

Greyhound Hour

A day not at the races



Alexandrina Council was approached by their local community seeking an opportunity for greyhounds to be offered the same rights as other 4 legged friends.

As we know the Dog and Cat Management Act prohibits exercising greyhounds “off -leash” in public areas.



Community consultation (via MySay) supported the communities request with 176 respondents, all in favour of a greyhound only off leash opportunity.



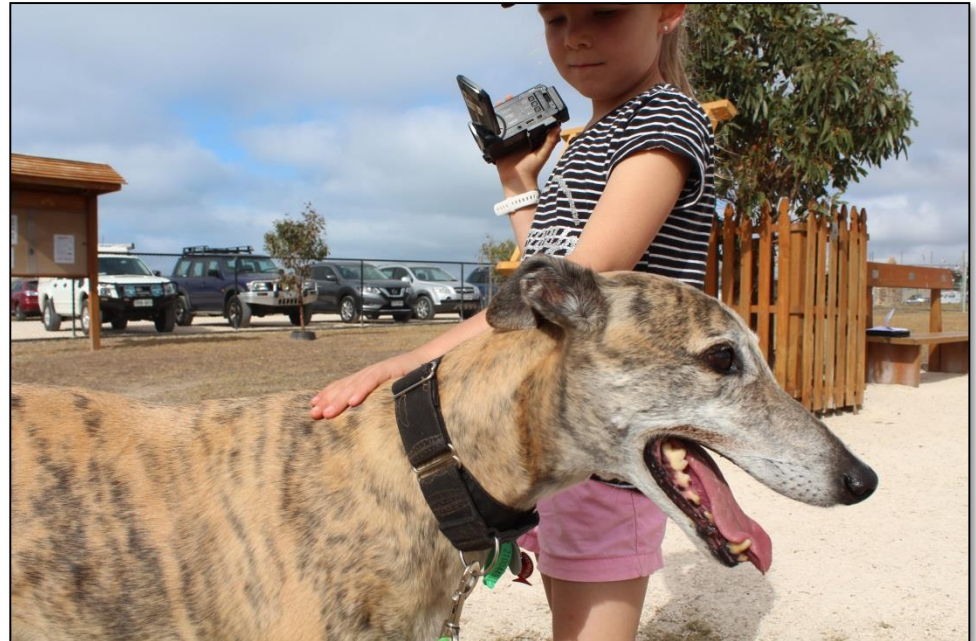
Council began the process by engaging Kelledy Jones Lawyers, this resulted in an application to the Dog and Cat Management Board achieving an exemption under section 45c to hold off-leash trials for 6 months.



Once approval was achieved, we engaged with stakeholders setting out to manage the possible risks and manage public perception.



The trial / initiative was run as a collaboration between local greyhound owners, Alexandrina Council, Friends of the Port Elliot Dog Park, Greyhound Racing SA Adoption Program and the Dog and Cat Management Board.



When we started this initiative we expected our events to be something like this

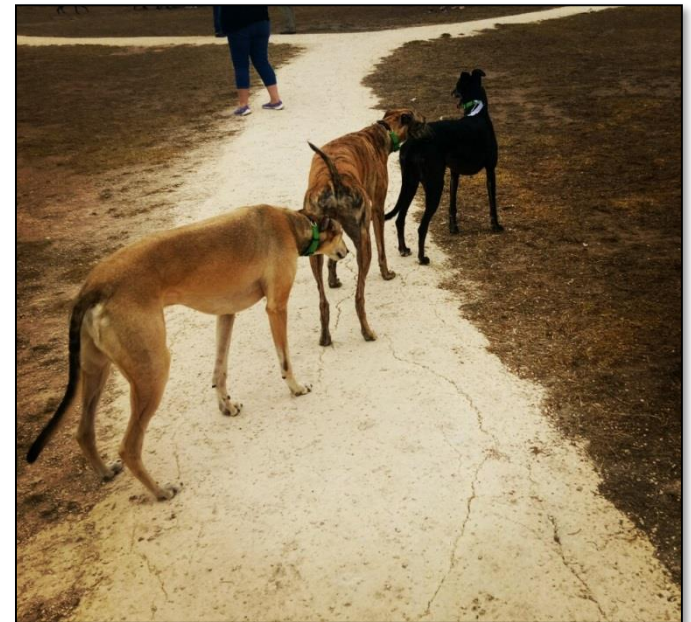


Or like this





But really..... they were more like this



And like this





Greyhound owners were found to be positive, engaging and highly responsible – the greyhounds were just the same – the dog park has never been quieter!

