

Station Road Reserve, Woodside – Proposed Lease

Community Engagement Outcomes Report

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1. Introduction

Members of the Woodside community have been in occupation of the “Woody Trails” site at Station Road Woodside since at least the 1970s. The land is former rail corridor land owned by the State Government. In the 1970s the community group slowly took occupation of the site by working together to put a BMX track on the site, and over the years have continued to use the land not just as a cycle track but as a community garden, community meeting space and event space. Council have had ad-hoc involvement with the site and its stakeholders over many years.

In recent years, there has been increased advocacy from the community for physical improvements to the site. This prompted dialogue with the State Government about seeking approval for improvements. The State then commenced a process to consider the future of the land, i.e. whether or not it was required for government or community purposes.

The State Government have agreed in principle to retain ownership of the land and enter into a long-term lease with the Council. We have been in discussions with representatives from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport over terms of a proposed long-term lease.

In August 2025, we invited feedback from the public on the proposal to enter into a 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways for the reserve at Station Road, Woodside. This report presents feedback received during the engagement period and will be presented to Council and made available to those who participated in the consultation on Council's Engagement Platform.

A total of 62 participants provided feedback on the proposed lease. 60 respondents provided their feedback via the online feedback form. Three respondents provided their feedback via email. One of these three respondents also completed the online survey.

2. Summary of Engagement

Engagement approach

The purpose of the engagement was to assist us to understand our community's level of support for Council to enter into a 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways for the reserve located at Station Road, Woodside.

Community engagement was not legislatively required for this engagement under the Local Government Act 1999, however community consultation was a stipulation of the Council motion endorsed at the Meeting on 13 May 2025. A community engagement plan was developed, and community engagement was undertaken over 21 days from Wednesday 6 to Tuesday 26 August 2025.

Our engagement approach aimed to provide detail about the history of Station Road Reserve and share the details of the proposed 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways.

Questions were asked to determine participants level of support for the proposed lease along with any additional feedback or comments. A feedback form was developed and provided online and in hardcopy format. It contained both closed and open style questions.

Feedback could be provided via any of the following options:

- Online submission form on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page
- Email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Mail to Community Engagement Coordinator, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Phone 8408 0400
- Hardcopy feedback forms available from any AHC Library or Customer Service Centres

Distribution and promotion

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted through a number of channels including:

- Courier Advertisement on 8 August 2025
- Adelaide Hills Council Website and Engagement Hub Page
- Email newsletter to engagement subscribers with relevant categories of interest
- Emails and phone calls with key community groups / stakeholders
- Email to Elected Members to share
- Social media
- Letter to adjoining residents
- Posters, hardcopy information and feedback forms available at Customer Service Centres and Libraries at Gumeracha, Stirling, Woodside and The Summit.

Table 1 Promotional statistics

Media	Number of posts / emails / Newsletter	Reach	Engagement (reaction, comment, share or opening link)
Adelaide Hills Council Facebook	1	4,420 views, 57 interactions	37 link clicks
Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub email	1	78	Opens 52, clicks 12
Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page	NA	193 total visits	59 engaged visitors

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

All verbatim online feedback responses are provided in Appendix B.

All written submissions (emails and letters) are provided in Appendix C.

All e-newsletters, advertisements and social media posts are provided in Appendix D.

3. Participants

This section provides details about participation during the engagement period and demographic information about respondents.

Participation source

The following table displays how participants provided feedback.

Table 2 Participation Source

Activity	Number Participating
Online submissions	60
Hardcopy submissions	0
Written response – email, letter	3 (one submission also completed survey)
Total Consultation Participation	62

Participation characteristics

Respondents' suburb – online and written submissions

Table 3 Participant Suburbs

Suburb / Township	No. of Respondents	% of Participants
Woodside	47	75.8%
Lobethal	2	3.2%
Balhannah	2	3.2%
Other AHC: Charleston, Lenswood, Heathfield, Bridgewater, Summertown, Kenton Valley	6	9.7%
Outside AHC: Mount Barker, Craigmore, Hawthorndene, Echunga	5	8.1%
Total	No. 62	100%

