COMMUNICATIONS

Community Consultation Report

Muraborah Reserve Maroubra Dog off-leash proposal

25 September 2024

Randwick City Council
a sense of community

1300 722 542
randwick.nsw.gov.au

Contents

1. Summary 3

2. Community engagement strategy 3

2.1. Background 3

2.2. Objectives 3

2.3. Consultation period 4

2.4. Consultation activities 4

3. Consultation outcomes 4

3.1. Survey results 4

3.2. Submissions 7

3.3. Social Media 8

4. Communications material 8

A. Submissions and comments 9

1. Summary

Randwick Council is proposing to allow dogs off-leash at Muraborah Reserve, on Wride and Duncan Streets in Maroubra.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to determine the level of community support for the proposal.

The Your Say Randwick webpage had 2341 visits and generated 554 engagements: 536 survey responses and 18 submissions.

Of the 536 respondents who participated in the online survey, 83% supported the proposal.

Among 411 respondents who indicated they currently use the reserve, 62% (334 respondents) support dogs being off-leash, 13% (67 respondents) do not support it, and 2% (10 respondents) are unsure.

Overall, dog owners overwhelmingly support the proposal, while non-dog owners are divided in their views.

Supporters of allowing dogs off-leash in the reserve value the sense of community it provides and prefer Muraborah Reserve over Broadarrow Reserve due to the fencing.

Non-supporters cite irresponsible dog owners and safety concerns.

Supporters and non-supporters have both suggested dividing the reserve into separate sections for dogs off-leash and other park users.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background

At the 23 July 2024 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved to:

a) exhibit in the month of August a proposal for an off-leash dog park encompassing the entirety of Muraborah Reserve, Maroubra including consideration of the enclosure of any gaps in gates;

b) ensure that any proposal developed include consideration of 'ground rules' signage, additional waste bags, bins and water stations; and

c) commence work on any required environmental assessment to facilitate the accompanying change.

2.2. Objectives

- Determine the level of community support to allow dogs off-leash at Muraborah Reserve, Maroubra.
- Identify potential users of the off-leash park and how they would travel to the reserve.
- Gather any other insights from the community on the proposal.

2.3. Consultation period

The consultation was open for four weeks from 21 August to 18 September 2024.

The project was assessed as having a lower-level local area impact.

IAP2 Consultation level: Involve

We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.

2.4. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

- Dedicated consultation website to take a survey
- Flyer to all households within a 800m radius of the Reserve
- Posters on site
- Email to Maroubra Bay Public School and Maroubra Community Gardens
- Email to Your Say subscribers: 21 August 2024
- Randwick News (weekly email): Listed every week during consultation period
- Social media: Instagram and Facebook 27 August 2024
- Email to all Randwick City Precincts
- Digital display screens at Randwick City libraries, Des Renford Aquatic Centre and Customer Service Centre
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage
- Councillor notification

3. Consultation outcomes

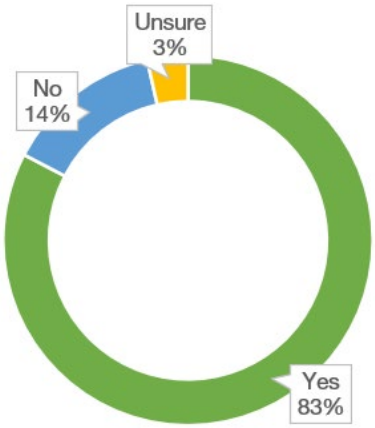
The consultation was open from 21 August to 18 September 2024.

During this time, the consultation generated:

- 2341 visits to the Your Say Randwick website
- 536 survey responses
- 18 submissions

3.1. Survey results

3.1.1. Overall attitudes to dogs off-leash at Muraborah Reserve, Maroubra



443 (83%) out of 536 respondents **support** dogs off-leash at Muraborah Reserve.

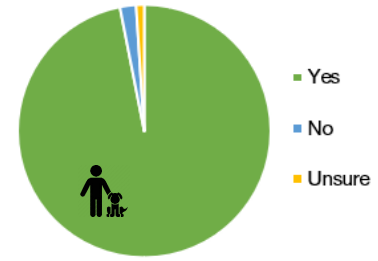
Graph 1: Data sourced from survey question "Do you support dogs off-leash?" (all respondents)

3.1.2. Attitudes of visitors and non-visitors to the reserve

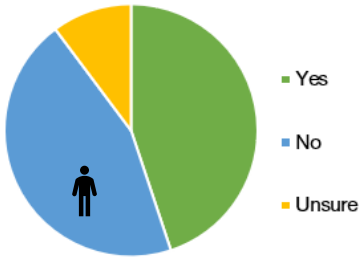
Reserve users:	Non-users:
Of the 411 respondents who use the reserve: • 62% (334) support dogs off leash • 13% (67) do not support dogs off-leash • 2% (10) are unsure	Of the 125 respondents who do not use the reserve: • 20% (109) support dogs off leash • 1% (7) do not support dogs off-leash • 2% (9) are unsure

Table1: Data sourced from survey questions "Do you support dogs off-leash?" and "Do you currently visit Muraborah Reserve?"

3.1.3. Attitudes of dog owners and non-dog owners



Dog owners support for off-leash (n=389)



Non-dog owners support for off-leash (n=147)

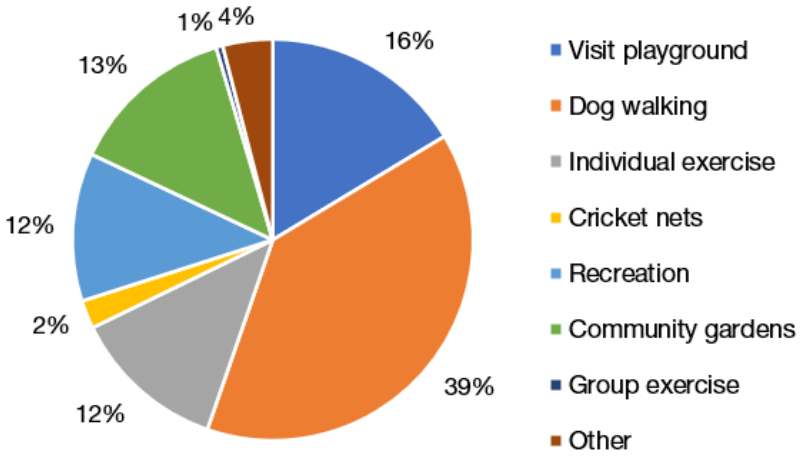
Dog owners:
Out of 389 respondents who own a dog, 377 support off-leash dogs at the reserve, 8 do not, and 4 are unsure.

Non-dog owners:
Out of 147 respondents who do not own a dog, 66 support off-leash dogs, 66 do not, and 15 are unsure.

Graph 3: Data sourced from survey questions "Do you support dogs off-leash?" and "Do you currently own a dog?"

3.1.4. Park usage

The 411 respondents who use Muraborah Reserve were asked to describe how they use it.



Dog walking is the most popular activity among respondents using the reserve (39%).

Graph 4: Data sourced from survey question "How do you use the reserve? (choose all that apply)" (n=745).

'Other' reasons stated included: Walking through the reserve (19 responses), sit and relax (2 responses), and kids parties or picnicking (2 responses).

3.1.5. Off-leash park usage and access

The 389 respondents who indicated they own a dog were asked how likely they are to use Muraborah Reserve if it becomes off-leash and how they would travel to the reserve.

360 (93%) of dog owners would use the reserve

(n=389)

261 dog owners would walk to the park

58 dog owners would drive to the park

41 would walk and drive

(n=360. 29 respondents did not respond to this question)

Data sourced from survey questions "If the reserve becomes off-leash are you likely to use it to exercise your dog?" and "How would you travel to the reserve with your dog?"

3.1.6. Comments

343 comments were received.

Supporters of off-leash:

Supporters of allowing dogs off-leash in the reserve value the sense of inclusion and community that an off-leash park provides. They appreciate that the reserve is fenced, though some suggest improving the fencing to create a more secure space for dogs. They believe Muraborah Reserve is a better off-leash facility than Broadarrow Reserve, which is unfenced and often unavailable for use due to the neighbouring school and Council's monthly markets. Supporters would also like to see more bins in the park (away from the playground) and water bowls.

Some have proposed dividing the reserve into two sections – a section for dogs off-leash and the other for other park users. Others suggest separate areas for large and small dogs. Finally, a number of supporters advocated for a dog off-leash beach in the LGA.

> *"Please ensure the reserve is fenced so dogs cannot get out onto the roads. Broadarrow reserve is an example of how NOT to fence an off leash dog park.*
>
> *It's the most obvious place in the area for an off leash park. Especially considering the current off leash park is used by the new markets, used for a car park when carnivals are on the beach and it has no fence.*
>
> *...please put more bins around the park. There are no bins anywhere along the Wride St side of the park which encourages bad behaviour around dog clean up.*
>
> *…I don't think it needs to cover the whole park. Fencing a smaller area would allow other park users to continue to play soccer and picnic without dogs intruding. Lots of families use the park for lots of uses. Allowing dogs off leash across the whole area would have a big impact on other users."*

Non-supporters of off-leash:

Those who do not support off-leash dogs in the reserve point to irresponsible dog owners who fail to pick up after their dogs or control of them, allowing them to approach other park users. This behaviour adds to a sense of feeling unsafe when using the reserve, especially near the adjacent playground, and limits the park's use for outdoor recreation by families and children. Like the supporters, some non-supporters proposed dividing the reserve into two sections – a section for dogs off-leash and the other for other park users.

> *"This park is just next to the school and a playground. Off leash dogs that run off are not an acceptable risk.*
>
> *The number of (already unleashed) dogs here has basically rendered the park useless for other activities…To keep it fair, if you must make it off leash can I suggest you split the reserve by a fence in two, with the bottom park for dogs, and the top park (which is more even) for exercising and kids to play.*
>
> *Dog owners are using the rubbish bin in the children's playground on the corner of Wride & Duncan Street to dispose of the dog poo - so the bin is full of dog poo which stinks and is not safe or sanitary around babies and young kids playing in the playground.*
>
> *…the park has become increasingly unusable for anyone but dog owners. This includes families with young children playing ball games, people using the cricket nets etc…I am all for having a specific fenced off area for dog owners - maybe down the bottom near the garden."*

It should also be noted that many survey respondents requested more enforcement of dogs off-leash in public places around Maroubra, especially at John Shore Park, Arthur Byrne Reserve, Jack Vanny Reserve, and McKeon Street Plaza. These comments will be passed on to Council's Ranger Services.

See Appendix A for all comments.

3.2. Submissions

18 submissions were received during the consultation period.

The majority of submissions expressed support for allowing dogs off-leash at Muraborah Reserve, highlighting the social benefits for both dogs and their owners. Those opposed to the off-leash proposal cited concerns about the negative impact on the entire reserve, limiting its use for other recreational activities. Several submissions suggested creating separate areas, with the bottom section of the reserve designated as off-leash, while keeping the top section dog-free for other purposes.

See Appendix A for all submissions.

3.3. Social Media

Platform	Date	Reach	Reactions	Link clicks	Comments
	27/8/24	7218	122 - 101 likes, 20 loves, 1 laugh	39	34
	27/8/24	2434	59 likes	-	8

4. Communications material

Image: On-site poster

Image: Mailbox flyer

A. Submissions and comments

Submissions:

	Submission
1	What about cats? They need outdoor stimulation as well. We had this very same discussion two years ago in areas in and around Coogee and nothing - as usual - came of it. As they say it died in the arse. It would be helpful if from time to time you proposed an initiative and then actually followed through with it.
2	I support the proposed new Maroubra Muraborah off leash dog park proposal. As a dog owner I think the more off leash dog parks the better. It would be good to establish a fenced dog park in Randwick and also if it were possible find some bit of beach somewhere which could also be off leash so the dogs can frolic in the water.
3	Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to this matter. I regularly go to the park and meet with dog owners and their dogs. My cavoodle loves to play with other cavoodles and I chat with the owners. We are responsible owners and remove dog waste in bins provided. It would be great for the park to be made leash free with appropriate signage, bins, water access and public access. We are more than happy to have the park shared by recreational users. Thank you
4	I have lived in my own house on Wride St across from Muraborah reserve for over ten years. The window in my front room offers a view of the park and I mostly work from home so I feel well placed to comment on the use of the park. For eight of the years of living here I did not have a dog and during that time what we called 'The dog crowd' regularly convened at about 4.30 with a variety of dogs (and personalities) and used the space to exercise their dogs. This never excluded my family being able to use the park, we would go over sometimes and kick a ball alongside them and we still do that. The group are a known entity in the use of this park. Outside of this use, there are few regular users of the park. There is a man who hits a few golf balls, there are a couple of football trainers who use it once a week at most and a few ladies who being their small dogs for a picnic during the day. Aside from that it is typically used by dog users who might let their dogs run after a ball for a short time or just let their dog have a bit of a sniff while they sit and relax or as they pass through. Two years ago we bought a dog and now we exercise our dog every day. Mostly we only use the park to cut through on our way for a longer walk but it is lovely to let him off leash so he can sniff around and fetch a stick here and there. Occasionally we hang out if there is a bigger dog with the group that he wants to play with and we know many of the dog owners from when he was a puppy and we were learning alongside the owners of other dogs of a similar age. It was great support and the sense of community within the group is terrific. As was mentioned at the meeting it is very sociable and nice for many of the elderly retired community members who enjoy their dogs company and other dog owners company. People do go out of their way to help each other and a men recently returning from a knee replacement had 'rejoining my friends at the dog park ' as a physical therapy goal. For myself, I work as a clinical psychologist and time with animals, even just watching them ramble around and play is so beneficial at the end of a long day- I appreciate being able to take our dog out so locally and to be in the company of other pet owners. Dissenters may make an argument about the park's

