

BMX Jump Tracks – Consultation Report

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Introduction

The City of Mitcham has 4 BMX jump tracks across the city that are inspected regularly by administration who coordinate maintenance as required. These tracks have been implemented through various mechanisms over the decades and are widely used by our community.

Administration has observed great community use at the 4 facilities and periodically receive enquiries for further development and new tracks in particular locations. In addition, there are younger riders in suburbs across the city building their own jumps in Council reserves and laneways which may be an indication that the current tracks are not meeting community demand.

Currently, Council is engaging a consultant to undertake a review, analysis and opportunities report to help Council understand:

- The current levels of service provided by our 4 BMX Track Jump facilities
- The level of service the community want
- Potential areas to invest or further develop across the City

The community consultation was designed to run concurrently to hear from local residents, children and visitors that use or have an interest in our BMX jump tracks.

This review and consultation will inform future recreation planning for high-quality BMX / Jump tracks for a range of ages and skill levels across the City of Mitcham.

Consultation Report

What is the purpose of this report?

The purpose of the *BMX Jump Tracks Consultation Report* is to present to the Council Members and the community, a summary of the comments and submissions which have been received during the community consultation process.

As part of the consultation process, a letter was distributed to 210 residents living close to our BMX jump tracks inviting them to complete an online survey via Your Say Mitcham. This coincided with a social media campaign and an enews sent to all registered Your Say subscribers. Signage was also placed at each site throughout the engagement period encouraging members of the community to provide feedback or attend one (1) of the four (4) listening posts.

A total of 252 submissions were received via the Your Say Survey and email with 72 riders and community members attending the listening posts.

How did we consult?

The community consultation process commenced on 27 March 2024 and concluded on 2 May 2024. The consultation period was extended to incorporate the listening posts that were held in late April and early May.

As part of the process an online project page was created via Your Say Mitcham yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/bmx-tracks where the community could find more information, the locations and dates of the listening posts, and complete the survey.

Letters inviting the community to come along to the community conversations or to visit the Your Say project page and complete the survey were distributed to approximately 210 local residents directly abutting the reserves and directly across the street from reserves.

Further promotion was undertaken through the Council website, signage at each BMX track location, distribution to registered community members via an enews, social media, and electronic signage at the Civic Centre and Libraries.

Low Barrier Engagement

Globally, current engagement trends are moving towards reducing barriers to engagement and making it easier for the community to participate and provide feedback. Many people are short on time and want to be able to provide their feedback quickly and easily. It is also important to provide a variety of ways to be able to participate such as via online survey or attending a drop-in session.

At the City of Mitcham, we consistently receive feedback that registering to provide feedback is a major barrier to participation. Understandably, registration information is important for localised engagement to inform decision making. This engagement was designed to be high-level and strategic in nature, and we wanted to encourage as many young people as possible to participate which comes with complexity when managing their personal information. For this reason, the requirement to register to provide feedback was removed, with only important information collected such as age, suburb etc.

Enews Engagement

An enews was distributed to 4,676 registered participants with 3,068 (65.6%) opening the enews and 112 (2.4%) clicking through to the Your Say page.

Listening Posts

St Marys Listening Post Session

Saturday 27th April 10am to 12pm

Attendees: 10

Age Profile: 10-14 years, 5-9 years

Apex Park/Hawthorndene Reserve Listening Post Session

Sunday 28th April 10am to 12pm

Attendees: 23 (including riders and parents/carers)

Age Profile: 10-14 years, 5-9 years, Under 4

Mortlock Park Listening Post Session

Tuesday 30th April 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Attendees: 26

Age Profile: 10-14 years, 15+, 5-9 years, Under 4

Suffolk Reserve Listening Post Session

Wednesday 1st May 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Attendees: 13

Age Profile: 10-14 years, 5-9 years

School Engagement

Local primary (16) and secondary schools (10) were emailed during the week commencing 1 April 2024 inviting them to share the online survey link for students and parents. Schools were asked to share the link with their communities via school newsletters, daily bulletins and any other usual means of communicating with their school communities. Three local schools responded confirming that they had shared the information with their school communities.

Social Media Engagement

Attachment A - Tag Performance (Have your say on BMX tracks) details the Social Media performance for the campaign related to this consultation. In summary:

Impressions 268 (The number of times content was displayed to users)

Engagements 122 (The number of times users engaged with content such as comment, react, share or click)

Engagement rate (The number of times users engaged with content as a percentage of impressions) 45.5%

Post link clicks 31 (the number of times users clicked on the included link)

Top Posts

View the top tagged published posts from the publishing period.

