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Lower Chittering Bridle Trail Final Survey Data



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Survey Questions & Responses

QUESTION 1 - What locality do you live in?

SUMMARY

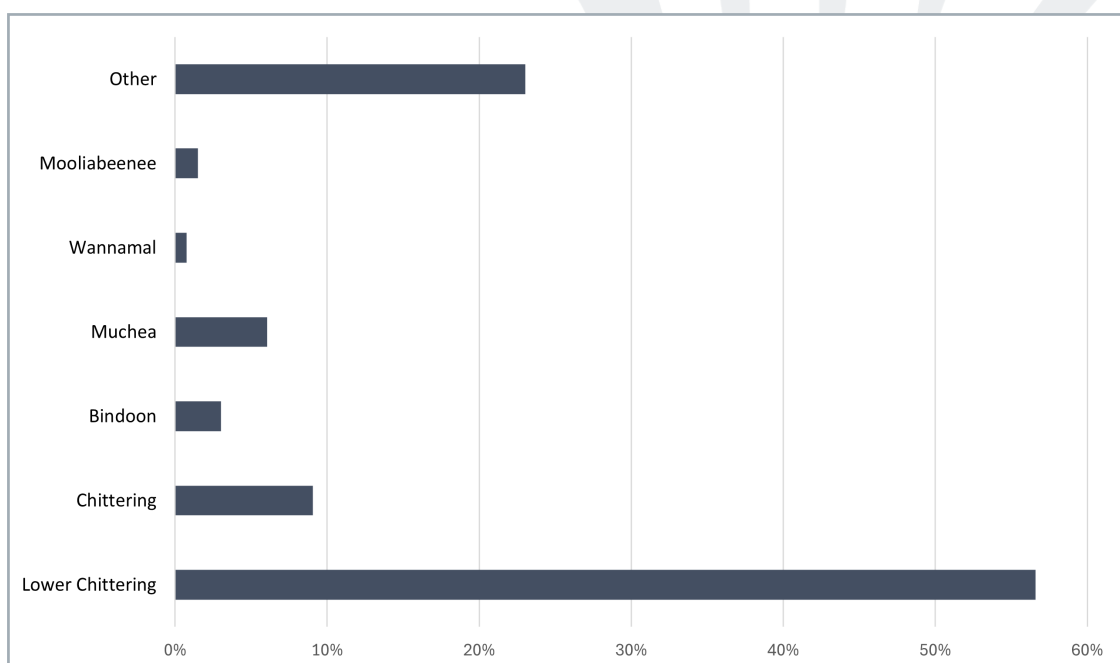
The majority of the trail users reside within Lower Chittering (150), Bullsbrook/Swan Valley (41) or in Chittering (24). There were several trail users which reside a significant distance from the trails, with users residing in Northam/Toodyay (3), Wannamal (2), Rockingham (1) and York (1).

A total of 265 people responded to this question with 54 respondents skipping this question.

Other Localities included:

- Bullsbrook/Swan Valley 41
- South-East Perth 4
- North-West Perth 4
- Perth Hills 4
- Northam/Toodyay 3
- Rockingham 1
- York 1

Locality	Number of Responses	Percentage
Other	61	23%
Mooliabeenee	4	2%
Wannamal	2	1%
Muchea	16	6%
Bindoon	8	3%
Chittering	24	9%
Lower Chittering	150	57%

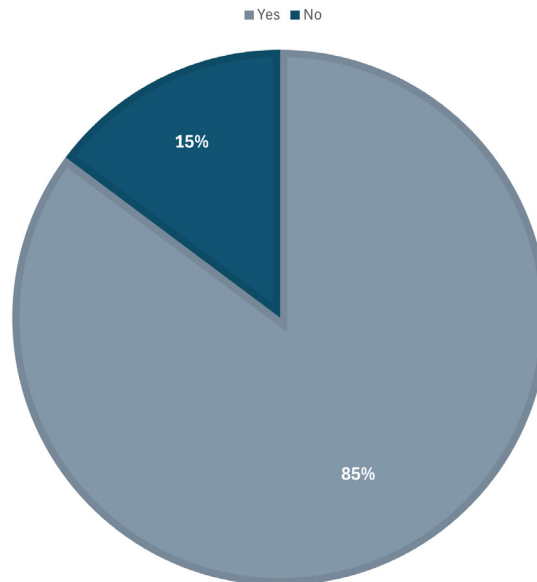


QUESTION 2 - Do you current own or ride horses?

SUMMARY

The majority of survey respondents claim to own or ride horses (219) compared to the respondents who do not own or ride horses (38).

A total of 257 people responded to this question with one respondent skipping this question.

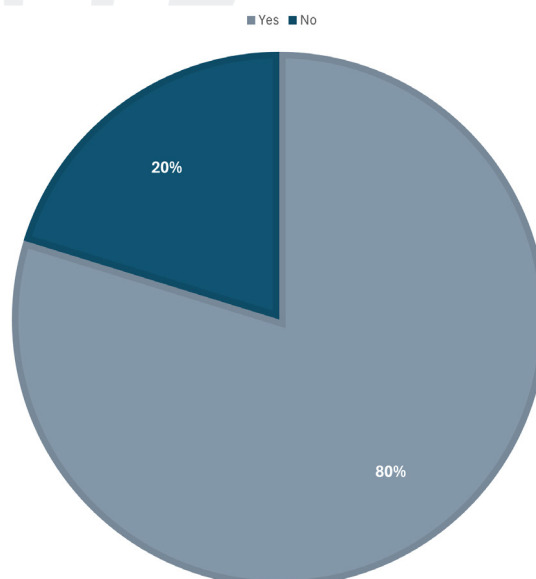


QUESTION 3 - Have you used the Maryville Downs Bridle trail in the last 12 months?

SUMMARY

205 of the survey respondents have reportedly used the Maryville Downs bridle trail within the last 12 months. 52 respondents have not used the trails.

A total of 257 people responded to this question with one respondent skipping this question.



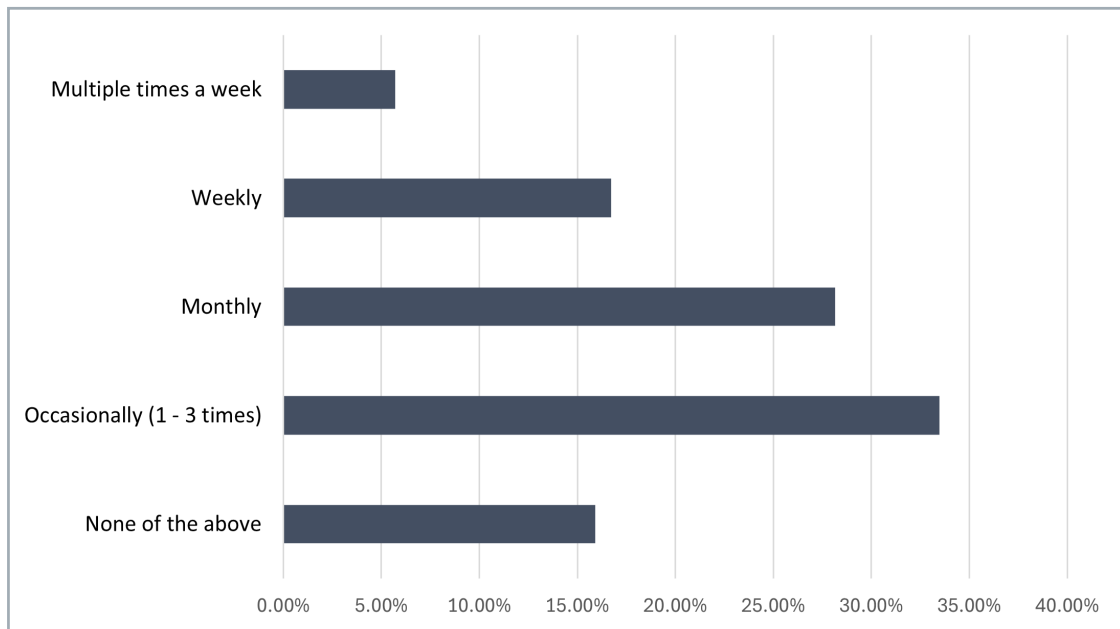
QUESTION 4 - If yes, how frequently have you used the Maryville Downs Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

SUMMARY

The majority of users claim to have used the trail 1-3 times within the last 12 months (82), with 69 respondents using it monthly, 41 using it weekly and 12 using it multiple times a week. 39 users claim not to have used the trail at all.

A total of 245 people responded to this question and 13 respondents skipped this question.

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
None of the above	39	15.92%
Occasionally (1 - 3 times)	82	33.47%
Monthly	69	28.16%
Weekly	41	16.73%
Multiple times a week	14	5.71%



QUESTION 5 - How would you rate your overall experience using the Maryville Downs Bridle Trail?

SUMMARY

The majority of survey respondents were either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with the trails (192). 16 respondents were either 'dissatisfied' or 'very dissatisfied' with the trails, and 19 respondents were neutral on the matter.

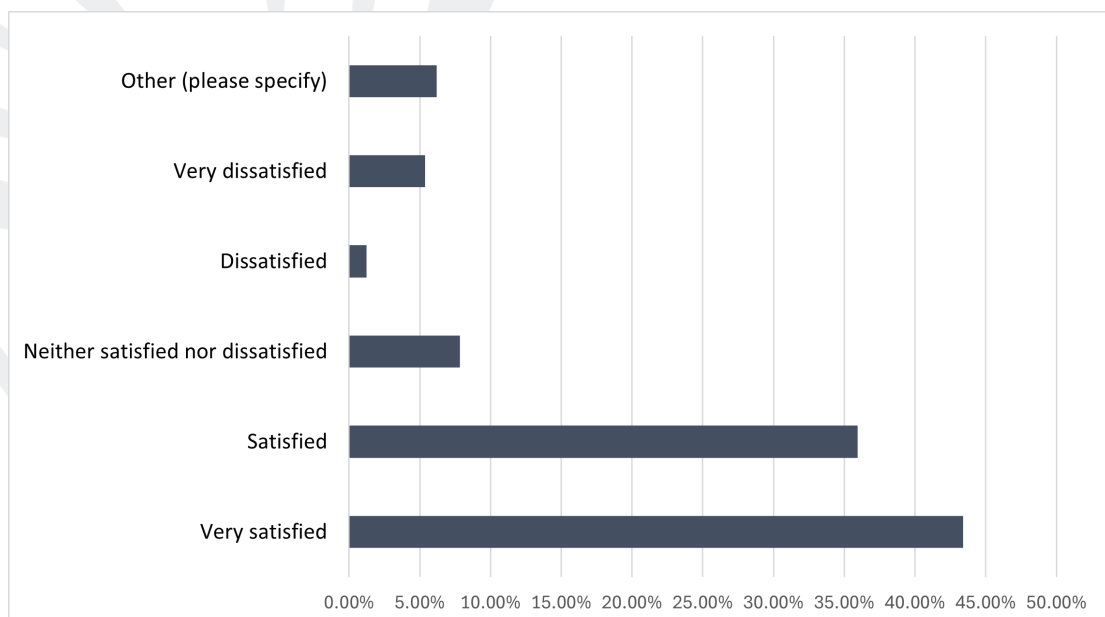
A total of 242 people responded with 31 respondents skipping this question.

15 comments were made on this question, with positive and negative feedback of the trails provided.

Comments made on 'Other':

- "I'm not allowed to use it due to me not having a horse"
- "Didn't use it."
- "Needs maintaining in certain areas of the trail (fallen down trees that don't get cleared ect)"
- "We need more of them!!!!"
- "Not used so cannot comment"
- "I would have used it more but I'm new to the area"
- "The surface is a bit tricky in places but otherwise fine"
- "This is a fire break not a horse trail"
- "As joining land owner it's been very disturbing"
- "Didn't know it existed"
- "Used for motorbikes and vehicles, trail assists with crime/theft"
- "Happy 2 have at least somewhere safe to ride . An open space area would also be nice since you can't ride anywhere safely in a so called rural area"
- "NA"
- "please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely."
- "Nil"

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Very satisfied	105	43.39%
Satisfied	87	35.95%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	19	7.85%
Dissatisfied	3	1.24%
Very dissatisfied	13	5.37%
Other (please specify)	15	6.20%

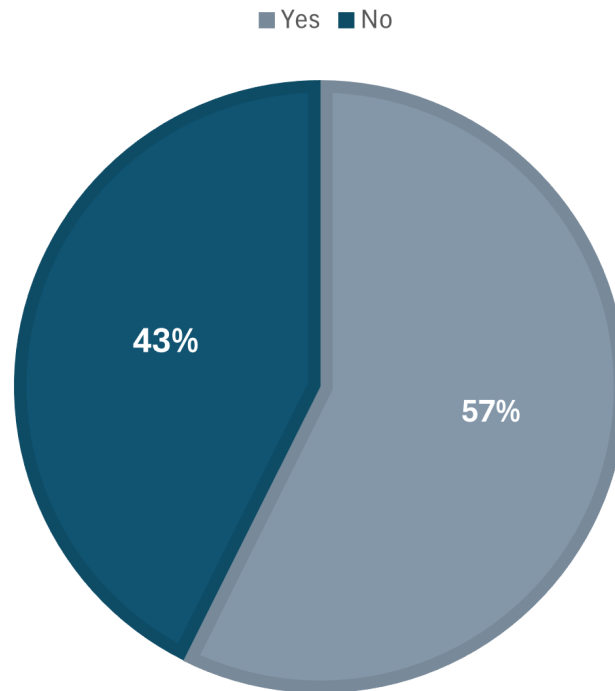


QUESTION 6 - Have you used the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

SUMMARY

144 survey respondents have stated that they have ridden the Powderbark Estate bridle trails within the last 12 months, with 107 stating that they have not used this trail.

A total of 251 people responded with seven respondents skipping this question.



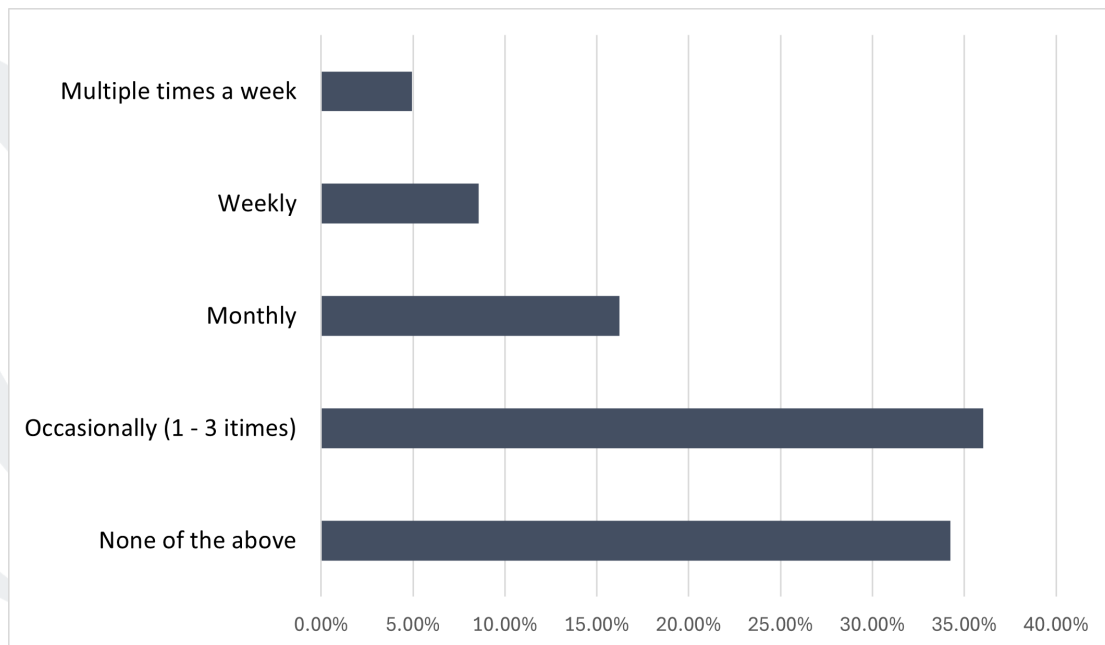
QUESTION 7 - If yes, how frequently have you used the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail in the last 12 months

SUMMARY

The majority of respondents have either not used the Powderbark Estate trail (76) or have only used it 1-3 times within the last 12 months (80). 36 claim to use this trail monthly, 19 weekly and 11 multiple times a week.

A total of 222 people responded with 36 respondents skipping this question.

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Multiple times a week	11	4.95%
Weekly	19	8.56%
Monthly	36	16.22%
Occasionally (1 - 3 times)	80	36.04%
None of the above	76	34.23%



QUESTION 8 - How would you rate your overall experience using the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail?

SUMMARY

The majority of users were either 'very satisfied' (64) or 'satisfied' (78) with the overall experience of the Powderbark Estate trails. Three users were 'dissatisfied' and seven users were 'very dissatisfied'. 34 users were neutral on the matter.

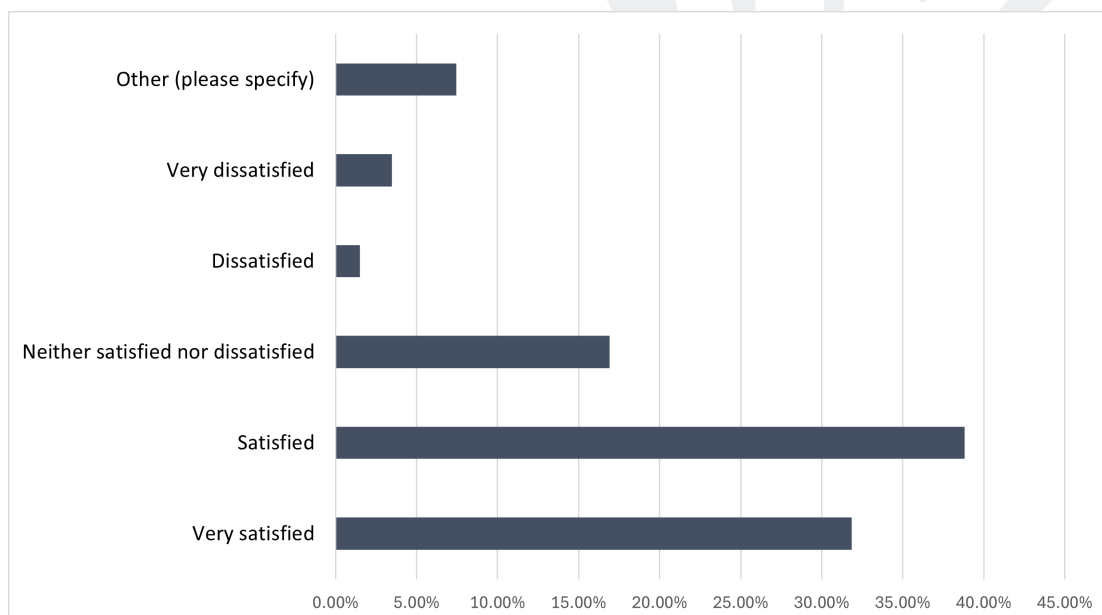
A total of 201 people responded with 72 respondents skipping this question.

Fifteen comments were provided with this question, with a summary of these comments being that they've either never rode the trail or that it is too short.

