

BELMONT DOG PARK

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Feedback on the Belmont Dog Park project has closed. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback, your contribution is valued and appreciated.

On 11 May, 2023, the grassed area of the Belmont Dog park was temporarily fenced off to ensure it is not further damaged during the wetter and cooler months, marking the beginning of a comprehensive community engagement initiative. During a three month period we actively reached out to the community, encouraging them to voice their opinions on retaining the grass area vs changing the grass area to a granitic material. By collecting and analysing the feedback, we will determine the course of action to best meet the needs of our community and our furry friends.

See below for a snapshot of the community consultation and what we heard:

HOW WE ENGAGED



93 DAYS

of engagement



3

Number of Have
Your Say Signs
erected onsite.



615

Visitors to the Have
Your Say Page



137

Number of people to
leave feedback.

SOCIAL MEDIA



24,100

Reach/Impressions

224

Actions (Clicks, reactions,
shares, comments etc.)

90

Comments



11

People following
the project.

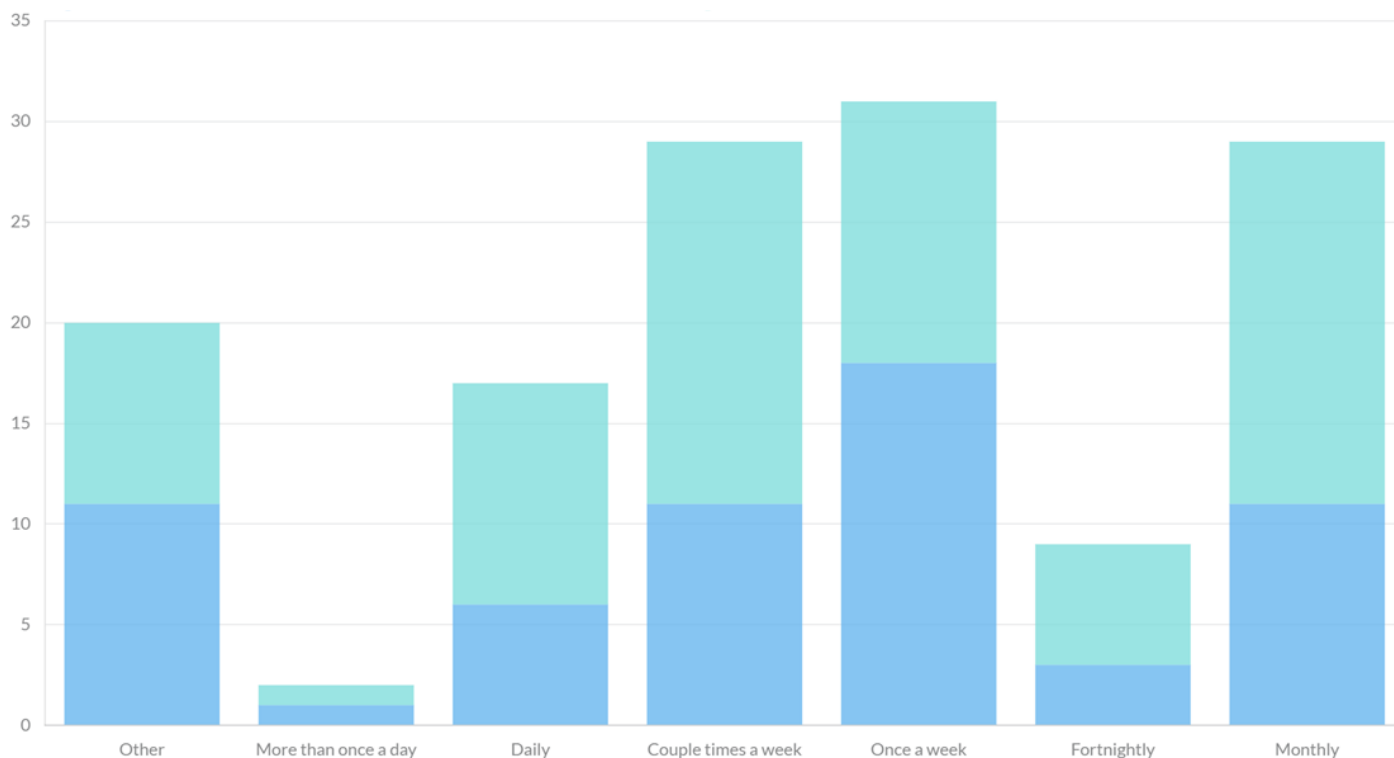
WHAT WE HEARD



55%

Supported changing the grass area to a granitic material.