	Submission
	proximity to a playground, but happily the playground can be reached without needing to go through the park as it has two independent entrances from the footpath (and one entrance onto the park). The garden, which is a beautiful addition to the park, also has an entrance from the footpath, so anyone wary of dogs will always have an option to avoid having to encounter park users if that is their preference. (the garden also has an entrance off the park). The main public use of the park at the moment is to cut through from Wride St to the non- beach end of McKeon street This is a matter of convenience predominantly and the footpath surrounding the park, running along Wride and Duncan St is solid and functional. Therefore, the sacrifice a few people who don't like dogs, are afraid of dogs or who are reluctant to have dogs in the community, will be making with this change, is to walk a few minutes out of their way around the park rather than through it. I can promise you these complaining people are not currently using the park and its facilities in any meaningful way or in any regular way. I'm sure there will be dissenters but I believe based on years of living directly opposite it, the change will simply mean the park is used as it is already and there will be no need for vigilante community members to harass the dog owners who derive great enjoyment from this convenient and welcoming park.
5	I as are my family, are all in agreement with a fenced off leash dog park within Muraborah Reserve, as I have a dog myself and there is nothing better than seeing them run around to their hearts delight, but with a couple of restraints 1.The top part of Muraborah Reserve next to the boom gate is heavily used by children and ball games etc, adults exercising and the like And would not lend itself to an off leash dog park as it is level and where everyone runs around and is where you can have a quite sit. 2. My self, family and my nearby my neighbours are totally against lighting at night in the park as petitioned because we live Opposite and adjacent to the reserve and already have a problem with hooligans in the park at nighttime quite often. Lighting would only exacerbate this problem, create more noise and encourage drinking too. So please no lighting. Lighting would also spill into our homes lighting up our bedrooms at night and keeping us sleepless. We all hope that you would consider putting the fenced dog park down at the corner of Duncan and McKeon St as this is away From our homes and would not affect anyone very much. It is also at the back of the school rather than right beside where The children play at recess and it is a distance from the childrens playground and cricket pitch, which are heavily used. Thank you for listening - I Look forward to hearing from you. PS Any chance of a map where it is proposed to be.
6	We are in favour of this
7	I don't mind the proposed off-leash dog park, as long as owners are responsible. I would like Randwick Council to be more pro-active in keeping dogs off North Maroubra beach.

	Submission
8	I support having a dog off-leash area in Murahborah Park. As a resident of Bay Gardens I go through the park on a daily basis and observe that it plays a vital role in linking the community as well as benefiting the local dogs. It is particularly beneficial to the retirees who may otherwise be socially isolated. However, it is important for the park to also provide usable green space for local families. The cricket nets are regularly in use and the adjacent level grassed area on Wride Street was previously used by children to play soccer and other ball games. They would bring in their own portable goalposts. However, this use has declined. When I asked local children why, they commented that there is too much dog poo. Yuk! While it is intended that owners should pick up after their dogs, in reality this does not routinely happen. Many owners are engaging with friends and neighbours while the dogs play across the park. To accommodate both group's needs, I propose that the upper level of the park between Bay Gardens and the cricket nets be retained for children's activities (maybe instal a couple of basketball hoops as well) and keep the lower level with a longer run area for the dogs. It is noted that Council recently installed a drink station at the internal entrance to the community garden, as dog owners were routinely using the community garden's tap to get water for their dogs.
9	Firstly I wish to Advise ,that I am a Home Owner and Rate Payer of the Randwick Municipality/. Whilst I am a Dog Lover myself, I do not agree with the Boundaries ,Being Proposed for this ""Off-Leash Dog Park."" Clearly the Area for the this Proposed off-Leash ,Dog Park should be Fenced and Gated--and should not Encompass the whole of the remaining Park area. The Lower Level of this Park { Off Duncan Street.} should be allocated as the new Dog Park---and the Top Half { Off Wride Street.} should be a dog free Sporting Area for the :- Cricket Wickets--Kite Flying--People Exercising--Children Kicking Footballs and general Socialising. A fence should be erected from the Corner --of the School Playground Fence--running across to join the Vegetable Garden Fence and that lower Portion {South End } allocated as the ""New Off Leash Dog Park."" I trust that a balanced decision will prevail and Council will not be overly influenced by a small noisy group of people with a vested interest
10	Great idea to allow dogs off leash in the park.. However the area needs to be repaired, there are large mud holes that needs to be filled. Also i would highly reccomend to install fence and separate top and bottom part of the park. One area should be for smaller dogs and the other for medium to large. Otherwise when a lot of different size dogs get together, they become uncontrollably aggressive towards each other. As a consequence some dogs and owners get hurt! I was a witness and also was the victim in this park. Kindest regards.
11	The dog off-leash proposal for Muraborah Reserve is an excellent idea. We have walked our dogs through that area for the past 24 years. It is not heavily used and so much safer for dogs as it is away from busy roads like Fitzgerald Avenue and is

	Submission
	more contained than the Fitzgerald Avenue area. With so many more households with dogs areas such as Muraborah Reserve are ideal for exercising. I hope this proposal gets the go-ahead.
12	I own a dog in Randwick & use the off lesh parks regularly... never enough post covid so many people & dog walkers. But we need a dog training facility like at St ives showground... I train my dog for agility but there is no where to train. We need a fenced area we can book 1 hour at a time about 30 x 40 or so. Set up jumps etc. Centennial park is too crowded dogs & people intentionally walking thru the course, children, dogs taking equipment etc. In the spirit of sharing the off lesh park & green space we need a fenced area we can work with. Other sports have vast areas to work in. Happy to chat we have a group of local dog owners very keen fir such a dedicated space.
13	It would be great to have another off leash park at Maroubra beach. Currently the only one just behind the bus terminal sits between busy roads and it's unsafe for unleashed dogs.
14	Dear Sir, Can't Randwick Council do something sensible with their time people with dogs don't look after them properly any way. They don't pick up the droppings most time at the café in the Marine Parade the people there let them go everywhere on the tables and chairs don't need a special place for doggy people look after our play centres for kids, they need extra play centres.
15	I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposal to make Muroborah Reserve as a new official off-lease dog park. We are an adjacent resident that uses the park daily. While I understand the desire to provide a space for dogs to play freely, I believe that this change could negatively impact the park's accessibility and enjoyment for a significant portion of our community. Safety is a primary concern, as not all dogs are well-trained or socialized. We like to use top deck of this park for other activities other than dog walking and have found that playing ball sports, having picnics and general exercising (including walking through every day) has been negatively impacted in the past with free roaming dogs. As you know, free roaming dogs can have unpredictable behaviour, increasing the risk of incidents involving both dogs and people, particularly children. We have had some unfortunate incidents over the years, and increasing the numbers by making this an official park will only increase the likelihood of further incidents and impact our social use of the park Additionally, we have big noise concerns…this park is located in a valley like area of Maroubra, which amplifies sound. We have been woken by barking dogs more frequently lately (including owners shouting their names), as early as 5.30am. This will only increase with your proposal. We have also noticed that the park has degenerated/succumbed quite baldly over the

	Submission
	last year or two, to dogs digging very large holes throughout the park (seemingly under the supervision of dog owners) This has created a serious trip hazard, particularly walking through at night or playing other sports. Some holes are ridiculously large and I have concern for my kids who run through this park all the time. Dog owners seems to think its perfectly acceptable for their dogs to dig for their life in this park. Also more dogs means more poo, especially around the area where our residences are. It seems to be a place that is ok not to pick up, or they can turn a blind eye to. There is not a week goes by where I'm not trying to clean poo off a family members shoe. We are concerned that numbers will only increase if this is officially made and published to be an off leash area. And with that, all the negative consequences will increase too. I have also found a not insignificant number of dog owners attempt to pass the duty of care onto me if their dog jumps on me, my kids, takes my ball or interrupts a picnic we might be having. This view that 'well you shouldn't enter this park if you don't want to be harassed by dogs' will only be emboldened if this becomes an official dog park. Given these factors, I respectfully suggest considering alternative solutions, such as perhaps making the lower level of the park an off leash area only (within designated times). This area is not used as frequently by humans for other social activities as the top deck, and is further away from residents, lessening the chance of negative consequences Thank you for considering my perspective. I hope we can work together to ensure that the park remains a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for all residents.
16	Hello, and thank you for your consideration in providing feedback. I also did the survey. If I may, my concern is that the reserve is already being informally used, it's either an off-leash park or not. In my view dog owners shouldn't be able to decide. If the Council does decide to make the park off-leash, could we please then as a counter-balance have better behaviour by dogs and owners in other areas of Maroubra. So many dogs are off-leash at shops, and there is a lot of dog mess around as owners let dogs wander off and go to the toilet without paying attention. I have even seen dogs off-leash on buses. Perhaps a ranger could ask owners with off-leash dogs to put leashes on. It is only a matter of time before a big dog bites a little kid in McKeon Street in the shop area. Good luck with the decision-making process.
17	Thank you for inviting community comment into allowing Muraborah Reserve as an off-leash dog park. As a responsible dog owner and long-time resident of Maroubra I would whole heartly welcome the proposal.

	Submission
	There really isn't enough safe off leash areas in Maroubra. The off-leash area at the bottom of Mons Ave is not safe for my little runners with two major roads and fences that dogs can easily slip through. Hopefully, the proposal for Muraborah Reserve will be accepted but if in the case it isn't, could you look at securing the park on Mons with chicken wire so we can run our dogs safely. Thank you, look forward to the yes decision and possibly securing Mons Ave park at the same time… (not asking for much ha dogs help mental health and provide joy & security)
18	I have been a resident of Maroubra for over 22 years, live reasonably close to Muraborah Reserve and am writing because I am not at all in favour of the proposal to allow dogs off-leash in this reserve. My reasons for this are: • The proposal has all the appearances of "rewarding", or at the very least "excusing", those dog owners currently breaching the off-leash regulations, which makes absolutely no sense to me. That dog-owners are already "informally" using Muraborah Reserve for the off-leash exercising of their dogs is no justification whatsoever for converting the reserve to off-leash use. Indeed, to my mind it would set a ridiculous precedent, one that in no way is in the interests of members of the the broader community, especially given that in my experience a substantial number of dog owners seem to have long considered that it is not only okay but well within their "rights" to let their dogs off-leash elsewhere in Maroubra. For example, such breaches occur constantly in Arthur Byrne Reserve and Jack Vanny Reserve, on the rocks and grassed areas around Mahon Pool, at the natural rock pool at the far southern end of Maroubra Beach and in the McKeon Street pedestrian plaza, as well as along the beachfront promenade and even out on the walking tracks in Malabar Headland National Park, where by law all dogs are prohibited. • Muraborah Reserve is immediately adjacent to both the Maroubra Community Garden and the children's playground on Wride Street, and allowing dogs off-leash in such close proximity to either or both of these does not seem in anyway appropriate or considered, given the risks involved. • Parking is extremely limited, and indeed at a premium, in the streets adjacent to Muraborah Reserve and the increased chances of dog owners driving to this reserve to allow their dogs to exercise off-leash would only exacerbate an already tight situation in regard to parking for residents, their visitors and others in the local community. • In my experience, it is already virtually impossible for members of the Maroubra community and others, be they dog owners or not, to safely and comfortably share parks, reserves and other public areas, including those designated off-leash, given the considerable numbers of uncontrolled dogs already let off-leash in public places on every day and evening of the week. Many dog owners do not keep their dogs under any sort of control, let alone well away from walkers, passers-by, swimmers, picnickers, shoppers, diners, beach-goers and others, including the elderly and young children. Given this situation, there are more often than not plenty of accidents and other incidents waiting to happen - and in fact some do!

	Submission
	• It should be noted that there is already an extensive and easily accessible off-leash park for the exercising of dogs very close by at Broadarrow Reserve. Instead of Council allowing off-leash dogs at Muraborah Reserve, I would like to suggest: • that Broadarrow Reserve, where there is ample space and lots of parking available adjacent and nearby, is retained as an off-leash park, and that an enhanced and effective education strategy is implemented to ensure dog owners are well aware of this long-designated off-leash reserve and also of the fines applicable for any breaches in regard to having their dogs off-leash elsewhere in Maroubra. • Council could consider the employment of at least one ranger, but preferably more, dedicated to the monitoring of the use by dog owners of all of Council's parks and reserves, especially by those who don't seem to think the long-existing regulations about off-leash use apply to them. If fines were properly imposed, rather than mere cautions or warnings issued, any monies raised from such fines could not only cover the increased costs of additional Council labour but also hopefully act as an effective deterrent to those owners allowing their dogs off-leash in areas clearly not designated for such. Finally, I'd like to reiterate that I fail to see the commonsense in supposedly "rewarding'' those dog owners who are already breaching the off-leash regulations as they apply as Muraborah Reserve. The logic underpinning this completely eludes me. Thank you for your consideration of my submission on this matter.

Survey comments table:

	Do you have any other comments?
1	This park is just next to the school and a playground. Off leash dogs that run off are not an acceptable risk.
2	I fully support the use of this park for off leash dog walking on a 24/7 basis for 365 days of the year, with owners maintaining control and oversight of their dog (eg picking up after them).
3	Hopefully it will be fenced. There are other lovely off leash parks (e.g. the huge one at Malabar and at Bunnerong Road) that aren't fully fenced. So I find too dangerous to use.
4	About time, get it done
5	I do support having this as off leash, but in my opinion Maroubra has a serious problem with; 1) Too many people walking dogs off leash in public areas that are on lead areas. I have a reactive on lead dog and this is an issue, 2) People do not pick up their dog waste. The current off leash area near the school is disgusting. We are actively moving away from the area down the coast because of the amount of dog waste present.
6	I have owned many Dogs over the years, Dogs are very important for peoples mental health and social interactions.
7	We really want more dog beaches :) Can we not have a timed offleash beach from 5pm to 9am or something?

