Wylde MTB Entry Relocation and Trails
Western Sydney Parklands

About the project

Western Sydney Parklands ‘Sydney’s Biggest Backyard’ is Australia’s largest urban park. Its 5,280 hectares stretches 27 kilometres from Quakers Hill in the north, to Leppington in the south.

The Mountain Bike Trail is to be relocated and repositioned with the introduction of the M12 Motorway. The new Mountain Bike Trail and entry is located adjacent to Sydney International Shooting Centre with a new access road being constructed off Range Road, Cecil Park.

Meet the project team

In partnership with

Western Sydney Parklands
M12 motorway project team - design and delivery
Project lead and landscape architecture
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**M12 Motorway Alignment**

**Existing Site Plan**

**Proposed Site Plan**

**M12 Motorway Plan**

**Improvements to the Relocated Wylde MTB Tracks and Trails**

- Increase in length and enjoyment of the descent sections of trails
- Decrease the intensity of the climbs
- Offer increased options to experience the Wylde MTB Park
- Enhancement of the skills park area
- Cater for more families and novice riders
A Pumptrack is essentially a rollercoaster path, that, if designed properly, allows the rider or skater to complete the course essentially without any pedalling or drive. Pumptracks have gained increasing popularity throughout Europe because of their diverse appeal, safety and ability to fit attractively into almost any environment or space.

Whilst they can be constructed of sculptured dirt, the evolution of using asphalt surfaces has seen pumptracks develop as desirable low maintenance facilities that appeal to bike riders, scooter riders, skateboarders and rollerbladers. Their increased diversity of appeal and increased safety vs skate parks, is vastly making them the ‘go to’ option for government bodies across Australia.

The current pumptrack within the Wylde Trailhead area was built when pumptracks had not established themselves as a ‘do it all’ recreational facility. The development of asphalt pumptracks across Europe and now in Australia has recognised that they can be a facility that caters for all ages, all skill levels, bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

The 2020 Wylde Pump track has been designed to be the largest of the current asphalt pumptracks in Australia. Currently Gladstone, QLD Pumptrack holds this title with ‘Darra’ in Brisbane, QLD a close second. Both of these facilities were designed by Dirtz. The tropical summers and torrential rain has seen many councils through Queensland embrace asphalt pumptracks as they offer a near maintenance free recreational facility, which as mentioned, cater for bikes, scooters and skateboards.

The Wylde Pumptrack like the MTB trail will aim to cater for the widest possible range of rider. With an area that specifically caters for junior riders. After receiving very positive feedback on the design of Gladstone Pumptrack, the only suggestion was perhaps a specific ‘lil tikes’ area, such that they are not in the way of the faster riders. This design idea was subsequently incorporated when designing Darra Pumptrack and has proven very successful.

The Wylde pumptrack features the following design applications:

• Multiple momentum straights to allow users to easily gain speed if desired
• Centre transfer straight
• Multiple uni directional transfer points to allow self discovery of the facility in proportion to development of skill
• Specific Junior Pod for younger and novice riders
• Intermediate jump run
• Junior jump run
• Multiple entrance and egress points

ACCESS & ‘CHILL’ POINTS
Wylde MTB Full Trail Loop

MTB Trail Plan

Distance: 12km

Trail Segments

- Junior Loop - 1.2km
- A Loop - 1.0km
- B Loop / Multiple Choice - 1.5km
- Link Trails (Two Way) - 370m & 520m
- C Loop - 1.9km
- D Loop - 2.2km
- V Twin - 0.7km & 0.8km
- Smiles for Miles - 2.98km
- E Loop - 1.3km
- Home Run II - 1.5km

EXISTING TRAILS TO BE REMOVED

EXISTING TRAILS REMOVED DUE TO M12

RELOCATED WYLDE ENTRY, CAR PARK AND PICNIC AREA
Wylde MTB Trail Features

Link Trails (two way)

Approximate trail distance: 370m and 520m
Build difficulty: 1.5 - 3.5
Trail difficulty: Green / Blue

Description Link Trail 1:
Allows riders to move from Multiple Choice / B Loop junction where they can continue to ride Multiple Choice a gravity fed trail and/or return to the Trailhead. Alternatively they can continue across to the Home Run junction where they can choose to complete the remainder of the trail via the D Loop OR finish their ride along Home Run. The trail will be two way to allow increased options for the riders.

