

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK REPORT

Sellicks Beach foreshore protection and bike riding relocation

April 2026

Introduction

The cliff foreshore at Sellicks Beach has for some 30 years been used by the community for bike riding and jumps. The undulation of the terrain makes it an attractive and exciting experience for bike riders of various abilities.

The bike paths and jumps have been informally constructed by the youth bike (BMX) community digging into the cliff area near Seascape View. This activity has continued without permission or any authorisation.

Measures to manage this illegal activity has included, signage, video, council ranger intervention and discussions with riders by our Community Connections team to educate and discourage. These activities, along with natural erosion and stormwater run-off are impacting the area.

Of high importance is the fact that these activities are occurring in a registered Aboriginal site, as advised by the state Attorney-General's Department – Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) in their Register of Aboriginal Sites and Objects (part of the Central Archive).

The council was approached by community members including Kurna Traditional Owners expressing concerns about the bike riding activities along the Sellicks Beach foreshore.

At Council's meeting held on 19 August 2025, a Notice of Motion (NOM) – Informal BMX Trail at Sellicks Beach was presented by Councillor Jew. This motion identified the review of the Sellicks Beach trail as "an opportunity to educate and engage with young people in a respectful and inclusive planning process" to support "the development of a new BMX track aligned with community needs and aspirations by also building engagement and respect for cultural heritage."

The Motion reads as below and was resolved as moved.

That Council:

- 1. Recognises the significance of the trail to local young people and the broader community, who have used and informally developed the track over many years as one of the few recreational outlets in Sellicks Beach.*
- 2. Commits to engaging meaningfully with young people – particularly those living in Sellicks Beach and attending surrounding schools – to:*
 - a. Understand what they value about the current trail,*
 - b. Identify elements important to retain or improve, and*
 - c. Co-develop a set of principles to guide the identification and design of a new BMX track location.*
- 3. Requests administration to facilitate this engagement process in partnership with relevant youth services, schools and community stakeholders.*
- 4. Keeps Elected Members informed through regular progress updates, outlining:*
 - a. The outcomes of the engagement process*
 - b. Proposed principles for the relocation and development of the new BMX trail*
 - c. Options for potential new locations, including initial feasibility considerations.*
 - d. Future engagement strategies that will be utilised over the life of the project to ensure community understanding and ownership of the outcomes.*
- 5. Continues to work with the appropriate Kurna people and authority to meet legislated compliance requirements.*

Prior to engagement commencing, intervention work was carried out at the site including the placement of boulders and thatching to reduce bike riding. Letters were hand delivered to nearby properties and signage was placed on boulders to notify the community.

Community engagement purpose

Work together with Kaurna Traditional Owners, key stakeholders and the community to preserve the future of the Sellicks Beach cliff area and explore the provision of a dirt bike jump experience in a new location that abides by the legal protection of Aboriginal heritage, safeguards the environment and reflects community values.

Engagement objectives were to:

- Clearly communicate the purpose of the project, including why the project is being undertaken now and the need for immediate mitigation works.
- Build understanding of the location's cultural and community significance, including its importance to Kaurna Traditional Owners and the local community.
- Provide inclusive and respectful opportunities for participation with a mix of face-to-face and online formats ensuring all perspectives are heard, particularly Kaurna Traditional Owners, local riders and families, nearby residents, and young people.
- Actively engage youth in accessible and meaningful ways.
- Gather feedback to inform future options and decision-making, including testing potential approaches (e.g. protection, relocation, redesign or alternative facilities) and identifying impacts and opportunities.
- Ensure a transparent and collaborative process supporting ongoing involvement and clearly demonstrating how feedback informs outcomes.
- Inform future management approaches that support the development of plans to protect culturally sensitive areas and manage unauthorised bike jump creation and use.
- Provide regular updates.

Engagement techniques

The table below outlines the techniques used to promote awareness, encourage participation and involve the community.

Technique	Reach
Elected member email	Mayor and all elected members
Emails to stakeholder groups and individuals	12
Resident letter drop	2068 letters sent
Email to Your Say members with an interest in Sellicks Beach, Aldinga, Aldinga Beach, Coast, Rivers and Creeks, Environment and sustainability	2103 Your Say members
Onsite signage	Placed in 4 locations around Sellicks Beach

Your Say page with feedback tool	
Community drop-in sessions	14 attendees
On-site conversations with riders	Conversations with local riders is ongoing. This report will be updated when this concludes.

