

17.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - APPIN MOTORCYCLE COMPLEX

Directorate: Shire Futures

I, Councillor Paul Rogers intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

That Council:

1. Note the Appin Motorcycle Complex (Known as Macarthur Motorcycle Complex) is the only multi discipline motor cycle complex in the greater Sydney area.
2. Note that the Complex is a family friendly venue with facilities for all ages and all sizes of motorcycles, with track facilities onsite including:
 - a. Motorcross.
 - b. Enduro.
 - c. Track.
 - d. Trials.
3. Note the Complex's close working relationship with numerous environmental groups and government agencies to provide koala conservation areas, koala food, and opportunities to study and further understanding of wildlife movements (including koalas) in the Appin area, specifically:
 - a. Direct work in recent times with Greater Sydney Landcare to plant more than 2400 koala feed trees on their site. Bush regeneration of areas of the site for koalas and wildlife in general.
 - b. Works onsite with Greater Sydney Landcare and Wires to have safe areas for the release of koalas back into the wild, works to keep established koala food production areas and sites for koala carers to collect a reliable food source for koalas in care.
 - c. Both Taronga and Sydney Zoo have for a number of years sought koala food from the Appin Motorcycle site.
 - d. Opening of the site overnight to both Greater Sydney Landcare and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for drone studies of koalas and wildlife within the Appin area.
4. Formally congratulate the Complex's membership and committee on their pragmatic work in the community to provide enhanced environmental opportunities for our region's koalas and other wildlife.
5. Continue to advocate for the proposed Greater Macarthur Transit Corridor to avoid the Complex, including representations to:
 - a. Mr Greg Warren MP, Member for Campbelltown.
 - b. The Hon. Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning, and The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
 - c. The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Roads, and Transport for NSW.
6. Ensure that all future residents buying or where possible moving into future Appin developments are made aware of the Complex through:

- a. a notation on Section 10.5 Planning Certificates—for local conveyances and solicitors to notify and advise prospective purchasers of the Complex.
 - b. working with developers to ensure the Complex is noted on all future public advertising documents they produce.
7. Work with the Complex's Committee and Transport for NSW, where needed, to provide signage at entry points into Appin that clearly makes it known that on weekends Appin is subject to the noise and at times dust that off road motorcycles create.
 8. Through the Council social media and other channels, notes the positive outcomes that have been achieved by the Complex's members and the committee for the betterment of our community, including:
 - a. The environmental work.
 - b. The economic and social benefits that they provide for Wollondilly.

Background from the Councillor

The Macarthur Motorcycle complex was first incorporated in 1973, whilst a track on the site pre dates the 1973 formalities. The facility has been an important part of Wollondilly and has supported the legal use of off road motorcycles for the greater Sydney for 52 years.

The current membership is just shy of 4000 riders, each month at least 1000 riders entry and ride on the site on Saturday, Sunday & Monday.

Saturday's and Sunday's see up to 200 riders using the track each day. Monday's see many shift workers and children through the school holidays on the site.

Last year saw 100,000 people through the gates.

All tracks comply with the applicable Australian standards. The complex is affiliated with appropriate state and national bodies and works closely to always ensure compliance.

Motocross national titles are regularly held at the site, these events are broadcast nationally and internationally and last years events saw 5000 people onsite.

Recently the site has been used for additional uses to benefit our native koalas and other wildlife, the complex is bounded by Ousedale Creek.

Other examples of the use of the site is the prototype testing of the first all electric underground mining vehicle in the world that was recently tested onsite.

Considering the economic benefits for our shire is important, with the number of people who attend weekend after weekend and patronise local shops and business, it should also be noted that local coffee vans and food trucks from time to time are on the site for the weekend riders.

The pressure of development around the site is coming, we as a Council need to do all we can for future residents to understand the track is there, how it operates and the history. We need to make it clear to other levels of Government we want this track to continue to operate for the families of Wollondilly and greater Sydney that enjoy off road motorcycling.

Funding Source

Advocacy and recognition only.

CEO's Comment

This motion, if adopted, can be implemented within existing operations.

By way of background, on 28 November 2025 Council endorsed a submission to the State-led exhibition of the North Appin Planning Proposal, which adjoins the Appin Motorcycle Complex.

In its submission, Council notes the strategic importance of the Complex and the role that it plays for its 4,000 members. It also notes:

- Identification of the Complex on the Precinct Structure Plan
- The need to identify acoustic treatment and other appropriate noise and dust mitigation measures informed through consultation with operators of the Complex
- The alignment of the Greater Macarthur Transit Corridor to avoid the Complex.

Council officers will continue to articulate these matters as the State considers and makes its determination on the proposal.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil