

Proposed dog friendly beach areas

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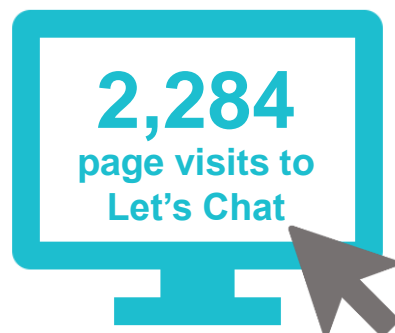
What we heard...

Community engagement took place from 21 September 2021 to 17 October 2021. Due to COVID-19, consultation was focussed on providing opportunities for the community to contribute and provide feedback in a safe way primarily, Let's Chat and direct mail/emails. In addition, signage was placed at the Flinders and Oak Flats Dog Agility Parks, Bass Point off leash area, Shellharbour North Beach and Kiyong Reserve.

The engagement resulted in a significant number of responses by people in the community as per both the highlights to the right and below:

- Council's online social pages 12,154 engagements with 148 reactions and 151 comments
- Media releases by the Illawarra Mercury and Wave FM The Illawarra Mercury Facebook posts received 129 likes and 79 comments
- 10 engagement signs out for a 3- week period placed at various locations. The signs had a QR code for people to access the online survey
- Letters to community members who had contacted Council previously regarding dogs on beaches.

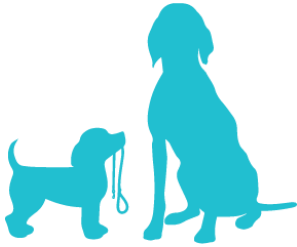
While overall there was significant support for establishing dog off-leash beach areas at the two sites, it is noted that respondents provided additional considerations for dog off-leash beach areas that will be further explored through detailed investigations of the two sites.



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You told us...



86.41%

of the community support off-leash areas for dogs.



76.75%

Supports Kiyong Beach and Shellharbour North sites.



85%

Of respondents were dog owners.

Your big ideas...

Top five considerations included:

1. Supporting infrastructure.
(619 comments)
2. Signage.
(329 comments)
3. Regulation.
(94 comments)
4. Owners taking responsibility for their dogs.
(56 comments)
5. Time restrictions.
(41 comments)



“This area would be a welcome asset for locals. I fully support the proposed areas at Kiyong Beach and North Beach.”

Let's Chat response