Comments made on 'Other':

- "Nil"
- "please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely."
- "na"
- "Walked but not ridden part of trail. Have young horse in training."
- "Shorter distance than I would usually ride"
- "Never rode the trail."
- "As above comment"
- "Didn't know it existed"
- "I respect others and don't use it"
- "If it's part of the Chittering bridle trail then I have ridden it"
- "I would like to try it out"
- "Walking"
- "It's very short (endurance background) would be great if we could link the two some how"
- "More noise from motorcycles and 4 wheel drives, as well as locals using it for property access"
- "Didn't use it"

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Very satisfied	64	31.84%
Satisfied	78	38.81%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	34	16.92%
Dissatisfied	3	1.49%
Very dissatisfied	7	3.48%
Other (please specify)	15	7.46%



QUESTION 9 - How would you prefer to access the bridle trails?

SUMMARY

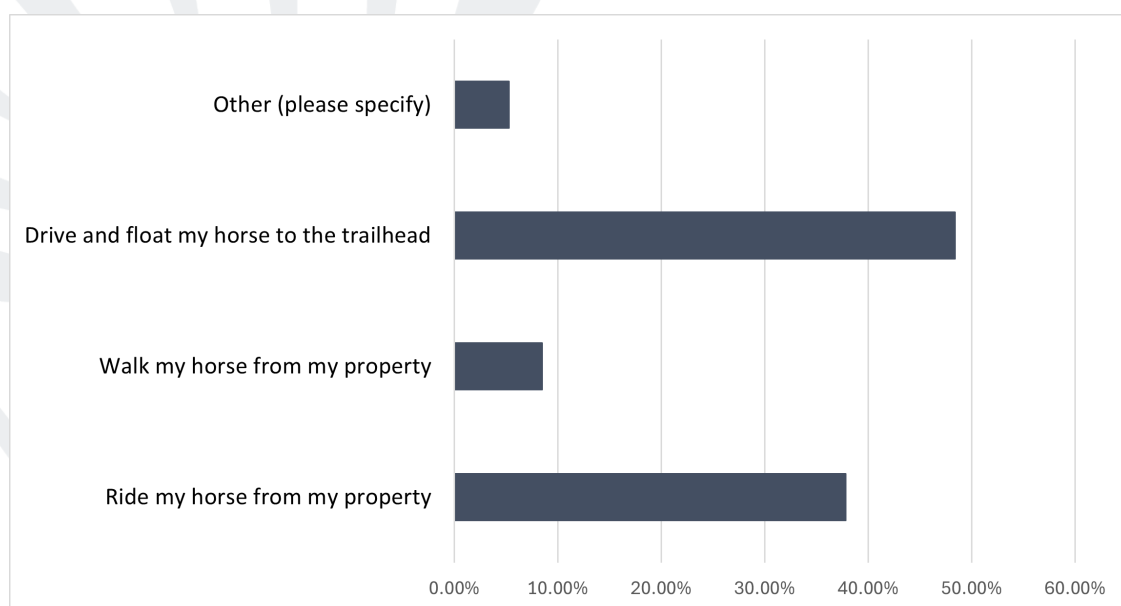
Question 9 relates to the users preferred way to access the bridle trails. This question allowed the user to select multiple responses and as such, there was a total of 283 responses to this question from 217 users, with 41 respondents skipping this question. 38% would prefer to ride their horse from their own property and 8% would prefer to walk their horse to the beginning of the trails. 48% claim that they would prefer to drive and float their horse to the beginning of either trail. 5% selected 'other' and provided a comment in relation to this question, with the summary being that the majority are happy to access the trails in any capacity.

A total of 283 responses were made to this question from 217 individuals, with 41 respondents skipping this question.

Comments made on 'Other':

- "Nik"
- "I don't live locally but happy to drive to the trail"
- "Prefer it not be used"
- "I would like to use it as a pedestrian. Have a local safe option to walk with either my children or my dog that isn't on the road where cars are flying past you doing 70km/hr"
- "Be great if trails were more interconnected"
- "From a friends property"
- "I have a back gate leading straight onto the bridle trail"
- "Do not have horses, however, love the fact the others have a place to ride."
- "Ride from a friend's property"
- "All of these!"
- "All of the above"
- "Either is fine."
- "Not of these questions are for general public, what about othe 95% of people in the community, maybe have questions for them not related to horses"
- "I'll do any or all of the above as long as my horse and I can do it safely (more education for drivers needed i believe would be beneficial)"
- "Won't ever use it"

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Other (please specify)	15	5.30%
Drive and float my horse to the trailhead	137	48.41%
Walk my horse from my property	24	8.48%
Ride my horse from my property	107	37.81%



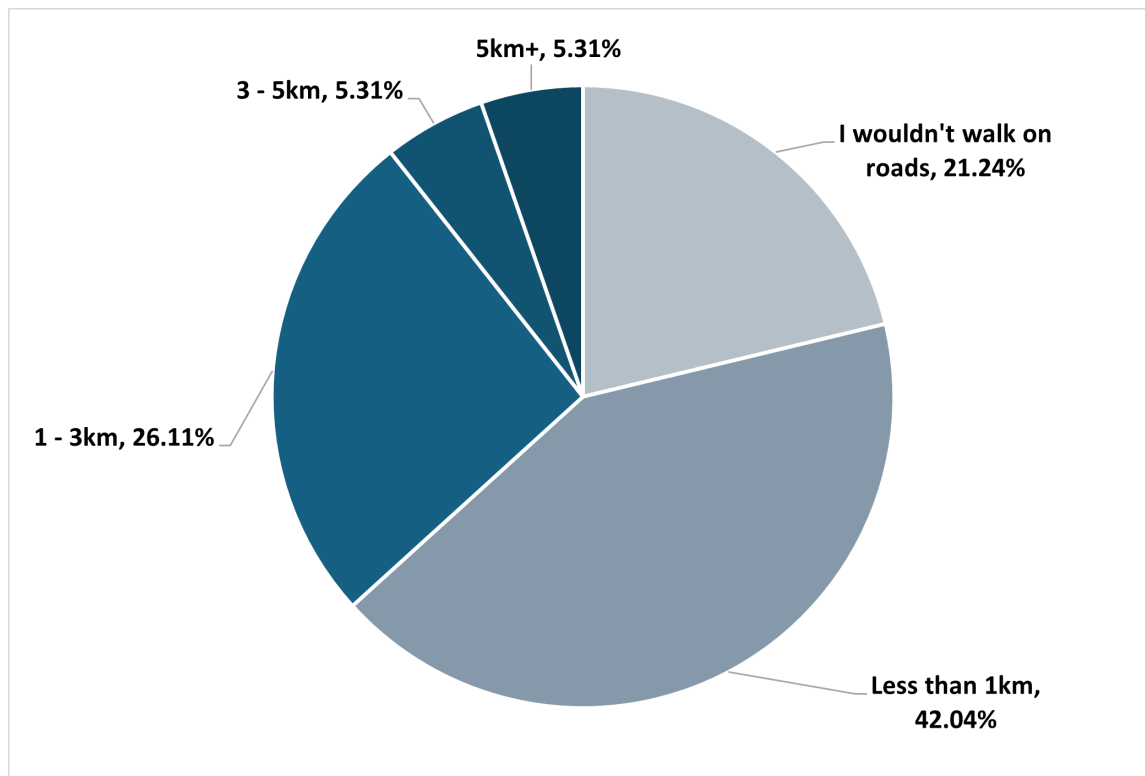
QUESTION 10 - How far would you be willing to walk your horse on the road to access the trail?

SUMMARY

The majority of survey respondents claim that they do not want to walk their horse for more than 1km on a road to access the trail (95). 59 state that they would walk between 1-3km on the road(s) with 12 users willing to walk 3-5 and 5km+ respectively. 48 respondents would not walk on the roads at all.

A total of 226 people responded with 32 respondents skipping this question.

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
I wouldn't walk on roads	48	21.24%
Less than 1km	95	42.04%
1 - 3km	59	26.11%
3 - 5km	12	5.31%
5km+	12	5.31%



QUESTION 11 - Have you encountered any of the following issues while using the trail?

SUMMARY

This question allowed respondents to select as many answers that were applicable.

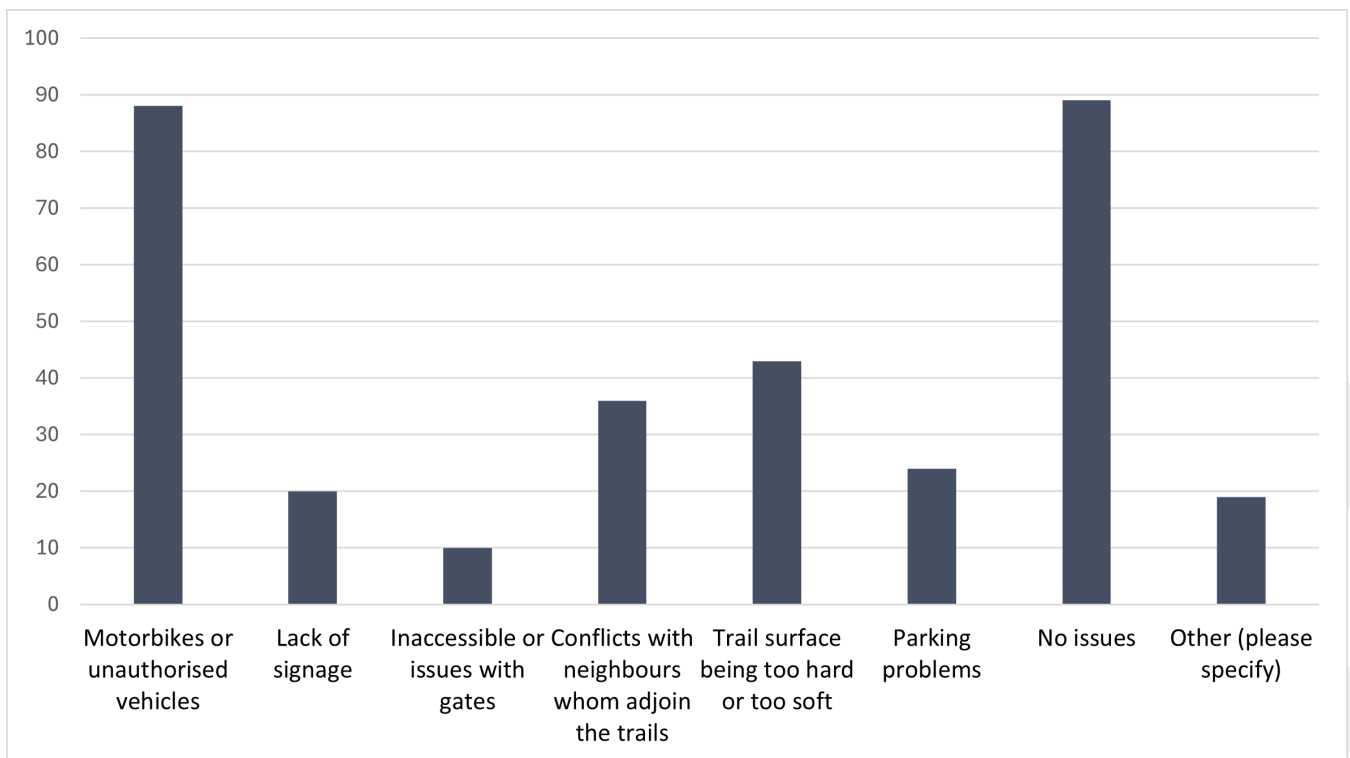
89 respondents claimed that they have no issues with the bridle trails. The main concern that the survey respondents have with the trails is motorbikes or unauthorised vehicles accessing the trails at the same time as the users. Other concerns were trail hardness (43), adjoining landowner conflicts (36), parking problems (24), lack of signage (20) and issues with gates (10).

A summary of the 19 comments relating to this question is that users are concerned with the trail ground being hard, better signage, issues with unauthorised vehicles and dogs on adjoining properties.

Comments made on 'Other':

- *"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely."*
- *"na"*
- *"Some softer areas would be great."*
- *"Too hard of ground"*
- *"Horses in adjoining properties spooking horses trunk to access the final entry near Guernsey Rise."*
- *"And you will encounter more"*
- *"Drainage issues along path - unable to push pram through parts when overly wet."*
- *"Needs to be loops not just a track please consider"*
- *"One particular local doing drivebys in their car getting very close. Poss needs to be reminded of the road rules"*
- *"Sometimes trees are down"*
- *"Maps on your website seems to lack any topography when I tried to access through phone""I haven't. Encountered motorbikes but have seen social media posts where people have and that has deterred me from using the trail recently."*
- *"Nothing on the bridle trail, just drivers awareness of slowing down for horses on the road to the bridle trail. Not something shire has control over but could be good to raise awareness of passing slow and wide please!"*
- *"Signage could be better"*
- *"Cars slowed on road crossovers. Neighbouring land owner came and patted the horses!"*
- *"Stoney and can be sore for horses feet if unprepared and don't bring boots"*
- *"Gravel and rock on unshod horses has been an issue"*
- *"Dogs getting under fence."*
- *"Maintenance with the path"*

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Motorbikes or unauthorised vehicles	88	26.75%
Lack of signage	20	6.08%
Inaccessible or issues with gates	10	3.04%
Conflicts with neighbours whom adjoin the trails	36	10.94%
Trail surface being too hard or too soft	43	13.07%
Parking problems	24	7.29%
No issues	89	27.05%
Other (please specify)	19	5.78%



QUESTION 12 - Are there any improvements you would suggest for the current trail?

SUMMARY

86 responses were provided to this question. A summary of the answers is that general positive comments for the trails and constructive comments encouraged better signage/parking, softer ground, better gates to limit access of unauthorised vehicles and the possibility of a looped trail track. Opposing comments encouraged the trails to be closed to privacy and security/theft concerns of adjoining properties along the trails. 172 respondents skipped this question.

- *"Softer ground area for a canter/gallop"*
- *"Possibly space for float parking"*
- *"Better parking please. The Maryville downs trail parking gets quite boggy when wet and makes it tough to get floats in and out."*
- *"Keep it open"*
- *"Better advertising, wasn't aware of the trails until this survey was posted!"*
- *"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely."*
- *"Would like to open it up to walking dogs as well."*
- *"Some softer areas would be great. Currently there aren't many places to canter."*
- *"Gate or obstacle to restrict / inconvenience trail bike entry. Mounting Block places after any Entry obstacle or gate installed. And at Trailhead or at nice point along trail where taking a break would be indicated."*
- *"Perhaps plant/offer some privacy trees along the side of the trail where the disgruntled residents live. In my opinion if people move out here they should be aware that its a semi-rural/rural area with wildlife and horse riders, but for those that didnt get the memo some privacy screening to keep them in their own backyard like surburbia may be more to their liking."*
- *"Better float parking at entry points"*
- *"Better access to detailed trail maps."*
- *"Softer surface"*
- *"Softer ground"*
- *"Need more trails"*
- *"Providing mounting blocks even if only logs at each entrance."*
- *"A loop trail would be good"*
- *"Reviewing the entry points to determine unauthorised users"*
- *"Have trails on crown land not next to people's homes"*
- *"More parking,"*
- *"Please close the emergency fire breaks for recreational use"*
- *"Make a gate an my property and make the path softer"*
- *"Surface is pretty hard and it's hard to park"*
- *"Parking"*
- *"No"*
- *"Perhaps slight change with parking arrangement, especially if multiple floats need to park"*

- *"Maybe a sand track"*
- *"More permanent signage. More signs regarding what's allowed on the trail: eg leashed dogs or no dogs etc. gates to prevent motorcycles"*
- *"Listen to the residents that LIVE along the fence line that it impacts"*
- *"More advertising on where the trails are as I was told by people around powder bark we aren't aloud on that trail as it's a private road"*
- *"Lots of Rocks could be better graded or more sand"*
- *"Installtion of CCTV or at least signage suggesting that CCTV is used, in order to deter motorbike/quadbike riders."*
- *"Step over gate like they have around lake Adam's and badgerup (Wanneroo)"*
- *"Close it"*
- *"I would like to use it as a pedestrian. Have a local safe option to walk with either my children or my dog that isn't on the road where cars are flying past you doing 70km/hr"*
- *"No"*
- *"I just want a new horse"*
- *"Happy safe to ride away from traffic"*
- *"Maybe not so Rocky more dirt or something put down"*
- *"Needs to be loops not just a track please consider"*
- *"More trails"*
- *"No don't really need the trial"*
- *"None that I have noted from the community that ride."*
- *"Better map as can't wait to use"*
- *"I like either end of the trial that the shore has put big logs here that you can mount your horse"*
- *"Please keep it!"*
- *"Yes, it would be great if it were a loop trail. Right now we have to ride back the same way we came (or return via the road), which doesn't make a lot of sense. It would be nice also if the trail got extended and linked up to other trails. There's no problem with stretches of road riding as long as it's not a significant section (in terms of length) of the trail. I really would like to see a network of trails in the area - there are a lot of horse riders and owners and not many trails to ride on currently. We ride a lot on the verge or on firebreaks, which isn't that pleasant or safe. This is a good start though - it's a beautiful track. We hope to use it in the future and that the network of trails gets expanded."*
- *"Some kind of barrier to allow horses but not allow motorbikes"*
- *"If possible... It would be great to do a loop on the trail so you don't have to ride the same way back..."*
- *"Just to me graded so the surface is safer"*
- *"Less gravel more sand"*
- *"Raising driver awareness of passing slow and wide in areas where bridle trails are"*
- *"Yeah close it"*
- *"It would be nice if it was in a loop instead of up and back"*
- *"It is concerning as the gates are open and there has been an increase in cars travelling the fire breaks. This could be a sercruity risk.. have no problem with the horses abd the actual principle of the trails . Think that they are a great resource .. main concern is the increase car access"*