	Do you have any other comments?
8	My main concern is kids going to and from the playground. My daughter often gets dogs bounding up to her and has been chased and frightened.
9	There are a few patches in the park which become very muddy during rain. These need to be repaired. It would also be a good idea if there can be sperate areas for larger dogs vs smaller dogs
10	There is a large community of dog owners close to Murra Bora Park who are highly responsible community minded positive people and the nature of the space is actually much safer than the official off leash Park which borders right on the very busy Fitzgerald Avenue and Marine Parade. The reserve is also well set up for separate activities to take place in the garden and the playground and the nets without mutual disturbance. This seems to me be one of the strongest cases for change of use that fits with prevailing preferences and does not impose too much burden on others.
11	Please ensure the reserve is fenced so dogs cannot get out onto the roads. Broadarrow reserve is an example of how NOT to fence an off leash dog park. I have almost hit an escaping dog from that reserve while driving.
12	There are enough dog parks
13	We already have enough off-leash dog areas. Most dog owners disregard rules and let their dogs run wild regardless. A proper fenced off area should be required for any new off-leash dog areas. This keeps little children safe!
14	Please clearly sign-post all off-leash parks as off-leash parks so I and my family can avoid them. Please also signpost on-leash parks as such, there are still too many dogs off leashes at Heffron Park, which is hindering my family's ability to enjoy the park (after a prior off-leash dog attack there).
15	Gates could be a great addition.
16	It's really important that the park is properly enclosed - the section of fence that came off years ago at the bottom of Duncan St needs to be replaced with a secure gate. The park also has an area near the school fence that is often swampy, it would be great if this could also be addressed. Thanks :)
17	Implementation of the community garden has blocked access to all rubbish bins inside the park
18	Owning a dog and having dog parks is such a great way to create a community in the area and RCC slogan is 'a sense of community'. I'm new to the area and visited the designated dog park (currently where the markets are being held) for days on end without seeing another person or dog. PLUS there are no lights there at night time to be able to go in winter. I previously lived in Coogee and they did a much better job at creating dog parks where there are lights / safe spaces for dogs to run around. Maroubra has not nearly got the same effort or energy put into these spaces. Like i said, it's such a great way to meet people, i've met most of the people that i say hello to from the dog park.
19	I wont feel safe visiting the reserve with dogs allowed without a leash - especially with the playground and kids next to it
20	Fencing here is more appropriate for off leash. The only other location close by is Broadarrow reserve and this is exposed on all sides to main roads and heavy traffic
21	There are not enough local parks to allow dogs off leash
22	Council needs to ensure people have their dogs on leashes en route to the park. Also, with this new dog park, would Council please have increased signs to stop people using John Shore Park as a dog off-leash park

	Do you have any other comments?
23	This is a safe place for dogs as it's completely fenced in. Most people around here live in apartments and own small dogs.
24	There are no other safe spaces in the local area for off leash dogs, the current space is not secure and often used as a car park or for the markets which is completely unacceptable as an off leash dog space. Dog owners deserve a safe space for their dogs to exercise and muraborah is already well set up for this.
25	The council needs to monitor off-leash dogs on the promenade at maroubra beach all the way to mahon pool. There are a lot of uncontrollable dogs off-leash in these areas.
26	Randwick desperately needs more dog off leash parks. The council needs to acknowledge the number of dogs in the local area statistics say over 70% of households have pets. With increasing concentration of living areas and small backyard owners need open space to exercise dogs. This is a mental health issue. In addition my dogs participate in agility there are very few parks we can use.more space needs to be made available to share outdoor areas
27	with the rifle range nearby, we hardly need more free space for dogs in the area
28	Fantastic idea.
29	Off leash parks are fine but should be fenced for safety of passers by, traffic and children
30	Supportive of off-leash dog areas. I am from Bayside Council (just behind Heffron Park) and this would be one of the closest off-leash dog areas for me to take my dog.
31	The more off leash dog parks, the better. Would be wonderful if solar lights could be installed for late walkers as well as water troughs.
32	It sadly doesn't seem to matter whether a reserve is dog leash free or not people around Maroubra beach do whatever they like because no one enforces the policies. We live next to John Shore Reserve whhch isn't dog leash free and 9 out of 10 times I walk though it by myself or with my grandchildren people have their dogs off the lead and are taking over half of it so we have to walk right around to avoid the dogs. There is the off leash reserve right across the road but they are too lazy or entitled to go there. We also live on a corner block and have to pick up all the dog poo that people walking their dogs think is our job not theirs! The owners walk past, the dog poos, they turn their heads or look at their phone , go right near our fence so they can't be seen from upstairs then walk on and we are left to clean it up so we don't walk in it. Lastly the use of extendable leads does not help safety for others. I was almost bitten by a dog walking on Broome St two weeks ago when the young guy who owns a dog was on his phone, the dog came for me and growled and nipped my leg but I had jeans on because the lead was right out. It's time council started to have a bigger presence around dog controls and increase costs in owners for having a dog. Managing the whole dog issue must cost taxpayers a fortune. As for 'benefits' there aren't any for the 41% who do not have or like dogs or fear or get injured by them.
33	Finally this is great news!! As a resident of maroubra beach for 10 years now feel dog owners have been forgotten. I know you think the other park has been allocated for off leash dogs but it is absolutely not fit for purpose, unsafe as it is not fenced and has busy roads on every side and is also regularly used for overflow car parking and events. The fact that no eastern suburbs beaches allow any access for dog walking is also very frustrating. There is a very high proportion of Randwick rates payers that have dogs and are not being considered or accommodated. The new formally recognised off leash dog park will be Vee much appreciated.

	Do you have any other comments?
34	We desperately need an off leash dog park. Ideally another one in South Maroubra for elderly people who can't necessary walk to the reserve
35	Long overdue, always made more sense as the dog park rather than the one down the beach.
36	What is Council going to do about aggressive dogs and lazy owners? Large dogs mixing with small dogs? Dogs and children?? Good luck!
37	No. Just make sure there are doggie bags and the bin is emptied
38	Highly support this given it's already "informally" used for off-lead dogs - however please put more bins around the park. There are no bins anywhere along the Wride St side of the park which encourages bad behaviour around dog clean up.
39	Would be good to securely fence the entire area and if possible divide it in to two sections
40	I have used this area in the past to train dogs and would use it occasionally with my current dog if it became a fenced off lead area. As it is already almost entirely fenced I have found it a safer area than the current off lead areas to take a new dog. It is long overdue Randwick has failed in the past to provide SAFE areas to exercise dogs forcing owners to travel to other municipalities.
41	Dog owners already use this area as an offlead area and do not stop their dogs from running up to people.
42	I'd rather find some dog off leash hours in Arthur Byrne Reserve (beach front)
43	After moving to Maroubra during Covid it was really hard to get to know neighbours in the area. Since getting our wonderful dog and spending time at Moraborah park our family feel much more a part and welcomed by the community.
44	Desperately need a dog friendly beach in our council area. Timed arrangement and space restrictions fine.
45	Dogs and their owners definitely need off an leash park . Muraborah Reserve is good because it's fenced and away from the popular pedestrian parks . Please provide a bubbler and water basin for the dogs and poo bag station .
46	My kids and I love to go to the park and see our friends and family who have dogs and meet there. It's a lovely vibe. Never had an issue.
47	More dedicated off-leash areas for dogs need to be created.
48	The dog users already use it and it is nice to see them socialising. The kids love the dogs too.
49	The park should not entirely be for off leash dogs as everyone uses this park. I walk dogs here and they are little and I have personally been attacked by dogs at this park
50	Please add gates to the three open areas at the park to ensure our dogs are safe at all times.
51	This park is perfectly suited to pets from both a safety and space perspective. It is also a hub that enables community, family and a place for seniors or residents living alone to connect and socialise with others. While I am a dog-friendly person I believe there are many alternatives for locals who would like to avoid the dogs. The pavement that borders the park is well-maintained. Randwick Council has a strong purpose around community for all its residents. The park has created this environment and Council recognition and support would hopefully eliminate any uncertainties and stress around the use of this park. Many thanks for your serious consideration of a off-leash park.

	Do you have any other comments?
52	Randwick council needs to be more dog-friendly - you are way behind any other suburb in this regard. Why is part of Maroubra Beach not dog friendly - again, like another suburb, even if this was timed-based. It makes no sense and the level of discrimination from Randwick council in regards to dog owners is unbelievable
53	Its primary use at the moment is already as an unofficial off leash dog park and there is strong attendance there every afternoon. I very strongly support making this de facto usage official.
54	When are we getting a dog beach? You've 10,000+ dog owners and more than a dozen beaches and Zero access. We've got to drive to Bayside or Woollahra council areas. Your residents are beach go'ers and we own dogs. Not good enough. Even crusty old councils in QLD have dog beach access. This is supposed to be a vibrant family friendly area.
55	An off-leash dog park is not compatible with a playground nearby. Most children do not enjoy dogs they don't know running up to them, sniffing them, jumping up their legs, licking them or barking at them etc. Most parents (including myself) do not enjoy scraping dog poo out of the profile of their childrens trainers. It is unfortunately a fact of life that too many dog owners do not pick up after their dog and are not in control of their dog, ie. the dog does not come to them when they call them back. Most dogs, in particular smaller ones, are poorly trained, since the owners think they are just cute and harmless and they don't bite.
56	Please, please make sure that there bins at each entry point of the park so that owners pick up after their dog and dispose of waste without the excuse of 'there wasn't a bin nearby'
57	I had forgotten how close this playground was so I will start to visit again, I used to before I moved (within Maroubra). I think dogs go off leash here all the time already? Someone told me that as I used to own a dog. However, I would say that it needs to be clear that dogs are not allowed in the playground. I would also ask that something be done about that at Coral Sea park. I have absolutely no issue with the park being off leash and think it should be. But a LOT of people take their dog into the playground and while some are responsible lately there has been a lot of poo left within the playground which I think is totally unacceptable. I expect it to be a safe place for my 1 year old to play and explore and it is not when I have to be hovering over her to make sure she isn't going to get dog poo on her...

	Do you have any other comments?
58	We appreciate Randwick Council's support of off-leash dog parks. Both owners and their dogs enjoy having dog-friendly areas to walk. With many younger people choosing not to have children, dogs are an important part of their lives. They're commonly referred to as 'Fur-babies'. Dog-walking parks are not just about throwing balls. Dogs are primarily focused on scent and exploration, so more landscaping with some shallow water ponds (see Sydney Park, Inner West) would be a fantastic addition. Currently, there are several other parks that would also make fantastic off-leash areas: 1—There is a large amount of undeveloped land in the centre of the ANZAC parade opposite Little Bay Prison. By simply adding a fence, you could create a long walking park under the trees. 2—Cromwell Park near Malabar Beach would be a better choice as an off-leash park that would help get dog walkers off the sports fields at Pioneers Park. Cromwell is also severely underutilised, and with its variety of terrain and trees, it would be ideal. 3—Many dog walkers enjoy swimming with their dogs, but there are no beaches that allow dogs. Yarra Bay could easily be partitioned to include an off-leash area. The park at the back of Yarra (adjoining the cemetery) is also severely neglected and would benefit from an investment in BBQs and landscaping. 4—Hefron Park, while predominantly focused on Sports activities, would benefit from an area that allows an off-leash dog park. This would allow many parents to walk their dogs while their kids attend sports activities. The centre of this park could easily accommodate 'Sydney Park' style landscaping with shallow waterways, trees, etc. Thank you for considering these suggestions. If you'd like to discuss any of these Ideas, please call me.
59	Only nearby park suitable for off-leash. Other off-leash park near the beach has no suitable fencing. The park or at least the bottom section of the park near the community gardens has no other major recreational activity taking place as far as I can tell - it's too uneven for sports activities etc.
60	I will speak from my experience at Varna Park which has zoned on and off leash areas and a playground and open field similar to Maroubra Reserve. Universally dog owners don’t obey the designated on and off leash zones. Dogs use the whole park off leash. Many also allow their dog to enter the playground which is signed as no dogs. I suggest not nothing with on leash vs off leash zones in the park - make it all or nothing. Zones done work. Barriers need to be around the whole of the playground to prevent dog owners taking their dog into the playground. Partial barriers (like in varna park) don’t work. Alternatively more enforcement or very clear signage may help stop dogs going into playgrounds.
61	Formalising this park as a safe, community off leash dog park would be absolutely wonderful!!!
62	I would also love to see a beach or coastal rock area within the Randwick LGA become leash free and available for dogs, even if it's only during certain hours. For instance the rocks at the Northern end of Clovelly beach that leads down from the leash free dog park.
63	More dogs park are needed in the eastern suburbs - even if I do not visit this park - I visit other parks in the randwick council with my golden retreivers
64	We need an enclosed dog park to keep the dogs safe when they are there. I don’t let my dog off leash unless the park is enclosed . I usually drive to botany to let my dog have some off leash time

