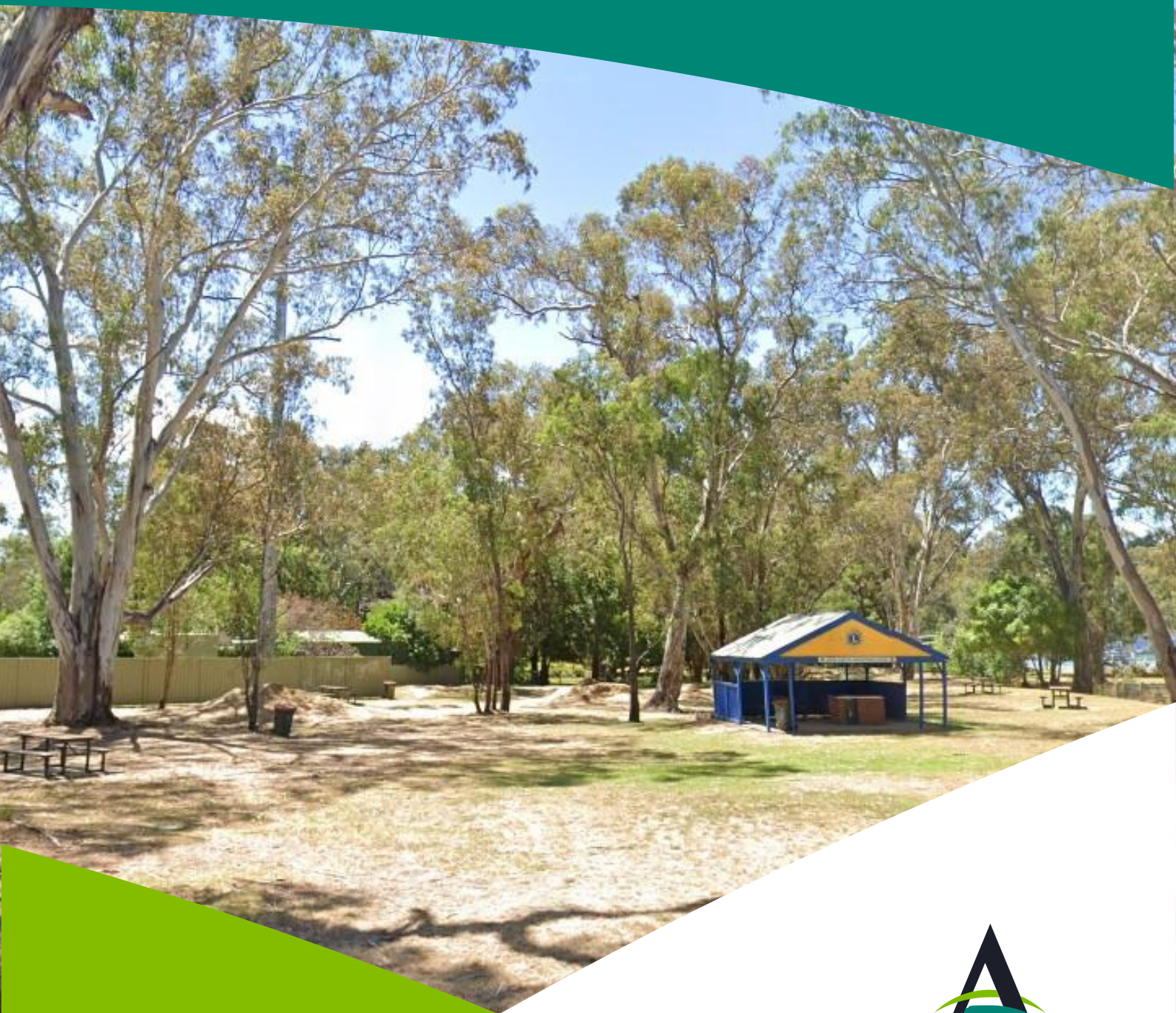


Brockhoff Park Bike Track

Community Feedback Summary Report

September 2026



1. Introduction

We understand the community's passion for the Brochhoff Park bike track as a place for children to ride their bikes. The jumps in the park were constructed by community on land that is owned by the Council and were not designed or constructed to the standard required for a public recreation facility. A recent assessment by an independent industry professional found the jumps to be in poor condition and not suitable for use.

Building or modifying the bike track features in order to restore the track would require excavation and soil compaction. These works can damage tree root zones and affect the long-term health and stability of the established trees on site. These trees are important community assets, and council has a responsibility to protect them.

Due to these factors, council staff recommended removal of the bike jumps and provided community notification in early August 2026, around the upcoming works.

Information shared included details about why the track removal had been recommended and provided details about where community members could find more information and how to contact council staff.

