

## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

8<sup>th</sup> March 2005

<b>DSS7</b>	<b>WATERWAYS ASSET DEVELOPMENT &amp; MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</b>
	<b>FILE: W5                      APV</b>

### **SUMMARY**

Reporting on the offer of grants under the NSW Maritime Waterways Asset Development and Management Program (WADAMP) for 2004/2005.



### **DESCRIPTION**

In line with Council's adopted budget for 2004/2009, applications were submitted in July 2004 for WADAMP funding for the following projects:

1. Construction of Kempsey Wharf
  2. Refurbishment of Crescent Head Boat Ramp
  3. Construction of Jerseyville Boat Ramp
1. Council's share of funding for the construction of a new wharf at Kempsey was originally provided in the 2003 / 2004 budget. With no offer of grant funding having been received, Council in May 2004, resolved to transfer the funds for the project to allow the work to be completed in 2004/2005. An amount of \$20,000 is currently set aside under Council's Loan Program for this project. NSW Maritime have now advised that the project is deferred for WADAMP funding.
  2. Council's share of funding for the refurbishment of the Crescent Head Boat Ramp was provided in the 2004 / 2005 budget. In September 2004, whilst reviewing the 2004 / 2005 budget and 2003/2004 revotes, Council resolved to delete this project from the 2004 / 2005 budget. An offer of a WADAMP grant in the amount of \$11,000 has now been received. A condition of the grant offer is that the project must be commenced within 6 months and be completed within 12 months.

The proposal is for the refurbishment of the existing boat ramp at Killick Creek. Sections of the existing concrete ramp have deteriorated to the extent that large concrete slabs have broken off at the bottom of the ramp resulting in an unacceptable

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public risk exposure and difficulty at times in using the existing ramp.

If Council wishes to proceed with the project, funding in the amount of \$10,000 (additional \$1,000 for project management to be funded from existing votes) needs to be provided. Council has the following options:

- i) Provide \$10,000 from Loan Funds set aside for Kempsey Wharf project to allow the work to be undertaken this financial year; the remaining \$10,000 in Loan Funds could be used towards funding the Jerseyville Boat Ramp project.
  - ii) Provide \$10,000 in 2004/2005 budget to allow the work to be undertaken in 2005/2006.
4. Council has received an offer of a WADAMP Grant of \$53,500 for the Reconstruction of the Jerseyville Boat Ramp. A boat ramp is currently situated on the left bank of the Macleay River at Rotary Park Jerseyville. The existing boat ramp was formerly the car ferry ramp and as a result is too steep and is unsuitable. The existing ramp is located at the apex of a bend resulting in fast flowing currents at this location making boat launching and retrieval difficult.

The proposal is to construct a new concrete boat ramp that complies with current design guidelines upstream of the existing ramp and away from fast flowing currents.

The preliminary total estimated cost of the project is \$107,000. Construction of the ramp itself is estimated at \$80,000, whilst ancillary elements including lightning, landscaping, design and supervision are estimated to cost an additional \$27,000. If Council wishes to accept the offer for this project, an amount of \$40,000 would be needed to be provided in the 2005/2006 Council budget. Council's remaining contribution would be in-kind and sourced from existing votes. Funding could be provided in 2005/2006, as the project needs to commence within 6 months and be completed within 12 months from the date of the acceptance of the grant. In any event, construction would not commence prior to July as the investigation and design would first need to be undertaken.

## REPORT IMPLICATIONS

- ***Social***

***Acceptance of the grant offers will provide greater recreational opportunities for residents and tourists.***

- ***Environmental***

*There are no Environmental Implications for this report, as all projects will be undertaken with the approval of the relevant authorities.*

- *Economic*

*The Economic Implications are set out in the report.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*There are no policy or statutory implications.*

- *Director's Review*

*As per report.*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the WADAMP grant funding in the amount of \$11,000 be accepted for the refurbishment of the Crescent Head Boat Ramp.
2. That the WADAMP grant funding in the amount of \$53,5000 be accepted for the reconstruction of the Jerseyville Boat Ramp.
3. That \$10,000 be provided from Loan Funds for Council's contribution for the refurbishment of the Crescent Head Boat Ramp.
4. That \$40,000 be provided in the 2005/2006 Budget for Council's contribution for the reconstruction of the Jerseyville Boat Ramp.

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