	Do you have any other comments?
65	Since Covid the dog population in Maroubra Beach has grown significantly and the needs of dog owners are not currently adequately met. There is a lack of open space dedicated to allow dog owners in Maroubra Beach to exercise their pets and making Muraborah Reserve an official off-leash dog park would go a long way to address this situation. Muraborah Reserve is, and has been for many years, an unofficial off leash dog park. Making this official will alleviate any confusion over the use of the park which can only be of benefit to dog owners and non-dog owners alike. It will also have minimal impact on other community members as it is already an unofficial off leash dog park. and is rarely , if ever, used for any other purposes aside from the areas already fenced off for the playground and community garden.. The only other Maroubra Beach off leash dog park at Broadarrow reserve is not fit for purpose, it is wholly inappropriate for most dog owners to allow their dogs off leash there as it is surrounded on 3 sides by busy roads (Fitzgerald Avenue, Marine Parade & Mons Avenue) and it has zero proper fencing. Regardless of how well trained a dog is, if it is spooked and runs it will run straight onto the road from that location. In addition, this reserve is now used as a car park and a market place, and no nearby alternative is provided for dog owners at such time, the dogs just miss out. I also understand that the local catholic primary school use this reserve as well. Aside from the community garden space, playground and cricket nets located at Muraborah reserve, it is primarily used by dog owners to exercise their dogs. Other community members use it as a cut through to walk to the beach, they do not stop in the park. The cricket nets are rarely used for batting. No one uses the park to regularly picnic in or sit. There are no facilities such as tables and chairs, shading, bbq & toilets there and the ground is uneven, at times swampy and hilly, all of which make it unsuitable for those activities. It is, however, a perfect location for an off leash dog park.
66	Concept is needed
67	I hope this off leash park is fenced as even well trained dogs potentially can run onto a road to chase a cat.
68	Don't mind 'unleashed' parks but they need to be contained / fenced off. A dog just runs especially if it has been cooped up in a home / unit. A dog's natural instinct is to run .. run .. run ... friendly chase other dogs - very social. Meanwhile some owners don't control their dogs sometimes leading to dog attacks (dogs & humans). Other park users (children/elderly/non-dog lovers) come walking in park, dog is off leash, owner not in control of dog & problems arise.
69	This would be amazing! Next should be a beach!!!
70	We need more fenced off leash parks...like the north end of Pioneers Park. And give us a dog beach!!!
71	The park has been an unofficial dog park for many years. Please listen to the community of dog owners who have built such a great supportive network over the years.
72	Would really like for there to be more litter bins in Maroubra and along the coastal walk in which to put dog waste. People have been leaving the waste bags on our nature strip and on the fences along the coastal path in Lurline Bay. Needless to say it’s health hazard not to mention unsightly. Thank you.
73	Yes. It is time for Randwick Council to have an allocated off lead Dog Beach. There are how many Beaches in Randwick Council vs what is the Percentage of Families with a Dog that live in Randwick Council? People with Dogs would be happy with any Beach, no one is asking for Coogee, Clovelly or Maroubra. People shouldn't have to drive to other Councils to enjoy time

	Do you have any other comments?
	like this, when there is a whole coastline in Randwick, with an abundance of space for everyone to share in.
74	It would be really great if the council considered allowing dogs on the beach after hours. Explore testing it with different hours in different seasons. There are ZERO beaches we are allowed to take our dogs. Hours could look like: 1 Oct - 30 April => 4pm - 8am 1 May - 30 Sept => 3pm - 10am
75	It is I portant to have another off leash park given broad arrow reserve is frequently used as a car park or a playground by St Mary St Joseph's school. I do not object to those uses but would like an alternate off leash park nearby. I otherwise have to drive to an off leash park. Further Maruborah has the added benefit of being fenced so dogs cannot accidentally run onto the road , especially when just getting used to being off leash
76	Fence the area off and add camera surveillance. Do it right. Make a small dog area and a big dog area, like is already a case in the off-leash parks in the inner west. Don't just designate the zone as off-leash without doing the proper work and the follow-through. Keep everyone safe from being mauled and keep the dog-owners happy.
77	We need an OFF LEASH DOG BEACH!! We pay equal rates and get stuff all!! 😠😠😠😠😠
78	it is scary to see the dog running losely when you walking pass the park. Can it be fenced? I sometimes scared by the running / chasing dogs at Trenerry Reserve.
79	A great use of an under utilised piece of open space that the Community fought so hard for. With a little bit of work this park could be made into a really safe park for dog training for puppies and/or new rescue dogs
80	This is very much needed in this area. Thankyou
81	As a dog owner it makes sense as the only fenced and enclosed area near the beach. Additionally, it is very rare to see recreational use for exercise, sport or other. I honestly believe that I've only seen a cricketer in the nets twice and a small game of football (only ever at the top of the park near write st) less than 10 times in a year of living locally. In contrast I know it to be a hugely popular dog area and am sure it would serve a larger population of the community as a dog park than it currently does as not a recreational park (despite me being unlikely to use it for my dog as she is too shy around other dogs).
82	This would be a great area for an enclosed dog park. A lot of people exercise their dogs there already and it doesn't interfere with other activities.
83	It is important to add additional bins and bags for the dog waste. Most but not all owners are responsible. Some people are so busy talking they fail to keep an eye on their dogs. However other dog owners should alert them.
84	I walk my Grandchildren's dog and finding place where he can run a bit is rare
85	It would be wonderful if council could provide a safe enclosed dog park with easy access poo bags & bins. This ensures safety of dogs, so they can't escape onto the road.
86	I have been attacked and hospitalized by a dog. Once a park has been made off leash it then becomes marginalised for all other users.

	Do you have any other comments?
87	Ever since people began informally using the Muraborah Reserve as an unofficial off-leash dog park area, my family and I have avoided the area, even though we live just a block away. It is such a shame because it was a lovely, quiet leafy area and we used to love to go there for picnics, birthdays, and ball games. No longer. Both of my children are now terrified of dogs due to bad encounters they had at the Muraborah Reserve when owners let their off-leash dogs get away from them. The area is so large and hilly that when dogs are set loose, they quickly get out of sight of their owners, and it is a harrowing experience for a parent and child walking through the park if a dog decides to jump on or nip at a child and the owner is nowhere to be found. We've witnessed picnics eaten, backpacks gnawed through, peed upon (and worse), children's toys and clothing destroyed, children knocked over and nipped, and seen many scary dog fights. My children are now even nervous to go to the adjacent playground ever since the fencing fell into disrepair and dogs began running into the play area without their owners (we haven't been back recently to see if this was fixed). I understand the desire for more off-leash areas for dog owners, but the current setup comes with serious safety issues. The area needs to be much smaller and more contained so that owners have a sightline to their dog at all times, and the area should not share a fence with the playground or school. Perhaps the upper field could be fenced off on its own somehow.
88	I'm writing in regards to the large increase in the number of dogs in Muroborah Park just off Wride Street. It used to be just locals from Wride street/ Duncan street area that walked their dogs and let them play in the park but now daily there are 30 – 40 dogs at one time every morning and night. This is causing several problems: • Lack of parking – clearly these dog owners are coming from surrounding areas and like the free street parking. However that makes it much more difficult for residents to park when we pick our kids up and finish work etc. • Increase in dog litter – I counted 6 piles of dog poo just walking between my home and the Community Garden which haven't been picked up by dog owners, it's revolting • My children have both stepped in dog poo as well walking to school which is so unpleasant • Dog owners are using the rubbish bin in the children's playground on the corner of Wride & Duncan Street to dispose of the dog poo - so the bin is full of dog poo which stinks and is not safe or sanitary around babies and young kids playing in the playground • The barking noise is also really loud – I think someone may have complained as these dog owners have moved to the middle part of the park away from the residents on Wride street – but they're still really loud especially early in the morning 6am - 8am and again around 4-6pm.
89	This is the perfect off leash park that is rarely used by others. I would walk my dog there daily and often twice daily.
90	This would be an ideal and SAFE off leash dog park
91	This reserve has been used by dog owners for off leash walks since we moved to Duncan Street 20 years ago. It has considerable subsidence issues and therefore not useable for many activities. It is also a vibrant community point of contact from 4 pm to 6pm when everyone chats while there dogs play.
92	a fenced off leash area would be helpful. randwick council is lacking this and my dog can only be in a fenced park as it has low name recall.
93	A water station would be a great addition too!

	Do you have any other comments?
94	I think consideration should be given to erecting a fenced off area for dog exercise as many kids play in the area,Also areas that are required to have a leash should be policed as many people walk on the footpaths without leads.We live at 6 Wride st(nearly opposite the park) and walk past it several times per day.It has been used as a dog park for many years and is a very active social gathering place.
95	This area has been used for years for off leash and only needs more secure boundaries for offleash
96	You need to make more areas off leash- particularly north end of Yarra Bay
97	There is literally dog poo everywhere in Maroubra due to owners already having dogs off their leashes. Dogs are running wild and cause chaos due to the owners lack of attention. I have had dogs slam into me or dart in front of me causing me to fall. Dogs are running off leash on the beach every morning, leaving their droppings everywhere. I don't believe any owners will actually use the park as they are too entitled and believe everywhere is their space.
98	It would be great to see off lead areas for dogs in beach locations within Randwick City Council. The exercise and stimulation is key for healthy and enriched dogs, making for better and more socialised pets and community members.
99	The park is an irregular shape and the ground is uneven, so not good for ball games etc. After heavy rain it can get muddy in one spot, so not so good for games etc. The park is quite enclosed by fences, so good to keep dogs in. It does not seem to be used by many other people, so seems wasted. The closest dog park is at the beach near the bus shelter, this is used for the Maroubra market or a car park so can't often be used for dog exercising. It is also not fenced, I have seen dogs get hit by cars after leaving that park. Muraborah seems to be the perfect choice for a dog park in the area.
100	This option is too close to busy roads. A dog could get spooked and get mixed up in cars in the parking lot, beach or main roads. I don't think it's appropriate. Council needs to look at the current patterns of park use and make those workable for dog owners. The environment park areas are perfect for off leash play because they are far from roads and have a huge space for play. It's heavily frequented by dog owners and marries several densely populated areas of the Randwick suburbs. If there are concerns about conflict with other users of the park, make certain hours off leash as they do up around Church Point.
101	This is the best idea ever, Great to see all 3 council members working together
102	My kids have had bad experiences with dogs at this locations and have become scared of dogs due to this. I strongly don't support this due to my Kids health and safety
103	This is by far the most appropriate option for an off leash park in the neighbourhood. Other nearby options have limitations on use (competing uses) and are not safe for dogs or local traffic on busy roads (ie no fences). Muraborah Reserve is an important and cherished community space for social interaction, cohesion and connection
104	This park is such an important part of the daily lives of the people who bring their dogs here. There is a beautiful and strong sense of community. I have seen so much conversation and kindness while the dogs play. Just wonderful.
105	More than ever people are choosing support animals and there does need to be more places.
106	It is the only properly fenced and safe area for off leash dog exercise in the area and is away from main roads.

	Do you have any other comments?
107	This my local park within a block from my home of 24 years. It is well fenced, has a dog friendly water station, dog poo bags, bin, playground and community garden. All of which encourage local residents to gather together as a very positive healthy diverse supportive neighbourhood. This community is amazing in numerous ways especially when it comes to practising responsible dog ownership and dog socialisation. I told many people during Covid and after, I don't know what I'd do without this community. Helping, being helped and being there for others is the ethos of this dog park community.
108	We really need more off leash dog parks in Randwick Municipality
109	I've previously owned a dog & support any off leash spaces for them
110	It'd be great to have an off-leash area for doggos nearby.
111	It's the only fenced park in the area, the playground is closed off so it's perfect for dogs and great for the community.
112	Lots of dogs live in the area and would benefit from use of that park. The park needs adequate fencing from the road and adequate bubblers and bins.
113	This is a great well-fenced park that is safe for dogs. It also rarely has people playing ball games – apart from cricket and the dogs have no impact on that from what I can see. The kids in the playground often interact with the dogs and the people in the garden leave water out for them. It's a great spot where various parts of the local community come together casually to play.
114	The current off leash dog park at Arthur Byrne reserve is totally inappropriate. Too close to the road from all areas. Not fenced and is used for parking and market. This is a sensible move.
115	This is a positive step, but it would be good for Council to have a series of off-leash parks. They are currently not many - the latest one on Gardeners Rd is tiny and not practically useable. If there are sharing options, this could be OK too. eg when school kids are there especially around 3-5pm, it may be less suitable for dogs off leash. Also, one of the Rangers policing dogs is aggressive and puts Council in a very poor light. He wands the dog and then confronts the person in a smug and superior manner. He also refuses to give his name, but wears a Randwick Council Polo short and drives around in a mid-sized SUV. I'm sure he's well-known in Council.
116	Muraborah Reserve is a good location for walking dogs off leash as it has fencing that generally enclose the area. It is already widely used by local dog owners.
117	I am mindful that the issue of dog off leash parks is very topical. I would be agreeable for some part of the reserve to be set aside for off leash dog use provided that the designated area is securely fenced so that dogs cannot roam outside the area. This is for the safety benefit of the dogs, their owners and the general public engaging in activities in proximity to the designated dog area.
118	Please make this an off-leash park as it's a great location and large park for off-leash dog play and exercise. It also brings people together in the community to socialise.
119	Only that I think the space could be divided into two to support off leash on the bottom lumpy half that's not usable for recreation and the top half on Wride street for public use / sports, separated by a fence. This could make everyone happy
120	Council needs more dog friendly beaches like on the south coast

