

# Narembeen Motocross Track

Local Rider Feedback Survey Report

February 2026

## **1. Purpose of the Survey**

The survey was conducted to gather feedback from local riders and families on the current and future use of the Narembeen motocross track. The objective was to inform Council decision-making by identifying levels of support, perceived benefits, key concerns, and practical considerations for ongoing management and investment.

## **2. Respondent Profile**

A total of 17 responses were received, with 2 skipped questions in parts of the survey. Respondents included:

- Adult riders
- Parents and guardians supervising child riders

This reflects both individual and family-based engagement and demonstrates an active, locally invested user group.

## **3. Overall Community Sentiment**

Survey results indicate general community support for the motocross track and its continued operation. The track is widely regarded as a valuable recreational asset, particularly for young people and families.

However, support is conditional, with respondents consistently emphasising the importance of:

- Responsible financial management
- Clear governance and supervision
- Demonstrated value relative to ongoing costs

This indicates that while the facility is valued, its long-term continuation must be supported by sustainable and transparent management practices.

## **4. Key Benefits Identified**

Respondents highlighted several important community benefits:

- Provision of a safe, designated riding environment
- Opportunities for skill development and progression
- Positive social and recreational outcomes for families
- Increased inclusivity, offering an alternative to traditional team sports

These benefits reinforce the track's role as a diversified recreational asset that supports youth engagement and community wellbeing.

## **5. Main Concerns**

The main concerns raised were:

- Financial sustainability, particularly avoiding reliance solely on ratepayer funding
- Level of usage vs cost, with some questioning long-term viability
- Noise and operating hours, requiring clear boundaries
- Supervision and governance, to minimise misuse and ensure safety

A recurring theme was the expectation that users should contribute to ongoing costs, reflecting a preference for shared responsibility.

## **6. Suggestions from Respondents**

Respondents provided constructive suggestions to address concerns, including:

- Introducing user-pays models (e.g. rider fees or memberships)
- Establishing clear operating rules and hours
- Encouraging volunteer or community-led involvement
- Adopting a staged development approach, limiting upfront capital investment

There is also a willingness among some respondents to actively contribute to planning and maintenance.

## **7. Direct Community Feedback**

Feedback ranged from strong support to conditional acceptance and limited opposition.

Overall sentiment reinforces that:

- The track is seen as a positive and needed facility
- Continued operation is supported where costs are controlled and shared
- Effective management and oversight are critical to maintaining community confidence

## **8. Overall Conclusion**

The survey confirms that the motocross track is a valued community asset, particularly for youth and families, and contributes positively to local recreation and inclusion.

While there is broad support for its continuation, this is contingent on:

- Financial sustainability
- Clear governance arrangements
- Demonstrated and monitored usage

The findings support a measured and evidence-based approach to future investment and management.

## **9. Recommended Actions**

To respond to community feedback and support informed decision-making, the following actions are recommended:

- a) Investigate Gazettal and Operational Framework
  - Follow up on the potential benefits of gazettal of the off-road track, including implications for liability, management, and long-term tenure.
  - Investigate ongoing operational costs, including maintenance, compliance, and supervision requirements.
  - Identify and assess external funding opportunities (e.g. State or Federal grants, sport and recreation funding programs) to reduce reliance on ratepayer funding.

b) Infrastructure Planning – Shelter Installation

- Obtain cost estimates for the supply and installation of a rider/spectator shelter.
- Consider inclusion of this item in the 2026–27 budget deliberations, subject to demonstrated need and affordability.

c) Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation

- Continue to monitor track usage levels, including frequency, user numbers, and seasonal trends.