4. Online Feedback

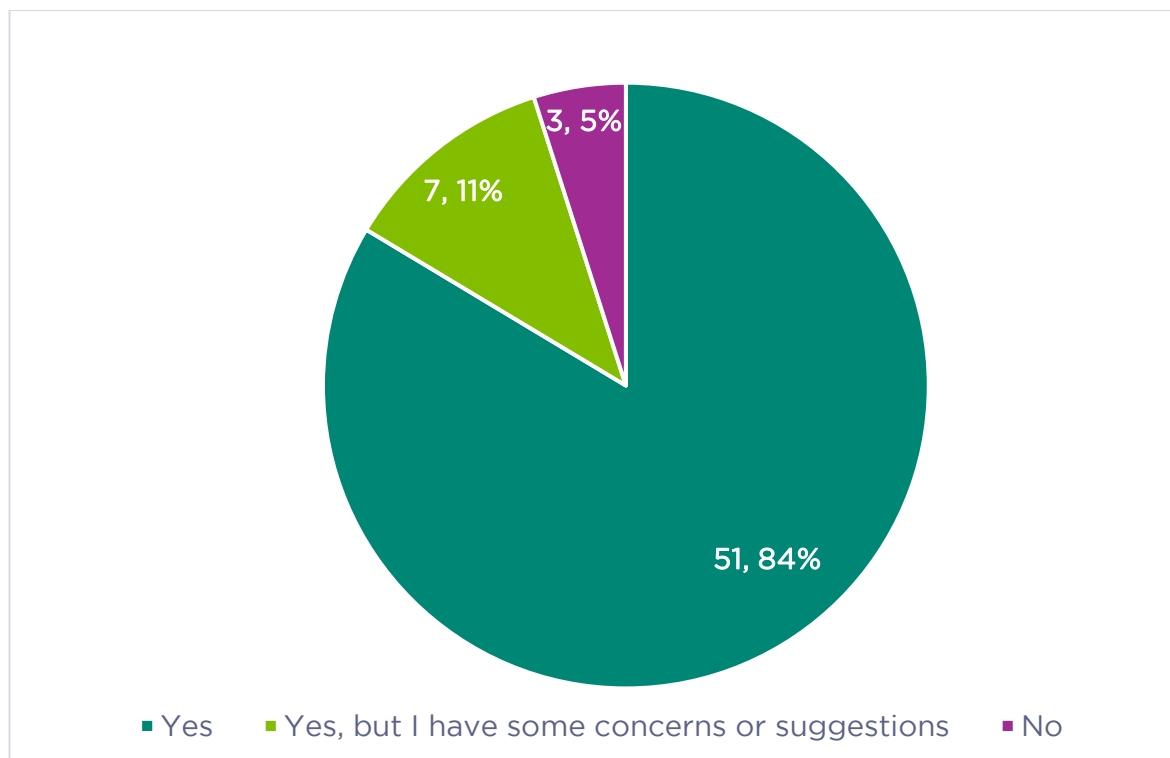
Level of support or Council to enter into a 99-year lease with The Commission of Highways for the land at Station Road Woodside.

Participants were asked if they supported the proposal for Council to enter into a 99-year lease with The Commissioner of Highways for the land at Station Road, Woodside. The responses were as following:

- Yes – 51 (83.6%)
- Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions - 7 (11.5%)
- No – 3 (4.9%)

*One email response provided further detail regarding a meeting that was held with staff but didn't respond directly regarding support for or against the proposed lease.

Chart/graph 1: Respondents' level of support



Respondents feedback and comments regarding the lease proposal

Participants had the option to share further feedback or commentary about their response and/or the proposed lease. 43 respondents chose to provide comments, and the themes of these comments can be seen in the table below. Verbatim responses can be viewed in Appendix B.

Table 4 Main themes of comments / feedback

Theme/s	No. of Respondents
Support for community space and / or 99-year lease - Great community asset, BMX track, community garden, meeting space, free activity	35
Appreciation for volunteer / community work at the site e.g. Love Woodside, Woody Trails, Woodside Commerce	11
Requests for other public amenities / improvements e.g. shelter, drinking fountain, paving, signage	6

Add a public toilet facility	5
Remove Council Depot from site	4
Support for formalised connection to Amy Gillett Bikeway	4
More tree planting / improvement / protection of nature	4
Concerns about no funds being available to support the site / increased cost to council	3
Reserve supports / encourages community connection	2
Improve / increase carpark area	2
Effects on residents - noise, rubbish, accessing private property	2
Will costs be passed on to any community groups / events?	2
Don't support proposed lease	2
Don't support inclusion of toilet	1
Provision for RV parking	1
Proximity of site to Woodside Recreation Grounds	1
Grant funding / funding support for Love Woodside	1
Support lease as long as space stays the same /community groups continue to have access	1
Council should buy the land	1
More engagement with adjoining residents	1
Opportunities for use of site by other community groups	1
Allow allotments for community lease for edible plants	1
Don't support any commercial signage	1

5. Written and Verbal Feedback

Three emails were received during the engagement period. Two emails expressed support for the proposed lease and for the community facilities available at Station Road Reserve.

