

Off leash Open Space Consultation

Off leash Open Space community consultation Key summary:

In total, the survey received 346 responses

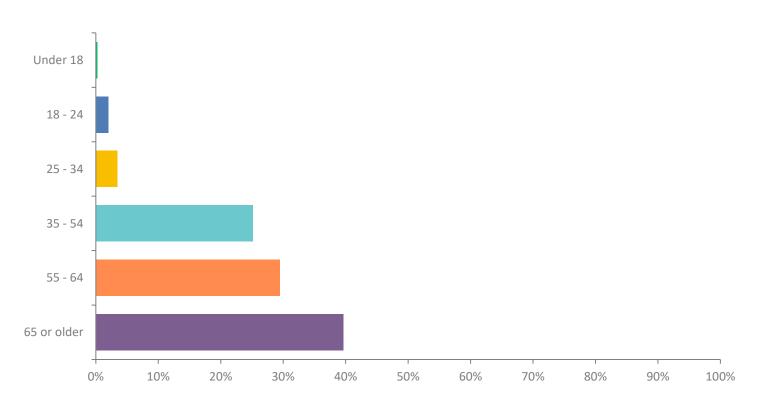
The survey was open between the 11th of September and October 9th 2025

The survey was advertised on our website, social media, newsletter and posters with QR codes placed around town

- The majority of respondents (36.60%) were over 65 years of age, followed by those aged between 55-64 (29.48%)
- 69% of respondents were female
- 96.53% of respondents were supportive of an off-leash area for dogs
- The Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve was the most popular option with 32.66% of respondents voting in its favour, followed by the Queenscliffe Yacht Club area with 32.66%
- Verbatim comments called for areas such as Royal Park, the old high school site, Citizens Park, the Yacht Club area, or extending the dog beach/ using the Narrows, with Royal Park being the preferred site.



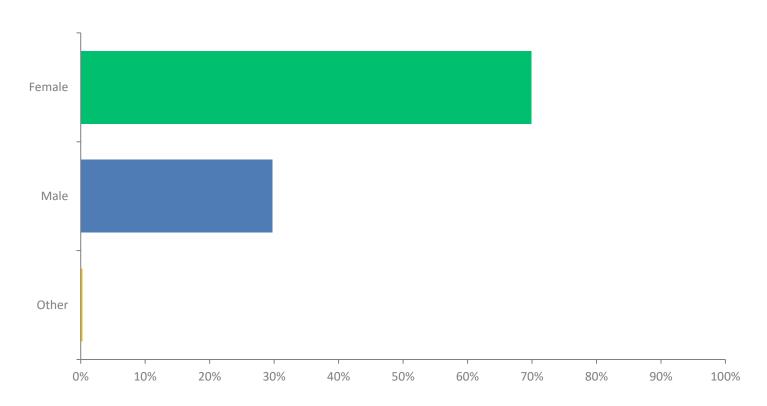
Q3: What is your age bracket?



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.29%	1
18 - 24	2.02%	7
25 - 34	3.47%	12
35 - 54	25.14%	87
55 - 64	29.48%	102
65 or older	39.60%	137
TOTAL		346

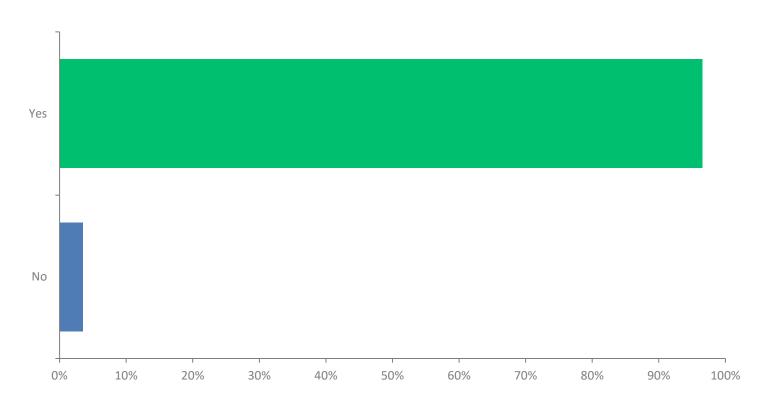
Q4: Are you:



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	69.94%	242
Male	29.77%	103
Other	0.29%	1
TOTAL		346

