City of Casey

Cranbourne Dog Friendly Park

Community engagement summary report

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2 Background

This document provides a summary of stakeholder and community feedback on the new dog park at 2-20 Majestic Blvd, Cranbourne.

Council sought feedback on the elements required at a new dog-friendly park from 16 February until 15 March 2026.

We are responding to the increased demand and expectation for dog-friendly spaces within this area.

The project aims to provide a dedicated, accessible, and inclusive space that supports safe off-leash activity, social opportunities for dog owners, and improvements to local recreation infrastructure.

The site offers:

- A 0.5-hectare area, meeting the requirements of the Dog Friendly Spaces Policy
- Flat topography suitable for development
- Proximity to complementary recreation facilities
- Adequate landscaped buffers
- Existing off-street parking near Majestic Boulevard

2.1 Key findings

The community feedback on the proposed Cranbourne Dog Friendly Park was mixed, with parking and traffic concerns emerging as the most significant issue, particularly from residents of Aleppo Place who reported existing congestion and fear further pressure if the dog park proceeds. Many residents supported the dog-park concept but stressed the need for strong safety features, including secure fencing, separated areas for different dog sizes, shade, seating, water fountains, bins, and clear behavioural signage. Others opposed the dog-park proposal entirely and advocated instead for family-oriented facilities such as basketball and tennis courts, BBQ areas, public toilets, accessible paths, and a larger playground, arguing these would better serve the family-focused nature of the neighbourhood. Several submissions highlighted the importance of retaining existing informal community uses, including local ball-game activities that contribute to social connection and wellbeing.

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback and may provide final designs mid-2026.

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- Understand the community's priorities for dog-park design
- Identify preferred features and amenities

- Gather concerns relating to safety, functionality, parking, and placement
- Ensure the project aligns with the Dog Friendly Spaces Policy and broader community expectations

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

- Email to 1856 subscribers of Casey Conversations to advise that the engagement was open for feedback.
- Utilising the stories function on our social media platforms.
- Casey Catch-Up newsletter to subscribers
- Letters to residents surrounding the location of the site to advise on open consultation.

Key methods for gathering feedback

- Online engagement through Casey Conversations, including the opportunity to provide
- Feedback via survey and the 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
16 February to 15 March 2026 **288 visitors** **74 contributions**	**Casey Conversations Website** Project information and fund it tool hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations. **Fund it tool**: 47 responses **Survey**: 27 contributions

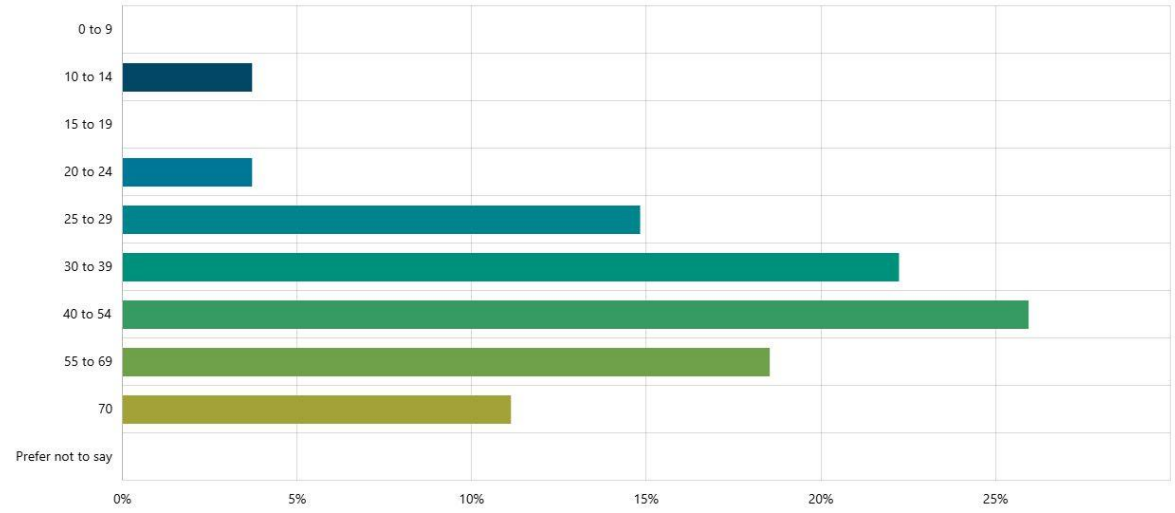
3.3 Who we heard from

Home suburb

Of the 27 responses to the survey, most people lived in Cranbourne (12) or Cranbourne North (4), also including responses from people living in Cranbourne east (2), Berwick (2), Botanic Ridge (2), Cranbourne South (1), Hampton Park (1), Hampton Park (1), Lyndhurst (1), and Narre Warren (1).