Descending by Lifetime Engagements

 City of Mitcham Fri 4/5/2024 12:34 pm A...	 City of Mitcham Wed 4/24/2024 12:25 p...	 Pasadena Com... Fri 4/5/2024 12:34 pm A...
 Do you use our BMX jump tracks or know someone who does? 🚲 Maybe there is an...	 Come and chat with us about your local BMX track! 🚲 We are seeking feedback on...	 Do you use our BMX jump tracks or know someone who does? 🚲 Maybe there is an...
Total Engagements 908	Total Engagements 26	Total Engagements 12
Reactions 78	Reactions 14	Reactions 7
Comments 15	Comments 9	Comments 0
Shares 13	Shares 3	Shares 0
Post Link Clicks 24	Post Link Clicks 2	Post Link Clicks —
Other Post Clicks 778	Other Post Clicks -2	Other Post Clicks 5

Consultation Summary

The following summary provides an overview of the Council survey results conducted during the consultation. For more detail and to see the full data displayed in graphs please refer **Attachment B - Survey Responses Report - BMX Jump Tracks**

Quantitative Insights

About the participants

The majority of survey responses were received from people providing feedback **on behalf of a user of Council BMX jump tracks (39%)**, followed closely by **track users (32.3%)**.

Age

Due to this, most respondents were aged between **35-44 (30.3%)**, **45-54 (21.5%)**, or **10-14 (19.9%)**.

Suburb

Most respondents indicated that they live in **Hawthorndene (20.7%)**, **Colonel Light Gardens (12.7%)**, **Glenalta (6.8%)** and **St Marys (5.6%)**, with many of the tracks located in these suburbs.

Interestingly, there were several respondents from outside the Council area including Ironbank, Flagstaff Hill, Aberfoyle Park, Bridgewater, Balhannah, Aldinga Beach, Mount Barker and more. This highlights that our tracks are used by riders and families right across South Australia.

Suffolk Road Reserve BMX Jump Track

123 (49%) opted in to give feedback on the Suffolk Road Reserve BMX jump track.

Most indicated that they get to the track by **car (38.8%)** followed by **bike (36.4%)**. The vast majority of respondents **visited the track with their families (80.3%)** or **friends (36.1%)**.

Mortlock Park BMX Jump Track

116 (46.2%) opted in to give feedback on the Mortlock Park BMX jump track.

Most indicated that they got to the track **by bike (50.9%)** followed **by car (25.4%)**. The majority of respondents **visited the track with their families (68.8%)** or **friends (43.8%)**.

Apex Park BMX Jump Track

113 (45%) opted in to give feedback on the Apex Park BMX jump track.

Most indicated that they get to the track **by bike (39.1%)** followed **by car (28.2%)**. A slight majority of respondents **visited the track with their families (60.9%)** or **friends (52.7%)**.

St Marys Park BMX Jump Track

79 (31.5%) opted in to give feedback on the St Marys Park BMX jump track.

Most indicated that they got to the track **by bike (56.6%)** followed **by car (30.3%)**. The majority of respondents **visited the track with their families (58.4%)** or **friends (45.5%)**.

Key considerations when choosing locations for our facilities

When asked what our key considerations should be when choosing locations for our facilities there was quite an even split across all options including proximity to **drinking fountains (63.9%)**, proximity to **shade, shelter and seating (57.4%)**, proximity to **other sport and recreation facilities (56.5%)** and proximity to **accessible toilets (55.6%)**. Lighting was deemed less important **(41.7%)**.

Qualitative Insights

Suffolk Road Reserve

What do you like about the Suffolk Reserve BMX jump track?

115 respondents provided a response to the above question, sharing their favourite elements of the Suffolk Road Reserve BMX jump track. The key themes that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. Good for young rider / beginners

The BMX track is highly regarded for its simplicity and suitability for young children and beginners. Located in a quiet, picturesque area with easy parking and a nearby playground, it offers both beginner and intermediate tracks. The well-maintained, shady park provides a safe, natural environment for kids to build confidence in riding. Its proximity to schools and other facilities makes it a convenient and ideal spot for families, allowing young riders to enjoy and learn BMX in a supportive setting.

2. Location

Respondents think the BMX jump track is in a good location because it is conveniently close, well-designed, and offers a great environment for riding. It features a unique raised hill for "dropping in" and is nicely separated from the reserve. The area provides a good riding surface and additional facilities, making it an ideal place for beginners and intermediate riders to have fun and enjoy the sport.