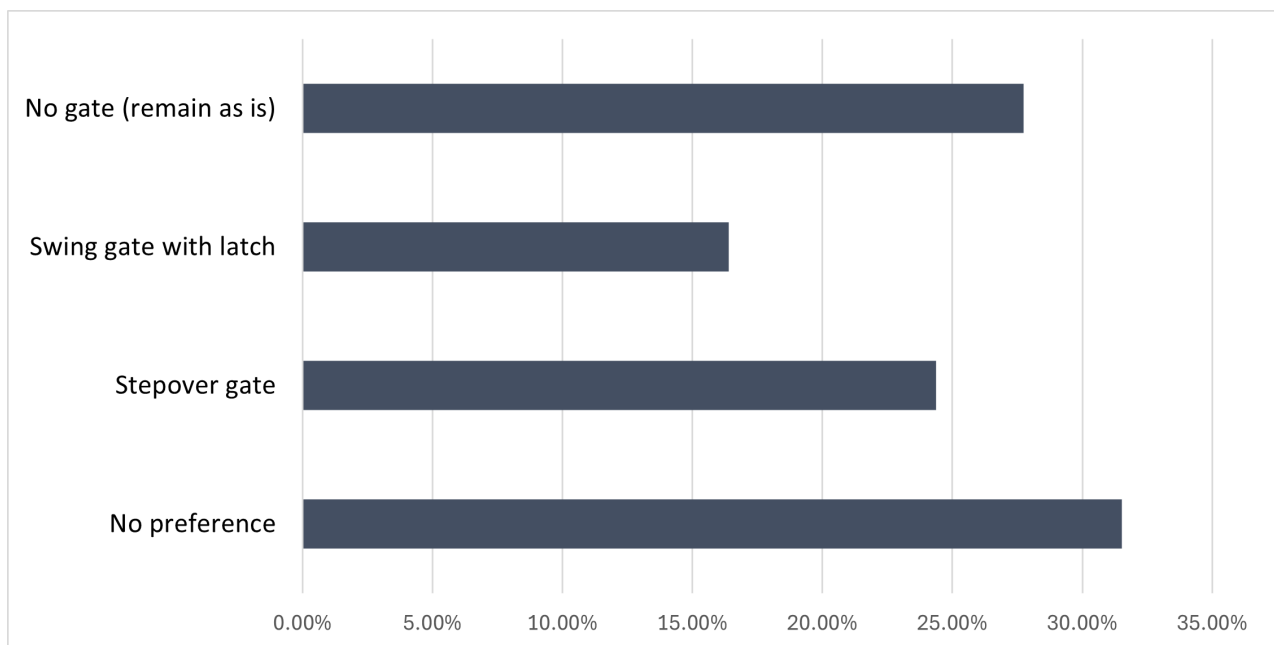
- *"All the gates get left open and in advertise people walk through, motor bikes, cars"*
- *"Make it a loop and create a designated parking for floats, perhaps some log jumps along the sides as well to add a bit of spice, there's plenty of unused land that could safely accomidate a few jumps. Also more of a safety thing is to clean up the rolls of wire that are there along the river side of the trail."*
- *"Return to emergency services only"*
- *"NA"*
- *"Better control of dirtbikes"*
- *"Keep it open"*
- *"The ground is quite rocky in parts"*
- *"Sometimes there is wire on the trail"*
- *"Better parking for floats, tie up area. Maybe a valuable wash down area with water access."*
- *"More no motorbike signs."*
- *"Surface could be better, maybe sand tracks."*
- *"Access to stop motorbikes & vehicles. Lakes Adams as restricted access but it would have to be removable like bollards for the fire access. There is a locations on the trail which that is muddy or clay , have a streams . If possible to resurface maybe install a culvert in one particular spots. This when make it much safer."*
- *"Some Neighbours were grumpy to start but most of them have been wonderful. A few kids of bikes but they usually stay out the way. Some parts are rocky but that's the land we live on"*
- *"Its perfect"*
- *"No, we absolutely love the one in Wandena Estate, off Powderbark Road."*
- *"Close Bridal trail"*
- *"Close the bridal trail it only brings motorbikes and yobos in cars"*
- *"Parking for larger vehicles/floats"*
- *"Running water and toilets and more space for parking floats that dont require backing into small spaces"*
- *"- Maintenance with the path, trees fallen down ect that don't get cleared - Dogs SHOULD be allowed to join on the path too on lead only"*
- *"Nope it's perfect!"*
- *"No it's a wonderful asset"*
- *"More trails please"*
- *"More trails"*
- *"Make it longer and access mglew road please so can ride to stringybark"*
- *"Suggest that there is some way to stop motorbikes and vehicles accessing the trails"*
- *"A way to stop motorbikes entering"*
- *"better surface/nir so rocky"*
- *"Needs to removed, the horse cult of slower chittering think they run the place and everyone needs to bow down to them they think they're so important and their precious horses bunch of pompous up themself entitled twats, take your horses and leave, because if you're not part of the click your completely treated like a piece of shit on the floor"*
- *"making the trail a little softer for hooves. having gravel and uneven/hilly surfaces is not safe"*
- *"If the trail is allowed to stay, better footing as it can be quite rocky! And possibly some logs for jumps etc. Would also love a way for motorbikes etc to not be allowed in as it can be dangerous for both horse and motorbike riders"*

QUESTION 13 - Do you have a preference for the style of gates at the access point of the trails?

SUMMARY

75 respondents stated that they do not have a preference as to which kind of gate could potentially be implemented along the trails. 66 respondents are satisfied with the current setup and to leave the gates open permanently. 58 would prefer a form of 'stepover gate' and 39 would prefer a gate with a latch that is accessible from horseback. 20 respondents skipped this question.

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
No gate (remain as is)	66	27.73%
Swing gate with latch	39	16.39%
Stepover gate	58	24.37%
No preference	75	31.51%



QUESTION 14 - Would you support the trails remaining open on a permanent basis?

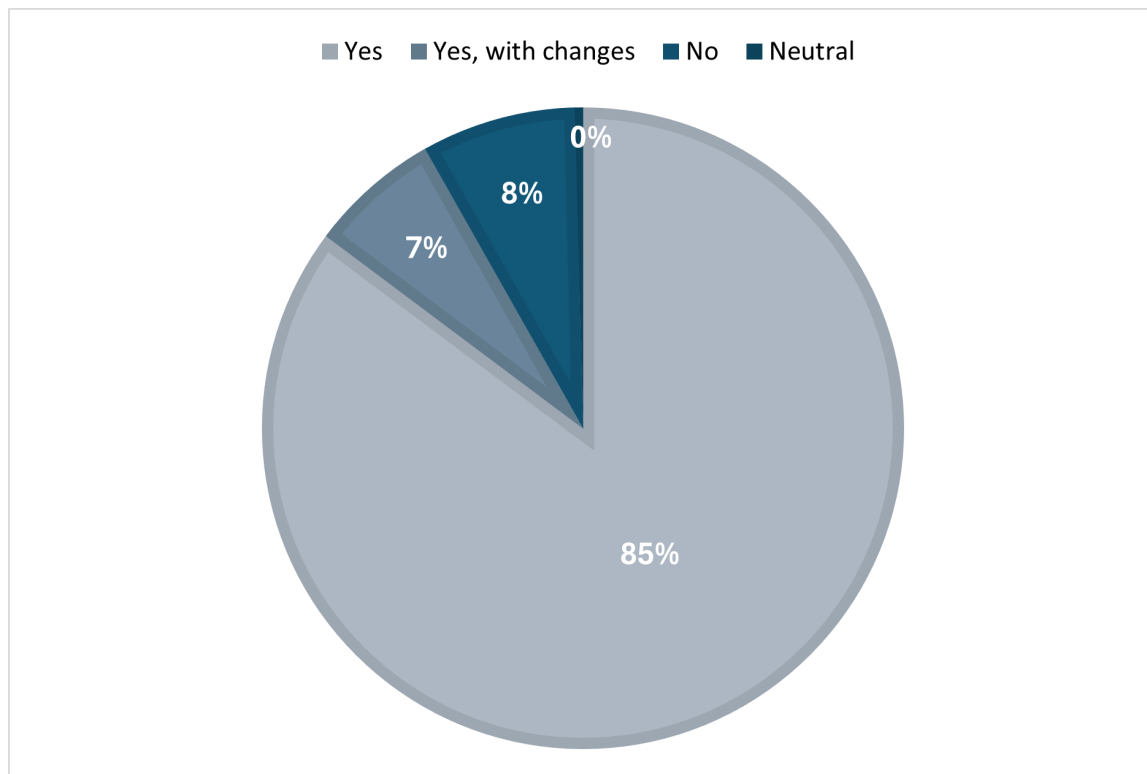
SUMMARY

The majority of the survey respondents wish for the trails to remain open on a permanent basis, with 219 respondents in support of the trails. 17 stated that they would support the trails remaining open if there were further changes made. 20 respondents stated that they would not support the trails remaining open, with 1 respondent remaining 'neutral' and 1 skipping the question. 26 comments relating to this question expressed the respondents views on the trails, with the comments ranging from wishing for softer ground, and better signage/accessibility, to requests that the trails be closed permanently due to the impacts on adjoining property owners.

Comments for 'Yes, with changes':

- *"Softer areas to canter."*
- *"Have a couple of days a week just for walkers"*
- *"Mounting blocks and suitable gates that don't require dismounting."*
- *"Dogs being contained on leash only"*
- *"Limit bike access. Secure with gates near roads"*
- *"Trails elsewhere"*
- *"Make it softer for my horses tootsies"*
- *"None"*
- *"No access for trail bikes, ranger driveby and more signs"*
- *"People that don't live here ect down south family member, friend can do this survey to help the out"*
- *"I'd like signage to make it clear that trails are also for the use of walkers and cyclists (not motorbikes) though all must yield to horse riders."*
- *"Have a license to ride on trail paid directly to the owners it affects"*
- *"I would like to use it as a pedestrian. Have a local safe option to walk with either my children or my dog that isn't on the road where cars are flying past you doing 70km/hr"*
- *"Better surface, my horse got so foot sore I had to walk the trail home"*
- *"Why is the only if yes why is there a no reason you obviously have made your minds up"*
- *"Better maps"*
- *"See above - please make it a loop trail and connect with other trails where possible"*
- *"As long as They pick up the horse shit on the road. Make them shit off the road."*
- *"Having the gates closed"*
- *"With Step over gates to discourage motorbike usage."*
- *"I would like the Hart Drive trail looked into by 36 or 38."*
- *"Allow walkers/runners without horses"*
- *"Swing gates with latch to secure the path more"*
- *"Blocking vehicle access"*
- *"Needs to removed, the horse cult of slower chattering think they run the place and everyone needs to bow down to them they think they're so important and their precious horses bunch of pompous up themselves entitled twats, take your horses and leave, because if you're not part of the click your completely treated like a piece of shit on the floor"*
- *"softer ground"*

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Yes	219	85.21%
Yes, with changes	17	6.61%
No	20	7.78%
Neutral	1	0.39%



QUESTION 15 - Do you have a story or experience using the Bridle Trails that you would like to share that isn't captured by the questions of this survey?

- *"The use of fire breaks as a bridal trail is absolutely insane. What will happen when there is an emergency & fire trucks etc need access however horses are in the way?? The fact that land owners bought their land with the understanding the fire break is there property - not public property?? Horse riders have also now assumed that all fire breaks are bridal trails and are riding their horses along other firebreaks & abusing land owners for simply protecting their own land. Horse poo is being left on our land attracting flies and bad smells and horse riders have no regard"*
- *"No, it has always been a pleasure to ride it."*
- *"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely."*
- *"no"*
- *"Trails like this one & others elsewhere are invaluable in developing confidence in both riders who may have only ever learned to ride in an arena. Same goes for young or new under saddle horses which build confidence improving their safety for their riders by exposing them to trail obstacles & to the natural environment & all it's vagaries."*
- *"I'd just like to say that it's a really nice little trail to have especially for families. I have 3 young daughters who love to ride around the neighbourhood but the roads are too unsafe now with the amount of careless hoons around so the bridle trail offers us a safe space to ride."*
- *"Fantastic way to showcase the beauty of the Shire!"*
- *"It's about bringing a community together and great fir mental health of riders and walkers"*
- *"No"*
- *"No"*
- *"Fun way to ride with friends"*
- *"I don't use it but my wife does, I get to see the back of her for a few hours."*
- *"Multiple emails sent to shire"*
- *"No"*
- *"Have used several times and each visit has resulted in off road bikes and quad bikes speeding past. Firebreaks should not be used for public access"*
- *"Yes I have just purchased property and I hope to use and access the trails as soon as I move my horse here and am living here permanently which won't be long"*
- *"As an adjoining landowner to this trail for over 25 years the past 12 months has been a nightmare to our family having people entering our property and shed. Yelling and filming me on my property & positing it on social media. Cars and motorbikes up and down the trail. People walking their unrestrained dogs. It's been very disturbing"*
- *"No"*
- *"Great safe trail that keeps riders off the dangers of the road"*
- *"A whole lot of CORRUPTION"*
- *"No"*
- *"Lake Adam's in Wanneroo, has a box section of copper logs - so hard for vehicles/motorbikes to pass over but safe for horse users - so horses you can't open gates or you can't dismount/remount without assistance so these are ideal and safe"*

- *"Riders not wearing helmets Dogs barking people looking into my property stone being thrown on my roof kids running up and down late at night motor bikes and cars riding on people walking the trail"*
- *"Our property adjoins the trail. Though we don't have horses our kids enjoy seeing them walk past. It's would be improved for us if we could use it for walking ourselves (as mentioned above and below)."*
- *"No good"*
- *"Too many nosey people"*
- *"It was a great idea giving horses and riders a safe place to ride"*
- *"Dogs should be put on leads if aren't friendly with horses"*
- *"It is so peaceful to ride especially down by Marbaling brook"*
- *"Have heard neighbours getting told off for riding a bike on THEIR OWN property to stop riding to let the horse pass what a piss take"*
- *"As an adjoining property owner, it has been a disaster. It is frequently used for casing properties and theft, we've lost our privacy, people hoon by on motorbikes etc. There have been multiple sheds broken into since the trails have opened, with the thieves using these trails"*
- *"No"*
- *"I only recently heard about it through a community group and a FB post. Local riders organised a get-together and joint trail ride on the bridle trail. It was a great opportunity to meet other members of the community!"*
- *"No issues with neighbours. Really enjoyed the trail."*
- *"Beautiful ride and we enjoy it very much! Parking is good too and very handy to have toilets there too!"*
- *"Very enjoyable family friendly trail. Able to take my girls and their ponies out and feel safe without traffic."*
- *"Keep it, it's great ! We are limited as it is with trails around the place many are too short or not worth the trip, I happily float from upper swan to chittering for this trail."*
- *"Rode it today for the first time since moving here earlier this year, loved it! Please keep them! Thank you ☺"*
- *"Why should the people that live along the bridle trail change the way our animals live on their block I've heard a dog had to be put down cause a dog kept attacking the horses. They want us to stop riding our bikes on our own property so they can ride past"*
- *"Trail is unsafe for adjoining properties. Unauthorized cars and bikes have been seen ridden there with multiple break-ins reported in adjoining properties."*
- *"So nice to be off the road and have a trail ride with my daughter."*
- *"I am a two legged bridle trail user - it has been wonderful to have this available so close to home, as a trail walker too"*
- *"Miss use more then correctly used"*
- *"NA"*
- *"Beautiful ride"*
- *"No"*
- *"It's such a pleasure to be able to meet and ride with friends in a safe environment"*
- *"I have used this trail regularly. I live how it show cases out beautiful Shire from a vantage point not normally seen. There may have been some animosity from the residents living along the trail at the start, but ever since, all residents I have encountered have been friendly offering a wave and good-day. It has truly been a wonderful trial."*
- *"It's been lovely meeting other riders on the trail and having a safe accessible place to ride"*
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- *"Having the bridle path makes it really accessible for me to ride especially with having young children at home and FIFZo partner with no family in Perth. Having a bridle path client is wonderful and has really helped my mental health."*
- *"This trail has provided a safe alternative to local riding. It's encouraged horse people to get together and enjoy our lovely countryside."*
- *"Nope just love it"*
- *"I've ridden both trails with my 5 years old daughter. Wonderful rides. Does require improved float parking please"*
- *"Too many too good times to mention. :)"*
- *"Bridal trails have allowed unauthorised motorcycle and off road vehicles access to previously restricted areas"*
- *"Yes this opens up to off road motorcycles and yobos in 4 wheel drive vehicles"*
- *"Reason I moved to lower chittering is because of access to safe bridle trails"*
- *"I back directly onto the trail and have the issues with motorbikes have decreased since the trial period began. There is still the occasional rider but I think the cameras and extra attention on the trial has reduced the antisocial behaviour. It's a pleasure to see other riders utilising the trail, people walking with their prams and children because it's safer than the roads and the general increase in community spirit and social connection."*
- *"Needs to removed, the horse cult of slower chittering think they run the place and everyone needs to bow down to them they think they're so important and their precious horses bunch of pompous up themselves entitled twats, take your horses and leave, because if you're not part of the click your completely treated like a piece of shit on the floor"*
- *"I have had the best time riding both trails with friends. I have only had positive experiences with adjacent landowners"*

QUESTION 16 - Do you have any final comments, ideas or concerns about the Bridle Trail?

- *"Close the trail"*
- *"I love it the way it is. We are so lucky to have it."*
- *"I currently dont have horses but looking to get some so would love the bridle trail to stay open"*
- *"Love having open areas to take my horse out with friends."*
- *"Would love more of them."*
- *"As mentioned, didnt even know they existed until recently, however will use them now onwards. There are so many horse owners/riders in Lower Chittering and Bullsbrook who would love to keep using these facilities"*
- *"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to excercise freely. i do not own horses, but this is a high density horse area. provisions should be made to allow parking for cars with horse trailers."*
- *"I would have used the trail more but due to injuries and illness we have been restricted."*
- *"More trails are needed. We need to travel to ride"*
- *"I haven't used the trails yet but my self and my group of horse friends are intending to soon when we're ready. Bridle trails are desperately required for enjoyment and safety"*
- *"Thank you for providing an area to ride."*
- *"Bridle or shared walker/horse (non trail bike) trails are invaluable to horse riders from all over the Metro & Hills locations. People will float horses to trail heads & "safe trails"."*
- *"I haven't used the trail yet as my horse is still being broken in. However, I am really looking forward being able to use it in the near future. Having access to trails without having to worry about traffic is really important as it is too dangerous to ride on roads (ie. Verges) now due to the drivers."*
- *"Don't own horses, but we're in a rural area and this is good for the many that do own horses."*
- *"Great work by the Shire providing this for the rural Community!"*
- *"It would be great if the trail could be used a couple of days a week by local rate payers- not motorbikes. Just a thought"*
- *"No"*
- *"Important part of the semi rural horse community. Important that they be retained."*
- *"I've never had any issues riding these trails. Although I don't frequent them as much as I would like I always enjoy the ride when I do. Horse riding is a popular sport that should be supported by local shires but instead our dedicated bridle trails are being destroyed and replaced by infrastructure or simply just closed off for land conservation or various other reasons. Where are we supposed to ride these days? No where is safe thanks to unruly road users or inconsiderate 4WD or dirtbike riders who think it's funny to spook horses and watch their riders fall off and end up in the back of an ambulance. It's just not fair. Please don't follow this 'anti-horses' trend. Please let horse riders continue to enjoy the few remaining trails left in Perth"*
- *"Would be upset to not have it ."*
- *"I think it's overall positive for the area, bringing people in from other areas and increasing house prices"*
- *"It doesn't get much use from horse riders, seems to get more use from motorbikes and vehicles. Doesn't keep riders safe because they are still using the roads more than the trail. Either provide parking for floats to use trails only and ban road riding or close the trails. It's like having your cake and eating it too at present. Only people effected are the adjoining property owners. If the trails go ahead are riders and property owners going to be insured under shire"*

public liability??

