

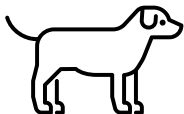
Investigation into a Fenced Dog Exercise Area

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Community Experience

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Overview



- Council 24/25 New Initiative
- Specialist consultant engaged to:
 - Review existing dog exercise areas DEAs
 - Assess community needs and identify gaps
 - Determine design requirements for DEAs
 - Undertake site assessments for potential locations in Karratha

DEA Sites Reviewed



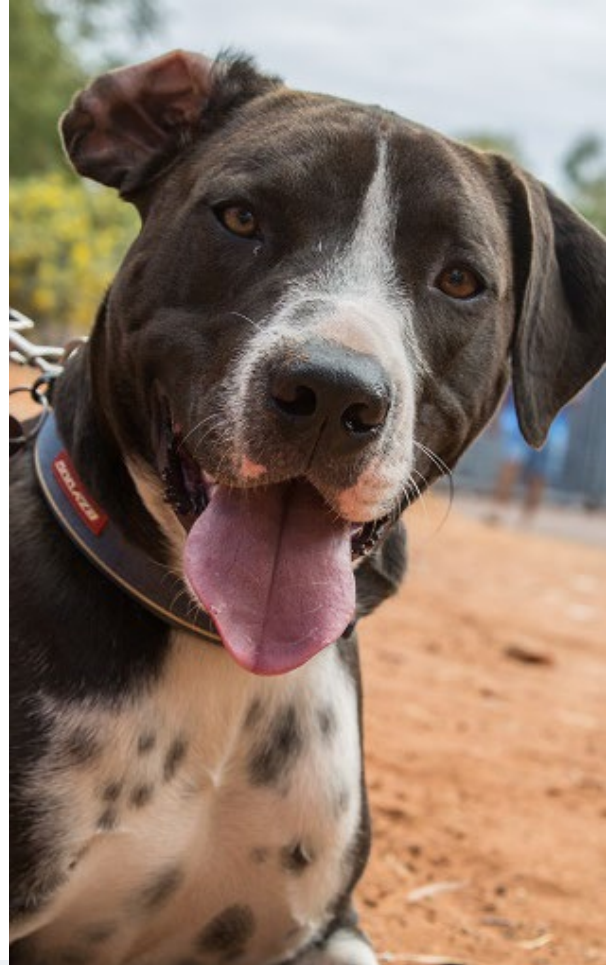
Engagement Outcomes

Community Feedback Sources

- WWMI survey (1st – 16th April 2025)
- 110 responses

What We Heard

- Nickol West (Site 7) preferred (68%) for new fenced DEA
- Top concerns: litter and aggressive dogs
- Priorities: shade, grass, water, cool surfaces, double gating, agility equipment



Preferred site – Richardson Way

Pros

- Large, flexible site (1.6–2.0ha) with secure tenure
- No competing land use; space for DEA facilities and parking
- High visibility, with potential to develop as a community hub

Cons

- Flood management challenges
- Higher costs due to lack of service connections and required infrastructure



Recommendation

- Endorse Richardson Way Park as the location for a new fenced off-lead dog exercise area
- Support development of a concept design as part of the Richardson Way Park Masterplan



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