3. Nature / open space

Respondents appreciate the BMX track's natural and open space for several reasons. The area is surrounded by trees, offering a peaceful, shady, and safe environment for kids. The park is large and well-maintained, with a restored creek that enhances its natural beauty. Its proximity to a kindergarten, primary school, and playground facilities makes it ideal for families. The space supports multiple recreational uses, including biking, walking, and nature play, creating a versatile and enjoyable environment for both young and older children.

4. Close to playground / other recreation

Respondents appreciate the BMX track's proximity to the local playground for several reasons. It is conveniently located near schools, a kindergarten, and a playground, making it ideal for families with young children. Parents can easily manage multiple activities, as younger children can play while older ones ride. The surrounding natural environment, with trees and a restored creek, adds to the appeal. Additionally, the nearby amenities, such as shops and a coffee spot, enhance the overall experience for visitors.

Other positive aspects of the track that respondents mentioned were that it **suits all ages / abilities**, that it **has good jumps**, is a **good size**, that it is **close to GD Fruit and Veg** and that it **has a good amount of shade**.

What would you improve about the Suffolk Road Reserve BMX jump track?

114 respondents provided a response to the above question, sharing what they would improve about the Suffolk Road Reserve BMX jump track. The key themes that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. Toilets

Respondents believe the BMX track needs toilets for several reasons. The addition of toilet facilities would accommodate families with young children, and other users, allowing them to spend more time at the park. The park's growing popularity for parties and gatherings further necessitates the need for toilets. Enhanced amenities, such as toilets, along with seating, BBQ facilities, and shelters, would make the park more user-friendly and inclusive for all age groups and abilities. This would ensure that the space meets the needs of a broader community, encouraging longer visits and more frequent use.

2. Making the track larger

Respondents believe the BMX track needs to be larger for several reasons. Expanding the track with more corners, jumps, and features would enhance the riding experience and cater to a wider range of skill levels. Additional space could also alleviate congestion during busy times, with better entry points. Overall, a larger track with more advanced options and better amenities would provide a more enjoyable and safer environment for both beginners and experienced riders.

3. More advanced / challenging tracks

Respondents believe the BMX track needs more advanced and challenging sections for several reasons. The current track primarily caters to beginners and young children, leaving older and more experienced riders with limited options for progression. Adding more advanced jumps, alternate lines, and pump sections would provide greater challenges and keep riders engaged as they develop their skills. This would create a more inclusive environment that caters to a broader range of ages and abilities, allowing all kids to have fun and improve. Enhanced track features would also help prevent experienced riders from outgrowing the facility, encouraging them to continue using the park.

4. Improving the track surface

Comments about the track surface focus on the need for regular resurfacing and improvements to enhance safety and usability. The current surface, often described as dry, gravelly, and slippery, poses a risk of slipping and can undermine kids' confidence. Many suggest replacing the gravel with dirt for better traction and a smoother ride. Regular maintenance and resurfacing are recommended to prevent wear and improve the overall riding experience.

Other improvements suggested include more **regular maintenance**, **installation of angled parking**, **BBQ facilities** and **shelter**.

Mortlock Park Reserve

What do you like about the Mortlock Park BMX jump track?

108 respondents a response to the above question, sharing their favourite elements of the Mortlock Park BMX jump track. The key themes that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. Good for young rider / beginners

Comments regarding the BMX track's suitability for young riders and beginners emphasize its kid-friendly nature and suitability for learning. Many users praise the track for being safe and easy for children to ride, with appropriate jumps and features for building confidence. Overall, the track is valued as a space where young riders can safely learn and practice biking skills.

2. Location

Comments about the location of the BMX track highlight its convenience, accessibility, and proximity to other amenities. Users appreciate its presence in the Mortlock Park area, noting that it adds character to the surroundings. The track's location near playgrounds and other facilities is seen as beneficial, making it easily accessible to local children and providing a convenient spot for families to enjoy outdoor activities. Overall, the track's location is viewed positively for its convenience and the amenities available nearby.

3. Accessibility

Comments regarding accessibility emphasize the ease of reaching the BMX track. Users appreciate its convenient location, with many noting that it's easy to access at any time. The presence of surrounding facilities, such as playgrounds and toilets, adds to its accessibility and convenience for families. Additionally, the track's design is praised for accommodating riders of all skill levels and providing a safe environment for biking. Overall, users value the track's accessibility and its contribution to outdoor recreation in the area.

