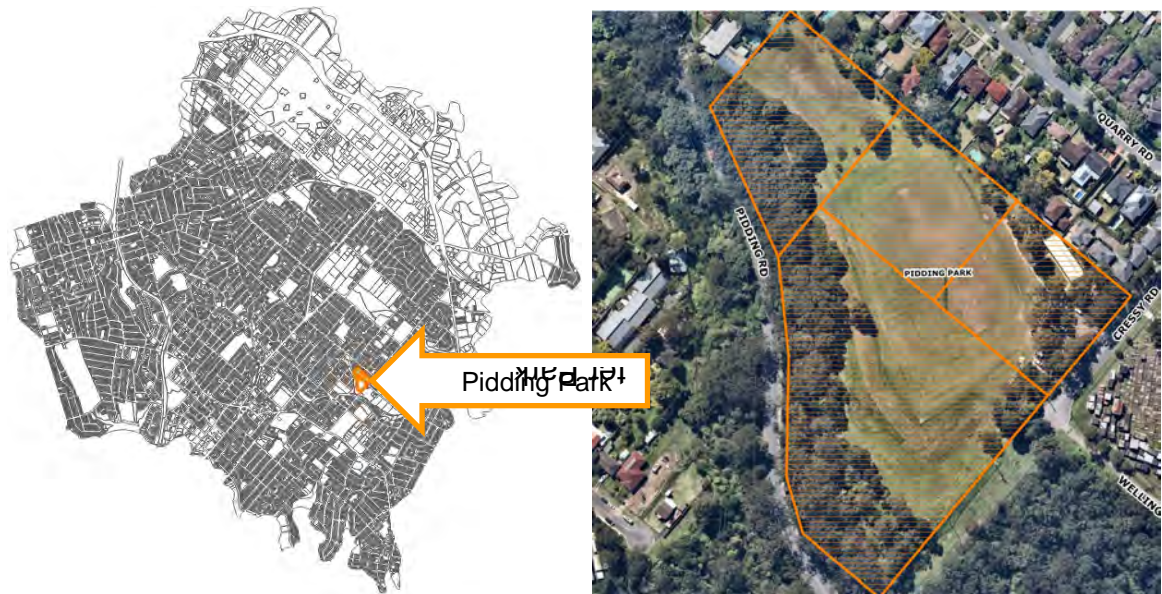


Fig 1-2: Site Location – Pidding Park

Strategic Context

This project has considered the strategic context of Pidding Park, Ryde including:

- *Planning Ryde Local Strategic Planning Statement (2020)*
- *Ryde Local Environmental Plan (2014)*
- *Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan (2018)*
- *Integrated Open Space Plan (2012)*
- *Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2026 (2017)*
- *Children Play Implementation Plan (2019)*
- *Dog Recreation Needs Study (2020)*
- *Biodiversity Plan (2016)*
- *Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 (2020)*
- *Bicycle Strategy (2022)*

Pidding Park is zoned “RE1 Public Recreation” in the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014*. The land is categorised as “Sportsgrounds”, “Parks”, “Natural Area – Bushland” and a small area of “General Community Use”. It is managed under the *Generic Plan of Management – Sportsgrounds, Parks and General Community Use (2020)* and *Natural Areas (2021)*.

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Fig 3-4: Pidding Park – Land Categorisation as per Generic Plans of Management (2020 & 2021)

Pidding Park – The Site

Pidding Park is identified by Council in its *Integrated Open Space Plan (2012)* as a level 2 park in the Ryde local government area. As a District sports park, Pidding Park provides the residents of Ryde and more broadly the City of Ryde, with open space facilities for a variety of active and recreation opportunities for all ages. The objective of Level 2 parks is for open space to accommodate large group activities, organised sports and offer opportunities for cultural expression and environmental education.

Pidding Park provides the following community recreation facilities:

- 1 x senior sports field with lighting.
- 1 x junior sports field.
- Amenities building with toilets, changerooms and canteen (new infrastructure).
- Neighbourhood level playground.
- Seating, filtered water station and paths.
- Car park.

The Natural Area within Pidding Park contains Coastal Enriched Sandstone Dry Forest. The *Biodiversity Plan (2016)* identifies this Natural Area as having a high conservation priority, high conservation significance value and a moderate threat value. Pidding Park provides a regional biodiversity connection between Parramatta River and Lane Cove River.

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Organised Sport at Pidding Park (existing)

Summer Season (September – March)		
Summer soccer competition	2 x nights per week	10 hours
Cricket competitions	Saturday mornings & afternoons	9.5 hours
School sport	Thursday & Friday afternoons	5 hours
TOTAL - Organised Sport (Summer season) bookings		24.5 hours

Winter Season (April – August)		
Soccer training	4 x nights per week	19 hours
Soccer fixtures/ competition	Saturdays from 8.30am – 5pm	8.5 hours
School sport	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday afternoons	5.75 hours
TOTAL - Organised Sport (Winter season) bookings		33.25 hours

Note: dog off-leash not permitted when organised sport is booked by Council.

Dog Off-Leash and On-Leash at Pidding Park (existing)

The *Dog Recreation Needs Study (2020)* recognises Pidding Park as an “unenclosed/part enclosed free running shared space” and is a “designated park – off-leash when not being used for organised sport”. Under existing arrangements at Pidding Park:

- Dogs are permitted (off-leash) within the designated off-leash area only when there is no organised sports training/competition occurring.
- Dogs are permitted (on-leash) at all times including when organised sport is taking place.
- At the time of writing this report, 3 x commercial dog walking/minder businesses using Pidding Park were registered with Council.