	Do you have any other comments?
121	The council opens its self to legal proceedings if the park is allowed to proceed. If a dog harms a person, in or within the vicinity of the proposed park.
122	I live in Malabar
123	We really need more off leash areas for the dogs in randwick council. thank you for considering this option.
124	A lot of people use that park, not only people with dogs. For people who have fear of dogs you will be forcing them to go elsewhere. I'm not sure this is very inclusive.
125	It appears that this Reserve is fully fenced. If that is the case I agree with it becoming an off leash park. That is the difficulty with other off lease parks in the Randwick Council's juristiction is the majority are bordering on main roads which are not fenced in and therefore not suitable for the dogs' saftey. I am pleased that this is not the case in this instance as more parks like this one would be very acceptable for the dogs exercise and socialability. I hope that it is acceptable to the majority.
126	Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I think this is a great initiative.
127	We need off leash. A dog walking next to a human on a leash is no exercise
128	It’s the safest park for dogs in the whole of Randwick because most of it is fenced off. You can turn Broadarrow reserve back into a “no dogs off-leash” park. Few down owners use Broadarrow because there is too much traffic in that area.
129	Currently exercise my dog there daily and enjoy Muraborah reserve dog community.
130	Other councils have beach access for dogs. Get on board.
131	Unlike other off leash areas in the district please ensure it is adequately fenced off
132	All for more off leash dog parks. Just missing an area on any Randwick beach to take dogs.
133	Fence it, lots of trees for shade, seats but no tables for parties
134	In Randwick, off leash parks have become an important part of a dog owners world!!!!!!!!!!
135	It works extremely well as an off lead dog; Fantastic community space - intergenerational, people meet each other, get to know each other, help each other out. Multiuse and positive interaction between people using the community garden, playground and off lead dog exercise. A great alternative to outdoor space at the beachfront where dogs should be on lead.
136	There are holes in the fencing around that park. Please have it fully fenced so it can be used as a dog park safely for all - dogs, pedestrians and drivers around the area. It shouldn't cost too much given its 90% fenced already. Thank you
137	Plenty of space to make this a multi-purpose area
138	Great park with lots of space. Friendly dog community already uses the park
139	I’ve made some good friends in that park because of the dogs there. People who have baby sat my young children so my wife and I could have a date night. Other people with dogs and children the same ages as mine that I’ve had around for BBQs and play dates. I think the park is great for the sense of community.
140	Council if interested in dog management should have rangers checking on all the people who have their dogs off leash in Quarry park, in the environmental park, in the reserve above Mahon Pool, behind the skateboard park, along the promenade . Every day many people walk their

	Do you have any other comments?
	dogs off leash. Never a ranger in sight. How about at least big signs specifying ‘dogs must be on leash or $300 fine per dog).
141	Please consider the elders who live this park because they do not need to walk far or drive.
142	making Muraborah Reserve a dog off leash area effectively makes it exclusive because it excludes people who don't like or have a fear of dogs, so they will not go there at the risk of being attacked. Further, every second street and park in the LGA is already a dog off leash area and I have never witnessed or heard of a dog owner ever getting fined for having their dog off leash in a public area
143	I personally strongly support this proposal as the benefits to the community are numerous including the sense of community, improved mental health and exercise.
144	90% of current users of this park are dog walkers
145	I am a neighbour to the park where I take my dog and I love going there to meet other dog owners where I feel safe and a good sense of community!
146	This is the absolute best park for dogs in the local area as it is already partly fenced. It is also the right shape for an off leash dog park, with the shape of the park reducing any risk of dogs running onto the road. I whole heartedly support the park being officially off-leash. It is already used this way informally. Thanks.
147	I would love to see this otherwise unused park for dogs to safely play in. It could be nice to also add a small fenced area with picnic benches off the playground for children’s parties .
148	The current dog community at Muraborah has been amazing. We moved to the area around two years ago, have met many people who have become friends.
149	Good idea. Already in partial use for this purpose .
150	What about the promised dog beach within Randwick Council? That would be much needed too and there are many suitable options. The middle part of Maroubra Beach, between South Maroubra and Maroubra Beach would be great - at least for some of the day.
151	So many dog owners unaware of their dog potential reactions / actions - All I keep hearing is "Oh my dog is friendly and won't hurt a fly" when you CAN NOT predict what a dog may do. It is so dangerous and irresponsible to allow off-leash when kids are around . I can't support this proposal.
152	There is a more suitable location, and people are “voting with their feet” regarding it. Byrne Reserve is where people with dogs congregate, every day. This is where people want to be with their dogs off leash. Not in some backlit park. People gravitate to the beach, and bring their beloved dogs with them. Not the other way around. We are already there, just build the fence at Byrne Reserve.
153	I support the dog park, but I think it is overkill to turn the entire Muraborah Reserve into off-leash. There are a lot of young kids use north part of the park - the Wride street side for sports and birthday parties; and a lot of local residents use that area for community get together. I think you should install fences near the playground area to make the southern part of the reserve to dog leash- free. Most do owners do the right thing but there are always exceptions - I don't want to see young children playing among dog poos (inevitable) or us picnic among dog poos.
154	I think a fenced in dog park would be a good idea. Utilising the flat area on wride street next to Bay Gardens. I used to live round the corner from the park and visited regularly with the children.

	Do you have any other comments?
155	Dog owners leave poo and mess, and the council does not sufficiently patrol this behaviour. It makes the area unsafe for my young kids with unleashed dogs fighting and running near them. They have been bitten in another park and now don't feel safe with unleashed dogs nearby.
156	This is more than just a dog park. This is the most welcoming community of people I've ever come across. When we first moved to the area - dozens of dog owners welcomed us to the park, invited us to dog play dates and even Christmas drinks. Everyone knows everyone and their dog. We look after each others families and each others pets. It's the most beautiful safe community and it's what makes Maroubra so special. It would be so devastating to disallow such a vibrant and harmonious meeting spot for pets and their owners. Every single pet owner is respectful and genuinely has the best interest of the community at heart. And for many who have family that travel often or don't have a family - meeting daily at this dog park is the best part of the day and their only way to feel connected.
157	Our senior dog died at the beginning of the year. We will be getting another dog. If you make this space off leash you must have signs about acceptable behaviour. People think off leash is a free for all, regardless of whether the dog is aggressive or under control. People are very irresponsible.
158	Give us a beach!!!
159	It should be timed or fenced so people with no dogs can also enjoy the park without issues. Specially those with kids.
160	There has always been a dog bag dispenser at the south entrance, I always thought it was a dog park. Council installed a bubbler with dog bowl and a bin with bag dispenser. Perfect !
161	I am very interested in having an off leash dog park in the area that is completely fenced. There are no options like this nearby currently.
162	I know a few of my neighbours already visit that area every afternoon from 5pm onwards with their dogs, they tell me not many people besides the dog owners are there that time so it makes sense to have an off leash dog park there
163	There are not enough off leash dog park areas in the Eastern Suburbs close to medium residential developments when you look at the number of dog owners. Currently have to drive to a dog park as there is none within walking distance. Randwick parks should be equipped with dog bag dispensers and water fountains for dogs.
164	Please make part of Yarra Beach off leash and dog friendly! Dogs and humans love to walk on a beach and one small part at the end would still allow other people to have a dog free part of the beach. It would be so good to have a beach option in Randwick LGA.
165	This would be a great park to have as an off leash park. when I go there to walk my dog on-lead through the park to Maroubra Beach to get a coffee. I do not usually see any other users of the park other than dog walkers or occasionally children in the play area. I have only once seen a group of people in the community garden. Both the garden and playground area is gated and enclosed - so away from dogs. if it became an off- leash park. the park would need to be fenced and gated for dog safety and also for those who are scared of dogs.
166	This is an amazing park with a terrific existing dog owner community. There are no other fenced off leash dog parks in the area that are safe. This park being off leash will service an outdated need for a large portion of the local community.
167	It's a great support and joy to the dog owning community in the area, no one else seems to use the park. If they do dog owners are easily able to move to the other section. The offleash dog park I can walk to is unsafe - not fenced, narrow, busy roads.

	Do you have any other comments?
168	I would visit this park if/when I own a dog. I support my friends who own dogs that need another park for off-leash exercise. This park is perfect for this.
169	IMO, there are enough areas for dog owners to exercise their dogs already. The park is very close to MBPS is is frequented by children. It would greatly detract from their enjoyment of the park if there were dogs running around. Most dogs are well trained and well looked after. However, there are dogs which do not interact well with children, which can be a negative if not traumatic experience for (small) children. Also, increasingly in Maroubra it seems a habit of dog owners to not pick up after their dogs. The children of Maroubra should not be subjected to dogs running around and pooing in an area which is currently a safe place to gather and play.
170	There is plenty of space to share with all
171	I appreciate the need for an off-leash area and think it is a good idea for dogs, but I question if you need it to be all of the park area apart from the playground and garden. There is a lot of free playing and skills development/training, especially boys with footballs. You don't want a situation where dogs are chasing balls or interfering in children/youths playing. Perhaps it could be restricted in area or time, such as early morning and late afternoon.
172	The number of (already unleashed) dogs here has basically rendered the park useless for other activities. Dog owners are busy chatting and the park is full of poo and holes, and dogs that chase you. It's a real issue. To keep it fair, if you must make it off leash can I suggest you split the reserve by a fence in two, with the bottom park for dogs, and the top park (which is more even) for exercising and kids to play.
173	Off lease parks are essential for dog owners. The problems are dogs not under control and people who don't pick up the poo; (both of which are increased by commercial dog walkers who can over run an area). These are illegal and occur irrespectively of the location being designated off lead or not. An irresponsible owner is usually irresponsible at all time, park, off lease park or street. There are some people who are frightened of dogs. Their irrational phobias should not be allowed to dominate. Equally, perhaps Council should better enforce out of control dogs and their owners.
174	The other off leash park Broadarrow reserve has no fences and is now being used for regular markets and other events. Muraborah is a much safer space and has a great local community. It is an ideal space for young pups to be properly socialised so as to learn correct behaviours.
175	It's the most obvious place in the area for an off leash park. Especially considering the current off leash park is used by the new markets, used for a car park when carnivals are on the beach and it has no fence.
176	We either walk (if weather and time permit) or drive to the Reserve. We have owned dogs for many years, our extended family currently are dog owners, we frequently look after a dog and consider ourselves dog lovers and, at the same time, do not support dogs off-leash at the Reserve.
177	We need more areas for dogs to swim. Please open up areas at early mornings and afternoons for dogs to go near the water and swim
178	I support the [proposal on the condition that any area for dogs must be fenced-off / fully enclosed
179	There are a lot of dogs living in the area. Muraborah reserve is close to a school and playground so there are plenty of kids about. Off leash areas are ubiquitous, including around McKeon plaza, and Broadarrow reserve and Arthur Byrne reserves. They are not gated. I have had my cat mauled and killed in 2013 by an off-leash dog walking along the nearby streets and that is

	Do you have any other comments?
	something I won't ever forget. Nobody (i.e. rangers) ever seem to police off-leash dogs and it is unheard of for owners to be fined.
180	We just lost our 16 year dog recently & always walked her down at the park .. we will get another dog down the track and would love for the park to be off leash
181	There's always a possibility that dogs will attack, and when small children are their target there can be devastating consequences as they have no defence. A restricted time could be put in place and enforced by Rangers. I find that most dog owners are under the impression that their pets are harmless.
182	This reserve has become a fantastic community of people who all support eachother. Fundamentally it's what communities are meant to do. There are many families with a lot of kids, lots of dogs and all looking out for one another. We are respectful of eachother. We help eachother. We walk each others dogs if need be. It's a thriving community of maybe 70 families and house holds. We are friendly and welcoming and look forward to the growth of this community by making it an off lead park.
183	Already sufficient dog friendly parks here .
184	It is such a lovely park to connect with the Maroubra community! Most people from our neighbourhood I know because of seeing each other at the park with our dogs!
185	Maroubra really needs off leash dog park. This is a perfect sport for it. Its location and facilities would accommodate dogs and people perfectly without disturbing anyone. With so many dogs living in Maroubra we really need place for them and all of us dog lovers to go. Many families including mine bring kids to the park. They love it and are growing up loving animals and learning how best to relate to them
186	It is essential to provide more areas for dogs to run off their leads. A tired happy dog is less likely to bark all day and irritate the neighbors.
187	In my experience the park has become increasingly unusable for anyone but dog owners. This includes families with young children playing ball games, people using the cricket nets etc. Dog owners do not seem to play with the dogs or in many cases even monitor what their dogs are doing. This means that any attempts to play frisbee or balls games with small children is frustrated by interruptions from dogs. This is also the case with trying to use the cricket nets. The other issue is that dogs have been digging up the ground so you risk hurting yourself and of course some owners are not picking up after the dogs. This is why over the past 5 years less and less families use the area for ball games. They are interrupted too often it becomes unworkable. I am all for having a specific fenced off area for dog owners - maybe down the bottom near the garden. In my experience, there are too many owners who are not acting in a responsible way and appreciating it is a shared area. It has to however be fully fenced off.
188	Off lead park is a no brainer with the amount of dogs living in small apartments with no yard.
189	This is a wonderful community hub for dog owners to exercise their dogs and for owners to come together. I like that it's a shared space, often with kids playing sport or others coming to meet and play with the dogs. We all coexist beautifully, everyone looks out for each other.
190	Many people are uncomfortable around dogs and should not be subjected to being around unleashed dogs. My mother tore her ACL in response to being frightened by an unleashed dog. Many people do not want to have dogs jump on them, lick them, or sniff them. Having an unleashed dog increases the chances of personal space being invaded.
191	This area is perfect for me off leash dog walking it's safe & fenced. It's however is and has always been unsuitable for children play fields as has uneven ground and a bog hole which has been there over 30 yrs

	Do you have any other comments?
192	The housing commission have sone extremely aggressive dogs of which have attacked residents. This is off Fitzgerald avenue as an example. Yet nothing is done. These dogs frequent this proposed off leash park. Nothing is done to protect the community.
193	We desperately need dog parks in the area
194	This is a perfect space to exercise dogs as it is mostly fenced off from the road. It is a much safer option than the existing off leash dog park on Mons & Fitzgerald Avenue
195	About time.
196	There are way too many dogs in Maroubra. I have witnessed a dog attack outside my house on marine parade. All dogs should be on leases at all times. Thank you
197	Why not make other parks dog friendly between given hours e.g. 6pm to 9 am daily
198	We do look after dogs for friends when they are on holidays.
199	This is an excellent proposal for a large section of the community. And those new trees look fabulous!
200	It is a fantastic park, it is enclosed so the dogs are unable to run directly onto a main road. There are no dog parks in this area, that are As safe as this one. The one near the beach is used as a car park or for the markets.
201	This is already a de facto dog park but the lack of completely secure fencing means it is not suitable for all dogs and their owners. I have said I use the park currently but really I only walk past it with my dog on a leash - if it was properly fenced and gated I would use it. .
202	There are no nearby fenced dog parks accessible via walking (all require driving) so Maroubra is in significant need for an off leash area. We haven't been able to use the park given its off leash but would definitely use it if able (and safe for our dog)
203	There is a really lovely community of dogowners using the park, it would be great to have it made official. I think the human and dog socialising aspects are important here for the wellbeing of all concerned. I don't see too many non dog owners using the park apart from the kids play area which is quite separate and can be safely accessed well away from dogs.
204	This is an excellent central area for off lead dog play area.
205	This is a great park when I visit and see dogs it's a nice dog friendly community
206	Maroubra has such a vibrant, diverse community, with a deep sense of community spirit. Muraborah park has become a haven for dog lovers, a place to meet and foster new friendships, not only for people, but furry friends alike. Isolation is now a very concerning problem for people living in big cities, and if a dog park can help bring people together, to build new connections with each other, I think it's a huge win. The park, if turned into an off leash area, would really benefit from a new fence and secure gates, similar to what has been erected around The Garden.
207	I am not opposed to dogs going off leash however dog owners should be strongly encouraged not to take their dogs into the children's playground. This happens because there is no garbage bin in the dog reserve and so dog owners enter the playground to dispose of dog droppings. This is a safety risk for children in the playground. A garbage bin needs to be installed in the dog reserve before allowing dogs off leash.
208	This is a great idea. This is a much safer area for dogs than the other dog park near the beach, which is not properly fenced in, and near major roads. Thanks for considering making this happen, it will be such an uplift to our community.