- *"I don't feel bridle trails are necessary or safe. Too many off road vehicles and unleashed dogs"*
- *"They were not built for public though-fare and should be kept as firebreaks. People parking at the end of jersey Rd with multiple horse floats leaving manure all over the roads. We feel very interrogated people filming us on our verandha and filming stuff in our sheds , please please don't disregards locals that pay rates they are being impacted negatively . The fencing is not adequate to run it as a public access"*
- *"No"*
- *"No concerns, just love it out there"*
- *"Please keep these bridle trails open as they are great for horse owners in a rural area."*
- *"It is a fantastic way to be in nature, foster community. There may be expenses, for the Shire. Users may also be open to any fundraising ventures to keep the trails open, if there are expenses."*
- *"Thank you for making this trail accessible to all, I am looking forward to using again now the sun is shining more often"*
- *"Would be great if it extended into the new estate off Mcglew Rd."*
- *"Nothing against horses but I like to know what happens, Dog owners need to pick up dogs poop does the horse rider pick up horse poop or we just get more flys"*
- *"Would like to see the ability to expand the trail."*
- *"Corruption tax payers money \$60k plus don't you think you should tell people how much this is gonna cost them"*
- *"Nope"*
- *"Thank you for listening and providing opportunity to the local horse community - there are a lot of us in the community and we appreciate being able to ride safely around locally - thanks again :)"*
- *"This is a completely inappropriate action to be taken this has no benefit to the shire financially only benefit the people that live hear and that work in the council it suits there own agenda"*
- *"I would like to use it as a pedestrian. Have a local safe option to walk with either my children or my dog that isn't on the road where cars are flying past you doing 70km/hr"*
- *"Please continue to keep open"*
- *"Please create more trails in the area!"*
- *"Nope"*
- *"I think it's a brilliant idea. Not being able to use trails in my own area due to motorbikes it's nice to travel to a trail that feels a lot safer"*
- *"Really like to commend Lower Chittering Shire on recognising the need for equine trails allowing for safe areas for recreational use I really hope the trails remain open for regular use long term."*
- *"Dogs are aloud but have to be on a lead if not good with horses"*
- *"Love it. Please keep it."*
- *"They are a must! Great to have them"*
- *"The trail is useful for out-of-locality riders too, we drive there to meet and ride with friends who are local to Lower Chittering."*
- *"I'd like to see some of the Bindoon trails upgraded, especially on 36 - 38 Hideaway, where owners have installed a gate that is often locked... that's not fair on us riders, it needs removing and signals too for moving forward in the future."*
- *"Keep the bridle trails OPEN!"*
- *"I am an endurance rider, and compete in 80+ km rides. My club Wheatbelt Endurace Riders Inc. has queried with me*

how long the track was unfortunately not enough for us to hold an event. But if we could access to atleast 40km of track or even use of a farmers property with access to a flat area for a ride base we could potentially look at bringing a bi-yearly or yearly event to your area. We have people come to compete from all over WA, and offer distances from 10kms to 80kms, even 160kms if the area permits it. Feel free to contact me if you want to discuss in the future.

Jemma - 0406 422 341 Jlpudwell@gmail.com"

- "Please do not shut it down for years like you did when it originally opened. We had to ride on the roads for years or float out horses to the Bullsbrook bridle trail. We love it and want to keep it going."
- "Don't need the trial feel sorry for the people that live along side it"
- "PLEASE listen to the concerned landowners and stop the trail. It has been used for it's intended purpose only a handful of times - perhaps once a month we see horses walk by. However, us landowners have lost our privacy and had our security severely compromised. Our rights to privacy and safety far outweigh the desire of the odd horse rider."
- "It is so good to see the community have something safe for them and their horses."
- "Make sure any access is wide enough for shire sized horses"
- "I love the big logs that their shorter has put that either end of the Trail for mounting your horse"
- "A brilliant place to ride! Especially that I can now confidently take my daughter out riding off the lead and not worry about cars flying past. To add the firebreak that runs adjacent to the current bridle trail at the back of the new estate off McGlew Rd to make a full loop."
- "Please keep the trails open! Our new property backs right onto them and they are so great and quiet for our horse community"
- "Please keep the trails"
- "Lovely idea! Perhaps we could have a hitching rail at either end? Or if it's going to be a loop then just at the one end. Thank you"
- "Please keep it open, Horseriding is dangerous, especially when around vehicles. This is a great safe place to enjoy rides."
- "the addition of tie up points would be great"
- "X"
- "I believe it's such a significant part of enrichment for our horse community! It's lovely seeing riders head out for a ride! To close these trails would be really disappointing."
- "Please keep them open. It's been great having somewhere to ride."
- "I live on a trail and have no issues with it. I don't ride a horse but see no issue with others using these tracks, but should be opened to kids on bikes as well and walkers."
- "Please keep it open.... and make the polox grounds free for rate payers again. 🙏"
- "It is a very important social activity for my myself and my adult rider friends and also my teenager kids and their friends that meet there regularly for a ride."
- "Wicked idea, keep it up! Thank you for providing them!"
- "Love the bridle trail as it allows riders, horses and community the chance to have safe riding spaces and gives this place a community vibe feeling"
- "Yeah how much is this gonna cost us as a 20 yr rate payer. Where does it end when am I gonna get my privacy back, who in the shire corrupt enough to allow this"
- "Shut it down"
- "I love it and hope it stays. Would be good for it to be a loop but understand that might not be possible"

- *"This is a beautiful safe place for horse riders to enjoy their time in the saddle."*
- *"We don't ride or have horses but are very happy that a safe place has been made available for horse riders to utilise."*
- *"I think the shire only seems to want to change what small group or the minority have to say. 5% of people ride horses in the area and this survey is an exact example of someone that is against anyone that does not want the bridge, mainly the people are affected by the traffic. Only question that is not horse related is the one that ask have you had issue with neighbours adjoining the trail. Its a disgrace the people that force us to pay them have no idea what the community actually wants. Like the idea about the transportable on the open space."*
- *"*
- *I have loved having this valuable asset at such close proximity to my home. I love the safety this trail offers, the views are amazing and prior to this I didn't even realise how magical that part of lowerchittering was. I have met some lovely ladies from near and far out on the trail and even made a new friend! If it were able to be made into a loop instead of the dead ends it would be so much more fulfilling. Thankyou to all that have been able to make this happen I hope it continues to remain open for everyone to use"*
- *"Clean you horse crap up"*
- *"NA"*
- *"We need a safe place for horse riders of all ages to enjoy the beautiful area we live in. Dirt bikes should have a designated place and not share the trail. We do not disturb neighbouring properties nor harm anyone."*
- *"We were promised a bridle trail many years ago. It's great to have it. Thank you!"*
- *"Thank you very much for providing them to the community"*
- *"Must stay open"*
- *"It is great having this opportunity in the shire to ride out in a safe environment. Even tho I have to float there it's safe and easy to park"*
- *"The estate has a lot of horses, more trails and horse areas like a build arena would be used and appreciate but the locals. Access to a bigger longer trail or join trails for a longer ride would be fantastic. Thank you Chittering Shire for giving this opportunity for horsey people to be heard."*
- *"I'd hate to see the bridle trail be closed. Perth has limited bridle trails and myself and my friends from outside areas come and use the trail regularly. It's an important part of our riding, gives added exposure to our horses and something other than a boring arena to ride through."*
- *"Great to see safe trails for us with horses to use"*
- *"I would like to see some further infrastructure installed if it becomes permanent. Many things can be recycled from the shire such as large logs that can be utilised for mounting blocks along the trail. More permanent signage would be excellent and the ability to loop the trail or part thereof. Some tie up rails at the ends of the trail would also be extremely useful. The Shire has done a wonderful job during the trial in setting up the trail and maintaining it."*
- *"We need more bridle trails in the area, they are great for everyone, walkers, dog walkers, horse riders. I live in the Chittering view estate and have had the shire close the bridle trail around my estate which was absolutely devastating! It was on the sites plans when we bought the block! I never imagined it would be something that would just be taken away! And the firebreak on muchea east road also closed so we now can't access Marysville Downs! Even on foot! What the hell!!!! Other shires have such great trails and open spaces! Why is the Chittering shire not trying to make this a great place to live??"*
- *"I'm concerned dogs not contained in properties. I enter/ exist the trail Jersey Rd . The property is on the left if your heading into the trail. The property the dog who lives there as normal behaviour to bark , run up to the fence but last*

month this dog went to go under the fence . I told this dog off and turned my horse face the dog this discouraged the dog from coming under. The owners where out about but fail to recall. The spot the dog was going under the fence look worn. The grass on the side of creek needs to be maintained. Thank you .”

- “Great job having this for the community that has many horse properties. Only issue once was property owner deliberately racing motorbike along fence line at horses.”
- “Please please keep it open! It makes such an amazing difference to so many people’s lives having a bridle path we can enjoy and locally.”
- “Some of bridle trails in Bindoon need to have step over gates as the current chains with signage swinging off them are a tripping hazard for horses and there is no access around some of them so I don’t use them any more. If this was addressed and step over gates were installed the trails would see more use.”
- “Please keep it open.”
- “Keep it going”
- “Please, please, please keep the bridle trails open! The horses and riders love it, as its a very good way for us to keep our minds fresh and not just having to ride on our properties. (which gets boring and horses become sour). Xxx”
- “Yes please close bridal trail as the noise we once never experienced is now at an all time high”
- “Please close the Bridal Trail the peace and quiet we had before the trail was open has disappeared”
- “I think it’s important for horse riders to have a designated safe space to ride that isn’t used by motor vehicles of any type.”
- “- Maintenance more often - Dogs allowed on leashes”
- “This bridle trail is wonderful, great signage, good parking, great track, we love it!”
- “This has been an amazing asset, it’s brought in people from other areas and helped with the community as I’ve now met many more people in the area. Everyone has been respectful.”
- “Please keep these trails open. We purchased in this area as we were told there were trails so when they weren’t any we were very disappointed. The roads are way too dangerous for horses.”
- “I feel the trails are an improvement part of living and riding horses in LC. Many riders are very nervous about riding on roads because so drivers drive too fast or don’t respect the fact that horses are allowed on the roads”
- “Love the trail my property backs onto it and is why I purchased my block. Love seeing the other riders and it really isn’t busy so doesn’t affect my privacy”
- “Expanding would be great”
- “I hope they’re made permanent, and creating a loop would be fantastic if possible ☺”
- “Needs to removed, the horse cult of slower chattering think they run the place and everyone needs to bow down to them they think they’re so important and their precious horses bunch of pompous up themselves entitled twats, take your horses and leave, because if you’re not part of the click your completely treated like a piece of shit on the floor”
- “my daughter and her friend have ridden this trail a few times but are not comfortable with the ground of it. Being hilly is something that can not be helped but maybe having it a little softer would help.”
- “It’s been a fantastic way of revitalising the equestrian community within the area. Would be a huge shame to see it closed.”
- “Please keep it open. While I have not yet used the trail, it’s only because I don’t currently have a horse that I ride on it but will definitely be keen to use it when I do with my kids and friends. One thing that definitely needs to be addressed on any trails is inconsiderate people using motorbikes on them that can scare some horses and cause injuries. There definitely needs to be harsh penalties for such people.”
- “Love them!”

Wandena Estate Trail - Adjoining Landowners Feedback

OBJECTIONS

Name	Address	Feedback
Clayton		<p>We are surrounded on three boundaries by this bridal trail, from the time this trail was open we have had a consistent amount of rubbish thrown over our fences horse manure just left next to fence to attract all kinds of animals, + smell + flies.</p> <p>Human's walking constantly past with their dogs, who drop their feaces and is never picked up. Then there is the motorcycles and occasionally car driving on the firebreak.</p> <p>One boundary is bad enough however to have three is a little bit too much.</p>
Daryl		<p>Having lived along side firebreak/bridle trail 22 ½ years, 21 ½ with gate set to pole partly open to allow horses + personel past. Very limited number of vehicles past, any trying needed to stop or at least slow down to open gate increasing chance of reading signage.</p> <p>Have in last 12 months heard some pass but with nothing to slow or stop them are gone before any chance of ID.</p> <p>Old set up worked in Stage 1 of Wandena estate for over 21 years that I know of.</p> <p>7.78%</p>
Paul		<p>Hi Isaac</p> <p>Thanks for reaching out regarding the adjoining bridal trail to my property at the above adress.</p> <p>I have not seen any equine useage as yet but have seen cars and motor bikes using the trail which could create some concern from a security aspect. Their seems to be more horse owners and the like in other estates so it may be more suitable in other areas especially if the council are investing time and capital into a trail that is not used then maybe the funds and man power can be used to a better result in wandeaner estate</p> <p>Thanks again for allowing me to provide feedback</p> <p>Paul Malynn</p>

Name	Address	Feedback
Katie		<p>I am in support of the Wandena Estate Bridle Trail. I use it often to walk and run on. A lovely and safer alternative to running/ walking on the roads that do not have footpaths. I enjoy being in nature.</p> <p>I've seen people riding horses and walking on the track adjacent to my house and nice to see it been used for positive things.</p> <p>I've only ever seen it used once by an off road motorbike which I do not like but only the one. It would be great if it could be kept open or at least open for walkers. Thank you for seeking feedback.</p>

Maryville Downs Trail - Adjoining Owners Feedback

OBJECTIONS

Name	Address	Feedback
Troy		<p>Dear [Council/Recipient],</p> <p>I am writing to again raise my concerns and frustration regarding the fire break being used as a horse trail. To date, the only response I have received is that my email was forwarded on, and this lack of action is unacceptable.</p> <p>As you can appreciate, ratepayers such as myself—who are directly impacted—deserve more than silence and delay. The fire break was constructed for one purpose only: fire safety. It was never intended to be converted into a recreational trail. Allowing this is not only inappropriate but also unfair to residents who have lived here for decades, when the breaks were locked and secured.</p> <p>The people most affected are those of us who built here over 20 years ago, not the newer arrivals with larger blocks who now feel entitled to walk around private homes with no form of license, registration, or accountability. This is unacceptable and needs to be addressed.</p> <p>To add to the frustration, I have personally been denied permission to install another septic system on my property to accommodate a granny flat for one of my children. Yet, the council seems willing to open and even extend a trail without consultation, notice, or due consideration for residents. The inconsistency is disgraceful.</p> <p>I am demanding urgent action on this matter, or at the very least, a formal response with clear reasoning as to why this decision has been made. Ratepayers deserve transparency and respect on issues that impact our homes and safety.</p> <p>I look forward to your prompt response.</p>

Name	Address	Feedback
Troy		<p>Formal Complaint – Maryville Downs Bridle Trail</p> <p>1. Background I purchased and built my property in 2004. Since that time, the adjoining firebreak has always been locked and used solely as an emergency access track for firefighters. It was never intended or designed as a public recreational trail. The recent decision to open this track to the public has created significant risks, infringements, and burdens for myself, my family, and other residents along the boundary.</p> <p>2. Key Concerns</p> <p>2.1 Loss of Privacy and Amenity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My home is only 10 metres from the boundary. • Opening the track has destroyed our privacy in both the backyard and front yard, including our pool area. • This has directly reduced the value and enjoyment of my property. <p>2.2 Uncontrolled Public Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The track is being used not only by locals but also by people floating horses in from outside the area. • There is no system of registration, control, or accountability in place. • This has transformed a firebreak into an unregulated public facility at the expense of adjacent residents. <p>2.3 Security, Safety, and Harassment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My wife feels unsafe in her own home, and we are forced to secure our dogs and property at all times. • My work vehicle has been filmed and uploaded to social media without my consent, requiring action to have it removed. • On multiple occasions, riders have deliberately pointed cameras in my face while passing, which is intimidating and hostile. <p>2.4 Lack of Rider Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riders are using the track without helmets, training, or licensing. • The risks fall solely on residents, while the benefit is limited to a small group of recreational users. <p>2.5 Compromised Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police, fire, and ambulance services in the area are already under strain and cannot reliably arrive in good time. • This track was established as an emergency fire access route. • Recreational use risks obstructing emergency services during a crisis, which could have catastrophic consequences. <p>2.6 Failure to Consult Fire Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite being Shire land, no formal consultation was undertaken with the local fire station. • As the authority most directly responsible for using this track in an emergency, their exclusion is unacceptable. <p>2.7 Unfair Burden During Cost-of-Living Crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents are already facing financial stress from rising rates and the cost-of-living crisis. • The Shire's decision has further reduced property values, compromised security, and increased household stress. <p>2.8 Liability and Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I hereby place the Shire on formal notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Any damage to my fences, stock, or property, or o Any obstruction of emergency access arising from this decision, will be considered the direct responsibility of the Shire. <p>3. Demand for Action This track is dangerous, unnecessary, and has been opened without proper regard for the safety, privacy, or security of affected residents. I formally request that the Shire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediately review and reverse the decision to open the firebreak for recreational use. 2. Restore the track to its original purpose as an emergency access route. 3. Consult directly with affected residents and local fire services before making any further decisions. <p>4. Position Going Forward Let me be absolutely clear: I will be opposing this decision to the very end, and I will not be backing down at any stage.</p>

Name	Address	Feedback
Troy		<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing as a long-term ratepayer of over 20 years at 434 Santa Gertrudis Drive to express my deep concern and disappointment with the recent opening of the horse trail adjacent to my property.</p> <p>This decision was made without any consultation or notification to affected residents. As both a horse owner and a community member, I find it highly disrespectful that we were not given the courtesy of being informed, let alone asked for input, before such a significant change to the use of this land.</p> <p>Since the trail opened, my family has experienced a number of serious issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have had to spend over \$2,000 on security systems because my children's and grandchildren's rooms are only 15 metres from the walkway. • We have had motorcycles, cars, and members of the public treating the trail as a general walk track, not just for horses. • There have been two incidents of broken windows and repeated disturbances at night, causing my wife great stress when I am away. • The privacy of my home and pool area has been completely lost. • I am now forced to confine my dogs whenever people use the trail, despite the risk not being of my making. • When carrying out genuine use of my tractor and motorbike on my property, I have been abused and told to switch them off by people passing on the trail. <p>This is not what I bought my property for, and it has fundamentally changed how my family must live.</p> <p>I also note that new estates are being developed in the area. If a trail was required, it should have been incorporated into those estates where new residents would purchase their land fully aware of its existence. Instead, long-standing residents like myself have had our amenity stripped away without consultation.</p> <p>I further understand that some council staff have actively supported and promoted this process on social media platforms without consideration for those directly affected. This is highly inappropriate and only adds to the sense that community voices have been disregarded.</p> <p>The land in question was originally designated as an emergency track, and I developed my property on that basis. If people wish to ride, there are appropriate facilities elsewhere — the burden should not fall on a handful of existing families who now carry the impacts.</p> <p>I am trying to remain respectful in raising this matter, but I must stress that my family's wellbeing, security, and privacy have already been severely compromised. Extending consultation by another three months does not ease concerns when the decision appears to have already been made.</p> <p>I request that the Council urgently review this matter, halt the use of the trail, and engage in genuine consultation with affected residents before proceeding further.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Troy Partridge</p>

Name	Address	Feedback
Nathan		<p>I do not support the bridal trail on the emergency fire breaks. I have sent numerous emails to Isaac, under my above email address reporting incidents of mis-use of the firebreaks. From those who are not horse riders.</p> <p>There have been incidents of theft from those who used the fire breaks to access properties & to escape.</p> <p>My concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft • Running Fenceline damage • Privacy • Trail mis-use • Emergency access & escape from fires • Property value <p>I have had to spend money on creating privacy on my property, installing CCTV, repositioning building plans.</p>
Perry & Kerrie		<p>Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback, we only wish this was asked PRIOR to the trial.</p> <p>We would strongly urge the Shire to close the bridal trial. Our property having over a 400m in common with the trail it has been a very anxious time. We have lived in our home for over 23yrs and built it with no notice of intention from the Shire that the strategic firebreak would ever be open as a public throughfare.</p> <p>There is a constant flow of people on the firebreak and we admit some are quiet horse riders doing the right thing but as they rise past our house, they feel they have the right to call out to us or our children or our dogs. We hear them comment on the property in our shed and our land. They film themselves riding and post it on social media oblivious that they are filming our private property and belongings and posting it. It was very unsettling that they feel they have to right to intrude into our home.</p> <p>We have built a house yard fence to contain our dog within a house yard and not allowing it to be able to go up the to the boundary fence to of the firebreak. This has only been an issue since the bridal trail has been open as many (most) people bring their dogs with them. Allot of people use the firebreak for the specific purpose, of walking their dog. There is a gentleman that parks his 80 series Landcruiser (rego # 8MJ432) at the cult er-sac of Jersey and walks his dog up and down the fire rbeak every day.</p> <p>Dogs can walk along our 400m property boundary and even enter our property as the fence line has been damaged by kanagarooos and enter our property. Meanwhile our animals are contained within a small house yard. This doesn't seem right on our 40acre property?</p> <p>Will the Shire be doing maintenance on this fence line?</p> <p>The firebreak is frequent by a white hilux ute and trailer, I think they go out collecting firewood. It scares us when you see lights going along the firebreak when you know vehicles shouldn't be on it. Its also used by off road motorbikes quiet often and late at night is worrying to hear them. There is another white 4wheel drive that drives very fast up and down the firebreak.</p> <p>The fire breaks were built with the intention of use by emergency vehicles and fire escape routes, not for the public to have access to and have negative impacts on bordering properties. Please respect the landowners adjoining this firebreak that pay rates and maintain fence lines and have built own homes along this firebreak. Not all that are using the bridal trial are local and I think the Shire should be looking out for local residents' rights and concerns.</p> <p>PLEASE consider closing the fire break for public use and find an alternative place for horse riding.</p>

