
Report Title	D Boolooroo Weir kart track
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Attachments	No attachment
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the various options available prior to forming a final position in relation to the liability associated with the tyres located on the former Go Kart club site at Boolooroo.

REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

An Inclusive, Caring Community

Not applicable

Sustainable Spaces and Places

Not applicable

A Vibrant Regional Economy

Not applicable

A Leading Organisation

L1.7 Be accountable and transparent in our affairs, operate with integrity, improve our responsiveness and pursue innovative solutions for organisational improvement

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

The liability for the tyres stored on the land owned by Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (**WAMC**) has been accepted by Council as holder of the lease at the time they were deposited.

The lease with Council has since expired and the North West NSW Speedway Kart Club Incorporated (**Kart Club**) have indicated that they wish to take over the site to establish a gravel surface go-kart racing track.

Council is supporting the formal negotiations between the WAMC and the Kart Club. Due to the requirement of early occupation to undertake works, a licence arrangement is currently proposed. A more formal lease arrangement is proposed once the track is operational and the Kart Club comes under the auspices of the Speedway Karting Association of Australasia.

The Kart Club are pressing for early resolution of the licence agreement with the WAMC, however, they want the issue of the tyre liability addressed by Council before they proceed further.

OPTIONS

1. Council undertake to remove the tyres prior to any other formal occupation, leaving the site in a clean and tidy condition.

This would incur the full cost of removal and disposal, exceeding \$40,000. It would delay occupation of the site by the Kart Club, potentially losing momentum and interest by volunteers resulting in likely failure of the proposal.

2. Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kart Club for Council to remove the tyres at the end of their occupation. The cost of removal is likely to escalate. Council would have no control or involvement with activities on the site as they would not hold any tenure interest. If the Kart Club is successful, Council's liability could be ongoing.
3. Council agree to maintain responsibility for removal, or management, of the tyres until such time as a formal lease arrangement is entered into between WAMC and the Kart Club, and/or the Kart Club becomes formally operational and under the auspices of the Speedway Karting Association of Australasia.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

Council currently spends approximately \$6,000 a year in slashing, spraying of weeds, removal of rubbish and fence repairs as required to this section of the Boolooroo Weir Reserve, subject to our former lease. Providing this facility to another organisation to maintain would mean savings to Council for maintenance costs.

Cost of tyre removal and disposal is estimated at being in excess of \$35,000 to \$40,000.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No statutory or policy implications have been identified.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk implications have been outlined in the Option identified above.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No asset management implications have been identified.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council, as its 25 May 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting resolved as follows:

17/05/13 RESOLVED (SMITH/TRAMBY)

That Council facilitate a lease directly between North West NSW Speedway Kart Club Incorporated and Water Administration Ministerial Corporation.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.