	Do you have any other comments?
209	I believe dogs should be able to run around off leash to exercise and mingle with other dogs.
210	There are no safe off leash dog parks in the area. This is the perfect place as it is contained, the playground and community garden are fenced. I would not let my dog off lead at broadarrow reserve, which is the only walkable to off lead park it is to close to the main roads and most dog owners I have spoken to feel the same way.
211	Please install perimeter wide fencing so dogs cannot escape onto the road. The park is nearly fully fenced but there are areas where it is not fenced. This will result in optimal safety for park and road users.
212	I'm so confused as to why you are seeking community input.. never once have I been asked if I want more kids playground$. Your current dog parks are in dodgy locations without suitable fencing. What's going on with Yarra off leash dog beach - it was approved for a trial as of April 2023. ?????
213	I walk my aged mothers dog
214	I also find that it brings people in the community together to talk. I've met many people with their dogs and did during Covid. It was a lifeline of connection for those living alone.
215	It is important to the community to have an area where dogs can be exercised in safety. An enclosed dog exercise park would be a welcome addition to gog facilities in Maroubra
216	Thanks - this would be great.
217	Brings a community together it's in a fenced area which is good for the dogs
218	If only people would stick to the relevant dog off-leash parks. People constantly exercise dogs in John Shaw park. There is never a ranger when you need one. Speaking to the dog owners in a civil, polite manner telling them the dog park is across the road only results in verbal abuse from the dog owner. When the dog owner realises you live near the park your property becomes a target for damage and dog poo attack from the dog owners. I'd like to see the number of dogs allowed in the entire council area limited. People should have to apply to own a dog like they own a car. This might sound extreme and I say this because I have encountered many angry, vindictive, sarcastic, patronising dog owners in the Maroubra beach area. Something needs to be done about the number of dogs. Dog owners don't have much comprehension of hygiene. Some of the sights at the cafes in McKeon street are proof to this. A few examples you can see dogs eating off plates on tables, people handling dogs and food at the same time. On the weekend it can be difficult to walk along the footpath in front of the shops without having to negotiate a wall of dogs to get past. The world has just come through a pandemic you would think people would have some regard for the spread of disease.
219	Dog parks are great socialising sots
220	I think it's a great space for dogs and dog owners to meet and improve community well being
221	When we first got our dog 5yrs ago this park was a leash free dog area, not sure why it changed.
222	Too many kids running around. Too many dangerous dogs. This is going to end in a disaster with a kid being mauled to death
223	I have concerns about being attacked by dogs off leash especially if owners don't have full control of their pets. I am concerned about children being attacked as this park is near a children's playground, primary school and community gardens. Even though they are enclosed dogs could attack people walking to and from their cars to any of the noted places. Some owners do not understand that some people have a genuine fear of dogs and being attacked brutally.

	Do you have any other comments?
224	Very safe environment for all with enclosed fencing
225	My daughter attends an extracurricular at the school near the park, and I once had my puppy with me at drop-off. I discovered a treasure trove of loving pet owners and dogs at this proposed location. Anyone can see this area is perfect for an off-leash option, and I support it wholeheartedly.
226	I have been bitten by an off-leash dog at Muraborah Reserve recently. Now finding it hard if a dog is running towards me, they are mostly playful, but it does make me feel uncomfortable and alert when walking through the park. There are also dog droppings and large holes throughout the park make it unsafe to walk through. I'm happy to support the initiative if we can create a separation (fencing) from upper and lower sections of the park. Lower section - to have dog runaround and having access to the water source. Upper section - provide space for young children, family or elderly people to play ball games, relaxing on the grass or exercise without the fear of their safety, or been disturbed by a playful dog charging at them. The park is for everyone to enjoy and relax, young and old, not just dogs.
227	I think this is a wonderful idea, and a long time coming. There is such a community there already and I think this is Council really listening to their community's wishes and I cannot wait to see this park become an official off-leash dog park.
228	Please it needs to be a leash free pasrk - it unoffically has been for many many years.. go at 430 and see the joy and group dog play. Even if local residents object - allowing for say 5-9am, and 4-7pm daily would be great..
229	This park is used by local kids for sport practice and play. It’s no appropriate to have dogs off leash here in this area.
230	I would recommend that the leash free park be fully fenced as it is surrounded by roads.
231	I live on McKeon st about 100 meters from the reserve. There is already a dog park less than 3 minutes walk away. Surely dog owners can use that one and don't need another one. When the park is full of dogs it makes it unavailable for ang other activities as when the dogs are off leash they cause balls or people making any other use of the space not an option . Last year I saw a dog get hit and killed on Duncan street when it ran from this park. The park and surrounding streets are already full of dog poo, if the dogs are off leash the owners will be even less likely to clean op after themselves. Owners who cannot control their dogs (which is alot) leads to an unsafe environment, and means the reserve will not be able to be used for any other amenities such as ball games or exercise.
232	Often walk my friends dog. He is friendly and so are the other dogs and dog owners. Great opportunity for dogs to exercise and a great community spirit ihas sprang up n
233	I would hope there would be a safe fence installed to protect the dogs
234	Please make sure the playground next to it is a dog free zone. Currently many dog owners use the playground as a shortcut or let there dogs in, which is not safe or hygienic for the kids using the playground (no signs exist staying dogs cannot come in)
235	I know there is wide community support from local ratepayers for timed dog access to be considered for the southern end of maroubra beach in the mornings and evenings. Can this please be put up for public discussion? I look forward to your response. thank you

	Do you have any other comments?
236	It would be better if Maroubra had an off-leash dog park with trails and water feature in it (creek, river or ocean), like Lurline Bay used to be.
237	Happy for dogs, they need to run around and socialise so that they won't bark at home
238	There are very few off leash parks in the area and this is a great place for dogs to run and socialise and safe due to enclosed children's playground and gardening area.
239	Yes! We need more off lead dog areas to exercise our dogs.
240	How about allowing off leash areas around Little Bay? The south of Randwick LGA as fewer off leash parks than the rest of the LGA
241	I would love somewhere to exercise my dog that is properly enclosed. None of the dog parks near me have that ability. It would be helpful to have even just one smaller enclosed area where people can expose their dogs to the idea of being off-lead around other dogs, with less risk that they run onto the road. Ours is getting older so we are more confident (he's a bit slower that he used to be!) but I wish we could have trained him in that kind of environment when he was younger. Also I don't believe anyone is ever in complete control of their dog when the dog is off lead... personally I'm very conservative with him and would appreciate that more constrained environment where it's easier to stay close to him (and likewise other dog owners could do the same).
242	I walk here with my friends and their dogs, and I think it is important and inclusive to create an off-leash dog park in Maroubra. Our canine family deserve space to run around and socialise. There is such little space to do this in a city, especially when many people are living in apartments with their dogs, that I genuinely believe it is necessary.
243	There is a thriving and respectful community of dog owners that have used the reserve for many years. This provides community connection, health and mental well-being for a diverse group of local residents and families. With research proving dog ownership leads to better health and well-being outcomes, supporting a dog off-leash park is vital for an area where there are few viable options that are safe and accessible for locals. For example, Broadarrow reserve is unsafe as it backs onto two busy roads, and it's is not available to use weekdays across large periods of the day where the primary school has access for play and meal times. With clear rules and boundaries (eg picking up dog mess and controlling pets), it makes perfect sense to support our community with important open space for our pets. Thank you for your consideration.
244	Responsible dog ownership in really important in Randwick, especially being so close to the beach and ensuring dog poo is not contaminating the water quality. more bins in the reserve is a good idea
245	It's so lovely to see all the dogs running around. Such a great community spirit there amongst the dog owners.
246	This would be the best park for off leash dogs. It is mainly fenced and away from traffic and not used as a sporting ground.
247	Need beaches for dogs too even if just for set times in the day
248	When I walk through the park dogs run up to wanting attention ie a pat. Sometimes they go so far as jumping up for attention. The dogs dig holes which their owners make no attempt to fill in. Some owners pick up the doggy doos with their green bags and then throw the bag away or hang it on the fence.
249	Would be better to make Yarra bay a dog beach or at least allow dogs in morning and evening
250	I've never seen anyone use this park except for walking dogs and it seems to work perfectly and there's enough space for everyone.

	Do you have any other comments?
251	I think there are many irresponsible dog owners and if it becomes off leash I definitely will not go there! There will be dog attacks
252	I live across the road from the park, dog owners already come together there and it's great for the community
253	We require more off leash parks, particularly fenced ones, in the Randwick LGA.
254	I think this is a great initiative. If I was to make any suggestions, we would love some fencing around the area. If possible it would be great to have a designated area for small dogs and an area for big dogs. I find that there are too many big aggressive dogs at other dog parks which deters us from going to them. Just a suggestion.
255	This is a local community "unofficial" dog park, we have had our dog for 5 years and it is a great place for dog and owners to meet. As it is fenced in it is a safe area for dogs. I would support a off leash dog park here all the time, but failinv that at certain times eg 6.30 am - 9.30 am and 3.30 pm - 6.30pm.
256	It's a great location and great set up!
257	Great idea. Randwick council needs more off leash parks like this that are not in busy roads and have sufficient fencing.
258	Only driving because child wouldn't want to walk too long
259	Great idea. We need more. And beach access.
260	It is a great location for an off leash dog park. Couldn't be more in agreement with this proposal. Maroubra dog owners need this space, and I believe it will reduce incidents of dogs off leash in other parks. It will give dog owners a safe space to exercise their dogs, as the current off leash park is surrounded by roads and not safe for puppies.
261	I think the fences need to be filled in to have gates and avoid dogs running out. This is such an amazing multi user space with the park and the nets and the garden. If space is still wanted/needed for non-dog activities it would be very easy to split the space in half and have half for dogs off leash. The current off leash dog park near the beach is completely useless and dangerous for dogs. It is also used for so many other things including the markets and parking that is is unfair on dog owners.
262	The current off lease dog park is bordered by 2 high traffic roads. It has no fence and on busy weekends it becomes a car park. Making Muraborah an off leash dog park is a no brainer
263	It is a perfect space for off leash exercise and play.
264	Will be getting another dog soon
265	Leash free parks should not be located near or around children. This park is close to a school and contains a playground. Council is not fining dog owners for walking dogs without a leash as it is.
266	Please keep this park for wildlife.
267	We don't currently have a dog but have had previously and will again. We have walked our dog in that park in the past.
268	Off leash dog parks should be fenced as I don't want to get attacked by a dog

	Do you have any other comments?
269	It's disappointing that Muraborah Reserve has been allowed to become a defacto dog park. It used to be a good place to take children to play but now there are too many dogs. There are no dog-free green spaces in the Maroubra Beach area that are free from off-leash dogs and dog poo, suitable for children to play. Making Muraborah Reserve an official dog park could provide an opportunity to remove dogs from other local parks such as John Shore Park, Arthur Byrne Reserve and Jack Vanny Reserve. In the last few months my kids have been chased by dogs in John Shore Park on two occasions. My son was also chased on the beach, and I was charged by a dog on Maroubra Road. It seems that there has been a huge rise in dog ownership in the last few years and a huge rise in scary and potentially dangerous incidents. There has long been a problem with dog fouling in the Maroubra area but this has become worse in the last couple of years. The promenade at the beach usually has several dog poo splotches at any given time, and the surrounding streets are often befouled too. The grass areas are worse, Jack Vanny Reserve is particularly bad and so is the adjacent clifftop. The residents living around John Shore Park whose gates open onto the park treat it as a convenient toilet for their dogs. If council approves the dog park in Muraborah Reserve it should be on the basis that dogs are prohibited completely from the other green spaces in the area, and the prohibition is enforced diligently by council rangers. (These spaces already require dogs to be on a leash and owners to pick up after their dogs, and it does not work.) Council should also ensure and strictly enforce that dog owners using the dog park keep their dogs on a lead when going to and from the park, and that they do not foul the footpaths and streets around the park. The park should also be fenced off with gates, so that dogs are retained in the park. (One user of the park lets his dog tear around in a loop through the park and along the footpath on Wride Street, and to hell with anyone using the footpath.) The council should improve the fence between Maroubra Bay Primary School and the dog park. I understand that small dogs can and do enter the school field through the fence. Council should remove the gate from the Purple Playground into the dog park to prevent owners and dogs transiting through the playground to access the dog park.
270	Allow more off leash dogs on beaches - even if its only at certain times - similar to what they do in Tassie. The south end of maroubra beach or yarra bay would be good options
271	Thank you for your consideration.
272	There needs to be more off leash opportunities for dogs and they should be allowed on public transport
273	I would like to see part of the area 'off leash' but I would also like to see more enclosed areas that people can take reactive, stressed or frightened dogs and know that they are secure but also able to run around freely. There are far too many irresponsible dog owners in the area, and they just do not care about other people's dogs. It is really limited to where I can take my dog who cannot be off a leash and even in those areas where i can take him people still have their dogs doing whatever they want with complete disregard for other peoples dogs. I would love several secure areas off leash that all dogs could use.

