

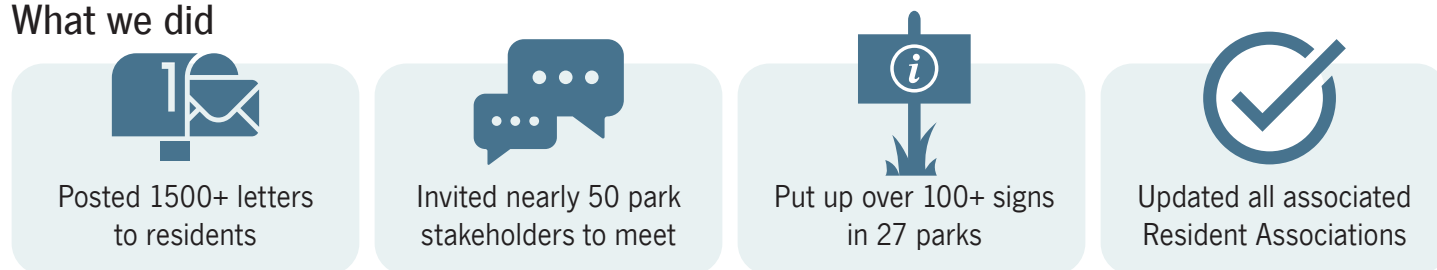
Reviewing our trial dog off-lead areas

The story so far

In October 2020, the City of Cockburn introduced its Animal Management and Exercise Plan 2020-2025 (AMEP), aiming to enhance dog exercise areas within existing City parks. As part of this initiative, a three-phase trial was outlined to reclassify certain parks and reserves as hybrid dog off-lead areas. This trial allows dogs to be off-lead in designated areas, provided there are no sporting events taking place and unless otherwise directed by a City officer.

Phases one and two of the trial are currently in progress. However, prior to proceeding with phase three, the City is seeking to review parks earmarked for the trial and gather feedback for the implementation of phases one and two. Between March and April 2024, the City conducted consultations with relevant park neighbours, stakeholders, and visitors to all the 27 parks included in the plan. This feedback will help inform the next steps.

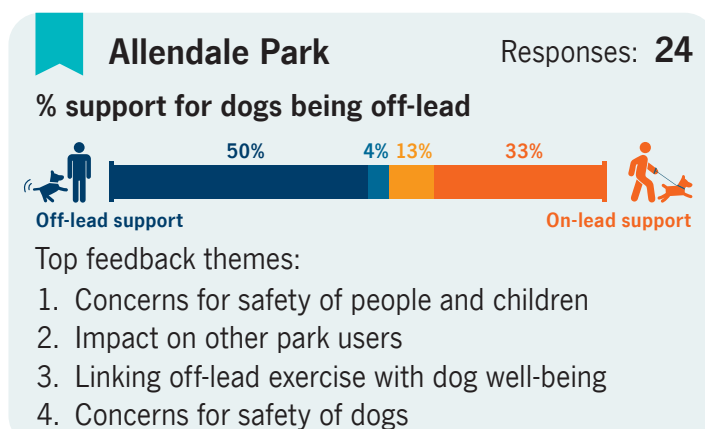
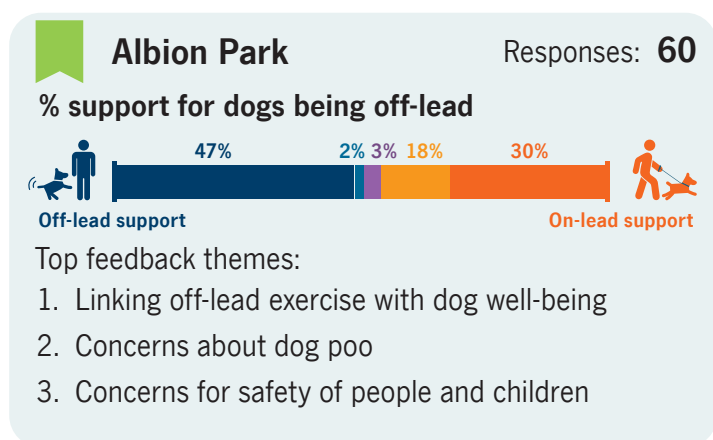
What we did



What we received



Summary Results



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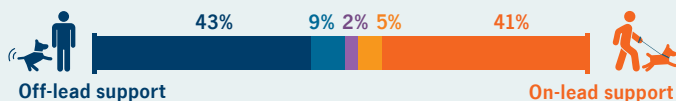
% support of respondents for dogs being off-lead

-  Very supportive
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Anning Park