The third email detailed feedback about a meeting held with staff thanking staff for the constructive meeting that discussed potential land use changes for this resident under the proposed lease.

6. Conclusion

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Majority of participants (84%, n=51) are in support of Council entering into a 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways for the reserve located on Station Road, Woodside.

From the commentary provided, it is clear that the reserve is well loved and well used by local residents and members from surrounding townships. There is interest in further infrastructure being supported at the reserve such as a toilet facility, water fountain, shelter etc. There is also a lot of appreciation for the work done by Love Woodside and Woody Trails to support this community space.

Those respondents who do not support the lease (5%, n=3) or have concerns / suggestions about the lease (11% n=7), highlighted the additional costs that may be required by the council to support maintenance of this space and the fact that council have stipulated that there are no additional funds assigned for this reserve. They also spoke about the effects on adjoining residents due to reserve users leaving rubbish, entering private property and noise.

7. Appendices

Appendix A – Information Provided and Feedback Form

Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page

Station Road, Woodside - Proposed Lease



Thank you for sharing your feedback on our proposal to enter into a 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways for the reserve at Station Road, Woodside. Part of this reserve is home to the Woody Trails bike track and community garden.

Background

Members of the Woodside community have occupied the "Woody Trails" site at Station Road, Woodside for over 50 years. The land is former rail corridor land owned by the State Government. In the 1970s the community group slowly took occupation of the site by working together to put a BMX track on the site, and over the years have continued to use the land not just as a cycle track but as a community garden, community meeting space and event space.



In recent years, there has been increased advocacy from the community for physical improvements to the site. This prompted discussions with the State Government about seeking approval for improvements. The State then commenced a process to consider the future of the land, i.e. whether or not it was required for government or community purposes. The State Government have agreed in principle to retain ownership of the land and enter into a long-term (99 year) lease with the Council as the Lessee (long term Tenant) for the site. You can view the Draft Lease under the Document Library.

Council have had ad-hoc involvement with the Station Road site and its stakeholders over many years. By entering into a long-term lease for this site, we will be able to have discussions with community groups about formalising their use of this site and there will be less need to obtain approvals from the State Government for minor activities at the site.

It is important to note, that Council doesn't currently have any plans or funds allocated to improve or increase infrastructure or services at this reserve beyond the current improvements on the land. The Woodside Recreation Grounds is located in close proximity to the Station Road site and is a regional sporting and community reserve.

Sharing your feedback

You can provide your feedback on our intent to enter into a 99-lease for the land at Station Road, Woodside, in one of the following ways:

- Completing the online feedback form below
- Sending an email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au

Lifecycle



Open

This consultation is open for contributions.
Wednesday 6 to Tuesday 26 August 2025.



Under Review

Contributions to this consultation are closed for evaluation and review. The project team will report back on key outcomes.



Final report

The final outcomes of the consultation are documented here. This may include a summary of all contributions collected as well as recommendations for future action.

Document Library

Draft Lease Station Road Woodside (516 KB) (pdf)

Map of proposed leased area Station Rd Woodside (5.23 MB) (jpg)

Poster Station Road Woodside (1.01 MB) (pdf)

Factsheet Station Road Woodside (957 KB) (pdf)

Submission Form Station Road Woodside (95.5 KB) (pdf)

- Posting your feedback to 63 Mount Barker Road Stirling SA 5152
- Giving us a call on 8408 0400
- Collecting a hardcopy feedback form from any Council Service Centre or Library at Stirling, Gumeracha, Woodside or The Summit during [opening hours](#).

Community engagement closes at 5pm on Tuesday 26 August 2025.

Feedback Form - Station Road Woodside 99-Year Lease

 **CLOSED: This survey has concluded.**

Feedback Form - Station Road Woodside 99-Year Lease

You will be submitting this survey as **melclarke**, to change this [logout](#)

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required

1. Do you support the proposal for Council to enter into a 99-year lease with The Commissioner of Highways for the land at Station Road, Woodside? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions
- ☐ No

2. Please provide any feedback about the proposed lease

Important Links

-  Council Meeting Agenda - 13 May 2025 (page 43)
-  Council Meeting Minutes - 13 May 2025

FAQs

-  How much will the lease cost Council?
-  Do we have any plans to add new infrastructure at Station Road, Woodside?
-  Who will manage the reserve at Station Road, Woodside?
-  Who are Love Woodside?
-  Does Station Road, Woodside connect to Amy Gillet Bikeway?
-  Will the horse agistment area remain?