	Do you have any other comments?
274	Terrific idea, I have been asking this question for 2 years now. A lot of dogs need the safety of an enclosure that is safe and secure. Not all dogs have 100% recall and so can be very dangerous to be off lead in busy streets and parks. Hopefully this is a winning idea and we could get a few more securely fenced spots, we don't need a whole football field, just a decent spot to get a free run in. Please consider making a 50/50 split, small dogs side, big dogs side.
275	This area is already used as an off leash park because it is fenced and so much safer for dogs. I wish there was a fine for people who don't pick up their dog's poop!! that is more offensive than having a dog off-leash around the streets on footpaths!!
276	Highly support this, even during certain hours in the morning and evening.
277	Having a god off the leash park is important.
278	It makes no sense this isn't already an off leash dog park
279	Great idea. Location and topography of the park is such that it's not a great location for picnics, and of limited use for ball sports or other active recreation. The park is already fenced, which makes it safer than other nearby dog parks like Broadarrow Reserve. The existing playground and community garden are fenced off, and so there is less risk of conflict of use, unlike Broadarrow which is used by the adjacent school every school day, is used for the new markets every first Sunday, and is a carpark on summer weekends. Formalisation of the dog park would regularise an existing situation, and ensure ongoing active use of the park, which absent the dogs (and excepting the playground, cricket nets and community garden) would be little more than a thoroughfare.
280	I was bitten recently by a dog in the off leash section of Pioneers Park. It was a traumatic experience which required tetanus, antibiotics and medical treatment. Please don't prioritise dog walkers over people just wanting to enjoy the park in peace.
281	The park is ideal for dogs & their owners to socialise. The dog owners that currently use the park are responsible with their dogs including picking up the dog poo. Dogs need some freedom off leash to be able to continue to interact postively with other dogs.
282	Maroubra is a great suburb for dogs and dog owners. I've met lots of people in dog parks- official and unofficial, and it's a big part of why I love living here
283	I think this is a great idea. I also had two other recommendations: 1. Install waste bags at Chifley Park. It's a great spot to exercise dogs and plenty of people do, however there are no poo bags available like at many other parks. 2. Make Maroubra Beach dog friendly between certain hours, like Wanda down at Cronulla.
284	Dogs should be on a leash at all times
285	Please assign a dog friendly beach in Randwick LGA, even if only for a part of the day or year. All LGAs around Randwick do have dog friendly beaches however Randwick with the most beaches in its boundaries does not.
286	I have had a. more than 1 dog attack me while I have been doing my walk/run They have NOT been on a leash and when I contacted the council they said I had to wait for the dog to bite me. While some dog owners are responsible some are NOT. I would only support dogs off-leash if the council were more diligent in supervising dogs off-leash areas. There are too many dogs and too many irresponsible owners. Maybe owners should be required to get an off-leash certificate training and/or need to be fined when they are irresponsible. A dog has severely attacked my friend and she is extremely fearful of dogs. Owners think their pet is friendly. Well, when they are looking after their owners THEY ARE NOT.

	Do you have any other comments?
287	A dog agility course would be really good in the park and even a fenced in section in non off leash parks to run around in like Heffron maybe
288	I plan on buying a dog soon and would love a local off leash park.
289	If the park is made a dog off leash area it should be ensured that the fence is continuous - ie the existing external fence has at least 3 areas that will need to be closed / converted to a gate.
290	This is a great idea that supports an existing community of local dog owners and makes use of a not particularly great bit of parkland. Not only is it important for the dogs to get a good run in, particularly as more and more apartments are being built, but it's a great way to meet people and socialise the dogs. Noting the improvements mentioned, my only additional point would be lighting (walking in winter after work) and fixing the entry on Duncan Street so that it is safer.
291	Many petitions have been put in to make this an off leash park. Glad it's finally considered
292	We believe the park is that big, you can create two zones. One for dogs off-leash and no dogs/on-leash. No dogs/on-leash at top field - put a fence on the slope hill and dogs off-leash in bottom section (or vise versa). It's a win - win situation
293	I do think it is a great idea for off-leash parks but right now it needs to have all the bindi removes as it does hurt the dogs paws.
294	A time shared dog friendly trial at Yarra bay- where dogs welcome early morning and evenings
295	There should be alot more off lease dog parks , and certain times the dogs can go down to the beach for a swim , only country in the world , that I have been to that are sooo dog restricted.
296	Muraborah Reserve is already used by many dog owning families creating a close knit community of people who know each others' names and offer friendship and support - to me, these social connections are just as important as the dogs who connect us. It would be a terrible shame to lose this community if the park does not become off-leash: we bought our home in Maroubra six years ago and thanks to the dog park I now know many other people in the area.
297	Could we please have more park access for people, rather than dogs. Perhaps improve the cricket nets in Muraborah Reserve. Also, could we please have dogs on leash in Maroubra generally, I was chased by a Husky the other week, not under control of the owner, who subsequently blamed me for running. There is also a lot of dog waste not picked up in Maroubra, is there a way to have greater ranger monitoring.
298	These days dogs are important family members. They need to be socialised to reduce the likelihood of issues. There are not many off leash areas and even less fenced off leash areas. Dogs get spooked by some noises. Off leash areas need to be safe for them to play in so they need to be fenced. Ideally two zones..one for smaller dogs and one for larger dogs to ensure they are safe when playing. These areas need to be patrolled by rangers to ensure safety and protection for dogs and owners.
299	The park is very big so there should be an area (eg the top part near wride st) which should be dog free. that way everyone can enjoy the park without necessarily being bothered by dogs. Also some dogs dig big holes which are dangerous trip hazards, and still there is faeces all around the park. Dog owners need to be responsible to cleanup after their dogs and not let them dig. And general public needs an area away from the dogs, holes and faeces if they want.
300	Love this idea as the other off leash area in broad arrow has no water for dogs and often the kids from the school are playing there through the day or for sport and you have to go right down the end near the road. Muraborah is decently fenced and away from the road and also already had the water fountain installed and everyone already takes their dogs there anyway so it makes sense to just make it off leash and get a proper bin so the kids park bin doesn't reek of dog poo constantly!

	Do you have any other comments?
301	If you don't have space in your yard for a dog then don't get one an inconvenience other people. Dog owners should have to get a licence to own one as most are ignorant of dog behaviour.
302	I have been walking my dogs here for 20 years. The only thing better than this amazing fenced park is the beautiful community of people that have come together - brought together by our dogs. Making this park off-leash is not just for our four legged family members but for fostering a greater sense of community in our area by bringing like minded people together. After the community garden and weekend markets, I believe this is the next step in creating a greater sense of community within our area. Anecdotally- I struggled with mental health for a few months and walking my dogs to the park and chatting to all the beautiful people there got me through a tough time. This is about more than just an off-leash park - it's about creating inclusive spaces for connecting with others.
303	It's a safe environment for dogs and their owner to walk as it's fenced off from cars and fast moving vehicles.
304	I REGULARLY MIND A DOG - AND WHEN I DO i GO TO THE RESERVE - IT IS PERFECT FOR DOGS - SECURED, WIDE OPEN FOR RUNNING AND TWO SECTIONS TOP AND BOTTOM SO IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A DOG WHO WANTS TO SOCIALISE THEY CAN REMAIN IN A SEPARATE SECTION. I FIND THE OTHER DOG OWNERS VERY RESPONSIBLE WITH REGARDS TO WASTE AND THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOMING. I FIND I LOOK FORWARD TO WALKING THERE FROM A WELLBEING PERSPECTIVE FOR MYSELF AND THE DOGS - COMMEND THE PROPOSED ACTION HIGHLY
305	This park has been used unofficially as a dog park for many years because a) it is almost entirely fenced while the official dog park located nearby is dangerous and not appropriate (used by school kids on weekdays as well as for events and parking on weekends); and b) it's almost always empty, except a few cricketers at the nets (many people do use the enclosed and separated playground and the vegetable garden though). Thus the park should be a shared space for all community members, including the many who own dogs and want to have an appropriate space.
306	Having an off lead dog park there is a vital community connection.
307	The social benefits and community connection provided by dog parks is overwhelmingly positive. This site is ideal.
308	I personally do not like dogs being off leash due to risk of attacks with unresponsible owners, however my understanding is that if there was more supply of official off leash areas, people would not unleash their dogs in unofficial areas as much
309	There is one dog park in the area that is surrounded by main roads and is dangerous. Randwick council has 11 waterways and none are dog friendly. There is zero amenity for dog owners and you instead rely on spaces set up by more thoughtful neighbouring councils. The fact this had to go to a survey is ridiculous. It's a dog park and should be off leash
310	The brochure notes the park is being used "informally" as off-leash. The correct term is "illegally". This shows the attitude of council to dog owners. Illegal activity should not be rewarded. If the police took the same friendly approach to motorists our roads would be anarchic. All parks now seem to be informal off-leash areas because there is NO enforcement, so there is no park in Maroubra where I can take my grandsons to kick a ball. I object to my rights being usurped in this way. The same applies to Mahon Pool, Little Bay beach, Maroubra Beach. The whole park should not be off-lease. It would be incredibly cheap and easy to fence from Wride St to the cricket nets (2m) then across to the corner of the school. This would leave the southern part for non-dog-owners, who after all are still in the majority. Once this change is in place (of course it will go ahead!) the non-off-leash areas MUST be enforced.

	Do you have any other comments?
311	I think there should be more dog parks where they can run off leash. If there is significant opposition to the dog park proposal I think the Council could consider making half of the park into a fenced off dog park and retaining half for the playground etc to keep kids separate from dogs (that seems to be the main argument against it that I have heard).
312	I made the decision to get a dog after living alone during Covid (2019-2022) I live alone & did not have any animals living with me at the time and even though I am ok in my own company I was feeling completely isolated and lonely. All my friends were far away & my pets were not with me. After serious consideration got a dog in November 2022 and started socialising him at Muraborah park Nov22. I have to say I've never met as many people in 2ish years than all the years I've lived in Maroubra. I've also made some lovely new friends which is not easy at my age (48). My mobility is more limited these days and living across from the park is amazing for me & my dog who is ball obsessed. Can't chase balls on a leash. We go to the park at least once a day. And when I can't do walks due to pain etc. we go to the park. Great for both of us as we also go to catch up with our doggie & human friends several times a week. It's a wonderful community.
313	I think that it is a really great idea to make this park an official dog park considering that the current one has no proper fencing and is surrounded by busy roads. Dogs can easy get out and this can lead to tragedy. Also the maroubra markets are held every first Sunday of the month in which the dog park is closed on Saturday and Sunday for set up and pack up.
314	This is so important to support the dog owners of Maroubra . Currently we do not have enough off leash areas .
315	Years ago people used to occasionally let their dogs run unleashed in Muraborah Reserve, but since the pandemic the number of dogs in this park has exploded. All of them are unleashed. This has created a lot of issues for local residents with noise and safety! (Some people even let their dogs run at 6am on a Sunday morning - waking up everyone around them.) In addition to that, Muraborah Reserve has now become difficult to use by anyone else because unleashed dogs will be all over you once you enter the park. Noting that not everyone feels safe and comfortable being surrounded by dogs. I believe the rangers have assessed the situation and their report suggest that the park remain a leashed one and that the dog owners remain 10m away from the childrens play area, not to mention the maroubra bay high school adjacent to the park. Fencing: Broadarrow Reserve, the local dog park, is 300m or 4min walk away. Why create a new dog park instead of improving the existing one? Especially if the results could affect large numbers of residents quality of life detrimentally when upgrading the existing one will serve all. According to local dog owners the reason they prefer Muraborah Reserve is the existing fence. They find Broadarrow Reserve unsafe, as their dogs could run out onto the street and get run over by cars. Thus upgrading the existing park with a fence and water would suffice. Noise: Broadarrow Reserve is mostly surrounded by open space, while Muraborah directly fronts residential units on four out of five sides – most of which have their bedrooms facing the park. Increased noise from dogs will have a direct negative impact on the local residents around Muraborah Reserve, but not in Broadarrow Reserve. The rangers opening hours do not include early morning nor late in the afternoon when the majority of dog owners are using the park and thus the out of hours phone service is not

	Do you have any other comments?
	enforced nor the data and pictures obtained to asess the situation correct as they do not account for times of major use. Instead of creating a new dog park in the middle of a residential area, please consider the installation of a fence around Broadarrow Reserve instead. And maybe use Community Consultation to find out if local dog owners have any other things they need to make this existing dog park safe, user friendly and inviting for the local pooch community. Thank you.
316	There need to be more options for safety, responsibility and legally exercising dogs in this area, ideally with fencing. Most existing options have roads as boundaries, which is quite dangerous and limits use.
317	I have used Broadarrow reserve 8 out of the last 10 days and every day there have been other things happening preventing a large part of it being used for dogs.
318	It is already used as an off-leash dog park and the current users have no regard for any rules to the contrary. Unless the Council is prepared to enforce the rules; they will be ignored (as previous recent experience proves). I would like to see a portion of the park - especially a walk through to the play-ground and around the cricket nets - fenced off so kids can play safely/walk safely through the park. Dogs are unpredictable animals and can easily be spooked/provoked. Also, a number of current users do not pick up dog deposits; and are happy to have dogs off leash when walking to/from park or as dogs are let out of cars etc. This is a hazard for traffic and pedestrians and should be considered. Dogs off leash are common practice on pavements/the beach-front etc and I think should not be tolerated/rules better enforced. I live on Wride Street - 1 min walk from the reserve and walk around it almost every day.
319	I live right across the road from the park and it's actually insane the amount of dogs and owners who gather there at times. It's right next to the kids playground and they use the kids playground to cut across and the dogs are off the leashes most of the time where they run up to my kids and scare them. I loved using that park with my children to run and have casual gatherings and now that is impossible because of the amount of dogs there. Not to mention, the grass is bare and gone and there are ditches and holes and twice my son has fallen in a hidden dug out hole and hurt his ankle. I had reported this to council previously but nothing was done. Some leave poo around as well that I have stepped in when playing with my kids there too. I k is the brief said that it wouldn't only be a dog park. But I honestly do not believe that. You can't use it for anything else with all those dogs there, ditches and poo.
320	Dogs leave their poo everywhere, and are very loud. My house backs onto the reserve, and dogs often chase me and run into my backyard. This park should not be a dog off leash area
321	Ideal location for local dog owners to have off leash available, as next closest park is Coral Sea which is a hike especially when hot in summer. Would love it if there was scope to have time-restricted off-leash area at North Maroubra beach?