Responses: 44

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

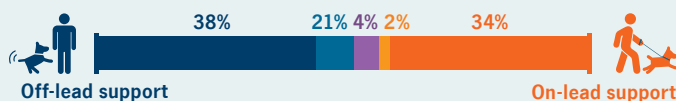
Top feedback themes:

1. Demand for more off-lead parks
2. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
3. Notes disregard for current on-lead rules
4. Need for more dog rule enforcement

Atwell Reserve

Responses: 47

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

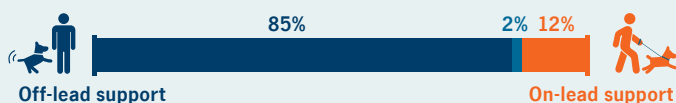
Top feedback themes:

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3. Notes park size is sufficient for off-lead status

Aubin Grove Reserve

Responses: 41

% support for dogs being off-lead



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On-lead support

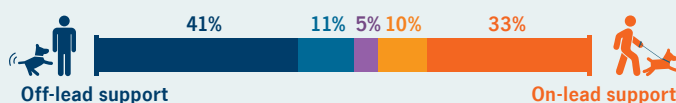
Top feedback themes:

1. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
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3. Belief that off-lead parks build community

Beale Park

Responses: 61

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

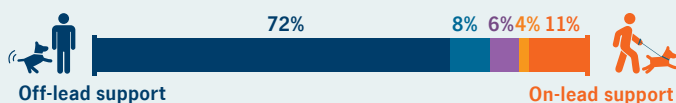
Top feedback themes:

1. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
2. Concerns for safety of dogs
3. Concerns for safety of people and children

Beeliar Reserve

Responses: 53

% support for dogs being off-lead



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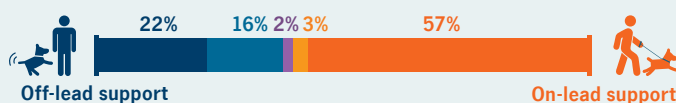
Top feedback themes:

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2. Demand for more off-lead parks
3. Belief that off-lead parks build community
4. Concerns about dog poo

Botany Park

Responses: 58

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

Top feedback themes:

1. Concerns for safety of people and children
2. Notes disregard for current on-lead rules
3. Concerns for safety of dogs
4. Notes sufficient off-lead areas nearby

Colorado Park

Responses: 27

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

Top feedback themes:

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2. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
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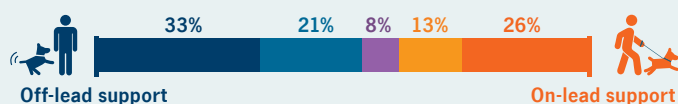
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Davilak Park

Responses: 39

% support for dogs being off-lead



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On-lead support

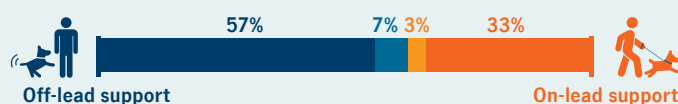
Top feedback themes:

1. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
2. Concerns about dog poo
3. Demand for more off-lead parks
4. Support for separate on and off-lead timings

Dubove Park

Responses: 30

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

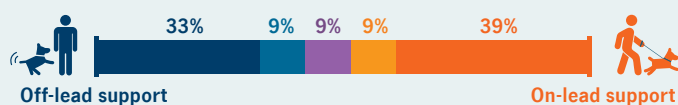
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Edwardes Park

Responses: 33

% support for dogs being off-lead



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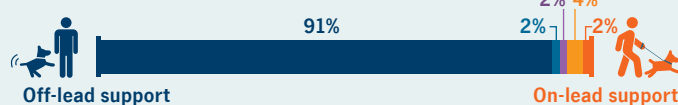
Top feedback themes:

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Enright Reserve

Responses: 56

% support for dogs being off-lead



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On-lead support

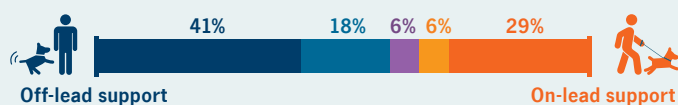
Top feedback themes:

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Frankland Park

Responses: 17

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

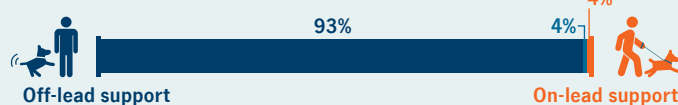
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Goodchild Park