Engagement highlights

Community engagement was open from 16 April to 14 May 2026, resulting in the following interactions:

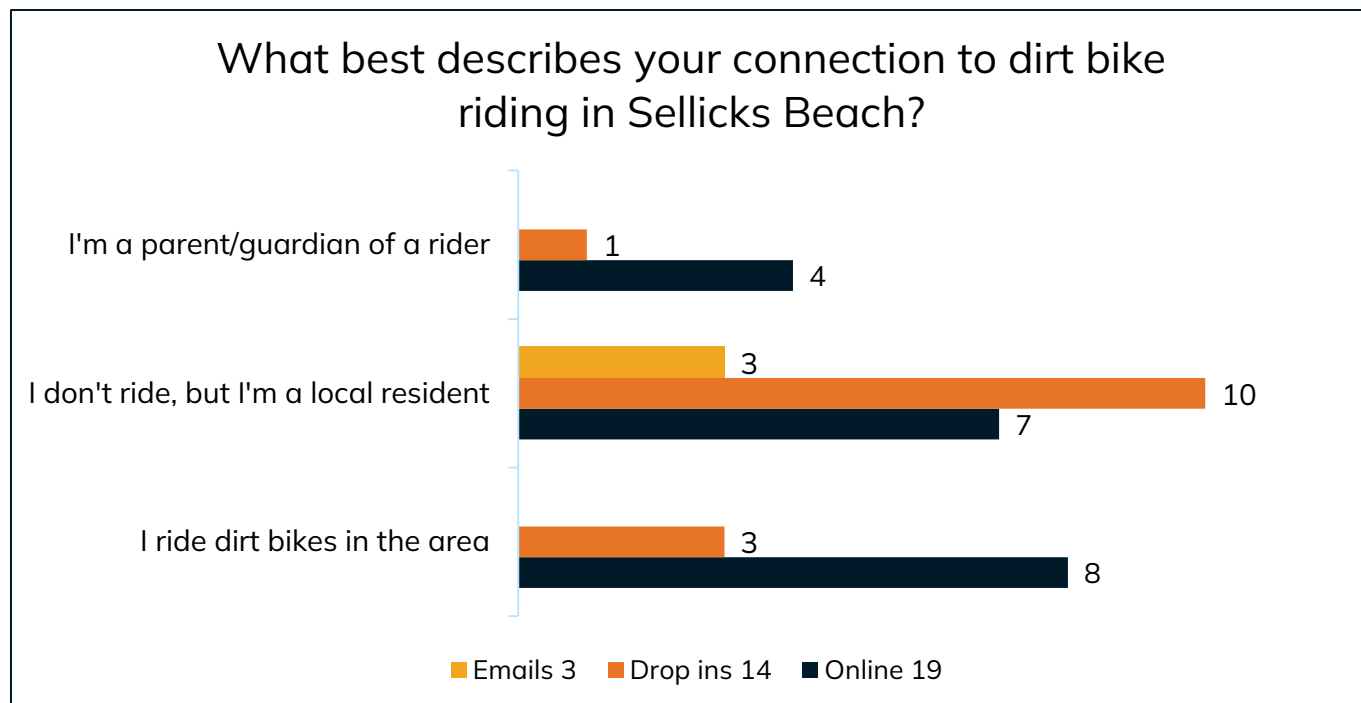
- 707 people visited the Your Say page
- 19 contributed to the online survey
- 14 attended a drop-in session
- 3 provided an email

To date, 22 conversations have taken place with local riders and families at the current foreshore site. We are continuing to engage with local riders and will update this feedback report with those findings.

Summary of community engagement outcomes

Participants through the engagement were asked questions to identify their connection to dirt bike riding in the area, where and what they would like to see in a new riding location, and their preferred location for a new riding area. In total, 36 people provided feedback.

Below is a summary from all feedback combined.



Preferred location for a new riding area

Participants completing the online survey were invited to place a marker on a map of Sellicks Beach to identify their preferred location for a new riding area. This activity was also replicated at the drop-in sessions.

