

MAWSON PARK, HILLARYS — PROPOSED DOG CONTROL MEASURES — ANALYSIS REPORT

The following provides an analysis of the quantitative and qualitative data gathered from the *Mawson Park, Hillarys — Proposed Dog Control Measures* consultation conducted with City of Joondalup residents between **10 June 2016** and **1 July 2016**.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- The City collected 114 valid responses throughout the 21-day advertised consultation period with the majority of respondents were aged 50–59 (25.4%).
- 86.0% of respondents indicated that they supported the proposal whilst 11.4% opposed and 2.6% were unsure.

BACKGROUND

Consultation Development

The City consulted directly with all ratepayers and residents that lived within a 200 metre radius of Mawson Park, Hillarys. In addition, Community Engagement Network members who lived in Hillarys were also informed via email.

A personalised information package was sent to each ratepayer explaining the purpose of the consultation and advising them of the consultation period. Each package included:

- A covering letter;
- Frequently asked questions containing information on the purpose of the consultation and the proposed options; and
- Hard copy survey to determine the level of support from households.

Details and information regarding the consultation were outlined on the City's website. Members of the public and stakeholders wishing to comment were also encouraged to complete a survey form online via the City's website.

SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Response Rates and Validity

(N.b. unless otherwise stated, “%” refers to the proportion of total survey respondents.)

Hard-copy surveys were sent to all 366 ratepayer and residents within a 200 metre radius of Mawson Park, Hillarys. The City collected a total of 124 responses throughout the 21-day advertised consultation period. Of those responses, 114 were deemed valid¹. Data has been summarised in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1 – Responses by type of survey completed

Type of survey completed	Responses	
	N	%
Hard-copy survey	48	42.1%
Online survey	66	57.9%
Total (valid) responses	114	100.0%

¹ A “valid” response is one which includes the respondent's full contact details, have responded within the advertised consultation period and for which multiple survey forms have not been submitted by the same household for the same property.

Table 2 – Responses within 200m radius of Oceanside Promenade between Warren Way and West View Boulevard

Residential Type	Responses	
	N	%
Respondents who live within 200m	76	66.7%
Respondents who do not live within 200m	38	33.3%
Total (valid) responses	114	100.0%

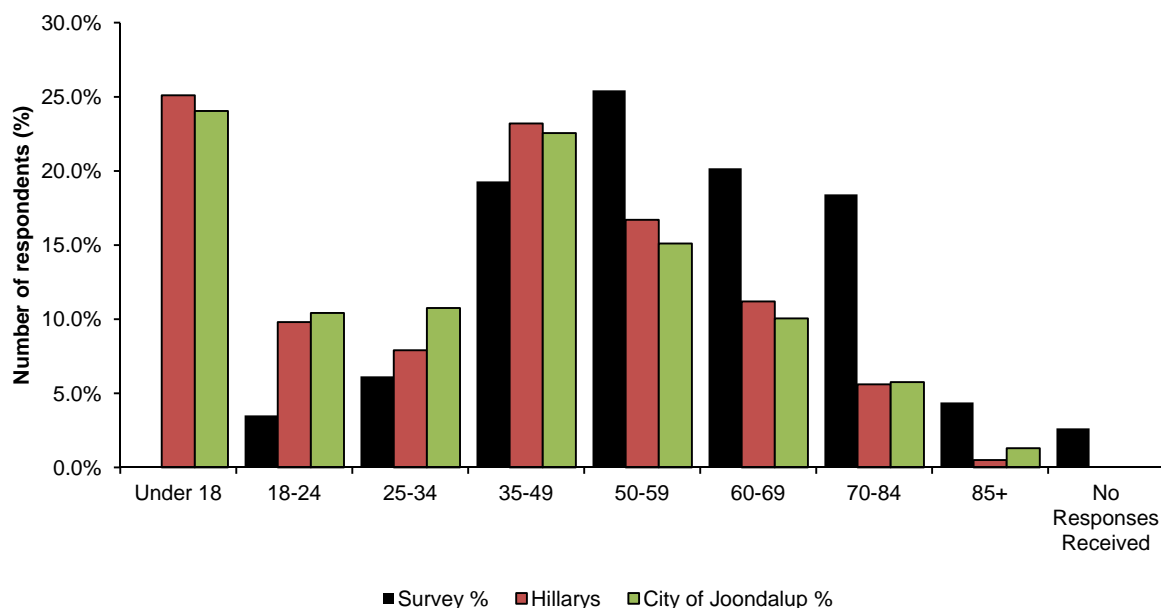
Age

Of the 114 valid responses, the majority of respondents were aged 50–59 (25.4%). Data is summarised in Table 3 and Figure 1 below, with direct percentage comparisons with the suburb of Mullaloo and the City of Joondalup.