Fig 5: Pidding Park – Existing Dog Off-Leash Area Park signage

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In accordance with the *Companion Animal Act 1998*:

- Dogs are not permitted (on-leash or off-leash) within 10m of a children's play area (ie. playing apparatus for the use of children).
- Dogs are not permitted (on-leash or off-leash) in/near food preparation areas, such as the canteen.

Pidding Park - Dog-related Reports/Incidents

From June 2007 to present, records indicate Council's Rangers Team have received 22 x dog-related reports/incidents reported at Pidding Park:

Incident/Report Type	Timeframe
3 x Dog Attacks on Human	July 2018, May 2018, Nov 2017
1 x Dog Attack on Council Staff	Nov 2017
7 x Dog Attacks on Dog	July 2018, Nov 2017 x 2, Dec 2013, June 2010, June 2007
11 x Complaints about Dogs in Pidding Park	July 2022, Oct 2021, Apr 2021, July 2022, June 2019, Feb 2019, June 2018, May 2018, June 2017, May 2015, Oct 2007

Input Date	Service	Request	Function	Facility
13-Jul-2022	Animals	Keeping of Animals	Requests - Dogs	Pidding Park
25-Oct-2021	Animals	Dogs	Stray	Pidding Park
12-Apr-2021	Animals	Keeping of Animals	Requests - Dogs	Pidding Park
23-Jul-2020	Animals	Dogs	Lost	Pidding Park
02-Jul-2020	Animals	Keeping of Animals	Requests - Dogs	Pidding Park
20-Jun-2019	Animals	Keeping of Animals	Requests - Dogs	Pidding Park
27-Feb-2019	Animals	Keeping of Animals	Requests - Dogs	Pidding Park
20-Jul-2018	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
08-Jun-2018	Animals	Keeping of Animals	Requests - Dogs	Pidding Park
15-May-2018	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
07-May-2018	Animals	Dogs	Stray	Pidding Park
17-Nov-2017	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
17-Nov-2017	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
16-Nov-2017	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
16-Nov-2017	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
15-Jun-2017	Animals	Keeping of Animals	Requests - Dogs	Pidding Park
06-May-2015	Animals	Dogs	Found	Pidding Park
11-Dec-2013	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
04-Dec-2013	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
09-Jun-2010	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park
04-Oct-2007	Animals	Dogs	Stray	Pidding Park
06-Jun-2007	Animals	Dogs	Attack	Pidding Park

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Council's Parks Team have also received complaints from sporting user groups, residents and Council's maintenance staff of sportsground damage caused by dogs digging, dog excrement on sports field and in the playground, dogs being left unattended inside the fenced playground, improper use of accessible toilet facilities in the amenities building for dog washing and dogs hindering staff undertaking regular ground maintenance.

Pidding Park – Ranger Park Patrols and Enforcement

Since 2019/20 Council's records indicate that Rangers have conducted the following at Pidding Park:

2022/23 (July – 10 Nov)	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
13 x Patrols	45 x Patrols 1 x Infringement issued	83 x Patrols	30 x Patrols

Council Resolution (July 2022)

At the Council Meeting on 26 July 2022 Council resolved following a Notice of Motion:

- (a) *That Council undertake a consultation process as soon as possible to relocate the dog off leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing natural area.*
- (b) *That a new design be developed to include dog exercise equipment, seating, shade, fencing, drinking water and waste disposal bags and bins in the consultation process.*
- (c) *That the report be presented to Council in September 2022 on the outcomes of the consultation and include the funding implications.*

Draft Concept Plan – Design for relocation of Dog Off-Leash Area (August 2022)

Officers prepared a draft concept design with the dog off-leash area relocated to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing Natural Area.

This draft proposal was seen as an opportunity to provide the community with a new dedicated dog off-leash area at Pidding Park available for use 7 days a week (including when organised sport is taking place); reduce conflicts between different park user groups; and help Council to protect, maintain and provide safe sports fields for community use.

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Fig 6: Draft Concept Design present to community during Community Consultation

Draft Concept Plan – Consultation (September - October 2022)

Council conducted community consultation to obtain community feedback on the draft Concept Plan. This community consultation was held on 7 – 27 September 2022. This consultation was promoted via flyer letterbox drop (250m radius of the Park – 358 flyers), park signage, local newspaper advertisement (38,000 print readership), stakeholder eNewsletter (62 emails distributed) and Have Your Say webpage (501 page views). One weekday community drop-in session was held (approx. 60 attendees). In total 117 community members participated in the consultation and provided feedback via online interactive map and survey (61 comments), 29 written submissions, drop-in session (32 comments); plus 2 petitions. One petition was seeking to “Keep off-leash access to Pidding Park” (ie. against the proposal) and one petition was seeking to “Relocate & Upgrade Off Leash Dog Park at Pidding Park” (ie. for the proposal). It should be noted a small number of respondents provided multiple submissions via different methods.

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Fig 7-8: Community consultation sign, drop-in session and Social Pin Point online feedback collection.

The Community Consultation Report (October 2022) is provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**. The majority of respondents came from Ryde (29%), East Ryde (15%) and North Ryde (15%). Respondents were dog owners (44%), sports field users (24%), local residents (16%), park users (9%) and other (11%). This consultation overlapped with the first week of the summer season. Key consultation findings and main reasons are outlined below:

- 51% Against the proposed dedicated dog off leash area.
- 45% Support the proposed dedicated dog off leash area, of which:
 - 34% Support the draft concept plan as is.
 - 11% Support the draft concept plan with changes.
- 3% No Preference/Unsure/Did Not Specify.