Other positive aspects of the track are that it is a **good place to be active**, that it **suits all ages and abilities** and is **located within nature / open space** that **feels safe**.

What would you improve about the Mortlock Park BMX jump track?

105 respondents provided a response to the above question, sharing what they would improve about the Mortlock Park BMX jump track. The key themes that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. Making the track larger

Respondents would like the BMX track to be larger to reduce crowding and waiting times, and to offer more jumps, obstacles, and varied difficulty levels. They believe a bigger track with better flow and design would enhance the riding experience for all skill levels. Separate tracks for different age groups and skill levels would improve safety and enjoyment, making the track more engaging and accommodating for frequent use. Additional facilities such as seating, shaded areas, drink fountains, and bins are also desired.

2. More advanced / challenging tracks

Respondents would like the BMX track to have more advanced and challenging features, such as larger jumps and varied obstacles, to cater to intermediate and skilled riders. They feel the current track is too basic and suitable mainly for beginners. Adding alternate lines with bigger obstacles, side-by-side tracks for different skill levels, and more advanced jumps would provide natural progression and make the track more engaging for older and more experienced riders. Enhanced facilities like a larger take-off area and better speed flow through the track are also desired.

3. Adding larger jumps

Similar to the above, respondents would like the BMX track to have larger jumps to make it more fun and challenging, especially for advanced riders. They believe bigger jumps, berms, and gap jumps would improve the track's appeal and accommodate older kids and more experienced riders.

Other improvements suggested include **improved maintenance, a better track surface, more beginner / small child tracks, dust mitigation and seating.**

Apex Park

What do you like about the Hawthorndene Reserve / Apex Park BMX jump track?

108 respondents a response to the above question, sharing their favourite elements of the Apex Park BMX jump track. The key themes that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. Suits all ages / abilities

The BMX track suits all ages and abilities due to its variety of jumps and tracks that cater to different skill levels. It has features for beginners, intermediate, and advanced riders, making it accessible and enjoyable for everyone. The location, near other facilities like bike paths and toilets, enhances its appeal. The track's diversity, well-maintained features, and shaded seating areas contribute to its popularity among riders of all ages and experience levels.

2. Good jumps

Positive comments about the BMX jumps highlight their size, quality, and variety. Riders appreciate the well-built and big jumps, which cater to different skill levels. The jumps are described as fun, flowy, and advanced, making the track enjoyable for regular use. The excellent sculpting quality of the jumps is also appreciated.

3. Good for advanced riders

Comments about why the track is good for advanced riders highlight its challenging features and variety of jumps suitable for more skilled riders. The track includes intermediate, advanced, and very advanced lines, providing a good challenge for older kids and more experienced riders. The track is one of the few places in Adelaide that offers such a range of difficulty levels, making it a valuable resource for progressing from beginners to more advanced levels of riding.

4. Location

Positive comments about the track's location emphasize its excellent and convenient placement. It is situated near a playground, has plenty of shade, and offers good variety with jumps for both beginner and intermediate riders. The location includes amenities such as parking, water, and nearby facilities like toilets and Joan's Pantry. It is centrally located, catering to a range of abilities, and is better maintained than other sites in Adelaide. The surrounding natural environment also contribute to its appeal.

What would you improve about the Hawthorndene Reserve / Apex Park BMX jump track?

102 respondents provided a response to the above question, sharing what they would improve about the Apex Park BMX jump track. The key themes that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. More variety / progression

People would like more variety at the BMX track to accommodate all ages and skill levels. The current track has large jumps suitable for advanced riders but lacks intermediate options, making progression difficult. Suggestions include adding more flow-style tracks, intermediate jumps, tabletops, and pump sections. The inclusion of a range of jump sizes and types would allow for smoother skill progression and safer riding experiences. Additionally, incorporating features that cater to both BMX and mountain bike riders, as well as improved maintenance and facilities, would enhance the track's overall appeal and usability.

2. Improved maintenance

Many people have highlighted the need for more consistent and regular maintenance of the BMX track. They note that the jumps are currently rough, overly bumpy, and even crumbling, leading to dangerous conditions. Suggestions include smoother surfaces, better drainage, and more frequent upkeep. There are also concerns about rubbish and abandoned items, indicating a need for cleaner surroundings. Some suggest community involvement in maintenance and security monitoring to enhance safety. Overall, improved and consistent maintenance would make the track safer and more enjoyable for all riders.