Participants were additionally invited to provide open comments, both online and in person, outlining the reasons for their preferred location. These comments have been themed below.

Seascape View Wetlands was clearly identified as the community's favoured location for a new riding area.

Seascape View Wetlands 12 comments Via the online mapping tool, 11 out of 14 markers were placed here as the preferred location.	Feedback strongly supported this location due to its central position, large amount of available space, and connection to existing bike infrastructure. Many participants felt the site could support a multi-functional community space while also improving safety through visibility and passive surveillance. Environmental considerations were also a recurring theme, with several comments supporting the relocation of riding activities away from the fragile foreshore and advocating for revegetation and coastal regeneration. A smaller number of comments raised concerns about the site's proximity to nearby and future housing developments.
Hastings Park 2 comments	One participant said this location would be good as it's central to all. Another participant was mixed, saying it had potential for sea views and was not too near existing housing, however the three corner jacks are not good for riding.
William Eatts Reserve 3 comments	Feedback presented a mix of support and concern regarding this location. Positive comments highlighted the reserve's open space, attractive natural setting, and potential for revegetation or broader community use. However, concerns were raised about the potential for anti-social behaviour and impacts on nearby residents. One participant via the drop-in session had experienced poor behaviours close to their home with newly constructed bike jumps and property disturbance. Another email received strongly opposed this location.
Norman Victory Reserve 1 comment	One participant commented that this reserve was too far away. They also mentioned it is dangerous to ride along Sellicks Beach Road to get there and there are also three corner jacks.

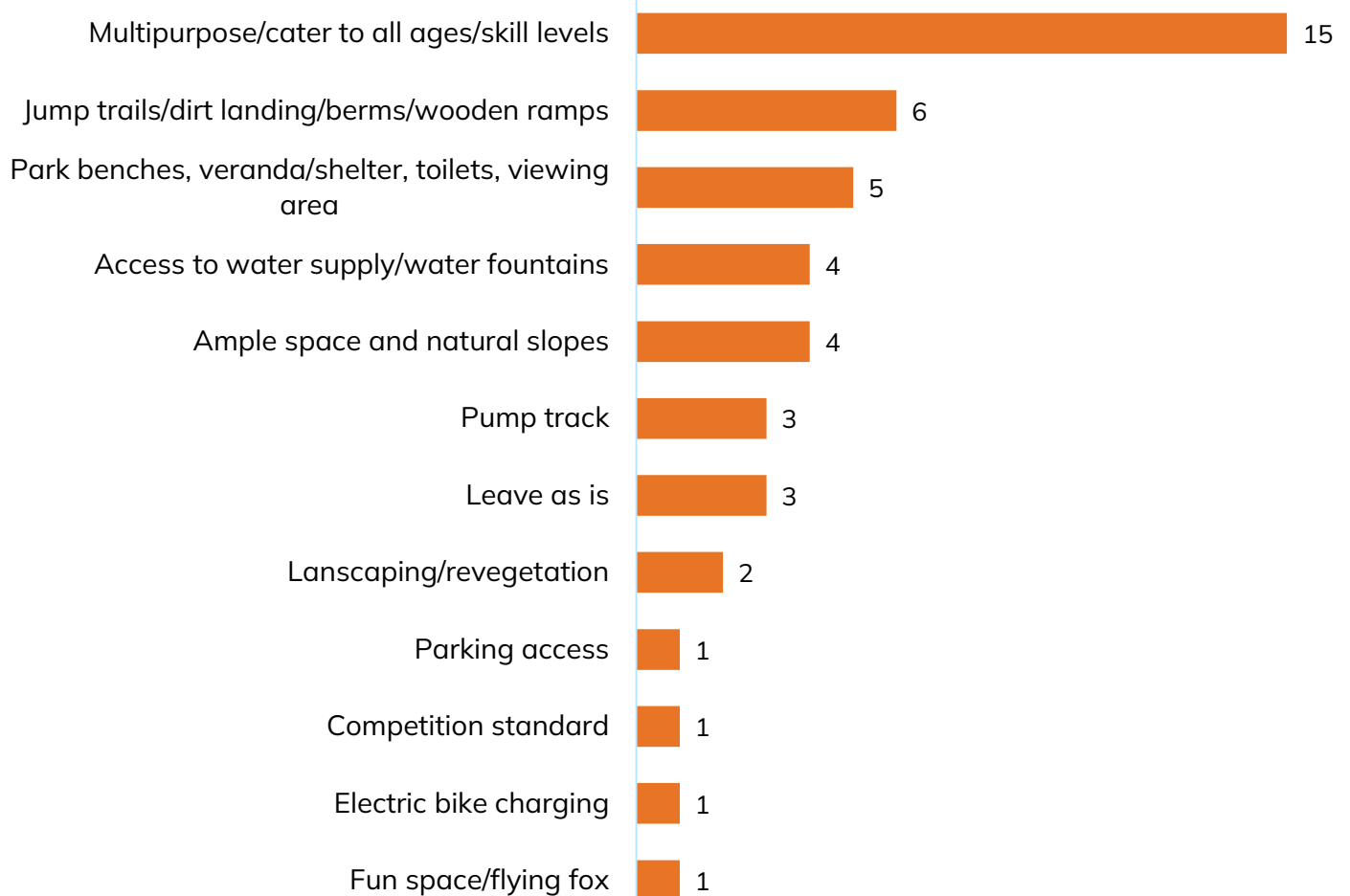
What the community would like to see in a new riding area.