Against (n = 57)	Support (n = 39)	Support with changes (n = 13)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage of proposed area - Slope and accessibility of proposed area - Dogs need larger spaces, safety from conflicts/bag throwing - Retain Pidding Park dog off-leash / perfect dog park - Proposed area too small and will deteriorate with overuse - Park should be shared by all residents - Dogs use parks more frequently than sports clubs - Majority of owners are responsible - Increasing dog ownership should increase focus - Sports also damages field/litter - Concerned lack of Council maintenance - Council needs better solution/waste of funds - Improved signage on waste and behaviour - Current dog excrement is at expected level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't like dog excrement on the field - Proposal allows everyone to enjoy the park - Don't like field damage (ie. holes) - Dogs taking over the park from other users - Don't like shared use of field - Dogs scaring children - Irresponsible/abusive owners flaunt rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage of proposed area - Council improve maintenance/landscaping. - Slope and accessibility of proposed area - Don't like excrement on field - Extend size of proposed area - Proposed area too small and will deteriorate with overuse - Don't like share use of field - Irresponsible/abusive owners flaunt rules

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Against (<i>n</i> = 57)	Support (<i>n</i> = 39)	Support with changes (<i>n</i> = 13)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consistent Ranger presence to enforce rules - Impact to sensitive nature corridor - Safety/visibility due to location/topography - Proposed area may be tick prone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council improve maintenance/landscaping - Dogs interrupting sports games/taking equipment - Likes size of area - Likes seating and canopy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retain dog use of lower fields outside sporting events - Separate big/small dog areas.

Accessibility Considerations

The existing topography of Pidding Park is a site constraint. Preliminary investigations were undertaken into the feasibility of providing DDA compliant accessibility from the car park into and around the proposed dedicated dog off-leash area (relocated).

Due to the topography of the site, providing an accessible path into and around the off leash area would result in switchbacks and require extensive earthworks, estimated at over \$500,000. Due to the significant costs, these works and the relocation is not recommended.

Responding to feedback from the consultation, the inclusion of a single accessible car space is proposed. This space can be located on the south-western side of the car park between the pedestrian field gate (existing) and maintenance access gate (existing). Some relatively minor regrading, reshaping, asphaltting and line marking works would be required to achieve DDA compliance. The cost of these works is estimated to be \$41K and is recommended as a future park upgrade.

Recommended Outcome – Future Dog Off-Leash Area at Pidding Park

This report recommends that the dog off-leash area is retained on the sports fields with a shared use model (consistent with existing arrangements).

A minor park upgrade is recommended with embellishments to include:

- New accessible parking space.
- New entry/exit gates (air lock gates)
- Relocation of filtered water station (with dog bowl).
- New dog waste bins.
- New park signage.

To support these changes, it is recommended that on-foot Ranger patrols are also increased to provide community education, warnings, increase regulatory compliance by private dog owners and ensure all professional dog walkers/minders are registered with Council and comply with regulations.

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Repositioning and expansion of the designated dog-off leash area is recommended as shown in *Fig 9* below. This will assist to disperse the park use over a greater area, shift dog use further away from the playground and achieve a greater level of compliance with the *Companion Animal Act 1998*.

The proposed designated dog off-leash area (in its entirety) would be available for use only when there are no organised sporting activities booked with Council. When any organised sporting activities booked with Council is taking place, no dogs off-leash are permitted at Pidding Park.



Fig 9: Proposed expansion of existing Dog Off-Leash Area, recommended for adoption.

This recommendation has been provided with consideration to a range of factors including the community's feedback provided during the community consultation (51% do not support relocation), and existing site constraints.

There are existing dog off-leash area users at Pidding Park with specific accessibility requirements. The relocation of the dog off-leash area would prevent them from being able to access the area. While DDA compliance could be achieved, it is considered to be cost prohibitive due to the earthworks required. These earthworks would also constrict the useable dog recreation area.

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Existing use by primary user groups (sporting and dog owners/walkers) is currently being adequately accommodated. Many of the concerns expressed by the community can be mitigated and positive behaviors pro-actively promoted to encourage responsible shared use. This can be achieved by way of community education, increased Ranger patrols, and improved signage.

The retention of the existing dog off-leash area allows for a greater level of flexibility for future strategic planning, should future master planning of Pidding Park be necessitated in the future to meet growing community demands.

Alternative Options - Not Recommended

A park upgrade with relocation of the dog off-leash area with dedicated use is not recommended, due to financial considerations, community feedback and accessibility.

Financial Considerations

The proposed area for the relocation has poor sight lines due to topography. Cost estimate for relocation dog off-leash area without DDA compliance is \$231K (exc. GST). The cost to relocate the dog off-leash area with DDA compliance to provide accessible parking and accessible path to a shade structure is \$787K (exc. GST).

Major Park Upgrade (dedicated use model with DDA compliance)	Estimated Cost (ex. GST)
Relocated dog off-leash area (as per draft concept plan).	\$ 231,000
Accessible path from car park to new relocated dog off-leash area.	\$ 515,000
Accessible car parking space.	\$ 41,000
Total	\$ 787,000

Council needs to ensure responsible fiscal expenditure for all projects. The return on investment (triple bottom line – financial, social and environmental) for a park upgrade of this value, for the relocation of an existing community service/facility cannot be adequately justified nor can the reprioritisation of funding from existing projects within the Delivery Plan.