It should be noted that the 60–69 and 70–84 age groups were over-represented whilst the 18–24 and under the age of 18 age groups were under-represented in this survey response.

Table 3 – Responses by age

Age groups	Survey Responses		Hillarys ²	Joondalup ³
	N	%	%	%
Under 18 years of age	0	0.0%	25.1%	24.0%
18–24 years of age	4	3.5%	9.8%	10.4%
25–34 years of age	7	6.1%	7.9%	10.8%
35–49 years of age	22	19.3%	23.2%	22.6%
50–59 years of age	29	25.4%	16.7%	15.1%
60–69 years of age	23	20.2%	11.2%	10.1%
70–84 years of age	21	18.4%	5.6%	5.8%
85+ years of age	5	4.4%	0.5%	1.3%
No responses received	3	2.6%	-	-
Total (valid) responses	114	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Figure 1 – Responses by age compared with Hillarys (%) and City of Joondalup (%)

² "Hillarys" represents the total proportion of each age group within the suburb of Hillarys ([Source: Profile Id. 2011](#)).

³ "Joondalup" represents the total proportion of each age group across the City of Joondalup ([Source: Profile Id. 2011](#)).

SURVEY ANALYSIS

QUESTION 1 – Do you support the proposal to permit dog walking around the perimeter of Mawson Park, Hillarys?

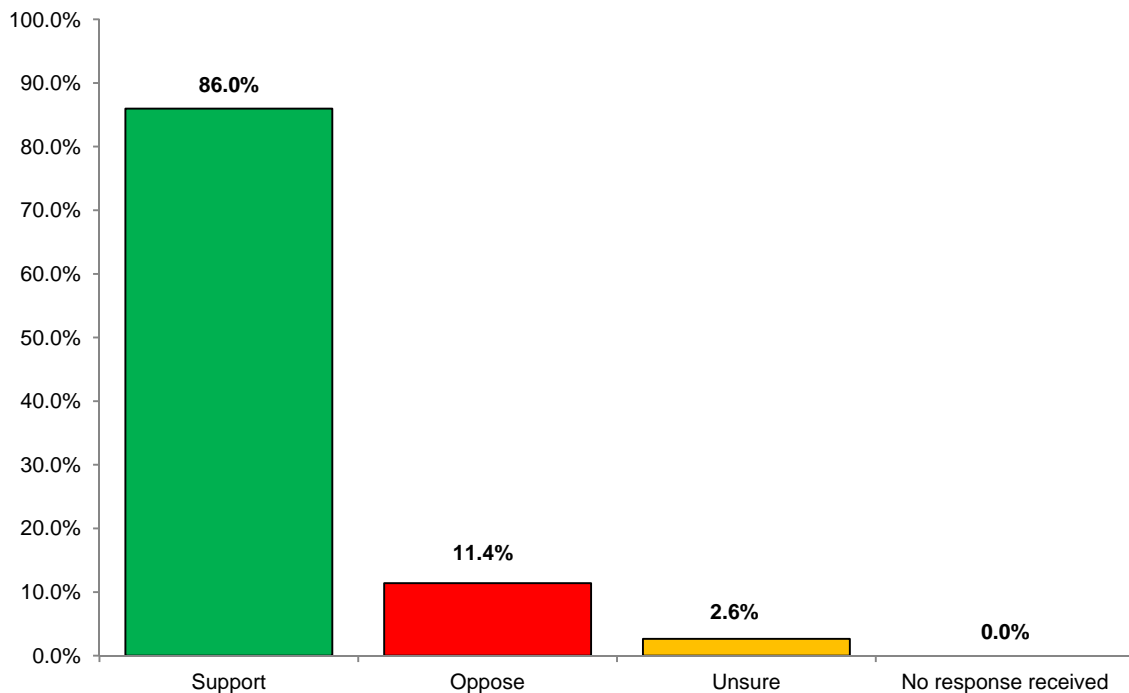
Respondents were asked to indicate whether they would support the proposal to permit dog walking around the perimeter of Mawson Park, Hillarys.

Of the 114 valid responses, 86.0% of respondents indicated that they supported the proposal whilst 11.4% opposed and 2.6% were unsure. Table 4 and Figure 2 summarise the results below.

Table 4 – Summary of the Question 1

Do you support the proposed improvements to road, parking and path networks along Oceanside Promenade?	Survey Responses	
	N	%
Support	98	86.0%
Oppose	13	11.4%
Unsure	3	2.6%
No responses received	0	0.0%
Total (valid) responses	114	100.0%

Figure 2 – Summary of the Question 1



QUESTION 2 —

“If you oppose any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons below.”