2. Summary of engagement

Engagement approach

The purpose of the engagement was to inform community members about the upcoming track removal, explain why removal had been recommended and provide details about how they could contact council staff.

This was not a formal community engagement process, but rather a community notification of planned works in a community reserve.

A simple feedback form was developed and provided online. A community drop-in session was later planned and held on site from 4pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday 19 August 2026.

Information about the upcoming track removal was shared via a number of channels including:

- Letters to adjoining residents and businesses.
- Information on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub.
- Emails to key stakeholders including; Johnston Memorial Park Committee, associated sporting clubs, the Lions Club and Oakbank Area School.
- Email to Elected Members.
- Signage positioned at the reserve.

A copy of information provided on Council's Engagement Platform is available in Appendix A.

All advertisements and social media posts are provided in Appendix B.

3. Participants

This section provides details about participation during the notification period.

Table 1 Participation Source

Activity	Number
Online submissions	8
Email and customer request submissions	8
Attendance at community drop-in session	20-25
Total participants with duplicates removed	26

Table 2 Participant Suburbs

Suburb / Township	No. of Respondents
Balhannah	12
Oakbank	4
Basket Range	1
Not provided	8
Total	No. 26

4. Summary of feedback

The below section provides a summary of information received from community members following the notification of the track removal. This feedback was received via emails, online feedback form and at the community drop-in session. The feedback has been categories under key themes.

1. Strong community support for retaining the track

The dominant theme across feedback was a desire to keep a bike track at Brockhoff Park. Many respondents described the track as a valued local asset that has been used for years by local families and visiting children. Some people supported modifications to larger jumps if required but opposed complete removal of the facility.

2. Importance for children, families and healthy recreation

Many families described the bike track as an important outdoor recreation space that encourages:

- Physical activity.
- Outdoor play.
- Confidence building.
- Skill development.
- Reduced screen time.
- Social connection with friends and family.

3. Accessible and beginner-friendly riding environment

A common theme was that Brockhoff Park provides a safe and un intimidating environment for younger and less experienced riders.

Respondents mentioned that:

- Younger children mainly use the rollers, berms, start mound and outer loop.
- The track allows progression from beginner features to more advanced riding.
- Children can ride close to home without needing extensive travel.
- Several families indicated their children are not confident enough for larger facilities such as Woody Trails or Fox Creek but comfortably use Brockhoff Park.

4. Concerns about alternative facilities

Many respondents felt that alternative riding locations do not adequately replace Brockhoff Park because they:

- Require transport by car and parental supervision.
- Are further away from Balhannah and Oakbank.

- Are busier and more intimidating for younger riders.
- Cater more to experienced riders.
- Parents highlighted that Brockhoff Park enables independent recreation and casual meetups with friends, unlike destination facilities that require organised family trips.

5. Desire for greater consultation and transparency

Respondents questioned whether sufficient community consultation had occurred prior to the decision.

People requested:

- Greater transparency regarding safety concerns.
- Information about assessments undertaken.
- Clarification of environmental constraints.
- Information on alternative options that were considered.
- Opportunities for meaningful community input before removal proceeds.

6. Community willingness to help

Many respondents expressed a desire to partner with Council to retain the facility.

Suggestions included:

- Volunteer maintenance programs.
- Community working bees.
- Fundraising campaigns.
- Grant funding applications.
- Partnerships with sporting clubs and community organisations.
- Youth involvement in track maintenance and stewardship. Several community members stated there would be strong volunteer support if Council pursued a collaborative solution.

9. Environmental considerations

Several respondents recognised the importance of protecting surrounding trees and the environmental values of the reserve. While supporting the track, they also expressed interest in solutions that balance recreation with tree protection and site sustainability.

10. Current use of the track

Community members and parents reported using the track:

- Daily during school holidays or before / after school.
- Several visits per week by many families.
- Weekly visits by parents, grandparents and carers.

The track is used by a range of community members including children, teenagers, parents and grandparents. Most feedback suggested the primary user group is children under 12 years, although older teenagers and young adults occasionally use the larger jumps.

Parents consistently noted that younger children predominantly use the smaller jumps and roller track, while older and more experienced riders tend to use the larger jumps.

11. Broader use of the reserve

The bike track functions as part of a broader recreation space. Visitors commonly:

- Use the playground.
- Meet friends for play dates.
- Have afternoon tea or family outings.
- Walk through the reserve.
- Visit nearby local businesses.

The facility also attracts visitors from nearby suburbs and townships.

5. Conclusion

Feedback was received from approximately 26 community members during the weeks following the notification about the track removal. This feedback was received via email, online feedback form and during the onsite community drop-in session. Several community members provided feedback multiple times or via multiple channels.

