

New dog park at Sweeney Reserve Berwick

Community engagement summary report
September 2024

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2 Background

This document provides a summary of stakeholder and community feedback on the new dog park at Sweeney Reserve Berwick.

Council asked the community what elements they would like to see included in the park.

A project budget of \$214,500 has been allocated from Council's Capital Works Program, and there is an opportunity for Council to apply for a grant through the State Government Department for Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

From 19 August to 13 September 2024. A four-week community engagement process was held to gather community feedback on the possible preferred design elements.

2.1 Key findings

Community feedback stated a preferred preference for the future dog friendly park having drinking fountain, bins with waste bags provided and fencing around the space.

While more natural element such as planting, digging and sniffing spaces were least preferred.

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback in the final design and pending external funding, Council will share with community in early 2025.

If Council is awarded the funding, construction will commence mid 2025 for completion by June 2025.

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The consultation was designed to provide the community with the opportunity to provide their feedback on the new dog park at Sweeney Reserve Berwick.

3.2 Consultation process

The tools and techniques selected for this project were informed by the project content, stakeholders and type of feedback sought.

Key tools for communicating the project

- Utilising the stories function on our social media platforms.

Casey Catch-Up newsletter to subscribers (296 clicks to page from story)

Letters to residents surrounding Sweeney Reserve.

QR code on letter to residents (79 responses)

Key methods for gathering feedback

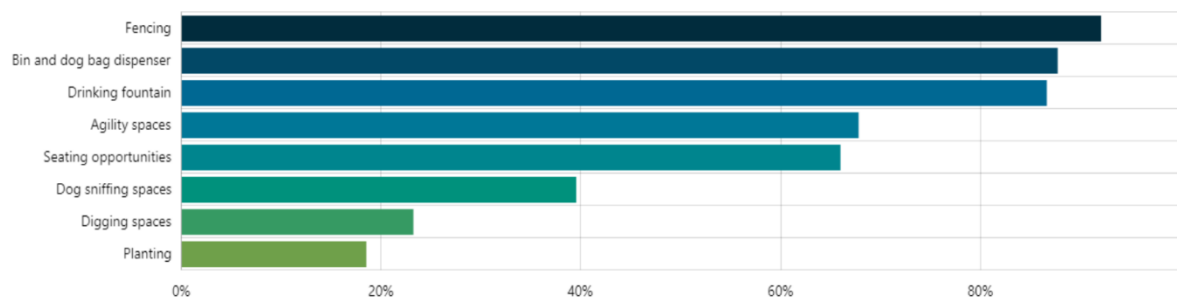
- Online engagement through Casey Conversations, including opportunity to provide feedback via a fund it tool.
- Contact email address and phone number of Council Officer provided for interested community members to ask for further information or provide feedback
- Printed information available, as required.

Details	Activity
22 August - 16 September 2024	Casey Conversations Website
1215 visitors	Project information and fund it tool hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations.
279 contributions	Fund it tool: 279 responses

4 Consultation findings

A fund it tool was used to ask the community ‘What elements would they like to see in the proposed dog friendly park?’ Respondents had 5 points to allocate towards a select number of elements. The average score from the community feedback is below...

Element	Average score
Fencing	92.03
Bin and dog bag dispenser	87.68
Drinking fountain	86.59
Agility spaces	67.75
Seating opportunities	65.94
Dog sniffing spaces	39.49
Digging spaces	23.19
Planting	18.48



5 Consultation evaluation

Casey Conversations project page

