

Strategy and Assets Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 21 March, 2017
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5:00pm

Membership (Quorum - 5)
Clr Andrew Guile - Chairperson
All Councillors
General Manager or nominee

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SA17.88 NSW State Government Restart NSW - Environment and Tourism Grants Program

HPERM Ref: D17/86241

Group: Finance Corporate & Community Services Group

Purpose / Summary

To seek council endorsement for the funding applications to be submitted to the NSW State Government Restart NSW – Environment and Tourism Grants program

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Council make applications for the following projects to the NSW State Government Restart NSW – Environment and Tourism Grants program.

- Project - Round the Bay walk incl. Moona Moona Creek, Way Finding, Callala Bay - \$1M
- Project – Woollamia – Maintaining the Tourism Fleet - \$2.242M
- Project – South Nowra Rotary Park - \$600,000
- Project – Nowra Showground Enhancements \$1.05M
- Project – Beach Erosion Ulladulla Harbour - \$750,000
- Project – Additional Boating Facilities Greenwell Point - \$3M
- Project – Shoalhaven Heads River Road Precinct - \$750,000

Options

1. As per the recommendation

Implications: These projects are shovel ready and will provide the best chance of success in this funding round

2. Council could choose to alter the choice of projects for application

Implications: These projects may not have as strong a chance of being successful in the program

Background

The NSW has opened the Government Restart NSW – Environment and Tourism Grants program and is seeking expressions of interest from eligible parties for projects.

The application process has the following stages:

1. Request for EOI open 06 March and close on 06 April 2017.
2. Submitted EOI will be assessed against the criteria.
3. Projects will be shortlisted and then invited to submit a detailed application.

4. Detailed applications will be assessed and INSW will make funding recommendations to the NSW Government.
5. Successful applicants will be notified and a funding agreement negotiated.
6. The NSW Government will publicly announce successful applications.

Who can apply?

- Local and state government agencies;
- Aboriginal Land Councils and other Aboriginal groups;
- community groups registered as incorporated associations; and
- non-government organisations.

Projects will need to demonstrate that they:

- have the capacity to deliver jobs and economic growth;
- have a Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) higher than 1.0; and
- maximise other co-investment by the applicant and, potentially, by the Commonwealth or other industry contributions.
- Describe how the project may open up new economic opportunities for the region and the State. Describe the area's demographic, industry and employment profile and trends.
- Describe how the specific improvements to environment and tourism infrastructure will address a problem or opportunity in your area.
- Examples include projects that:
 - Provides new or upgraded visitor infrastructure to environmental areas
 - Repurposes recreation lands, such as trails or heritage areas, for tourism
 - Describe the life-cycle cost impacts (on-going operating and maintenance, renewal and other costs) of this project and funding arrangements. Projects with maximum contribution from various sources are assessed favourably e.g. Council, industry, users and other Federal and State sources.

A briefing was conducted with Councillors on 16 March 2017 to discuss a number of projects.

These projects were:

- 59 Owen Street
- Round the Bay Walk
- Moona Moona Creek
- Warden Head
- Woollamia – Maintaining Tourist Fleet
- Rotary Park South Nowra
- Ulladulla Beach Erosion
- Nowra Showground
- Shoalhaven Heads – River Road Precinct
- Bendalong Boat Harbour Master Plan

Community Engagement

Each of these projects have had varying levels of consultation through their early stages of development.

Financial Implications

Each project has different funding requirements as set out below. It should be noted that the Council commitment has not yet been made and will have to be included in the budget if the grants are successful.

Project - 59 Owen Street **\$1.8M** - (development of the subject site only, this estimate is not inclusive of costs to upgrade the wharf, street parking / road, etc.)

Preliminary planning completed, i.e. geotechnical investigation and economic feasibility assessment. Detailed plans not produced, not DA / shovel ready.

Restart funding being sought	\$1,300,000
Council Funding being committed	\$500,000

Project - Round the Bay walk incl. Moona Moona Creek, Way Finding, Callala Bay - \$1M

In relation to the Moona Moona Bridge - Part of the preliminary planning process (in conjunction with the preparation of concept plans) was the undertaking of a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) and an Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Assessment.

Project Delivery is recommending a design and construction tender, and following detailed design an environmental assessment will need to be undertaken specific to the final design. There are more approvals that need to be sought following the detailed design however all of the relevant agencies were contacted during the preliminary EA, their responses are unlikely to change as a result of the final design, and based on their preliminary responses no issues are anticipated that would impact the project from proceeding to construction.