	Do you have any other comments?
322	There is a dog park at Broad arrow, which is just a few blocks away. The dog owners have requested a fence around Broadarrow. I consider fencing broadarrow a better option than making muraborah reserve another dog park. Having two large parks in close proximity dedicated to dog owners is unfair to other residents who would like to also use these areas for recreation, e.g. for kids to kick a ball around. Murabora reserve used to be available to the WHOLE community for recreation and exercise: Kicking a ball, using the tennis nets (before they came into disrepair) or sitting and enjoying the quiet and birds. This proposal penalising people without dogs who also need green space for leisure and recreation. Situated between a playground and primary school, it is an inappropriate space for off leash dogs. Residents should be able to walk across the park with kids safely. I have already seen people with their dogs off leash in the play ground. Making muraborah reserve an off-leash dog park will not solve the problem of dogs being off leash in inappropriate places. At the core of this problem is contempt and entitlement. The culprits are a small minority who are aware that there will be no consequence. We need leadership from council to confront this issue. Trying to appease demands of a small group making loud complaints and bullying on social media is not the solution. There are always off dogs off leash at south maroubra along the fire trail and in the bushes adjacent to the beach, even on the beach. council need to do more to address this issue, ie issue fines. Making muraborah reserve off leash dog park will not solve these issues.
323	I get it, there a lots of people with dogs and they should have somewhere to exercise their pets. However it seems that every green space and Maroubra beach is used for off leash exercise. I do not want to see "We've heard from some current users that the reserve is already informally used for exercising dogs." being used as a justification to declaring off leash areas. I want to be able to use the beach, the promenade, Jack Vanny reserve and Arthur Byrne reserve without being accosted by dogs. You also might think that "Making a park off-leash for dogs does not make the park an exclusive dog park. Randwick Council's approach is to ensure our off-leash dog parks can also be shared by others for general recreation." but that is not so. When I have asked people on Trennery Reserve to call their dog as I walk along the cliff top on Trennery Reserve, I get short shrift, likewise Broadarrow reserve and even on Arthur Byrne reserve. It would be good if council enforced these regulations. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.
324	I would like to suggest that the top area remain on-leash so that the children in the area can play freely. Not only are some of the bigger dogs bigger than my kids and therefore intimidating when off-leash, but the animal waste left is a constant issue for recreational uses. I live in Bay Gardens and my house backs onto the reserve. My children are constantly out in the park playing and then bringing in dog poo into my house. The area at the top is also flatter with less bumps so much better for ball games. I do want to re-iterate that I am all for the off leash area being in the lower part of the park where the terrain is less flat and has access to the water bubbler.
325	its great to have areas where dogs can be exercised off leash

	Do you have any other comments?
326	I would like to suggest that a smaller area is fenced for off leash dogs, to keep the dogs away from the houses that back onto the reserve and also away from the cricket nets. For example, fence the southern section, which is away from residences and the nets. Dogs running into the net area creates problems for users - the dogs could get hit, and we have had dogs take the ball before. My dog has run out of the park before and been hit by a car, so I support a fully enclosed area for their safety, but I don't think it needs to cover the whole park. Fencing a smaller area would allow other park users to continue to play soccer and picnic without dogs intruding. Lots of families use the park for lots of uses. Allowing dogs off leash across the whole area would have a big impact on other users.
327	That would affect everyone who goes with their kids and have picnics, etc. which is the beauty of the area
328	I visit a friend who lives across from the park area. i have seen dogs chase and attack birds in this park. This is more likely to happen when the owners are watching what their dogs are doing. I
329	Muraborah Park would be an ideal off-leash park as it is almost fully fenced and offers a great space for dogs to exercise and socialise with other dogs. The support and camaraderie between to current users of the park is something we should encourage in our community.
330	This park is so fantastic for dogs and owners - many of us meet here regularly with our dogs and children to catch up, exercise our kids and dogs and generally delight in our community. It's a great antidote to social isolation and is a very welcoming and inclusive space. Thank you Randwick Council for being so responsive to the wishes of this local dog-loving community.
331	I have been an avid user of this park for the past 9 years and totally support an unleashed dog park. Fence is already here. We have been asking for this for a long time
332	Between the market garden and school should be a fenced dog play area. This would move dogs to a safe area that is away from playground, away from the flat area above cricket nets used for ball sport and furtherest point from surrounding residents. Fencing this undulating area for safe dog play would be the best use for the general community good. The area is not suitable for any other purpose.
333	Years ago people used to occasionally let their dogs run unleashed in Muraborah Reserve, but since the pandemic the number of dogs in this park has exploded. All of them are unleashed. This has created a lot of issues for local residents with noise! (Some people even let their dogs run at 6am on a Sunday morning - waking up everyone around them.) In addition to that, Muraborah Reserve has now become difficult to use by anyone else because unleashed dogs will be all over you once you enter the park. Noting that not everyone feels safe and comfortable being surrounded by dogs. Fencing: Broadarrow Reserve, the local dog park, is 300m or 4min walk away. Why create a new dog park instead of improving the existing one? According to local dog owners the reason they prefer Muraborah Reserve is the existing fence. They find Broadarrow Reserve unsafe, as their dogs could run out onto the street and get run over by cars. Noise: Broadarrow Reserve is mostly surrounded by open space, while Muraborah directly fronts residential units on four out of five sides – most of which have their bedrooms facing the park. Increased noise from dogs will have a direct negative impact on the local residents around Muraborah Reserve, but not in Broadarrow Reserve. Instead of creating a new dog park in the middle of a residential area, please consider the installation of a fence around Broadarrow Reserve instead. And maybe use Community

	Do you have any other comments?
	Consultation to find out if local dog owners have any other things they need to make this existing dog park safe, user friendly and inviting for the local pooch community. Thank you.
334	I have been concerned about the campaign to change this park to an off-leash park. The council advertising noted that people use it informally as a leash free dog park. It is actually illegal to have the dogs off their lead. If you take this attitude and reward people for doing illegal and unsociable things, where will it end up ...e.g. dogs on the beach... its ok because now people do it informally anyway and so the rules will continue to slide. When the sign was put up at the entrance regarding it being an on-lead park someone within two days defaced the sign. That is the sort of mentality of some of the irresponsible dog owners. Responsible owners i feel sorry for. we already pay for the poo bags through our rates and to have to pay for damages council signs is unfair. there has already been a decision about this park recently why again do we have to go through this process when it was decided against so recently. There are too many competing uses at the park for this to be leash free. At the moment I cannot walk from the playground into the community nursery in safety because of the ill-considered placement of the water tap and fountain. I don't like the design of those dual-purpose fountains. Unfortunately, some owners don't supervise their dogs and they drink out of the bubblers. I can't walk my grandchildren through the park without having to ask people to hold their dogs so they don't jump on the children or myself. Many of the dogs bound up at you and they are not under control. If I was to get knocked over I would get hurt, which means I can't enjoy my walks anymore because I am anxious about the dogs not being under control. There are many holes in the park now dug up by the dogs. Unsafe to play or run in the park in case you go down a ditch. The dogs have been digging under the fences and the school has had to put timber along the fence to stop them from coming in. There is a lot of Poo and urine in the park, if only it was picked up. Frequently the poo is dumped in the Childrens playground bin and it stinks and brings flies and disease. Sometimes the dog owners bring their dogs through the playground with their dog off leash. I appreciate that the council put a new bin at the Wride street area with a dog bag dispenser. Now frequently people have 2 and 3 dogs on a lead not just one. Makes for it difficult to pass people on the footpath on the way to the park. Often they release the dogs well before the park and the dogs rush at you to get there. I would have a different view about this proposal if I felt responsible dog ownership was the norm, however it is not. It's hard to ask to many owners to restrain their dog as dog owners seem to believe that they have all the rights and are quite vocal and intimidatory at times. It is now extremely unpleasant in Mckeon St which is adjacent to this park. Dogs are all over the walkways their leads often tied to chairs becoming trip hazards, urinating and marking the street furniture like they do at the park where they mark their territory sometimes on the play equipment. The beach lights are rusting away at the bottom where the continual exposure to urine is rusting them. The community should have been given fencing around the leash free park at broad arrow reserve. I wonder if there was a hidden agenda in not fencing the area for the dog owners. was it so the surf club patrons could use the grassed area for parking? I am very concerned about the outcome of this "have your say". As I said the advertising was biased. Also, the premise that an off-leash park can be shared by all is completely wrong. People do not have their dogs under effective control. I was at Latham Park today I saw 10 of leash dogs running all around that park not under effective control. The man on the electric motorbike yesterday riding on the path with his dog not on a lead. I ask you if this is how people behave when it is against the law what will it be like when they are allowed to do it. People will just continue to take over every park as they do now by stealth. Look at Malabar beach park and playground. This is out of control in this council because compliance has not been taken seriously. I wish I was not so worked up by this issue but I was once a big local area walker, now I am very restricted because of the number of dogs and irresponsible owners around. I am sick of treading in dog poo, moving off the path so I can pass safely etc. while dog owners amenity has improved there are many people like me whose amenity has disappeared. People's safety should be your No 1 priority, and this proposal is risking that.

	Do you have any other comments?
335	I'm a wildlife carer and sometimes release rehabilitated birds in the park. We also have quite a few injuries, sometimes fatal from off leash dogs. It's a lovely park that wonderful to enjoy without worrying about dogs bounding up and o picking me over. I'm small and quite frail.
336	It's a perfect park for dog use..due to the undulating terrain and muddy water logged grounds, it cannot be used for any activity apart from a thoroughfare. Perfect for a dog park with various locations on the park for big and small dogs to play. Also it's a wonderful community atmosphere for the dog owners.
337	There is no decent place near the beach to hang with your dog off leash.
338	While it's still an unofficial off lead park owners are more careful and responsible. With a primary school next door is it a good idea to have an off lead dog park especially as the school uses the park for cross country. Also having a child that wasn't scared of dogs until irresponsible owners allowed their dogs to run wild in an on lead dogs park. Surely there are many more parks that are not next to a school, especially after seeing the dog attacks on Fitzgerald Ave where there is a dog park next to a school you'd think there would be a better option
339	I'm terrified of dogs and if there is a dog in the reserve, I walk around it.
340	There are no other off leash areas in the Maroubra Bay area so this is great. But please fence it in to keep running and playing dogs safe (and passing motorists).
341	I take my dog to various dog parks in the Randwick council area and both my dog and myself benefit greatly both from an exercise and social perspective. Both my dog and myself connect with our community at dog parks and it provides a safe, healthy space to be active and have a sense of community. I live in Maroubra close to Muraborah Reserve and I would greatly appreciate to be able to have this space as a dog park. Thank you.
342	Yes. There should be more off leash parks. With the community growing and more people owning dogs there is an ever increasing need for parks with designated times, days and designated areas for dogs to run free off leash. Dog owners like to throw balls and frisbees to burn energy in their dogs, young children like to run and play with their fur-siblings. Maroubra Quarry Reserve is the perfect park for off leash. Randwick Council needs to allocate various parks for off leash to help stop people having to drive to the park to let their dogs run. If Coral Sea Park can have dogs running off leash near sports fields and children's playground areas then many parks can too and the Quarry Reserve is a great example to let dogs off leash.
343	There are many native birds and possums in the park- I have personally rescued 2 birds from Muraborah park in the past 12 months that were attacked by dogs (who were off leash) when birds where feeding on the ground/grass. I have also rescued dozens of injured native birds from the surrounding back yards and when rehabilitated we release these birds back in the nearest park. I have personally released dozens of birds in Muraborah park due to plentiful native trees/ suitable habit and green space. Also there is a public school and childrens playground bordering the park. As a parent and school counsellor, I am fully aware that many children are scared of dogs/ risk of harm to small children next to off leash area.

Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

1300 722 542
council@randwick.nsw.gov.au
www.randwick.nsw.gov.au

FOLLOW US ONLINE