A minor park upgrade to support the existing shared use model is recommended for future implementation at Pidding Park which provides a cost-effective outcome. The financial implication for this option is estimated to be \$122K (exc. GST) inclusive of contingencies, preliminaries, and professional fees.

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Upgrade to existing shared use facility	Estimated Cost (ex. GST)
Retain dog off-leash on sports fields with revised area (fig 9), new double gated entries, new dog waste bins, relocation of the filtered water station (with dog bowl) and new park signage.	\$ 81,000
Accessible car parking space.	\$ 41,000
Total	\$ 122,000

The 2022-2026 Four Year Delivery Plan does not identify any budget for this project. Should Council accept the recommendations of this report, this project will be considered during Council's business planning cycle and may require reallocation of funding from existing identified projects. Project implementation is subject to Council's funding availability.

The resources and costs associated with additional Ranger patrols at Pidding Park for educational purposes and compliance can be accommodated within existing budgets. Any additional maintenance requirements for the areas would also be immaterial (less than \$3k) and could be accommodated within existing budgets.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined in this report, it is recommended to retain the dog off-leash area on the sports fields (when organised sport is not taking place). This position is supported by the majority of the community. The dog off-leash area is recommended for expansion to disperse use over a greater area and improve compliance with the *Companion Animal Act 1998*. A minor park upgrade combined with community education and greater Ranger presence, provides a cost-effective solution to maintain continued and responsible shared use of Pidding Park by the whole community.

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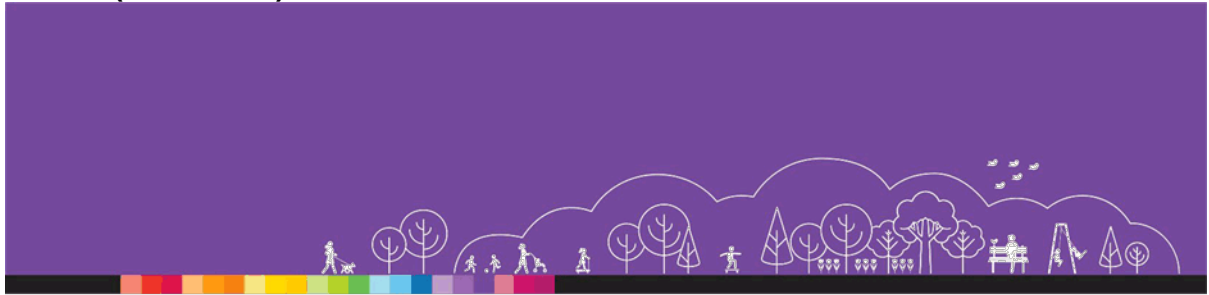
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The City of Ryde would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Wallumedegal (or Wattamattagal) clan of the Darug nation. The City of Ryde would also like to pay respect to Elders both past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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**PIDDING PARK – PROPOSED DEDICATED
DOG OFF-LEASH AREA**

Background and Executive Summary



At the Council meeting on 26 July 2022 Council resolved to consult with the community to relocate the dog off-leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing natural area; and for a new design to be developed to include dog exercise equipment, seating, shade, fencing, drinking water and waste disposal bags and bins.

Currently the use of these sports fields are shared between the community for range of activities including organised sport, dog off-leash and other recreation activities. Dogs are not permitted off-leash during sports training and competition.

This proposal would provide the community with a new dedicated dog off-leash area at Pidding Park available for use 7 days per week (including when organised sport is taking place). It would also help Council to protect, maintain and provide the community with safer sports fields.

The draft concept design for the dedicated enclosed dog off-leash area includes fencing with double gate entries, dog exercise equipment, shelter with seating, drinking water, dog waste disposal bins with bags, new path from the car park and an environmental buffer to protect local flora and fauna.

City of Ryde's Community Engagement team conducted the community consultation process to gather feedback from the community on the proposed dedicated dog off-leash area at Pidding Park.

This community consultation occurred from 7 September 2022 to 27 September 2022 during which the community could provide comments and suggestions on the proposed dedicated dog off-leash area by an online interactive map with survey, written submission or at the community drop-in session. This was promoted through City of Ryde's Have Your Say website, flyers to surrounding residents, signage in the park, eNewsletter to stakeholders and listed in the local newspaper.

In total 117 community members participated in the community engagement: 54 commented on the online interactive map with survey, 27 provided written submissions, 29 commented at the drop-in session, 3 commented through both the online interactive map with survey and drop-in session, and 4 commented through online interactive map with survey and email submission.

In addition to the feedback collected and presented in this report, 2 petitions were received during the consultation period. This included 1 petition seeking to "Keep off-leash access to Pidding Park" and 1 petition seeking to "Relocate & Upgrade Off Leash Dog Park at Pidding Park".

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Community Consultation Timeline



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Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 7 Sep to Wed 27 Sep 2022	Have Your Say Website	Website users	A project webpage with background information, online interactive map and project updates.	501 page views and 441 unique visits
Wed 7 Sep to Wed 27 Sep 2022	Social Pinpoint	Website users	An online interactive map with short survey where stakeholders could provide comments and suggestions on the draft design. This was accessed through Council's Have Your Say webpage.	61 online comments
Wed 7 Sep to Wed 27 Sep 2022	Park Signage	Pidding Park users	Park signage was placed to promote the project and feedback opportunities for park users and interested stakeholders.	3 signs at entry points of the park
Wed 7 Sep 2022	A4 Flyer	Surrounding residents – adjacent to park (250m radius)	An A4 flyer was letterbox dropped to promote the project and feedback opportunities for surrounding local residents.	358 flyers approximately
Wed 7 Sep 2022	Have Your Say eNewsletter	Park users, sports clubs, community groups, registered dog walkers and other internal/external stakeholders.	A targeted eNewsletter was sent to relevant community stakeholders to provide an opportunity to give their feedback.	62 eNewsletters distributed 42 eNewsletters opened
Tue 20 Sep 2022	Community drop-in session	All interested stakeholders	One weekday drop-in session for stakeholders to meet with project team to ask questions and provide feedback.	60 attendees (approximately) 32 comments received

