

DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023

- Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood
- Brereton Park, East Ryde
- Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT
APRIL 2024



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DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023

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DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023

Background and Summary



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As part of this trial, Council installed a dog bowl, dog waste bin and bag dispenser at each location.

The trials and consultation period were promoted to the community through the City of Ryde's Have Your Say webpage, flyers to residents surrounding the trial sites, signage at the trial site, eNewsletter to interested stakeholders, and listings in the local newspaper and the Your City News eNewsletter.

The Have Your Say page, online survey and signage for Warrawong Reserve were available to the community in four languages – English, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, and Korean.

In total 131 respondents from the community provided comments. 121 respondents provided survey responses online, 5 respondents provided email submissions, and 5 respondents provided both survey responses and email submissions.

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Community Consultation Methodology



Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	Have your Say Website*	Website users	A project webpage with background information, online survey and project updates.	1,564 page views 646 unique page views 65% engagement rate
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	Online Survey*	Website users	An online survey where stakeholders could provide feedback on the trials. This was accessed through Council's Have Your Say webpage.	126 responses received
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	Information phone line and email	All stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone line and email address was provided for the trials and was open for feedback from the community.	10 email submissions received
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	A4 Flyer	Surrounding residents adjacent to park - 200m radius from each trial site	A double sided A4 flyer was letterbox dropped to promote the trials and feedback opportunities.	1710 flyers approx.
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	Park Signage*	Park users	Park signage was placed at each trial location to promote the trial and feedback opportunities for park users and interested stakeholders.	6 x A2 signs (2 x signs at each location)

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Community Consultation Methodology



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Wed 22 Mar 2023	Have Your Say eNewsletter	Past Dog Off-Leash Trial HYS Submitters	eNewsletter emailed to promote the trials and provide information on feedback opportunities	812 eNewsletters distributed 546 eNewsletters opened
Mar 2023 – Mar 2024	Open community consultations listing in Your City News eNewsletter	Your City News subscribers	Listed in City News open community consultations section to promote the trials and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	4,043 eNewsletters distributed 1,727 eNewsletters opened (March 2024 distribution)
Each Wed from 22 Mar 2023 to 13 Mar 2024	Open community consultations advertisement in The Weekly Times	Newspaper readership	Listed in open community consultation newspaper advertisement to promote the trials and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	38,000 total print readership

* Translations in Chinese Traditional, Chinese Simplified, and Korean were provided for the Have Your Say webpage, Survey, and Signage for the Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood trial site.

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Community Consultation Results
Feedback across all sites



121

**SURVEY
RESPONSES**



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**EMAIL
SUBMISSIONS**

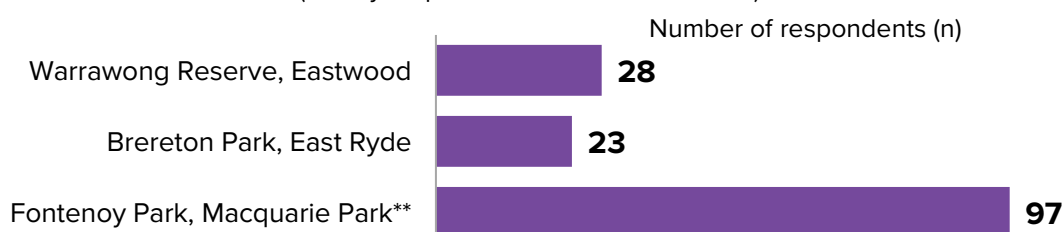


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**EMAIL SUBMISSIONS &
SURVEY RESPONSES**

Feedback by location[^]

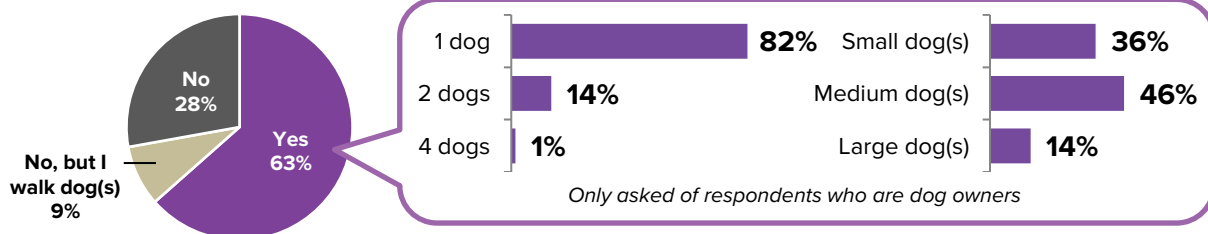
(survey responses & email submissions)



**incl. email only submissions mentioned on p15

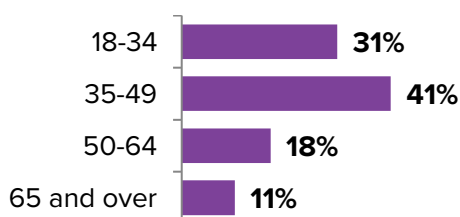
Dog ownership*

(survey responses, n=115)



Age*

(survey responses, n=114)