Who's Listening

Lisa Smith
Property Officer
Adelaide Hills Council

Phone 84080400

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Station Road, Woodside

Proposed 99-year lease



We are proposing to enter into a 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways for the reserve at Station Road, Woodside. We'd like to find out if you are supportive of the proposed lease. What do you think, do you have any feedback?

Members of the Woodside community have occupied the "Woody Trails" site at Station Road, Woodside for over 50 years. The land is former rail corridor land owned by the State Government.

In the 1970s the community group slowly took occupation of the site by working together to put a BMX track on the site, and over the years have continued to use the land not just as a cycle track but as a community garden, community meeting space and event space.

The State Government have agreed in principle to retain ownership of the land and enter into a long-term lease with Council.

Entering into a long-term lease for this site, will enable us to have discussions with community groups about formalising their use of this site and facilitate conversations about any future site maintenance or improvements.

It is important to note that no funds are currently allocated to infrastructure improvements at this site and the proposed lease of the land to Council may not result in an increased level of service or upgrades to the site.

You can view the Draft Lease under the Document Library on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub.



Share your feedback in one of the following ways:

- Complete the online feedback form at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au or via the QR code below
- Email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Mail Community Engagement, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Phone 8408 0400
- Collect a hardcopy feedback form from any AHC Library or Customer Service Centre and submit via any of the ways listed above or by handing into our Council Service Centres or Libraries at:
 - Coventry Library, 63 Mt Barker Rd, Stirling
 - Woodside Service Centre, 26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside
 - Gumeracha Civic Centre, 45 Albert Street, Gumeracha

This engagement closes at 5pm on Tuesday 26 August 2025

08 8408 0400
mail@ahc.sa.gov.au
ahc.sa.gov.au



Station Road Woodside – Proposed Lease Submission Form



This submission form is also available
online at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au
or you can scan the QR code

Please submit your feedback by 5pm, Tuesday 26 August 2025

Your Name _____

Your Email _____

Your Suburb/Township _____

1. Do you support the proposal for Council to enter into a 99-year lease with The Commissioner of Highways for the land at Station Road, Woodside?

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Yes

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Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions

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No

2. Please provide any further feedback or comments about the proposed lease.

Thank you for providing your feedback!

Your feedback will be considered by the project team. You can find out more about this project and register to become an engagement subscriber of our Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub at: engage.ahc.sa.gov.au.

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Appendix B - Verbatim comments from online and hardcopy feedback responses

The Love Woodside Group formed after a Community Meeting in November 2017. First meeting 1st February 2018 when a Committee was formed. A Deputation to the AHC on February 27th., was put forward to create this space as a Recreation area. Since the inception of this Group, we have applied for Grants to help with maintaining the BMX Track and make improvements to this area. After clearing weeds from the area, some 6 to 8 foot high, walking trails have been created (all built by hand), and extensive planting of native plants and Bush Tucker Plants.

The Community Garden commenced in 2018, with many of our planter boxes being donated, or made up from timber donated to the Group. Recently we have been APR have been kind enough to allow us to source seconds, of composite material from their site, to build garden beds, decking to cover drainage channels, fencing, etc., at no cost. With the continued growing of seedlings and plants, and bags of kindling (which we ask for a donation), and with other donations from local groups, Lions, Rotary, Kalyra and Woodside Commerce, we are able to continue the work at Woody Trails.

We have run 2 Survey Monkeys at this site, with feedback from not only our Community, but from all over Australia and overseas.

This is now a much loved area for all ages and all abilities and the Community and our Group would love to expand and create more at this site.

The area is for all ages and abilities.....everyone is welcome.

We hope the Council and Community support us with this new 99 year Lease.

As per a Track Audit, done by Toby Allender from the Trail Collective, done in 2018, (paid for by the AHC), the Community Group has fixed many of the issues, and the only 3 main remaining things to be done is, Toilets, Drinking Fountain and Shelter. This Audit was put forward by Mark De Lange, when he worked with us for many years to help improve the area.

A wonderful idea. It's such a benefit for Woodside and the volunteers have done a terrific job.

It's an amazing space for all ages

buy the land at peppercorn rate

This is such an important space for the community and for conservation and biodiversity in the Adelaide Hills. We use the space regularly and it's great to see so many others responsibly using the space.

Dear Council

Based on the information in your FAQ it would appear that :

1. under the new lease, this site would come under the care and control of council,
2. the council has insufficient budget to effectively manage this land (it is largely robbing some other part of the budget to maintain another space), and
3. the council does not have any plans or budgeted funds for new infrastructure at Station Road, Woodside.

It would be our proposal that the Council should not take on the responsibility for land that they cannot properly afford to manage.