Responses: 28

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

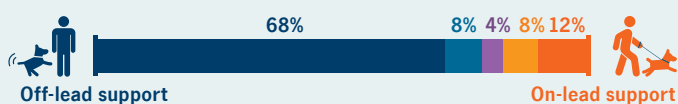
Top feedback themes:

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2. Demand for more off-lead parks
3. Notes park size is sufficient for off-lead status

Len McTaggart Park

Responses: 25

% support for dogs being off-lead



Off-lead support

On-lead support

Top feedback themes:

1. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
2. Demand for more off-lead parks
3. Concerns about dog poo
4. Concerns for safety of people and children



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Len Packham Park

Responses: 50

% support for dogs being off-lead



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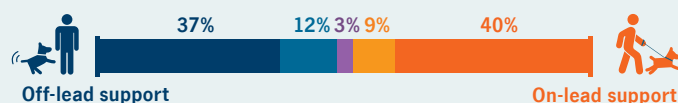
1. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
2. Demand for more off-lead park
3. Notes dogs already off-lead without issues
4. Notes park size is sufficient for off-lead status



Meller Park

Responses: 68

% support for dogs being off-lead



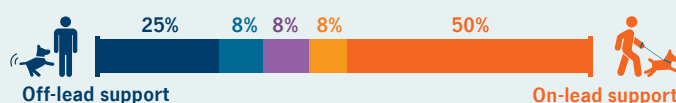
Top feedback themes:

1. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
2. Concerns for safety of people and children
3. Demand for more off-lead park
4. Concern for rule breaking of current off-lead status

Nicholson Reserve

Responses: 36

% support for dogs being off-lead



Top feedback themes:

1. Concerns for safety of dogs
2. Demand for more off-lead parks
3. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being

Pool Reserve

Responses: 43

% support for dogs being off-lead



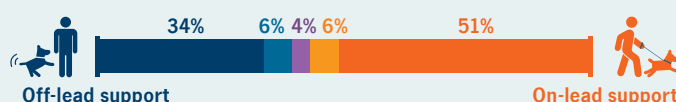
Top feedback themes:

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2. Linking off-lead exercise with dog well-being
3. Concerns for safety of people and children
4. Notes general off-lead support

Radonich Park

Responses: 53

% support for dogs being off-lead



Top feedback themes:

1. Need for fencing
2. Notes disregard for current on-lead rules
3. Notes park is well used by non-dog users
4. Concerns for safety of dogs

Santich Park

Responses: 50

% support for dogs being off-lead



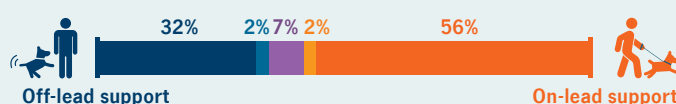
Top feedback themes:

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2. Concerns for safety of people and children
3. Demand for more off-lead parks
4. Concerns for safety of dogs

South Coogee Reserve

Responses: 41

% support for dogs being off-lead



Top feedback themes:

1. Concerns about dog control and recall
2. Concerns for safety of dogs
3. Linking dog well-being with off-lead exercise

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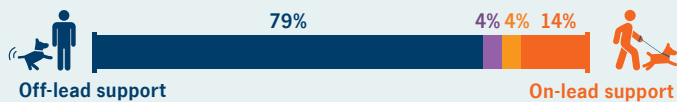
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Success Reserve

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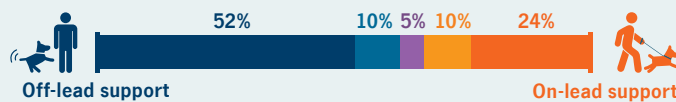
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Tempest Park

Responses: 21

% support for dogs being off-lead



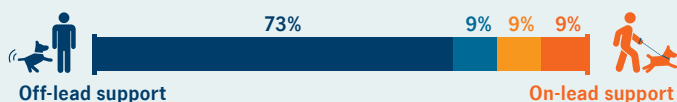
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3. Support for separate on and off-lead timings
4. Concern for rule breaking of current off-lead status

Visko Park

Responses: 22

% support for dogs being off-lead



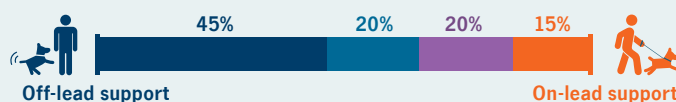
Top feedback themes:

1. Linking dog well-being with off-lead exercise
2. Demand for more off-lead parks
3. Need for fencing

Watson Oval

Responses: 20

% support for dogs being off-lead



Top feedback themes:

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Next steps

Community consultation has now finished. Thank you to everyone who had their say.

City officers are reviewing all feedback to inform the next steps.

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