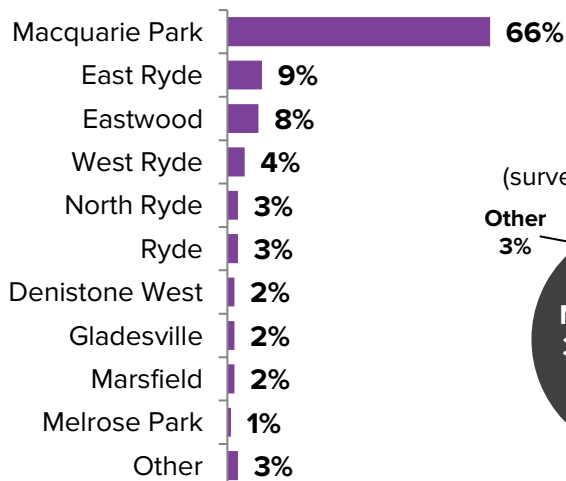
Top 3 Languages Spoken*

(survey response, n=114)

96% English
4% Cantonese
3% Mandarin

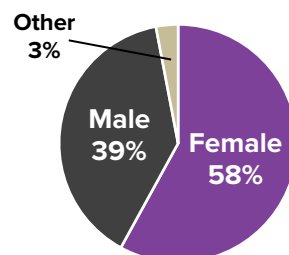
Suburb*

(survey responses, n=116)



Gender*

(survey responses, n=114)



Note: [^]Respondents could indicate multiple responses, hence total does not add to 100% * denotes optional questions.

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Community Consultation Results Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood

Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood

(Low sample size, results to be used as indicative only)

Half of respondents (50%) visited the trial dog off-leash at Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood with a dog(s), whilst 29% visited without dogs. In total, 57% of respondents visited the park at least once a week or more during the trial period. **43% of respondents supports the trial to become permanent but with changes** (suggesting the need for a fence to be installed due to the proximity to road); compared to **21% who support** and **25% who do not support** the trial to become permanent.

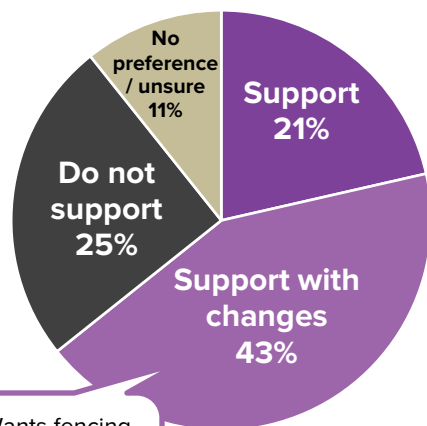


The top three most liked aspects of the trial dog off-leash at Warrawong Reserve were the **large size of the park which allows dogs adequate exercise space; the natural environment including sloped terrain and trees providing shade; and the convenience and accessibility of the location** to local users.



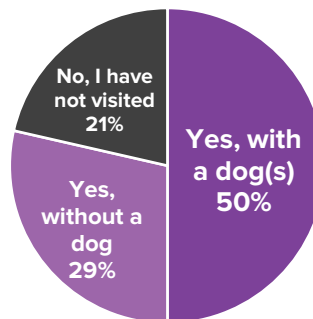
The biggest concern was the **speed of cars travelling down on the adjacent Darvall Road and the suggestion for a fence to be installed** to ensure safety.

Support / Do Not Support trial to become permanent (n=28)



Wants fencing (concerned of speed of adjacent road)

Visit during trial period (n=28)



Frequency of visits (n=28)



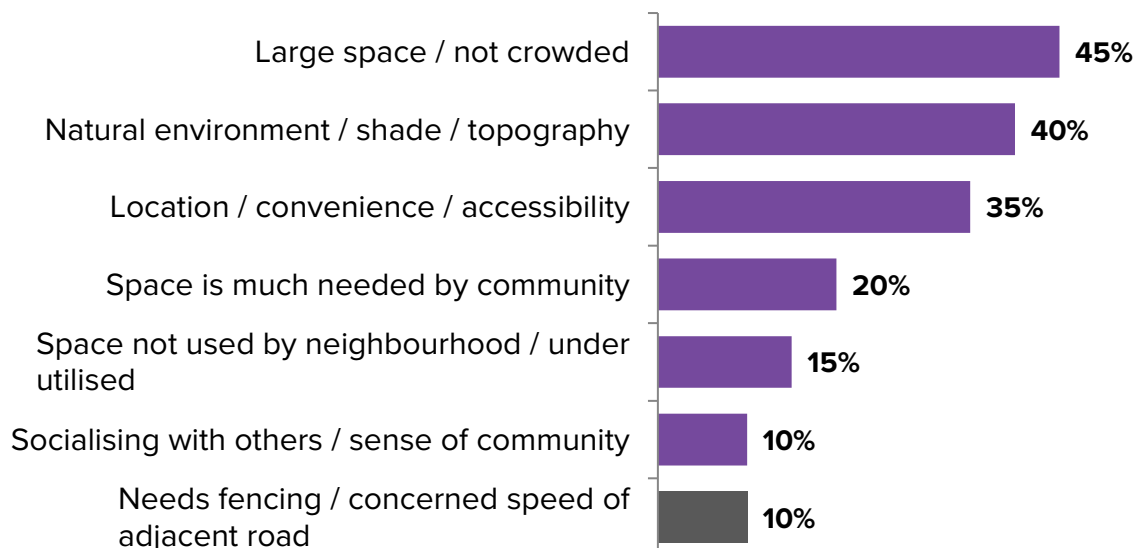
- At least 3 times a week
- At least once a week
- At least once a fortnight
- At least once a month
- Less often
- Have not visited during trial