Respondents were asked to provide your comments if they opposed any of the proposed features. A total of 19 respondents provided 57 comments. The results have been summarised in Table 5 below.

Table 5 – Summary of respondents’ comments for Question 3⁴

Comments	Responses	
	N	%
Concern for increase in dog poo if dogs are permitted	8	14.0%
Concern for safety from dogs	7	12.3%
Concern that dog owners will not abide by the new rules	6	10.5%
Concern for the impact on current wildlife within the park	5	8.8%
Believe dog owners currently take dogs into the park already	5	8.8%
Concern for children's safety from dogs	4	7.0%
Believe that current dog restrictions are not being enforced	3	5.3%
Would like the park to have no dog restrictions	3	5.3%
Believes there are plenty of other places for people to walk dogs	2	3.5%
Believe dog owners already currently walk dogs on the perimeter paths	2	3.5%
Believe dog poo bags need to be placed within the park	2	3.5%
Believe the park will not be enjoyable if dogs are permitted	2	3.5%
Concern for extra pedestrian traffic near property	2	3.5%
Concern for increase of dogs off leads if dogs are permitted	2	3.5%
Believe clear signage is required to indicate that dogs are still prohibited within the park	1	1.8%
Believe walking dogs on perimeter paths should not be an issue if rules are followed	1	1.8%
Concern that it will lead to the creation of more footpaths	1	1.8%
Would like the dog restrictions to stay	1	1.8%
Total comments received	57	100.0%

⁴ N.b. some respondents provided more than one reason.

QUESTION 3 —**“Do you have any additional comments about Mawson Park?”**

Respondents were asked if they had any additional comments about Mawson Park. A total of 83 respondents provided 149 comments. The results have been summarised in Table 6 below.

Table 6 – Summary of respondents’ comments for Question 4⁵

Comments	Responses	
	N	%
Supports the proposal (in general)	18	12.1%
Would like more bins and poo bags around the park's perimeter	14	9.4%
Believe stronger enforcement of rules is required	11	7.4%
Believe park is well maintained by the City	10	6.7%
Believe dogs should be allowed on the park's perimeter	9	6.0%
Believe owners already walk dogs on proposed pathways	8	5.4%
Would like the whole park to become dog friendly	7	4.7%
Believe clear signage will be required	6	4.0%
Concern that dog owners will not abide by the new rules	6	4.0%
Did not realise that dogs were not permitted along the park perimeter	6	4.0%
Concern for safety from dogs	5	3.4%
Believe that adequate signage will be needed	4	2.7%
Concern for restrictions on dogs	4	2.7%
Would like dogs to be permitted in certain areas of the park	4	2.7%
Believe the proposal will encourage more people and families to use the park	3	2.0%
Believes there are only a handful of people dogs owners that create a bad perception for the rest	3	2.0%
Would like artificial shade installed over the playgrounds	3	2.0%
Believe there are no other parks close-by	2	1.3%
Believe there are plenty of other places to walk dogs	2	1.3%
Believes there is a perception of uncontrolled dogs on footpaths	2	1.3%
Supports proposal providing all dogs are restrained	2	1.3%
Would like fitness equipment within the park	2	1.3%
Believe dog owners will be able to respect the park	1	0.7%
Believe Hillarys is well served for facilities, whereas local parks in other areas have been neglected	1	0.7%
Believe some signs within the park are not clear	1	0.7%
Believe the City should promote open spaces for dog walking and general recreation	1	0.7%

⁵ N.b. some respondents provided more than one reason.

Comments	Responses	
	N	%
Believe the perimeter is not part of the park and as such no dog restrictions should apply	1	0.7%
Believe the proposal will provides extra security for all people using park	1	0.7%
Believes a dog toilet area located near the carpark so it can be managed accordingly	1	0.7%
Believes more dog ownership within the City should result in more dog exercising areas	1	0.7%
Concern for car parking safety around the perimter of the park	1	0.7%
Concern for children's safety from dogs	1	0.7%
Concern for the amount of rubbish collected within the park	1	0.7%
Oppose sporting clubs using the recreational space within the park	1	0.7%
Would like a dog fenced area within the park	1	0.7%
Would like a plaque to honour Sir Douglas Mawson	1	0.7%
Would like a skate park installed	1	0.7%
Would like speed bumps installed within the area	1	0.7%
Would like the original playground to be repaired	1	0.7%
Would like the park to remain dog free	1	0.7%
Total comments received	149	100.0%