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Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 7, 14, 21 Sep 2022	Open community consultations advertisement in The Weekly Times	Newspaper Readers	Listed in open community consultation Newspaper advertisement to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	38,000 total print readership
Wed 7 Sep to Wed 27 Sep 2022	Information phone line and email	All Stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone, email and postal address was provided for further information and for the community to provide feedback.	27 written submissions received



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Community Consultation Results

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PINPOINT COMMENTS

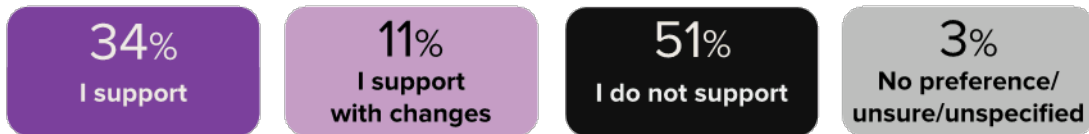
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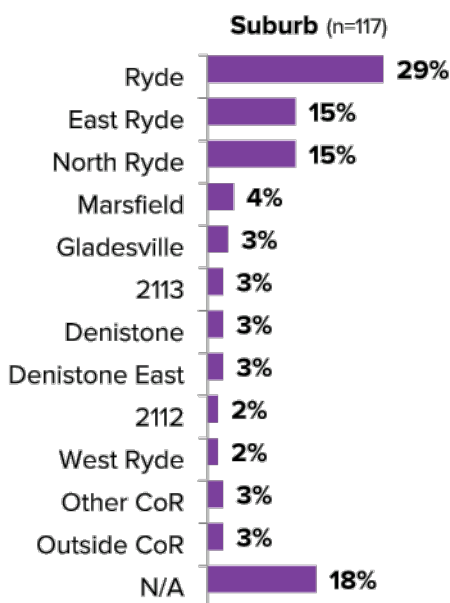
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Tell us what you think about the proposed dedicated dog off-leash area at Pidding Park (n=117)

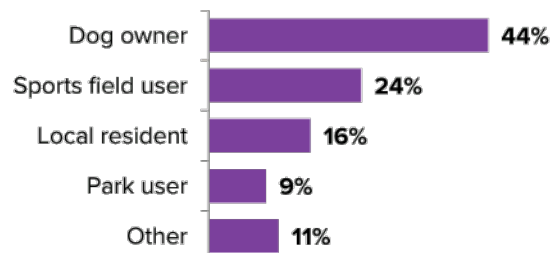


Note: Percentages do not total 100% due to rounding to nearest percentage point.

LOCATION & USAGE



Which of the following best describes you? (n=117)



Note: Respondents could select multiple options, hence total does not add to 100%; 'Other' includes n/a

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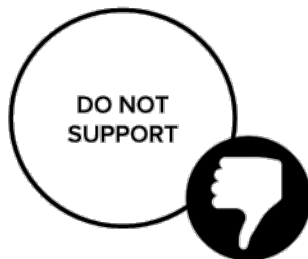
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Over one-third (34%) of respondents support the proposed dedicated dog off-leash area. The primary concern included uncollected dog excrement on the field hindering the community's enjoyment of the park, particularly children and sports users. This was followed to the lesser extent of dogs damaging fields by digging holes. Many have flagged the need to separate dogs and other community users as the key solution (and overdue) to ensure everyone's needs are met.



A smaller proportion of respondents (11%) support the proposed dedicated dog off-leash area but want changes. Their main concerns were around the **drainage of the site and the inaccessibility of slopes to those less mobile.** Respondents suggested Council **improve maintenance and landscape** the area in order to mitigate concerns with the terrain.



Over half (51%) of respondents do not support the proposed dedicated dog off-leash area. The main reasons of concern were around the proposed site's topography and concerns with access and safety. Many expressed concerns around the site's drainage often leaving the ground marshy and boggy which have been further exacerbated with recent prolonged rain. In addition to this, the slope of the terrain will leave many unable to utilise the area; particularly the elderly, less mobile and people with disability. **Many respondents expressed concerns about the size of the proposed area, indicating it will result in dog conflicts and the grass will deteriorate with over use.** Other concerns included the importance of having a common space available to all and noted dogs currently use the park more than sporting clubs. Some referenced increased dog ownership in the area.