Events were limited to max. 40 Greyhounds and all 6 events were booked out within 48 hours

Our team met after every event and made minor adjustments along the way



These events provide a unique opportunity for greyhounds to run / wander / lie down / do nothing / sniff behinds / and generally be boring all whilst off-lead in the dog park.



This trial has gathered learnings about off leash greyhounds aiming to find a suitable long term alternative to the current greyhound “off leash regulations”.



Greyhound owners from all across SA have attended the events from as far as Mannum, Gawler and Two Wells.

Approx. 290 humans & 195 greyhounds have attended so far.



Community Feedback



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Alexandrina Council

July 19 · 🌐

Did you know that greyhounds cannot use dog parks or run off-leash anywhere in public? Well, that's why Alexandrina Council has partnered with the Port Elliot Dog Park to present a greyhound only event. This Saturday, 21 July at the dog park from 10am-11:30am, our athletic furry friends can canter at will with other like-minded greyhounds. Please read further information and conditions at <https://bit.ly/2Nruglf> During the event, the park will be closed to other breeds and RSVPs are required. Tell your greyhound-loving friends not to miss it!



10,365
People Reached

632
Engagements

2,775
Clicks

Boost Post

👍❤️😮 161

75 Comments 62 Shares

👍 Like

💬 Comment

➦ Share



Performance for Your Post

10,365 People Reached

637 Reactions, Comments & Shares

280 👍 Like	122 On Post	158 On Shares
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69 ❤️ Love	36 On Post	33 On Shares
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12 😮 Wow	9 On Post	3 On Shares
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2 😞 Sad	1 On Post	1 On Shares
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215 Comments	138 On Post	77 On Shares
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62 Shares	62 On Post	0 On Shares
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2,775 Post Clicks

193 Photo Views	59 Link Clicks	2,523 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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Alexandrina Council

July 10 · 🌐

A special 'greyhound only' event will be held at the Port Elliot Dog Park on Saturday 21 July from 10am - 11:30am. This is a great opportunity for greyhounds and their owners to get together. The park will be closed to other breeds during this time. Visit <https://bit.ly/2Nruglf> for more information.



Performance for Your Post

4,902 People Reached

161 Reactions, Comments & Shares ⓘ

76 👍 Like	17 On Post	59 On Shares
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21 ❤️ Love	8 On Post	13 On Shares
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1 😮 Wow	0 On Post	1 On Shares
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35 Comments	17 On Post	18 On Shares
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28 Shares	28 On Post	0 On Shares
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420 Post Clicks

37 Photo Views	22 Link Clicks	361 Other Clicks ⓘ
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My Say



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Alexandrina Council

August 8 · 🌐

Did you go to our special greyhound event on 21 July? Or maybe you own a greyhound? Well, we have set up a small survey looking for feedback on the event and the idea of having more of these 'greyhound gatherings' in the future. Please visit <https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/greyhounds> to complete the survey.



7,544
People Reached

143
Engagements

798
Clicks

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👍❤️ 25

10 Comments 22 Shares

👍 Like

💬 Comment

➦ Share



Performance for Your Post

7,544 People Reached

148 Reactions, Comments & Shares

72 👍 Like	16 On Post	56 On Shares
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20 ❤️ Love	9 On Post	11 On Shares
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1 😡 Angry	0 On Post	1 On Shares
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33 Comments	13 On Post	20 On Shares
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22 Shares	22 On Post	0 On Shares
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798 Post Clicks

292 Photo Views	27 Link Clicks	479 Other Clicks
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We are engaging Fiona De Rosa from Balancing Act Adelaide to assist with our final report – we are seeking funding for this report from DCM Board to provide not just a local focus but a state wide opportunity that can be applied to all Councils and their local greyhound communities.

BALANCING ACT



Next



We have expressions of interest from other councils and hoping we can continue to learn about where to from here.

A final report and application will be made to the D&CMB for greyhound only events to be permanent feature at Port Elliot Dog Park.



Final event will be held June 16 and will be a best dressed event. Invitations are open for anyone to come along and say G'day!



GREYHOUND HOUR TRIAL FINALE

BEST DRESSED GH

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2019, 10AM



FRIENDS PRIZE

The Friends of the Port Elliot Dog Park will offer a doggy prize pack for the best dressed greyhound at the Greyhound off-lead hour finale event



BEST DRESSED

Bring your best Greyhound outfit if you're booked in to this event.
Contact Cheryl if you want to check for a cancellation 8555 7000



THANK YOU

A big thank you to **Alexandrina Council** staff for putting the time and effort into conducting this trial and preparing a report to take to the SA Dog & Cat Management Board



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Thank you for listening - Questions?