Note: Only survey responses are included. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding to nearest percentage point. Low sample sizes; use results as indicative only

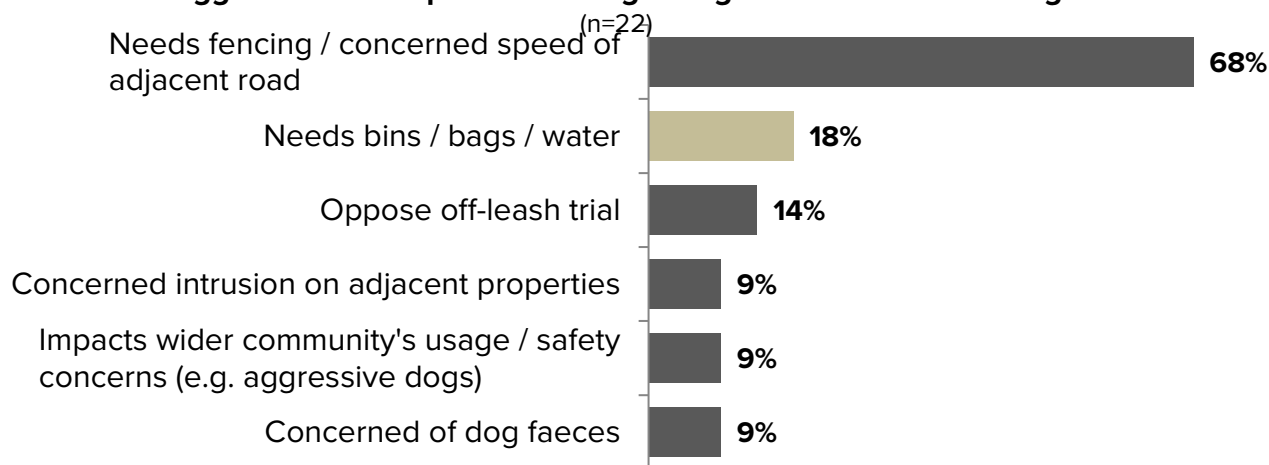
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Community Consultation Results Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood

Like most about the trial at Warrawong Reserve* (n=20)



Ideas or suggestions for improvement regarding the trial at Warrawong Reserve*



■ Likes

■ Concerns

■ Suggestions

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Community Consultation Results Brereton Park, East Ryde

Brereton Park, East Ryde

(Low sample size, results to be used as indicative only)

Over half of respondents (52%) visited the trial dog off-leash at Brereton Park, East Ryde with a dog(s), whilst 26% visited without dogs and 22% did not visit during the trial period. Under 40% of respondents visited the park at least once a week or more, whilst 43% visited it less than a month or did not visit at all during the trial. The largest group of respondents **(48%) supports the trial to become permanent**, with **35% who do not support it**.

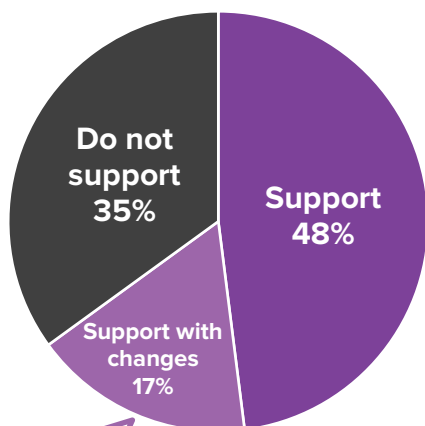


The top three most liked aspects of the trial dog off-leash at Brereton Park were the **natural environment including the terrain which provides opportunity to exercise; large and open space; and the convenience and accessibility of the location** to local users.



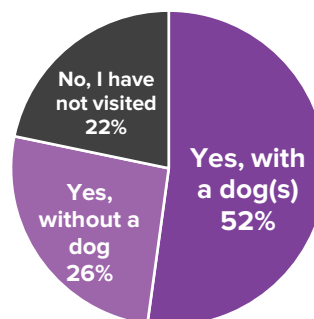
The biggest concern was the **danger of dogs running onto Pittwater Road and the suggestion for a fence to be installed**. Some suggested for bins, bags, water station to be installed and grass to be maintained.

Support / Do Not Support trial to become permanent (n=23)

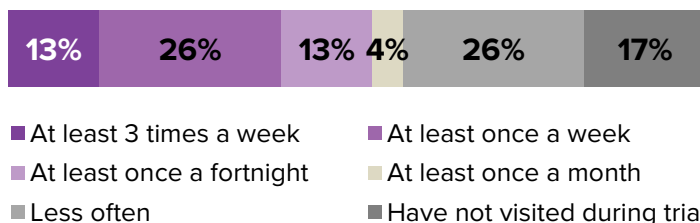


Wants fencing (concerned of speed of adjacent road)

Visit during trial period (n=23)



Frequency of visits (n=23)