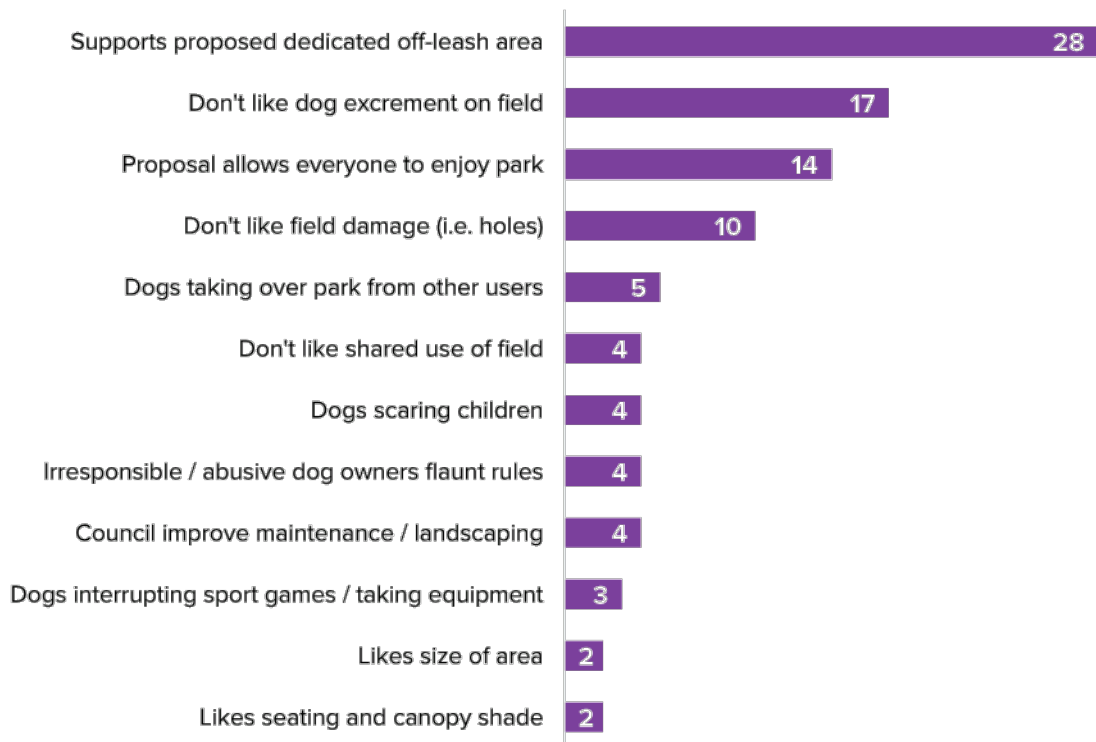
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FEEDBACK ON PIDDING PARK PROPOSED DOG OFF-LEASH AREA, BY RESPONSE TYPE

Themes by Respondents who Support (n=39)



*Note: Respondents could provide multiple comments, hence total does not equate to total responses
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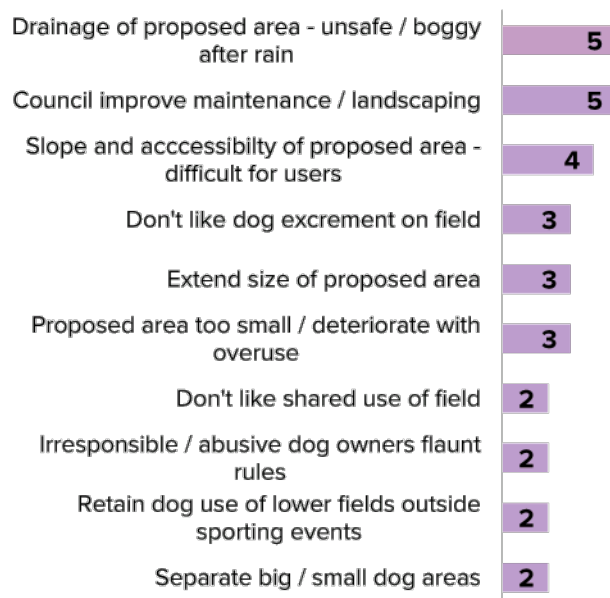
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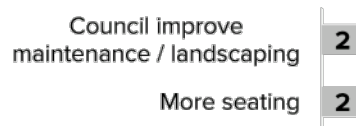


FEEDBACK ON PIDDING PARK PROPOSED DOG OFF-LEASH AREA, BY RESPONSE TYPE

Themes by Respondents who Support with Changes (n=13)



Themes by Respondents who were Unsure/No Preference (n=3)



