

Name of Project	Jerramungup Districts Motorcycle Club request Lease of Needilup Golf Course
Project Manager	Claire Teale

Project Description

Seeking long-term lease of Needilup Golf Course for the purposes of the creation of motocross and enduro track – proposed “Needilup Park” and long term use of the Needilup Pavilion and facilities.

Project Objectives

1. To establish a compliant track and maintain the facilities at the old Needilup Golf Course and/or other venue/s as appropriate to further the success of the club
2. To promote the sport of motorcycle riding and recreational sports riding in accordance with the General Competition Rule of Motorcycling Australia (MA) and the rules of Motorcycling Western Australia (MWA)
3. To provide opportunities for safe, responsible and fair motorcycling
4. Deliver motorcycling sporting alternatives to the greater public which are both affordable and sustainable
5. To provide the opportunity for member to develop skills, challenge themselves and foster friendships with like-minded enthusiasts
6. Seek funding from private organisations, local federal and state governments, in order to promote the sport and maintain the facilities

Background

The Jerramungup and Districts Motorcycle Club (JDMC) caters’ for the motorcycle enthusiasts in the Jerramungup District and surrounding areas.

The club is in its infancy and is using all opportunities to liaise with MWA and other nearby clubs to ensure that its development heads in a positive and sustainable direction.

The current executive committee (ratified at AGM on 25th May 2016) consists of -

President - Carl Spinks
 Vice President – Jarrod Smith
 Secretary – Claire Teale
 Treasurer – Rachel Smith

Committee Members
 Devyn Dillon
 Tony Bavoillot
 Dean Hislop
 Jeremy Wisewould

A survey of potential members has been conducted via advertising in the local “Jerry Journal”. Approximately 40 names have been returned to the club secretary consisting of off roaders, juniors and road bike enthusiasts. This is extremely positive. There has also been significant interest from riders from other clubs (Esperance, Ravensthorpe, Cranbrook and Albany) that want to ride somewhere different and experience the challenge of a new track.

The club (JDMC) will be affiliated with Motorcycling Western Australia (MWA) in June 2016. Incorporation will follow immediately after in July, to align with the new Department of Commerce rules surrounding incorporated entities.

MWA is the recognised state controlling body for all forms of motorcycle sport. It is affiliated with, and

represents in WA the national controlling body, Motorcycling Australia. Which in turn is affiliated with the international controlling body the, Federation International Motorcyclists.

MWA provides support at a community level through education in schools, at a club level with rules for holding events, track requirements, rider safety and training of club officials.

The JDMC will be affiliated with MWA giving the club, its officers and member's coverage under the Public liability, Officers and Directors and Personal Accident Insurance Policy of MWA.

This insurance policy does not cover assets such as the club house or infrastructure.

There are some conditions that the club needs to meet to ensure that the requirements of the policy are not breached.

- Permits for events must be issued by MWA prior to each event
- Every rider must be MWA licenced and has signed the indemnity form. (This is the personal protection for the rider.)
- All riders must sign on to the event, and be wearing the necessary safety equipment
- All junior competitive riders (7-16 years) must pass theory and practical test prior to racing. In addition to attending annual coaching clinics. (A club program called Kick Start)

Intentions of the JDMC

Track Use

The track will only be open to persons who have been given approval by the JDMC club. For this to occur they must meet the conditions of our constitution and MWA guidelines. This in simple terms is

- 1) Be a current financial member of the JDMC
- 2) Be licenced as required by MWA
- 3) A permit issued for the ride, practise or event.

The club intends on placing gates and fence, which meets the MWA guidelines, around the track as soon as financially able to do so. Signage is required as per Motorcycling Sport of Australia minimum standards to ensure members, visitors and public are aware of the dangers of motorcycling sport.

The club intends to limit signage from the main road so not to attract passers-by and we will be encouraging our members to report any activity and to keep a watchful eye.

Season length

Track to be open for practice every Saturday and Sunday during the season (April – October) from 8am and Wednesday afternoons from 3pm. Riding starts after all necessary safety and risk management procedures have been undertaken to ensure the track is rider ready. Outside of the normal season practise session may still occur provided all the necessary guidelines have been met for MWA. No riders would be able to access without the key that would be held by the executive committee.

Riding will not occur without sufficient lighting as per MWA guidelines.

Emergency / Accident mitigation measures

The JDMC recognises that motorcycling can be a dangerous sport. Things do happen, much like any other contact sport in Australia. The club has a strong risk management plan in place to deal with emergency situations, and MWA guides all affiliated clubs with minimum guidelines for operation.

A qualified first aid person on site is a requirement to have a permit, and suitable first aid emergency response kit.

All members will be required to be financial members of St John Ambulance.

Access and intentions for Needilup Pavilion

Access is currently arranged by calling the secretary of the Needilup Progress association. They have advised that a key will be placed at the shire and the JDMC will be invoiced \$10 per each use, and this will be reviewed annually.

It is the intention of the JDMC to continue to work with the Needilup progress Association to share maintenance and upkeep of the building.

Some early ideas for improvements are including but not limited to-

- Hot water to the men’s showers, and the installation of a shower (including hot water) in the ladies .
- Seek a grant to obtain a new oven for catering JDMC events
- Look at possibly painting and repair cosmetic issues on the outside of the building to maintain fascia’s and woodwork.