Description Link Trail 2:
Allows riders to move from Back Loops junction across to Home Run junction where they can choose to complete their ride. The trail will be two way to allow increased options for the riders.
Wylde MTB Features

V Twin

Description:
The V Twin section of trail is an inclusion due to a number of considerations:

- The valley to the north east of Frog Hollow was being largely under utilised however presented an excellent topography for MTB trails
- Consistent requests from users of the Wylde facility for some sections of more technical trail
- A further opportunity to allow users of the trail to Choose their adventure, dependant upon their skill, preferred style of riding and available time.

Approximate trail distance: 0.7km & 0.6km
Build difficulty: 4.0
Trail difficulty: Blue/Black

Trail Plan
Wylde MTB Trail Features

Smiles for Miles

Description:
The introduction of the M12 to the north of the current Wylde facility sees a requirement to utilise additional area to maintain the current trail length and maintain the enjoyment of the Wylde facility for its users. Combined with this the trends mentioned in mountainbiking, the inclusion of a mostly gravity based flow trail is a mandatory inclusion in Wylde 2020.

The ‘Smiles for Miles’ trail loop allows riders to reach the top of the Col De Cecil climb and choose to leave the ‘D Loop’ trail and enter a descending 2.98km flow trail. At the conclusion of this trail the riders rejoin the ‘C Loop trail’ where they can continue to the ‘Back Loop junction’.

The trail itself should give the riders a rollercoaster sensation, seeing a combination of bermed corners, rollers and green/blue jumps. As the fall diagram indicates the trail is a mostly descent and should see minimal peddling from riders. The ‘Smiles for Miles’ loop will be the addition that brings the Wylde 2020 trail in line with current mountain bike trends and builds on the already successful facility.
Description:
Since being opened in 2014, the unanimous trail favourite of all users of the Wylde MTB facility has been the “Home run” section of trail. This section of trail actually takes the concept of MTB trail psychology and puts it into practice. Simply put, let every rider finish on something that is fun and requires minimal effort, the last thing they remember is subsequently the best thing!! forgetting the climbs and hardwork :) In a casual survey conducted by Dirtz, 100% of all riders spoken to identified “Home Run” as their favourite part of the Wylde trail… 100%

The M12 motorway footprint will see the entire “Home Run” section of trail unusable. With this Dirtz recognised that a key component to redesigning the Wylde was to incorporate a new “Home run” that replicated the experience had by riders of the current section ‘Home Run’ section of trail.

The new Home Run II begins near the top of the “Gum tree gully” (A). The trail then switches down the side of this valley and begins a gradual descent to the trail end and carpark (C). Dirtz proposes to include a number of split sections of trail in an attempt to diversify the appeal of “Home Run II” and identify this section of trail as one of the must do trail sections in Australia.

Trail Plan
Wylde MTB Facilities - Artist Impressions

Artists perspectives only and final construction detailing may be subject to change.

SITE PLAN

VIEW ALONG MAIN PATH. PUMP TRACK ON LEFT

RELOCATED SHELTERS & AMENITY BUILDING

PICNIC SHELTER

OPEN TURF AREA

POTENTIAL FUTURE BMX

TRAIL HEAD

PUMP TRACK

CARPARK
## Next Steps

### Order & Activity

| Design of relocated MTB trails and Wylde MTB entry | Wylde MTB Community information session | Finalise design documentation for tender | Construction of relocated MTB trails and Wylde MTB Entry | Minor shutdown period of Wylde MTB - 4 weeks | Opening of Wylde MTB prior to M12 construction commencement |

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