

The Port Elliot Dog Park Story

The Port Elliot Dog Park is an example of what can be achieved when Council and members of the community come together to plan and develop a public space.

The Friends of the Port Elliot Dog Park (part of the Port Elliot Town and Foreshore Improvement Association) formed in 2012 and since formation have sought to engage the community to create, shape and maintain the dog park. A wide variety of local community groups and residents have volunteered and businesses have supported the many projects that have resulted in this unique space. It provides a place for dogs and people to socialise and exercise in a safe welcoming environment.



People engaged include:

- Port Elliot Primary school students
- Victor Harbor High school students
- TAFE SA apprentices
- Victor Harbor Men's Shed members
- Elliot Gardens Men's Group members
- Local residents and
- Local businesses

Projects and fundraising include:

- Unique Dog Park Shelter funded by sales of two local dog calendars which raised over \$13,000.
- Volunteers built 350 metres of pathways using donated materials and equipment.
- Rain water tank funded by four local sponsors.
- Timber agility equipment, seats, trees guards and the noticeboard were built by locals.
- Fundraising included two dog calendars, plaques, 100 and 200 club supporters and the donation box.
- The Rotary agility bridge built by Victor Harbor High School students
- Alexandrina Council helped fund the shelter floor paving and mosaic with help from Port Elliot primary school students and community members.
- Waterport Heritage Reserve stone entrance wall built in partnership with TAFE SA students and National Trust Port Elliot.
- 'Elliot' the dog seat funded by the Association and created by a local wood carver.



Business supporters:

A1 Hire Victor, Compass Tanks, Crowies Paints, DSM Middleton, Garden Works, Goolwa Community Bank, Goolwa Quarries, Kanmantoo Bluestone Quarry, Laurie Della-Mina Excavations, Lynmac Metal Art, National Trust Port Elliot, Paul Freebairn, Rotary Club of Encounter Bay, Rotary Club of Goolwa, Rotary Club of Victor Harbor, South Coast Concrete Supplies, Southern Edge Landscapes, TAFE SA, The Office Shop, Timco Mitre 10, Tooperang Quarry, Traegers Earthmoving and Transport, Vision for Living and Waller Fencing.

The Port Elliot dog park is a unique space that connects our community, providing a place for people and dogs to socialise, interact and exercise.

Friends of the Port Elliot Dog Park won the 2016 KESAB Sustainable Communities Award for the Community Action and Partnership category

“In recognition of the outstanding work undertaken by the Friends group to bring the Port Elliot Dog Park to life; through advocacy, fundraising and carrying out works. This project shows true community spirit and the results of great partnerships”.



A dog park is a great community connecting space, exercising dogs and connecting people