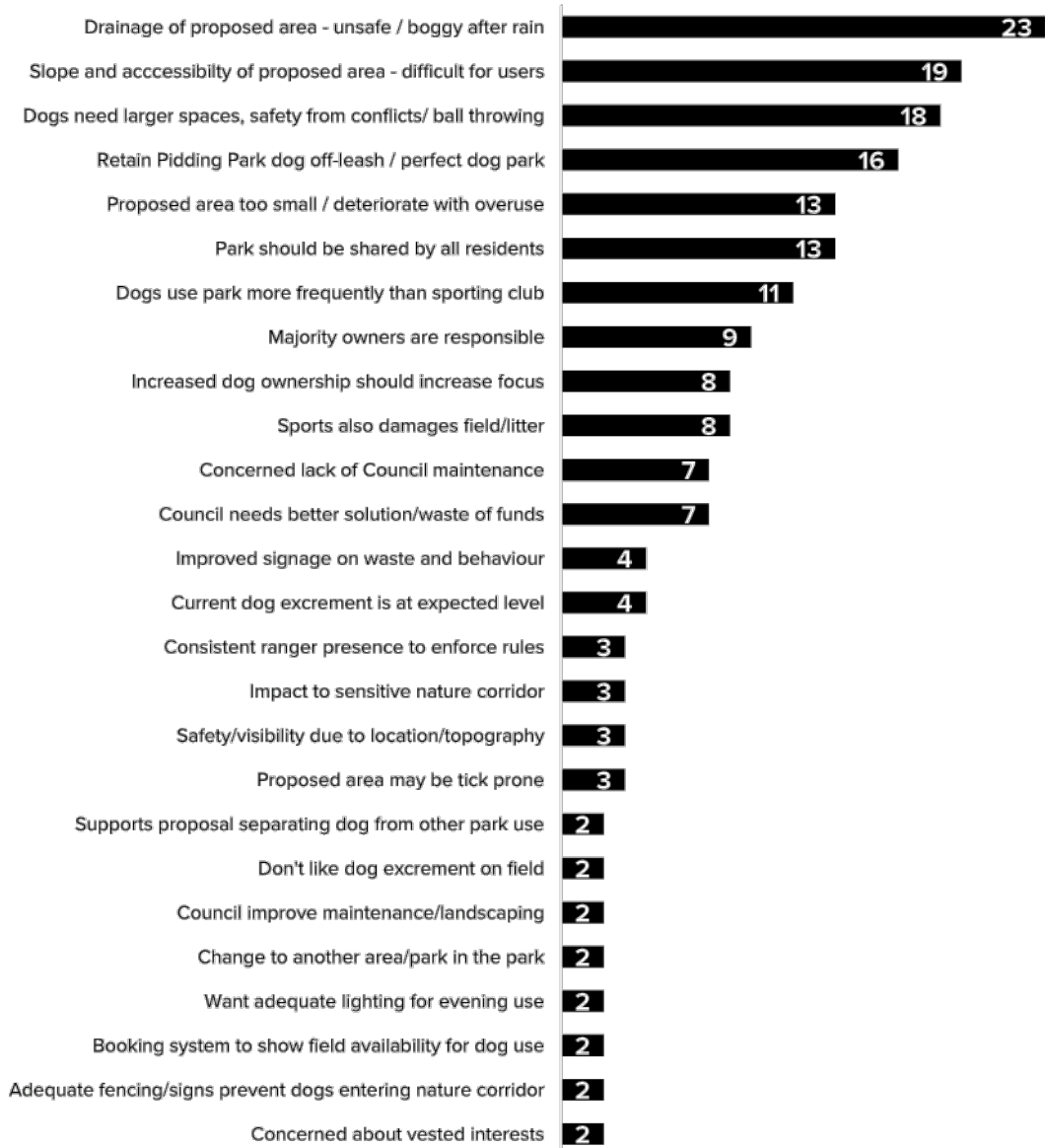
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Results are indicative due to the small sample size, interpret results with caution*

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Themes by Respondents who Do Not Support (n=57)



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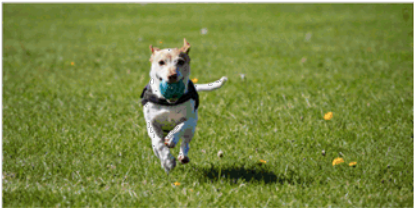
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HAVE YOUR SAY WEBSITE

Pidding Park - Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area

Closing on 27 September 2022, 11:59 PM



The City of Ryde is seeking your feedback on a proposal to relocate and upgrade the dog off-leash area at Pidding Park, Ryde.

At the Council meeting on 26 July 2022 Council resolved to consult with the community to relocate the dog off-leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing natural area; and for a new design to be developed to include dog exercise equipment, seating, shade, fencing, drinking water and waste disposal bags and bins.

Currently the use of these sports fields are shared between the community for range of activities including organised sport, dog off-leash and other recreation activities. Dogs are not permitted off-leash during sports training and competition.

This proposal would provide the community with a new dedicated dog off-leash area at Pidding Park available for use 7 days per week (including when organised sports is taking place). It would also help Council to protect, maintain and provide the community with water sports fields.

The draft concept design for the dedicated enclosed dog off-leash area includes fencing with double gate entries, dog exercise equipment, shelter with seating, drinking water, dog waste disposal bins with bags, new path from the car park and an environmental buffer to protect local flora and fauna.

A report to Council will be prepared on the outcomes of this consultation in late 2022.

[View the Draft Concept Plan](#)

[Related Information](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY

You can Have Your Say on the Pidding Park – Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area in a number of ways including the online interactive map below, written submission or an on-community drop-in session.

Provide Feedback via the Interactive Map

Click the link below for the interactive map to tell us your feedback on the proposed changes and any changes you would like to see. If you are unable to fill in this map, please contact Council's Customer Service team on 9952 8222 who will assist you.

Submissions will be received up until **Tuesday 27 September 2022**.

[View the Interactive Map](#)

Written Submissions

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'Pidding Park – Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area'.

All submissions must be received by Council by **Tuesday 27 September 2022**.

- Email: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- Post: City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2068, North Ryde NSW 1670

Drop-in Sessions

You're invited to come and meet with Council's Project Team, ask any questions you may have and provide your feedback.

Where Pidding Park, Cressy Road, Ryde
(inside the park entry gates - near the car park)

When Tuesday 20 September 2022

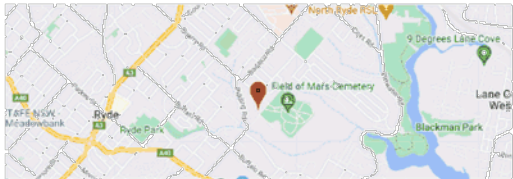
Time Anytime between 4.00pm - 5.30pm

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PERSONAL INFORMATION GATHERED FROM YOU IS HELD AND USED BY COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT 1998. The supply of information is voluntary; however, if you cannot provide, or do not wish to provide the information sought, Council may be unable to process your application or request, or consider your submission. Please refer to the privacy and information statement for further information. If you are unable to fill in this map, please contact Council's Customer Service team on 9952 8222. If you require further information, please contact Council's Customer Service team on 9952 8222.