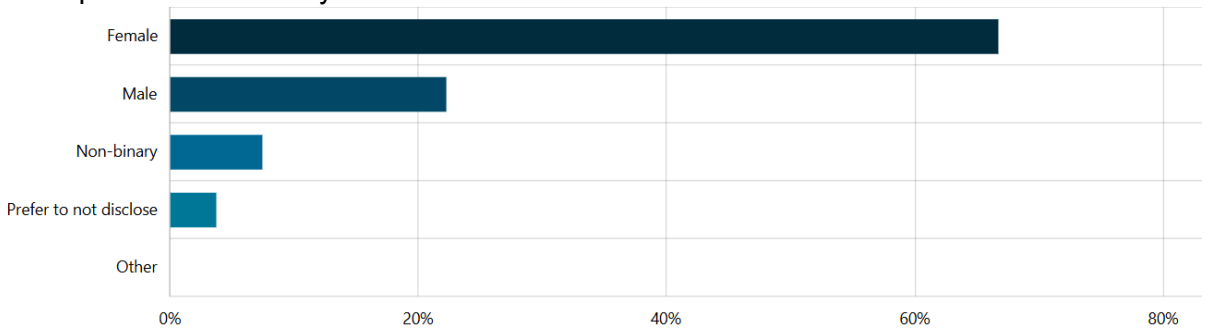
Age group

Of the 27 responses to the survey, most people were aged between 40 and 54.



Gender

Of the 27 responses to the survey 18 respondents were women, 6 were men, 2 non-binary and 1 preferred not to say.



Diversity

Of the 27 responses we received 15 respondents said none of them applied to them, two (2) selected that they were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background, six (6) spoke a language other than English at home, four (4) are a person with a disability, four (4) identified as LGBTIQA and four (4) preferred not to say.

4 Consultation findings

Two online tools were used throughout this consultation, a survey and the fund-it tool (to vote for additional elements).

We received 27 responses to the survey and 47 responses to the fund-it tool.

Survey Responses Themes

1. Parking and Traffic Are Major Community Concerns (5 mentions)

Residents feedback, particularly those on Aleppo Place highlighted parking pressures and safety risks:

- Aleppo Place currently has no functional street parking, with cars already lining both sides of the road.

- Informal sports groups already cause overcrowding and parking on nature strips, worsening congestion.
- Many believe the proposed dog park will significantly increase visitor parking in residential areas.
- Strong calls were made for:
    - A dedicated dog-park car park
    - No-parking controls on Aleppo Place
    - Positioning the dog park closer to Majestic Boulevard to use existing parking

2. Fencing, Safety and Separated Dog Areas (5 mentions)

Safety emerged as a top priority for supporters of the dog park:

- Fully fenced perimeter fencing to the ground
- High-security, non-transparent fencing for reactive or shy dogs
- Separate areas for small vs large dogs, and suggestions for breed-specific spaces (e.g., greyhounds)
- Safe gate design to prevent escape
- Seating placed away from perimeter fences
- Anti-dig measures to stop dogs escaping under fencing

3. Mixed Support: Many Want Alternative Facilities Instead of a Dog Park (5 mentions)

Some community members oppose the dog-park proposal and advocate for alternative community infrastructure such as:

- Basketball courts
- Tennis courts (residents noted they were previously promised that tennis courts would be built at the site)
- Larger children's playground
- BBQs and picnic seating
- Shade trees
- Accessible walking paths and disability-friendly spaces

4. High Community Support for Shade, Trees, Seating and Water Facilities (3 mentions)

Suggestions to include:

- Large natural shade trees, not just small shrubs
- Plenty of shaded seating areas
- Drinking fountains for dogs and humans
- Shelters for hot and rainy days
- BBQ facilities
- Accessible pathways and disability parking

These features were seen as essential, not optional

5. Desire to Preserve Existing Informal Community Use (2 mentions)

Multiple submissions highlighted the value of informal sporting activities already occurring on the site:

- Local men gather multiple times per week for ball games.

- Their presence is seen as positive, respectful, and beneficial for community mental health.
- Residents strongly oppose disrupting or removing:
    - Ball-game mounds
    - Open-play areas currently in use
- One suggestion was to move the proposed location closer the existing car pak on Majestic Drive.

