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Dog Exercise Area – Pelican Waters

Project summary

Over the past several years Council has received numerous requests for a dog exercise area (DEA) for Pelican Waters.

In response to the community requests, Council invited feedback from the community to gauge a preferred location for a DEA.

Three sites were identified as suitable locations which included:

- Judy Henzell Park (Fenced)
- Raptor Park (Fenced)
- Scribbly Gum Park (Fenced)

Background

A survey was available on Council's Have your say website, as well as a project news and site signage encouraging residents in the Pelican Waters and Golden Beach area to provide feedback in May 2023.

Overall, 671 surveys were completed and 11 responses via email were received. This has provided Council with a better understanding of the communities favoured locations.

Overall survey findings

Council has reviewed and analysed the information which showed 87 per cent support for the development of a DEA in Pelican Waters.

Scribbly Gum Park and Judy Henzell Park were the two preferred sites.

The survey feedback identified several design features that are important to residents across all of the proposed dog exercise area sites:

- Residents, families and children that do not wish to interact with dogs can feel comfortable knowing dogs are contained in a separate fenced area.
- Adequate distance from playgrounds, barbeques, picnic areas and sports areas are required.
- Ensure safety and wellbeing of parks users.
- DEA should ensure noise impacts to adjacent residents and other users are considered.

Where to from here?

The survey indicated strong support from the dog owning community for the development of a DEA within Pelican Waters.

Following Council's review and analysis of the community consultation results and further detailed investigation, it was determined that Judy Henzell Park was the preferred location.

Judy Henzell Park provides a larger exercise area, has the least impact to open space, low impact to residents with no direct abutting lots, and has greater offering with existing infrastructure.

The next steps will include progressing the concept design during which Council will undertake further engagement with surrounding residents.

Following this engagement, Council will prepare a final design with construction scheduled for later this financial year.



A note from your local councillor

I am pleased to see the strong support for a new Dog Exercise Area for the Pelican Waters community and look forward to this project being delivered. I am very keen to see Pelican Waters develop into a place that everyone in the local community can enjoy and be proud of.

Cr Terry Landsberg