

8.4 Acceptance of Grant Funding - NSW Government Regional Sports Facility Fund and Commonwealth Government Driver Reviver Site Upgrades Program

REPORT BY THE MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO 21 JULY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager Economic Development on the Acceptance of Grant Funding - NSW Government Regional Sports Facility Fund and Commonwealth Government Driver Reviver Site Upgrades Program;**
2. **accept \$350,000 in grant funding from the NSW Government Regional Sport Facility Fund 2020/21;**
3. **accept \$150,000 in grant funding from the Commonwealth Government Driver Reviver Site Upgrades Program - Round Two;**
4. **amend the 2021/22 Budget by allocating a Project Budget of \$350,000 to Glen Willow Stormwater Recirculation System, to be funded by Grants and note that a Project Budget of \$150,000 for Percy Nott Rest Area Upgrades has already been approved in the Operational Plan; and**
5. **authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreements with the NSW Government and Commonwealth Government.**

Executive summary

Council has been successful in an application to the NSW Government Regional Sport Facility Fund for \$350,000 towards the installation of underground water storage tanks at Mudgee's Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex which will capture and store stormwater runoff, and recirculate the water onto the Complex's playing fields including the Stadium field. The project will help secure water supply in future dry and drought periods, and increase accessibility and sporting participation at the Complex.

Council has also been successful in an application to the Commonwealth Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrades Program for \$150,000 to upgrade and improve Percy Nott Rest Area, Mudgee.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Glen Willow Stormwater Recirculation System will see the installation and operation of 30 x 5,000 litres water storage tanks installed at Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex for the

recirculation of ground and stormwater as part of the maintenance of the facility. The construction of this asset which captures and stores stormwater runoff for future use at the Complex in dry times, is crucial to maintain the quality of the community sporting facility and increasing public accessibility to the Complex playing fields for sporting participation.

The Percy Nott Rest Area is highly utilised by a wide range of vehicle types at a consistent rate in peak and off-peak holiday times. The high volume of use is having an impact on the condition of the carpark and during times of moderate rain, also impacting the drainage surrounding the toilet block. The condition of the bollards and picnic tables have deteriorated and require replacement and the playground equipment requires consideration. The proposed project includes:

- Rehabilitate the carpark (approximately 1500m²) to be more suitable for the volume and frequency of parked vehicles.
- Install kerb and gutter, and appropriate drainage pipework to create a barrier to the grassed area and clearly delineate the vehicle area from the pedestrian area. This will also redirect rainwater away from the toilet block and ensure accessibility in all weather conditions.
- Audit the condition of the existing sheltered picnic tables and install additional seating.
- Install suitable playground equipment.

It is recommended that Council accepts the grant funding, authorises the General Manager to sign the funding agreements and amend Council’s Budget for 2021/22, by allocating a Project Budget of \$350,000 to Glen Willow Stormwater Recirculation System, to be funded by Grants.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	A safe and healthy community
Strategy	Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Improving Rest Stop facilities in the Region, such as Percy Nott, form part of Council’s strategy to promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit.

Installing water storage facilities and capturing storm water runoff supports Council’s strategy to protect our natural environment, in particular, to identify and implement innovative water conservation and sustainable water usage management practices.

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

These two identified projects are fully-funded by grants. The Glen Willow Stormwater Recirculation System will ultimately save Council money in the long term through the re-use of water and less reliance on finding new water sources, in particular during drought periods. The Percy Nott Rest Area Upgrade will reduce ongoing maintenance costs currently experienced during periods of rain.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2021/22	-	-	X
Future Years	-	-	X

Associated Risks

Nil

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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