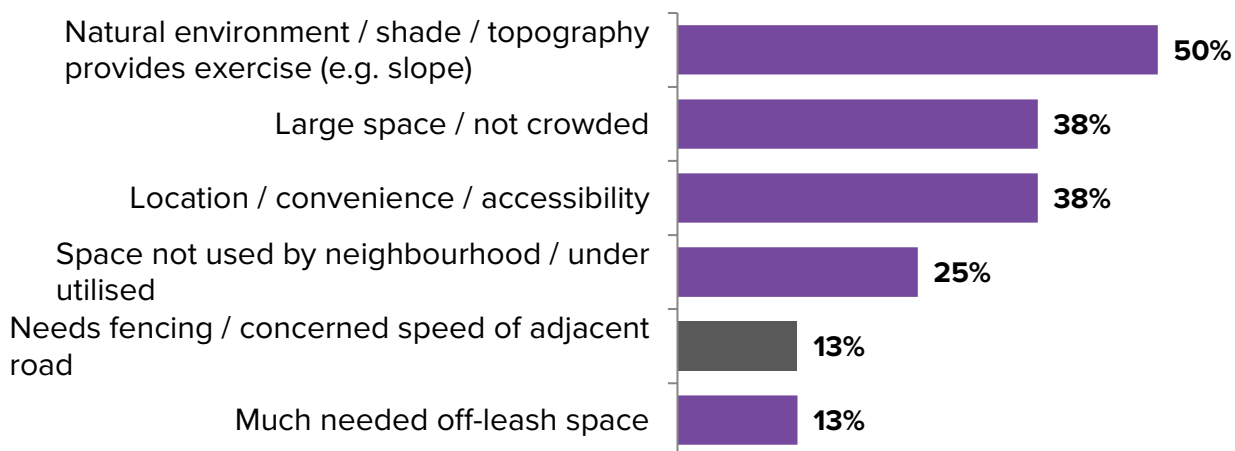
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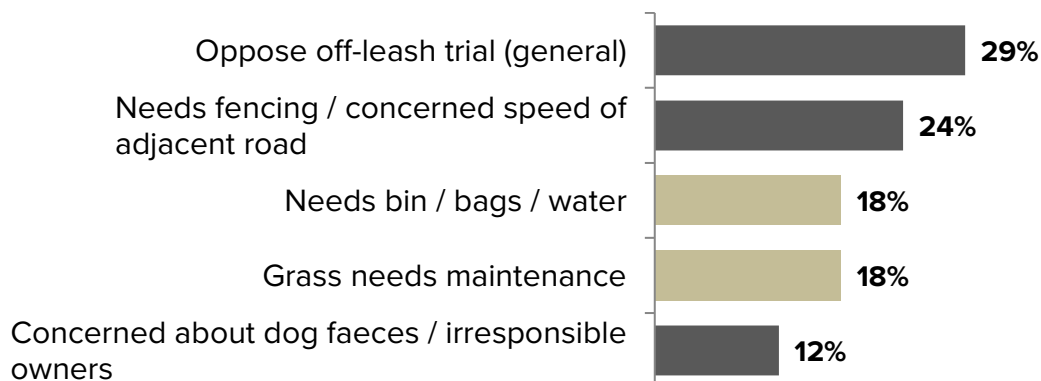
Community Consultation Results Brereton Park, East Ryde



Like most about the trial at Brereton Park* (n=16)



Ideas or suggestions for improvement regarding the trial at Brereton Park* (n=17)



■ Likes

■ Concerns

■ Suggestions

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Community Consultation Results Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park

FONTENOY PARK, MACQUARIE PARK (when not used for organised sport)

Over half of the respondents (59%) visited the trial dog off-leash at Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park with a dog(s), whilst 38% visited without dogs. A high 70% of respondents visited the park at least 3 times a week during the trial period. The largest proportion of respondents (**58%**) indicated support for the trial to become permanent, followed by 11% who support with changes. However, **28%** do not support the trial becoming permanent.

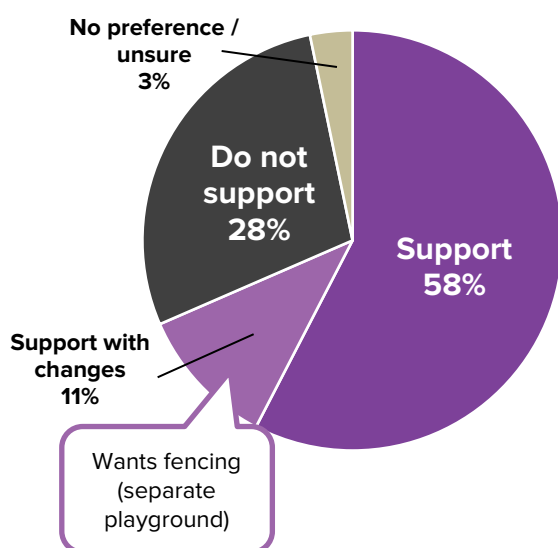


Having the opportunity to **socialise with others and developing a sense of community** was by far the most liked aspect of the trial at Fontenoy Park (mentioned by almost half of respondents). Other aspects enjoyed by users included the **large and uncrowded space**; and the **convenience and accessibility of the location** to local users; the **ability to exercise for dogs and owners**; and the **natural and peaceful environment** (incl. shade).