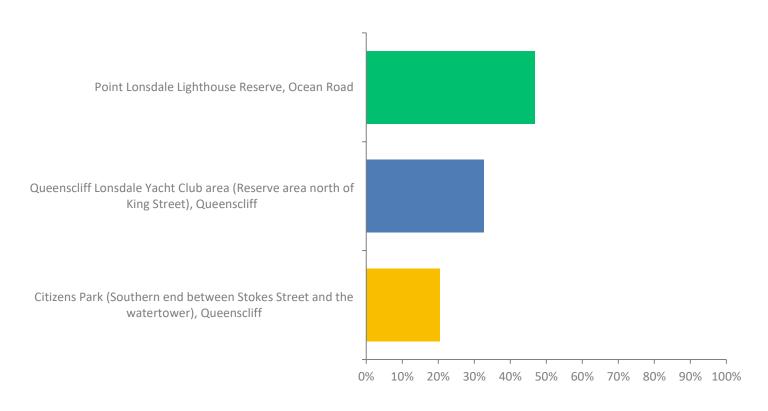
Q6: Are you supportive of an off-leash area for dogs?



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.53%	334
No	3.47%	12
TOTAL		346

Q7: If you answered yes to question 6, please nominate your preferred site for a potential dogs off-leash area in the Borough.



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve, Ocean Road	46.82%	162
Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club area (Reserve area north of King Street), Queenscliff	32.66%	113
Citizens Park (Southern end between Stokes Street and the watertower), Queenscliff	20.52%	71
TOTAL		346

Verbatim comments from survey

Royal Park / Point Lonsdale (26 responses)

Royal Park Point Lonsdale - logical and convenient.

Royal Park near the caravan park.

The area around the hall in Bowen Rd Pt Lonsdale.

Royal Park or the oval near the caravan park.

Near the Point Lonsdale Primary School or Royal Park.

Royal Park area near the oval.

Royal Park would be perfect for dog owners.

Royal Park, near the tennis courts.

Royal Park or the area off Bowen Road.

Royal Park or Point Lonsdale Oval.

The area around the Point Lonsdale Caravan Park.

Royal Park — flat, accessible, plenty of parking.

Royal Park, close to existing recreation areas.

Point Lonsdale Reserve (Royal Park area).

Royal Park near the community hall.

Point Lonsdale recreation reserve / Royal Park.

Near the Point Lonsdale Bowling Club (Royal Park).

Opposite the tennis courts, Royal Park.

Royal Park (keep away from playgrounds though).

Royal Park or near the cricket nets.

Point Lonsdale oval or Bowen Road area.

Fenced dog park near Royal Park.

Royal Park – great community hub.

The hall side of Royal Park.

Royal Park at the top end near the caravan park.

Royal Park but not the oval itself.

Royal Park (north end).

Point Lonsdale Hall (1 response)

Near the Point Lonsdale Hall.

Royal Park- Against (1 response)

Please don't use Royal Park Oval. It is one of the few remaining open spaces.

High School / School Oval (18 responses)

The old high school site.

Former high school oval.

Queenscliff high school oval.

The old school site in Queenscliff.

School oval near the recreation reserve.

Queenscliff high school.

The old high school grounds.

High school site - plenty of room.

Old high school grounds.

Old school oval.

The old high school in Queenscliff.

High school site on the main road.

Old school oval area.

Former high school land.

Queenscliff high school area.

Old school grounds opposite the golf club.

Former school site near the hospital.

Old high school – underused open space.

Citizens Park (5 responses)

Citizens Park.

Citizens Park near the Bowls Club.

Citizens Park or around the Yacht Club.

Citizens Park — central and open.

Citizens Park / QLYC area.

Yacht Club / Citizens Park / QLYC (19 responses)

The yacht club area would be GREAT!! THANK YOU!!

Around the yacht club area.

Near the QLYC area.

Around the Queenscliff Yacht Club.

Yacht club carpark area.

Area near QLYC.

Yacht club / harbour area.

The yacht club foreshore.

Near the harbour precinct.

Around the yacht club and marina.

Yacht club foreshore near the boat ramp.

QLYC side of the marina.

Yacht club lawn area.

Around the QLYC carpark.

Yacht club / marina path area.

Near the yacht club walking path.

Near the Yacht Club or Citizens Park.

The harbour precinct, near QLYC.

Yacht club grassed area.

Beach areas (Dog Beach / Springs / Narrows) (62 responses)

Extend along Sands beach.

Lovers Lane in dunes.

Dog Beach.

Springs Beach.

The Narrows.

The Narrows beach area.

The beach near Dog Beach.

The Narrows near the bridge.

Between Springs and Dog Beach.

The Narrows walking track.