The idea that the Council would sublet this land (at least in part) to an organisation that has no ongoing membership base (such as a football club or netball club) and for which there is no relationship between the users (the bike riders (many of whom are from out of town)) and those that are upkeeping the land (the elderly volunteers) is very concerning.

The group of residents who currently maintain this area have no access to funding (such as memberships) which would ensure the appropriate maintenance of this area in the medium term and there is the real likelihood that when the current people providing these volunteer services either leave town or become incapable of undertaking this work any further that the area will become run down.

We would also be very concerned about a toilet facility being approved on this site, particularly if the council was not responsible for this facility. Such a facility would likely attract a type of person in the evening that would significantly increase the risk of people living close by or using the bike park.

We would be heavily against any corporate sponsorship signage being displayed in this area (like what is currently in place at Balhannah Oval). We would seek confirmation from Council that if any lease was put in place that full restrictions on signage would be incorporated into any such lease.

We feel that this is an illconceived and illconsidered idea and that if this proposal was from a third party seeking Council approval to proceed that the Council would decline such a request.

The Council already has appropriate facilities for community use just up the road from this site at the Oval precinct. There is no need for a further community site (that the council cannot afford) in the Woodside township.

We would be happy to attend a Council meeting to discuss the issues that we have raised above further.

Regards

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Dear Council

We are amazed and disappointed that as the only property that fully connects with the land in question that we have not been actively engaged by the council as this proposal has been considered.

We note that this may be that the Council is trying to hide issues that have been experienced (and complaints that have been made) whilst the Love Woodside group has had responsibility for the site in the past.

For many years now, the Love Woodside group and the Council have taken no action to stop users of the bike park from jumping over the adjoining fence between our properties and illegally accessing our property.

We have raised issues on a number of occasions (only to be told by the Council that this is not our land and so we have no responsibility for it). We have real concerns that these bike park users will harm themselves on the fence or whilst illegally on our property and that

they will make a claim against us and not the Council or Love Woodside for any injury that they may incur.

We also have concerns that they will damage the fence and we will be left responsible for fixing the fence.

On a regular basis we experience a significant amount of rubbish being thrown over the fence by users of the bike park. This rubbish includes car tyres, glass bottles, plastic bottles and pvc drain pipes. The land on our side of the fence is used for stock and these materials often cause us concerns regarding our livestock being injured.

We also note that in recent times the Love Woodside group have directed water drain runoffs from the bike park into our property, which we find to be totally unacceptable.

As the primary neighbour to this bike park we also find it unacceptable that the Love Woodside group do not engage with us in any way on any of the decisions that they make in relation to the park. Recently, we found it very intrusive that they built a seat right on our fence line to allow people to sit and overlook our property with no restrictions. They also built a walk path right along our fence line without advising us. These developments significantly reduce our enjoyment of our property and is something that we are considering taking legal action against.

The one sided proposal that has been put to the Council does not reflect any of the above, nor does it accurately reflect the true costs that the council will be responsible for if they sign this lease.

It is not good enough for the council to say we do not have any money and therefore we can do nothing about these matters.

I note that in the lease document that the Council will be legally responsible for the following :

Lessee Outgoings

- all rates, taxes, levies, impositions and charges including but not limited to Land tax, Council rates and water and sewer rates and charges and State Land Tax (on a single holding basis), Emergency Services Levy and River Murray Levy payable in respect of the Land (including any costs, charges, duties, impositions and levies separately assessed in respect of any sub-leased area of Land;
- all other costs, charges, levies, duties, impositions assessed by any government or authority in respect of the Land irrespective of the ownership;
- rubbish removal and all other charges and impositions imposed by any public utility or authority or by any other person for the supply of any service in respect of the Premises and including the costs of the lighting of the Land and signage;
- all costs of maintaining, repairing, lighting and cleaning of the Premises;
- all costs for general maintenance of the improvements, car parking areas, driveways, security areas and the gardening and landscaping in respect of the Premises;
- all charges for fuel, sewerage, drainage and other services supplied or serviced to the Lessor the payment of which is not the responsibility of any individual occupant of the Premises;

- all insurance premiums payable by the Lessor in respect of the insurance relating to the Premises;
- all other amounts required or charged against the Lessor in respect of the Premises;
- all reasonable costs incurred by the Lessor in the management of the Premises; and
- all costs of running and maintaining any services provided by the Lessor for the Lessee.

The council cannot enter into this lease unless it has sufficient budget to meet all of these responsibilities.

It is our view that there will be immediate costs required for lighting, signage, insurance and drainage and this will just be the start.

As such, we urge the Council not to sign this lease.

