

## Productive meeting held between council and local motorbike park committee

22 February 2019 - ADC - The Ashburton District Council and Ashburton Motorbike Park Committee are working together to address noise issues at the Trevors Road Motorbike Park, after community concerns were raised with the Council.

### Council

staff met with members of the committee on Thursday 14 February to discuss concerns that noise generated by users at the motorbike track is disrupting other members of the community.

"There is a shared agreement between the Council and Committee that we need to work together in finding a positive solution for everyone," expressed Council Chief Executive Hamish Riach. "While we acknowledge that this facility is a great asset for our community and provides a safe place for riders to take their bikes, we also need to consider the effects this activity may unintentionally be having on other members of the public," he said.

"Our initial discussions with the Motorbike Park Committee last week were very promising and we will continue to work with them to find a positive way forward," he added.

The Motorbike Park was established 10 years ago by local community groups, volunteers and Council as a dedicated facility for local motorbike enthusiasts. It was intended to provide a purpose-built facility that would encourage riders to use the park, rather than ride in areas that would have negative impacts on the environment and natural habitats, especially for migrating birds that nest around the Ashburton River.

Population growth in the district in recent years has seen more families moving nearer to this facility, and concerns have been raised with the Council about noise pollution in the area.

Discussions between the Council and Committee are continuing.