6. Need for Behaviour Management, Clear Rules and Better Waste Control (4 mentions)

Residents requested:

- Clear signage for expected dog behaviour
- Multiple waste bins inside the facility
- Bag dispensers placed within the enclosure
- Enforcement or guidance for responsible dog ownership

7. Requests for Simplicity, Practicality and Low-Risk Design (2 mentions)

Community favoured a less complicated design, noting:

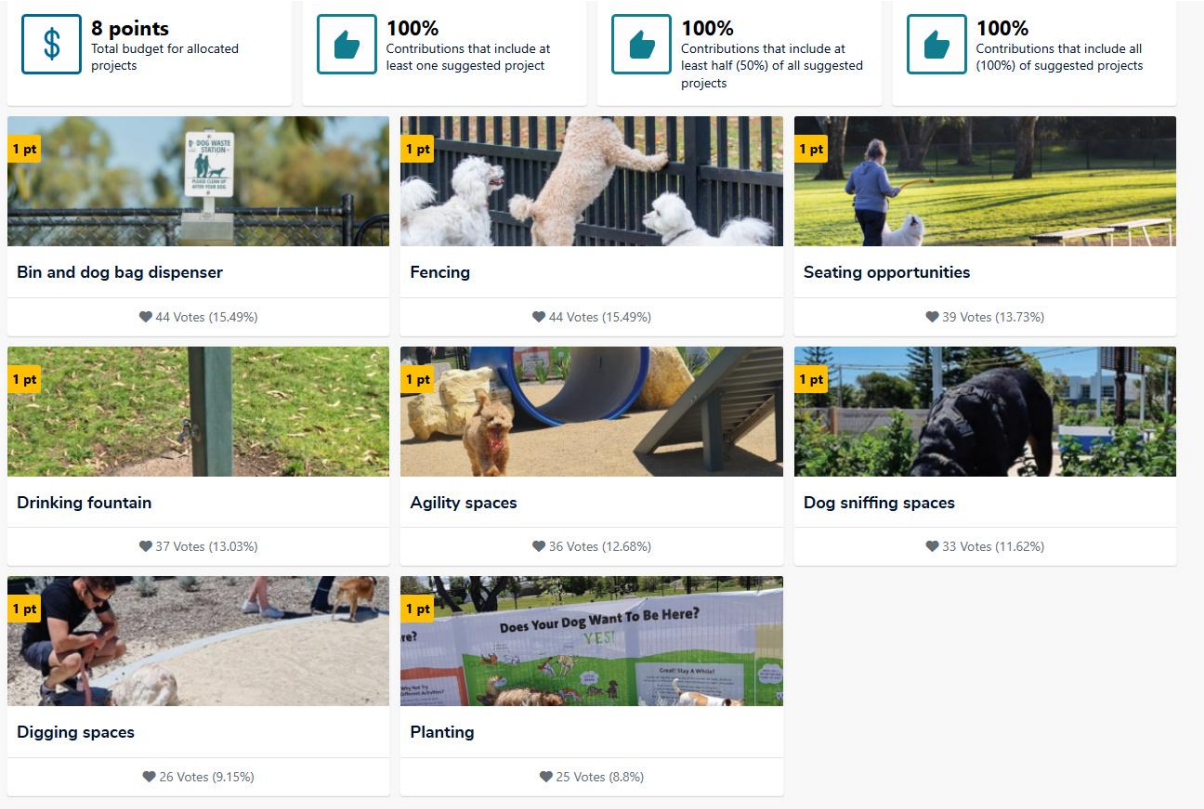
- Overly complex agility areas may increase injury risk
- Sand pits become dog-toileting areas
- Residents prefer:
    - Open grass
    - Shade
    - Seats
    - Simple layouts

Fund it Tool

A fund it tool was used to ask the community '*What elements would they like to see in the proposed dog friendly park?*'.

There were **47 contributions**

The votes are shown below.



Element	Votes
Bin and dog bag dispensers	44
Fencing	44
Seating opportunities	39
Drinking fountain	37
Agility spaces	36
Dog sniffing spaces	33
Digging spaces	26
Planting	25

5 Consultation evaluation

This report presents the findings from the analysis of the community feedback gathered during community engagement

The consultation was promoted to key stakeholders including Casey Conversations project subscribers.

The website news story and Casey Catch-Up e-newsletter also ensured the wider Casey community was given the opportunity to provide feedback.

The length of consultation was four weeks, with responses spread out across the whole engagement period.

The engagement program received a total of 74 online contributions completed via Casey Conversations.

Casey Conversations project page