I would be happy to attend a Council meeting to explain the concerns that we have further.

Regards

State should not be leasing in the first place- This is how they try to look good on the books financially. Also, the Amy Gillett bikeway should somehow properly continue through this section as these individuals create danger on the main road in the township.

I love this place my grandpa puts his heart and soul in to this and I would hate to see it go

Needs proper toilet facilities.

So long as the council continues to allow the space to be used by the youth and love woodside group. There should also be funds allocated to this community space and or providing support to love woodside via grant applications.

This space needs to remain as it's current use to support families and young people by providing them a place to go and engage with their peers.

Seems like a simple yes to me

The reserve is a great asset for the community.

This is one of the better bike parks in the Adelaide Hills. As a dad of young kids, having investment in environments for play and risk taking like this is so good.

The land is a great space and is well used by the community as a social hub and active use by children and adults. It is a space that has evolved and has real community ownership and that makes it work well.

Seems like a good idea to provide certainty to community groups. A bit of interpretive signage about the old railway station would be useful, and maybe a map of the Amy Gillett rail trail as well.

Leasing the land for 99 years is a real no brainer. It is a very valuable community asset and every opportunity should be used to maintain and develop community involvement in the

site. I think that the adjacent "horse paddock" would be an EXCELLENT site for leased defined ALLOTMENTS for the use of members of the community for an annual renewable rental fee. It would be beneficial for young and old, for all residents and organisations. It would open opportunities for personal fruit and vegetable production, sharing of plants and seed, social activity and even extending into therapy for the aged.

1. That provision for RV vehicles and caravans be made on or adjacent to the site to allow for overnight parking. Inclusion of an RV "Dump". This would bring extra revenue for local businesses and create a bit for the Council too along the lines of the RV site in Balhannah.
2. That exclusivity is not entirely given to the Love Woodside group as it may be that other groups within Woodside might also like to have more input. Currently this is run by one group who have ideas for the use of this land that are not always shared locally.
3. That the Council depot is removed.
4. That the Onkaparinga River is cleaned up as it goes underneath Tiers Road. The area adjacent to the river is in a derelict condition and does not reflect what you are trying to achieve by creating a tasteful and beautiful area along Station Road.

I think it is a great idea to support the locals in their community. With so much development going on at least the families have places to go as more land in the hills is getting chewed up in development. The community has already invested a lot of time and money into the area and it would be disappointing to see their efforts in not only providing a place for locals but also support tourism to the community. A win for everyone.

Excellent community space which has developed over time

Would be great to secure long term community use. Current stakeholders, Woody Trails and Love Woodside (community garden) have been very active, and responsible, with improving the site. Also, the AHC depot is essential for green waste collection and other community services.

The community are doing a great job there. Perhaps public toilets should be provided.

The area used as an industrial depot by council takes up an enormous space and massively detracts from the aesthetic of a town entrance and entire Station Road precinct. It and areas around it are used as a dumping ground for roadworks etc. The lease should be a community space, not a works depot.

We need a clear and safe path for the Amy Gillett track. The thin 50km road along there is dangerous for foot and bike traffic

The area needs proper permanent toilets. People were throwing human waste into the waterway. Temporary Portaloo is not sufficient.

A bigger and better serviced community area would be fantastic for Woodside and all others who visit the bike track. Is essential to keep the bike track

More green space and a nature play area would be brilliant.

Better and clearly marked parking is needed urgently

this could be a huge community benefit for the town and the whole area.

