

**POLICY:** MOUNT PANORAMA MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT – RESIDENT ACCESS – FULL TRACK HIRE

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**OBJECTIVE:** To provide clear guidelines and direction to event organisers of their obligations to Bathurst Regional Council (BRC) and residents when hiring Mount Panorama Motor Racing Circuit for full track Motor Race events.

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## 1. Definitions

In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

**“Act”** means the Motor Sports Events Act 2022 (NSW) or such other Act or legislation as may replace the Act.

**“BRC”** means Bathurst Regional Council.

**“Motor Race”** means motor race events, as defined by the Act and Regulation, which utilise the entire Race Track. Motor Race events are one of the five meetings permitted under the Act and currently include:

- Bathurst 12-Hour, held annually in February,
- Bathurst 6-Hour, held annually at Easter,
- Bathurst 1000, held annually in October,
- Bathurst International, held annually in November, and
- Challenge Bathurst, held annually in November/December.

Motor Race events are long term contractual events, and form part of the regular Mount Panorama motorsport calendar. The current names, and timing of the events may change from time to time.

**“Mount Panorama Circuit”** means the land within the local government area of Bathurst Regional as designated under the Act.

**“Partial Closure”** means an event that does not require the closure of the entire Race Track.

**“Race Track”** means any part of a road or road related area within the Mount Panorama Circuit that is used for motor racing, as defined in the Act.

**“Regulation”** means the Motor Sports Events Regulation 2022 (NSW) or such other Regulation or legislation as may replace the Regulation.

**“Resident”** means a person whose residence is located adjacent to the Race Track and whose principal means of access to that residence is from the Race Track.

**“Resident Access Plan”** means the Plan developed by BRC and each event organiser for the provision of a reasonable access route for the residents of Mount Panorama.

**“Secondary/Alternate Access”** means access to Mount Panorama residences via roads/tracks other than the Race Track.

**“Traffic Management Plan”** means the Plan developed by the event organiser or BRC for the co-ordination of spectators, residents and other access to and from the Mount Panorama Circuit during an event.

## **2. Background**

Mount Panorama is currently supported by the Act and Regulation which permits five Motor Race events per year.

The needs of BRC and existing residents on Mount Panorama must be considered particularly with full Race Track closures. These include, but are not limited to, resident access, use of private property by event organisers, security checks, and access for services and tradespersons.

As prescribed by the Act, section 5(1)(c)(i) designates Bathurst Regional Council as the promoter for motor race events at Mount Panorama.

## **3. Resident Communication**

A minimum of two (2) residents' meetings will be held during each calendar year, between BRC and the Residents. The purpose of these meetings is to provide a forum for updates, feedback and discussion on Mount Panorama events and works.

Should a new Motor Race event be introduced, or an existing Motor Race event's schedule be changed to the extent that resident access is significantly altered, a meeting involving the event organisers, BRC and the Residents shall be held at least 30 days prior to the event to discuss resident access matters.

Additional meetings may be requested by BRC or the Residents and will be held at a time convenient to BRC and Residents.

Residents will be provided with an updated Mount Panorama events twelve (12) month calendar in June and December of each year.

Each Motor Race event may have different flexibility to meet the residents' needs and these will be presented to residents for consideration no later than 30 days prior to the event.

Residents are to be notified of any proposed new Motor Race event at least 60 days prior to the event.

#### 4. Resident Notifications

No later than **60 days** prior to an event, a preliminary notice will be provided to residents about the upcoming event.

No later than **30 days** prior to each planned event, each Resident is to be provided with a Resident Information letter by the event organiser, which has been prepared in consultation with BRC, providing details which may include, but are not limited to:

- Resident Access
- Resident Car Park
- Deliveries (e.g. newspapers etc.)
- Emergencies including the access for Emergency Vehicles / Services
- Event Management Office
- Garbage Collection (incl. Organics/Green Waste and Recycling)
- Livestock & Pets
- Mail Deliveries
- Race Program
- Race Track Closing and Opening Times
- School Bus Access
- Spectator Viewing
- Taxi Access
- Telephone Contacts (Event Management Office, Security, Resident Liaison etc.)
- Ticket Allocation
- Travel Direction
- Tunnel Access

#### 5. Race Track Closure Times

Closure of the Race Track shall not occur before 7:00am and must be reopened by no later than 6:00pm for resident access, unless specified elsewhere in this Policy.

For the **Bathurst 12-Hour event** full closure of the Race Track shall not occur before 5:00am and must be reopened by no later than 6:30pm on the day of the 12 Hour race.

For the **Bathurst 6-Hour event** full closure of the Race Track shall not occur before 7:00am and must be reopened by no later than 6:30pm on the day of the 6 Hour race.

For the **Bathurst 1000 event** full closure of the Race Track shall not occur before 7:00am and must be reopened by no later than 6:30pm on the day of the 1000km race.

The current names of events may change from time to time.

With the exception of the day of the feature race for each event, a minimum of a one (1) hour lunch break must be provided for each day of the event for Resident access which includes both opening and closing of the Race Track.

Any planned variations that exceed these general principles will require separate consultation with BRC and the Residents.

## **6. Associated Events**

The Act provides that a Motor Race Authorisation as issued by the Minister may authorise the conduct of a motor race, associated events and ancillary activities.

For the purposes of this Policy, "associated events" include, but are not limited to, events such as manufacturer ride days, driver experiences and passenger experiences approved under a Motor Rate Authorisation issued for an associated Motor Race event.

For "associated events" requiring **full closure** of the Race Track, the closure of the Race Track shall not occur before 8:00am and must be reopened by no later than 5:30pm for resident access, and a minimum of a one (1) hour lunch break must be provided for each day of the event for Resident access which includes both opening and closing of the Race Track.

## **7. Race Track Opening During Events**

During any full Race Track closure for events, once the Race Track is open after the specified time, the Race Track becomes accessible to residents until the Race Track is closed again at the following scheduled time. Additional road barriers and traffic control may, however, still remain in position.

## **8. Secondary/Alternate Access for Residents**

Secondary/alternate vehicular access is provided to all residents.

BRC has an ongoing program to improve secondary/alternate access arrangements to the residents. This program will continue and residents will be updated regularly on progress being made. Ongoing maintenance of secondary/alternate access roads will be provided.

Residents not wishing to use the secondary/alternate access should wait in the resident parking area adjacent to the Race Track entry gates for the Race Track to open. When the Race Track is opened, Residents will be given priority to access their residences.

Access to the resident parking area will be provided via gates on the corner of Havannah Street and Lloyds Road, and be controlled by security staff or as otherwise advised.

## **9. Resident Ticketing**

BRC has the responsibility to deliver tickets to residents 30 days prior to an event.

For ticketed events, each Resident will be allocated 13 Resident General Admission Tickets and 10 Resident Vehicle Passes per household, per event.

Residents may request additional vehicle passes prior to each event. All vehicle passes are to be numbered so BRC and event organisers will have a record of the property location relating to each vehicle pass. All occupants of residents' vehicles must be in possession of a valid event admission ticket.

Resident vehicle passes (stickers) should be distinct and easily identifiable by the event security and/or traffic controllers to efficiently facilitate residents' access to their respective residences.

For non-ticketed events where no spectators are involved additional resident access passes may be obtained from the event organiser on request and at the event organiser's sole discretion.

## **10. Emergency Contact Procedures**

For each event, emergency contacts with telephone numbers will be provided for resident use during periods when the Race Track is fully closed, by the event organiser.

BRC will provide details of a resident liaison officer, including a contact telephone number should any difficulty be encountered.