Name	Address	Feedback
Leeanne		<p>My horse has has had exposure as she is older the person I was riding with has a young horse She takes ii on the trails less traffic starting to get the horse use to things As it is definitely not ready for traffic safely at this time The importance of the trials etc to expose horses so when there on the rd it is as safe as possible For all Because of what that lady chose to do couldof ended badly Because she has had the opportunity to use trials etc the horse did ok was able to pass safely Thanks again</p> <p>Used one of the bridle trails Not wandena the other one A lady came out and abused us And on the way back as need come back same way she let her dogs into the yard and sent I assume her kid out to mow the lawn Hoping the trails will remain open as it is a safe place away from traffic to be able to to ride Thankyou</p>
John and Sonia		<p>The start of the bridle trail adjoining our property is at the end of Jersey Road. The bridle trail is at the rear of our 7.3 acre property which is heavily tree-lined.</p> <p>As a result of the above, we are not impacted by anyone using the bridle trail.</p> <p>However, on one occasion, we saw a woman cleaning out her horse float (manure & straw) and dumping it at the side of the road – which was totally unacceptable!</p> <p>As long as people with horses abide by the rules, then we have no issues with the bridle trail.</p>
Mark		<p>1. No issues have arisen from trial for Maryville Downs. 2. Council needs to ensure suitable insurances are maintained to prevent any landowner liabilities in the event that a fence line is breached.</p>
Matthew		<p>Whilst I have no issue with the bridle trail, in fact I support it, I wholeheartedly disapprove of the parking lot being situated on the road in front of my home.</p> <p>I believe that the Shire of Chittering has a responsibility to protect out right to enjoy the quiet and peaceful lifestyle what we chose and paid handsomely to live. NOT to turn our quiet couldersac into a car park for horse floats!</p> <p>I am certain that the Shire is able to find parking elsewhere that isn't directly in front of people's houses and driveways. Perhaps next to the Emergency Fire Department.</p>

Name	Address	Feedback
Rebecca		<p>Maryville Downs Trial</p> <p>Gates on trail to stop cars & motorbikes please.</p> <p>Not that busy so don't see a problem with privacy, cars & motorbikes were using the firebreaks before it opened as a trail.</p> <p>I purchased my block as next to a bridle trail and then it closed, unfortunately.</p> <p>Would love to see the trail open to McGlew Road so we can ride to Stringybark.</p>
Tanya		<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I'm writing in relation to the 12 month Maryville Downs Bridle Trail. I support the concept of the trail and am happy for it to proceed, however I would like to raise one concern for the Shire's attention. Since the commencement of the trial I have noticed that some riders pass with raised voices and with dogs that bark excessively early morning on weekends. This has created more noise than expected and does affect the peaceful enjoyment of our property.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that riders be reminded to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep noise to a reasonable level when passing residential properties • Ensure dogs are kept under control <p>I believe this would help the trial succeed while minimizing the impact on neighbours.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>

LOWER CHITTERING BRIDLE TRAIL NETWORK (LCBTN) REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting Minutes

Date: 18th November 2025

Location: Lower Chittering Hall, Lower Chittering

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING:

Meeting opened by Shire President, Cr Mark Campbell at 5:10pm

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Yued people. We would like to pay respect to the Elders of the Nyoongar nation, past and present, who have walked and cared for the land. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture, and the contributions made to this region.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

2.1 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Reference Group shall consist of:

- One Elected Member/Council Delegate of the Shire of Chittering (one of whom is to be the Presiding Person). Council Delegates may be re-appointed following biennial Local Government Councillor Elections.
- Up to 6 independent Community representatives and;
- Other intermittent stakeholders as determined and invited by the Project Manager.

2.2 Attendance

Reference Group: Cr Mark Campbell, Emily Grove, Natalie Scibilia (online)

Stakeholders: Nil

Other/Shire: Isaac Parfrey, Jake Whistler, Alison Reliti (Minutes)

2.3 Apologies

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - Nil

4. Update

4.1 Consultation Period Survey Data – Attachment #1 for review

- 258 respondents, 74% Lower Chittering/Chittering.
- In favour 85%
- Against 8%
- In favour with changes 7%
- Main comments - softer areas, mounting blocks, limit bike access., Loop (not possible at this point)

- Emily – Do we have crime statistics? Perhaps contact Gingin police to see if they could provide any feedback/statistics.
- Emily feels like she is seeing less on the road since the trails were opened, and in particular since the cameras were installed.

4.2 **Adjoining Landowner Submissions**– *Attachment #2 for review*

- Jake and Isaac met in person with 2 of the 6 neighbour respondents whose main concerns were security and privacy.
- Powderbark Trail – unable to meet with anyone in person. Main concerns privacy and security - now that gates are open it's hard to stop bikes coming in.

4.3 **Concerns and Issues of the Trails**

- Use of strategic firebreaks has changed which impacts proximity to structures and recreational spaces on private land.
- Consider Crime stats to see if there is any change in crime rates.
- Arguments between riders and property owners – not very common.
- Property owners feeling like they can't use their property how they would like because people "could" watch them.
- Concerns over access to one area on the Powderbark trail.

IDEAS

- Step over gates to stop the bikes.
- Perhaps signage to remind people to be considerate to landowners.
- More cameras to deter antisocial behaviour.
- Can we move the trail slightly (on to the road) to avoid the properties which have buildings close to the trail.
- Consider road reserve trail.
- Possibility to access the McGlew road lay down area to create a loop, and remove some of the conflicted property issues.

4.4 **Reference Group Recommendation to Council**

Report to Council - recommendation from council to be included in the report at December meeting. Reference Group:

- In support of opening both trails.
- Preference to move the trail slightly (on to the road) to avoid the properties which have buildings close to the trail. Possibility to access the McGlew road lay down area to create a loop around Marbling brook and close the areas with conflict. However, happy to approve as it.
- Step over gates to be included.
- Access from Maryville Downs/Heights is required.

Next Steps - opportunity to make a presentation to Council Meeting. Isaac will advise the details of the report and provide a form which will need to be completed to assist the Shire President knowing who will be presenting a deputation.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 – Thank you to everyone for your contribution. Please accept our gift as a recognition of your time.

6. ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING

Action	Responsible	Status
Report to council at December Meeting.	Isaac Parfrey	Council meeting 10 December.

Overall outcome of meeting: Reference Group in support of both trails being opened. Group to remain open until after the December OCM to assist with additional requirements.

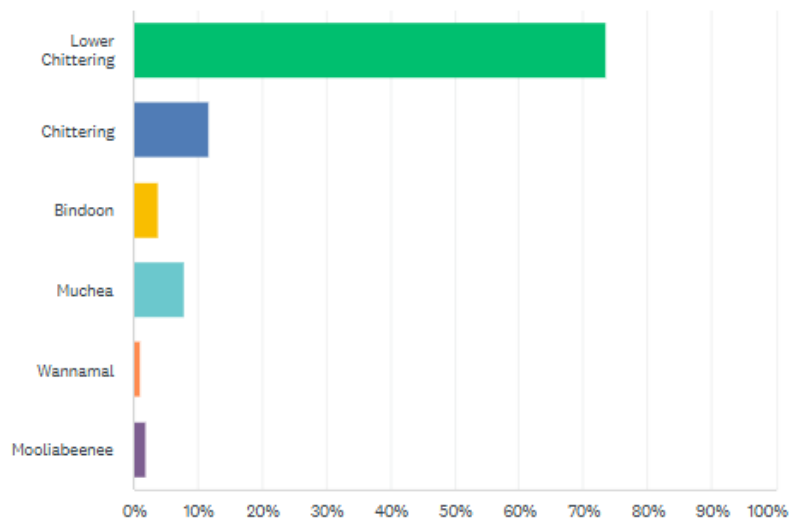
7. NEXT MEETING – to be advised after December OCM.

8. CLOSURE: Meeting closed by Cr Mark Campbell at 6:01pm

Attachment 1 – Consultation Period Survey Data Summary

Q1. What locality do you live in?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 54



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Lower Chittering	73.53% 150
▼ Chittering	11.76% 24
▼ Bindoon	3.92% 8
▼ Muchea	7.84% 16
▼ Wannamal	0.98% 2
▼ Mooliabeenee	1.96% 4
TOTAL	204
Comments (61)	

Other: Bullsbrook/Swan Valley – 41

South-East Perth – 4

North-West Perth – 4

Perth Hills - 4

Northam/Toodyay – 3

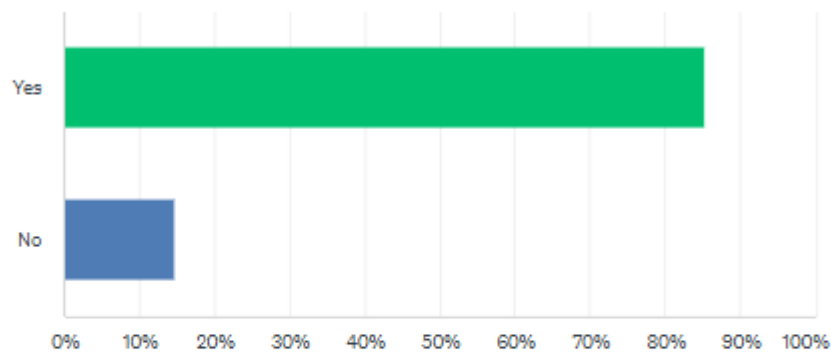
Rockingham – 1

York – 1

Q2. Do you currently own or ride horses?

Do you currently own or ride horses?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 1

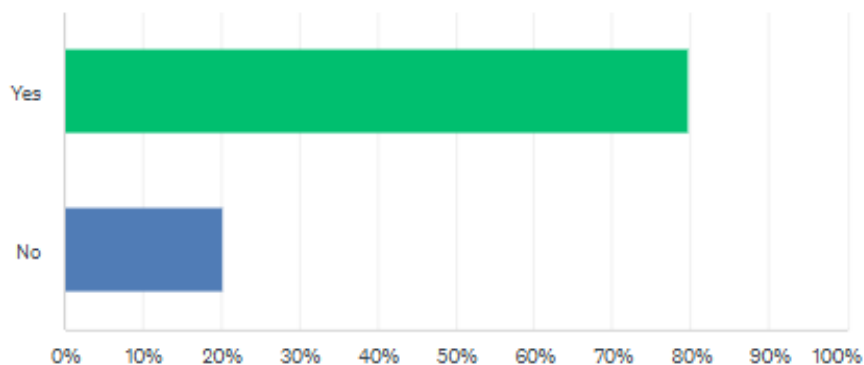


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	85.21%	219
▼ No	14.79%	38
TOTAL		257

Q3. Have you used the Maryville Downs Bridle trail in the last 12 months?

Have you used the Maryville Downs Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 1

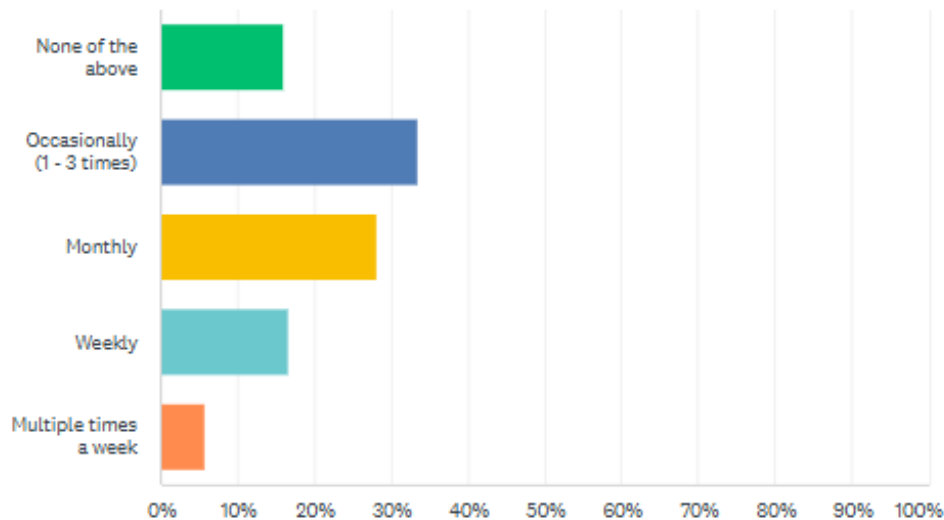


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	79.77%	205
▼ No	20.23%	52
TOTAL		257

Q4. If yes, how frequently have you used the Maryville Downs Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

If yes, how frequently have you used the Maryville Downs Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 13

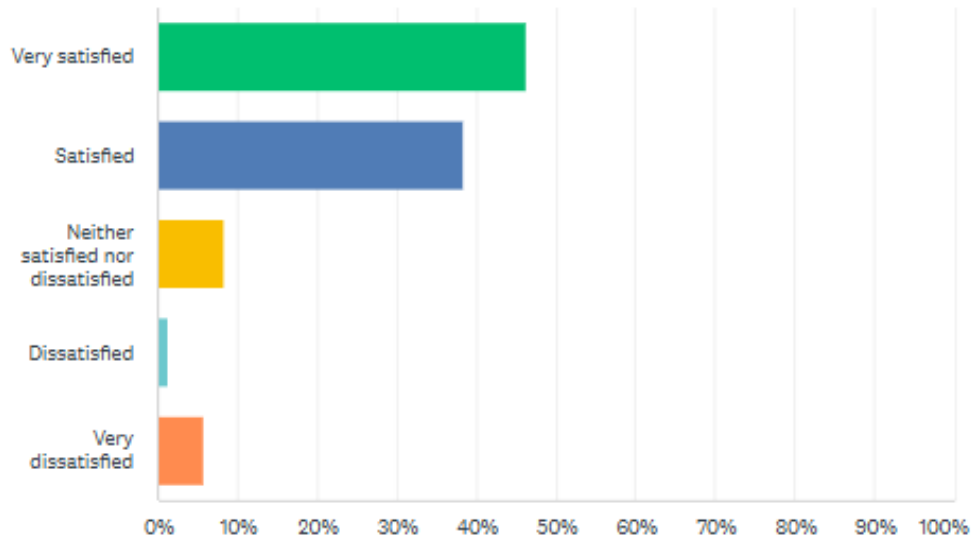


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	15.92%	39
Occasionally (1 - 3 times)	33.47%	82
Monthly	28.16%	69
Weekly	16.73%	41
Multiple times a week	5.71%	14
TOTAL		245

Q5. How would you rate your overall experience using the Maryville Downs Bridle Trail?

How would you rate your overall experience using the Maryville Downs Bridle Trail?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	46.26%	105
Satisfied	38.33%	87
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8.37%	19
Dissatisfied	1.32%	3
Very dissatisfied	5.73%	13
TOTAL		227

[Comments \(15\)](#)

Other:

"I'm not allowed to use it due to me not having a horse"

"Didn't use it."

"Needs maintaining in certain areas of the trail (fallen down trees that don't get cleared ect)"

"We need more of them!!!!"

"Not used so cannot comment"

"I would have used it more but I'm new to the area"

"The surface is a bit tricky in places but otherwise fine"

"This is a fire break not a horse trail"

"As joining land owner it's been very disturbing"

"Didn't know it existed"

"Used for motorbikes and vehicles, trail assists with crime/theft"

"Happy 2 have at least somewhere safe to ride . An opem space area would also be nice since you can't ride anywhere safely in a so called rural area"

"NA"

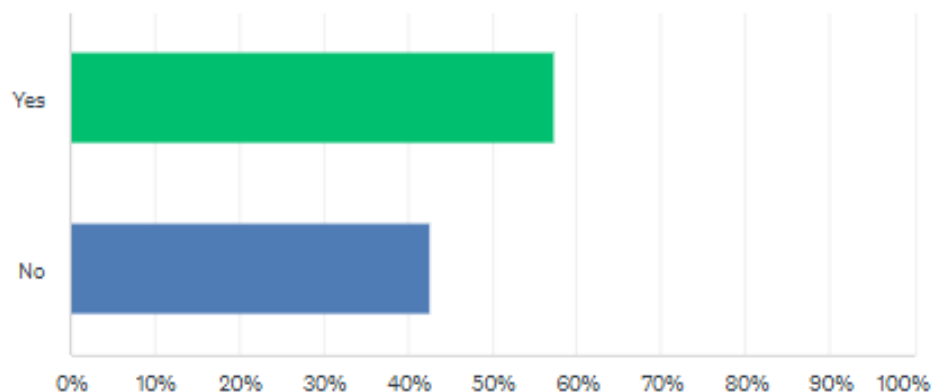
"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercrise freely."

"Nil"

Q6. Have you used the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

Have you used the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 7

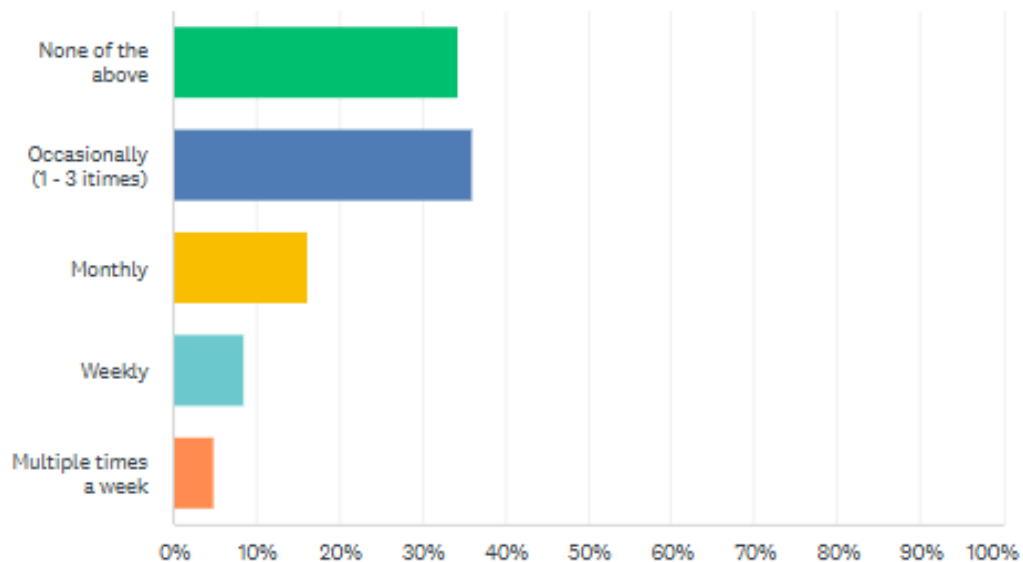


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.37%	144
No	42.63%	107
TOTAL		251

Q7. If yes, how frequently have you used the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

If yes, how frequently have you used the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail in the last 12 months?