I would like to see more paths and the wetlands no longer fenced

We cannot lose this beautiful community area. It's one of the reasons we moved to Woodside. Years ago
Just get it done for community benefits
Whilst I am supportive of council entering into a long term lease, some consideration is required if part of the area is then sublet via (an assumed) peppercorn lease to Love Woodside. In particular I note clause 3.18 regarding P/L insurance, it is assumed that this will not be passed on as an expectation of Love Woodside. I also note comments regarding improvements and council comments about the recreation grounds, given the increased traffic (use) of the bike track area, consideration needs to be given to providing toilets near the bike track area, it is unrealistic to expect parents to take small children to the recreation grounds to use toilet facilities (for a child this is a long walk). At present, it is regularly observed that there is unsanitary behaviour including people urinating, defecating and leaving soiled nappies at the bmx track, on occasion people leave behind nappies and do not clean up faeces (including not using bins). Consideration should be given to relocating the council depot which is unsightly and is poorly located at one of the entry points to the township - as a minimum the area occupied should be as per the current agreement, not extending as far as it does. In conjunction with this, council should not be using carparking to dump road base as is currently the accepted behaviour, not only is this unsightly the associated dust is also creating human health issues for residents that live adjacent.
A great spot for the kids to spend time outside and not playing with their phones. Nice place to enjoy a coffee and cake from one of the local shops, chat with others while the kids have fun. A great investment for the future
Ours excellent seeing the improvements to the area that are undertaken by community members. This proposal appears to ensure that there is long term certainty for the community to invest time and effort into the station road precinct. That's is to be encouraged and supported.
I am very proud of the AHC for wanting to maintain the community's enjoyment of Station Road. Thank you for taking on the lease again and keeping it going.
I think the garden and bike track are just wonderful. I cycle through here a few times a year and the garden is a beautiful spot to stop, have a drink or some lunch.
Brilliant initiative to resolve the future of this site - such a resource for the community. We use it all the time with our 5 year old son!
This is a wonderful space for children of all ages. My kids loved riding on the bike track and its important for this to remain available for future children.
This would be a significant step to support the community that's built around support for a BMX park that is unique in the state.
I love having the Woody Trails bike track and community garden. I support the lease proposal since this can remain. On the Tiers Rd end I have also seen proposals to improve carparking, tree planting, and a

bitumised extension of the Amy Gillett bikeway which I am also supportive of. I support the lease proposal if it does not impede future improvements of this nature.
Yes, this site provides an amazing and unique amenity to the town. There are so few meeting spaces for people to enjoy and express themselves in todays society that dont have an entry fee or expectation to spend money. Especially for kids and teens. These volunteers do amazing, selfless work for people to enjoy. The volunteers should be appreciated, enabled and celebrated by AHC and improvements to the area, as requested by the community, should be facilitated. The decline in volunteerism overall in society makes our volunteers even more treasured and valuable. This lease presents a unique opportunity for AHC to genuinely foster and encourage volunteers and volunteering across the council area more broadly.
This area is a valuable asset to the local community, as it provides a safe and active area where Adults and children can come and relax, ride bikes and enjoy the peaceful ambience of the area. The area has great potential to develop and become of greater use in the future if a long term lease is entered into.
Many children and adults enjoy this area and it should be available to the public , therefore the lease is a good idea.. If council has no funds, then they will rely on volunteers to maintain this area.
It is an excellent venue for the BMX track . The local Community Group , LOVE WOODSIDE , not only maintains a great community Garden but their volunteers also maintain the BMX track and have spent countless hours planting and nurturing trees and native bushes that surround this venue . A recent addition is the extended community walking path around the BMX track. I am very displeased with AHC that in your survey you have not even mentioning this group . It is because of this Community Group and their constant requests to Council for assistance that you are even considering the proposed 99 year lease. Simply referring to this group as "a community garden " clearly shows a lack of AHC staff acknowledgement of the actual works that are carried out by this group of volunteers.
As the lease spans over multiple generations, it needs development and upgrades to public amenity.
THis will be great for the community, I've taken the kids there to ride the BMX trails, nice and handy, close to the bakery and other businesses.
It is a wonderful resource to the local community. It creates a safe, healthy space for physical activity, social connection and community collaboration, and allows all this at no cost to the participants. It is an asset to the community.
I believe that the work of the Love Woodside community group has enhanced this space and I see many people using it as a picnic area in the summer. In the winter, there are a number of flowering native plants which increases the attractiveness of the site. The small community garden is an asset to the Woodside community and people are welcome to pick what is available. In summary, this area increases community connection, provides a focus for meeting new people through the activity of community gardening and promotes exchange between generations e.g. trail riders and school groups interact with the Love Woodside members.
1. Will AHC increase rates etc to gain more money for this long term lease. 2. If and when there maybe further events by community and or other organisations, Is

AHC going to ask event organisers for a fee, as it will most likely be needed for OH&S purposes and other insurance.

Email 1

I would support the Council in this proposed 99 year lease for Woodside.

It is a much loved area utilised by many families and the work of the Love Woodside group volunteers in this space is amazing.

So good to see the children especially the younger ones having such a well groomed track to learn and utilise their bike riding skills.

Kind regards

[Redacted signature]

Email 2

Email two related to a meeting between council staff and a resident regarding their specific requirements if the proposed lease were to proceed as access to their property is through the leased reserve and they currently lease part of the land for horse grazing / agistment.

Email 3

Hi Stacey

The Woodside Commerce Association supports the entering of a 99 year lease of the Station Rd Precinct.

We hope that considering the time frame of this multigenerational lease, this will lead to future investment into the amenity and infrastructure of the area. This will hopefully become an area that Woodside can showcase within the council area.

