

# Media Release

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## Residents encouraged to have their say about on-leash dog beach

The City of Cockburn is exploring the possibility of a new on-leash dog beach and has asked local residents for their feedback on four options.

Currently there are two off-leash dog exercise areas on Cockburn's coast – at C.Y. O'Connor Beach and Jervoise Bay. However, some members of the community have called for an on-leash only area.

At the Council Meeting on 8 July 2021, Council approved four possible options to be released for public comment. These four options include:

- Establishing approximately 200m of Chelydra Point Beach (currently dog prohibited) and up to 400m of the southern end of the C.Y. O'Connor Beach dog exercise area as a dog on-leash only area.
- Keeping Chelydra Point Beach as a dog prohibited area and establishing up to approximately 400m of the southern end of C.Y. O'Connor Beach dog exercise area as a dog on-leash only area.
- Making an area within the Jervoise Bay Beach dog exercise area on-leash only during certain times of the day
- Keeping the current dog exercise areas unchanged.

The City has commissioned an independent research company, CATALYSE® Pty Ltd, to survey local residents for their opinions.

The survey's results, alongside other factors, will inform a report that will be presented for Council's consideration at the February 2022 Council Meeting.

Between 2016 and 2020, Woodman Point served as an on-leash dog beach. The area was made dog-prohibited in 2020.

Residents can complete the survey online at [www.catalyse.com.au/dogbeach](http://www.catalyse.com.au/dogbeach). Hard copies are available at City of Cockburn Administration (9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood). Feedback closes 5pm, Friday 5 November 2021.



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