Location

Pidding Park, Ryde 2113 [View Map](#)



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PIDDING PARK
PROPOSED DEDICATED
DOG OFF-LEASH AREA





The City of Ryde is seeking your feedback on the proposal for a new dedicated enclosed dog off-leash area in Pidding Park.

At the Council meeting on 26 July 2022, Council resolved to consult with the community to relocate the dog off-leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing natural area.

Currently the use of the sports fields is shared between the community for a range of activities including for organised sport, dog off-leash and other forms of recreation. Dogs are not permitted off-leash in Pidding Park during sports training and competition.

This proposal would provide the community with a new dedicated dog off-leash area at Pidding Park available for use 7 days a week (including when organised sport is taking place). It will also help Council protect, maintain and provide the community with safer sports fields.

The draft plan includes fencing, double gate entries, dog exercise equipment, shelter with seating, water tap with bowl, dog waste bins with bags, path from the car park and environmental buffer to protect local flora/fauna.

HAVE YOUR SAY

How do I give my feedback?
You can Have Your Say on Pidding Park – Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area in a number of ways including:

Online Via the interactive map at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/PiddingPark or scan the QR code below

Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Post City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde, NSW 1670

Submissions must be received by **Tuesday 27 September 2022**.

 Scan to Have Your Say

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LET'S TALK

Drop-In Session
We invite you to discuss the proposal with Council's project team, ask any questions you may have and provide your feedback.

When Tuesday 20 September 2022

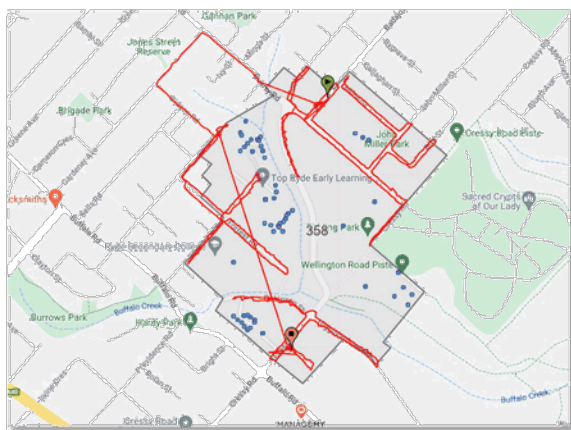
Time Any time between 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Where Pidding Park, Cressy Road, Ryde (inside the park entry gates – near the car park)



For further information
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Flyer distribution area



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PARK SIGNAGE

PIDDING PARK
PROPOSED DEDICATED
DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

 City of Ryde



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This proposal would provide the community with a new dedicated dog off-leash area at Pidding Park available for use 7 days a week (including when organised sport is taking place); a council help Council protect, maintain and provide safer sports fields.

The draft plan includes fencing, double gate entries, dog exercise equipment, shelter with seating, water tap with bowl, dog waste bins with bags, path from the car park and environmental buffer to protect local flora/fauna.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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When Tuesday 20 September 2022

Time Any time between 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Where Pidding Park, Cressy Road, Ryde (inside the park entry gates – near the car park)

 City of Ryde

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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ENEWSLETTER

**Pidding Park
Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area**

The City of Ryde is seeking your feedback on the proposal for a new dedicated enclosed dog-off-leash area in Pidding Park.

At the Council meeting on 28 July 2022, Council resolved to consult with the community to relocate the dog off-leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing natural area.

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The draft plan for the dedicated enclosed dog off-leash area includes fencing with double gate entries, dog exercise equipment, shelter with seating, water tap with dog bowl, dog waste disposal bins with bag dispensers, new path from the car park and an environmental buffer to protect local flora and fauna.

Have Your Say

You can Have Your Say on the Pidding Park - Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area in a number of ways including via the online interactive map, by written submission or at our community drop-in session.

[View the Have Your Say Page](#)

Online Interactive Map

Complete the online interactive map to provide your feedback on the proposal.

Submissions will be received up to **Tuesday 27 September 2022**.

[Provide feedback via the Online Interactive Map](#)

Written Submissions

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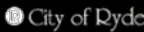
Drop-in Sessions

We invite you to discuss the proposal with Council's project team, ask any questions you may have and provide your feedback.

Where Pidding Park, Cressy Road, Ryde (inside the park entry gates - near the car park)
When Tuesday 20 September 2022
Time Any time between 4.00pm - 5.30pm

For more information

To learn more about the Pidding Park - Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area, please visit the Have Your Say page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/PiddingPark, call Customer Service on 6652 8222 or email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au.



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**NEWSPAPER AD - OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS
THE WEEKLY TIMES**

HAVE YOUR SAY

OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- Proposed Classification of Land – 40 Punt Road, Gladesville (Closing 18 September 2022)
- Planning Proposal – 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde (Closing 19 September 2022)
- Licence to North Ryde Community Preschool, of part of Yamble Reserve (Closing 21 September 2022)
- Proposed Relocation of Bus Stop and Bus Zone on Fourth Ave, Denistone (Closing 25 September 2022)
- Gladesville Town Centre Activation Project (Closing 26 September 2022)
- Pidding Park – Proposed Dedicated Dog Off-Leash Area (Closing 27 September 2022)
- Proposed Closure of Part of Blenheim Road, North Ryde (Closing 9 October 2022)
- Dragon Boat Club – Boat Storage Trial (Closing 11 December 2022)
- Charity Creek Cascade – Dog Off-Leash Trial (Closing 6 September 2023)

Want to find out more?

To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

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SOCIAL PIN-POINT RESULTS