Cheers

[Redacted signature]

President
Woodside Commerce Association

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Have your say! 🗣️ We're looking to enter into a 99-year lease with the State Government for the Station Road, Woodside reserve. 🏡 Home to the Woody Trails bike track and community garden.

This allows us to formally support community use of the site and make it easier for groups to organise events without needing state approvals.

📅 Consultation closes Tuesday 26 August.

Do you support us entering into this lease? Give your feedback 👉 <https://ow.ly/15su50WB7uJ>

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Public Consultation: Station Road, Woodside - Proposed Lease

Adelaide Hills Council is seeking feedback on the proposal to enter into a 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways for the reserve at Station Road, Woodside.

Part of this reserve is home to the Woody Trails bike track and community garden. Council have had ad-hoc involvement with the site and its stakeholders over many years. By entering into a long-term lease for this site, we will be able to have discussions with community groups about formalising their use of this site.

We'd like to find out if our community are supportive of the proposed lease. For more information on the proposal and to provide your feedback, please visit engage.ahc.sa.gov.au before 5pm on Tuesday 26 August 2025.



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 Subject Community Engagement Open - Station Road, Woodside - Proposed Lease



Dear AHC Engagement Subscriber and Woodside resident,

We are seeking feedback on a proposal to enter into a 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways for the reserve at Station Road, Woodside.

Background

Members of the Woodside community have occupied the “Woody Trails” site at Station Road, Woodside for over 50 years. The land is former rail corridor land owned by the State Government. In the 1970s the community group slowly took occupation of the site by working together to put a BMX track on the site, and over the years have continued to use the land not just as a cycle track but as a community garden, community meeting space and event space.

In recent years, there has been increased advocacy from the community for physical improvements to the site. This prompted discussions with the State Government about seeking approval for improvements. The State then commenced a process to consider the future of the land, i.e. whether or not it was required for government or community purposes. The State Government have agreed in principle to retain ownership of the land and enter into a long-term (99 year) lease with the Council as the Lessee (long term Tenant) for the site.

How can I provide feedback?

You can provide your feedback by:

- Completing the [online feedback form](#)
- Sending an email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Posting your feedback to 63 Mount Barker Road Stirling SA 5152
- Giving us a call on 8408 0400
- Collecting a hardcopy feedback form from any Council Service Centre or Library at Stirling, Gumeracha, Woodside or Norton Summit during [opening hours](#).

Please provide your feedback before 5pm Tuesday 26 August 2025.

If you need assistance to share your feedback or need access to the survey in an alternative format, please email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or 8408 0400.

Have a great day

The Project Team

Article featured in The Courter Newspaper 13 August 2025

Lease to secure community park's future

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The community group that maintains and manages the Woodside Bike Track and a community garden hopes that a proposed 99-year lease over the site can offer long-term security for those who use it.

The Adelaide Hills Council is currently seeking feedback on the 99-year lease proposal for the council-owned reserve on Station Road, which is home to purpose-built dirt trails for BMX riders of varying skill-levels, as well as a vegetable garden that is freely available to the community.

Love Woodside is responsible for maintenance of the site and is supported by community donations, grant money, volunteer hours and support from both the Lions and Rotary clubs of Onkaparinga.

Founded about eight years ago, the community group has sought to improve the town's public spaces, with particular emphasis on developing and maintaining the Station Road site for communal use.

Love Woodside secretary Barb Haesy said the council's proposed 99-year lease would give the group long-term security and allow for future projects to be planned.

"A lot of this started out of our own pocket and it was out of a request from the older boys that were riding here, they wanted a shelter – we still haven't got the shelter," she said.



The Adelaide Hills Council is seeking community feedback on a lease proposal at the Woody Trails BMX park and adjacent community garden at Woodside.

"But hopefully next year, with this lease change, that could change – also, we desperately need toilets."

Ms Haesy said the lease proposal also included a small paddock adjacent the garden.

"But we're hoping, with the lease, it's going to extend right down to the end of this paddock and so this garden is eventually going to move to the other side of the fence and we'll be able to put our fruit trees in the ground," she said.

The council is seeking feedback on lease proposals at both the reserve at Woodside and the Norton Summit CFS station.

As part of negotiations for the Woodside site, the council is preparing a 99-year lease with the Commissioner of Highways.

"The lease would help secure long-term access and use of this space for current and future generations," the council said.

A lease agreement with the SA CFS would confirm the continuation of the Norton Summit brigade's use of the site "and support their continued presence and emergency response capability in the region".

Consultation opened last Wednesday and submissions can be made until August 26.

For more information on the lease proposals or to have your say, visit tinyurl.com/AHClaseproposal.



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