3. Improved surface

Like the above many users have emphasized the need for resurfacing and improving the BMX track. They point out that the current surface is rough and overly bumpy, leading to hazardous landings and crashes. The track is also prone to becoming muddy and swampy, particularly after rain, due to inadequate drainage and poor surface material. Users suggest a smoother surface layer, better flow track maintenance, and addressing specific issues like water pooling and rutting.

St Marys Park

What do you like about the St Marys Park BMX jump track?

72 respondents a response to the above question, sharing their favourite elements of the St Marys Park BMX jump track. The key themes that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. Good for young riders / beginners

The BMX track is highly praised for being suitable for young riders and beginners. It features small, unintimidating jumps and simple tracks that are excellent for teaching the basics of riding and introducing kids to dirt jumps. The track's variation in jump sizes accommodates both younger children and those with more experience. It's an entry-level track, making it a safe and accessible option for children as young as four years old. Additional amenities like good parking and a water fountain also contribute to its appeal for families and beginner riders.

2. Close to home

The track is appreciated for its convenient location, being close to home and friends. It is easily accessible, allowing for quick and frequent visits. Its proximity to other facilities like the soccer oval and a basketball ring adds to its appeal, making it a versatile spot for various activities. Families and riders enjoy the convenience and opportunity for regular practice and chill sessions.

3. Nature / open space

The track's location within a natural open space is highly appreciated. Riders and families value the bare soil area designated for biking, which allows young people to ride and enjoy the outdoors. The space is well-maintained, with grass, shade, and smooth, re-graveled tracks. The surrounding open area, including an oval and other recreational facilities, provides a safe and spacious environment for children to run, play, and engage in multiple activities, making it a versatile and enjoyable spot for families.

Other positive aspects of the track are that it **has good jumps, it is easily accessible, close to the oval and drink fountains and has a good layout.**

What would you improve about the St Marys Park BMX jump track?

72 respondents provided a response to the above question, sharing what they would improve about the St Marys Park BMX jump track. The key themes that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. Adding larger jumps

People believe the track needs bigger jumps for various reasons. They suggest that bigger jumps would provide more variety and challenge, especially for intermediate and advanced riders. Many comments highlight the need for larger and more advanced features to cater to more experienced riders and to make the track more interesting. Suggestions include resurfacing the track, adding new and bigger jumps, and maintaining them regularly to ensure they remain in good condition. There is also a desire to have separate tracks or jump lines for different skill levels, allowing both beginners and advanced riders to enjoy the track safely.

2. Making the track larger

People believe the BMX track needs to be larger for several reasons. They suggest extending the track to include more jumps and a greater variety of obstacles to cater to different skill levels. A larger track would allow for separate lines for beginners, intermediate, and advanced riders, providing a better progression path and making it more interesting for all users. Additional features such as a platform for spectators, more extensive circuits, and better facilities, including shade and seating, would enhance the overall experience.

3. Improved maintenance

Comments highlight the necessity of keeping the track smooth and reducing bumps to make it easier for kids learning to ride. Removing rocks and prickles is important to prevent injuries and punctures. The overall quality of the track needs upgrading, including fixing missing jump lips and maintaining the condition of the up ramps and down ramps. Regular upkeep is essential to keep the jumps in good condition and safe for all riders.

4. More challenging / advanced tracks

Comments suggest adding more advanced and challenging tracks to better accommodate a range of skill levels. There is a need for larger jumps, more obstacles, and an extensive track layout to facilitate the development of riders. Introducing separate lines for beginners, intermediates, and advanced riders would encourage progression in a safer environment. Improving the current design to include features like a one-way track and adding a platform for spectators at the start/finish loop would enhance usability. Some propose transforming the track into a more versatile pump track suitable for various users, including mountain bikers, skateboarders, and scooter riders. Regular maintenance, better drainage, and creating a mix of jump difficulties would make the track more inclusive and engaging for all ages and abilities.

Other suggested improvements include **more beginner / small child tracks**, **adding shade** and improving the track surface.

Do you have any general concerns or suggestions regarding BMX track usage that we need to consider as part of our ongoing management of BMX jump track facilities?

Many respondents answered ‘nothing’ or ‘no’ to this question and felt that they had already provided enough feedback. This was also supported by the large number of positive comments received.

1. Positive comments and feedback

Council BMX tracks are highly valued by the community for their therapeutic benefits, developmental opportunities for young people, and ability to engage teenagers and pre-teens in a positive social environment. Users appreciate the respectfulness and lack of anti-social behaviour among older kids, and there is strong support for expanding and improving these facilities with more features for beginners and durable materials like bitumen or concrete. Residents commend the cleanliness, good maintenance, and family-friendly nature of the tracks, and suggest increased security to ensure safety. Overall, these tracks are seen as vital, low-cost community assets that encourage outdoor activity and foster a sense of community.