Answered: 222 Skipped: 36

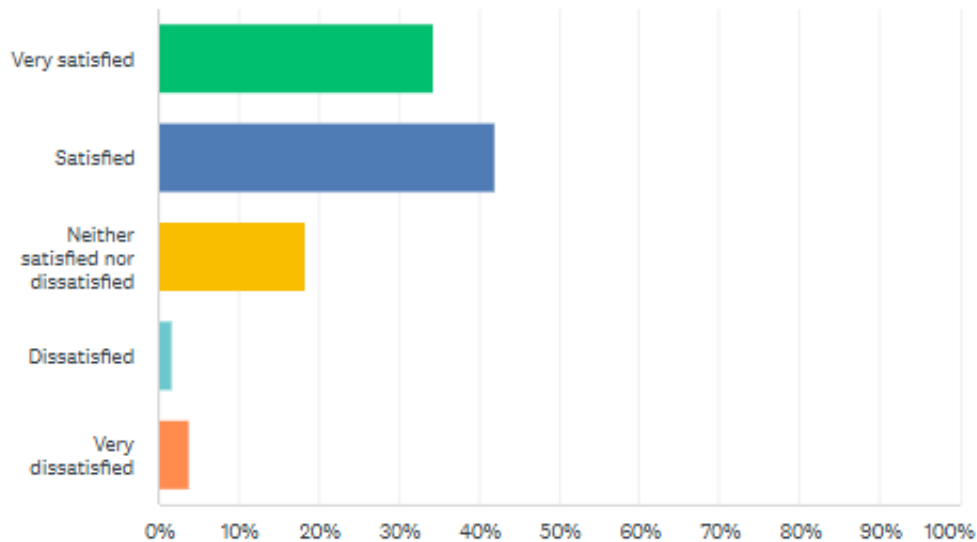


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	34.23%	76
Occasionally (1 - 3 itimes)	36.04%	80
Monthly	16.22%	36
Weekly	8.56%	19
Multiple times a week	4.95%	11
TOTAL		222

Q8. How would you rate your overall experience using the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail?

How would you rate your overall experience using the Powderbark Estate Bridle Trail?

Answered: 186 Skipped: 72



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	34.41%	64
Satisfied	41.94%	78
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	18.28%	34
Dissatisfied	1.61%	3
Very dissatisfied	3.76%	7
TOTAL		186

[Comments \(15\)](#)

Other:

“Nil”

“please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely.”

“na”

“Walked but not ridden part of trail. Have young horse in training.”

“Shorter distance than I would usually ride”

“Never rode the trail.”

“As above comment”

"Didn't know it existed"

"I respect others and don't use it"

"If it's part of the Chittering bridle trail then I have ridden it"

"I would like to try it out"

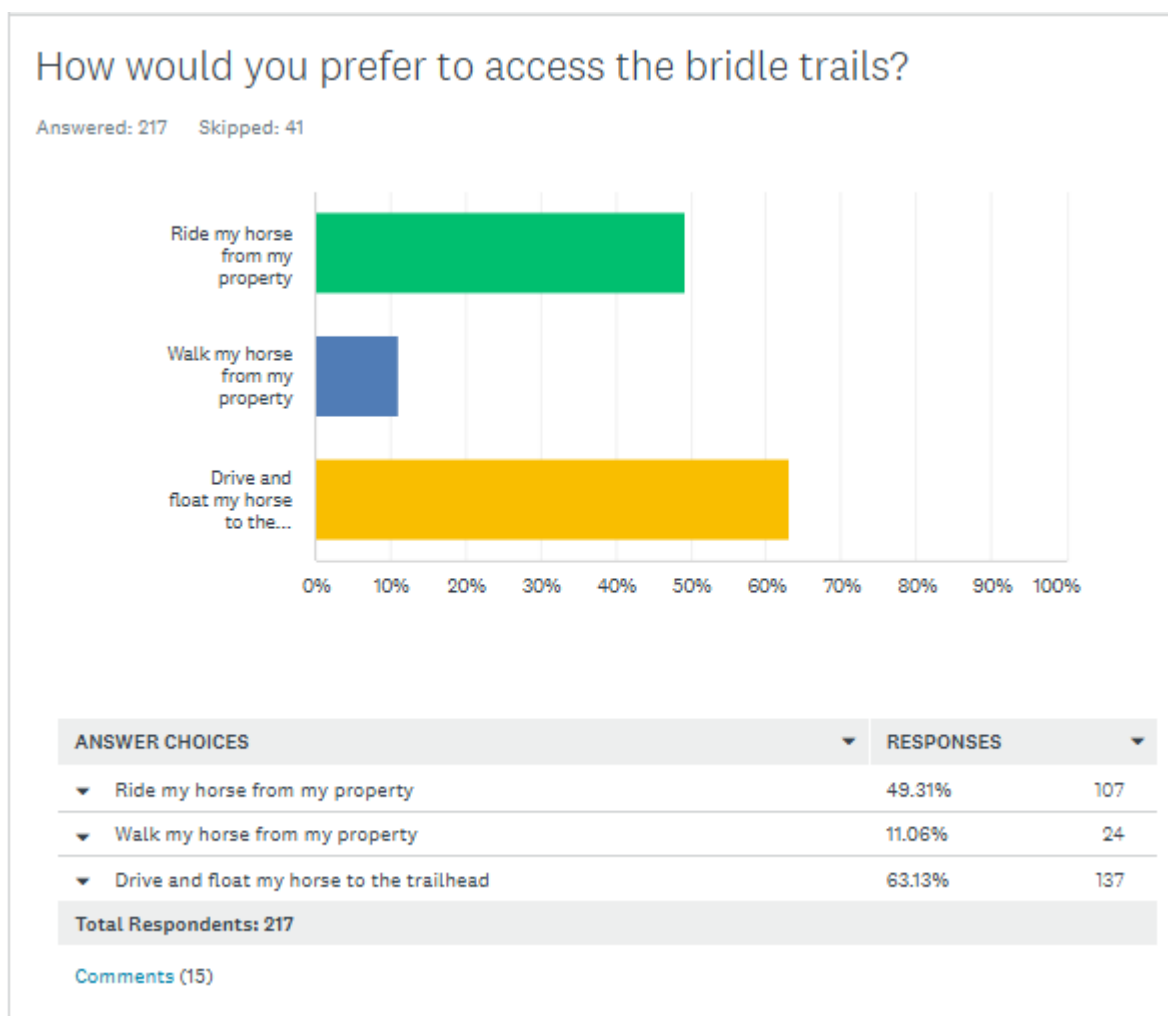
"Walking"

"It's very short (endurance background) would be great if we could link the two some how"

"More noise from motorcycles and 4 wheel drives, as well as locals using it for property access"

"Didn't use it"

Q9. How would you prefer to access the bridle trails?



Other:

"Nik"

"I don't live locally but happy to drive to the trail"

"Prefer it not be used"

"I would like to use it as a pedestrian. Have a local safe option to walk with either my children or my dog that isn't on the road where cars are flying past you doing 70km/hr"

"Be great if trails were more interconnected"

"From a friends property"

"I have a back gate leading straight onto the bridle trail"

"Do not have horses, however, love the fact the others have a place to ride."

"Ride from a friend's property"

"All of these!"

"All of the above"

"Either is fine."

"Not of these questions are for general public, what about othe 95% of people in the community, maybe have questions for them not related to horses"

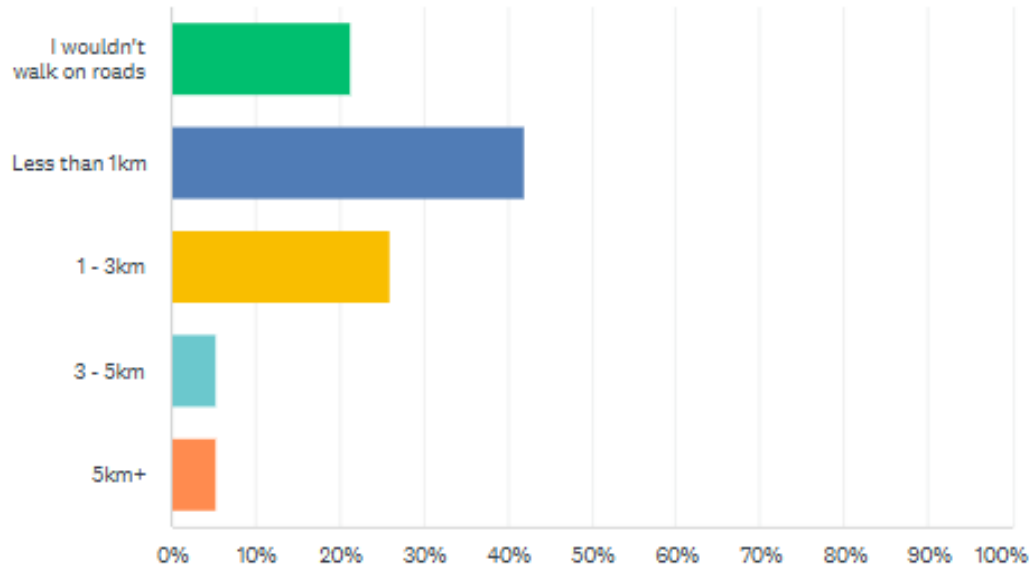
"I'll do any or all of the above as long as my horse and I can do it safely (more education for drivers needed i believe would be beneficial)"

"Won't ever use it"

Q10. How far would you be willing to walk your horse on the road to access the trail?

How far would you be willing to walk your horse on the road to access the trail?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 32

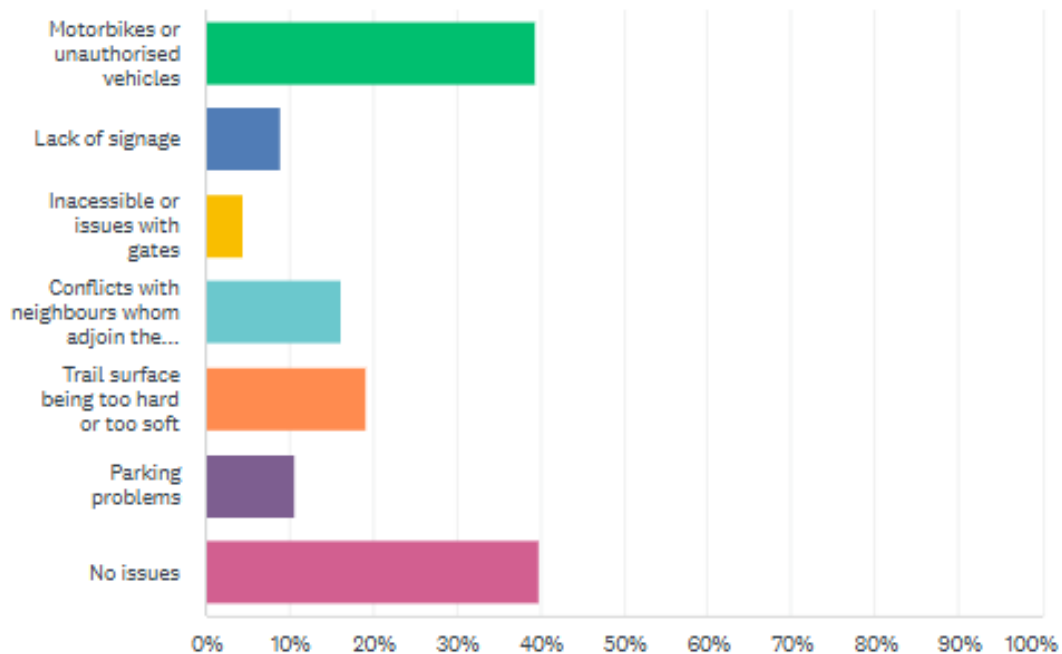


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I wouldn't walk on roads	21.24%	48
Less than 1km	42.04%	95
1 - 3km	26.11%	59
3 - 5km	5.31%	12
5km+	5.31%	12
TOTAL		226

Q11. Have you encountered any of the following issues while using the trail?

Have you encountered any of the following issues while using the trail?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Motorbikes or unauthorised vehicles	39.46% 88
▼ Lack of signage	8.97% 20
▼ Inaccessible or issues with gates	4.48% 10
▼ Conflicts with neighbours whom adjoin the trails	16.14% 36
▼ Trail surface being too hard or too soft	19.28% 43
▼ Parking problems	10.76% 24
▼ No issues	39.91% 89
Total Respondents: 223	

[Comments \(19\)](#)

Other:

"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely."

"na"

"Some softer areas would be great."

"Too hard of ground"

"Horses in adjoining properties spooking horses trunk to access the final entry near Guernsey Rise."

"And you will encounter more"

"Drainage issues along path - unable to push pram through parts when overly wet."

"Needs to be loops not just a track please consider"

"One particular local doing drivebys in their car getting very close. Poss needs to be reminded of the road rules"

"Sometimes trees are down"

"Maps on your website seems to lack any topography when I tried to access through phone"

"I haven't. Encountered motorbikes but have seen social media posts where people have and that has deterred me from using the trail recently."

"Nothing on the bridle trail, just drivers awareness of slowing down for horses on the road to the bridle trail. Not something shire has control over but could be good to raise awareness of passing slow and wide please!"

"Signage could be better"

"Cars slowed on road crossovers. Neighbouring land owner came and patted the horses!"

"Stoney and can be sore for horses feet if unprepared and don't bring boots"

"Gravel and rock on unshod horses has been an issue"

"Dogs getting under fence."

"Maintenance with the path"

Q12. Are there any improvements you would suggest for the current trail?

"Softer ground area for a canter/gallop"

"Possibly space for float parking"

"Better parking please. The Maryville downs trail parking gets quite boggy when wet and makes it tough to get floats in and out."

"Keep it open"

"Better advertising, wasn't aware of the trails until this survey was posted!"

"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely."

"Would like to open it up to walking dogs as well."

"Some softer areas would be great. Currently there aren't many places to canter."

"Gate or obstacle to restrict / inconvenience trail bike entry. Mounting Block places after any Entry obstacle or gate installed. And at Trailhead or at nice point along trail where taking a break would be indicated."

"Perhaps plant/offer some privacy trees along the side of the trail where the disgruntled residents live. In my opinion if people move out here they should be aware that its a semi-rural/rural area with wildlife and horse riders, but for those that didnt get the memo some privacy screening to keep them in their own backyard like surburbia may be more to their liking."

"Better float parking at entry points"

"Better access to detailed trail maps."

"Softer surface"

"Softer ground"

"Need more trails"

"Providing mounting blocks even if only logs at each entrance."

"A loop trail would be good"

"Reviewing the entry points to determine unauthorised users"

"Have trails on crown land not next to people's homes"

"More parking,"

"Please close the emergency fire breaks for recreational use"

"Make a gate an my property and make the path softer"

"Surface is pretty hard and it's hard to park"

"Parking"

"No"

"Perhaps slight change with parking arrangement, especially if multiple floats need to park"

"Maybe a sand track"

"More permanent signage. More signs regarding what's allowed on the trail: eg leashed dogs or no dogs etc. gates to prevent motorcycles"

"Listen to the residents that LIVE along the fence line that it impacts"

"More advertising on where the trails are as I was told by people around powder bark we aren't aloud on that trail as it's a private road"

"Lots of Rocks could be better graded or more sand"

"Installtion of CCTV or at least signage suggesting that CCTV is used, in order to deter motorbike/quadbike riders."

"Step over gate like they have around lake Adam's and badgerup (Wanneroo)"

"Close it"

"I would like to use it as a pedestrian. Have a local safe option to walk with either my children or my dog that isn't on the road where cars are flying past you doing 70km/hr"

"No"

"I just want a new horse"

"Happy safe to ride away from traffic"

"Maybe not so Rocky more dirt or something put down"

"Needs to be loops not just a track please consider"

"More trails"

"No don't really need the trial"

"None that I have noted from the community that ride."

"Better map as can't wait to use"

"I like either end of the trial that the shore has put big logs here that you can mount your horse"

"Please keep it!"

"Yes, it would be great if it were a loop trail. Right now we have to ride back the same way we came (or return via the road), which doesn't make a lot of sense. It would be nice also if the trail got extended and linked up to other trails. There's no problem with stretches of road riding as long as it's not a significant section (in terms of length) of the trail. I really would like to see a network of trails in the area - there are a lot of horse riders and owners and not many trails to ride on currently. We ride a lot on the verge or on firebreaks, which isn't that pleasant or safe. This is a good start though - it's a beautiful track. We hope to use it in the future and that the network of trails gets expanded."

"Some kind of barrier to allow horses but not allow motorbikes"

"If possible... It would be great to do a loop on the trail so you don't have to ride the same way back..."

"Just to me graded so the surface is safer"

"Less gravel more sand"

"Raising driver awareness of passing slow and wide in areas where bridle trails are"

"Yeah close it"

"It would be nice if it was in a loop instead of up and back"

"It is concerning as the gates are open and there has been an increase in cars travelling the fire breaks. This could be a security risk.. have no problem with the horses and the actual principle of the trails . Think that they are a great resource .. main concern is the increase car access"

"All the gates get left open and in advertise people walk through, motor bikes, cars"

"Make it a loop and create a designated parking for floats, perhaps some log jumps along the sides as well to add a bit of spice, there's plenty of unused land that could safely accomodate a few jumps. Also more of a safety thing is to clean up the rolls of wire that are there along the river side of the trail."

"Return to emergency services only"

"NA"

"Better control of dirtbikes"

"Keep it open"

"The ground is quite rocky in parts"

"Sometimes there is wire on the trail"

"Better parking for floats, tie up area. Maybe a valuable wash down area with water access."

"More no motorbike signs."

"Surface could be better, maybe sand tracks."

"Access to stop motorbikes & vehicles. Lakes Adams as restricted access but it would have to be removable like bollards for the fire access. There is a locations on the trail which that is muddy or clay , have a streams . If possible to resurface maybe install a culvert in one particular spots. This when make it much safer."

"Some Neighbours were grumpy to start but most of them have been wonderful. A few kids of bikes but they usually stay out the way. Some parts are rocky but that's the land we live on"

"Its perfect"

"No, we absolutely love the one in Wandena Estate, off Powderbark Road."

"Close Bridal trail"

"Close the bridal trail it only brings motorbikes and yobos in cars"

"Parking for larger vehicles/floats"

"Running water and toilets and more space for parking floats that dont require backing into small spaces"

"- Maintenance with the path, trees fallen down ect that don't get cleared - Dogs SHOULD be allowed to join on the path too on lead only"

"Nope it's perfect!"