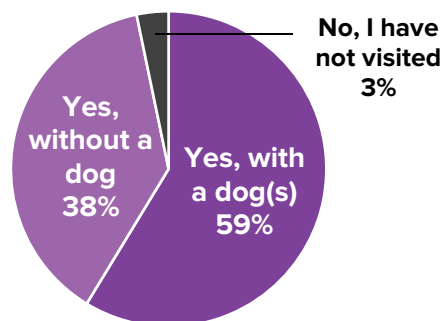


The top concerns were relating to the **absence of fencing separating unleashed dogs from the playground** and the **risk to small children who frequent the park**. Furthermore, concerns were expressed around the impact of having unleashed dogs on the **wider community's recreational activities and fear of unwanted confrontations**.

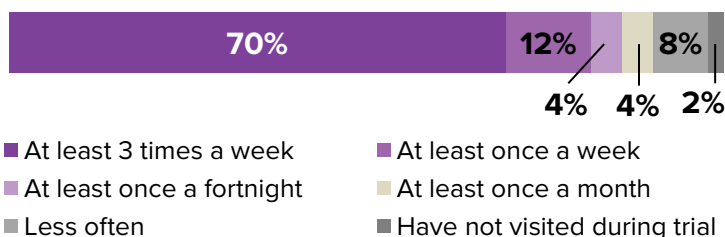
Support / Do Not Support trial to become permanent (n=92)



Visit during trial period (n=92)



Frequency of visits (n=92)



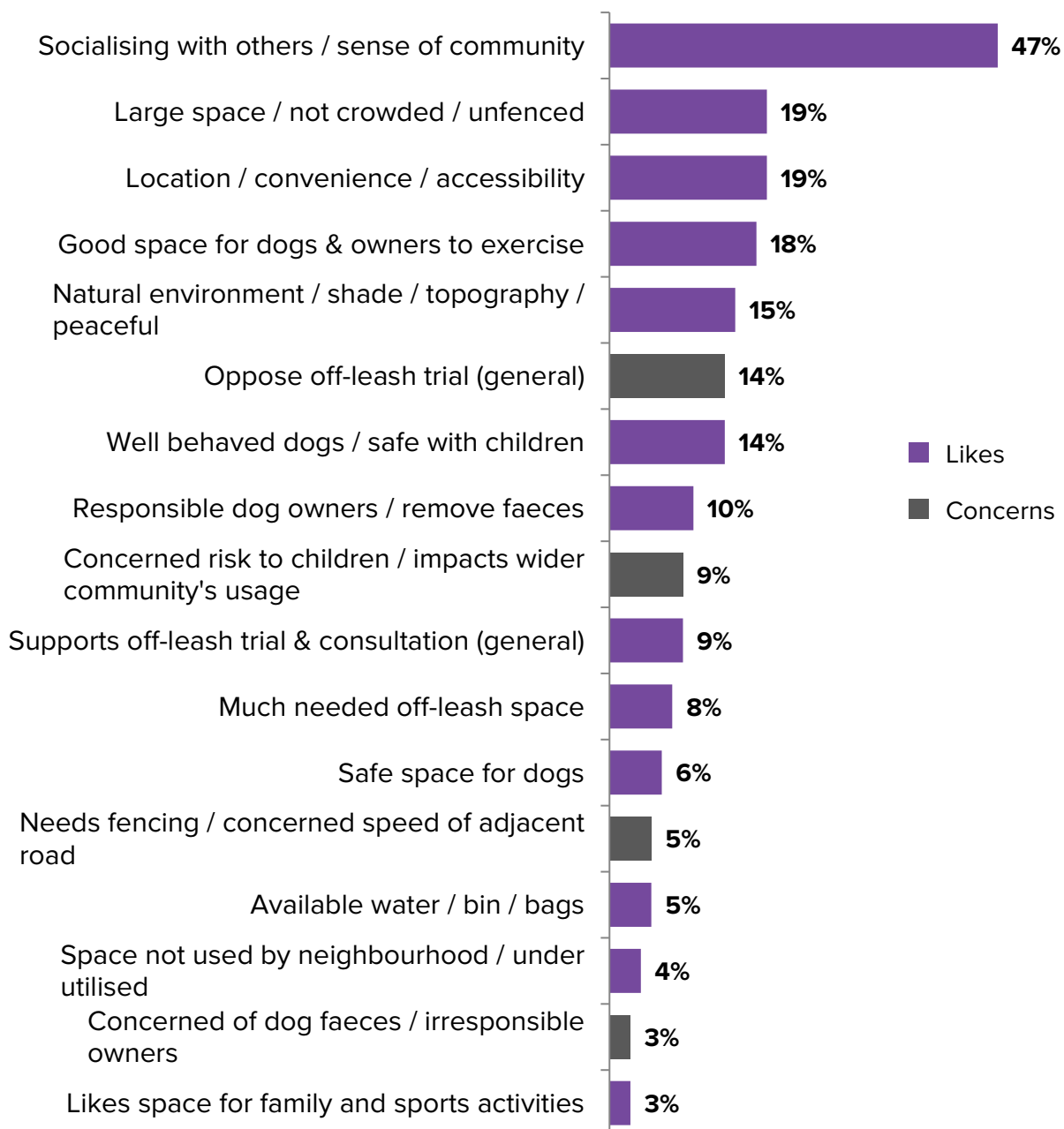
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Community Consultation Results Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park



