

Outdoors NSW & ACT Trail Bike Sub-Committee

Our Vision

That trail and adventure riding is acknowledged and supported by Government, land managers and the general community as a legal, legitimate, healthy, sustainable, and active recreational activity.

Our Mission

To collaborate with Government, land managers, and stakeholders to find solutions to the challenges of shared land use and, to maximise opportunities that reaffirm the benefits of trail and adventure bike riding.

Strategic Intent

- a. To improve the perception and understanding of trail and adventure bike riding as an active recreational activity that promotes the physical and mental health of its participants while also increasing regional tourism.
- **b.** Build partnerships with **land managers/owners** to pursue the needs of trail and adventure riders, including but not limited to NPWS, Crown Lands, Local Aboriginal Land Councils and key stakeholders such as NSW Police, Transport NSW and other regulatory authorities.
- **c.** Build partnerships by actively **working with other land users** that utilise the same lands including, but not limited to, horse riders, bushwalkers, mountain bikers and four-wheel drivers.
- **d.** Develop a **NSW Trail & Adventure Bike Strategic Plan** that delivers positive outcomes for both the trail and adventure bike riding community and our stakeholders.

Committee Values

- Physical & Mental Health
- Relationships
- Partnerships
- Stakeholders
- Other Outdoor Activities
- Environmental Protection

Activity SnapShot

Data came from the MCC/ONSWACT Survey 2020 (2403 responses)



76%would use

would use a Recreation Registration Scheme

Over 3/3 of respondents ride with mates

The areas most **utilised by riders** are State Forests

Just over **90% do not travel more than 2 hours**

to a riding location



Perceived Negative Impacts from Trail Bike Riders

Environmental damage Noise pollution Local residents impacted

Safety concerns

Infrastructure development has been highlighted as risks to future trail development



Why?

89% Enjoy the Outdoors

88% Mental Health

85% Relax, Reduce Stress

83% For Fun

82% Mateship

76% Fitness

63% Thrill, Adrenalin

49% Socialise



Trail Bike Rider's Concerns

Trails being closed

Lack of access

Cost of registration

Noisy bikes annoying residents

Conflict between users

Lack of facilities

Risk of being fined

Environmental damage

Personal Safety



Towns Indicate Economic Benefits of Trail Bike Riding

Boosts retail trade in town

Increases hotel occupancy with groups of riders

They **eat and drink** in the establishments in town

They **buy fuel and supplies** in town

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