Springs Beach area near carpark.

The Dog Beach end near the surf club.

Narrows Beach — well used already.

Dog Beach Point Lonsdale.

Springs or Narrows area.

The Narrows — perfect for dogs.

Dog Beach between Lonsdale and Queenscliff.

The Narrows coastal track.

The beach opposite Fellows Road.

The Narrows or the back beach.

Dog Beach carpark area.

Springs Beach near the steps.

The Narrows — wide open area.

The Narrows between the two bridges.

Dog Beach and Narrows should be official.

Springs Beach or Narrows.

The Narrows — ideal location.

Springs Beach — plenty of room.

Dog Beach end of the Narrows.

The Narrows pathway.

The Narrows to Dog Beach stretch.

The beach from Springs to the Narrows.

The Narrows side of Queenscliff.

The Narrows walk.

Narrows end near the causeway.

Dog Beach at the end of Fellows Road.

The Narrows near the sand dunes.

The Narrows / Springs area.

Springs Beach stretch.

Dog Beach – already used.

Narrows Beach area.

Springs and Narrows both suitable.

Narrows Beach Point Lonsdale.

The Narrows foreshore.

The Narrows and beyond.

Dog Beach to Narrows walk.

Dog Beach area near carpark.

Springs and Narrows beaches.

The Narrows and Springs both ideal.

The Narrows between the bridges.

Narrows Beach walkway.

The Narrows between the causeway.

Dog Beach (already popular).

Springs Beach for off-leash.

The Narrows for exercise.

Dog Beach and Narrows.

Narrows Beach track.

Springs or Dog Beach.

Narrows Beach access.

Narrows Beach dog area.

The Narrows Point Lonsdale.

The Narrows dunes.

Bowen Road (11 responses)

Bowen Road near the tennis courts.

Bowen Road — large area, away from traffic.

Bowen Road reserve area.

Bowen Road or near the tennis courts.

Bowen Road Point Lonsdale near the hall.

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Bowen Road parkland.

Around the Bowen Road Reserve.

Bowen Road / Hall area.

Bowen Road / Royal Park area.

Bowen Road, near the caravan park.

Other locations (Lighthouse / Botanic Gardens / Memorial Park) (27 responses)

Lighthouse Reserve.

Memorial Park.

The Botanic Gardens area.

Botanic Gardens — large and shady.

Lighthouse reserve near the bluff.

Memorial Park — underused.

Botanic Gardens (if fenced).

Memorial Park area.

Lighthouse Park.

Near the Botanic Gardens entrance.

Memorial Park – flat, central.

Botanic Gardens perimeter.

Lighthouse grounds.

Memorial Park — already green space.

Near the Lighthouse cafe area.

Botanic Gardens west side.

Memorial Park - close to town. Botanic Gardens top end. Near the Botanic Gardens path. Memorial Park – plenty of space. Near the Gardens carpark. Memorial Park side of the road. Near the Lighthouse reserve. Memorial Park corner area. Lighthouse area near carpark. Botanic Gardens lower path. Memorial Park near the school. No / None / Nil / Opposed responses (47 responses) Nil No no None None that I can think of Not really Don't support off-leash areas No thanks No — prefer not near playgrounds No suitable areas No — all too small None come to mind Nil response No, happy with current setup None — not needed No, we have enough No more areas needed No — inappropriate for town Nil No additional areas None — dangerous to wildlife No. Nil. None suitable. No — waste of money. Nil — oppose dog areas. None. No new areas please.

No. Leave as is.

None appropriate.

Nil suitable.

No new off-leash spaces.

No off-leash zones please. Nil. Keep dogs leashed. Nil. None required. Nil. No thank you. No - too many already. Nil. No. Nil response. Fenced / Enclosed dog park suggestions (6 responses) A fenced area anywhere would be fine. Enclosed dog park near town. Fenced area near the school oval. A contained fenced park near the Gardens. Any fenced space would work. General or multiple area mentions (10 responses) Any of the above. All of them! Multiple suitable areas. Either location would work. All open spaces could be used. Don't mind where. Anywhere safe for dogs. A mix of sites. Several good options. Any available open space. **Uncategorized / unclear (10 responses)** Unknown Unsure Not sure Need more information. Maybe near town somewhere. Somewhere open and safe. Don't know.

No — keep beaches restricted.

No need for more areas. Nil — oppose off-leash. None. Don't support.

No suitable open space.

Nil response.

Nil.

Up to Council.

Not familiar enough to comment.

Couldn't say.