Like most about the trial at Fontenoy Park* (n=79)



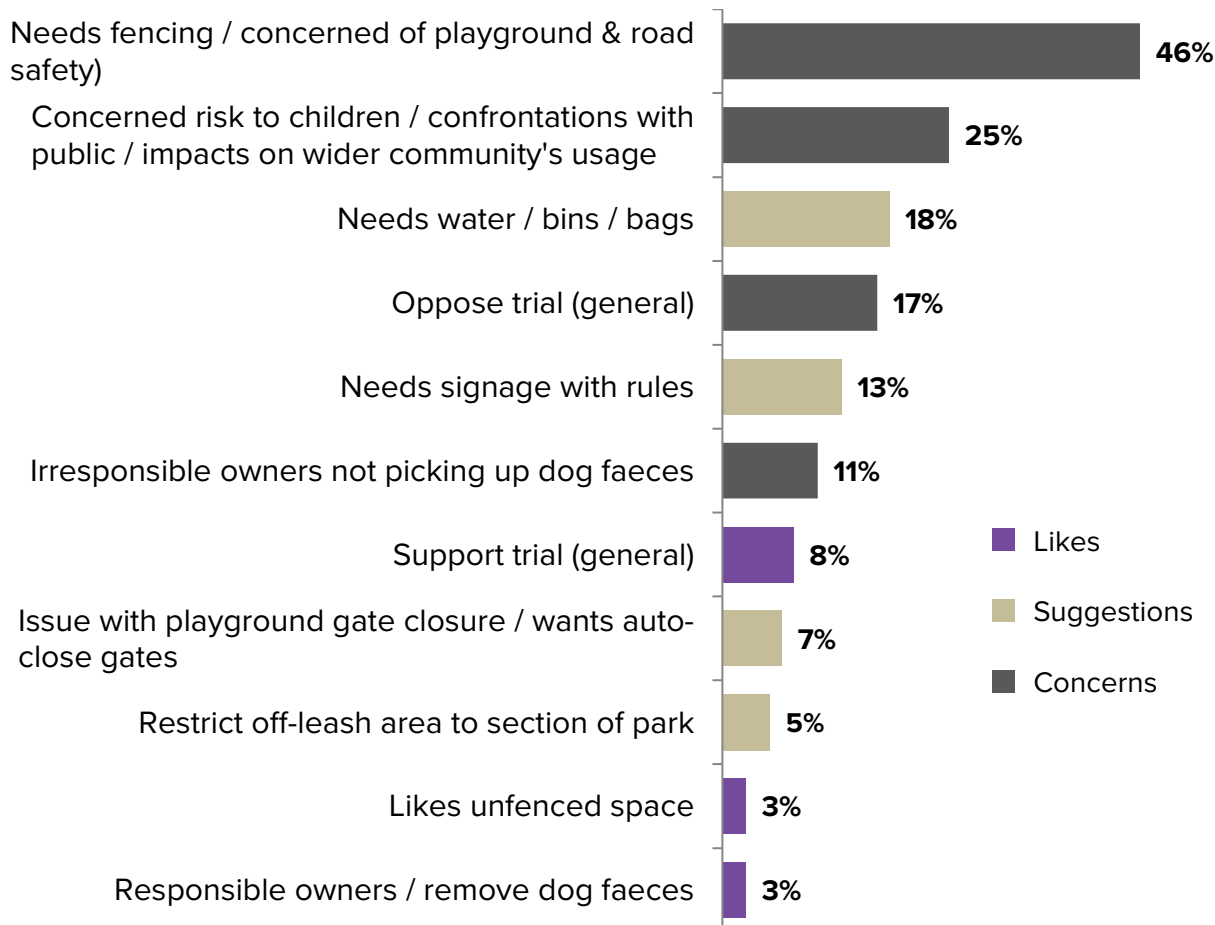
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Community Consultation Results Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park



Ideas or suggestions for improvement regarding the trial at Fontenoy Park* (n=76)