2. Lighting

Community feedback on lighting at BMX tracks indicates a mix of opinions. Some users advocate for improved lighting, including motion sensor lights and timed evening illumination, to extend usage hours, especially in winter. This would enhance safety and visibility, allowing kids to ride after school and in the early evening. There are also suggestions for security cameras to promote safety. Conversely, some residents oppose lighting due to the proximity of tracks to homes, fearing it might encourage nighttime activity and increase noise and dust. Overall, there is significant support for better lighting, provided it is well-managed and considerate of nearby residents.

3. Improved maintenance

Community feedback highlights the need for consistent and comprehensive maintenance of BMX tracks. Suggestions include regular surface upkeep to prevent erosion and rutting, dust mitigation through grass planting and low-lying hedges, and proper tree trimming. There is also a call for more accessible bins to reduce litter and engaging local volunteers for maintenance efforts. Additional amenities such as toilets, lighting, parking, and picnic areas are recommended to enhance the user experience and keep the area inviting. Overall, users stress the importance of maintaining track quality to ensure safety and enjoyment for all skill levels.

Other general comments included respondents requesting **more tracks across the Council area**, and also **bins, toilets and drink fountains** at current or future tracks. While **behaviour of riders** generally was not a concern, it was mentioned in relation to Mortlock Park along with **noise and dust concerns**. Many residents felt it should be moved **further away from homes**.

Is there an area / suburb you believe could benefit from a BMX jump track facility?

115 respondents provided a response to the above question, suggesting potential locations for BMX jump track facilities. The key locations that were mentioned are summarised below:

1. Avenue Road Reserve

Community feedback strongly supports adding BMX facilities at Avenue Road Reserve, highlighting the need to alleviate congestion at the existing skatepark by providing a dedicated space for BMX riders. The park is highly utilized, and local kids have already started creating their own jumps, indicating significant demand. A BMX track would offer a valuable recreational outlet, encourage physical activity, and make use of the ample unused space. The existing amenities, including a playground, skatepark, and toilets, would complement the new facilities, making Avenue Road Reserve an even more attractive destination for families and children.

2. Pasadena

Community feedback supports the idea of establishing BMX facilities in Pasadena, citing the area's convenience for local riders and the presence of an open space that requires minimal preparation. Specifically, the park on Naomi Street is suggested due to its available dirt area, proximity to a tennis club, and existing amenities like a playground and grassed area, which would make it an attractive, multifunctional site for both riders and their families.

3. Blackwood

Community feedback for establishing BMX facilities in Blackwood emphasizes several potential benefits and locations. Suggested sites include areas behind Coles, the Belair Golf Course, and near the Blackwood Skate Park. The feedback highlights the convenience of having a BMX track at the top of the hill in Blackwood to avoid the strenuous return journey from existing tracks in Hawthorndene. There's a strong preference for a pump track to provide a variety of riding experiences, especially for those seeking less risky, technical rides. The area near Blackwood Football Club is also recommended for a skills park with progressive features, catering to both recreational riders and coaching programs.

4. Craighburn Farm

Community feedback supports the establishment of BMX facilities at Craighburn Farm, emphasizing its suitability due to existing mountain bike trails and proximity to the Blackwood Football Club. Commenters suggest adding larger and more jumps to existing legal MTB tracks to provide a safer, dedicated space for riders and reduce unauthorized trail use. The area between the Blackwood Football Club and the National Park main trailhead is specifically highlighted as an ideal location for new facilities. These comments are similar to those regarding Blackwood (suburb)

Other suggested locations include **Karinya Reserve, Belair, Bellevue Heights, and Coromandel Valley. Blackwood Football Club** is mentioned as a specific location a number of times as well.

Next Steps

The feedback as described in this report will be used by our consultants, Tredwell, to inform their BMX/Jump Track Facilities Review and associated report. This review and recommendations report is designed to help Council understand:

- the current levels of service provided by the four BMX Track Jump facilities
- the level of service the community want
- potential areas to invest or further develop across the City of Mitcham

It is expected that this information is presented to Council at a briefing in early 2025 to inform future recreation planning for high-quality BMX / Jump tracks for a range of ages and skill levels.

Further Information

For more information on our BMX jump track review please visit

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