When asked what they'd like to see in a new riding area, the strongest theme across the feedback was support for a **purpose-built riding facility catering to all skill levels and ages**.

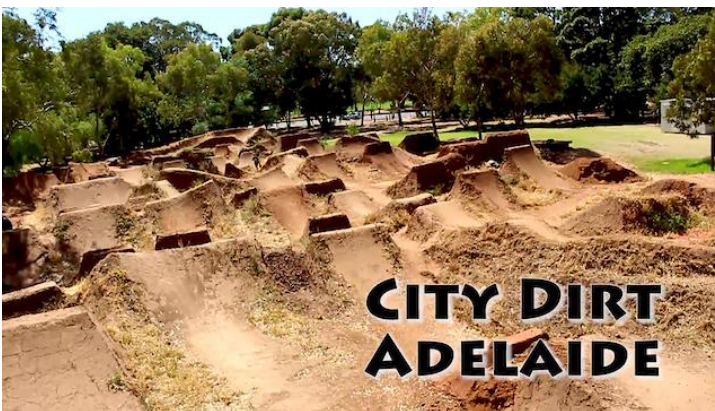
Many participants wanted a mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced jump lines, including features such as berms, roll-ins, switchbacks, drop-offs and progressive jump options so younger children, casual riders and experienced BMX riders could all use the space safely and confidently.

Several people also supported inclusion of a pump track alongside the jumps to help riders develop skills and warm up before riding.