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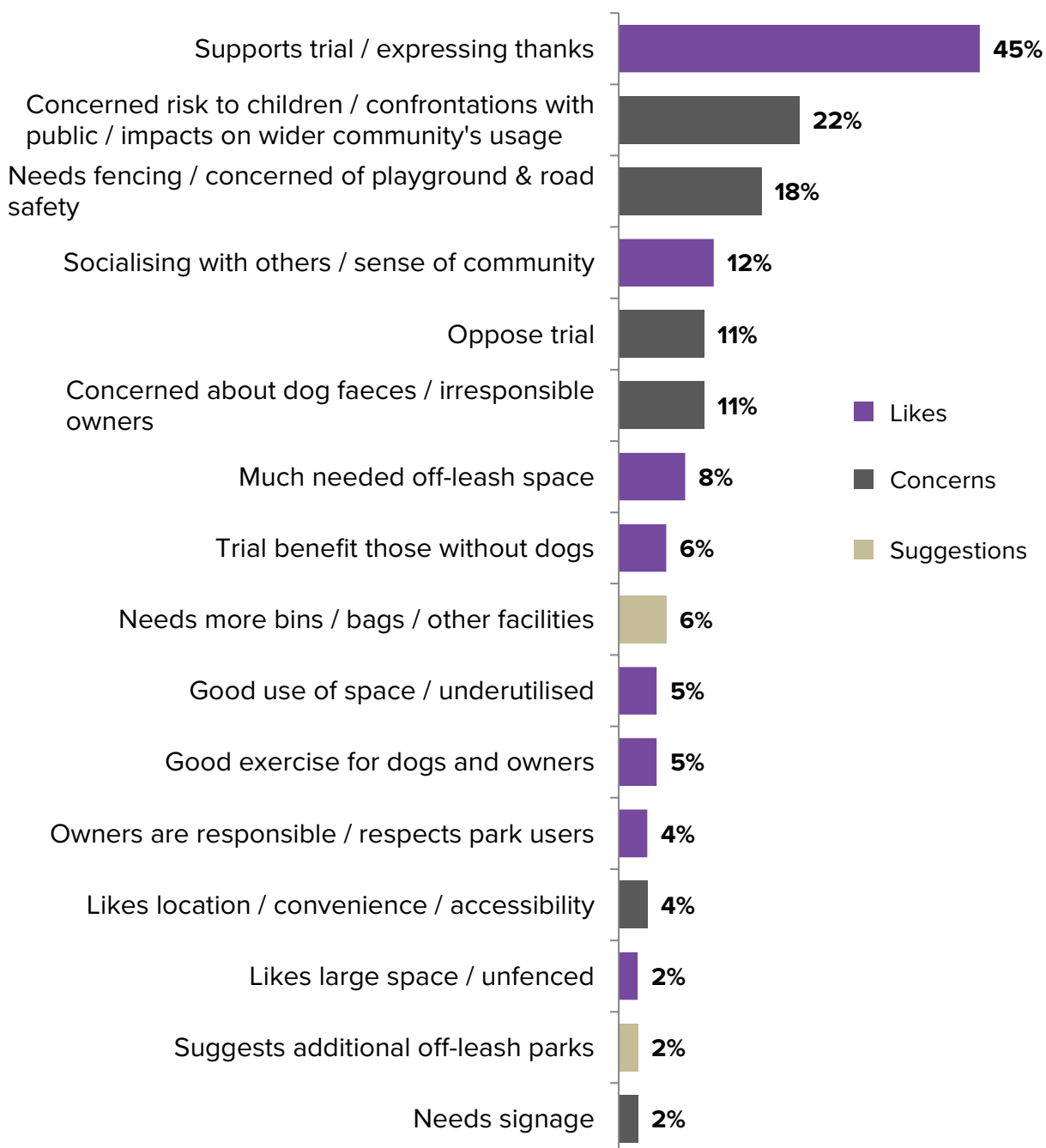
Community Consultation Results

Feedback across all sites



Further comments or suggestions regarding the Dog Off-Leash Trial

(includes responses from surveys and emails, n=85)



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Appendices

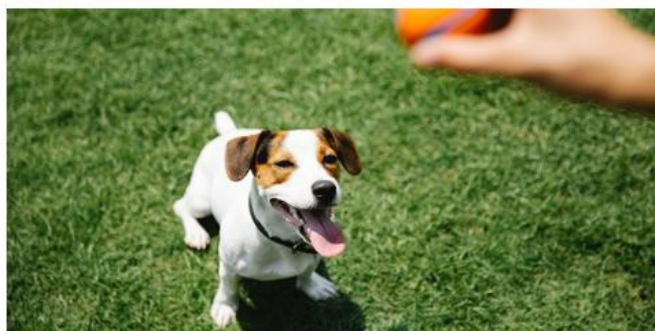


HAVE YOUR SAY WEBPAGE

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Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023

Closing on 20 March 2024, 11:59 PM



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During the 12-month trial, Council would like to hear your thoughts on the new dog off-leash facilities, what you like and any ideas or suggestions for improvement. See below on how you can Have Your Say.

Will there be fencing for these dog off-leash areas?

As resolved at Council's December Meeting the three sites are to be managed as unfenced dog off-leash areas.

[View the Dog Off-Leash Trial Areas](#)



[Related Information](#)



HAVE YOUR SAY

You can Have Your Say on the **Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023** in a number of ways including by completing the online survey, e-mail or post.

Online Survey

To Have Your Say, complete the online survey. If you are unable to fill in this survey online or don't have access, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222. Survey responses will be received up until **Wednesday 20 March 2024**.

[Complete the Online Survey](#) >

Written Submissions

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023'. All submissions must be received by **Wednesday 20 March 2024**.

Email: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

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

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HAVE YOUR SAY ENEWSLETTER



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Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood


Brereton Park, East Ryde

Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park (when not used for organised sport)

Have Your Say

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Visit the Have Your Say page



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Online Survey

Complete the online survey to provide feedback on the new dog-off-leash facilities, what you like and any ideas or suggestions for improvement.

Submissions will be received up to **Wednesday 20 March 2024**.

Provide Feedback via the Online Survey

Written Submissions

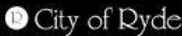
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For more information

To learn more about the Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023, please visit the Have Your Say page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/OffLeash2023, call Customer Service on 9952 8222 or email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au.