Community feedback shows support for retaining a bike riding facility at Brockhoff Park, with most respondents opposing complete removal of the bike jumps. While many community members acknowledged the importance of safety, environmental considerations and site constraints, the prevailing view was that council should work with the community to improve, modify or rebuild the facility rather than remove it entirely.

Feedback also highlighted the track's role as a well-used space for recreation, social connection, skill development and independent outdoor play for children and young people.

There was a consistent willingness among respondents to collaborate with Council through volunteer maintenance, working bees, fundraising and grant applications to help ensure the facility remains safe and sustainable.

6. Appendices

Appendix A – Information Provided on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub

Content provided on 15 July 2026

News

Removal and Closure of the Brockhoff Park Bike Jumps, Balhannah

July 15, 2026

What is happening?

We would like to let the community know that the dirt bike jumps at Brockhoff Park, near Johnston Memorial Oval, Balhannah will be closed and removed during the first week of August 2026.

The bike jumps were originally community-built and have provided enjoyment for local riders over many years. At the time, they were not formally designed or constructed to the standard required for a public recreation facility and they have now reached the end of their useful life.

A recent assessment by an independent industry professional found the jumps to be no longer safe for community access. Unfortunately, in its current state, it presents an unacceptable level of risk for a public facility.

+ Why are the bike jumps being removed?

+ Can the bike jumps be repaired or upgraded?

+ What will happen to the site after the jumps are removed?

+ Will future recreation opportunities be considered?

+ Where else can riders go?

+ Has council considered the effect on local riders?

+ Could the bike track be re-established by the community?

+ How much would it cost council to reinstate the track?

+ Where can I find more information?

News

Removal and Closure of the Brockhoff Park Bike Jumps, Balhannah

July 15, 2026

What is happening?

We understand the community's passion for the Brockhoff Park Bike track as a place for children to ride their bikes and appreciate the time locals have taken to provide feedback.

The jumps in the park were constructed by community on land that is owned by the Council and leased by the Johnston Memorial Park Committee and are not to the standard required for a public recreation facility. The jumps are collapsing by erosion and vegetation is reclaiming them. A recent assessment by an independent industry professional found the jumps to be no longer safe for community access.

As they're built on Council land with a community lease over the land, Council and the Johnston Memorial Park Committee have a responsibility to manage the safety risks to the wider community and environmental impacts. Council want to see riders enjoy safe, high-quality spaces.

Following local community discussions with key stakeholders, we will pause the removal of the jumps and await the Johnston Memorial Park Committee to formalise their position.

Council has allocated funding in this 2026/27 budget to elevate the quality of other bike facilities in our Council area to improve our community's experience. Part of the funding will be used for providing community with the opportunity to attend hands on dig days and learn from industry experts about responsible bike track construction.

If there are community members, local community groups, or organisations that wants to have a conversation about bike riding in Balhannah, Council will be pleased to consider ideas and facilitate discussions.

Drop-in session

Quick facts

Share your thoughts

We would like to invite current and previous riders of the Brockhoff Park Bike Jumps to attend a community drop-in session. Community members are welcome to drop-in and chat to staff anytime between 4pm and 5pm on Wednesday 19 August 2025.



Community drop-in session

Council has organised a community drop-in session at Brockhoff Park on Wednesday 19 August from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

The session will provide an opportunity to:

- hear community views;
- explain the audit findings; and
- outline the reasons for recommending removal of the bike jumps.

Following the session, Council will consider the feedback received before determining next steps.



Appendix B – Advertisements and social media posts

Reserve signage installed in mid July 2026

Bike Track Closure

For community safety, this track will be closing and will not be replaced. Thank you for your support and understanding.

For further information, visit our website.



Scan for more information

Or call the Adelaide Hills Council on
8408 0400 or mail@ahc.sa.gov.au



Brockhoff Park Bike Jumps



FUTURE OF BROCKHOFF PARK BIKE JUMPS

These jumps were constructed by community on land that is owned by the Council and leased by the Johnston Memorial Park Committee (JMPC) and are not to the standard required for a public recreation facility.

The jumps are collapsing by erosion and a recent assessment by an independent industry professional found the jumps to be no longer safe for community access.

Council will pause the removal of the jumps and await the JMPC to formalise their position as the lease holders of this land.

Users of this facility do so at their own risk. Adelaide Hills Council accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury caused or in connection with this facility.
Children under 12 must be supervised by a responsible adult.



To find out more and to share your thoughts or ideas, please visit www.engage.ahc.sa.gov.au



Facebook event shared on 6 August 2026



Adelaide Hills Council created an event.
6 August · 🌐



Wed, 19 Aug

Brockhoff Park Bike Jumps Community Drop-in Session

Brockhoff Park, Balhannah

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