

Banjo Paterson Dog Park - Design Proposal

Community engagement summary report
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2 Background

This document provides a summary of community feedback on the design proposal for Banjo Paterson Dog Park.

Banjo Paterson Dog Park is located next to Lynbrook Kindergarten within Banjo Paterson Reserve, a large public open space in Lynbrook. The reserve contains multiple walking tracks, playground, BMX track, sporting spaces and lake.

There are currently no dog parks within Lynbrook, which is a gap in provision in accordance with the City of Casey's Dog Friendly Spaces Policy. Banjo Paterson Reserve has been chosen as it is a large district-level open space which functions as a park and sports reserve.

In 2023, Council first engaged the community to seek feedback on a suggested location for a dog-friendly space within Banjo Paterson Reserve and asked what you would like to see included in a dog friendly space.

From 8 March to 26 March 2024, a 2.5-week community engagement process was held to gather community feedback on the design of the dog park.

2.1 Key findings

Participants were generally supportive, with 67% of participants providing positive sentiment towards the concept design. Some respondents (25%) raised concerns regarding the lack of available seating under shade cover and the need to include lighting in the area.

A small percentage of respondents (8%) provided feedback around lighting and separating the dog park in two to cater for small and medium to large dogs.

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback and anticipate the completion of construction to Banjo Paterson Dog Park will be complete mid-2024.

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The consultation was designed to provide affected stakeholders, particularly those using Banjo Paterson Reserve, and/or living in streets adjacent to Banjo Paterson Reserve, and the broader community with the opportunity to provide input into the design proposal for Banjo Paterson Dog Park.

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

- Council's e-newsletter, Casey Catch up

- Emails to key stakeholders
- Social media
- Online engagement through Casey Conversations, including opportunity to provide feedback via survey or upload a written statement
- 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
8 March – 26 March 2024	Casey Conversations Website Project information, online survey hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations. Online survey: 12 responses

4 Consultation findings

The following section summarises the key themes which arose in community feedback on Banjo Paterson Dog Park Design Proposal. In the interest of stakeholder and community privacy, individual quotes have not been included within this public document. Where there was more than one mention of a topic or item, the number of mentions has been specified in brackets and italics.

4.1 Support for design

67% of responses were in support of the concept design, with positive sentiment towards the location of the dog park and no distribution to other facilities located with the reserve.

4.2 Item-specific feedback

The community were provided the opportunity to verbalise their feedback. Comments provided by the 4 submitters are summarised by theme in the tables below:

Topic	Community feedback
Lighting	Light inside and around the dog park Lighting inside and paths leading to the dog park
Seating	Under cover seating Shade covered seating
Separate dog park	Add separate small dog and all dog area like the Tatterson Park (North) Fenced Dog Park.
Proximity to school	To close to the school