Restart funding being sought	\$750,000
Council Funding being committed	\$250,000

Project – Warden Head **\$750,000**

No detailed plans and not shovel ready

Restart funding being sought	\$500,000
Council Funding being committed	\$250,000

Project – Woollamia – Maintaining the Tourism Fleet - \$2.242M

Plans complete, shovel ready

Restart funding being sought	\$990,000
Council Funding being committed	\$1,252,000

Project – South Nowra Rotary Park - \$600,000

Concept plans complete no detailed designs or costings

Plans complete, shovel ready

Restart funding being sought	\$500,000
Council Funding being committed	\$100,000

Project – Nowra Showground Enhancements \$1.05M

This proposal is in line with current plan of management. Recent community consultation has identified and reinforced the proposed changes, plans would need to be developed but could be implemented quickly.

Restart funding being sought	\$500,000
Council Funding being committed	\$50,000
Other funding	\$500,000

Project – Beach Erosion Ulladulla Harbour - \$750,000

Builds on Ulladulla Marina project
Restart funding being sought \$500,000
Council Funding being committed \$50,000
Other funding \$200,000

Project – Additional Boating Facilities Greenwell Point - \$3M

Plans complete project ready to proceed
Restart funding being sought \$1,500,000
Council Funding being committed \$750,000
Other funding \$750,000

Project – Shoalhaven Heads River Road Precinct - \$750,000

Concept plans complete no detailed designs or costings
Restart funding being sought \$600,000
Council Funding being committed \$150,000
Other funding \$

Project – Bendalong Boat Harbour - \$TBD

Masterplan complete no detailed designs or costings
Restart funding being sought \$TBD
Council funding being committed \$TBD
Other funding \$TBD

SA17.89 Greenwell Point Timber Jetty Decommissioning

HPERM Ref: D17/86839

Group: Assets & Works Group

Section: Asset Management

Purpose / Summary

To determine a short-term strategy for the old timber jetty at Greenwell Point

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the timber jetty, adjacent to the Crown's concrete wharf at Greenwell Point, be demolished and an application for funding be made to the State Government at the appropriate time for a replacement berthing facility

Options

1. Demolish the timber jetty and apply for funding for a pontoon or similar berthing facility for public and visitor use (Recommended)

Implications: The public safety risks will be addressed but berths for commercial vessels will be unavailable, they will be required to make arrangements to berth their boats at another location. An application will be made for the next round of State funding where appropriate to replace the structure with a facility suitable for public use.

2. Close and decommission the timber jetty

Implications: Security will be difficult to maintain so there may be some unauthorised use of the jetty. However most public safety risks will be addressed.

3. Replace the jetty

Implications: This will restore the functionality for commercial vessels. However, its priority for replacement and funding is not as high as other asset classes such as roads or bridges. It is expected that grant funding will be used for jetty replacement and it is preferable to wait for these opportunities.

Background

Council resolved, in part, at its meeting on 28 June 2016 (Minute MIN16.496) that

- Council prepare options for the replacement of the timber jetty with a multi-purpose facility (public and commercial) at an estimated cost of \$200,000. To be located approximately where the existing Council owned timber wharf is located, with preferred option being a floating pontoon with a sewage pump out facility and the community be consulted after the draft options have been adopted by Council;
- The Council Waterways Infrastructure Plan to be amended to include this pontoon facility as a priority at this location and an application for funding be made to the State Government at the appropriate time.

Council also resolved, in part, at its meeting on 4 October 2016 (Minute MIN16.747) that

Receive a further report on the stability of the old Council owned facility pending the future planned grant application to replace the wharf.

The 'Structural Condition and Rectification Report' of the jetty prepared by consultant MI Engineers recommended "that a new jetty be constructed in accordance with current Australian Standards...". Council is required to determine the short-term strategy for the timber jetty.

To address the immediate public safety risks, the jetty should be at least decommissioned. Its demolition, however, would also eliminate a security risk and enhance construction readiness to support future grant funding applications.

Being ready to move towards a new facility is particularly relevant if Council supports an application for the construction of a new jetty under the Restart NSW – Regional Growth, Environment and Tourism Program.

Community Engagement

The issue related to the deteriorating jetty has been raised in local papers and by users. Due to limited interest the Greenwell Point Wharf Management Committee is no longer functioning. The matter has not been the subject of broad community engagement as the timber jettys use has been primarily restricted to commercial operators therefore the general public haven't been impacted. The recently arrived Commercial operator has moved off the timber jetty and an existing user has been advised that access is prohibited.

The relinquishment of the trust management by Council of the adjacent Crown owned concrete wharf is currently being advertised.

Financial Implications

The demolition of the jetty is estimated to cost up to \$40,000. These funds are to be allocated from available budgets.

Risk Implications

There is an increased risk of further public liability claims against Council, the longer the jetty is open for either public or private use. Council is aware of its poor condition and to prolong its use in light of available information is not recommended.