- I prefer the grass area, noting it has to be closed periodically to protect the grass.
- I would prefer the whole area to be changed to granitic material – with no closures.



5 stars

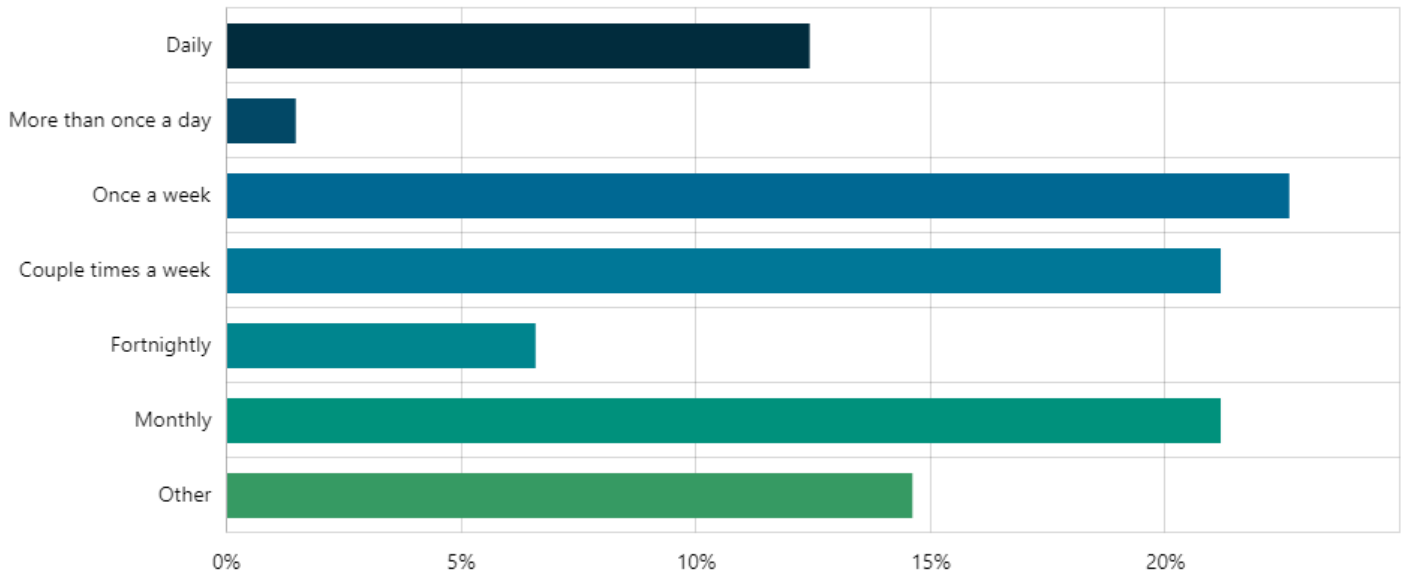
We ask the community to rank their enjoyment at the park from 1- 5
48% of contributors gave the park a 5-star rating with an average rating of 3.91.

- “Great socialisation area!”
- “Only downside is how busy it gets. We need more dog parks.”
- “Good park and a great use of an underutilised space but is muddy and inconsistent to access.”
- “Great as I don’t have a backyard.”
- “Connects dogs and people to community in a green space.”
- “I think in the heat of summer the gravel is too harsh and hot, and unsafe on paws.”
- “Great space heaps of benefit to the local community”



58%

We asked how often people used the park.
58% of respondents use the park at least once a week.



The community were invited to share some demographic data - suburb where they live through the online survey. Suburbs were well dispersed across the region – reflecting the importance and popularity of the park.

19% Belmont

13% Highton

7% Armstrong Creek

6% Grovedale

NEXT STEPS

Taking into account the consultation process and considering sustainable operational requirements. The City will proceed with replacing the grass area with the granitic gravel used throughout the park. This choice will enable us to keep the park open to the community and our furry friends. The works will include some minor regrading to reduce the low point within the existing grass area and additional trees to provide shade to the future gravel area.

It is expected that a temporary closure of the park will be necessary to undertake the alterations to the surface, we will provide a clear timeline for these modifications once they are finalised.