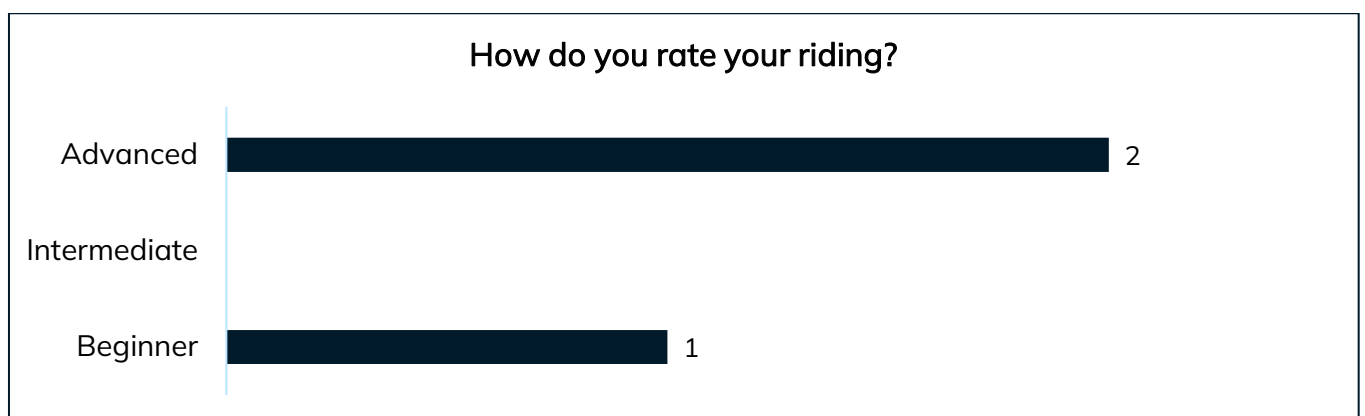
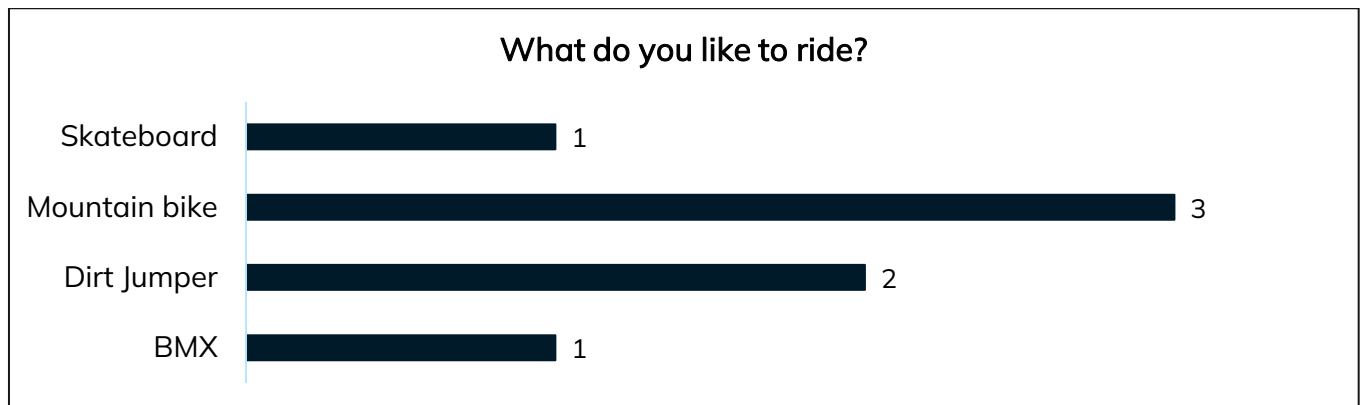
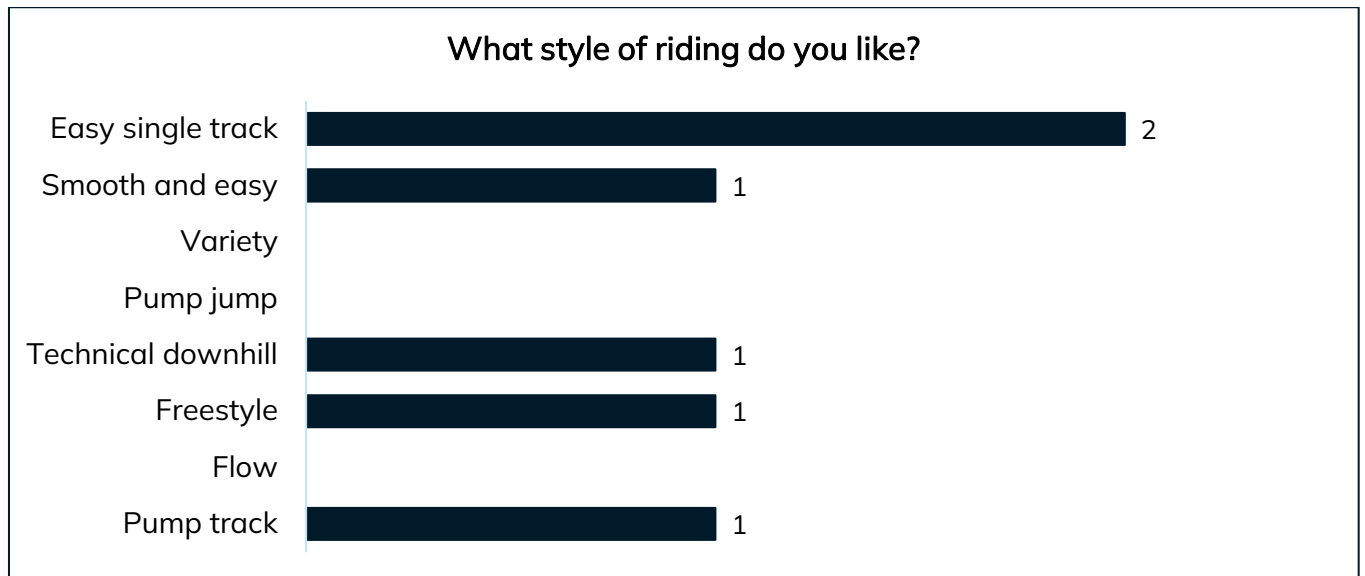
What would you like to see in a new riding area?



