

**ITEM MAYORAL MINUTE - UNLEASHING A PLAN FOR
DOG PARKS IN THE CITY OF CANADA BAY**

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REPORT

After hearing many representations from residents in recent weeks I believe the City of Canada Bay must build a plan for dog off-leash areas in our City.

I have heard from and met with residents who need more space in our area for their dogs to roam freely. I've also received many letters and calls of concern from residents who want to feel safe from roaming dogs in our parks.

The City of Canada Bay should commit to building a City-wide plan for our canine companions. I believe we can come up with a solution that is a win-win for all.

The first step will be to trial two new off-leash parks in areas that have been identified as high demand for dog owners.

We want to provide spaces where dogs can roam freely whilst giving peace of mind for parents and grandparents who want youngsters to play in our beautiful parks away from dogs off-leash.

I want the City of Canada Bay to be one of Sydney's most dog friendly Councils.

This means working in partnership with dog owners as well as residents who are not pet owners.

Our open green spaces are the heartbeat of our community and we need to make sure everyone can share them.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council roll out off-leash area trial in an area in Rhodes, a section of Kendall Park and an area within Timbrell Park.

THAT Council commence community consultation for the duration of the trials, and provide recommendations as to which trial areas should be made permanent.

THAT Council engage the community and build a dog off-leash park strategy for the LGA.