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A4 FLYERS

Warrawong Reserve flyer


City of Ryde
WARRAWONG RESERVE, EASTWOOD
 DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023



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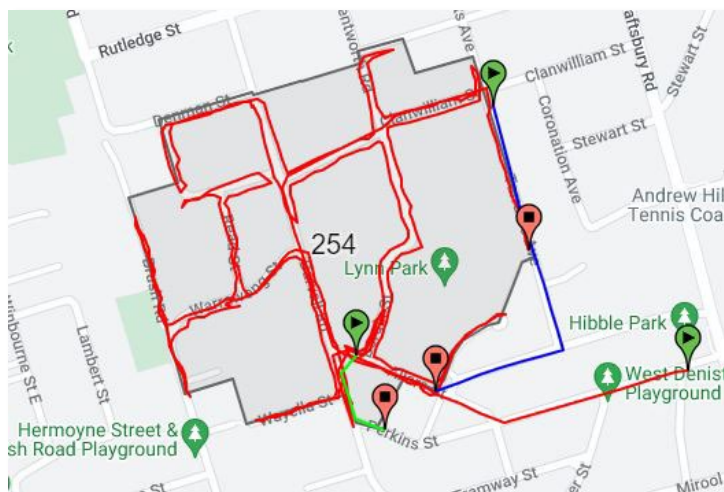

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Warrawong Reserve flyer distribution area

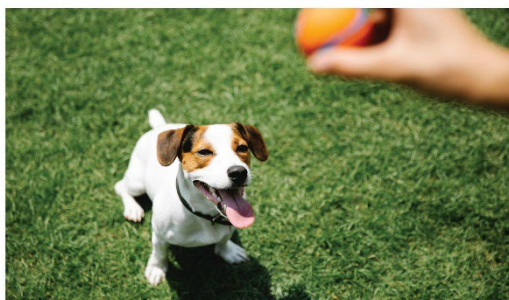
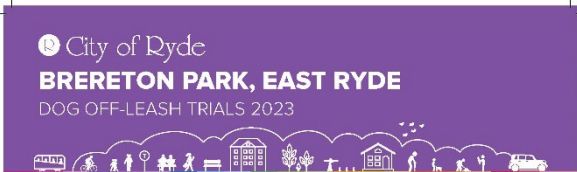


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A4 FLYERS (CONTINUED)

Brereton Park flyer



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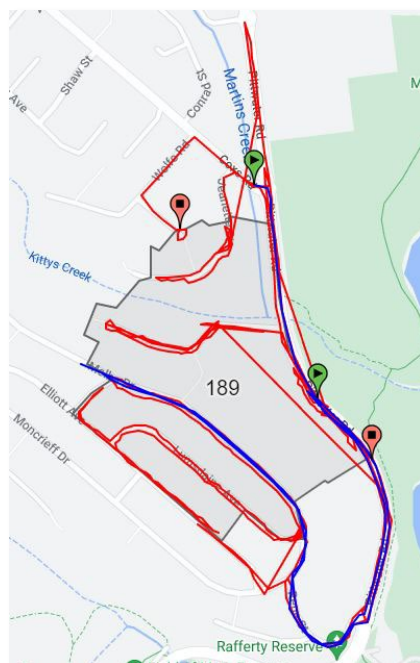
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Brereton Park flyer distribution area



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Fontenoy Park flyer

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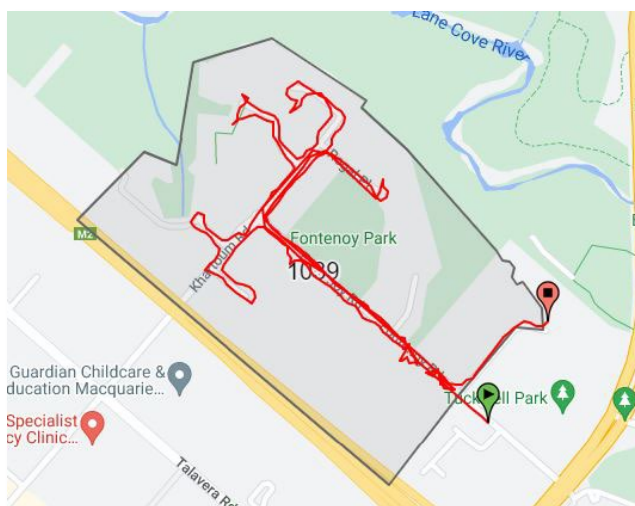
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Fontenoy Park flyer distribution area



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PARK SIGNAGE

Warrawong Reserve

WARRAWONG RESERVE, EASTWOOD

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PARK SIGNAGE

Fontenoy Park

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- Draft Charitable Donations Policy (Closing 3 April 2023)
- Charity Creek Cascades - Dog Off-Leash Trial (Closing 6 September 2023)
- Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023 (Closing 20 March 2024)

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PUTNEY BEACH SWIM SITE ACTIVATION (CLOSES 14 MAY)

PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES - 2-4 PROGRESS AVE, EASTWOOD (CLOSES 14 MAY)

LITTER PREVENTION STRATEGY (CLOSES 21 MAY)

CHARITY CREEK CASCADES: DOG OFF-LEASH TRIAL (CLOSES 6 SEP)

DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023 (CLOSES 20 MAR 2024)

DEVLIN STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

GRAFFITI VANDALISM IN THE CITY OF RYDE

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS ON EXHIBITION