The JDMC would look to obtain funding through grants and sponsorship to make these improvements and would not be looking to shire to contribute financially.

Project Cost

People (No)	Unknown – majority of work is expected to be undertaken by the members of the JDMC.
Resources	Local Resources where available – club members and their own earth moving equipment Application for funding through grants and sponsorship where able
Other	Seeking support from the Shire of Jerramungup, and council, with a “peppercorn” lease of the Needilup Golf Course. The JDMC has been made aware that there will be some cost in setting up the lease and is willing to contribute in a fair and reasonable way. The club has negotiated a usage arrangement of the building (club house) and intends on working with the Needilup Progress Association to maintain and improve the building. (Letter of support attached.)
Estimated Total	Limited from Shires perspective – time and energy to set up the lease agreement. The JDMC envisages a successful relationship with the Needilup Progress Association, and does not expect to be calling on the shire in the immediate future for any financial support other than the lease.

Benefits

- Club Diversity within the Jerramungup District
- Offering opportunities in Motorcycling to a range of people both within the shire, and further not previously available
- Encouraging local riders to attend the “club” out of town and not riding within the towns immediate limits where possible
- Maintenance and upkeep of a shire owned building, much in the same format of the sports pavilion by a club in return for “peppercorn lease arrangements”.
- Use of facilities already within the shire to accommodate a new venture assisting with asset management and upkeep.
- Prospect of economic benefits to local town, bringing people to the area to participate in JDMC events.

Community/Stakeholder Engagement

- Key Stakeholders within Needilup surrounds
 - Needilup Engineering – Steve Tapscott
 - Needilup Progress Association and broader community
- Letters of support received from both after consultation.

Appendices

1. Map of Needilup Precinct (included in this document)
2. Letters of support from Needilup Progress Association and Needilup Engineering. Included in this document)
3. DRAFT JDMC Constitution (separate attachment)
4. DRAFT JDMC Risk Management Plan (separate attachment)

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Date

Appendix 1



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6th April 2016

The President
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Dear Carl,

Thank you (and Claire) for the very informative meeting held with the Needilup Progress Association on the 4th April 2016, at Needilup. The Needilup Progress Association Inc., representing the Needilup community, give our support to the newly formed Motorcycle Club's use of the Shire owned facilities at the Old Needilup Golf Course for the new Motocross/Enduro tracks, with the use of the old cricket oval for parking only.

The Needilup Progress Association look forward to the success of your club and are happy to assist wherever we can.

The Pavilion can be booked through e-mail or phone call to Anna Pocock, Secretary, prior to each use. We have reduced our normal hire fee to \$10.00 per use, for the benefit of your club. This will include use of all facilities, equipment, utilities including power and some consumables already there can be used (eg cleaning products, catering items etc) but should be replaced by your club as the need arises. This fee will be invoiced bi-monthly and will be reviewed at the end of this year. The hire fee would not include any damages which may occur when hired. It is expected that the pavilion is left in a clean and tidy state after each use by the Motorcycle Club.

The key to the Needilup Pavilion will be able to be collected from the Shire of Jerramungup office, during usual office hours. Alternatively, Ellen and Malcolm Turner (Phone 0898352061 or 0488281164 (Malcolm) 0428352061 (Ellen) have another at their residence, close by.

Some Needilup community members expressed concerns that the following issues be considered and/ or addressed by your club:

- There is to be no removal or damage to the plaque where the first bush hall was built.
- As many trees as possible are to be left standing.

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- Security & vandalism of the Needilup Pavilion area - with no fencing and everyone being able to come and go, this may be a problem. Suggested to help with the security and vandalism potential - that a removable sign only be placed at road entrance, when meets are on.
 - Rubbish - with no roadside pickup currently in place, rubbish needs to be removed each time the facility is used, so as not to encourage vermin and reduce the ant problem around the pavilion area.

As a note of interest re the Needilup Pavilion facility:

- There is no hot water in shower in the men's bathroom but plumbing is in place for hot water.
- There is no shower facility at all currently in the ladies bathroom area.
- There is limited rain water supply which services the pavilion and adjacent FESA facility.
- If a storage area is needed, the motorcycle club can use the old storage shed on the south side of the Pavilion.

If we can be of any other assistance please feel free to contact us.

Wishing the Jerramungup Motorcycle Club all the best!

Kind Regards,



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Secretary

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For the attention of Claire Teale, secretary of Jerramungup Districts Motorcycle Club

Dear Claire

Reference: PROPOSED MOTOCROSS AND ENDURO TRACKS AT OLD NEEDILUP GOLF COURSE

I write in connection with the above proposal that your club is submitting to the shire. I have read the information provided to me by your club - DRAFT MOTORCROSS/ENDURO TRACK PROPOSAL and I wish to offer my support to the proposal.

I am aware of the intended operation days being Sundays from 9am to approx. 5pm and Wednesday afternoons; from March until October annually. I understand that motocross and enduro motorcycle sports, create a level of noise that may impact on me. I also acknowledge that the committee is open to my feedback and is keen to work together to minimise the impact of the club and its activities to the community.

I understand that this proposal is also supported by the Needilup Progress Association.

I wish you all the best on your clubs venture.

Yours faithfully,



Stephen Tapscott