"No it's a wonderful asset"

"More trails please"

"More trails"

"Make it longer and access mglew road please so can ride to stringybark"

"Suggest that there is some way to stop motorbikes and vehicles accessing the trails"

"A way to stop motorbikes entering"

"better surface/nir so rocky"

"Needs to removed, the horse cult of slower chittering think they run the place and everyone needs to bow down to them they think they're so important and their precious horses bunch of pompous up themself entitled twats, take your horses and leave, because if you're not part of the click your completely treated like a piece of shit on the floor"

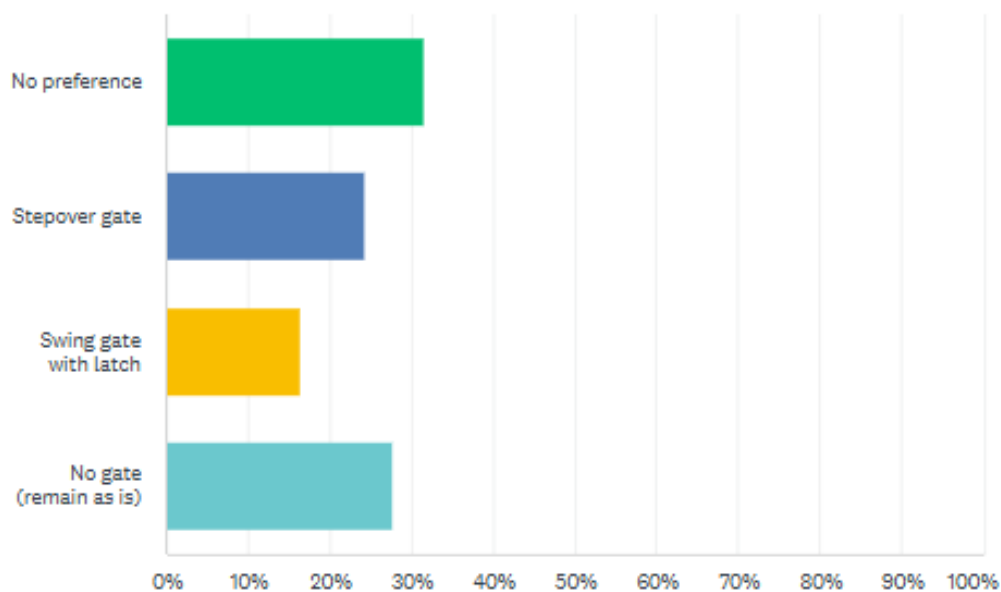
"making the trail a little softer for hooves. having gravel and uneven/hilly surfaces is not safe"

"If the trail is allowed to stay, better footing as it can be quite rocky! And possibly some logs for jumps etc. Would also love a way for motorbikes etc to not be allowed in as it can be dangerous for both horse and motorbike riders"

Q13. Do you have a preference for the style of gates at the access point of the trails?

Do you have a preference for the style of gates at the access points of the trails?

Answered: 238 Skipped: 20

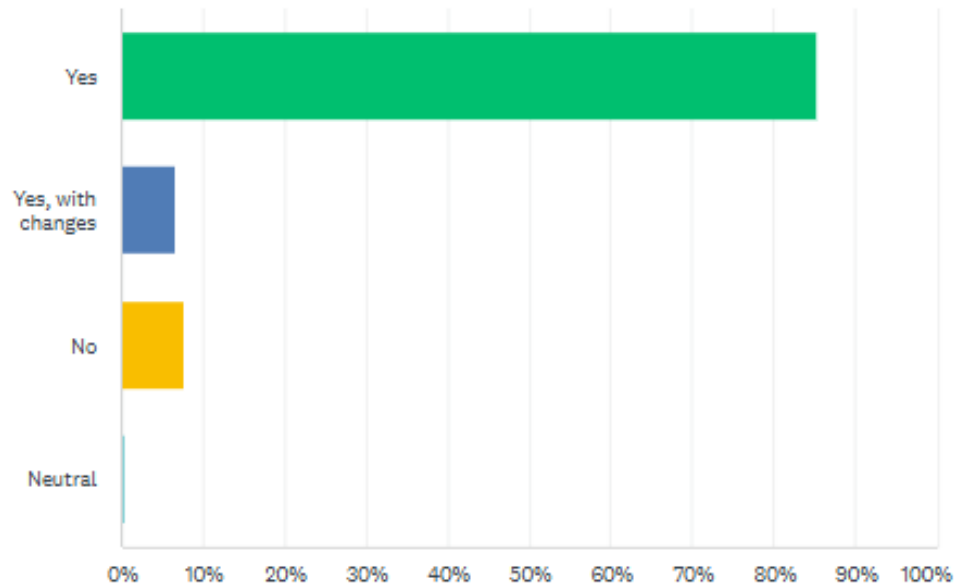


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No preference	31.51%	75
Steppover gate	24.37%	58
Swing gate with latch	16.39%	39
No gate (remain as is)	27.73%	66
TOTAL	238	

Q14. Would you support the trails remaining open on a permanent basis?

Would you support the trails remaining open on a permanent basis?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	85.21%	219
▼ Yes, with changes	6.61%	17
▼ No	7.78%	20
▼ Neutral	0.39%	1
TOTAL		257

[Comments \(26\)](#)

Other:

"Softer areas to canter."

"Have a couple of days a week just for walkers 😊"

"Mounting blocks and suitable gates that don't require dismounting."

"Dogs being contained on leash only"

"Limit bike access. Secure with gates near roads"

"Trails elsewhere"

"Make it softer for my horses tootsies"

"None"

"No access for trail bikes, ranger driveby and more signs"

"People that don't live here ect down south family member,friend can do this survey to help the out"

"I'd like signage to make it clear that trails are also for the use of walkers and cyclists (not motorbikes) though all must yield to horse riders."

"Have a license to ride on trail paid directly to the owners it affects"

"I would like to use it as a pedestrian. Have a local safe option to walk with either my children or my dog that isn't on the road where cars are flying past you doing 70km/hr"

"Better surface, my horse got so foot sore I had to walk the trail home"

"Why is the only if yes why is there a no reason you obviously have made your minds up"

"Better maps"

"See above - please make it a loop trail and connect with other trails where possible"

"As long as They pick up the horse shit on the road. Make them shit off the road."

"Having the gates closed"

"With Step over gates to discourage motorbike usage."

"I would like the Hart Drive trail looked into by 36 or 38."

"Allow walkers/runners without horses"

"Swing gates with latch to secure the path more"

"Blocking vehicle access"

"Needs to removed, the horse cult of slower chattering think they run the place and everyone needs to bow down to them they think they're so important and their precious horses bunch of pompous up themself entitled twats, take your horses and leave, because if you're not part of the click your completely treated like a piece of shit on the floor"

"softer ground"

Q15. Do you have a story or experience using the Bridle Trails that you would like to share that isn't captured by the questions of this survey?

"The use of fire breaks as a bridal trail is absolutely insane. What will happen when there is an emergency & fire trucks etc need access however horses are in the way?? The fact that land owners bought their land with the understanding the fire break is there property - not public property?? Horse riders have also now assumed that all fire breaks are bridal trails and are riding their horses along other firebreaks & abusing land owners for simply protecting their own land. Horse poo is being left on our land attracting flies and bad smells and horse riders have no regard"

"No, it has always been a pleasure to ride it."

"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to exercise freely."

"no"

"Trails like this one & others elsewhere are invaluable in developing confidence in both riders who may have only ever learned to ride in an arena. Same goes for young or new under saddle horses which build confidence improving their safety for their riders by exposing them to trail obstacles & to the natural environment & all it's vagaries."

"I'd just like to say that it's a really nice little trail to have especially for families. I have 3 young daughters who love to ride around the neighbourhood but the roads are too unsafe now with the amount of careless hoons around so the bridle trail offers us a safe space to ride."

"Fantastic way to showcase the beauty of the Shire!"

"It's about bringing a community together and great fir mental health of riders and walkers"

"No"

"No"

"Fun way to ride with friends"

"I don't use it but my wife does, I get to see the back of her for a few hours."

"Multiple emails sent to shire"

"No"

"Have used several times and each visit has resulted in off road bikes and quad bikes speeding past. Firebreaks should not be used for public access"

"Yes I have just purchased property and I hope to use and access the trails as soon as I move my horse here and am living here permanently which won't be long"

"As an adjoining landowner to this trail for over 25 years the past 12 months has been a nightmare to our family having people entering our property and shed. Yelling and filming me on my property & positing it on social media. Cars and motorbikes up and down the trail. People walking their unrestrained dogs. It's been very disturbing"

"No"

"Great safe trail that keeps riders off the dangers of the road"

"A whole lot of CORRUPTION"

"No"

"Lake Adam's in Wanneroo, has a box section of copper logs - so hard for vehicles/motorbikes to pass over but safe for horse users - so horses you can't open gates or you can't dismount/remount without assistance so these are ideal and safe"

"Riders not wearing helmets Dogs barking people looking into my property stone being thrown on my roof kids running up and down late at night motor bikes and cars riding on people walking the trail"

"Our property adjoins the trail. Though we don't have horses our kids enjoy seeing them walk past. It's would be improved for us if we could use it for walking ourselves (as mentioned above and below)."

"No good"

"Too many nosey people"

"It was a great idea giving horses and riders a safe place to ride"

"Dogs should be put on leads if aren't friendly with horses"

"It is so peaceful to ride especially down by Marbaling brook"

"Have heard neighbours getting told off for riding a bike on THEIR OWN property to stop riding to let the horse pass what a piss take"

"As an adjoining property owner, it has been a disaster. It is frequently used for casing properties and theft, we've lost our privacy, people hoon by on motorbikes etc. There have been multiple sheds broken into since the trails have opened, with the thieves using these trails"

"No"

"I only recently heard about it through a community group and a FB post. Local riders organised a get-together and joint trail ride on the bridle trail. It was a great opportunity to meet other members of the community!"

"No issues with neighbours. Really enjoyed the trail."

"Beautiful ride and we enjoy it very much! Parking is good too and very handy to have toilets there too!"

"Very enjoyable family friendly trail. Able to take my girls and their ponies out and feel safe without traffic."

"Keep it, it's great ! We are limited as it is with trails around the place many are too short or not worth the trip, I happily float from upper swan to chittering for this trail."

"Rode it today for the first time since moving here earlier this year, loved it! Please keep them! Thank you 😊"

"Why should the people that live along the bridle trail change the way our animals live on their block I've heard a dog had to be put down cause a dog kept attacking the horses. They want us to stop riding our bikes on our own property so they can ride past"

"Trail is unsafe for adjoining properties. Unauthorized cars and bikes have been seen ridden there with multiple break-ins reported in adjoining properties."

"So nice to be off the road and have a trail ride with my daughter."

"I am a two legged bridle trail user - it has been wonderful to have this available so close to home, as a trail walker too"

"Miss use more then correctly used"

"NA"

"Beautiful ride"

"No"

"It's such a pleasure to be able to meet and ride with friends in a safe environment"

"I have used this trail regularly. I live how it show cases out beautiful Shire from a vantage point not normally seen. There may have been some animosity from the residents living along the trail at the start, but ever since, all residents I have encountered have been friendly offering a wave and good-day. It has truly been a wonderful trial."

"It's been lovely meeting other riders on the trail and having a safe accessible place to ride"

"Having the bridle path makes it really accessible for me to ride especially with having young children at home and FIFZo partner with no family in Perth. Having a bridle path client is wonderful and has really helped my mental health."

"This trail has provided a safe alternative to local riding. It's encouraged horse people to get together and enjoy our lovely countryside."

"Nope just love it"

"I've ridden both trails with my 5 years old daughter. Wonderful rides. Does require improved float parking please"

"Too many too good times to mention. :)"

"Bridal trails have allowed unauthorised motorcycle and off road vehicles access to previously restricted areas"

"Yes this opens up to off road motorcycles and yobos in 4 wheel drive vehicles"

"Reason I moved to lower chittering is because of access to safe bridle trails"

"I back directly onto the trail and have the issues with motorbikes have decreased since the trial period began. There is still the occasional rider but I think the cameras and extra attention on the trial has reduced the antisocial behaviour. It's a pleasure to see other riders utilising the trail, people walking with their prams and children because it's safer than the roads and the general increase in community spirit and social connection."

"Needs to removed, the horse cult of slower chittering think they run the place and everyone needs to bow down to them they think they're so important and their precious horses bunch of pompous up themself entitled twats, take your horses and leave, because if you're not part of the click your completely treated like a piece of shit on the floor"

"I have had the best time riding both trails with friends. I have only had positive experiences with adjacent landowners"

Q16. Do you have any final comments, ides or concerns about the Bridle Trail?

"Close the trail"

"I love it the way it is. We are so lucky to have it."

"I currently dont have horses but looking to get some so would love the bridle trail to stay open"

"Love having open areas to take my horse out with friends."

"Would love more of them."

"As mentioned, didnt even know they existed until recently, however will use them now onwards. There are so many horse owners/riders in Lower Chittering and Bullsbrook who would love to keep using these facilities"

"please keep this option available to minimise horses on the roads. i support giving them somewhere to excercise freely. i do not own horses, but this is a high density horse area. provisions should be made to allow parking for cars with horse trailers."

"I would have used the trail more but due to injuries and illness we have been restricted."

"More trails are needed. We need to travel to ride"

"I haven't used the trails yet but my self and my group of horse friends are intending to soon when we're ready. Bridle trails are desperately required for enjoyment and safety"

"Thank you for providing an area to ride."

"Bridle or shared walker/horse (non trail bike) trails are invaluable to horse riders from all over the Metro & Hills locations. People will float horses to trail heads & "safe trails"."

"I haven't used the trail yet as my horse is still being broken in. However, I am really looking forward being able to use it in the near future. Having access to trails without having to worry about traffic is really important as it is too dangerous to ride on roads (ie. Verges) now due to the drivers."

"Don't own horses, but we're in a rural area and this is good for the many that do own horses."

"Great work by the Shire providing this for the rural Community!"

"It would be great if the trail could be used a couple of days a week by local rate payers- not motorbikes. Just a thought"

"No"

"Important part of the semi rural horse community. Important that they be retained."

"I've never had any issues riding these trails. Although I don't frequent them as much as I would like I always enjoy the ride when I do. Horse riding is a popular sport that should be supported by local shires but instead our dedicated bridle trails are being destroyed and replaced by infrastructure or simply just closed off for land conservation or various other reasons. Where are we supposed to ride these days? No where is safe thanks to unruly road users or inconsiderate 4WD or dirtbike riders who think it's funny to spook horses and watch their riders fall off and end up in the back of an ambulance. It's just not fair. Please don't follow this 'anti-horses' trend. Please let horse riders continue to enjoy the few remaining trails left in Perth"

"Would be upset to not have it ."

"I think it's overall positive for the area, bringing people in from other areas and increasing house prices"

"It doesn't get much use from horse riders, seems to get more use from motorbikes and vehicles. Doesn't keep riders safe because they are still using the roads more than the trail. Either provide parking for floats to use trails only and ban road riding or close the trails. It's like having your cake and eating it too at present. Only people effected are the adjoining property owners. If the trails go ahead are riders and property owners going to be insured under shire public liability??"

"I don't feel bridle trails are necessary or safe. Too many off road vehicles and unleashed dogs"

"They were not built for public though-fare and should be kept as firebreaks. People parking at the end of jersey Rd with multiple horse floats leaving manure all over the roads. We feel very interrogated people filming us on our verandha and filming stuff in our sheds , please please don't disregards locals that pay rates they are being impacted negatively . The fencing is not adequate to run it as a public access"

"No"

"No concerns, just love it out there"

"Please keep these bridal trails open as they are great for horse owners in a rural area."

"It is a fantastic way to be in nature, foster community. There may be expenses, for the Shire. Users may also be open to any fundraising ventures to keep the trails open, if there are expenses."

"Thank you for making this trail accessible to all, I am looking forward to using again now the sun is shining more often"

"Would be great if it extended into the new estate off McGlew Rd."

"Nothing against horses but I like to know what happens, Dog owners need to pick up dogs poop does the horse rider pick up horse poop or we just get more flies"

"Would like to see the ability to expand the trail."

"Corruption tax payers money \$60k plus don't you think you should tell people how much this is gonna cost them"

"Nope"

"Thank you for listening and providing opportunity to the local horse community - there are a lot of us in the community and we appreciate being able to ride safely around locally - thanks again :)"

"This is a completely inappropriate action to be taken this has no benefit to the shire financially only benefit the people that live hear and that work in the council it suits there own agenda"

"I would like to use it as a pedestrian. Have a local safe option to walk with either my children or my dog that isn't on the road where cars are flying past you doing 70km/hr"

"Please continue to keep open"

"Please create more trails in the area!"

"Nope"

"I think it's a brilliant idea. Not being able to use trails in my own area due to motorbikes it's nice to travel to a trail that feels a lot safer"

"Really like to commend Lower Chittering Shire on recognising the need for equine trails allowing for safe areas for recreational use I really hope the trails remain open for regular use long term."

"Dogs are aloud but have to be on a lead if not good with horses"

"Love it. Please keep it."

"They are a must! Great to have them"

"The trail is useful for out-of-locality riders too, we drive there to meet and ride with friends who are local to Lower Chittering."

"I'd like to see some of the Bindoon trails upgraded, especially on 36 - 38 Hideaway, where owners have installed a gate that is often locked... that's not fair on us riders, it needs removing and signals too for moving forward in the future."

"Keep the bridle trails OPEN!"

"I am an endurance rider, and compete in 80+ km rides. My club Wheatbelt Endurance Riders Inc. has queried with me how long the track was unfortunately not enough for us to hold an event. But if we could access to atleast 40km of track or even use of a farmers property with access to a flat area for a ride base we could potentially look at bringing a bi-yearly or yearly event to your area. We have people come to compete from all over WA, and offer distances from 10kms to 80kms, even 160kms if the area permits it. Feel free to contact me if you want to discuss in the future. Jemma - 0406 422 341 Jlpudwell@gmail.com"

"Please do not shut it down for years like you did when it originally opened. We had to ride on the roads for years or float out horses to the Bullsbrook bridle trail. We love it and want to keep it going."

"Don't need the trial feel sorry for the people that live along side it"

"PLEASE listen to the concerned landowners and stop the trail. It has been used for it's intended purpose only a handful of times - perhaps once a month we see horses walk by. However, us landowners have lost our privacy and had our security severely compromised. Our rights to privacy and safety far outweigh the desire of the odd horse rider."

"It is so good to see the community have something safe for them and their horses."

"Make sure any access is wide enough for shire sized horses"

"I love the big logs that their shorter has put that either end of the Trail for mounting your horse"

"A brilliant place to ride! Especially that I can now confidently take my daughter out riding off the lead and not worry about cars flying past. To add the firebreak that runs adjacent to the current bridle trail at the back of the new estate off McGlew Rd to make a full loop."

"Please keep the trails open! Our new property backs right onto them and they are so great and quiet for our horse community"

"Please keep the trails"

"Lovely idea! Perhaps we could have a hitching rail at either end? Or if it's going to be a loop then just at the one end. Thank you"

"Please keep it open, Horseriding is dangerous, especially when around vehicles. This is a great safe place to enjoy rides."

"the addition of tie up points would be great"

"X"

"I believe it's such a significant part of enrichment for our horse community! It's lovely seeing riders head out for a ride! To close these trails would be really disappointing."

"Please keep them open. It's been great having somewhere to ride."

"I live on a trail and have no issues with it. I don't ride a horse but see no issue with others using these tracks, but should be opened to kids on bikes as well and walkers."

"Please keep it open.... and make the polox grounds free for rate payers again. 🙏🙏"

"It is a very important social activity for my myself and my adult rider friends and also my teenager kids and their friends that meet there regularly for a ride."

"Wicked idea, keep it up! Thank you for providing them!"

"Love the bridle trail as it allows riders, horses and community the chance to have safe riding spaces and gives this place a community vibe feeling"

"Yeah how much is this gonna cost us as a 20 yr rate payer. Where does it end when am I gonna get my privacy back, who in the shire corrupt enough to allow this"

"Shut it down"

"I love it and hope it stays. Would be good for it to be a loop but understand that might not be possible"

"This is a beautiful safe place for horse riders to enjoy their time in the saddle."