Five participants uploaded a photo to show us what they'd like to see in the new riding area:



Riders were asked the following questions with results as shown.



General comments and other ideas/suggestions

Online, an open text box asked participants to provide any other feedback, ideas or suggestions.

This feedback reflected a broad mix of perspectives, with recurring themes focused on environmental protection, central location, and community activation opportunities. Several participants supported relocating riding activity away from the fragile foreshore while keeping facilities central, visible, and connected to the township.

There was also interest in creating a high-quality, competition-standard destination facility supported by amenities such as parking, toilets, shade, and food services.

At the same time, some participants expressed concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, impacts on nearby residents, and distrust of Council's intentions or engagement process.

A smaller group advocated for retaining the existing foreshore riding area and opposed relocation altogether.

All comments (online and via the drop-in sessions) can be found in Appendix 1.

Emails

Three emails were received during the engagement period. Below is a summary.

Verbatim emails can be found in Appendix 2.

- **Email 1**

This email expressed opposition to a new riding area at William Eatts Reserve, noting concerns that the reserve is surrounded by residential housing and that a BMX facility is not compatible with the existing use of the nearby community hall.

The respondent also noted that Sellicks Beach already has 2 BMX dirt riding sites and suggested it would be more appropriate to upgrade the existing facilities at Hasting Avenue or Norman Victory Reserve if improvements are required.

- **Email 2**

This email raised concerns regarding the installation of rocks and branches on existing informal bike tracks and questioned whether the community had been notified prior to these works occurring.

The respondent requested clarification around the decision-making process and noted that the tracks are used by both bike riders and pedestrians within the community.

The email also expressed the view that the environmental impacts of the tracks are minor and that the riding area is valued by local young people. Concerns were raised regarding the prioritisation of cultural heritage considerations over the recreational use of the area by local residents.

The respondent expressed strong opposition to future obstruction of the tracks.

- **Email 3**

This email expressed concern that a decision to relocate the existing foreshore riding area was made prior to community consultation, with suggestion to hold a referendum or conduct a survey to find out what residents want in their own area.

The participant supported retaining the riding area in its current location, suggesting that targeted measures such as signage and the placement of boulders in specific areas would provide a simpler and lower-cost solution than relocation. There was mention there was no warning signs and boulders were obscured around bushy corners.

The email noted that the foreshore location is valued for its scenic coastal setting and that relocating the tracks may reduce their appeal while potentially creating issues elsewhere. The participant also suggested that Council invest in improving the existing riding area rather than relocating it.

Additional comments noted that informal jumps have developed through minor earthworks and that outdoor recreational opportunities for young people should be supported. Concerns were also raised regarding the recent use of machinery in the area and its perceived impact on the site.

This participant provided feedback through multiple channels, including online, email, and attendance at a drop-in session.

Evaluation

Reach and awareness

A total of **2,115 emails** were distributed to Your Say members, and relevant stakeholder groups. In addition, **2,068 letters** were sent to properties in Sellicks Beach to notify residents of the opportunity to participate.

Participation

During the engagement period, the **Your Say Onkaparinga project page received 707 visits**, resulting in **36 contributions**.

Drop-in session evaluation

Before leaving each session, attendees were invited to respond to four questions about their experience. Their responses are shown below.



100% said they felt heard



100% said information was clear and easy to understand



54% (6 out of 11) said they feel their feedback will be considered in the decision-making process



72% (8 out of 11) said they understand what happens next