

11.5 Acceptance of Pump Track Grant Funding

REPORT BY THE MANAGER - RECREATION SERVICES

TO 20 JULY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager - Recreation Services on the Acceptance of Pump Track Grant Funding;**
2. **amend the 2022-23 budget to include \$700,000 for construction of a Pump Track, with \$350,000 from grant funding and \$350,000 from Council Voluntary Planning Agreement funds;**
3. **accept \$145,000 in grant funding from the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade);**
4. **authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreement with the funding body Austrade.**
5. **accept, if successful, \$205,000 in grant funding from the Clubs NSW ClubGrants program;**
6. **authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreement with ClubGrants; and**
7. **amend the 2022-23 budget to remove the Clandulla Mountain Bike Project.**

Executive summary

In May 2022, Council supported in principle the development of an asphalt Pump Track at the Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex and to investigate grant opportunities to fund the project. The purpose of this report is to accept grant funding, authorise the General Manager to sign the funding agreement and provide an update on future grant opportunities.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The construction of a pump track in the Mid-Western Region presents an opportunity for Council to continue to develop tourism infrastructure whilst supporting and encouraging healthy and active living.

At the May 2022 Council meeting, the following recommendations were endorsed in principle:

- Construction of a pump track at the Glen Willow Regional Sporting complex.
- Actively pursue grant funding to enable the project to be undertaken.

- Asphalt as the preferred material option.
- Provide an inter-linked course that caters for varying difficulty- aiming to provide a minimum of 3 circuits and acknowledge that 4 circuits to be an ideal outcome.
- Recognise supporting infrastructure that would be required such as shading, fencing, seating and water bubbler.
- Continue to undertake ongoing engagement with potential users of the facility and broader community on course design and track feature inclusions.
- Investigation into additional cycling facilities across other region centres be considered as part of the new Recreation Strategy.

Council originally allocated \$245,000 in the 2021-22 Operational Plan (\$145,000 grant funding and \$100,000 Council contribution) to upgrade and support new track construction at the Clandulla State Forest Mountain Bike precinct. Unfortunately, due to various reasons this project was unable to move forward into construction phase despite extensive efforts by both Council Officers and local volunteer associations. Challenges encountered included inability to obtain necessary permits and long-term track management security.

For this reason, it has been suggested that the allocated project funding be transferred to a similar recreation project that would continue to boost tourism in the region whilst also supporting health and wellbeing benefits to the entire community. The funding body (Austrade) endorsed Council's recommendation in June 2022. It is therefore proposed that Council accept grant funding to commence the Pump Track project.

The estimated budget for the entire project is \$700,000. The first stage of the project would be to establish track design, complete site preparation, construction of a dirt pump track and dedicated small carpark for track access.

The second stage would be to finalise asphalt seal for both track and carpark, landscaping, water bubbler, shade shelters and seating throughout the facility. Council will continue to actively pursue grant opportunities to secure advancement of stage two, including submitting an application for the upcoming ClubsNSW Club Grants program.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies
Recreation Strategy

Council Policies
No applicable

Legislation
Not applicable

Financial implications

There is currently no budget allocated for the pump track project. It is recommended that Council amend the 2022-23 budget to include \$700,000 for the project with \$350,000 coming from grant funding and \$350,000 from Council's VPA reserves. The current allocation for the Clandulla Mountain Bike project will be removed.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2022/23	-	X	-
Future Years	X	-	-

Associated Risks

Physical injury to facility users would be moderate however users would be required to utilise the facility at their own risk. Council would assist with risk mitigation through regular track inspections and maintenance as required.

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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