"We don't ride or have horses but are very happy that a safe place has been made available for horse riders to utilise."

"I think the shire only seems to want to change what small group or the minority have to say. 5% of people ride horses in the area and this survey is an exact example of someone that is against anyone that does not want the bride, mainly the people are affected by the traffic. Only question that is not horse related is the one that ask have you had issue with neighbours adjoining the trail. Its a disgrace the people that force us to pay them have no idea what the community actually wants. Like the idea about the transportable on the open space."

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I have loved having this valuable asset at such close proximity to my home. I love the safety this trail offers, the views are amazing and prior to this I didn't even realise how magical that part of lowerchittering was. I have met some lovely ladies from near and far out on the trail and even made a new friend! If it were able to be made into a loop instead of the dead ends it would be so much more fulfilling. Thankyou to all that have been able to make this happen I hope it continues to remain open for everyone to use"

"Clean you horse crap up"

"NA"

"We need a safe place for horse riders of all ages to enjoy the beautiful area we live in. Dirt bikes should have a designated place and not share the trail. We do not disturb neighbouring properties nor harm anyone."

"We were promised a bridle trail many years ago. It's great to have it. Thank you!"

"Thank you very much for providing them to the community"

"Must stay open"

"It is great having this opportunity in the shire to ride out in a safe environment. Even tho I have to float there it's safe and easy to park"

"The estate has a lot of horses, more trails and horse areas like a build arena would be used and appreciate but the locals. Access to a bigger longer trail or join trails for a longer ride would be fantastic. Thank you Chittering Shire for giving this opportunity for horsey people to be heard."

"I'd hate to see the bridle trail be closed. Perth has limited bridle trails and myself and my friends from outside areas come and use the trail regularly. It's an important part of our riding, gives added exposure to our horses and something other than a boring arena to ride through."

"Great to see safe trails for us with horses to use"

"I would like to see some further infrastructure installed if it becomes permanent. Many things can be recycled from the shire such as large logs that can be utilised for mounting blocks along the trail. More permanent signage would be excellent and the ability to loop the trail or part thereof. Some tie up rails at the ends of the trail would also be extremely useful. The Shire has done a wonderful job during the trial in setting up the trail and maintaining it."

"We need more bridle trails in the area, they are great for everyone, walkers, dog walkers, horse riders. I live in the Chittering view estate and have had the shire close the bridle trail around my estate which was absolutely devastating! It was on the sites plans when we bought the block! I never imagined it would be something that would just be taken away! And the firebreak on muchea east road also closed so we now can't access Marysville Downs! Even on foot! What the hell!!!! Other shires have such great trails and open spaces! Why is the Chittering shire not trying to make this a great place to live??"

"I'm concerned dogs not contained in properties. I enter/ exist the trail Jersey Rd . The property is on the left if your heading into the trail. The property the dog who lives there as normal behaviour to bark , run up to the fence but last month this dog went to go under the fence . I told this dog off and turned my horse face the dog this discouraged the dog from coming under. The owners where out about but fail to recall. The spot the dog was going under the fence look worn. The grass on the side of creek needs to be maintained. Thank you ."

"Great job having this for the community that has many horse properties. Only issue once was property owner deliberately racing motorbike along fence line at horses."

"Please please keep it open! It makes such an amazing difference to so many people's lives having a bridle path we can enjoy and locally."

"Some of bridle trails in Bindoon need to have step over gates as the current chains with signage swinging off them are a tripping hazard for horses and there is no access around some of them so I don't use them any more. If this was addressed and step over gates were installed the trails would see more use."

"Please keep it open."

"Keep it going"

"Please, please, please keep the bridle trails open! The horses and riders love it, as its a very good way for us to keep our minds fresh and not just having to ride on our properties. (which gets boring and horses become sour). Xxx"

"Yes please close bridal trail as the noise we once never experienced is now at an all time high"

"Please close the Bridal Trail the peace and quiet we had before the trail was open has disappeared"

"I think it's important for horse riders to have a designated safe space to ride that isn't used by motor vehicles of any type."

"- Maintenance more often - Dogs allowed on leashes"

"This bridle trail is wonderful, great signage, good parking, great track, we love it!"

"This has been an amazing asset, it's brought in people from other areas and helped with the community as I've now met many more people in the area. Everyone has been respectful."

"Please keep these trails open. We purchased in this area as we were told there were trails so when they weren't any we were very disappointed. The roads are way too dangerous for horses."

"I feel the trails are an improvement part of living and riding horses in LC. Many riders are very nervous about riding on roads because so drivers drive too fast or don't respect the fact that horses are allowed on the roads"

"Love the trail my property backs onto it and is why I purchased my block. Love seeing the other riders and it really isn't busy so doesn't affect my privacy"

"Expanding would be great"

"I hope they're made permanent, and creating a loop would be fantastic if possible 😊"

"Needs to removed, the horse cult of slower chattering think they run the place and everyone needs to bow down to them they think they're so important and their precious horses bunch of pompous up themself entitled twats, take your horses and leave, because if you're not part of the click your completely treated like a piece of shit on the floor"

"my daughter and her friend have ridden this trail a few times but are not comfortable with the ground of it. Being hilly is something that can not be helped but maybe having it a little softer would help."

"It's been a fantastic way of revitalising the equestrian community within the area. Would be a huge shame to see it closed."

"Please keep it open. While I have not yet used the trail, it's only because I don't currently have a horse that I ride on it but will definitely be keen to use it when I do with my kids and friends. One thing that definitely

needs to be addressed on any trails is inconsiderate people using motorbikes on them that can scare some horses and cause injuries. There definitely needs to be harsh penalties for such people.”

“Love them!”

Attachment 2 – Adjoining Landowner Submissions

Maryville Downs Trail Adjoining Owners Feedback - Objections

Name	Address	Feedback
Troy Partridge	434 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering	<p>Dear [Council/Recipient],</p> <p>I am writing to again raise my concerns and frustration regarding the fire break being used as a horse trail. To date, the only response I have received is that my email was forwarded on, and this lack of action is unacceptable.</p> <p>As you can appreciate, ratepayers such as myself—who are directly impacted—deserve more than silence and delay. The fire break was constructed for one purpose only: fire safety. It was never intended to be converted into a recreational trail. Allowing this is not only inappropriate but also unfair to residents who have lived here for decades, when the breaks were locked and secured.</p> <p>The people most affected are those of us who built here over 20 years ago, not the newer arrivals with larger blocks who now feel entitled to walk around private homes with no form of license, registration, or accountability. This is unacceptable and needs to be addressed.</p> <p>To add to the frustration, I have personally been denied permission to install another septic system on my property to accommodate a granny flat for one of my children. Yet, the council seems willing to open and even extend a trail without consultation, notice, or due consideration for residents. The inconsistency is disgraceful.</p> <p>I am demanding urgent action on this matter, or at the very least, a formal response with clear reasoning as to why this decision has been made. Ratepayers deserve transparency and respect on issues that impact our homes and safety.</p> <p>I look forward to your prompt response.</p>
Troy Partridge	434 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering	<p>Formal Complaint – Maryville Downs Bridle Trail</p> <p>1. Background</p> <p>I purchased and built my property in 2004. Since that time, the adjoining firebreak has always been locked and used solely as an emergency access track for firefighters. It was never intended or designed as a public recreational trail.</p> <p>The recent decision to open this track to the public has created significant risks, infringements, and burdens for myself, my family, and other residents along the boundary.</p> <p>2. Key Concerns</p> <p>2.1 Loss of Privacy and Amenity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My home is only 10 metres from the boundary.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening the track has destroyed our privacy in both the backyard and front yard, including our pool area. This has directly reduced the value and enjoyment of my property. <p>2.2 Uncontrolled Public Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The track is being used not only by locals but also by people floating horses in from outside the area. There is no system of registration, control, or accountability in place. This has transformed a firebreak into an unregulated public facility at the expense of adjacent residents. <p>2.3 Security, Safety, and Harassment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My wife feels unsafe in her own home, and we are forced to secure our dogs and property at all times. My work vehicle has been filmed and uploaded to social media without my consent, requiring action to have it removed. On multiple occasions, riders have deliberately pointed cameras in my face while passing, which is intimidating and hostile. <p>2.4 Lack of Rider Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riders are using the track without helmets, training, or licensing. The risks fall solely on residents, while the benefit is limited to a small group of recreational users. <p>2.5 Compromised Emergency Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police, fire, and ambulance services in the area are already under strain and cannot reliably arrive in good time. This track was established as an emergency fire access route. Recreational use risks obstructing emergency services during a crisis, which could have catastrophic consequences. <p>2.6 Failure to Consult Fire Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite being Shire land, no formal consultation was undertaken with the local fire station. As the authority most directly responsible for using this track in an emergency, their exclusion is unacceptable. <p>2.7 Unfair Burden During Cost-of-Living Crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents are already facing financial stress from rising rates and the cost-of-living crisis. The Shire's decision has further reduced property values, compromised security, and increased household stress.
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Troy Partridge	434 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing as a long-term ratepayer of over 20 years at 434 Santa Gertrudis Drive to express my deep concern and disappointment with the recent opening of the horse trail adjacent to my property.</p> <p>This decision was made without any consultation or notification to affected residents. As both a horse owner and a community member, I find it highly disrespectful that we were not given the courtesy of being informed, let alone asked for input, before such a significant change to the use of this land.</p> <p>Since the trail opened, my family has experienced a number of serious issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have had to spend over \$2,000 on security systems because my children's and grandchildren's rooms are only 15 metres from the walkway. We have had motorcycles, cars, and members of the public treating the trail as a general walk track, not just for horses. There have been two incidents of broken windows and repeated disturbances at night, causing my wife great stress when I am away. The privacy of my home and pool area has been completely lost.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am now forced to confine my dogs whenever people use the trail, despite the risk not being of my making. • When carrying out genuine use of my tractor and motorbike on my property, I have been abused and told to switch them off by people passing on the trail. <p>This is not what I bought my property for, and it has fundamentally changed how my family must live.</p> <p>I also note that new estates are being developed in the area. If a trail was required, it should have been incorporated into those estates where new residents would purchase their land fully aware of its existence. Instead, long-standing residents like myself have had our amenity stripped away without consultation.</p> <p>I further understand that some council staff have actively supported and promoted this process on social media platforms without consideration for those directly affected. This is highly inappropriate and only adds to the sense that community voices have been disregarded.</p> <p>The land in question was originally designated as an emergency track, and I developed my property on that basis. If people wish to ride, there are appropriate facilities elsewhere — the burden should not fall on a handful of existing families who now carry the impacts.</p> <p>I am trying to remain respectful in raising this matter, but I must stress that my family's wellbeing, security, and privacy have already been severely compromised. Extending consultation by another three months does not ease concerns when the decision appears to have already been made.</p> <p>I request that the Council urgently review this matter, halt the use of the trail, and engage in genuine consultation with affected residents before proceeding further.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Troy Partridge</p>
Nathan Lammas	51 Guernsey Rise, Lower Chittering	<p>I do not support the bridal trail on the emergency fire breaks. I have sent numerous emails to Isaac, under my above email address reporting incidents of mis-use of the firebreaks. From those who are not horse riders.</p> <p>There have been incidents of theft from those who used the fire breaks to access properties & to escape.</p> <p>My concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft • Running Fenceline damage • Privacy • Trail mis-use • Emergency access & escape from fires • Property value

		I have had to spend money on creating privacy on my property, installing CCTV, repositioning building plans.
Perry and Kerrie Read	89 McGlew Road, Lower Chittering	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback, we only wish this was asked PRIOR to the trial.</p> <p>We would strongly urge the Shire to close the bridal trail. Our property having over a 400m in common with the trail it has been a very anxious time. We have lived in our home for over 23yrs and built it with no notice of intention from the Shire that the strategic firebreak would ever be open as a public throughfare.</p> <p>There is a constant flow of people on the firebreak and we admit some are quiet horse riders doing the right thing but as they rise past our house, they feel they have the right to call out to us or our children or our dogs. We hear them comment on the property in our shed and our land. They film themselves riding and post it on social media oblivious that they are filming our private property and belongings and posting it. It was very unsettling that they feel they have to right to intrude into our home.</p> <p>We have built a house yard fence to contain our dog within a house yard and not allowing it to be able to go up the to the boundary fence to of the firebreak. This has only been an issue since the bridal trail has been open as many (most) people bring their dogs with them. Allot of people use the firebreak for the specific purpose, of walking their dog. There is a gentleman that parks his 80 series Landcruiser (rego # 8MJ432) at the cult er-sac of Jersey and walks his dog up and down the fire rbeak every day.</p> <p>Dogs can walk along our 400m property boundary and even enter our property as the fence line has been damaged by kanagarooks and enter our property. Meanwhile our animals are contained within a small house yard. This doesn't seem right on our 40acre property?</p> <p>Will the Shire be doing maintenance on this fence line?</p> <p>The firebreak is frequent by a white hilux ute and trailer, I think they go out collecting firewood. It scares us when you see lights going along the firebreak when you know vehicles shouldn't be on it. Its also used by off road motorbikes quiet often and late at night is worrying to hear them. There is another white 4wheel drive that drives very fast up and down the firebreak.</p> <p>The fire breaks were built with the intention of use by emergency vehicles and fire escape routes, not for the public to have access to and have negative impacts on bordering properties. Please respect the landowners adjoining this firebreak that pay rates and maintain fence lines and have built own homes along this firebreak. Not all that are using the bridal trial are local and I think the Shire should be looking out for local residents' rights and concerns.</p>

		PLEASE consider closing the fire break for public use and find an alternative place for horse riding.
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Leeanne Cul	N/A	<p>My horse has has had exposure as she is older the person I was riding with has a young horse</p> <p>She takes ii on the trails less traffic starting to get the horse use to things</p> <p>As it is definitely not ready for traffic safely at this time</p> <p>The importance of the trials etc to expose horses so when there on the rd it is as safe as possible</p> <p>For all</p> <p>Because of what that lady chose to do couldof ended badly</p> <p>Because she has had the opportunity to use trials etc the horse did ok was able to pass safely</p> <p>Thanks again</p> <p>Used one of the bridle trails</p> <p>Not wandena the other one</p> <p>A lady came out and abused us</p> <p>And on the way back as need come back same way she let her dogs into the yard and sent I assume her kid out to mow the lawn</p> <p>Hoping the trails will remain open as it is a safe place away from traffic to be able to to ride</p> <p>Thankyou</p>
John and Sonia Foreman	150 Maine-Anjou Drive, Lower Chittering	<p>The start of the bridle trail adjoining our property is at the end of Jersey Road. The bridle trail is at the rear of our 7.3 acre property which is heavily tree-lined.</p> <p>As a result of the above, we are not impacted by anyone using the bridle trail.</p> <p>However, on one occasion, we saw a woman cleaning out her horse float (manure & straw) and dumping it at the side of the road – which was totally unacceptable!</p> <p>As long as people with horses abide by the rules, then we have no issues with the bridle trail.</p>
Mark Penketh	222 Holstein Loop, Lower Chittering	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No issues have arisen from trial for Maryville Downs. 2. Council needs to ensure suitable insurances are maintained to prevent any landowner liabilities in the event that a fence line is breached.
Matthew Priestman	28 and 34 Jersey Road, Lower Chittering	<p>Whilst I have no issue with the bridle trail, in fact I support it, I wholeheartedly disapprove of the parking lot being situated on the road in front of my home.</p> <p>I believe that the Shire of Chittering has a responsibility to protect out right to enjoy the quiet and peaceful lifestyle what we chose</p>

		<p>and paid handsomely to live. NOT to turn our quiet coudersac into a car park for horse floats!</p> <p>I am certain that the Shire is able to find parking elsewhere that isn't directly in front of people's houses and driveways. Perhaps next to the Emergency Fire Department.</p>
Rebecca Carter	6 Honeyeater Way, Chittering	<p>Maryville Downs Trial</p> <p>Gates on trail to stop cars & motorbikes please.</p> <p>Not that busy so don't see a problem with privacy, cars & motorbikes were using the firebreaks before it opened as a trail.</p> <p>I purchased my block as next to a bridle trail and then it closed, unfortunately.</p> <p>Would love to see the trail open to McGlew Road so we can ride to Stringybark.</p>
Tanya Billett	67 Guernsey Rise, Chittering	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I'm writing in relation to the 12 month Maryville Downs Bridle Trail. I support the concept of the trail and am happy for it to proceed, however I would like to raise one concern for the Shire's attention. Since the commencement of the trial I have noticed that some riders pass with raised voices and with dogs that bark excessively early morning on weekends. This has created more noise than expected and does affect the peaceful enjoyment of our property.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that riders be reminded to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep noise to a reasonable level when passing residential properties • Ensure dogs are kept under control <p>I believe this would help the trial succeed while minimizing the impact on neighbours.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>

Wandena Estate Trail Adjoining Landowners Feedback – Objections

Name	Address	Feedback
Clayton Skinn	453 Powderbark Road, Lower Chittering	We are surrounded on three boundaries by this bridal trail, from the time this trail was open we have had a consistent amount of rubbish thrown over our fences horse manure just left next to fence to attract all kinds of animals, + smell + flies. Human's walking constantly past with their dogs, who drop their feaces and is never picked up. Then there is the motorcycles and occasionally car driving on the firebreak. One boundary is bad enough however to have three is a little bit too much.
Daryl White	337 Powderbark Road, Lower Chittering	Having lived along side firebreak/bridle trail 22 ½ years, 21 ½ with gate set to pole partly open to allow horses + personel past. Very limited number of vehicles past, any trying needed to stop or at least slow down to open gate increasing chance of reading signage. Have in last 12 months heard some pass but with nothing to slow or stop them are gone before any chance of ID. Old set up worked in Stage 1 of Wandena estate for over 21 years that I know of.
Paul Malynn	451 Powderbark Road, Lower Chittering	Hi Isaac Thanks for reaching out regarding the adjoining bridal trail to my property at the above adress. I have not seen any equine useage as yet but have seen cars and motor bikes using the trail which could create some concern from a security aspect. Their seems to be more horse owners and the like in other estates so it may be more suitable in other areas especially if the council are investing time and capital into a trail that is not used then maybe the funds and man power can be used to a better result in wandeaner estate Thanks again for allowing me to provide feedback Paul Malynn

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Katie Rutledge	25 Nova Rise, Lower Chittering	I am in support of the Wandena Estate Bridle Trail. I use it often to walk and run on. A lovely and safer alternative to running/walking on the roads that do not have footpaths. I enjoy being in nature. I've seen people riding horses and walking on the track adjacent to my house and nice to see it been used for positive things. I've only ever seen it used once by an off road motorbike which I do not like but only the one. It would be great if it could be kept open or at least open for walkers. Thank you for seeking feedback.

Sussex Bend

Possible Car Parking Location

Holstein Loop

Dexter Chase

McGlew Road

Santa Gertrudis Drive

Jersey Road

Maine-Anjou Drive

Possible Car
Parking Location

Chittering Road

Lower Chittering Bridle Trails Legend

Bridle Trail

Future Stage Bridle Trail



12 MONTH TRIAL PERIOD LOWER CHITTERING BRIDLE TRAILS: POWDERBARK ROAD TRAIL LENGTH OF PROPOSED TRAIL: 3KM



Lower Chittering Bridle Trails Legend

— Bridle Trail

