

Dog exercise area - Yandina

Project summary

Sunshine Coast Council invited the community to provide feedback on a preferred location for a dog exercise area in Yandina.

We consulted with the community, proposing six sites that were identified as suitable locations:

- Wonga Park (fenced)
- Tea Tree Park 1 (fenced)
- Tea Tree Park 2 (fenced)
- Stevens Street Reserve (fenced)
- Christina Low Park (unfenced)
- Koongalba Street Park (unfenced)

A survey was available on Council's Have your say website, as well as a project news distributed via print and email, and site signage in the park encouraging residents in the Yandina area to provide feedback in May 2023.

Overall, 292 surveys were completed and six email submissions. This has provided us with a better understanding of the community's favoured options.

Overall survey findings

Council reviewed and analysed the information gathered via the survey responses and the summary and key findings are:

- 95% supported the development of a dog exercise area in Yandina
- 90% of the respondents own a dog, of that 64% own one dog and 33% own two dogs
- Majority of the respondents own large dogs (more than 60%)

- The facility would be highly used, with 26% voting to use it daily, 46% voting 2-3 times per week, and 22% voting to use it weekly
- 39% of respondents would travel 2km to access a dog exercise area, with a further 34% travelling up to 5km.

What was the preferred dog off-leash site?

The top three preferred sites were Stevens Street Reserve, Wonga Park and Tea Tree Park Option 1.

The survey feedback identified several design features that are of importance to residents across the top three 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 area. Separate and adequate proximity to playgrounds, BBQ and picnic areas, sports and family use areas.
- Ensure safety and wellbeing of parks users.
- The dog exercise area should ensure noise impacts to adjacent residents and other users are considered.
- Access to car parking.

Where to from here?

The survey indicated strong support for a dog exercise area within Yandina. Following the review of the community consultation results, **Tea Tree Park Option 1** has been selected as the preferred location.

Tea Tree Park Option 1 provides a larger exercise area, has the least impact to open space, and has greater offering with existing infrastructure.

Council will use the feedback provided by the community to guide future planning and budget for the provision of a dog exercise area for the Yandina community.

Further information

If you require further information please contact Council's project team via email: LandscapeDesignandPlanning@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Or contact Council's Customer Contact team via the details below.

Please quote P-K2559 Yandina, dog exercise area.



A note from your local councillor

I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to the consultation process to confirm the community desire for a dog exercise area in Yandina. Your feedback has provided excellent guidance on the important elements you believe this type of park should include as well as the preferred location. This information will now be used to seek funding to enable construction in the future.

Cr David Law